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EMPLOYMENT

2014 - Present

Associate Scientist

Center for Drug and Health Studies

University of Delaware College of Arts and Sciences

As a principal investigator and team member, collaborate in research, consultation, program outcomes and process evaluation, outreach, and technical assistance on a broad array of issues ranging from substance abuse and behavioral health, violence prevention, disease prevention, and capacity building for healthy communities. Initiatives are supported by the Center's extensive survey data collection, such as the Youth Risk Behavior Surveys, the School Health Profiles, College Risk Behavior Surveys, and the State Epidemiologic Outcomes Work Group. Current and recent projects include: evaluation of a statewide HIV, STD, and pregnancy prevention education program; statewide evaluation of the Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships For Success initiative, including the convening of the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup; and sharing the overall management of the Center's portfolio of school-based surveys (Delaware School Surveys, School Health Profiles Surveys, Youth Risk Behavior Surveys, and the Youth Tobacco Surveys). Served as the primary organizer for the University's first elder abuse conference that was presented in May 2016, which addressed multidisciplinary approaches and featured national and local experts on a wide variety of topics addressing the safety of seniors.

2012 - Present

Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect

Taylor & Francis, Philadelphia, PA

Associate Editor

Assist the Editor-in-Chief in the selection of Editorial Board Members, coordinating the peer-review process, editing manuscripts for publication, selection of guest editors and themes for special issues, and composing Letters from the Editors, in addition to the general promotion of the journal and its contents.

2001 - Present

Director, Clearinghouse on Abuse and Neglect of the Elderly (CANE), Center for Community Research and Service, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Monitor the nation's most comprehensive annotated index of reference materials, and online resources addressing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation of the elderly, and related issues. Compiled and edited over 30 thematic annotated bibliographies on topics including: ageism, self-neglect, hoarding, financial exploitation, elder sexual abuse, cultural issues, and domestic violence.

2007 - 2014

Assistant Policy Scientist

Center for Community Research and Service

University of Delaware School of Public Policy and Administration

Served as a project leader and team collaborator in research, consultation, and technical assistance on policy issues for organizations, government entities, and other stakeholders. Duties include in proposal and budget development, needs assessment, research design, research and project implementation, management, monitoring, and reporting. Provide consultation and communications to promote and support additional CCRS initiatives.

Select Projects:

- **National Center of Elder Abuse (NCEA) Public Awareness and Co-Management Activities**

Directed the NCEA-UD team in national public awareness initiatives such as: first national dissemination of a unified elder abuse information video, the *NCEA Elder Abuse Information Piece*, in theaters throughout the U.S.; development and coordination of the *Join Us in the Fight Against Elder Abuse* campaign; engaging and collaborating with other grassroots and professional organizations in support of *World Elder Abuse Awareness Day* and other outreach efforts; and the development and piloting of the NCEA Student Arts Competition.

Coordinated the daily activities and communications of the NCEA: composed and edited the monthly NCEA E-News; managed a multidisciplinary listserv of over 1800 professionals; served as a national media spokesperson, participating frequently in print and radio interviews; delivered presentations and participated in national conferences and forums.

Providing technical assistance to a wide range of professionals and advocates working with older individuals (including representatives from the aging services and research fields, the health care and mental health systems, the legal and financial arenas, domestic violence, and public

policy) in support of outreach, research, program development, service delivery, policy analysis, and other initiatives. (2007-2011)

- **Brownfield Development Program Assessment**
Coordinated research team in developing a methodology for assessing social impacts of brownfield redevelopment; piloting assessment in northeast Wilmington; and finalizing a social assessment model adaptable for evaluation of brownfield programs in any jurisdiction. (2011-2013)
- **Employment of Persons within State of Delaware Workforce**
Designed and conducted a large scale quantitative study of the State of Delaware workforce to determine the scope and nature of disabilities among State employees, and insights regarding employment and advancement opportunities. Sample included over 5,000 respondents. (2013-2014)

2013 - 2014

Graduate Research Assistant Coordinator

Center for Community Research and Service

University of Delaware School of Public Policy and Administration

Coordinated activities relating to the hiring and support of approximately 14-18 graduate research assistants to facilitate Center research, service, and consultation projects. Responsible for recommending selection and assignment of candidates for specific initiatives, serving as liaison to project supervisors within and outside of the University, monitoring progress, and addressing any needs that may arise.

2010 - 2011

Independent Consultant, Legal Needs Assessment of Older Delawareans

Center for Community Research and Service, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Conducted a statewide assessment of the legal needs of older residents through key informant interviews, surveys, and focus groups, and reported recommendations to inform enhancement of legal service delivery.

2008 - Present

Consultant

Karen Stein Consulting, Wilmington, DE

Collaborate on the development and implementation of outcomes-based assessment strategies, logic models, and evaluations for nonprofit, aging, and human services organizations, such as the Epilepsy Foundation and Senior Victims Services.

1993 - 2001

Independent Consultant

Mental Health Systems, Inc., Wilmington, DE

Member of geriatric-psychiatric evaluation team responsible for conducting Pre-Admission Screening/ Annual Review assessments for Delaware residents referred by Medicaid – Long-Term Care. Duties included diagnostic interviews, medical record reviews, and development of recommendations regarding mental health and social service needs.

Summer 1992, Summer 1993

Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, Goldey Beacom College Adult Continuing Education Program, Wilmington, DE

1992 - 2005

Mental Health Counselor, private practice, Wilmington, DE

July 1985 - February 1992

Outpatient Mental Health Counselor, Salem County Counseling Services, Inc., Carney's Point, NJ

Part of a multidisciplinary team responsible for needs assessment of and treatment planning for individuals, families, and couples requiring mental health services. Counseled clients experiencing mental health issues such as affective and anxiety disorders, as well as those experiencing interpersonal difficulties. Specialized in treating survivors of abuse as well as older clients addressing later life issues. In addition, served as a part-time clinician of the Emergency Services Team and participated in the In-Service and Quality Assurance Committees.

Fall 1987 - Fall 1991

Facilitator, Woodstown – Pilesgrove Adult Evening School, Woodstown, New Jersey; West Chester University, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Salem County Community College, Carney's Point, New Jersey; and Delaware Technical College, Newark, Delaware.

Led a variety of interpersonal skills workshops for various community and adult education groups.

PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, TRAINING

Select Publications and Reports

Merriman-Nai, S. and Stein, K. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: The Concept, The Reality, and The Promise. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 26:(3) pp. 345-349. 2014.

McDuffie, M.J., Barlow, J., Merriman-Nai, S. and Peuquet, S. *An Overview of Poverty in Delaware*. (Prepared for the Delaware Grantmakers.) 2014.

Merriman-Nai, S. and Sargent, D. *Beyond Natural and Economic Impacts: A Model for Social Impact Assessment of Brownfields Development Programs and a Case Study of Northeast Wilmington, Delaware.* (Prepared for the Delaware Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.) 2013.

Peuquet, S., Lemon, A., and Merriman-Nai, S. *Survey of Delaware State Bar Association Members to Assess the Presence of Conditions that Hinder their Practice of Law.* (Prepared for the Delaware State Bar Association.) 2012.

Merriman-Nai, S. *The Legal Needs of Older Delawareans.* (Prepared for the Delaware Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.) 2011.

Stein, K., Merriman-Nai, S., Petrak, C., Siegel, L. *Raising National Public Awareness of Elder Abuse: A Meta-Analysis of Existing Elder Abuse Public Awareness Materials, A Case Study Analysis of Effective Social Marketing Strategies, and a Strategic Blueprint for Mounting a National Communication Campaign on Elder Abuse.* Report to the U.S. Administration on Aging prepared on behalf of the National Center on Elder Abuse, 2012.

Stein, Karen and Merriman-Nai, Sharon. H.O.P.E. Mentoring Program Evaluation. Report to the Epilepsy Foundation, July, 2011.

Stein, Karen, Merriman-Nai, Sharon and Brendza, Gordana. A Report to Senior Victim Services: Client Satisfaction and Outcomes Evaluation. June, 2009

Select Presentations and Training

Delaware Youth Survey Data: Documenting Needs and Documenting Progress (with Roberta Gealt, MA, University of Delaware), Kids Caucus of the Delaware State Legislature, Dover, DE May 2016.

Center for Drug and Health Studies Spring 2016 Symposium: Psychosocial Challenges Experienced by Delaware LGBTQ Youth: Data from the 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (with Roberta Gealt, MA, University of Delaware), Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Newark, DE April 2016.

You as Author: How to Get Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), American Society on Aging/National Council on Aging Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2014.

Professionals Addressing Elder Abuse: How You Can Be Part of the Solution (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), American Society on Aging/National Council on Aging Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2013.

Elder Abuse: What We Know, What We Need to Know, and How Professionals Can Be Part of the Solution, Lorman Education Services, November 2012.

How to Get Published In the Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware) National Adult Protective Services Association National Conference, Phoenix, AZ, October, 2012.

Spend Your Dollars Where They Count: Using Outcomes-Based Evaluation to Demonstrate Program Effectiveness (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), American Society on Aging/National Council on Aging Conference, Washington DC, March 2012

Applying Lessons Learned from an Outcomes-Based Evaluation of a Senior Victim Services Program (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), National Adult Protective Services Association Conference, Buffalo, NY 2011

Measuring Our Impact: Case Study of an Outcomes-Based Evaluation of a Senior Victim Services Program (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), American Society on Aging /National Council on Aging Conference, San Francisco, CA 2011

NCEA Resources for Long-Term Care Practitioners and Advocates, Delaware Nursing Home Residents Quality Assurance Commission, Wilmington, DE, 2011

Employing Outcomes-Based Evaluation to Demonstrate Effectiveness in Aging Services Programs (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), American Society on Aging /National Council on Aging Conference, Chicago, IL 2010

Join Us – Strategies for Participating in a National Public Awareness Campaign (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware, and Stephanie Whittier, MSW, U.S. Administration on Aging), National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Conference, San Antonio, TX 2009

Your Work is Great! Prove it with Outcomes Evaluation (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware), National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Conference, San Antonio, TX 2009

Building Outcomes-Based Evaluation into Your Limited Resources Programs (with Karen Stein, PhD, University of Delaware and Mary Lynn Kasunic, Area Agency on Aging, Region One), n4a Conference, Minneapolis, MN 2009

Financial Exploitation – Bucking the Trend, (featured speaker) Howard County Elder Financial Protection Conference, Howard County, MD, 2009

NCEA Public Awareness Initiatives, National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL 2008

Delaware Conference on Aging (featured speaker), Dover, DE 2008

Hyman, J., *Elder Law and Financial Strategies: Planning for Later Life*; Law Journal Press; New York, NY; 2008. Contributor, elder abuse chapter

"Elder Abuse," East Mesa Independent, East Mesa, AZ. Guest editorial

AFFILIATIONS and BOARD POSITIONS

Delaware Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., Board Member

National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse

American Society on Aging

University of Delaware Life Science Advisory Committee

Delaware Senior Protection Initiative

Delaware Division of Prevention and Behavioral Health Services Advisory & Advocacy Council

EDUCATION

1985

Master of Counseling, College of Education, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

1980

Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts and Science, Major in English, University of Delaware, Newark, DE