

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Born: March 13, 1949  
Bowie, Maryland

### **ACADEMIC TRAINING**

1967-1971 A.B. (Honors Program) in Sociology-Anthropology  
Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, VA

May 1974 M.A. in Sociology  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

May 1976 Ph.D. in Sociology  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

May 1998 M.S.W. in Social Work  
University of Vermont

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 1973 Teaching Apprentice, Department of Sociology  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Summer, Fall 1974 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

1976-1981 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Virginia

1982-1983	Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology St. Michael's College, Winooski, VT
1983 to 2003	Lecturer, Department of Sociology University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
2004 to present	Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Sociology	Aging and Ethics
Sex, Marriage and Family	Social Problems
Women in Society	Women's Reproductive Issues
Sociology of Health and Medicine	Readings and Research
Women in Developing Countries	Independent Studies
Aging: Change and Adaptation	John Dewey Honors Thesis Advisor
Social Organization of Death and Dying	Masters' Theses Comm. Member
Introduction to Women's Studies	Individually Designed Major, (Faculty Advisor)
Aging in Modern Society	Sociology of End of Life Care
Family as a Social Institution	
Social Organization of Death and Dying (Distance Learning)	
Sociology of Mental Health	
Sociology of the Family	

### **OTHER RELEVANT WORK/INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

1983 to present	Practicing Psychotherapist (clinical sociologist), specializing in grief therapy, relationship therapy and families coping with serious illness.
1992 to present	Creator and sole operator of LEGACY Enterprises, a business in which I videotape people's life stories and help them and their families cope with "unfinished business." This service combines my clinical skills, interest in family systems and bereavement.
1995 - 1996	Foundation year internship (MSW program) at Vermont Children's Aid Society, Winooski, VT. I worked with children and families, providing grief counseling services to children and parents. I co-taught two parenting courses for "at risk" parents and one for prospective adoptive parents; I also conducted Probate Court Investigations for adoptive families.
1997-1998	Advanced internship (MSW program) at the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging. I provided direct service to clients; developed training programs for eldercare in-services for employees in state agencies; and developed and administered the state's pilot project for respite care grants for families providing care to an elder member with dementia. The successful pilot program was used as the prototype of the Department of Aging and Disabilities' Respite Grant program.

1998-1999 Bereavement Consultant, Peter Welch, attorney

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 1972 Research assistant in a study of parishioners' attitudes concerning the trial liturgy in the Episcopal Church in North Carolina. Dr. John Reed was the principal investigator.
- 1972-1973 Designed and administered questionnaires to 126 married couples in North Carolina and Maryland, for dissertation research.
- 1972-1973 Research assistant for Dr. Krishnan Namboodiri, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina. Responsible for analysis of fertility data.
- 1975-1976 Pre-doctoral Fellow for Dr. Glen Elder, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina. The research and data analysis focused on patterns of change in family relationships across three generations of Berkeley and Oakland, CA respondents.
- 1976 Dissertation: "Decision-Making Influence and Task Allocation in the Family: A Test of the Relative Explanatory Power of the Normative and the Resource Theories."
- 1977 Replicated Ira Reiss' original research on students' attitudes concerning premarital sexual permissiveness. 1200 University of Virginia students were sampled.
- Worked with a graduate student in psychology on this project, A Social Psychological Study of Androgyny in Children. which measured androgyny among samples of fifth, eighth and eleventh graders in two Richmond, VA schools.
- 1978 "Occupation: Physician's Wife--A Special Case of the Two-Person Career." Worked with a graduate student comparing physicians' wives' perceptions of their family roles, with their perceptions of the family roles of women in general. Unpublished study
- 1977-1980 Conducted a longitudinal study focused on dialysis and kidney transplant patients and their families." This study attempted to design an instrument to assess the family's response to the long-term, psychologically and socially debilitating illness of a family member.
- 1985 Grant Proposal: "Women in Medicine--Family and Career Patterns Among UVM Female Graduates" with the Department of Family Practice.
- 1986 Researched support systems of aged homesharers and their live-in caregivers (part of the Project HOME study, Burlington, VT) with Fred Fengler and Nick Danigelis.

- 1989 Conducted in-depth interviews with nine women in their 40's in the Burlington, VT area. Research for an article on middle aged women, VERMONT WOMAN, published in April 1989.
- 1992 Researched the lives of lesbians 40 and older and their support systems.
- 1993-1995 Follow-up Study: Interviewed adolescents and their parents as part of the South Burlington Middle School Project, with Dr. Phyllis Bronstein, Department of Psychology.
- 1998-2000 Researched the impact of genetic testing for Huntington's Disease on family systems, with Susan Sobel, MSW, Department of Psychiatry, UVM.
- 2002 Conducted exploratory research on the topic of lesbian daughters as caregivers to their frail elder parents University of Vermont
- 2012-2013 Sabbatical Leave: Conducted videotaped interviews with leading experts in the field of end-of-life care. These included:  
**Eli Stutsman**, lawyer in Oregon who drafted the Death With Dignity Act  
**Peggy Sandeen**, executive director of the National Death with Dignity Organization  
**Donna Schurrman**, executive director of The Dougy Center, an international organization providing grief support and education to grieving children  
**Don Schumacher**, executive director of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization  
**Diane Meier**, executive director of the Center to Advance Palliative Care  
**Joanne Lynn**, author of *Handbook for Mortals* and policy researcher  
**Ira Byock**, author of *Dying Well* and *The Best Care Possible*  
**Doris Howell**, mother of hospice in San Diego, CA  
**Andrew MacPherson**, associate with Jenson and Company, policy analysts  
**Ellen Goodman**, Boston Globe and creator of the Conversation Project  
**Vicki Jackson**, palliative care physician, researcher and policy advocate at Massachusetts General Hospital  
**Interviews with various individuals at San Diego Hospice, CA**  
**Interviews with various staff members at Suncoast Hospice, FL**  
**Interviews with various staff members at the Hospice of Anchorage, AK**  
**Interviews with various staff members at Fairbanks Hospice, AK**
- My goal is to create an educational documentary based on the content of these interviews, focusing on the state of end-of-life care in the U.S.**
- Fall 2013 to present:** I am videotaping a woman who has lived with various forms of cancer for 40 years. She stopped all cure-oriented treatment more than a year ago. My goal is to chronicle the last months of her life.

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**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Administrative Intern (for Marvin Sussman) for the International Workshop on Changing Sex Roles in Family and Society, June 15-21, 1975, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia

Discussant for Sex Role section of the Southern Sociological Meetings, Washington, D.C., 1975

Member, Committee on the Status of Women, Southern Sociological Society, 1975-1976

Chair, Committee on the Status of Women, Southern Sociological Society, 1976-1977

Book reviewer for SOCIAL FORCES, 1976-1981

Referee for SOCIAL FORCES, 1977-1981

Consultant, The American Institute of Motivation, Charlottesville, VA, 1979-1981

Consultant, Renal Team, University of Virginia Medical Center, 1977-1981

Consultant: Vermont CARES, Burlington, VT, 1989-1990

Presentation: American Gerontological Society's Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1986.  
"External Support Systems of Aged Homesharers and Their Live-in Caregivers"  
Advisory Council, Project HOME, Burlington, VT 1985-1990

Practicing Psychotherapist, specializing in grief therapy, relationship therapy and families coping with serious illness, 1983 to present.

Adjunct Faculty, Vermont College, 1989-1990.

Creator of LEGACY, videotaping people's life stories and counseling them through the process, 1992 to present.

Consultant, Grief Therapist, Peter Welch, attorney, 1998 to 1999.

Reviewer, *Women in Therapy*, 1991-present

Reviewer, West Publishing (Marriage and Family), 1992

Reviewer, Wadsworth/Thompson Learning. Corr, Nabe & Corr. Death and Dying. Life and Living (2000). Review completed in November, 2001.

Reviewer, Wadsworth/Thompson Learning. Kendall, Diana. Sociology in Our Times: The Essentials (2001). Review completed in February, 2002.

Advisory Board, Visiting Nurse Association's "Family Caregiving Support Initiative," Spring and Fall 2002.

National Work Group Member, Huntington's Disease Society of America and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Focus: Promoting Excellence in End-of-Life Care for People with Huntington's Disease. Spring 2002 to Fall 2003.

Hospice Pioneers Project. A radio and video legacy of the founders of the hospice movement in England (Dame Cicely Saunders); in the United States (Florence Wald); in Canada (Balfour Mount); and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. Interviews conducted in collaboration with National Public Radio and the Madison-Deane Initiative of the Visiting Nurse Association in Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. (2002-2003)

Reviewer, The Journal of Lesbian Studies, The Haworth Press, Inc., on-going.

Presenter, 15<sup>th</sup> International Congress on End-of-Life Care, Montreal, Canada (September 2004)  
*Pioneers of Hospice* documentary.

Presenter, Vermont International Film Festival, Fall 2004  
*Pioneers of Hospice* documentary

Presenter, Hospice Council of Vermont Annual Meeting, Summer 2004  
*Pioneers of Hospice*

Presenter, NASW-Vermont Chapter, October 2005

Presenter, Gerontological Society of America, November 2005

Chair, Session on End-of-Life Care, Gerontological Society of America, November 2005

Presenter, Association of Gerontology in Higher Education, February 2006

#### **Lectures/Presentations Given During Sabbatical, Fall 2005**

Yukon Hospice, Canada

Hospice and Home Care of Juneau, Alaska

End-of-Life Care Coalition of Western North Carolina

Mission Hospital's Health Care Professionals

Ministerial Alliance and Faith-Based Community

Mars Hill College lecture to psychology students

Mars Hill College Chapel Service

Hospice & Care Partners Staff with Long-Term Care members

Public Radio Broadcast with David Horan

Warren Wilson College (lecture to social work students)

AB Technical School Nurses' Conference

Veterans' Administration Hospice/Palliative Care Staff

Public Forum on End-of-Life Care

Mission Hospital's Ethics Conference

Memorial Service for Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of hospice in New York City

Centra Health and Hospice of the Hills in Lynchburg, Virginia

Randolph-Macon Woman's College (lecture to a health class)

Utah State Hospice Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

Kitsap County Hospice, Washington

International Workgroup on Death, Dying and Bereavement, Hong Kong

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Indianapolis, Indiana

#### **Lectures/Presentations Given During Sabbatical, Spring 2006**

"The Next Generation of End-of-Life Care," Middlesex Hospital, CT

“Pioneers of Hospice—Who Will Follow?” Cleveland Regional Medical Center, NC  
“Challenges and Opportunities in End-of-Life Care,” 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Partnership in End-of-Life Care, NC  
“Pioneers of Hospice—Breaking New Ground,” 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, UU Women, New England Region, VT  
“Dying, Death and Grief,” Given Retirement Community, NC  
“Grief is More Than Crying,” EKR/MISS Foundations Annual Conference, AZ  
“Disenfranchised Grief in Parental Loss,” EKR/MISS Foundations Annual Conference, AZ

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

Faculty Phi Beta Kappa Selection Committee, University of Virginia, 1976-1981

Dean's Committee on Improving Undergraduate Education, University of Virginia

Advisory Board, Women's Studies Program, University of Virginia

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Internship Program, University of Virginia

Thesis and Dissertation Advisor, University of Virginia, 1976-1981

Medical Center Hour Planning Board, University of Virginia Medical Center

Committee to Humanize Medical School Curricula, University of Virginia

Hospice Planning Board for the Piedmont Region, Virginia, 1980-1981

Dialysis and Transplant Patients' Evaluation Team, University of Virginia Medical Center, 1977-1981

#### HOSPICE:

Member, Board of Directors, Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, Inc., 1984-1988

President, Board of Directors, Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, Inc., 1985-1987

Group leader, instructor for volunteer training classes, Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, Inc., 1984-1988

Hospice volunteer, Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, 1988 to present

Member, Quality Assurance Program for Hospice, Visiting Nurse Association, 1985-1987

Member, Hospice Council of Vermont, 1984-1987

Nominee for National Hospice Organization Board of Directors, 1985

Representative to International Seminar on Terminal Illness, 1984, 1986, in Montreal

Workshop organizer: "Grief Counseling," with Dr. William Worden from Harvard, Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, Inc., 1986

Workshop organizer: "Bridging the Bereavement Gap" with Donna O'Toole and John Schneider, Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, Inc., 1987

Member, Committee to effect the merger of Chittenden Volunteer Hospice, Inc. and the hospice of the Visiting Nurse Association, 1988-1989

Member, Volunteer Committee, Hospice of the Champlain Valley, 1988 to 1994

Chair, Madison-Deane Initiative for Quality End of Life Care, VNA, 1999 to present  
Co-organizer: Marilyn Webb 3-day symposium on "The Good Death," Madison-Deane Initiative, November 1999

Chair, Madison-Deane Initiative, co-organizer in collaboration with the University of Vermont's Forum on Aging, a 2 day-visit: Dr. Timothy Quill, "Palliative Care at the End of Life," community presentation, November 2001. Medical Grand Rounds, "The Role of the Physician in End of Life Care," November, 2001

Chair, Madison-Deane Initiative, co-organizer of community education forum and Medical Grand Rounds: Dr. Amos Bailey, "End-of-Life Care Challenges," November 14-15, 2002

Chair, Madison-Deane Initiative, co-organizer of community education forum and Medical Grand Rounds, Dr. Balfour Mount, premiere "*Pioneers of Hospice*," September 2003.

Chair, Madison-Deane Initiative, co-organizer of community education forum and Medical Grand Rounds, Dr. Ira Byock, "*Saying the Four Things That Matter Most*," co-sponsored by UVM's Forum on Aging, Colleges of Nursing and Medicine, October 2004.

Madison-Deane Initiative member, co-organizer of community education forum and Medical Grand Rounds, William Colby, *Long Goodbye: The Deaths of Nancy Cruzan*, co-sponsored by UVM's Forum on Aging and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, October 2005.

Madison-Deane Initiative member, co-organizer of and presenter for workshop on "**Faith-based Responses to End-of-Life Issues**," Burlington, VT, Fall 2006.

Madison-Deane Initiative Advisory Council member, co-organizer of 3-day community event, *Teachable Moments: Companioning Children Through Loss and Grief*, Burlington, VT. Colin Murray-Parkes, Donna Schuurman, Phyllis Silverman and other international experts in the field of children's grief were presenters, Fall 2007.

Madison-Deane Initiative Council Chairperson: sponsored a community presentation by Naomi Rachel Remen, MD, on "**The Art of Healing**."

Madison-Deane Initiative Council Member: sponsored a community presentation by Diane Meier, MD, on "**Palliative Care: The Cure for Meaningless Suffering**," March 2011; and a Family Practice Grand Rounds presentation on "**Changing the Culture of Hospitals**," at FAHC.

Madison-Deane Initiative Council Member, helped to plan and present a community presentation on palliative care for the greater Burlington community in the Fall of 2011. Presenters were Ursula McVeigh, MD and Zail Berry, MD.

Advisory Council, Project HOME, 1988-1990

Athletic Council, member, UVM, 1986 to 1991

Athletic Council, chairperson, UVM, 1988-1990

Search Committee for Chair, Communication Science and Disorders, 1991

Outright Vermont, Board member, 1993-1995

Outside reader: Senior Analytical paper, MSW program, UVM, 1993-1994

Consultant to the School of Nursing, UVM, as a grief therapist, Spring 1995

Cats' Meow, Faculty sponsor, 1988 to 1996

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association, Faculty Sponsor, 1994-1997

Freedom to Marry Task Force, member, 1996-present

GLBT Advisory Council to Vermont Department of Health, member, 1997-1998

CUP committee member, Department of Sociology, 1999-2002

Sociology Department Internship Program, Advisor, 2000-2002

Chairperson, Student Recruitment and Retention, Sociology Department, 2003 to 2013.

Faculty Advisor, Sociology Club, Department of Sociology, 2002-2005

Undergraduate, Major and Minor Advisor, ongoing

Consultant, Dean of Student Affairs Office (revision of University's Bereavement Policy)

Co-organizer, First Annual Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Consolation, University of Vermont, April 2000

Pre-Health Advisory Committee, 1998 to 2012

Liaison to Athletic Department, Women's Basketball Program, 1990 to 2006

First Year Students' Program: First University Academic Seminar, Provost's Office (1998 to 2001)

Phi Beta Kappa Membership Committee, University of Vermont (2001 to present)

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Vermont, Vice President, 2011-2012

Simon Scholarship Selection Committee, University of Vermont (March 2002)

Kidder Scholarship Selection Committee, University of Vermont (2003 to 2008. 2012)

John Dewey Honors Committee Chair, 2002-2003  
John Dewey Honors Committee Member (2003-2004)  
John Dewey Honors Committee Chair, Fall 2007

Award Selection Committee, Women's Studies and the Women's Center, UVM (Spring 2008)

End of Life Care Advisory Committee, VNA of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties (2006 to present)

Palliative Care Collaborative Member, Fletcher Allen Health Care et al., (Spring 2007 to present)  
Post-Baccalaureate Admissions Committee, UVM (2010 to present)

### **INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

"Changing Values in the American Family," Mary Baldwin College (Virginia), college symposium, 1977

"Adolescent Suicide," Randolph-Macon Woman's College, 1979

"Families in Medical Crisis," Piedmont Community College (Virginia), 1979

"Role Conflicts Faced by Working Women," University of Virginia's Association of Women's Concerns, 1979

"Changes in the American Family's Value System," FBI Academy (Virginia), lecture to faculty, 1980

"Singlehood--A Growing Option in America," Ecumenical Council Symposium on Marriage and Family (Virginia), 1981

"A Sociological View of the Family Through History," Westminster Presbyterian Church (Virginia) 1981

"The Superwoman Phenomenon," Clifton-Forge Community College (Virginia), 1982

"Sex Differences--Real or Imagined?" FOCUS TELEVISION, Virginia, 1979

"Is the American Family Dying?" FOCUS TELEVISION, Virginia, 1980

"Success and the Courage to Fail," Bowie Senior High School, National Honor Society Induction (Maryland), 1982

### **Hospice of the Champlain Valley Training Sessions:**

"The Art of Effective Communication," 1982, 1983, 1984

"Families in Crisis," 1984

"The Hospice Movement," 1986, 1988

"The Hospice Movement: Past, Present and Future," 1984

"The Nature of Grief," 1986

"The Social Function of Wakes and Funerals," 1992, 1994, 1995

Hospice Film and Discussion Series, 1985, 1986

"The Social Significance of Funeral Rites," Hospice of the Champlain Valley, 1991, 1992

"Families Coping with Terminal Illness," Hospice Council of Vermont Speakers' Bureau (ongoing)

"Dying and Death," Fanny Allen School of Nursing, 1985, 1985

"Caregivers' Grief," Department of Public Health, VT, 1989

"AIDS: An Interdisciplinary Approach," St. Johnsbury, VT, 1989

"The Hospice Movement," Sermon, Unitarian Universalist Church, Burlington, VT, Hospice Sabbath, 1989

"Alcoholism and Date Rape," fraternity, UVM, 1989

"Feminism is Not a Four Letter Word," Harris-Millis dormitories, 1989

"The Church and Homophobia," St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington, VT. Regional Symposium, presenter, 1992

"The History of Hospice," Hospice of the Champlain Valley, 1989, 1994

"The Landscape of Grief," keynote address for workshop sponsored by the Addison County Hospice, 1990

"The Nature of Grief," Smith 4 Staff In-service, MCHV, 1993

"Grief Education for Nurses," State of Vermont Nurses Assoc., May, 1993.

"Same-Gender Marriages in Vermont: A Matter of Social Justice and Civil Rights," Vermont Freedom To Marry Task Force, April 1997

"Social Dimensions of the Aging Process," at the YES YOU CAN! conference sponsored by Project HOME in April 1994 at the Inn at Essex, Vermont.

"Family Caregiving for Frail Elders: Don't Forget to Put on Your Oxygen Mask First!," University of Vermont, Women's Council, November 1998

"Self-Care in Multigenerational Caregiving: Don't Forget to Put Your Oxygen Mask on First," Women's Advisory Council, UVM, Fall 1998.

"Self-care in Family Caregiving for Frail Elders," AARP regional presentation, Burlington, Vermont, Fall 1999

"Loss and Grief among College Students," University of Vermont Staff Council Presentation,

April 2000

"Loss and Grief Issues Facing HD Families," Annual Meeting of the Huntington Disease Association, Orlando, FL, June 2000

"Loss and Grief Issues Facing HD Families," Pre-conference Workshop for Professionals, Annual Meeting of the Huntington Disease Association, Orlando, FL, June 2000

"Myths about Aging," AmeriCorps Training, Vermont College, Fall 1998.

"Myths about Aging," AmeriCorps Training, Stowe, Fall, 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2000

"Myths about Aging," AmeriCorps Training, Stowe, Fall 2002

"Myths about Aging," AmeriCorps Training, Stowe, Fall 2004

"Patterns in Multigenerational Caregiving," AARP and the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, summer 2001.

"If One Mother Can Take Care of Five Children, Why Can't Five Children Take Care of One Mother?" Multigenerational Caregiving Challenges and Opportunities, Alumni Council of the University of Vermont, June 2001.

"Grief and Bereavement Workshop," Pillsbury Manor, September 2002.

*Pioneers of Hospice*, presentation to the Visiting Nurse Association (2003, 2004, 2005)

*Pioneers of Hospice*, presentation to First Year Medical Students, UVM, March 2003

*Pioneers of Hospice*, presentation to First Year Medical Students, UVM, March 2004

The making of *Pioneers of Hospice* presentation: Hospice of the Champlain Valley, Fall 2004

Speaker, Scholarship Banquet for Phi Beta Phi Sorority (2003, 2004)

Speaker, Phi Beta Phi Educational Event, "Loss and Grief," (2005)

"Pioneers of Hospice and the Next Generation of End-of-Life Care," Keynote Address, Alabama Hospice Organization's Annual Conference, August 2006, Birmingham, AL.

"Pioneers of Hospice," Keynote Address, North and South Carolinas End-of-Life Coalition, Annual Conference, September 2006, SC.

"Pioneers of Hospice," showing and discussion, FAHC Medicine Grand Rounds, November 2006, Burlington, VT.

"Pioneers of Hospice," showing and discussion, first-year medical students' forum on end-of-life care, UVM Medical School, January 2007, 2008.

"Midwife Through the Dying Process: My Journey with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross," UVM Alumni Association Luncheon, Sarasota, FL. March 2007.

"The Healing Potential of Legacies," half day workshop for the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN, April 2007.

"The Making of a Documentary on End-of-Life Care," presentation for the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN, April 2007.

"Grief is More Than Crying," co-presentation for the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN, April 2007.

"Be-ING in Grief," co-presentation, EKR/MISS Foundations Annual Conference, Prescott, AZ, April 2007.

"Midwife Through the Dying Process," presentation at the RMWC Reunion in Virginia, May 2007.

“Children and Grief,” VPR interview, Fall 2007.  
“Hospice Care: Changing the Way We Live and Die,” presentation. Foote Lecture Fund, University of Connecticut, March 2008.  
“Dying Individuals as a Social Minority,” Guest Lecture, University of Connecticut, March 2008.  
“Changing the Face of Dying,” Plenary Speaker, 2008 Seacoast Hospice End-of-Life Care Symposium, April 2008.  
“Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying,” film and lecture, Post-Bac Program, UVM, Fall 2008.  
“Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying,” film and lecture, Palliative Care Week, UVM College of Medicine, January 2009, 2010.  
“When Cure is Not Possible: The Hospice Option,” First Annual Symposium, Center on Aging, University of Vermont, May 2009.  
“Dying and Death are Not Detours on the Road of Life,” September 2009, presentation to Lamaille Hospice, Morrisville, VT.  
“Dying and Death are Not Detours on the Road of Life,” September 2010 presentation to Addison County Hospice Annual Meeting, Middlebury, VT.  
“The Life and Legacy of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross,” J-Term presentation at Middlebury College, January 2011.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

A.B. with Honors in Sociology, Randolph-Macon Woman's College (Virginia)

Magna Cum Laude, Randolph-Macon Woman's College

Phi Beta Kappa, Randolph-Macon Woman's College

Woodrow Wilson Scholarship Finalist, Randolph-Macon Woman's College

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges (1971)

NIMH Research Traineeship in Methodology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1971-1976

Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Alpha Kappa Delta, University of Vermont, 1984

Recognition by Office of Specialized Student Services, University of Vermont, 1989

George F. Kidder Award for outstanding teaching nominee, 1990

Kroepsch-Maurice Award for outstanding teaching nominee, 1990

Faculty Appreciation Award, Panhellenic Council, 1991

University Committee on Research and Scholarship Award: \$3,132 (May 1994-1995) with Phyllis Bronstein, Department of Psychology, UVM

Dean's Faculty Development Program Award: \$2,000 (May 1994-April 1995) with Phyllis Bronstein, Department of Psychology, UVM

Kroepsch-Maurice Award for outstanding teaching in the lecturer category, June, 1996

Developed, administered & evaluated a Respite Grant (\$50,000) for families providing care to members with dementia, from the Vermont Department for Aging and Disabilities, 1997

\$50,000 grant awarded by the Fletcher Allen Community Health Foundation to the Madison-Deane Initiative Advisory Council to educate the general public about resources for end-of-life care. As chair of the MDI advisory council, I helped to write the grant and will co-administer the grant with the Vermont Ethics Network and the Community Resource Center at Fletcher Allen Health Care (March 2002-2003).

\$72,000 grant awarded by the private JL Foundation to the Madison-Deane Initiative Advisory Council of the VNA of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties to create and produce the "Pioneers of Hospice" audio and video tapes (of interviews with Dame Cicely Saunders; Florence Wald; Balfour Mount; and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross) in collaboration with National Public Radio (2002-2003).

\$65,000 grant awarded by the private JL Foundation to the Madison-Deane Initiative Advisory Council of the VNA of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties to duplicate, market and distribute the documentary film, *Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying*, nationally.

Dean's Faculty Development Program Award: \$500.00 (2002-2003) to re-edit a documentary on dying and death, "The Life and Death of Dora Walker," created and produced by D. Brookes Cowan, Ph.D., MSW

Distinguished Professor Award (with Provost John Bramley) from the Vermont Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Fall 2002.

Elected to *Who's Who In America's Teachers* (March 2004)

Class of 2004 "You Have Influenced the Life of a Senior" Recognition

Class of 2005 "You Have Influenced the Life of a Senior" Recognition

The Richard H. Wadhams Visiting Nurse Association Community Recognition Award, November 2004

Invited speaker at the memorial service for Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, September 2004, Scottsdale, AZ. Focus: EKR's contributions to hospice and end-of-life care

Best Documentary for Professional Audiences, awarded for *Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying*, by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Fall 2004

Vermont International Film Festival Invitation for *Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying*, Fall 2004

Founding Member, the Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation, Scottsdale, Arizona, 2007 to 2011.

Nominated for Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, Spring 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

Recipient of "You Have Made a Difference Award," Senior Class, Spring 2007  
Outstanding Woman Faculty Award, UVM Women's Studies and the Women's Center, Spring 2007

Recipient of the Faculty Award by the Senior Class Council of the SGA, UVM, 2010

Invitation to be listed as a MASTER TEACHER at the University of Vermont, 2010

### **PUBLICATIONS and PRODUCTIONS**

Book Reviews:           Mechanic, David, et al. THE GROWTH OF BUREAUCRATIC  
MEDICINE in *Social Forces* (Spring 1977)

Komarovsky, Mirra. THE DILEMMAS OF MASCULINITY.  
*Social Forces* (Fall 1977).

Articles:                 "The Unlimited Potential Generation," in *Vermont Woman* (April 1989)

"Female and Forty," in *Vermont Woman* (April 1989)

Case Study:             *Ethical Dilemmas: Feminist Therapy Approaches*, Carolyn Larsen and  
Elizabeth Rave, eds., Guilford Publ., 1994.

Chapter:                "From Stonewall to Newsweek," in Karla Jay's *Dyke Life: From Growing  
Old: A Celebration of the Lesbian Experience*, with Beth Mintz, Esther  
Rothblum and Cheryl Haller, Basic Books (November 1995)

Tribute to Elisabeth Kubler-Ross in *Tea with Elisabeth (2009)*, Quality  
Life Publications: Naples, FL. Also published in German and Japanese.

Journal Articles:       "Gender and Family Factors as Predictors of Late Adolescent Emotional  
Expressiveness and Adjustment: A Longitudinal Study," *Sex Roles* (June  
1996), 32, 11/12, 739-766. (Co-authored with P. Bronstein, M. Briones  
and T. Brooks)

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Videos: *The Life and Death of Dora Walker*, created and produced by D. Brookes Cowan. An educational video focusing on a hospice patient who died at the Vermont Respite House in 1992

*Pioneers of Hospice: Changing the Face of Dying*, (2003) a documentary film detailing the origins of the modern hospice movement, as told by its founders. This film, endorsed by such experts in the field of end-of-life care as Ira Byock, Marilyn Webb, Joanne Lynn, Bill Moyers, Stephen Cutler is being distributed and shown internationally and nationally as an educational resource in professional training programs, institutions of higher learning and for lay audiences, as well. (Produced by the Madison-Deane Initiative, which I Chair).

*Living in the Face of a Life-Threatening Illness: The Palliative Care Option*, (2003). This 17-minute documentary provides an overview of palliative care, as described by local experts and exemplified through the experiences of a local family. This film has been shown throughout the state to professional and lay audiences. (Produced by the Madison-Deane Initiative).

Member of the Advisory Board for the new documentary, *The Lulu Sessions*, by filmmaker Casper Wu of New York City. The film tells the story of the dying process of its protagonist, a cancer researcher who struggles with the irony of dying from a disease she was trying to cure, and her personal challenges with complicated family and love relationships. (2010 to present)

As part of my work plan for my 2012-2013 sabbatical I wrote the first draft of my memoir, *A Child of Grace*.

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