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**PRESENT POSITION**  
2009-

Professor, Department of Sociology, Emory University  
Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health  
Director, Religion and Public Health Collaborative

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2007-2008  
2000-2006  
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1985-1991

Rutgers University  
Department of Sociology  
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research  
Acting Dean for Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Arts and Sciences  
Chair, Department of Sociology  
Undergraduate Director, Department of Sociology  
Visiting Professor, University of Copenhagen, Institute of Public Health  
Professor I, Department of Sociology  
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

## EDUCATION

- 1979-1985 Yale University, Department of Sociology  
Ph.D. 1985 Committee: Jerome Myers, Chair; Lisa Berkman, Blair Wheaton  
Dissertation: "Cohesiveness and Coherence: Religion and the Health of the Elderly"  
M.Phil. 1982
- 1975-1976 Rutgers University, Department of Sociology  
M.A. 1976 Peter Berger, Adviser  
Master's Paper: "Protestant Asceticism and Historical Calvinism: The Construction of an Ideal Type"
- 1974-1975 Union Theological Seminary, New York
- 1970-1974 College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio  
B.A. with Honors in Sociology, 1974

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011 Millipub Club for Emory University Faculty with a 1000+ ISI Citations Publication
- 2007-08 Fellow, Center for Cultural Analysis, Rutgers University
- 2007 Invited Member, Sociological Research Association
- 2004 Citizenship and Service Education (CASE) Faculty Award, Rutgers University
- 2001 Elected Fellow, Gerontological Society of America
- 1999 Danish Medical Research Council Award to Panum Institute, University of Copenhagen  
School of Medicine, for Visiting Teaching and Research Faculty
- 1998 John Templeton Foundation Exemplary Papers Prize for  
Outstanding Paper in Religion and the Behavioral Sciences
- 1998 Distinguished Contribution to Undergraduate Education  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University
- 1996 Citizenship and Service Education (CASE) Fellowship, Rutgers University
- 1988-1993 First Independent Research Support and Transition Award #R29 AG07480-01  
National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health
- 1983-1984 Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship  
Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- 1980-1983 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship in Mental Health Services Training and Research  
National Institutes of Mental Health
- 1979-1980 Yale University Fellowship
- 1975-1976 Walter C. Russell Scholarship
- 1974-1975 Rockefeller Brothers Fund Trial Year in Seminary Fellowship
- 1974 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1974 William A. Galpin Graduation Prize for Academic Excellence

## LISTED IN

Institute for Scientific Information (ISI), *Highly Cited Researcher*, General Social Sciences Top 10 Researchers  
<http://isihighlycited.com> <http://www.in-cites.com/top/2007/first07-soc.html>

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<http://www.in-cites.com/fields/SocialSciencesGeneral.html>

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## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

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Levin, Lowell, S. and Ellen L. Idler. 1980. The Hidden Health Care System. Cambridge: Ballinger. Republished in April 2010 with new Preface. Farmville, NC: Golden Apple Publications.

### ARTICLES

Idler, Ellen, David Boulifard, and Richard Contrada. In press. "Mending Broken Hearts: Marriage and Mortality following Cardiac Surgery." Journal of Health and Social Behavior.

Idler, Ellen (in press). "Ritual and Practice". In K. Pargament (Ed.-in-Chief), J. Exline & J. Jones (Assoc. Eds.), APA Handbooks in Psychology: APA Handbook of Psychology, Religion, and Spirituality: Vol 1. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. MS 36 pp.

Idler, Ellen. 2011. "Religion and Adult Mortality." In International Handbook of Adult Mortality, Richard Rogers and Eileen Crimmins, Editors. Dordrecht: Springer. Pp. 345-377.

Phillips, Julie, Colleen Nugent, Ashley Robins, and Ellen Idler. 2010. "Understanding Recent Changes in Suicide Rates among the Middle-Aged: Period or Cohort Effects?" Public Health Reports 125:680-688.

Idler, Ellen, Carol Hogue, and Karen Scheib. 2010. "Under the Umbrella of Religion and Health Research: What Makes Research in Religion and Public Health different from Research in Religion and Medicine?" Association of Religion Data Archives Guiding Papers Series. MS 22 pp.  
<http://www.thearda.com/rrh/papers/guidingpapers.asp>

Idler, Ellen. 2010. "Health and Religion." In The New Blackwell Companion to Medical Sociology. William Cockerham, Editor. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. Pp. 133-158.

Idler, Ellen, Julie McLaughlin, and Stanislav Kasl. 2009. "Religion and the Quality of Life in the Last Year of Life". Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences 64B(4): 528-537.

Idler, Ellen, Richard J. Contrada, David A. Boulifard, Erich W. Labouvie, Yung Chen, and Tyrone J. Krause. 2009. "Looking in the Black Box of 'Attendance at Services': Exploring an Old Dimension for Religion and Health Research." International Journal for the Psychology of Religion 19:1-20.

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- Contrada, Richard J., David A. Boulifard, Eric B. Hekler, Ellen L. Idler, Tanya M. Goyal, Erich W. Labouvie, and Tyrone J. Krause. 2008. "Psychosocial Factors in Heart Surgery: Presurgical Vulnerability and Postsurgical Recovery." Health Psychology 27:309-19.
- Idler, Ellen. 2008. "Self-rated Health." In The Encyclopedia of Elder Care, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Mathy Mezey, Eugenia Siegler, and Liz Capezuti, (Editors), pp.711-713. New York: Springer.
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- Idler, Ellen. 2006. "Religion and Aging." In Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Robert H. Binstock and Linda K. George, (Editors), pp.277-300. San Diego: Elsevier.
- Contrada, Richard, David Boulifard, Ellen Idler, and Erich Labouvie. 2006. "Course of Depressive Symptoms in Heart Surgery Patients: Confirmatory Analysis of the Factor Pattern and Latent Mean Structure of the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale." Psychosomatic Medicine 68:922-30.
- Goyal, Tanya, Ellen Idler, Tyrone Krause, and Richard Contrada. 2005. "Quality of Life following Cardiac Surgery: Impact of the Severity and Course of Depressive Symptoms." Psychosomatic Medicine 67:759-65.
- Bjorner, Jakob, Peter Fayers, and Ellen Idler. 2005. "Self-rated Health." Assessing Quality of Life in Clinical Trials, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Peter Fayers, Ron Hays, (Editors), pp.309-324. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Idler, Ellen L. 2005. "Remembrance of Dave Larson" in Faith, Medicine, and Science: A Festschrift in Honor of Dr. David B. Larson, Jeff Levin and Harold G. Koenig (Editors), pp.36-37. New York: Haworth Press.
- Idler, Ellen, Howard Leventhal, Julie McLaughlin, and Elaine Leventhal. 2004. "In Sickness but Not in Health: Self-ratings, Identity, and Mortality". Journal of Health and Social Behavior 45:336-356.
- Contrada, Richard J., Tanya M. Goyal, Corinne Cather, Luba Rafalson, Ellen L. Idler, and Tyrone J. Krause. 2004. "Psychosocial Factors in Outcomes of Heart Surgery: The Impact of Religious Involvement and Depressive Symptoms" Health Psychology 23:227-238.
- Contrada, Richard J., Ellen L. Idler, Tanya Goyal, Corinne Cather, Luba Rafalson, and Tyrone J. Krause. 2004. "Rejoinder: Why Not Find Out Whether Religious Beliefs Predict Surgical Outcomes? If They Do, Why Not Find Out Why?" Health Psychology 23:243-246.
- Idler, Ellen and Stanislav Kasl. 2004. "Response to 'Idler and Kasl's *p* values: A Cautionary Lesson'". Psychosomatic Medicine. 66:376-377.
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- Idler, Ellen, Christopher Ellison, Linda George, Neal Krause, Marcia Ory, Kenneth Pargament, Lynda Powell, David Williams, and Lynn Underwood. 2003. "Measuring Multiple Dimensions of Religion and Spirituality for Health Research: Conceptual Background and Findings from the 1998 General Social Survey". Research on Aging 25:327-365.

**This paper was the #5 Most Downloaded 2004-2005 Article in Gerontology & Aging from Sage Publications**

- Idler, Ellen L. 2003. "Gender Differences in Self-Rated Health, in Mortality, and in the Relationship Between the Two." The Gerontologist 43:372-375.
- Battle, V.DuWayne and Ellen Idler. 2003. "Meaning and Effects of Congregational Religious Participation." Aging, Spirituality, and Religion, A Handbook, Volume II. Pp.121-133. Mel Kimble and Susan McFadden, Editors. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- Idler, Ellen. 2002. "The Many Causal Pathways Linking Religion to Health." Public Policy and Aging Report 12:7-12.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Julie McLaughlin. 2002. "Perceived Health." Encyclopedia of Aging. Editor, David Ekerdt, pp.1069-1070. New York: MacMillan Reference USA.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Julie McLaughlin. 2002. "Social Factors and Health." Encyclopedia of Aging. Editor, David Ekerdt, pp.600-603. New York: MacMillan Reference USA.
- Idler, Ellen L. 2001. "Religion and Health". International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. General Editors, Paul Baltes and Neil Smelser. Social Sciences and Health Editors, James House and Ralf Schwarzer. Volume 19:13037-13040. Elsevier: Amsterdam.
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**Reprinted in: *Kakovostna starost: Časopis za Socialno Gerontologijo in Gerontagogiko*, (translated into Slovenian) Letnik 6 (2003), Številka 3 (Ljubljana, Slovenija)**
- Idler, Ellen L., Louise Russell, and Diane Davis. 2000. "Self-Rated Health, Survival, and Functional Limitations in the NHEFS". American Journal of Epidemiology 152:874-83.
- Bradley, Elizabeth, Terri Fried, Stanislav Kasl, and Ellen Idler. 2000. "Quality of Life of Elders in the Trajectory of the End of Life." Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Volume 20. M.Powell Lawton, Miriam Moss, Editors, pp. 64-96.
- Benyamini, Yael, Ellen Idler, Howard Leventhal, and Elaine Leventhal. 2000. "Positive Health and Function as Influences on Self-Assessments of Health: Expanding Our View Beyond Illness and Disability". Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences 55B:P107-116.
- Koenig, Harold, Ellen Idler, Stanislav Kasl, Judith Hays, Linda George, Marc Musick, David Larson, Terence Collins, and Herbert Benson. 1999. "Religion, Spirituality, and Medicine: A Rebuttal to Skeptics." International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine 29:123-131.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1999. "Religion and Health to the End of Life." Religion in American Life Fall 1999.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1999. "Self-Assessments of Health: The Next Stage of Studies." Research on Aging 21:387-391
- Benyamini, Yael and Ellen L. Idler. 1999. "Community Studies Reporting Association between Self-Rated Health and Mortality: Additional Studies, 1995 to 1998." Research on Aging 21:392-401.
- Idler, Ellen L., Shawna Hudson and Howard Leventhal. 1999. "The Meanings of Self-Ratings of Health: A Qualitative and Quantitative Approach." Research on Aging 21:458-476.  
**Reprinted in: *Mixed Methods Reader*, Edited by Vicki L. Plano Clark and John Creswell. Sage, 2007.**

- Leventhal, Howard, Ellen L. Idler, and Elaine A. Leventhal. 1999. "The Impact of Chronic Illness on the Self System." In Richard D. Ashmore and Richard J. Contrada, eds., Self, Social Identity, and Physical Health: Interdisciplinary Explorations, pp.185-208. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Linda K. George. 1998. "What Sociology Can Help Us Understand about Religion and Mental Health." Pp.51-62 in Harold Koenig, ed., Handbook of Religion and Mental Health. New York: Academic Press.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Stanislav V. Kasl. 1997. "Religion among Disabled and Nondisabled Elderly Persons I: Cross-Sectional Patterns in Health Practices, Social Activities and Well-Being." Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences 52B:S294-S305.  
**Awarded 1998 John Templeton Foundation Exemplary Papers Prize for Outstanding Paper in Religion and the Behavioral Sciences.**
- Idler, Ellen L. and Stanislav V. Kasl. 1997. "Religion among Disabled and Nondisabled Elderly Persons II: Attendance at Religious Services as a Predictor of the Course of Disability." Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences 52B:S306-S316.  
**Awarded 1998 John Templeton Foundation Exemplary Papers Prize for Outstanding Paper in Religion and the Behavioral Sciences.**
- Idler, Ellen L. and Yael Benyamini. 1997. "Self-rated Health and Mortality: A Review of Twenty-Seven Community Studies." Journal of Health and Social Behavior 38:21-37.  
**This paper was the 3rd most frequently cited paper in the General Social Sciences for the decade 1996-2005, and was named a "Current Classic" (November 2005) for the most rapid increase in citations, according to the Institute for Scientific Information's *Essential Science Indicators*.**
- Wilcox, Victoria L., Stanislav V. Kasl and Ellen L. Idler. 1996. "Self-Rated Health and Physical Disability in Elderly Survivors of a Major Medical Event." Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences 51B:S96-S103.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1995. "Religion, Health, and Nonphysical Senses of Self." Social Forces 74:683-704.  
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- Idler, Ellen L. and Stanislav V. Kasl. 1995. "Self-Ratings of Health: Do They Also Predict Change in Functional Ability?" Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences 50B:S344-S353.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1994. "Self-Ratings of Health: Mortality, Morbidity, and Meaning." In Susan Schechter, Ed. Proceedings of the 1993 NCHS Cognitive Aspects of Self-Reported Health Status Conference. Hyattsville, Maryland: US Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, CDC, National Center for Health Statistics. NCHS working paper; Series No.10.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1993. "Age Differences in Self-Assessments of Health: Age Changes, Cohort Differences, or Survivorship?" Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences 48:S289-S300.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1993. "Perceptions of Pain and Perceptions of Health." Motivation and Emotion 17:205-224.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1992. "Subjective Assessments of Health and Mortality: A Review of Studies." International Review of Health Psychology 1:33-54.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Stanislav Kasl. 1992. "Religion, Disability, Depression and the Timing of Death." American Journal of Sociology 97:1052-1079.  
**Reprinted in: *Sociology Full Circle, Sixth Edition*, Edited by William Feigelman. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992.**

- Angel, Ronald J. and Ellen L. Idler. (1992). "Somatization and Hypochondriasis: Sociocultural Factors in Subjective Experience." Research in Community and Mental Health: A Research Annual 7:75-98.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Stanislav Kasl. 1991. "Health Perceptions and Survival: Do Global Evaluations of Health Status Really Predict Mortality?" Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences 46:S55-S65.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Ronald J. Angel. 1990. "Age, Chronic Pain, and Subjective Assessments of Health." Advances in Medical Sociology 1:127-148.
- Idler, Ellen L. and Ronald J. Angel. 1990. "Self-Rated Health and Mortality in the NHANES-I Epidemiologic Follow-up Study." American Journal of Public Health 80:446-452.
- Idler, Ellen L., Stanislav V. Kasl and Jon H. Lemke. 1990. "Self-Evaluated Health and Mortality among the Elderly in New Haven, Connecticut, and Iowa and Washington Counties, Iowa, 1982-1986." American Journal of Epidemiology 131(1990):91-103.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1989. "Moral Medicine: Symbolic Content in 19th Century Shaker Therapeutics." Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry 13:1-24.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1987. "Religious Involvement and the Health of the Elderly: Some Hypotheses and an Initial Test." Social Forces 66:226-238.
- Levin, Lowell S. and Ellen L. Idler. 1983. "Self-Care in Health." Annual Review of Public Health 4:181-202.
- Levin, Lowell S. and Ellen L. Idler. 1981. "An Apple a Day: Deprofessionalizing Health Care." Journal of Contemporary Studies IV:27-38.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1979. "Definitions of Health and Illness and Medical Sociology." Social Science and Medicine 13A:723-31.  
**Reprinted in: *Sapere* (translated into Italian) Feb-Mar 1982 (Milan, Italy)**

#### BOOK REVIEWS

- Idler, Ellen L. 2003. Death Foretold: Prophecy and Prognosis in Medical Care by Nicholas Christakis. American Journal of Sociology 109:800-802.
- Idler, Ellen L. 2001. Spiritual Resiliency in Older Women by Janet L. Ramsey and Rosemary Blieszner. Contemporary Gerontology 7:70-71.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1996. The Gifted Group in Later Maturity by Carole Holahan, Robert Sears, and Lee Cronbach. American Journal of Sociology 102:316-318.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1995. Living in the Shadow of Death: Tuberculosis and the Social Experience of Illness in American History by Sheila M. Rothman. Contemporary Sociology 24:415-416.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1992. Aging, Health and Behavior by Marcia G. Ory, Ronald P. Abeles, and Paula Darby Lipman, editors. Contemporary Sociology 21:863-864.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1992. Research in the Sociology of Health Care: A Research Annual Volume 9. Dorothy Wertz, Ed. Contemporary Sociology 21:272-273.

- Idler, Ellen L. 1991. "The Challenge of Caring for Chronic Illness". Review of Shaping a New Health Care System by Anselm Strauss and Juliet Corbin. Contemporary Psychology 36:56-57.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1987. Well-Being for the Elderly: Primary Preventive Strategies by Thomas T. H. Wan, Canadian Journal on Aging 6:248-50.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1983. Symptoms, Illness Behavior, and Help-Seeking by David Mechanic, ed. Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine 56:63-6.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1979. Humanism and the Physician by Edmund Pellegrino Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine 52:597.
- Idler, Ellen L. 1979. The Birth of a Family by Nathan Hale, Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine 52:597-98.

#### FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2010-12            Co-Investigator (Theodore Johnson II, M.D., Principal Investigator)  
Atlanta Regional Geriatric Education Center  
Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Georgia State University  
Health Research Services Administration Grant No. UB4HP19215-01-00  
Direct costs: \$400,000 per year
- 2004-09            Co-Investigator (Howard Leventhal, Ph.D., Principal Investigator)  
"Center for the Study of Health Beliefs and Behavior"  
National Institute on Aging Mind Body Center, Grant No. 5 R24 AG 023958  
"End of Life Decision-Making" Co-Principal Investigator  
"Expert Systems" Co-Principal Investigator  
Direct costs: \$4,500,000
- 2004-05            Co-Investigator, (Deborah Carr, Ph.D., Principal Investigator)  
"End-of-Life Decision-Making"  
Fetzer Institute
- 2002-2003        Principal Investigator  
"Proposal for Joint Rutgers University - UMDNJ RWJ Medical School NIH  
Predoctoral MD - PhD Training Grant"  
Reinvest in Rutgers  
Total costs: \$30,800
- 2000-2004        Co-Investigator (Richard Contrada, Ph.D., Principal Investigator)  
"Religion, Aging, and Adaptation to Open-Heart Surgery"  
National Institute on Aging, Grant No. 1 R01 AG 16750  
Direct costs \$1,491,008
- 1998-1999        Co-Investigator (Howard Leventhal, Ph.D., Principal Investigator)  
"Geriatric Depression in Primary Care"  
National Institute of Mental Health  
Rutgers University Center for Research on the Organization and Financing of  
Care for the Severely Mentally Ill, Principal Investigator David Mechanic, Ph.D.
- 1997-1998        Co-Investigator (Richard Contrada, Ph.D., Principal Investigator)



- “Religion and Spirituality in Recovery from Cardiac Surgery”  
Fetzer Institute, Supplemental Funding for NIA R03 AG 15160  
Direct costs: \$20,000
- 1997-1998 Co-Investigator (Richard Contrada, Ph.D., Principal Investigator)  
“Religion and Spirituality in Recovery from Cardiac Surgery”  
National Institute on Aging, Grant No. 1 R03 AG 15160  
Direct costs for one year: \$49,956
- 1994-1997 Principal Investigator  
"Epidemiology of Self-Rated Health and Functional Ability"  
National Institute on Aging, Grant No. 1 RO1 AG11567  
Direct costs for three years: \$244,528
- 1993-1997 Co-Investigator (Howard Leventhal, Ph.D. Principal Investigator)  
Center for Research on Health Promotion in Older Minority Populations  
"Health Beliefs in Elderly African Americans"  
National Institute on Aging, Grant No. 1 P20 AG 12072  
Direct and indirect costs for Center: \$291,948
- 1988-1993 Principal Investigator  
First Independent Research Support and Transition Award  
"Epidemiology of Chronic Pain and Self-Rated Health"  
National Institute on Aging, Grant No. AG 07480  
Direct and indirect costs for five years: \$513,964

#### OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

- Idler, Ellen, Melissa Nelson Garrido, Elaine Leventhal, and Howard Leventhal. “Religion and the Avoidance of End-of-Life Decision-Making” Under review.
- Idler, Ellen, Howard Leventhal, Leigh Alison Phillips, and Elaine Leventhal. “Physician-Patient Agreement on Global Ratings of Health: More Perceived than Real?” In progress.

#### INVITED LECTURES

- 2011 “Religion and Health: A Public Health Perspective” Veterans’ Administration and Department of Defense Chaplaincy Summit, Hotel Sofitel, Washington, DC
- 2011 “Mending Broken Hearts: Marriage and Mortality following Cardiac Surgery” School of Public Health, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 “Religion and Public Health at Emory” Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing Research Roundtable
- 2011 “Gender and Gerontology: The Thread that Runs through Everything” Feminist Legal Theory Workshop Conference on Aging as a Feminist Concern, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 “Living Well: Faith and Health for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” Oak Grove United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA
- 2010 “Physician-Patient Agreement on Global Ratings of Health: More Perceived than Real?” Emory University Emeritus College, Atlanta, Georgia

- 2010 “Religiously-Influenced End of Life Decision-Making: Finding the Context” Beliefs and Barriers Conference Keynote, Emory University Center for Ethics, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 “What makes research on religion and public health different from research on religion and medicine?” Emory University Religion and Public Health Inaugural Lecture, Atlanta, GA
- 2009 “What makes research on religion and public health different from research on religion and medicine?” University of Colorado at Boulder Population Center, Boulder, CO
- 2009 “Religion and Aging in Communities of Memory” Aging and Spirituality Series Annual Address, Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 2008 “The ‘Black Box’ of Religious Attendance and Quality of Life” Religion Research Conference, Baylor Institute for the Studies of Religion, and the Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC
- 2008 “Religion and Health in Aging Societies: Reaping What is Sown” Plenary Address. First Annual Meeting, Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina
- 2008 “Perceiving Function, Perceiving Health” Conference on Comparable Measurement of Functional Health, Harvard Initiative for Global Health and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle, Washington
- 2008 “Looking inside the ‘Black Box’ of Religious Attendance” Center for Spirituality, Theology, and Health, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- 2008 “Perceiving Health Globally” Keynote Address, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual SEUSS Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2007 “Religion and Health: Thinking about Pathways and Pathways of the Thinking” Grand Rounds, Department of Preventive Medicine, Rush University Medical School, Chicago, Illinois
- 2007 “Spirituality and Religious Involvement in Traumatic Brain Injury: State of the Science” Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Community Integration of Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research State of the Science Conference, Washington, DC
- 2006 “Self-Rated Health Research: Past, Present, and an Open Window to the Future” Health Psychology Faculty Club Lecture, University of Leiden, The Netherlands
- 2006 “Self-Rated Health Research: Past, Present, and an Open Window to the Future” Danish Graduate School in Public Health Science, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006 “Self-Rated Health Research: A Story with Legs” Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research Brown Bag Series, Rutgers University, New Jersey
- 2006 “Religiousness and Spirituality as Community Resources for Aged Persons with Chronic Illness” Cornell Institute for Translational Research on Aging, New York, NY
- 2006 “Religion and Public Health: From C.-E.A Winslow to the Needs of an Aging Society” UMDNJ School of Public Health, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2006 “Health Services Needs of the Aging Population” Post-baccalaureate Prehealth Program, University College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

- 2006 “Current Research on Self Rated Health: Where Do We Go From Here?” Institute on Aging, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- 2006 “Religion and Aging: We Reap What We Sow” Health and Life Course Seminar, Pennsylvania State University
- 2006 “Religion and Health: The Continuing Usefulness of Early Insights” Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2005 “Religion and Health: Reaping What We Sow” Keynote address. Wheat Ridge Foundation 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Denver, Colorado
- 2004 “Religion, Spirituality, and Health: What Do We Know?” Keynote address. University of Miami conference on “Spirituality and Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Implications for Culture, Education, and Health”, Miami, FL
- 2003 “In Sickness but not in Health?: Self-Ratings, Identity, and Mortality” Keynote address. International Society of Quality of Life Research Meetings, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2003 “Religion and Health: Historical Perspectives, NIH Research, and Implications for Practice” Public Health Seminar Series, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2003 “Religion and Physical Health: Historical Perspectives and Current NIH Research” Keynote address. Natcher Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD
- 2003 “Religion and Health: What Do We Know and What Should We Do About It?” Brown Bag Seminar Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2003 “Religion, Aging, and Spirituality” LeFeber Winter Series on Aging Sealy Center on Aging, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX
- 2002 “The Special Role of Religion for the Disabled and Dying Elderly: Research and Policy Implications” American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 “Religious Practices and Beliefs at the End of Life: Perspectives for Physicians” University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2001 “Self-Rated Health in Epidemiological Surveys as a Predictor of Disability and Mortality” Contributed Online Lecture to World Health Organization Supercourse - “Epidemiology, the Internet, and Global Health” <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1>
- 2001 “Measuring Religion in Health Research” World Congress of Epidemiology, Toronto, Canada
- 2001 “The Importance of Religious Practices and Beliefs at the End of Life” Yale University School of Medicine, Epidemiology and Public Health Program on Aging Seminar
- 2001 “Self-Ratings of Health: Are They Culturally Relative or Not?” Fordham University Hispanic Mental Health Center, New York
- 2000 “Patterns of Religiousness & Spirituality in the Last Year of Life” Spirituality Research Symposium, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- 2000 "Spirits, Minds, Bodies: Faith, Science, and Public Health"  
Hubert Lecture, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1999 "Mortality and Religious Involvement: A Review and Critique of the Results, the Methods, and the Measures" Panel Discussant  
Harvard University Faculty Club, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 1999 "Religion and Health to the End of Life"  
Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York
- 1999 "Gender Differences in Self-Rated Health, Well-Being, and Mortality"  
Institute for Public Health, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999 "The Enduring Significance of Self-Ratings of Health."  
Danish Society for General Practice, Panum Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1999 "Self-Ratings of Health in International Studies"  
Glostrup University Hospital, Glostrup, Denmark
- 1999 "The Enduring Significance of Self-Ratings of Health"  
Lunds University, Malmö, Sweden
- 1998 "Imagine Yourselves"  
Convocation Address, Rutgers College Class of 2002
- 1996 "The Indispensability of Self-Ratings of Health"  
Guys Hospital, London, England
- 1996 "...and the least tincture of the love of God': Religion and the Lives of the Disabled Elderly"  
Department of Social Sciences, Oxford University, England
- 1996 "Contributions of Social Structure and Subjective Perceptions to Health"  
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research 10th Anniversary Conference  
New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1996 "Religion among the Disabled and Nondisabled Elderly"  
Princeton-Rutgers Conference on the Sociology of Culture, Princeton, New Jersey
- 1995 "Self-Rated Health: Research Findings and Implications for Future Research and Practice"  
Joint Meeting of Danish Society for General Practice and Danish Society for Psychosocial Medicine  
University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1995 "The Enduring Significance of Self-Ratings of Health"  
Duke University Center on Aging Distinguished Lectureship, Durham, North Carolina
- 1995 Invited Participant, "Methodological Approaches to the Study of Religion, Aging and Health"  
NIA/Fetzer Institute Conference on Religion, Spirituality, and Health, Bethesda, Maryland
- 1993 "Self-Ratings of Health: Mortality, Morbidity, and Meaning"  
National Center for Health Statistics, Hyattsville, Maryland
- 1993 "Self-Assessed Health, Mortality, and Morbidity"  
Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, Nemaconlin, Pennsylvania

- 1991 "The Timing of Deaths among the Elderly around Religious Holidays"  
Faculty Seminar Series, Columbia University
- 1991 "Aging is a Woman's Issue"  
Celebration of Our Work IX Conference, Douglass College
- 1991 "Self-Assessed Health and Mortality"  
Internal Medicine Colloquium  
Robert Wood Johnson - UMDNJ Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1989 "Why Do Self-Evaluations of Health Status Predict Mortality?"  
Philadelphia Geriatric Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1986 "Religion and the Health of the Elderly"  
Princeton University Department of Religion Colloquium

#### PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2011 "Understanding Physician-Patient Differences in Global Ratings of Health" Gerontological Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2011 "Lifelong Painters in Old Age: Selecting, Optimizing, Compensating" (with Philip Ayers) Conference on Creativity through the Life Course, International Psychoanalytic Association, Emory University Conference Center, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2010 "Religious Influence on Avoiding End-of-Life Decision-Making" Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2009 "Physician-Patient Agreement on Global Ratings of Health: More Perceived than Real?" Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2009 "Consistencies and Inconsistencies in Suicide Rates in Midlife" American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California
- 2008 "Mending Broken Hearts: Marriage and Survival following Cardiac Surgery" Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, Maryland
- 2007 "Quality of Life in the Last Year: The Role of Religion" Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, California
- 2007 Presidential Symposium Organizer, "Families, Caregiving, and Living Arrangements around the World" Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, California
- 2007 Presidential Symposium Organizer, "Is the Compression of Morbidity a Worldwide Phenomenon?" Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, California
- 2007 "Looking inside the 'Black Box' of Attendance at Services" American Sociological Association, New York (with David Boulifard, May Chen, Erich Labouvie, and Richard Contrada)

- 2006 Symposium Organizer and Discussant, "Can Aging Populations Help Us Have a Better Understanding of the Nature of Depression?" Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX
- 2006 "Self-Ratings of Health: Simple Judgments, Complex Meanings" Society of Experimental Social Psychology Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 "Dimensions of Religiousness and Dimensions of Depression: Focus on Attendance at Services" Poster. Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL (with David Boulifard, Erich Labouvie, and Richard Contrada)
- 2005 "The Sociology of Aging and the Sociology of Religion" American Sociological Association Meetings, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 "Does Religion Play a Role in Public Policy for the Aging? Plenty of Ironies" Eastern Sociological Society Meetings, Washington, DC
- 2004 "Religion, Stress, and Smoking: Considering New Linkages" Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC (with Richard Contrada and May Chen)
- 2004 "Religion and Cardiovascular Mortality: The Power of Regulating Multiple Risk Factors" American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2004 "Religion, Smoking, and Stress" Ninth International Conference on Social Stress Research, Montreal, Canada
- 2002 "Impact of Religious Observance and Beliefs at the End of Life" Gerontological Society of America, Boston
- 2002 "The Study of Self-Rated Health in the Context of Different Cultures II: Eastern Nations" Discussant, Gerontological Society of America, Boston
- 2001 "Self-Rated Health - The Next Generation of Research: Outcomes and Moderators" Symposium Organizer and Discussant, Gerontological Society of America, Chicago
- 2001 "Differential Predictive Ability of Self-Rated Health: Comparing Mortality Hazards in NHEFS Diagnostic Groups" Gerontological Society of America, Chicago (with Julie McLaughlin, Howard Leventhal, Elaine Leventhal)
- 2000 "Self-Ratings of Health in the Last Year of Life: Evidence from the Glostrup 1914 Cohort Study" Poster Gerontological Society of America Meetings, Washington, DC (with Julie McLaughlin)
- 2000 "Religion at the End of Life" American Sociological Association, Washington, DC
- 1999 "The NIA/Fetzer Measure of Religiousness and Spirituality: Background and Findings from the General Social Survey" Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, California (with M. Musick and the Working Group)
- 1999 "Durkheim's Legacy: Religion and the Preservation of Health" Symposium Organizer American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois
- 1998 "Patterns of Religiousness and Spirituality in the Last Year of Life" Gerontological Society of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (with S. Kasl)

- 1998 "The Meanings of Ratings: A Qualitative and Quantitative Approach to Self-Rated Health"  
American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California
- 1998 "Our Help in Ages Past: Is Religion Still a Source of Help in Times of Stress?"  
7th International Conference on Social Stress, Budapest, Hungary
- 1997 "Self-Assessments of Health: The Next Stage of Studies" Symposium Organizer  
Gerontological Society of America, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1996 "Semi-Structured Approaches to Structured Items: The Example of Self-Rated Health"  
Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC
- 1995 "Religious Involvement as a Predictor of the Course of Disability"  
Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles, California (with Stanislav Kasl)
- 1995 "Two Views on Self-Assessed Health - A Predictor of Mortality"  
American Psychological Association, New York, New York (with Y. Benyamini, H. Leventhal)
- 1995 "Factors in Estimates of Subjective Life Expectancy: Self-Rated Health and Family Longevity"  
American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C. (with Sharon Cook)
- 1994 "Religion, Health, and Sense of Self among the Elderly: Three Views"  
Gerontological Society of American Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1994 "Self-Reported Health and Function"  
American College of Epidemiology, Arlington, Virginia
- 1994 "Religion and Nonphysical Senses of Self"  
Southern Sociological Association Meetings, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1993 "Self-Assessments of Health as Predictors of Change in Functional Ability"  
Gerontological Society of America Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1992 "Age Differences in Self-Assessments of Health: Age Changes, Cohort Differences, or Survivorship?"  
Gerontological Society of America Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 1992 "Effects of Self-Rated Health and Depression on Recovery of Physical Functioning in Older People After Hospitalization" (with Victoria Wilcox and Stanislav Kasl)  
Gerontological Society of America Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 1990 Discussant, "Self-Care and Informal Care" Session  
American Sociological Association Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 1989 Organizer, "Religion and Mental Health" Session  
American Public Health Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois
- 1989 "Self-Evaluated Health and Mortality among the Elderly"  
American Sociological Association Meetings, San Francisco, California
- 1988 Discussant, "Religion and Mental Health" Session  
American Public Health Association Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts

- 1987 Moderator, "Health Care for the Elderly" Conference  
Gerontology Institute of New Jersey, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1987 "Self-Assessment of Health as a Predictor of Mortality: EPESE Collaborative Study Results" (with Stanislav Kasl)  
American Public Health Association Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 1986 "Religious Involvement and the Health of the Elderly"  
American Sociological Association Meetings, New York
- 1985 "Private Protestant Ethics and '...and Ladies of the Club'"  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion meetings, Savannah, Georgia
- 1985 "Religious Involvement and Depression Among the Elderly"  
Association for the Sociology of Religion Meetings, Washington, D.C.
- 1983 "Moral Medicine: The Shakers' Herbal Healing System"  
Tenth Annual Historic Communal Societies Conference, New Harmony, Indiana
- 1982 "Social Networks: The Oldest and Newest Concept in Social Health Research"  
Department of Health and Human Services Applied Statistics Training Institute, Montreal, Canada
- 1975 "Catholic Women Seeking Abortion: An Analysis of a Social Act"  
Society for the Study of Social Problems Meetings, New York

## EDITORIAL BOARDS

Editorial Board, Journal of Aging and Health 2007-  
Editorial Board, Sociological Forum 2007-2010  
International Advisory Board, Kakovostna Starost (Slovenian Journal of Gerontology) 2006-  
Editorial Board, American Journal of Sociology 2005-2007  
Editorial Board, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences 1994-97; 2006-09  
Editorial Board, Journal of Health and Social Behavior 1992-94; 1996-98; 2005-07  
Editorial Board and Press Council, Rutgers University Press 2002-2006, 2006-2009  
Guest Editor, Special Issue of Research on Aging, 1999 on "Self-Ratings of Health: The Next Stage of Studies"  
Editorial Board, Special Issue of Journal of Health Psychology, 1999 on "Spirituality and Health"

## PEER REVIEWER

American Journal of Epidemiology  
American Journal of Preventive Medicine  
American Journal of Public Health  
American Journal of Sociology  
American Sociological Review  
Behavior, Health and Aging  
BioMed Central  
Cardiovascular Drugs and Therapy  
European Journal of Aging  
The Gerontologist  
Health Psychology

Health Services Research  
International Journal for the Psychology of Religion  
International Journal of Aging and Human  
Development  
International Journal of Behavioral Medicine  
International Journal of Epidemiology  
International Journal of Health Sciences  
International Journal of Psychiatry in Medicine  
International Quality of Life Research  
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Journal of Abnormal Psychology  
Journal of Aging and Health



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Journal of Clinical Epidemiology

Journal of Clinical Oncology

Journal of Diabetes and its Complications

Journal of Health Psychology

Journal of Health and Social Behavior

Journal of Women's Health

Journals of Gerontology: Biological Sciences

Journals of Gerontology: Medical Sciences

Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences

Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences

Medical Care

The Milbank Quarterly

Obesity Research

Pediatrics

Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin

Psychology and Aging

Psychology and Health

Quality of Life Research

Research on Aging

Review of Religious Research

Social Forces

Social Problems

Social Science and Medicine

Sociological Focus

Sociological Forum

Sociological Perspectives

The Sociological Quarterly

Voluntas

## OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2009-12 Chair, Task Force on Mentoring, Gerontological Society of America

2007-10 Elected Chair, Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Behavioral and Social Sciences Section

2008 Chair, Outstanding Publication Award Committee, American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Aging and the Life Course

2004-07 Member, Fellowship Committee, GSA Behavioral and Social Sciences Section

2001-03 Council Member, ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course

1998-00 Member, Nominations Committee, ASA Medical Sociology Section

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011- Advisory Board Member, International Religious Health Assets Programme, University of Cape Town, South Africa

2011 Organizer, Religion, Social Capital, and Community Health in Changing Neighborhoods in Atlanta: A Conversation with John Wallace, Emory University

2010-15 External Advisory Board Member, Morehouse College Building Research Infrastructure and Capacity Building (BRIC) grant, National Institutes of Health Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

2011- Steering Committee, Southeast Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine, University of Alabama-Birmingham and Emory University

2010 Organizer, Beliefs and Barriers Conference on Religion and End of Life Decision Making, Emory University Center for Ethics

2010- Team Leader, Religions and the Human Spirit Strategic Initiative, Emory University

2009-10 Organizer, Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Religion and Public Health, Emory University

2009 Reviewer, NIMH Special Emphasis R01 Review Panel

- 2007 External Review Committee, Departments of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Maryland Baltimore Campus, Baltimore, MD
- 2007 Reviewer, NIH Special Emphasis R01 Review Panel
- 2005 Consultant, Project on Religious Socialization and Transmission, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 2004 Reviewer, NIH R03 Study Section on Social Sciences and Population Studies, Bethesda, MD
- 2004 Reviewer, NIH R01 Study Section on Social Sciences and Population Studies, Alexandria, VA
- 2004 External Review Committee, Department of Sociology, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York
- 2003-09 Consultant, Higher Education Research Institute, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2001 Reviewer, Grant Proposals, John Templeton Foundation, Radnor, PA
- 2001 Reviewer, Statistics Canada, Draft Report "2000/2001 Canadian Community Health Survey"
- 2001 National Advisory Council, National Institute for Healthcare Research
- 2000 Reviewer, National Institutes of Health, Draft Report "Spirituality and Health: Assessing the State of the Science"
- 1998-99 Member, Judges Panel, Exemplary Papers in Humility Theology, Religion and the Medical Sciences  
John Templeton Foundation, Radnor, Pennsylvania
- 1998 Grant Reviewer, Research Proposals on Forgiveness  
John Templeton Foundation, Radnor, Pennsylvania
- 1997- Affiliated Center Scientist, Center for the Study of Religion/Spirituality and Health  
Duke University Medical Center
- 1996-97 Conference Participant, New Developments in Spiritual Research  
John Templeton Foundation, Leesburg, Virginia, and Miami Beach, Florida
- 1996-97 Member, Religion and Spirituality Measurement Working Group  
Fetzer Foundation, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 1995 Invited Participant, Quality of Life Research Conference  
Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- 1995-96 Reviewer, National Institutes of Health Division of Research Grants, Human Development and Aging Study Section, Special Emphasis Panel
- 1994 Consultant, National Institute of Mental Health, Health Behavior and Prevention Review Committee (Special External Reviewer)
- 1992-95 Consultant, "Risk and Risk Factor Modeling Project"  
Principal Investigator: Louise Russell, Ph.D.  
Rutgers University  
Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Grant No. 1-R01-HS07002-01
- 1980 Research Assistant, Epidemiological Catchment Area Study

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Departments of Sociology and Psychiatry, Yale University  
Principal Investigator, Jerome Myers

1980 Teaching Fellow, Sociology of Religion, Yale University

1977-79 Research Associate, Mediating Structures and Public Policy Project  
Co-Directors, Peter L. Berger and Richard J. Neuhaus

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association, Sociological Research Association Elected Member  
American Public Health Association  
Gerontological Society of America, Fellow  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Southern Sociological Society

## EMORY UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

### Undergraduate

Social Gerontology, including Engaged Learning off-campus

### Graduate

Religion and Public Health, cross-listed in Sociology, Rollins School of Public Health, and Candler School of  
Theology  
Epidemiology of Aging, Rollins School of Public Health

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

### Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology Sociology of Medicine and Health Care  
Social Gerontology Sociology of Age  
Department of Sociology Teaching Honor Roll (initiated 2004): 2004, 2005, 2006

### Graduate

Behavioral Science and Health Education Sociological Research Methods  
(Core Course, Graduate Program in Public Health) Writing Seminar  
Sociology of Age Sociology of Health and Illness

## EMORY UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

### Emory University

Strategic Initiatives Team Leader, Religion and the Human Spirit  
Emory Graduate Diversity Fellowship Committee

### Emory College

Phi Beta Kappa chapter

### Department of Sociology

Undergraduate Committee; Graduate Recruitment Committee; Social Inequality Faculty Search Committee; Chair,  
Health Concentration Planning Committee

## RUTGERS UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

### Sociology Department

Chair, 2000-2006; Executive Committee; Personnel Committee; Undergraduate Curriculum Committee; Graduate  
Program; Recruitment Committee; Faculty Academic Service Increment Program Committee; Colloquium  
Committee; Poster Session Organizer; Chair, Committee for department move from Livingston to Douglass campus

Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research

Associate Membership Committee; Faculty Academic Service Increment Program Committee

Rutgers College

Chair, Rutgers College Scholarship Committee; Rutgers College Representative to University Senate

School of Arts and Sciences

Member, Core Requirements Committee 2008-09; Acting Dean, Social and Behavioral Sciences 2007-08; Member, Scholarship Committee, 2007-09; Director, Aging Minor Program 1988-2009; Faculty Council Personnel Committee; Appointments and Promotions Committees for Reappointment, Associate Professor, Full Professor

Rutgers University - New Brunswick

Member, Graduate School New Brunswick Dean Search Committee, 2008; Advisory Council, Civic Engagement and Service Education Partnerships Program (CESEP), 2007-08; Chair, School of Social Work Dean Search Committee, 2005; School of Social Work Appointments and Promotions Committee, 2005; Member, Graduate School New Brunswick Research Award Committee, 2005, 2006; Board Member, Rutgers Protestant Campus Ministry, 2005-08; Member, Research Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee, 2002-03; Chair, Administration of Justice Curriculum Revision Committee, 2000-01; Member, University Senate, 1998

## DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Sociology (Rutgers)

1988	Jacqueline Worobey	"Living Arrangements of the Elderly"
1990	Linda Podhurst	"Scientism in Non-Medical Healing Systems"
1994	Sandra Howell-White	"Birth Alternatives: Definitions of Childbirth and Professional Jurisdiction"
1994	Karen Schwab	"A Normative Model of Retirement"
1997	Beth Ellyn O'Mullan	"The Social Meaning of Heart Transplants" (Chair)
1998	Sherry Larkins	"An Ethnography of a Needle Exchange Program"
2001	Amy Tiedemann	"Poverty, Culture, and Childrearing: Low Income Mothers' Conceptions of Parenting and Parenting Practices"
2001	Donna McAlpine	"Trust in Managed Care"
2004	Marsha Rosenthal	"Blame in the Health Care Setting"
2004	Julie McLaughlin	"The Impact of the Temporal Aspect of Transitions on Well-Being"
2005	Takiko Mori	"Media Discourse for Japanese Middle-Aged Women: Between Docile Body and Silent Resistance" (Chair)
	Xiaohui Xin	"Acupuncture Practitioners in a Western Medical System"
2009	Stephen Fichter	"Shepherding in Greener Pastures: Causes and Consequences of Affiliation Crossing by Celibate Catholic Priests into married Protestant Ministry" (Chair)
2011	Susan Bodnar-Deren	"Perceived Illness Burden, A Key to Understanding Advance Care Planning in Adults Nearing the End of Life"

Anthropology (Rutgers)

1991	Soon Ha	"The Elderly Koreans in New York: An Analysis of Their Adaptation to Aging"
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History (Rutgers)

1995	Sharla Fett	"African-American Healing in Southern Plantation Communities, 1820-1865"
2001	Janice Brockley	"Rearing the Child Who Never Grew: Parents, Professionals, and Children with Intellectual Disabilities, 1910-1965"

Psychology (Rutgers)

1995	Kristin Rose	"Motivations and Beneficiaries of Personal Projects: A Life Span Perspective"
1996	Yael Benyamini	"The Bases for Predicting One's Mortality"
1997	Susan Brownlee	"Realistic and Unrealistic Representations of Illness Threats"
1998	Linda Patrick-Miller	"The Relationships amongst Affect and Immune Responses Following <i>In Vivo</i> Immunological Challenge"
1998	Katherine Alton	"Religion, Depression, and Locus of Control: A Cross-Sectional Approach"

- Ellen L. Idler
- 1999 Chantal Robitaille “Self-Regulation Models and the Use of Physician Services”
- 2000 Cori Cather “Age as a Moderator of Post-Surgical Depression Symptoms in Cardiac Surgery”
- 2002 Melissa Crouch “Geriatric Depression in Primary Care”
- 2003 Tanya Goyal “Social Support in Recovery from Heart Surgery”
- 2004 Luba Rafalson “The Role of Optimism, Pessimism, and Social Support in Adjustment to and Recovery from Open-Heart Surgery”
- 2004 Suzanne Gilligan “Social Relationships and Gender in Adaptation to Heart Surgery: Processes of Mediation and Moderation”
- 2004 Yung (May) Chen “A Model of Meaning Construction, Religion, and Chronic Reactions to Severe Stressors – Explaining and Extending the Written Emotional Expression Paradigm”
- 2004 Michael Maher “A Comparison of Domain-Specific Measures and Trait Negative Affect as Predictors of Illness-Related Appraisals, Affect, and Behavior in Older Adults”
- Rachel Forster “Conceptualizing Depression in Congestive Heart Failure”
- School of Social Work (Rutgers)
- 2001 V. DuWayne Battle “The Effects of Religion and Spirituality on Depressed Mood in Individuals Faced with Serious Illness or Bereavement”
- Bloustein School of Public Policy (Rutgers)
- 2010 Sharon Pinnelas “Traffic Now, Transit Later: Understanding Current and Future Travel Behavior of Residents in Active-Adult Communities”
- School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers Newark
- 1992 Harry Dammer “Piety in Prison: An Ethnography of Religion in the Prison Environment”
- Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health
- 1994 Rani Hoff “The Longitudinal Effects of Subjective Mental Health on Psychiatric Outcomes”
- 2000 Amy Brown-Darefsky “Self-Rated Health and Survival in the Elderly”
- Rush University Medical School, Department of Preventive Medicine
- 2007 George Fitchett “The Role of Daily Spiritual Experiences in the Development of Cardiovascular Disease”
- Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- 2011 Barbara Bardenheier “Racial inequities in receipt of influenza immunization among U.S. long-term care residents”
- University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 2010 Jill Olivier “In Search of Common Ground for Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Communication: Mapping the Cultural Politics of Religion and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa”
- University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health Sciences
- 2011 Charlotte Juul Nilsson “Mobility limitations in midlife and old age: The role of social relations and socioeconomic position”