KELLY MELEKIS, MSW, PHD

EDUCATION, LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

PhD **Boston University School of Social Work, 2012**
Interdisciplinary Program in Sociology and Social Work

MSW **University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare, 2001**
Concentration: Gerontology

BSW **University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services, 1998**
Certificate in Gerontology

Licensed Master Social Work (#067501)
New York State, 2003-2018

End of Life Doula, Professional Certificate
University of Vermont, Larner College of Medicine, 2018

Certificate in Psychedelic Therapies and Research
California Institute for Integral Studies, 2026

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-Present **University of Vermont**
Associate Professor, Department of Social Work
MSW Program Coordinator, January 2023 – June 2026
Interim Department Chair, January – June 2024

2022-Present **Vytautas Magnus University**
Affiliate Faculty and Research Scholar, Department of Social Work

2016-2022 **Skidmore College**
Associate Professor and Chair (2019-2022), Department of Social Work
Assistant Professor (2016-2019), Department of Social Work

2011-2019 **Boston University School of Social Work**
Adjunct Faculty, Online MSW Program

2012-2016 **University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services**
Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work

2012 **Champlain College**
Lecturer, Social Work

2011-2012 **Boston University School of Social Work**
Adjunct Faculty, MSW Program

2010- 2011 **University of Hawaii School of Social Work**
Assistant Professor, MSW Program

2009 **Boston University School of Social Work**
Adjunct Faculty, Research Department

2006–2009 **Skidmore College**
Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work
Instructor and Advisor, University Without Walls (UWW) Program

2006 **Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology**
Adjunct Faculty, Selected Topics in Geropsychology

2006 **Boston University School of Social Work**
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Social Welfare Policy, *Aging Policy and Programs*

2005 **Boston University School of Social Work**
Graduate Research Tutor, Research Department

2004 **Skidmore College**
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

2003-2004 **Maria College**
Adjunct Faculty, Bereavement Studies Program, *Disenfranchised Grief*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Kimball, H.B., Weisse, C. S., Doing, G., & **Melekis, K**. (2026). Informal caregivers' administration of opiate, benzodiazepine, and antipsychotic medications to home hospice patients experiencing hyperactive delirium in the last week of life. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine.* https://doi.org/10.1177/10499091261500745

Bloch, T., **Melekis, K.,** Failla, M., & Escorpizo, R. (2026). Exploring clinical reasoning in physical and occupational therapists treating frail older adult in skilled nursing facilities: A Delphi study. *Age and Ageing*. https://doi.org/10.1093/ageing/afag293

Weisse, C. S., **Melekis, K.**, Nguyen, L., Colier, C., & Kelley, N. (2026). A retrospective mixed-methods analysis of falls among patients in social model hospice residential care homes. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine.* https://doi.org/10.1177/10499091261476214

Melekis, K. (2026). Words create worlds: Maintaining social work values in the current socio-political environment. *Social Work*. https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swag044

Gonyea, J. G. & **Melekis, K.** (2026). Walk in our shoes: Older homeless women's perceptions of the challenges of navigating streets and shelter life. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health, 7*. https://doi.org/10.3389/fgwh.2026.1697164

Melekis, K. & Jatlow, D. (2026). Integrating critical reflection models into social work education: Unearthing assumptions, values, bias, and power. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work,* 46(2), 134-143. https://doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2026.2634632

Melekis, K., Weisse, C.S., Whittier, J., & Bidgood, K. (2026). Hyperactive delirium during hospice patients' last week of life in a home care setting. *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine.* https://doi.org/10.1177/10499091261429094

Fook, J. & **Melekis, K.** (2025). The social work contribution in end-of-life care. *Palliative Care and Social Practice, 19.* https://doi.org/10.1177/26323524251357325

Melekis, K., Weisse, C.S, Phillips, E., & Slattery, C. (2024). Empathy development among undergraduate health professions students serving as caregivers to hospice patients. *Health Professions Education, 10*(3). https://hpe.researchcommons.org/journal/vol10/iss3/14

Reblin, M., Ambrose, N., Gell, N., **Melekis, K.,** Proulx, C. (2024). Caregiver characteristics and barriers to resource use: Findings from a rural state caregiver survey. *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, 10.* https://doi.org/10.1177/23337214241275050

Weisse, C. S., **Melekis, K.**, Cheng, A., Konda, A.K., Major, A. (2024). Mixed-methods study of end-of-life experiences of patients with hematologic malignancies in social hospice residential home care settings. *JCO Oncology Practice, 20*(6), 779-786. https://doi.org/10.1200/OP.23.00534

Melekis K., Weisse C.S., D'Alonzo J., and Cheng A. (2023). Social model hospice residential care homes: Whom do they really serve? *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, 40*(12), 1317-1323. https://doi.org/10.1177/10499091221150769

Melekis, K., Weisse, C., & Phillips, E. (2023). Engaging future healthcare professionals as caregivers to hospice patients in comfort care homes. *OMEGA - Journal of Death and Dying, 87*(2), 632-648. https://doi.org/10.1177/00302228211026197

Weisse, C., & **Melekis, K.** (2021). Academic-community partnerships to promote interprofessional training in end-of-life care. *Journal of Interprofessional Education and Practice, 24.* https://doi.org/10.1016/j.xjep.2021.100437

Weisse, C., & **Melekis, K**. (2021). Comfort care homes: Pressures and protocols in end-of-life care during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care, 17*(2-3), 173-185. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15524256.2021.1910109

Melekis, K., & Gonyea, J. G. (2020). Identity narration and negotiation among older adults experiencing homelessness. *Journal of Aging and Environment, 35*(3), 249-272. https://doi.org/10.1080/26892618.2020.1834051

van Eeghen, C., Hitt, J., King, J.G., Okech, J.E., Rouleau, B., **Melekis, K.,** Kessler, R., Pinckney, R. (2019). An interprofessional education pilot program on Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) improves student knowledge, skills, and attitudes. *International Journal of Higher Education*, *8*, 119-132. https://doi.org/10.5430/ijhe.v8n1p119

Weisse, C., **Melekis, K**., & Hutchins, B. (2019). Providing end of life care: Increased empathy and self-efficacy among student caregivers in residential homes for the dying. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, 36*(6), 538-545. https://doi.org/10.1177/1049909118820844

Staton, S., **Melekis, K.,** & McCarthy, P. (2018). A review of Collegiate Recovery Communities and recommendations for implementation on a small residential campus. *Innovative Higher Education, 43*(6). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10755-018-9442-2

Gonyea, J. G., & **Melekis, K.** (2018). Women's housing challenges in later life: The importance of a gender lens. *Generations*, *41*(4), 45-53. Available at: https://www.jstor.org/stable/26556316

Gonyea, J. G., Curley, A., **Melekis, K.**, & Lee, Y. (2017). Perceptions of neighborhood safety and depressive symptoms among older minority urban subsidized housing residents: The mediating effect of sense of community belonging. *Aging & Mental Health, 1-6.* http://doi.org/10.1080/13607863.2017.1383970

Prelock, P. A., Melvin, C., Lemieux, N., **Melekis, K**., Velleman, S., Favro, M. A. (2017). One team-patient, family, and health care providers: An interprofessional education activity providing collaborative and palliative care. *Seminars in Speech and Language, 38*(5), 350-359. https://doi.org/10.1055/s-0037-1607071

Gonyea, J. G., & **Melekis, K.** (2017). Older homeless women's identity negotiation: Agency, resistance, and the construction of a valued self. *The Sociological Review, 65*(1), 67-82. http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/1467-954X.12369

Gonyea, J. G., Curley, A., **Melekis, K.**, Levine, N., & Lee, Y. (2016). Loneliness and depression among older adults in urban subsidized housing. *Journal of Aging and Health, 30*(3), 458-474. https://doi.org/10.1177/0898264316682908

Melekis, K. & Woodhouse, V. (2015). Transforming social work curricula: Institutional supports for promoting sustainability. *Social Work Education: The International Journal, 34*(5), 575-587. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2015.1066325

Henwood, B. F., **Melekis, K**., & Stefancic, A. (2014). Introducing housing first within a rural service system: A multi-stakeholder perspective. *Global Journal of Community Psychology Practice*. Special issue on Transformative Change in Community Mental Health, 5(1), 1-13. http://www.gjcpp.org/pdfs/2014-SI06-20140519.pdf

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Mills-Dick, K., Geron, S. M., & Erwin, H. (2007). Evaluation through collaboration: A model program of agency-based training in geriatric social work. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, *50*(1/2), 39-57. http://dx.doi.org/10.1300/j083v50n01_04

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Scharlach, A., Dal Santo, T., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (2005). Assuring quality of long-term care insurance benefits through care management. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy, 17*(3), 39-59. http://dx.doi.org/10.1300/j031v17n03_03

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Fook, J. & **Melekis, K.** (2025). The social work contribution in end-of-life care. *Palliative Care and Social Practice.* Sage. https://journals.sagepub.com/topic/collections

Book and Encyclopedia Chapters

Melekis, K. & Solomon, B. (in process; under contract). Situated knowledge, epistemological spaces, and the potential of glocalized methodologies. In S. Vicary (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier.

Melekis, K. & Reiter, J. (in process; under contract). Arts-based research methods. In J. Reiter (Ed.). *Research Methods for the Study of Intimate Partner Violence: A Guide for Social Work and Public Health Students* (Chapter 2). London: Routledge.

Melekis, K. (2017). Self-neglect: A statewide assessment in Vermont. In M. R. Day, G. McCarthy, and J. J. Fitzpatrick (Eds.). *Self-Neglect in Older Adults: A Global, Evidence-Based Resource for Nurses and Other Healthcare Providers*. New York, NY: Springer.

Melekis, K. & Sanders, E. (2015). Vermont. In M. A. Odekon (Ed.). *Encyclopedia of World Poverty (2nd ed.)* (pp. 1629-1630). Sage Publications.

Melekis, K. (2014). Funerals. In J. Golson (Ed.). *Social History of American Families: An Encyclopedia* (pp. 592-595). Sage Publications.

Melekis, K. (2014). Nursing homes. In J. Golson (Ed.). *Social History of American Families: An Encyclopedia* (pp. 961-965). Sage Publications.

Melekis, K. & Mills-Dick, C. (2014). Shelters. In J. Golson (Ed.). *Social History of American Families: An Encyclopedia* (pp. 1177-1180). Sage Publications.

Mills-Dick, K. (2007). Working with homeless older adults: An impetus for hope and change. In L. M. Grobman and D. B. Bourassa (Eds.), *Days in the Lives of Gerontological Social Workers* (pp. 189-195). Harrisburg, PA: White Hat Comm.

Book Reviews

Melekis, K. (2017). Caring for a parent in their final chapter: Unique and universal lessons from one 'father-daughter' dance. *The Gerontologist, 57*(2), 385-386. https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnx004

Mills-Dick, K. (2012). Living your best with early-stage Alzheimer's: An essential guide, by Lisa Snyder. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 55*(3), 298-300. https://doi.org/10.1080/0/01634372.2012.66532

Monographs and Reports

Kaup, M., Gonyea, J. G., & **Melekis, K.** (2019). *Older persons experiencing homelessness: Their perceptions and needs influencing supportive interior design and architecture.* https://www.designresourcesforhomelessness.org/_files/ugd/48961a_9cd032093ed4448284ec19d45176e376.pdf

Schooler, J., Wood, V. F., Fong, R., **Melekis, K.,** Joyal, B. A., Shuma, C. R., et al. (2018). *The continuing journey of children and families: An informational guide for those parenting by adoption or guardianship.* https://www.vtadoption.org/downloads/Final%20Continuing%20Journey%204.27.18.pdf

Melekis, K. (2017). *Vermont statewide assessment of needs and resources for older adults.* Prepared for the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

Melekis, K. (2017). *Caring for ADRD caregivers in Vermont: A statewide survey.* Prepared for the Vermont Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. https://asd.vermont.gov/sites/asd/files/documents/2017%20Caregiver%20Survey%20Report%20-%20Kelly%20Melekis.pdf

Melekis, K. & Hutchins, B. (2017). *ADRD caregiver interventions: Promising practices for Vermont.* Prepared for the Vermont Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

Melekis, K. (2014). *Responding to self-neglect*. Prepared for the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

Melekis, K. (2014). *Vermont statewide assessment of needs and resources for older adults and caregivers.* Prepared for the Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

Mills-Dick, K. & Herrick, S. R. (August, 2010). *Maine victim services needs assessment.* Prepared for Elder Justice Partners: http://elderjusticepartners.uma.edu

Mills-Dick, K. & Herrick, S. R. (June, 2010). *The effectiveness of elder abuse trainings for law enforcement delivered throughout Maine*. Prepared for Elder Justice Partners.

Mills-Dick, K., Lorge, I., & Geron, S. M. (2007). *Training retired social workers: Experience and innovation to serve the aging population*. Issue Brief. Boston, MA: Institute for Geriatric Social Work.

Scharlach, A., Whittier, S., **Mills-Dick, K**., Giunta, N., Dal Santo, T., Coon, D., Fox, P., & Tobin-Glazer, K. (2002). *Major caregiver resources in California: An inventory analysis.* Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

Scharlach, A., Kietzman, K., Fox, P., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., **Mills-Dick, K**., et al. (2002). *Local caregiver needs assessment under California's Family Caregiver Support Program.* Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

Scharlach, A., Dal Santo, T., Greenlee, J., Whittier, S., Coon, D., Kietzman, K., **Mills-Dick, K**., et al. (2001). *Family caregivers in California: Needs, interventions and model programs.* Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

Scharlach, A., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (2001). *Case management in long-term care integration: An overview of current programs and evaluations*. White paper for the California Center for Long-Term Care Integration at the University of Southern California. Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

Scharlach, A., Robinson, B., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (2001). *Care management & quality assurance under long-term care insurance.* Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services, University of California at Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.

Scharlach, A., Robinson, B., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (2000). Retirement Research Foundation Report *Assuring quality in care management under long-term care insurance.* Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

Scharlach, A., Robinson, B., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (2000). AARP Andrus Foundation Final Report: *Assuring quality in services provided under long-term care insurance.* Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

Scharlach, A., Robinson, B., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (2000). *Care management in long term care insurance: Implementation of CPLTC regulations.* Berkeley, CA: Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Melekis, K. & Cepeda, E. (October, 2026). *Unusual perceptual experiences at the end-of-life: Caregiver responses and implications for symptom management*. Paper presented at the Montreal International Palliative Care Congress. Montréal, Canada.

Gonyea, J. G. & **Melekis, K.** (September, 2026). *Gendering older women's homelessness: Family connection, caregiving, and precarity.* Paper presented at the 20th European Research Conference on Homelessness. Lisbon, Portugal.

Gonyea, J. G. & **Melekis, K.** (July, 2026). *Gendering older women's homelessness: Family connection, care work, and housing precarity.* Paper presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics. Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Melekis, K., Hall, E., Reiter, J. (March, 2026). *Vijana voices: Coping and resilience among adolescents in Uganda*. Paper presented at The Qualitative Report 17th Annual Conference. Online.

Melekis, K. (November, 2025). Chair and discussant for symposium entitled *Improving death literacy through interdisciplinary research-practice partnerships and experiential learning* presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Melekis, K. & Weisse, C.S. (November, 2025). *Interdisciplinary pathways to death literacy: Social model hospice homes as a site for experiential learning*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Melekis, K., Cepeda, E., Weisse, C., & Killian, M. (November, 2025). *Unusual perceptual experiences at the end-of-life: Caregiver responses and implications for symptom management.* Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Melekis, K. (October, 2025). *The construction of elder self-neglect*. Poster presented at the Aging & Social Change Interdisciplinary Conference: Aging, Intergenerational Solidarity and the Polycrisis. Linköping University, Norrköping, Sweden.

Melekis, K. (October, 2025). *Words create worlds: Maintaining social work values in the current sociopolitical environment.* Hot Topic presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Melekis, K. & Weisse, C. S. (September, 2024). *Social model hospice homes: An untapped resource for reducing EOL disparities and training community caregivers*. Poster presented at the Aging & Social Change Interdisciplinary Conference: Diversity over Time. University of Galway, Institute for Lifecourse and Society, Galway, Ireland.

Gonyea, J. G. & **Melekis, K.** (September, 2024). *The importance of an intersectionality lens for understanding older women's homelessness: Exploring social othering, social identities, and the complexity of everyday life.* Paper presented at the Aging & Social Change Interdisciplinary Conference: Diversity over Time. University of Galway, Institute for Lifecourse and Society, Galway, Ireland.

Melekis, K. (November, 2023). Chair and discussant for symposium entitled *Palliative and end-of-life care for older adults with experiences of homelessness* at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL.

Melekis, K. & Weisse, C.S. (November, 2023). *Collaborative research with mixed method dataset using decedent data*. Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *Opportunities and challenges in large qualitative datasets in gerontological research* at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL.

Cheng, A., Weisse, C.S., & **Melekis, K.** (October, 2023). *A comparison of pain medication utilization in patients with hematologic and solid tumor malignancies in a home hospice*

setting. Poster presented at Albany Medical College Medical Student Investigation Day. Albany, NY.

Melekis, K., Weisse, C.S., & D'Alonzo, J. (October, 2022*). Community-run residential care homes for the dying and the patients they serve.* Poster presented at the McGill International Palliative Care Congress. Montreal.

Melekis, K., Slattery, C., & Weisse, C.S. (January, 2022). *Expressions of empathy in end-of-life care education: A qualitative case study.* Paper presented at The Qualitative Report 13th Annual Conference. Online.

Weisse, C.S., **Melekis, K**., Rohlfsen, L., & Caro, C. (February, 2021). *Engaging students as caregivers to hospice patients in community-run residential care homes.* Paper presented at The End of Life Experience, Global Inclusive Interdisciplinary Conference. Online.

Gonyea, J. G., & **Melekis, K.** (November, 2020). *What does it mean to age in place as an older homeless woman? Facing an altered sense of place, belonging, and identity*. Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Online.

Melekis, K., & Boyd, T. (August, 2020). *Revisioning social work praxis: Pedagogical strategies for transformative change.* Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Problems. San Francisco, CA. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19).

Melekis, K., & Kleiner, S. (March, 2020). *Elder self-neglect reporting and response.* Poster presentation at the Aging in America Conference. Atlanta, GA. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19).

Melekis, K. (November, 2019). *Elder self-neglect: Reporting and response without APS oversight.* Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Austin, TX.

Adams, C., **Melekis, K**., & Weisse, C. (March, 2019). *Residential homes for the dying: An untapped resource for teaching patient- and family-centered end of life care before professional school training.* Poster presentation at the Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care. Orlando, FL.

Melekis, K. (November, 2018). *A photovoice exploration of older adult homelessness.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *The lived experience of homelessness in later life: Unique vulnerabilities and opportunities.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Melekis, K., Weisse, C., Moore, C.D., & Lee, E. (April, 2018). *Residential homes for the dying: Unique training in end-of-life care.* Paper presentation at the Association for Death Education and Counseling Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.

Melekis, K., Weisse, C., Moore, C.D., & Lee, E. (March, 2018). *Training undergraduates in end-of-life care: Student experiences in residential homes for the dying.* Poster presentation at the Aging in America Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Gonyea, J. G., Curley, A., **Melekis, K.** (January, 2018). *Perceptions of neighborhood safety and depressive symptoms among older minority urban subsidized housing residents: The mediating effect of sense of community belonging*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference. Washington, DC.

Gonyea, J. G., & **Melekis, K**. (August, 2017). *Falling through the cracks: How older homeless women negotiate their movement through homelessness.* Paper presentation at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.

Gonyea, J. G., Curley, A., & **Melekis, K**. (July, 2017). *Correlates of depression among lower-income minority older adults living in urban subsidized housing.* Poster presentation at the 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics. San Francisco, CA.

Melekis, K., & Gonyea, J. G. (November, 2016). *Creating effective responses to homelessness in later life.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Prelock, P. A., Favro, M. A., Velleman, S., Melvin, C. S., Palumbo, M. V., Beatson, J., **Melekis, K**., O'Rourke, D. A. (November, 2016). *An interprofessional end of life simulation for educating students*. Seminar presentation at the American Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention. Philadelphia, PA.

Palumbo, M. V., Melvin, C. S., LeMieux, N. P., O'Rourke, D.A., Beatson, J., Prelock, P., **Melekis, K**., Favro, M. A., & Hart, V. (July, 2016). *An interprofessional end of life simulation using a movie/discussion format.* Paper presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress. Cape Town, South Africa.

Melekis, K., & Palumbo, M.V. (March, 2016). *Interprofessional education in palliative care*. Roundtable presentation at the Aging in America Conference. Washington, DC.

Melekis, K. (November, 2015). *Establishing a coordinated community response to elder self-neglect.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *Elder self-neglect: International perspectives and responses* coordinated by **K. Melekis** and M. R. Day. Gerontological Society of American Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL.

Gonyea J. & **Melekis, K.** (November, 2015). *Narratives of older homeless women: Social connection, sense of agency and levels of resistance.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *Gendered trajectories? The pathways and experiences of older homeless adults* coordinated by L. Thomas and **K. Melekis**. Gerontological Society of American Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL.

Hooyman, N., **Melekis, K.,** Morano, C., Moniz, C., & Sciegaj, M. (October, 2015). Faculty Development Institute on *Training social workers with person-centered and participant-directed competencies: Instructional techniques*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Hooyman, N., **Melekis, K.,** Morano, C., Moniz, C., & Sciegaj, M. (October, 2015). Panel presentation on *Infusing person-centered and participant-directed competencies into curriculum*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Witkin, S., Besthorn, F., **Melekis, K.,** & Stanton, M. C. (October, 2015). Panel presentation on *The Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Rouleau, B., Dale, R., Buck-Rolland, C., Okech, J., **Melekis, K**., Stein, W., Widrick, G., Hitt, J., Kessler, R., King, J., Pinckney, R., van Luling, J., & van Eeghen, C. (October, 2015). *Interprofessional education: Building a framework for collaboration.* Poster presented at Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Institute. Herndon, VA.

Melekis, K. (April, 2015). *Elder self-neglect in the United States: Establishing a coordinated community response.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *Self-neglect: An International symposium.* International Association for Gerontology and Geriatrics – European Region Congress. Dublin, Ireland.

Melekis, K., Holler, J. & Palumbo, M.V. (March, 2015). *Preparing social work students for interprofessional practice in the care of elders*. Poster presented at the Aging in America Conference. Chicago, IL.

Melekis, K. (November, 2014). *Housing status and self-identity: Managing the stigma of being old and homeless.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *Perspectives on the housing and health status of older homeless adults.* Gerontological Society of American Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Scichilone, E. P. & **Melekis, K.** (March, 2014). *For me, it's the drinkin' and druggin', you know?": Substance use in the lives of homeless elders.* Poster presented at the Aging in America Conference. San Diego, CA.

Melekis, K., & Gonyea, J. G. (November, 2013). *Pathways to elder homelessness: The role of cumulative disadvantage and disadvantage saturation.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *No place like home: The challenges of homelessness, inadequate and unstable housing in later life.* Gerontological Society of American Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Melekis, K. (April, 2013). *Subsisting in a subhuman subculture: The 'homeless' identity*. Taos Institute Annual Conference. Taos, NM.

Melekis, K. (January, 2013). *Older adults' pathways through homelessness: The role of economic challenges and resources.* Paper presented as part of symposium entitled *Aging and economic vulnerability: Causes, consequences, and potential interventions*. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.

Tanur, M., Means, R., Seaman, J., Vitale, B., DeFilippis, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (November, 2012). *Nursing care management of Boston's elder homeless women: Current insights and future plans.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

Mills-Dick, K. & Gonyea, J. G. (January, 2012). *The use of qualitative research to illuminate elders' pathways in and out of homelessness.* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. Washington, DC.

Mills-Dick, K. & Gonyea, J. G. (November, 2011). *Pathways out of elder homelessness: Perceived barriers and potential solutions.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Hull, J. M. & **Mills-Dick, K**. (October, 2011). *Enriching community plans to end homelessness: The role of collaborative research.* American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Hong, S., Stotzer, R., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (October, 2011). *Engaging students in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.* Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Gonyea, J. G., Bachman, S. S., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (November, 2010). *The emergence of elder homelessness as a social problem: Policy trends and community responses.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Mills-Dick, K. (November, 2009). *No room at the inn: Housing policy implications of the social construction of elder homelessness in the U.S.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Mills-Dick, K., Gordon, T., Jennings, K., Eisenhart, M., Moore, C. & Peck, M. (November, 2009). *Using oral histories as a pedagogical tool in social work undergraduate curriculum*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. San Antonio, TX.

Mills-Dick, K., & Hull, J. M. (March, 2009). *Collaborative research: Empowering students and connecting to community*. The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Meeting. Phoenix, AZ.

Mills-Dick, K. (November, 2008). Organizer for Symposium: *Maximizing resilience for homeless, marginally housed, and at-risk older adults by linking shelter and services*. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, National Harbor, MD.

Mills-Dick, K. & Geron, S. M. (January, 2007). *Educating geriatric social work practitioners: A model program of agency-based training.* Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Mills-Dick, K. (November, 2006). *Educating retired social workers: Experience and innovation to serve the aging population.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Kuhn, K. & **Mills-Dick, K**. (April, 2006). *Mental health and aging: Creating connection and change*. National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter Annual Meeting. Marlborough, MA.

Mills-Dick, K. (February, 2006). *Training retired social workers: Experience and innovation to serve the aging population*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Mills-Dick, K., Skala, S., Pearl, N., & Pearl, D. (October, 2005). *Online training: An innovative approach to training social workers.* National Association of Social Workers, Illinois Chapter Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Mills-Dick, K. (February, 2005). *Predictors of perceived training effectiveness in geriatric social work continuing education*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. New York, NY.

Mills-Dick, K. & Andrews, C. (February, 2005). *The effectiveness and impact of training experiences for practicing social workers serving older adults.* Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. New York, NY.

Mills-Dick, K. & Keefe, B. (November 2004). *The effectiveness and impact of learning experiences for practicing social workers serving older adults.* Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Whitlatch, C., Feinberg, L., Giunta, N., **Mills-Dick, K**., & Kietzman, K. G. (March, 2003). *Respecting both voices in dyad research: The challenges of interviewing family caregivers and persons with cognitive impairment*. National Council on Aging and American Society on Aging Joint Conference. Chicago, IL.

Scharlach, A., Dal Santo, T., **Mills-Dick, K**., & Coon, D. (November, 2002). Results of a statewide survey of California caregivers. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.

Mills-Dick, K. (March, 2002). *Attitudes and perceptions of homeless elders toward shelters.* National Council on Aging and American Society on Aging Joint Conference. Denver, CO.

Simon, J. & **Mills-Dick, K.** (March, 2002). *Gerontological social work training: Facing the future of an aging California.* National Council on Aging and American Society on Aging Joint Conference. Denver, CO.

Scharlach, A., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K**. (March, 2002). *Implementing the National Family Caregiver Support Program in California.* National Council on Aging and American Society on Aging Joint Conference. Denver, CO.

Damron-Rodriguez, J., Hadden, B. R., Ivry, J., Scharlach, A., Robinson, B., **Mills-Dick, K.**, Gellis, Z., Fortune, A. E., Yamada, Y., Postmus, J., & Mertz, L. (2002*). Attitudes toward aging among social work students: Preliminary results from the Hartford Geriatric Social Work Field Practicum Development Program.* The Society for Social Work and Research. San Diego, CA.

Scharlach, A.E., Robinson, B.K., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K.** (July, 2001). *An evaluation of consumer protections provisions in long-term care insurance.* 17th Congress of the International Association of Gerontology. Vancouver, BC.

Scharlach, A.E., Robinson, B. K., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K.** (June, 2001). *Quality assurance policies and practices in privately-financed care management.* 5th International Care/Case Management Conference. Vancouver, BC.

Scharlach, A.E., & Robinson, B. K., Dal Santo, T., Giunta, N., & **Mills-Dick, K.** (March, 2001). *Future directions for care management under long-term care insurance.* American Society on Aging Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL.

Invited

Melekis, K. & Reiter, J. (May, 2026). *Constructing a practice stance*. Workshop presentation for International Days in Social Work. University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria. Linz, Austria.

Melekis, K. (October, 2025). *Dialogic engagement in global social work: A resource guide.* Panel presentation for The Kendall Institute Grant Award Showcase at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Denver, CO.

Melekis, K. (May, 2025). *Social work from a global perspective.* Lecture presentation at the 26th International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K. (October, 2024). *The great turning: The role of social work in responding to environmental degradation and injustice.* Lecture presentation for the University of Bristol, MSW Program, Bristol, UK.

Melekis, K. (May, 2024). *Transformative social work: Constructing a practice stance*. Lecture presentation at International Days in Social Work. University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria. Linz, Austria.

Melekis, K. (May, 2024). *Social work from a global perspective*. Lecture presentation at the 25th International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K. (May, 2023). *Social work from a global perspective*. Lecture presentation at the 24th International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Pezzulo, J., Weisse, C., & **Melekis, K.** (April, 2023). *Bridging gaps in end-of-life care for hospice patients with housing or caregiver instability*. Grand Rounds Presentation for Ellis Medicine Department of Internal Medicine.

Melekis, K. (June, 2022). *Elder abuse, neglect, and self-neglect: Building support for elders.* Keynote presentation for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day conference at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania.

Melekis, K., Hefel, J., Killian, J., Magbagbeola, A. (May, 2022). *Social work from a global perspective*. Panel presentation at the 23rd International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K., Killian, J., Kutzer, C. (May, 2022). *Housing and homelessness*. Panel presentation at the 23rd International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K. (May, 2022). *U.S. Society: Social Issues and Responses* Lecture presentation for Vilnius University Department of Sociology, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Melekis, K. (March, 2022). *Social Work in the U.S.* Lecture presentation for Vilnius University Department of Social Work, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Melekis, K. (June, 2021). *Kinship care: Policies and practices in the U.S.* Lecture presentation for the Social Work in Child and Family Welfare within a Child Rights Perspective conference, hosted by Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania.

Melekis, K. (March, 2021). *Elder self-neglect*. Presentation for the Vermont Vulnerable Adults Fatality Review Team, Vermont Attorney General's Office.

Melekis, K. (February, 2021). *The great turning: The role of social work in responding to environmental degradation and injustice.* Lecture Presentation for Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences, Austria.

Melekis, K. (February, 2021). *The great turning: The role of social work in responding to environmental degradation and injustice.* Lecture presentation for the University of Kassel Institute of Social Work, Germany.

Melekis, K. (May, 2019). *The great turning: The role of social work in responding to environmental degradation and injustice.* Lecture presentation at the 22nd International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K. (May, 2019). *Social isolation: An overview*. Lecture presentation at the inaugural meeting of a collaborative to explore and address social isolation among older Vermonters. Vermont Area Agencies on Aging. Barre, VT.

Melekis, K. (May, 2018). *Sustainability and social justice: The role of social work in addressing environmental degradation and injustice.* Lecture presentation at the 21st International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K. (September, 2017). *Self-neglect: Understanding and community response.* Vermont Association for Area Agencies on Aging Conference. Killington, VT.

Melekis, K. (July, 2017). *Caring for ADRD caregivers in Vermont: Results from a statewide survey.* Presentation for the Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias. State of Vermont Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. Waterbury, VT.

Melekis, K. (May, 2017). *Social work and sustainability: Exploring connections between environmental, economic, and social well-being.* Lecture presentation at the 20th International Summer School in Social Work and Social Sciences: Social Work from a Global Perspective. University at Lapland. Rovaniemi, Finland.

Melekis, K. (March, 2017). Panelist for Diversity Summit. *Inequality matters: Focus on older adult homelessness*. American Society on Aging, Aging in America Conference. Chicago, IL.

Rouleau, B., Dale, R., Buck-Rolland, C., Okech, J., **Melekis, K**., Stein, W., Widrick, G., … & van Eeghen, C. (March, 2016). *The Vermont SBIRT Training Collaborative: Team based training in team based care.* Poster presented at the SBIRT Grantees Annual Conference. Bethesda, MD.

Rouleau, B., Dale, R., Buck-Rolland, C., Okech, J., **Melekis, K**., Stein, W., Widrick, G., … & van Eeghen, C. (October, 2015). *Interprofessional education: Building a framework for collaboration.* Poster presented at the Transforming Primary Care and Behavioral Health Conference. Essex Junction, VT.

Garnett, B. & **Melekis, K.** (May, 2014). *Infusing behavioral health in a health career opportunities pipeline (HCOP) program.* University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services Research Symposium. Burlington, VT.

Roche, S. & **Melekis, K.** (May, 2014). *Teaching social work practice in a digital world.* University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services Research Symposium. Burlington, VT.

Holler, J., **Melekis, K**., & Palumbo, M.V. (May, 2014). *Preparing social work students for interprofessional practice in the care of elders* (Poster). University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services Research Symposium. Burlington, VT.

Melekis, K. (May, 2013). *Subsisting in a subhuman subculture: The 'homeless˜ identity* (Poster). University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services Research Symposium. Burlington, VT.

Mills-Dick, K. (November, 2006). *The un-retirement and lifelong learning of retired social workers.* Boston University Social Welfare Analysis Colloquium. Boston, MA.

Mills-Dick, K. (May, 2005). *Predictors of perceived training effectiveness in geriatric social work continuing education*. Massachusetts Gerontology Assoc. Waltham, MA.

Izzo, J. & **Mills-Dick, K**. (July, 2002). *When aging is not in place: Homeless elders.* American Society on Aging West Coast Summer Series. San Francisco, CA.

Izzo, J. & **Mills-Dick, K.** (July, 2001). *When aging is not in place: Homeless elders.* American Society on Aging West Coast Summer Series. San Francisco, CA.

Scharlach, A., Giunta, N., **Mills-Dick, K.** (July, 2001). *An overview of current case management programs and evaluation methods for long-term care integration.* Presentation to the California Center for Long-Term Care Integration. Sacramento, CA.

Professional Trainings and Workshops

Berry, C. & **Melekis, K.** (September, 2015). *What would change mean? What are our stories?* Workshop for Challenging Poverty. University of Vermont College of Education and Social Services Committee on Diversity Initiatives Conference. Burlington, VT.

Melekis, K. (October, 2014). *Motivational interviewing: Skills Workshop.* Committee on Temporary Shelter. Burlington, VT.

Melekis, K. (December, 2013). *The ethics of social media in long-term care: Reducing risks and enhancing well-being.* Maine Health Care Association, Augusta, ME.

Melekis, K. & Young, E. (September, 2013). *Ethics and social media.* National Association of Social Workers, Vermont Chapter. Randolph, VT.

Melekis, K. (March, 2013). *Motivational interviewing: Changing the conversation, empowering consumers.* Committee on Temporary Shelter. Burlington, VT.

Melekis, K. & Pillard, E. (March, 2013). *Ethical challenges in the changing social work contexts: Tensions and possibilities*. University of Vermont Department of Social Work Field Instructor Seminar. Burlington, VT.

Young, E., & **Mills-Dick, K.** (January, 2012). *Social media: Effective and ethical use of new tools in clinical and community practice.* National Association of Social Workers, Vermont Chapter. Colchester, VT.

Mills-Dick, K. (February, 2011). Invited Guest Instructor, Social Gerontology (3-day course). Okinawa International University. Okinawa, Japan.

Mills-Dick, K. (September, 2009). *Ethics and elders: Working with families in difficult transitions.* National Association of Social Workers, Vermont Chapter. Rutland, VT.

Mills-Dick, K. (June, 2009). *Ethical challenges for the geriatric social worker: Mastering a sound decision-making process.* Maine Health Care Association. Augusta, ME.

Mills-Dick, K. (February, 2009). *Ethical challenges for the geriatric social worker: Mastering a sound decision-making process.* Maine Health Care Association. Freeport, ME.

Mills-Dick, K. (July, 2007). *Ethical dilemmas in long-term care: Refining social work practice in nursing homes.* Maine Health Care Association. Bangor, ME.

Mills-Dick, K. (March, 2007). *Ethical dilemmas in long-term care: Refining social work practice in nursing homes.* Maine Health Care Association. Freeport, ME.

Mills-Dick, K. (December, 2006). *Ethical dilemmas in long-term care: Refining social work practice in nursing homes.* Maine Health Care Association, Augusta, ME.

Media Interviews and Presentations

Mills-Dick, K. (February 23, 2012). *Ethical issues in using social media in social work practice*. The Social Workers Radio Show. WCDB 90.9 FM, University at Albany, NY.

RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION

Current Projects

2025-Present **Principal Investigator**, Elder Self Neglect: Supporting Community Response
Borchard Foundation Center for Law and Aging

- Conduct review of policies and laws addressing elder self-neglect

2019-Present **Consultant,** NEDCorps 2.0 Program Evaluation
Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

- Program evaluator for NEDCorps, which seeks to reduce poverty among individuals and families in northeast Dutchess County, New York

2017-Present **Co-Principal Investigator**, Community Action, Research, and Education Program
Multi-Site University-Community Partnership
Co-Principal Investigator: Carol Weisse, PhD, Union College

- Conduct multiple mixed-methods studies using database of 500+ resident care records from social model hospice homes
- Collaborate with program partners to provide student supervision for college students in the NY6 participating in a summer service-focused educational and research program in hospice care

Past Projects

2024-2026 **Principal Investigator**, Vijana Voices: Resilience among Adolescents in Uganda
University of Vermont Department of Social Work

- Photovoice study exploring the resilience among youth (vijana) in Uganda

2019-2022 **Principal Investigator**, Elder Self Neglect: Supporting Community Response
Skidmore College Department of Social Work

- Conducted a review of existing policies addressing elder self-neglect

2017-2019 **Principal Investigator**, Achieving a Sense of Belonging as Women Experiencing Homelessness or Housing Insecurity
Skidmore College Department of Social Work
- Coordinated a study exploring sense of belonging as a mediating factor between a woman's housing status and her health and mental health

2017-2018 **Consultant,** Statewide Needs Assessment
State of Vermont, Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living
- Responsible for the development and implementation of a statewide needs assessment for Vermonters 60+ to inform the State Plan on Aging

2016-2022 **Principal Investigator**, VOICES (Voicing Our Individual and Collective Experiences) of Homelessness
Skidmore College Department of Social Work
- Coordinate a participatory action research project that uses the Photovoice method to explore experiences of homelessness

2015-2016 **Principal Investigator**, Caring for ADRD Caregivers in Vermont
University of Vermont Department of Social Work
- Funded by College of Education and Social Services Research Grant.
- Collaborated with community partners to design and implement a statewide survey on the needs and resources of ADRD Caregivers in Vermont

2014-2015 **Principal Investigator**, VOICES (Voicing Our Individual and Collective Experiences) of Homelessness
University of Vermont Department of Social Work
- Coordinated a participatory action research project that used the Photovoice method to explore Vermonters' experiences of homelessness

2013-2016 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Partnerships for Person-Centered and Participant-Directed Long-Term Services and Supports Project (Partnerships Project)
University of Vermont Department of Social Work
Co-Principal Investigator: Fiona Patterson, DSW
- Funded by the New York Community Trust
- Responsible for the development, dissemination, and evaluation of teaching resources and field placements to support students in enhancing their skills to work effectively with older adults and people with disabilities

2013-2016 **Project Coordinator for Social Work,** Vermont SBIRT Training Collaborative
University of Vermont College of Medicine
Principal Investigator: Rodger Kessler, PhD
- Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Grant #TI025395-01
- Provided interprofessional team-based training on screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) to social work graduate students, family medicine and internal medicine residents, and graduate students of nursing and counseling

2013-2016 **Faculty Partner**, Innovation in Interprofessional Care of Elders
University of Vermont College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Principal Investigator: Mary Val Palumbo, DNP, APRN, GNP-BC
- Funded by HRSA Advanced Nursing Education Grant.

- Facilitated the implementation of an interactive webinar for BSW students to examine the care of rural elders with multiple medical conditions through interprofessional practice. Developed social work content for IPE activity.

2013-2014 **Consultant and Trainer**, Vermont Health Careers Opportunity Pipeline (HCOP)
Northeastern Vermont Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Principal Investigator: Nicole LaPointe, MSW

- Funded by HRSA, Grant # D18HP23031
- Developed and delivered an interdisciplinary behavioral health module for the College Quest to Health Careers Program

2013-2014 **Consultant,** Statewide Needs Assessment
State of Vermont, Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living

- Responsible for the development of a statewide needs assessment for Vermonters 60+ to inform State Plan on Aging

2011-2012 **Consultant**, Online Tool to Recognize and Respond to Elder Homelessness
Center for Social Innovation

- Funded by the National Institute on Aging, SBIR Grant
- Consulted on the development of an online learning module and screening tool to assist in the recognition of and response to elder homelessness

2008–2011 **Principal Investigator**, Voices from the Street
Boston University School of Social Work
Dissertation Chair: Judith G. Gonyea, PhD

- Funded by HUD, AAUW, and Boston University
- Using a constructionist phenomenological approach, conducted a qualitative study with older adults experiencing homelessness and their outreach workers to explore problems associated with urban elder homelessness

2009-2011 **Evaluator**, Elder Justice Partners (EJP)
Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault

- Funded by the U.S Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Grant #: 2006-EW-AX-K004 and 2008-EW-AX-K002
- Responsible for the development and implementation of a victim services needs assessment, victim services training evaluation, and evaluation of trainings delivered to law enforcement, prosecutors and judges in Maine

2008 **Co-investigator**, Homelessness in Upstate New York
Skidmore College Faculty-Student Research Collaboration

- Implemented a mixed-methods research project on homelessness in NY

2005–2006 **Curriculum & Evaluation Manager,** Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW)
Boston University School of Social Work
Supervisor: Scott Miyake Geron, PhD

- Coordinated online course design, implementation, and evaluation.

2004–2005 **Research Coordinator,** Institute for Geriatric Social Work (IGSW)
Boston University School of Social Work
Supervisor: Scott Miyake Geron, PhD

- Assisted with research design, data collection, analysis and reporting.

2002–2003 **Research Consultant**, Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services
University of California at Berkeley School of Social Welfare
Supervisor: Andrew Scharlach, PhD

- Assisted with data analysis and co-authored manuscripts

2001–2002 **Research Coordinator**, Making Hard Choices: Respecting Both Voices
Family Caregiver Alliance. San Francisco, CA.
Principal Investigators: Carol Whitlach, PhD and Lynn Friss Feinberg, MSW

- Recruited participants and supervised interviewers for the *Making Hard Choices* study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2000-2001 **Research Interviewer**, Making Hard Choices: Respecting Both Voices
Family Caregiver Alliance. San Francisco, CA.
Principal Investigators: Carol Whitlach, PhD and Lynn Friss Feinberg, MSW

- Interviewed caregiver dyads for study exploring choice and decision-making in care for persons with cognitive impairment and their caregivers

1999–2002 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services
University of California at Berkeley School of Social Welfare
Supervisor: Andrew Scharlach, PhD

- Assisted with research design, data management and analysis. Assisted with the implementation of innovative MSW training practicum in gerontology

GRANTS

2025 **Borchard Foundation**
Center on Law and Aging
Elder Self-Neglect: Supporting a Coordinated Community Response

2024 **Council on Social Work Education**
Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Education
Dialogic Engagement in Global Social Work: A Resource Guide

2022 **New York Six (NY6) Liberal Arts Consortium**
Faculty Collaboration Seed Grant
Cross-Institutional Course Design: Teaching Mixed Methods Research to Explore Social Justice in End-of-Life Care

Skidmore College
Faculty Research Initiative Grant
Bringing Dying to Life: A Cross-Disciplinary, Cross-Institutional Project on Innovative Education on Death, Dying, and End-of-Life Care

2021 **Skidmore College**
Faculty-Student Summer Research Program
Bringing Death to Life: Education, Practice, and Research in End-of-Life Care

2020 **Skidmore College**
Faculty-Student Summer Research Program
Collaborative Poverty Reduction Initiatives: Evaluating Outcomes and Impact

2019 **Skidmore College**
Faculty-Student Summer Research Program
Elder Self Neglect in Vermont: Supporting a Coordinated Community Response

2018 **Skidmore College**
Faculty-Student Summer Research Program
Assessing the Needs and Assets of Older Adults and their Caregivers

2018 **Skidmore College**
Doris E. Morgan Endowed Memorial Fund Faculty Development Grant
Falling through the Cracks: Policy and Program Gaps Experienced by Older Homeless Women

2017 **Skidmore College**
Faculty-Student Summer Research Program
Picturing Home: Pathways of Late Life Homelessness

2016-2017 **Skidmore College**
Faculty Development Grant
Picturing Home: Pathways of Late Life Homelessness

2013-2016 **Council on Social Work Education Gero-Ed Center**
Partnerships Project (Co-PI)

2009–2011 **Department of Housing and Urban Development**
Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant

2009–2010 **American Association of University Women**
Dissertation Writing Fellowship

2009–2010 **Boston University School of Social Work**
Dissertation Writing Fellowship

2009–2010 **Boston University Women's Guild**
Katherine O'Connor McLaughlin Scholarship

2008–2009 **Council on Social Work Education Gero-Ed Center**
BSW Experiential Learning (BEL) Program Grant, Skidmore College

2008 **Skidmore College**
Faculty-Student Research Collaborative Grant

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026 **University Psychedelic Education Program (U-PEP) Faculty Fellow**
Psychedelic Education Partnership

2024 **Gerontological Society of America Fellow Status (FGSA)**
Gerontological Society of America

2021 **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program Award**
Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

2014 **Careers in Aging Award**
Gerontological Society of America
2012 **Sustainability Faculty Fellows Program**
University of Vermont
2012 **Faculty-Student Fellowship Program**
University of Vermont
2005 **Hartford Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Award**
John A. Hartford Foundation
2005 **Louis Lowy Award in Gerontology**
Boston University School of Social Work
2005 **Student Paper Award**
Massachusetts Gerontology Association
2004 **Louis Lowy Award in Gerontology**
Boston University School of Social Work
2000 **Mary O'Day Memorial Fellowship**
University of California, Berkeley
1999 **Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services Fellowship**
University of California, Berkeley
1998 **Margaret B. Whittlesey Award**
University of Vermont

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2002-2004 **Geriatric Mental Health Clinician**, Rehabilitation Support Services. Albany, NY.
- Provided individual and group therapeutic treatment for older adults with mental illness in a continuing day treatment program.

2001 **Social Worker**, Over 60 Health Center. Berkeley, CA.
- Provided counseling and intensive case management for patients, including outreach and crisis intervention with homeless seniors.

Additional Practice Experience

2000 **Social Work Intern**, Over 60 Health Center. Berkeley, CA.
1999 **Geriatric Case Manager Intern**, Department of Human Services. Fremont, CA.
1998-1999 **Health Care Counselor**, Office of Health Care Ombudsman. Burlington, VT.
1998 **Medical Social Work Intern**, Kaiser Permanente. Williston, VT.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Professional Service

AGE-SW (Previously the Hartford Geriatric SW Initiative Leadership Network)
- Liaison, Poverty Group, 2014- 2016
- Member, Housing, Neighborhoods and Relocation Group, 2013-2022
- Mentoring Institute Participant, 2014

American Association of University Women

- Grant Reviewer, 2021 - Present

American Public Health Association
- Caucus on Homelessness, 2011 – Present

American Roundtable to Abolish Homelessness
- 1 in 4: Regional Convening on Unaccompanied Homeless Women, 2015 – Present

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
- Institutional Representative for the University of Vermont, 2013 – 2016
- Global Aging Committee, 2013 - 2018
- Abstract Reviewer, 2007, 2008

Council on Social Work Education
- Abstract Reviewer, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2015, 2016, 2021, 2024
- BSW Experiential Learning (BEL) Program, Cycle 2 Application Reviewer, 2010

Gerontological Society of America
- Social Research, Policy, and Practice Section Member
- Abstract Reviewer, 2007 – 2011; 2014, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Emerging Scholars and Professionals Organization (ESPO)
  - ESPO Award Review Committee, 2008 - 2010
  - Representative, Social Research, Policy and Practice Section, 2007-2009
- Humanities and Arts Committee, Student Member, 2000-2002
  - University of California, Berkeley, Campus Representative, 1999-2001

Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work
- Board of Directors, 2018 – Present
- Associates Council, 2017 - 2018
- Program Committee, 2015

Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group
- Member, Health Equity and Anti-Racism Special Interest Group 2021- Present

Taos Institute
- Associate Member, 2025-Present

Tufts University School of Medicine
- Applied Learning Experience (ALE) Preceptor, MPH Program, Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, 2022, 2023

University at Albany School of Social Welfare
- Field Work Instructor**,** Internships in Mental Health Program, 2003-2004

Peer Review Activity
- Editorial Board, *The Qualitative Report,* 2024-Present
- Reviewer, *Innovation in Aging*, 2026-Present

- Reviewer, *Social Sciences*, 2025-Present
- Reviewer, *Palliative Care and Social Practice,* 2022 - Present
- Reviewer, *International Journal of Housing Policy*, 2021- Present
- Reviewer, *Academic Medicine*, 2021- Present
- Reviewer, *OMEGA: Journal of Death and Dying*, 2021 - Present
- Reviewer, *Journal of Aging and Environment*, 2021 - Present
- Reviewer, *Advances in Social Work*, 2021- Present
- Reviewer, *Society and Space*, 2019-Present
- Reviewer, *Journal of Community Psychology,* 2019-Present
- Reviewer, *Aging & Mental Health*, 2018-Present
- Reviewer, *The Gerontologist*, 2016-Present
- Reviewer, *The British Journal of Social Work*, 2016-Present
- Reviewer, *Health Education Journal*, 2015-2023
- Reviewer*, Families in Society***,** 2013- 2023
- Reviewer, *Community Engaged Scholarship (CES) 4 Health*, 2010-2019
- Reviewer, *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work***,** 2014-2016
- Reviewer, *Journal of Mixed Methods Research***,** 2011-2012
- Reviewer, *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice***,** 2010-2011

Academic Service

University of Vermont

- Faculty Senate, 2024-
    - Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Academic Structure Proposals, 2026
- Interprofessional Education Committee, 2023-
- Larner College of Medicine Cancer Center, Associate Member, 2023-
- Larner College of Medicine Center on Aging, Advisory Board, 2012-2016, 2023-
    - Coordinated Careers in Aging Week Event, 2014, 2015
- Larner College of Medicine, Search Committee for Division Chief of Geriatrics and Center on Aging Director, 2023, 2024

College of Education and Social Services (CESS)

- Search Committee, CESS Dean, 2025-2026
- CESS Faculty Executive Committee, Member, 2015-2016
- CESS Faculty Affairs Committee, Member, 2013-2016, 2024-
    - CESS Workload Taskforce, Member, 2026

Department of Social Work (SW)

- Interim Department Chair for Social Work, January 2024- June 2024
- MSW Program Coordinator, 2023 – 2026
    - Administrative Role, 50%
- Continuing Education Ad-Hoc Committee, 2024-

- Search Committee, Associate Professor/Professor Search, 2025-2026
    - Committee Co-Chair
- Search Committee, Assistant Professor and Lecturer Searches, 2023-2024
    - Committee Chair, Fall 2023
- BSW Program Committee, 2012 – 2016
- Field Instructor Seminar Planning Committee, Spring 2013
    - Co-Facilitator of Spring 2013 Field Instructor Seminar
- Sustainability and Social Work Ad-Hoc Committee, Spring 2013

Skidmore College

- Committee on Academic Freedom and Rights (CAFR), 2021 - 2022
- Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC), 2021-2022
- CEPP Scientific Inquiry through Practice Subcommittee, 2017-2018
- Social Work Representative for COACHE Collaborators Group, 2016-2017
- Admissions and Alumni Activity

Social Work Department

- Chair, 2019 – 2022
    - Administrative Role, 25%
    - Responsible for CSWE-Accreditation
    - Search Committee Chair, 2022
- Associate Chair, 2017-2019
    - Co-Coordination and Facilitation of Department Meetings
    - Assisted with Triennial Report, 2018
- Search Committee, Chair, 2017-2018
    - Facilitated Successful Hire of Tenure Track Faculty Member
    - Coordinated Search Committee Meetings and Procedures
- BSW Program/Curriculum Committee, 2016-2022
    - Implementation of Curriculum Changes, 2019-2021
    - Oversight and Coordination of Proposed Curriculum Changes, 2017-2019
    - Writing Letters of Recommendation
    - Directing Independent Studies

Additional Academic Service

- UVM Midori Yama Judo Club Advisor, 2015 - 2016
- UVM Institutional Representative for the AGHE, 2013 - 2016
- UVM Sustainability Learning Outcomes (SLO) Initiative, Volunteer, 2014
- University of Hawaii Center on Aging, Education Task Force, 2010-2011
- Skidmore College BSW Program CSWE Re-affirmation Workgroup, 2006-2007

Community Service

BIPOC-Authored Papers for Social Work

- Co-Creator and Moderator of Crowd-Sourced Database, 2021 - Present

Chittenden County Continuum of Care

- Member, 2013 – 2014

Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)

- Motivational Interviewing Workshop for COTS Staff, 2013, 2014

National Association of Social Workers, Vermont Chapter

- Board of Directors, Member-at-Large, 2023 – Present
  - PACE Committee, 2024, 2026
- Board of Directors Executive Committee, Secretary, 2009-2010
- Chair, Professional Development and Education Committee, 2009-2010
- Board of Directors Member-at-Large, 2007-2009
- Member, Professional Development and Education Committee, 2007-2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Aging & Social Change Research Network, Council on Social Work Education, Gerontological Society of America, Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work, National Association of Social Workers, Palliative Care Research Cooperative