

- 2004-2005 Principal Investigator
Hospice Bereavement Service Utilization and Preferences among Spouses in
Three Hospices
Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Studies, University of
South Florida
- 2004-2005 Graduate Research Assistant
Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Studies, University of
South Florida
- 2004 Project Manager (PI: Yuri Jang, Ph.D.)
Physical and Mental Well-Being of Older Adults in Assisted Living Facilities
Department of Aging and Mental Health, Florida Mental Health Institute,
University of South Florida
- 2003-2004 Graduate Research Assistant (PI: William E. Haley, Ph.D.)
Quality of Life in Older Breast Cancer Survivors (NIA #1R03AG21210-01)
School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida

Grants and Fellowships

External

Principal Investigator, "Hospice Bereavement Service Utilization and Preferences among Spouses in Three Hospices," Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Studies, University of South Florida, 2004-2005 (\$12,000).

Internal

Provost Release Time, 2010, Ithaca College Center for Faculty Research & Development (3hrs, Fall 2010 semester)

Graduate Fellowship, Institute on Aging, University of South Florida, 2003-2004 (\$15,000 & Graduate Tuition Waiver).

Publications

Bergman, E. J., Haley, W. E., & Small, B. J. (2010). The role of grief, anxiety, and depressive symptoms in the utilization of bereavement services. *Death Studies, 34*, 441-458.

Krout, J. A., Bergman, E., Bianconi, P., et al. (2010). Intergenerational service learning with elders: Multidisciplinary activities and outcomes. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education, 31*, 55-74.

Bergman, E. J., & Haley, W. E. (2009). Depressive symptoms, social network, and bereavement service utilization and preferences among spouses of former hospice patients. *Journal of Palliative Medicine, 12*, 170-176.

Haley, W. E., Bergman, E. J., Roth, D. L., McVie, T., Gaugler, J. E., & Mittelman, M. S. (2008). Long-term effects of bereavement and caregiver intervention on dementia caregiver depressive symptoms. *The Gerontologist, 48*, 732-740.

- Jang, Y., Bergman, E., Schonfeld, L., & Molinari, V. (2007). The mediating role of health perceptions in the relation between physical and mental health: A study of older residents in assisted living facilities. *Journal of Aging and Health, 19*, 439-452.
- Jang, Y., Bergman, E., Schonfeld, L., & Molinari, V. (2006). Depressive symptoms among older residents in assisted living facilities. *International Journal of Aging & Human Development, 63*, 299-315.
- Allen, R. S., Haley, W. E., Roff, L. L., Schmid, B., & Bergman, E. J. (2006). Responding to the needs of caregivers near the end of life: Enhancing benefits and minimizing burdens. In J. L. Werth & D. Blevins (Eds.), *Psychosocial issues near the end of life: A resource for professional care providers*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Invited Presentations

- Bergman, E. J. (2009, November) What's next? Getting your first academic position in the field of aging studies. Invited presentation at the 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society on Aging, Atlanta, GA.
- Bergman, E. J. (2007, July). Coping. Invited workshop for the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter's Early Alzheimer's Support and Education Program, Tampa, FL.
- Bergman, E. J., & Haley, W. E. (2005, November). Hospice bereavement service utilization and preferences among spouses in hospice. Invited presentation at the Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Conference Presentations

- Bergman, E. J., Haley, W. E., & Small, B. J. (2009, November) Who uses bereavement services? An examination of service use by bereaved dementia caregivers. Paper presentation at the 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society on Aging, Atlanta, NY. (Session chair)
- Bergman, E. J. (2009, October). Intergenerational service learning as a pedagogical tool in an introductory aging studies course. Symposium presentation at the 37th Annual Scientific Meeting of the State Society on Aging of New York, Rochester, NY.
- Bergman, E. J. (2009, October). Bereavement supports and intervention: What happens when family caregiving ends? Paper presentation at the 37th Annual Scientific Meeting of the State Society on Aging of New York, Rochester, NY.
- Bergman, E. J., Haley, W. E., & Small, B. J. (2008, November). Outcomes and service use among bereaved spousal caregivers. Paper presentation at the 61st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.
- Bergman, E. J., Perkins, E. A., & Haley, W. E. (2007, November). Patient perspectives on breast cancer: The qualitative experience of older breast cancer survivors. Poster presentation at the 60th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

- Bergman, E. J., & Haley, W. E. (2006, November). Bereavement service utilization and preferences of bereaved spousal caregivers. Poster presentation at the 59th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.
- Kuchta, L., Bergman, E. J., & Davis, B. (2006, April) W.O.M.E.N. working for women. Panel presentation at the Many Floridas: Women Envisioning Change Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Bergman, E. J. (2006, April). Breaking down barriers to the hospice care option: Opportunities for education & advocacy. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Tampa, FL.
- Bergman, E. J. (2006, February). The journey through grief following the loss of a spouse and the qualitative experiences of hospice caregivers. Paper presentation at the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN.
- Bergman, E. J., & Mills, W. L. (2006, February). Student perspectives of teaching and professional development best practices within an interdisciplinary aging studies program. Resource exchange at the 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN, February 2006.
- Bergman, E. J., Small, B. J., & Haley, W. E. (2005, November). Depression, social support, and utilization of formal bereavement services. Poster presentation at the 58th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.
- Bergman, E. J., Jang, Y., Schonfeld, L., & Molinari, V. (2005, May). The role of psychosocial resources in physical and mental health among older residents in assisted living facilities. Paper presentation at the 16th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Convention in Gerontology and Geriatrics, Savannah, GA.
- Jang, Y., Bergman, E. J., Schonfeld, L., & Molinari, V. (2005, March). Depressive symptoms among older residents in assisted living facilities. Paper presentation at the 26th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Orlando, FL.
- Bergman, E. J., Jang, Y., Schonfeld, L., & Molinari, V. (2005, March). Health perceptions and depressive symptoms among older residents in assisted living facilities. Poster presentation at the 26th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Orlando, FL.
- Bergman, E. J., & Polubinski, J. (2005, March). Both sides of the coin: Factors in the decision to choose or not choose hospice care. Poster presentation at the Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, & End-of-Life Studies Annual Scientific Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Robb, C., Haley, W. E., Balducci, L., Extermann, M., Perkins, E. A., Small, B. J., Bergman, E. J., Jang, Y., & Mortimer, J. (2004, November). Examining quality of life in older breast cancer survivors. Paper presentation at the 57th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Haley, W. E., Robb, C., Balducci, L., Extermann, M., Perkins, E. A., Bergman, E. J., Small, B. J., Mortimer, J., & Jang, Y. (2004, July). Psychological, social, and health impact of breast cancer survivorship in older women. Poster presentation at the National Cancer Institute and the American Cancer Society Annual Co-sponsored Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC.

Professional Experience

- 2002-2003 Foster Grandparent Program Director
Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc., Tampa, FL
- 2000-2002 Senior Companion & Bill Payer Program Coordinator
Seniors in Service of Tampa Bay, Inc., Tampa, FL
- 1998-2000 Information and Referral Specialist
West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc., Tampa, FL
- 1997-1998 Director of Activities
Palm Terrace Resident Care, Inc. (assisted living facility)

Awards and Honors

- 2007 Provost's Commendation for Outstanding Teaching by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida
- 2006, 2005 Travel Grant Award, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of South Florida
- 2006 Graduate Student Paper Award, Association for Death Education & Counseling
- 1998 Dr. Tom Rich Scholarship (paid internship), University of South Florida and West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging
- 1997-present Sigma Phi Omega National Gerontology Honor and Professional Society

Committees and Service

- College Marketing Advisory Committee, Ithaca College, 2010
- (IC)² Second Round Ad-hoc Advisory Committee, Ithaca College, 2010
- Ad hoc grant reviewer, The Israel Science Foundation, 2009
- Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Academic Program Development Committee, 2009-present
- Faculty Development Committee, Ithaca College, 2009-present
- Academic Policies Committee, Ithaca College, Spring 2009
- Ad hoc reviewer for: The Gerontologist, The Journal of Pain & Symptom Management, 2008-present
- Ad hoc abstract reviewer for the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America Conference (2005-2010)
- Ad hoc abstract reviewer for the Gerontological Health Section, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (2005-2010)
- Ad hoc abstract reviewer for the Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (2007)

Research Committee Member, Pilot Research Grant Program reviewer, Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, & End-of-Life Studies (2007)

Conference Planning Committee Member, Program Committee Member, & Film Committee Member, Florida without Borders: Women at the Intersections of the Local and Global, Conference sponsored by the Florida Consortium for Women's Studies (2007)

University of South Florida, Student Association for Aging Studies
President (2004-2005)
Member (2003-2008)

University of South Florida, School of Aging Studies Ph.D. Governance Committee
Student Association for Aging Studies representative (2004-2005)

Professional Affiliations

American Society on Aging, 2008-present

State Society on Aging of New York, 2008-present

Gerontological Society of America, 1996-1998, 2003-present

Sigma Phi Omega Gerontological Honor Society Member, 1997-present

Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End-of-Life Studies, USF, 2003-2008

Southern Gerontological Society, 1998-2008

Florida Council on Aging, 1998-2008