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EXPERIENCE

- Position: Full Professor
Institution: College of the Holy Cross
Dates: September 2021 – present
- Position: Editor in Chief, *Journal of Aging Studies*
Institution: Elsevier
Dates: July 2019 – present
- Position: Associate Professor
Institution: College of the Holy Cross
Dates: September 2014 – August 2021
- Position: Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship
Institution: American Council of Learned Societies, UMass Boston, Gerontology Institute
Dates: September 2017 – August 2018
- Position: Assistant Professor
Institution: College of the Holy Cross
Dates: September 2008 – August 2014
- Position: NIA Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Gerontological Public Health
Institution: University of Illinois at Chicago
Dates: 2005 – 2008

ACADEMIC HISTORY

- Institution: University of California, San Francisco
Degree: Ph.D.
Graduation Year: 2005
Dissertation Title: "Managing Memory: scientific facts, biomedical identities, and early Alzheimer's"
Committee: Patrick Fox, Sharon Kaufman, Carolyn Wiener, and Carroll Estes
- Institution: Boston College
Degree: B.A. in Sociology
Graduation Year: 1995

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Subjective Experiences of Aging and Alzheimer's; Aging Social Movements; Social Determinants of Health and Aging; Race, Class, Gender and Age Disparities; Social Constructionism; Symbolic Interactionism

TEACHING INTEREST	Medical Sociology; Aging & Societies; Illness Narratives; Subjective Experiences of Memory Loss; Beginning & Endings: The Social Meaning of Birth & Death; Sociological Perspectives; Introduction to Sociology for Health Professionals; Logics of Inquiry; Social and Psychological Perspectives on Health; Families & Societies
GRANTS	<p>Scholarship in Action Grant, “Bridging the Age Gap through Hands-On Intergenerational Learning: student, resident and direct care staff experiences of TimeSlips™,” with Emma Schultz, St. Mary’s, Healthcare, 2023-2026</p> <p>Research Associates Program, JD Power Center, 2021, 2022, 2023</p> <p>Course Development Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, 2019</p> <p>National Endowment for the Humanities, 2018 (not funded)</p> <p>Bachelor (Ford) Summer Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, 2016</p> <p>Bachelor (Ford) Summer Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, 2011</p> <p>Bachelor (Ford) Summer Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross, 2010</p> <p>Centers for Disease Control, Brain Health Initiative Grant, Prevention Research Center-Healthy Aging Network (PRC-HAN), 2006-2009</p> <p>Illinois Department of Public Health, Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant, 2007-2008</p> <p>Midwest Roybal Center Pilot Grant, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2006-2007</p> <p>Grantmakers in Aging© Fellow, 2006</p>
AWARDS & HONORS	<p>Alpha Sigma Nu, 2018 Book Award Winner, Social Sciences Research and Publication Award, 2014, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>2013 Excellence in Reviewing Award, 2014, Journal of Aging Studies Research and Publication Award, 2013, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Research and Publication Award, 2012, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Ardizzone Junior Faculty Research Award, 2011, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Research and Publication Award, 2011, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Research and Publication Award, 2009, College of the Holy Cross</p> <p>Research Award, 2003, University of California San Francisco</p> <p>Dissertation Research Award, 2003, University of California San Francisco</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<p><i>MONOGRAPH</i> Beard, R.L. (2016) <i>Living with Alzheimer’s: Managing Memory Loss, Identity and Illness</i>. New York: New York University Press.</p> <p><i>PEER REVIEWED WORKS</i> Gallagher, E. & Beard, R.L. (2020) Buffer or Blade: Perceived relationship closeness in couples navigating Alzheimer’s, <i>Journal of Aging Studies</i>. 52: 100832.</p> <p>Cormier, N., Gallo-Cruz, S. & Beard, R.L. (2017) Navigating the New, Transplanted Self: How Recipients Manage the Cognitive Risks of Organ Transplantation, <i>Sociology of Health & Illness</i>. 39(8): 1496–1513.</p> <p>Daley, R., O’Connor, M.K., Shirk, S., & Beard, R.L. (2017) ‘In this together’ or ‘Going it alone’: Spousal dyad approaches to living with Alzheimer’s, <i>Journal of Aging Studies</i>. 40(1): 57-63.</p>

- Bradway, K.E. & Beard, R.L. (2015) 'Don't be trying to box folks in': Older Women's Sexuality, *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. 30(4): 504-518.
- Beard, R.L. & O'Connor, M. (2015) Listening to Alzheimer's: The role of social location in illness narratives. In Cordula Dick-Muehlke, Ruobing Li, and Myron Orleans (Eds) *Psychosocial Studies of the Individual's Changing Perspectives in Alzheimer's Disease*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global (pp. 1-24).
- Sullivan, S.C. & Beard, R.L. (2014) Faith and Forgetfulness: The Role of Spiritual Identity in Preservation of Self with Alzheimer's, *Journal of Religion, Spirituality & Aging*. 26(1): 65-91.
- Mazor, K.M., Beard, R.L., Alexander, G.L., Arora, N.K., Firreno, C., Gaglio, B., Greene, S.M., LeMay, C.A., Robinson, B.E., Roblin, D.W., Walsh, K., Street, R.L. & Gallagher, T.H. (2013) Patients' and Family Members' Views on Patient-Centered Communication During Cancer Care, *Psycho-Oncology*. 22: 2487-2495.
- Beard, R.L. & Neary, T.M. (2013) Making sense of nonsense: experiences of mild cognitive impairment, *Sociology of Health & Illness*. 35(1): 130-146.
- Ivey, S.L., Laditka, S.B., Price, A.L., Tseng, W., Beard, R.L., Liu, R., Fetterman, D.J., Wu, B., & Logsdon, R. (2012) Experiences and Concerns of Family Caregivers Providing Support to People with Dementia: A Cross-cultural Perspective, *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice*. 12(6): 806-820.
- Laditka, S.B., Tseng, W., Price, A.L., Ivey, S.L., Fetterman, D.J., Liu, R., Wu, B., & Logsdon, R. & Beard, R.L. (2012) Beliefs about Promoting Cognitive Health among Filipino Caregivers of Persons with Dementia, *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. 75(3): 273-296.
- Beard, R.L. (2012) Art therapies and dementia care: a systematic review, *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice*. 11(5): 633-656.
- Beard, R.L., Sakhtah, S., Imse, V., & Galvin, J.E. (2011) Negotiating the joint career: Couples adapting to Alzheimer's and aging in place, *Journal of Aging Research*, Special Issue on "Aging in Place in Late Life." Online journal, Article ID 797023, 12 pages.
- Beard, R.L. & Williamson, J.B. (2011) Symbolic Politics, Social Policy, and the Senior Rights Movement, *Journal of Aging Studies*. 25(1): 22-33.
- Beard, R.L., Knauss, J. & Moyer, D. (2009) How we manage our disability and enjoy life: Reframing dementia through narratives with those who live with it, *Journal of Aging Studies*. 23(4): 227-235.
- Beard, R.L., Fetterman, D.J., Wu, B., & Bryant, L.L. (2009) The Two Voices of Alzheimer's: Attitudes Toward Brain Health by Diagnosed Individuals and Support Persons, *The Gerontologist*. 49(S1): S40-S49.
- Laditka, S.L., Corwin, S.J., Laditka, J.N., Liu, R., Tseng, W., Wu, B., Beard, R.L., Sharkey, J.R., & Ivey, S.L. (2009) Attitudes about Aging Well among a Diverse Group of Older Americans: Implications for Promoting Cognitive Health, *The Gerontologist*. 49(S1): S30-S39.
- Anderson, L.A., Day, K.L., Beard, R.L., Reed, P.S., & Wu, B. (2009) The Public's Perceptions about Cognitive Health and Dementia among the United States Population: A National Review, *The Gerontologist*. 49(S1): S3-S11.

Laditka, J.N., Beard, R.L., Bryant, L.L., Fetterman, D.J., Hunter, R., Ivey, S.L., Logsdon, R., Sharkey, J.R., & Wu, B. (2009) Promoting Cognitive Health: A Formative Research Collaboration of the Healthy Aging Research Network, *The Gerontologist*. 49(S1): S12-S17.

Kayser-Jones, J., Beard, R.L. & Sharpp, T. (2009) The Experience of Dying With A Stage IV Pressure Ulcer: An Ethical Analysis, *American Journal of Nursing*. 109(1): 40-48.

Ayalon, L., Aréan, P., Bornfeld, H., & Beard, R.L. (2009) Long term care staff beliefs about evidence based practices for the management of dementia and agitation. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 24: 118-124.

Beard, R.L. (2008) Trust and Memory: organizational strategies, institutional conditions and trust negotiations in specialty clinics for Alzheimer's disease, *Culture, Medicine & Psychiatry*. 32: 11-30.

Beard, R.L. & Fox, P.J. (2008) Resisting Social Disenfranchisement: Negotiating Collective Identities and Everyday Life with Memory Loss, *Social Science & Medicine*. 66(7): 1509-1520.

Beard, R.L. & Williamson, J.B. (2007) Generational Equity and Generational Interdependence: Framing the Debate over Health and Social Security Policy in the United States. In *Studies in Gerontology: Intergenerational Perspectives*, edited by K. L. Sharma. Jaipur, Rajasthan, India: Rawat Publications.

Williamson, J.B. & Beard, R.L. (2007) Koureisha Sedai no Shakai Hoshou [Securing Old Age: The Role of the American Senior Rights Movement], *Journal of Social Policy Studies*. 7(March): 37-63. (This is a Japanese journal and the article is published in Japanese.)

Estes, C.L., Goldberg, S., Wellin, C., Linkins, K.W., Shostak, S., & Beard, R.L. (2006) Implications of Welfare Reform on the Elderly: A Case Study of Provider, Advocate, and Consumer Perspectives, *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*. 18(1): 41-63.

Beard, R.L. & Williamson, J.B. (2004) Generational Equity and Generational Interdependence: Framing of the Debate over Health and Social Security Policy in the United States, *Indian Journal of Gerontology*. 18(3&4): 348-362.

Beard, R.L. (2004) Advocating Voice: organisational, historical and social milieux of the Alzheimer's disease movement, *Sociology of Health & Illness*. 26(6): 797-819.

Beard, R.L. (2004) In their voices: identity preservation and experiences of Alzheimer's disease, *Journal of Aging Studies*. 18(4): 415-428.

Kayser-Jones, J., Schell, E., Lyons, W., Kris, A.E., Chan, J., & Beard, R.L. (2003) Factors that Influence End-of-Life Care in Nursing Homes: The Physical Environment, Inadequate Staffing, and Lack of Supervision, *The Gerontologist*. 43(Special Issue II): 76-84.

OTHER SCHOLARLY WRITING

Book Review

Beard, R.L. (2020) Drafting the Final Chapter and What Comes After, Review of Gregory L. Eastwood's (2019) *Finishing our story: Preparing for the end of life* and Nan Bauer-Maglin's (2019) *Widows' Words: Women Write on the Experience of Grief, the First Year, the Long Haul, and Everything in Between*, in *The Gerontologist*. 60(7): 1379-1380.

Editorial	Beard, R.L. (2019) New Editor Introduction, <i>Journal of Aging Studies</i> , 50: 2.
Book Chapter	Beard, R.L. (2018) "The Alzheimerization of growing old in America," In Harm-Peer Zimmerman (Ed) <i>Kulturen Der Sorge: Wie unsere Gesellschaft ein Leben mit Demens ermöglichen kann (Cultures of Care: How our society can enable life with dementia)</i> , Campus-Verlag (pp. 163-173).
Editorial	Beard, R.L. (2017) Dementia and the privilege of growing old. <i>Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice</i> .16(6): 685–688.
Encyclopedia Entry	Beard, R.L. (2017) Death and Dying. <i>Sociology</i> . Gale College Researcher Project, Cengage Learning.
Editorial	Beard, R.L. & Williamson, J.B. (2016) Frames Matter: Aging Policies and Social Disparities, <i>Public Policy & Aging Report</i> . 26(2): 48–52.
Book Review	Beard, R.L. (2016) Review of Sandra R. Levitsky's (2014) <i>Caring For Our Own: Why There Is No Political Demand For New American Social Welfare Rights</i> , in <i>Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews</i> . 45(2): 209-211.
Book Review	Beard, R.L. (2010) Review of Roger Sanjeck's (2009) <i>Gray Panther's</i> , in <i>The Gerontologist</i> . 50(6): 855-859.
Encyclopedia Entry	Beard, R.L. (2009) Alzheimer's Disease, <i>Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience</i> . SAGE Publications, Inc. Editors Clifton D. Bryant and Dennis L. Peck (pp 35-38).
MEDIA ENGAGEMENT	
2017	Interview about my book Living with Alzheimer's appeared on Rorotoko http://rorotoko.com/interviewee/beard_renee http://rorotoko.com/interview/20170208 beard renee on living with alzheimers
2016	"The Other Alzheimer's--How Patients Live On After A Diagnosis," interviewed about my book Living with Alzheimer's by Brigham Young University Radio (BYURadio)'s Markus Smith for "Thinking Aloud." Aired December 5, 2016. http://www.byuradio.org/episode/dbbaa417-2ba4-4a4a-92e6-a1e06332f9f0/thinking-aloud-the-other-alzheimer-s--how-patients-live-on-after-a-diagnosis
2015	Interviewed about my research by Dr. John Zeisel for Hopeful Aging show at Bedford TV. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3aY37zqFZE Recorded "Academic Minute" on my Alzheimer's research for WAMC/Northeast Public Radio. Syndicated and aired 5 June on: https://www.insidehighered.com/academic-minute Interviewed by Emily Micucci from the <i>Worcester Business Journal</i> for a piece on the high cost of living for the elderly population and changing trends contributing to aging-in-place.
2014	Interviewed by Julie Halpert for "Senior Care and Art Therapy: How Creativity Helps Soothe Dementia's Difficult Behaviors" on Caring.com http://www.caring.com/articles/senior-care-art-therapy
2012	U.S. Department of Justice. Bibliography on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, by Linda Lannom, includes Kayser-Jones et al. (2003) publication.

- 2008 "Alzheimer's and Dementia: Does Loss of Memory Mean Loss of Self?" Guest on HealthTalk webcast. <http://www2.healthtalk.com/go/alzheimers-dementia/webcasts/alzheimer-s-and-dementia-does-loss-of-memory-mean-loss-of-self>
- 2005 "Managing Memory Loss: How Early Detection Impacts Individuals Being Diagnosed." 1st International Conference on Prevention of Dementia. Washington, D.C. June. (Press Release and live interview about my presented research findings).

**ACADEMIC TALKS
(since 2000)**

- 2022 "Let's Talk about Death: Social Norms and Subjective Experiences of Death Cafes," Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS), Mexico City, Mexico.
- "Publishing across nations and disciplines: determining "fit" and expanding readership for your work," 22nd World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG), Virtual.
- 2021 "Shaken Identities, Reserve Masculine Capital, and the Lived Experiences of Aging Men with Breast Cancer" (with Edward H. Thompson, Jr.), Gerontological Society of America, Virtual.
- 2020 "Untenable: Caring for Aging Family Members Against All Odds," American Sociological Association, Virtual.
- 2019 "The 'New Dementia': Contextualizing Emerging Socio-Cultural and Ethical Questions in Dementia Research" (invited discussant), TrentAging2019, Peterborough, Canada.
- 2018 "Taking It One Day at a Time': Couples Navigating Early Alzheimer's" (with Elizabeth Gallagher), Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- "Is the quest to predict and prevent Alzheimer's just an artifact of American ageism?" (invited talk), Canadian Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, Canada.
- "Structure matters: living and working with dementia in skilled nursing facilities" (with Brittney Pond), American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 "Institutional Logics, Roles and Relationships in an Alzheimer's Specialty Unit" (with Brittney Pond), Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- "Forget me not': what gets lost in translation in the Alzheimer's industrial complex," (invited talk), UMass Boston, Department of Gerontology Speaker Series, Boston, MA.
- "Gendered strains on social ties: spousal dyads affected by Alzheimer's," American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- "Lost in Translation: What Alzheimer's Narratives Tell Us about American Images of Aging" (invited talk), AgingGraz2017, Graz, Austria.
- "Everybody Is Doing It: The Off-Label Use of ADHD Medications on College Campuses" (with Elizabeth Gallagher), Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 "Forget me not': Agency, resilience and navigation of Alzheimer's identities" (invited keynote), Cultures of Care World Congress on Dementia, Zurich, Switzerland.
- "Experiences of Identity Construction among individuals with Multiple Sclerosis" (with Kyle Carr), Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA.
- "Everyday Life in an American Nursing Home," (with Rebecca Benoit). Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.

- “Living with Multiple Sclerosis: visibility, stigma and identity construction,” (with Kyle Carr). Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.
- 2015 “Relationship closeness as social capital: couples’ joint narratives of Alzheimer’s,” (with Ryan Daley and Maureen O’Connor). Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.
- “(Social) Location matters: phenomenology of Alzheimer’s disease,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- “‘Forget me not:’ narrative marginalization in the making of Alzheimer’s patients,” Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.
- “Race Matters: Health Perceptions for Women of Color,” (with Miriam Okero). Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- “Marital status as social capital: how couples manage memory loss together and separately,” (with R. Daley). Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- “We call ourselves ‘MSers’: building social solidarity through internet forum participation,” (with K. Carr ‘14). Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- “Consumer and provider disparities in knowledge and access to transplantation medicine,” (with Nicholas Cormier). Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2014 “What’s Age Got To Do With It?: Subjective Experiences of Multiple Sclerosis,” (with Kyle Carr). Gerontological Society of America. Washington, DC.
- 2013 ‘Don’t Be Trying to Box Folks In:’ Older Women and Sexuality (with Katherine Bradway). Gerontological Society of American. New Orleans, LA.
- “Missing Voices in the Pandemic: Children Affected by HIV and AIDS in Tanzania,” (with Kathryn. Chobanian). American Sociological Association. New York, NY.
- ‘We just can’t talk about it:’ Subjective experiences of children with HIV/AIDS and their guardians in Tanzania, (with Kathryn Chobanian). Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.
- Author Meets Critic, Meika Loe’s Aging Our Way. Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.
- 2012 “Out of time or in-the-moment? Beyond outcome-based arts therapy interventions for dementia,” Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA.
- “Determining the Best Fit: A Closer Look at Undergraduate Teaching Institutions,” Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA.
- “Race Matters: Positive Experiences of African American Alzheimer’s Carers.” (with Adair Bender & Frances Hamilton). American Sociological Association. Denver, CO.
- 2011 ‘What’s age got to do with it?’: clinical barriers, social obstacles and interactional tensions of life with early-onset Alzheimer’s. (with Mary Conner). Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.
- “Practitioner and patient accounts of mild cognitive impairment: what gets lost in translation.” (with Tara Neary). Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.
- “Alzheimer’s experiences: stories of resilience, serenity and religious identity.” (with Susan Crawford Sullivan). Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.

- “Two Faces of Early-Onset Alzheimer's: Experiences of Diagnosed Individuals and Their Family Members.” (with Mary Conner). American Society on Aging and National Council on Aging Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 “Making Sense of Nonsense: narratives of mild cognitive impairment.” (with Tara Neary). Gerontological Society of America. New Orleans, LA.
- ‘In good times and in bad:’ couples' experiences of Alzheimer's. American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- “Making Sense of Nonsense: Managing a Diagnosis of Mild Cognitive Impairment.” (with Tara Neary '11). Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 “In sickness and in health: spouses' experiences of early stage memory loss.” Gerontological Society of America. Atlanta, GA.
- ‘Is My Mind on Overload Because of Being a Caregiver’? Cognitive Health among Dementia Caregivers. (with S.B. Laditka, W. Tseng, A.E. Mathews, B. Wu, S.L. Ivey, D.B. Friedman, R.L. Beard, R. Liu). Gerontological Society of America. Atlanta, GA.
- “Early Onset Dementia: Service and Education Needs of Caregiving Families.” (with D. Morhardt and J. Urbanic). Gerontological Society of America. Atlanta, GA.
- “Making “Alzheimer’s patients” in specialty clinics: Managing diagnostic uncertainty through “team consensus.”” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- “Situating Memory Loss: subjective experiences of diagnosed seniors and their support persons.” Research Showcase, Colleges of Worcester Consortium. College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, MA.
- 2008 ‘I am more than my illness’: Using personal narratives to reframe dementia as a manageable disability. Gerontological Society of America. National Harbor, MD.
- “Promoting cognitive health: A formative research collaboration of the healthy aging research network.” (with J.N. Laditka, R.L. Beard, L. Bryant, D.J. Fetterman, R.H. Hunter, S.L. Ivey, R.G. Logsdon, J.R. Sharkey, B. Wu, W. Satariano). American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- “Views about aging well among a diverse group of older Americans: Implications for promoting cognitive health.” (with S.B. Laditka, S.J. Corwin, J.N. Laditka, R. Liu, W. Tseng, B. Wu, R.L. Beard, J.R. Sharkey, S.L. Ivey). American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- “Symbolic Politics, Social Policy, and the Senior Rights Movement.” American Sociological Association. Boston, MA.
- “Managing disability and enjoying life: How we reframe dementia through personal narratives.” 18th Alzheimer Europe Conference. Oslo, Norway.
- ‘We are NOT Alzheimer’s!’ Negotiating Biomedical Identities and Everyday Life with Memory Loss. British Sociological Association. Warwick, UK.
- “The two faces of Alzheimer’s disease: narrative accounts of living with memory loss from diagnosed individuals and their family members.” Alzheimer’s disease Seminar Series, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 “Listening to Early Alzheimer's Disease (LEAD) by Race, Class, Gender and Diagnosis” (invited talk), Gerontological Society of America. San Francisco, CA.

"Listening To Early Alzheimer's Disease: narratives of empowered identities." 15th Annual Dementia Care Conference. Chicago, IL.

"Navigating a biomedical identity: everyday life with memory loss." American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

"Listening to early Alzheimer's disease: first-person experiences by race, class, gender, and diagnosis." American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

"Evaluating Interventions: Translating Evidence-Based Behavioral Research into Community Care Settings for Seniors." Joint Conference of American Society on Aging-National Council on Aging. Chicago, IL.

"Disseminating Evidenced-Based Practices for the Management of Depression and Agitation in Elders." (with P. Aréan, K. Linkins, H. Bornfeld, and L. Feliciano). American Society on Aging-National Council on Aging. Chicago, IL.

"Contextualizing brain health: understanding how diagnosis and ethnicity impact health beliefs and behaviors." Alzheimer's Day, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.

2006 'Successful' according to whom? comparing perceptions of aging across race and mental status. Gerontological Society of America. Dallas, TX.

"The two faces of Alzheimer's: understanding the perspectives of diagnosed individuals and their support persons." Gerontological Society of America. Dallas, TX.

"Whose subjectivity are we talking about? Facing Race and Class within Dementia Narratives," (invited talk). Gerontological Society of America. Dallas, TX.

"Experiencing memory loss: Comparing perspectives of living with Alzheimer's and being a support person." American Public Health Association. Boston, MA.

"Situating brain health: Perceptions of Alzheimer's across race, class, and gender." American Public Health Association. Boston, MA.

"Practices and perceptions of memory loss according to socioeconomic status and ethnic identity." CDC's National Health Promotion Conference. Atlanta, GA.

"Whose Brain Health Are We Talking About? Understanding Beliefs Regarding Memory Loss Across Race, Socioeconomic Status, And Gender." 14th Annual Dementia Care Conference. Atlanta, GA.

"That's Not How I See It: Comparing Perspectives Of Living With Alzheimer's And Being A Support Person." 14th Annual Dementia Care Conference. Atlanta, GA.

'It's Not What You Think:' Experiences of Alzheimer's from two perspectives. American Sociological Association. Montréal, Canada.

"Diagnosing Alzheimer's in specialty clinics: diagnostic creep, turf sharing, and establishing trust." American Sociological Association. Montréal, Canada.

"Envisioning brain health: the impact of diagnosis and ethnicity on health beliefs." 10th International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease. Madrid, Spain.

"Comparing two perspectives of Alzheimer's." Innovations in Dementia Treatment and Care: Filling the Early Stage & Early Onset Gap, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.

"Facing Alzheimer's: barriers and facilitators to incorporating persons with memory loss into advocacy," (invited talk). Society for Disability Studies. Baltimore, MD.

2005	<p>“Lost in translation: first-person accounts of being diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment.” Gerontological Society of America. Philadelphia, PA.</p> <p>“Experiencing Alzheimer’s: How biomedical representations impact diagnosed individuals.” Gerontological Society of America. Philadelphia, PA.</p> <p>“Managing Memory: Biomedicalization and the process of becoming an Alzheimer’s patient.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.</p> <p>“Framing Generational Equity: how media and academic discourse shape policy.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.</p> <p>“Managing Memory Loss: How Early Detection Impacts Individuals Being Diagnosed.” 1st International Conference on Prevention of Dementia. Washington, DC.</p>
2004	<p>“Managing an Alzheimer’s diagnosis: How subjectivity shapes medical discourse.” Gerontological Society of America. Washington, DC.</p> <p>“Making diagnoses in clinical practice: Alzheimer’s at the junction between neurology and psychiatry.” Gerontological Society of America. Washington, DC.</p> <p>“The eye of the beholder: Disciplinary Contestation over Alzheimer’s “Patients”.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.</p> <p>“Incorporating Voice: Barriers to Illness Experience in the Alzheimer’s Movement.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.</p> <p>“Interpreting, diagnosing, and treating memory loss in clinical practice.” Pacific Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.</p>
2003	<p>“Despite Best Intentions: Barriers to spokespersons in the Alzheimer’s Movement.” American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.</p> <p>“Medical Uncertainty: Personal and Professional Accounts of Early-stage Alzheimer’s Diagnoses.” Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA.</p> <p>“Contextualizing Alzheimer’s: Social Movements, Advocacy and Subjective Experiences.” Gerontological Society of America. San Diego, CA.</p>
2002	<p>“Experiencing Alzheimer’s disease: identity and diagnosis.” Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.</p> <p>“In Their Voices: Subjectivity, Identity Preservation, and Alzheimer’s Disease.” 8th International Conference on Alzheimer’s Disease. Stockholm, Sweden.</p>
2001	<p>“The Changing Definition of Self: Subjective Experiences of Identity Construction with Early-Stage Alzheimer’s Disease.” American Sociological Association. Anaheim, CA.</p>

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Position	External Examiner, Promotion to Professor, School of Social Work and Human Service
Organization	Thompson Rivers University, Canada
Dates	Fall 2021
Position	Dissertation Committee Member
Organization	University of California, San Francisco
Dates	2021 – present

Position	Invited Member
Organization	Emancipatory Sciences Lab, University of California San Francisco
Dates	2021 – present
Position	Editorial Board Member
Organization	<i>Journal of Aging & Social Policy</i>
Dates	2018 – present
Position	Editorial Board Member
Organization	<i>Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research & Practice</i>
Dates	2014 – present
Position	Editorial Board Member
Organization	<i>Journal of Aging Studies</i>
Dates	2009 – 2019
Position	Past Chair, Humanities and the Arts Committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2012 – 2013
Position	Chair, Humanities and the Arts Committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2011 – 2012
Position	SRPP Section Representative, Humanities and the Arts Committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2009 – 2011
Position	SRPP Section Representative, Publications Committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2008 – 2011
Position	SRPP Section Representative, Public Policy Committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2006 – 2009
Position	Newsletter Editor, Section on Aging and the Life Course
Organization	American Sociology Association
Dates	2005 – 2008
Position	Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Representative, Publications Committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2004 – 2006
Position	Facilitator, Alzheimer's disease interest group
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2004 – 2005
Position	Co-Facilitator, Alzheimer's disease interest group
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2003 – 2004
Position	Senior student representative, membership committee
Organization	Gerontological Society of America
Dates	2000 – 2001