

CURRENT POSITIONS

- Instructional Associate Professor
University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology
- *Co-Director, USC Emeriti Center*
- *Director, USC Age Friendly University Initiative*

As Instructional Associate Professor:

Teach undergraduate Human Development and Aging majors and masters students in Gerontology--online, residential, and blended classes. Elected to Faculty Council (2018-2020). Committee: Masters (2016-2022); Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (2020-2022) and Undergraduate (2022-2023).

As Co-Director, USC Emeriti Center:

Facilitate Retired Faculty Association and Staff Retirement Association Meetings and Events. Coordinate Mentorship Program with Trojan Guardian Scholars. Implement Trojan Table dinners. Fundraise. Manage volunteers and student workers. Supervise Newsletter. Discuss Retirement with current faculty and staff. Coordinate with Vice Provost Office.

As Director, USC Age-Friendly University Initiative:

Build coalition of faculty, staff, students, alums from across USC campuses to launch initiative and develop proposals and plan. Organize presentations for USC Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Awareness Week. Co-Edit GSA Newsletter on Age-Inclusivity in Higher Ed.

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, Doctor of Philosophy in Gerontology, 2010. Concentration in Social Research and Aging Policy with specialization in Fall Prevention, Affordable Housing, Sociology, and Urban Demography.

University of Southern California, School of Social Work, Master of Social Work (MSW), Concentration in Community Organization, Planning, Administration.

University of Southern California, School of Urban and Regional Planning, Master of Planning (MPL). Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant.

Davidson College. Senior Honors Thesis, Christianity, Class, & Culture: A Study of Interracial Churches. Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in Anthropology and Sociology.

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AWARDS/HONORS

USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology 2022 Faculty Teaching Award, May 13, 2022.

USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology Student Gerontology Association Professor of the Year, April 29, 2022.

RECENT GRANT FUNDING

Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant, 2023. Create a new GESM class, entitled Aging and Media with USC Annenberg Professor Laura Castañeda. To be taught in Fall 2024.

US Administration on Aging/Administration for Community Living: Promoting Aging in Place by Enhancing Access to Home Modifications, 2018-2021. \$749,712. Principal Investigator—Jon Pynoos. Develop and Implement an Outreach Plan for disseminating information about home modifications to underserved older adults.

Hanson-Thorell Family Research Scholarship, 2018-2019. \$25,000
Developing Lifespan Improvement Districts in Age-Friendly Cities.

USC Office of the Provost Wicked Problems Practicum Grant, 2017.
Co-Principal Faculty and Liaison to Provost. Conceived proposal and budget, wrote grant, and built a coalition of faculty, community stakeholders, and older adults to address Age-Friendly Los Angeles Initiative. Organized Geodesign Charrette and Final Public Event. Products include 6 websites on Lifespan Improvement Districts in Los Angeles County, Emergency Preparedness app, short videos.

AARP Disrupting Aging and Building Livable Communities Grant, 2017-2018.
Developed idea, wrote grant, and helped develop focus groups. Faculty Team Member and Advisor to Research Assistants. Collaborate with interdisciplinary UCLA faculty.

Archstone Foundation Fall Prevention Center of Excellence, USC, 2005-2010.
Research Assistant. Dissertation Research. Helped build coalition and agenda for putting falls injuries and fall prevention in local and state planning and programming.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, 2015 - present. As Instructional Assistant and Associate Professor taught both undergrad and masters students: Social Policy and Aging; Lifespan Developmental Sociology; Behavior and Social Consequences of Design and Environment; Perspectives on an Aging Society: An Introduction to Aging; Ethical Issues in Geriatric Health Care; Women and Aging; Policy, Values and Power in an Aging Society; Senior Honors Thesis; and Senior Seminar. Initiated and Developed interdisciplinary graduate Practicum on Age-Friendly Los Angeles with faculty from Dornsife Spatial Sciences Institute, Sol Price School of Public Policy, and

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Keck School of Medicine Public Health Program. Created, Developed, and Taught online curriculum and new courses: Applying Age-Friendly Policies Across the Nation and the World and The Life Course, Health, and the Arts.

American Society on Aging and USC: Advanced Concepts in an Aging Society. Writer, Director, Producer and Primary Instructor of Online Course addressing The Epidemiology of Aging, Older Adult Support Ratios and Wealth Distribution, Aging in the Workplace, The Urbanization of Older Adults, and The Diversity of the Nation.

California State Channel Islands Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. As Instructor, taught: From Rembrandt to Betty White: Visual Media and Aging.

Pepperdine University, School of Public Policy. As Adjunct Instructor, taught: Seminar in Regional Policies: Public Policy, Aging, and Local Implementation; Aging Policy and American Politics; Seminar in Economic Policies: Health Economics; Non-Profit Management.

Pepperdine University, Seaver College Social Science Division. As Adjunct Instructor, taught: Introduction to Social Work; Social Work Internship; Sociology of the Family; Selected Topics in Sociology: Social Science Perspectives for an Aging World.

ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Director, USC Emeriti Center.

Director, USC Age-Friendly University Initiative.

Facilitator, USC Culture Network:

Trained in Barrett Values Centre method to facilitate dialogue, Town Hall and Discussion sessions for Culture Change on campus. Collaborate with fellow leaders to lead students, faculty, and staff in discussing their values and intentions for the future of USC.

Community Development Commission, County of Los Angeles. As Project Manager, coordinated the development, budget, and financing of affordable, service-enriched housing; Partnered with private non-profit groups, for-profit developers, and government agencies including the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Implemented bidding, contracting, and procurement of independent contractors; Reviewed proposals for funding.

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, Multipurpose Senior Services Program. As Case Manager, coordinated services for 50 diverse, frail and/or brain impaired Medi-Cal recipients including Holocaust survivors; Planned and managed budget for each client; Provided crisis intervention and emotional support to clients and caregivers; Collaborated with MSSP nurses to develop comprehensive care plans; Negotiated care with family members, IHSS providers, physicians, home health agencies, discharge planners, board and care operators, and adult day care workers; Maintained detailed financial records and

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service notes in accordance with state regulations; Prepared grant proposals to meet needs of client for services and items not covered by public funds.

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, Freda Mohr Multiservice Center for Seniors. As Social Worker, provided information and referrals to corporate employees needing assistance in caring for elderly and disabled relatives, and conducted seminars on eldercare; Coordinated case management services for 12 frail elderly clients; Provided crisis intervention, supportive counseling, and referrals to walk-in clients; Conducted short term counseling including life review and grief therapy; Evaluated long term care insurance applicants.

Cotton/Beland/Associates. As Urban Planner, researched and wrote AB 1290 Redevelopment and Housing Implementation Plans, HUD Consolidated Plans (included research in housing, social services, economic and community development; survey design; and public participation), Environmental Impact Reports, and General Plans.

Little Tokyo Service Center Community Development Corporation. As Development Intern, wrote grant proposals, coordinated Business Improvement District Committee, researched housing funding options, mediated between low income tenants, including formerly interned elders, and LTSC staff, compiled Housing Resource Directory, analyzed vacancy rate for neighborhood SRO hotels, organized homeless advocacy group.

Alzheimer's Association, Los Angeles Chapter. As Program Intern, planned two-day conference, created brochure, coordinated Speaker's Bureau, worked with volunteers.

Tingstad Older Adult Counseling Center, Los Angeles, CA. As Social Work Intern, counseled individuals on weekly basis, programmed a support group at an assisted living facility.

Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center. As Social Work Intern, assessed clients in their homes, conducted intakes, referred caregivers of brain impaired adults to local services.

Royal Vista Terrace, Southern California Presbyterian Homes, Duarte, CA. As Live-In, responded to emergencies and needs of seventy-five low income senior residents.

SERVICE AND MENTORING

Co-Associate Editor. Gerontological Society of America *Advancing Age-Inclusivity in Higher Education* Newsletter. Edit the Campus Voices Section. 2020 - present.

Growing Up Evanston, Candid Discussion on Race. Teamed up with Several High School Classmates to design and produce a curriculum on Racial Equity, Anti-Racism and history of race in our City. Managed Social Media and Marketing. 2020 to 2021.

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World Health Organization and International Federation on Ageing, Age-Friendly Environments Mentorship Programme (MENTOR-AFE), 2018-2019.

American Society on Aging Public Policy Committee. 2018-2021. Appointed Member.

USC Morton Kesten Summit, *Aging in Homes and Neighborhoods Today: The State of the Art on Research, Programs, and Policies*, Advisory Board Member and Panel Moderator, 2016.

Reviewer, *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*, 2015-2016.

New Urbanism Film Festival, Judge. October, 2015.

Pepperdine University International Programs, Visiting Faculty
Family: Sydney International Program, Summer, 2016. London International Program, Summer, 2014. Shanghai International Program, Spring, 2012. Mentor, counsel, advise, and live with undergraduate students learning and living abroad. Continue duties as they transition back to campus in California. Mentorship and host family and student gatherings.

***American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team Captain*, Coordinate Pepperdine Faculty and Staff in team activities and fundraising, 2011.**

***California Council on Gerontology and Geriatrics: Board Member*, Elected as Southern California Student Representative, 2008 - 2010. *Membership/Marketing Committee Member*. Create CCGG Ambassadors Program for university campuses. 2007 - 2010; *Education Committee Member*, 2008 - 2009.**

***Social Research, Policy and Practice Section Executive Committee, Representative of the Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Leadership Committee, Gerontological Society of America*. 2007 - 2009. Serve as liaison between SRPP and ESPO; Work with both Committees. Plan Symposiums and Roundtables.**

***Humanities and the Arts Committee Representative of the Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization, Gerontological Society of America*. 2008 -- 2010. *PhD Representative, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology*. 2007 - 2008. As co-representative, liaison and mediate between faculty and PhD students. Organize roundtables.**