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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. In Sociology, Rutgers University
Dissertation Title: *Perceived Burden, A Key to Understanding Advance Care Planning in Adults Nearing the End of Life.*
Qualifying Paper: *End of Life Health Care Planning and the Impact of Perceived Burden among Care Recipients.*
- 2008 M.A. Sociology. Rutgers University.
Thesis: *The Positive Aspects of Caregiving and the Use of Formal Supports. An Analysis of the REACH Study.*
- 2004 B.A. Women's and Gender Studies – Medical Anthropology concentration
Montclair State University.
- 2009-11 Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health – Institute for Biostatistics and Epidemiology.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- July 2021-August 2023 Chair, Department of Sociology Virginia Commonwealth University
April 2022-present Affiliate Research Faculty, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech University
July 2020-June 2021 Associate Chair, Department of Sociology VCU
July 2016-present Associate Professor of Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University
Sep 2015-present Co-director Perinatal Mental Health Research, Institute for Women's Health, VCU, School of Medicine
- 2012–May 2016 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University
2011-Dec 2020 Affiliate Research Professor, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
2008-2012 Instructor of Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
Instructor of Social Work, Rutgers School of Social Work, New Brunswick
Instructor of Gerontology, Bloustein School of Public Policy and Administration
- 2008-2012 Field Placement and Pedagogical Coordinator, The Collaborative Center for Community-Based Research and Service at Rutgers University, New Brunswick
- 2009-2012 Assistant Teaching Professor of Sociology, Drew University
2008-2012 Instructor of Sociology and Human Services, Sussex County Community College

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology, Perinatal Health, Community Engaged Research, Teaching and Learning, Community Based Participatory Research, Mental Health, Health Psychology, Gerontology, Life Course, Demography, Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods.

PUBLICATIONS published

- 2023 Lee, Shane* and **Bodnar-Deren**, Susan. Load Shedding in South Africa: How Solar Panel Deployment Can Alleviate Race-Based Inequalities. Accepted for publication 3/24/23 in the journal *Philologia*. *Undergraduate student researcher.
- 2022 Kinser, P., **Bodnar-Deren, S.**, Amstadter, A., Lapato, D., Thacker, L., Johnson, J., Aubry, C., Johnson, A., Gault, C., Hill-Thomas, A., Russell, S., Lanni, S., Freeman, A. Study protocol for the Mindful Moms study: A randomized controlled trial evaluating a mindful movement intervention for marginalized pregnant people experiencing depression. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*. NCT04886856
- 2021 Freeman, Lewis and **Bodnar-Deren**. White paper published for the City of Richmond Health Department. Safe sleep and infant mortality in public housing during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 2020 Kinser, P., Thacker, L., Rider, A., Moyer, S., Amstadter, A., Mazzeo, S., **Bodnar-Deren, S.**, Starkweather, A. (2020). Feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary effects of “Mindful Moms”- and mindful physical activity intervention for pregnant women with depression. *Nursing Research*. Oct 17, online ahead of print. doi:10.1097/NNR.0000000000000485. PMID: 33075031
- 2019 Guy, Pallav, Herzog, Cassel, Sakuma, Trinidad, Palofox, Halquist, Eissenberg, **Bodnar-Deren**, Fagen (2019). How Much Nicotine is in Your Electronic Cigarette Flavored Liquid? *Tobacco Regulatory Science*. 2019 5(1): 15-26. <https://doi.org/10.18001/TRS.5.1.2>
- 2019 **Bodnar-Deren, S.**, Coston, E., Mthethwa, D., Pelco, L. E., Peron, E., Pyles, M., and Swecker, T. (2019). Using debate pedagogy to promote civic learning across the disciplines. *Scholars Compass. Community Engagement* https://scholarscompass.vcu.edu/community_resources/84/
- 2018 Holmes Keitt S, Reis-Reilly H, Fuller-Sankofa N, Carr M, Freeman A, Alice Freeman, Lewis R, Charles R, **Bodnar-Deren S**. Breastfeeding in the Community: Sharing Stories on Implementations That Work. *Journal of Human Lactation*. 2018. 34(2):285-303. DOI: 10.1177/0890334418757957
- 2018 Jessica L. Wildman, Deborah DiazGranados, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Katrina Merlini, and Kimberly Demoret. Trust Development, Violation and Repair across Cultures and Contexts: Expanding Perspectives. White paper submitted to: U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences Broad Agency Basic Science Research White Paper.
- 2017 **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Emma Benn, Amy Balbiercz, and Elizabeth Howell. Stigma and postpartum depression treatment acceptability among black and white women in the first six-months postpartum. *Journal of Maternal and Child Health*. Accepted 1/2/2017 DOI 10.1007/s10995-017-2263-6 PMID: 28102504
- 2016 **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Kimberly Klipstein, Eyal Shemesh, Madeline Fersh, and Elizabeth Howell. (2016). Suicidal ideation during the postpartum period. *Journal of Women's Health*. 2016 Dec;25(12):1219-1224. doi: 10.1089/jwh.2015.5346. Epub 2016 May 26. PubMed PMID: 27227751; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC5175420.
- 2016 **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, RaShel Charles, Alice Freeman. A Community Based Participatory Action Research Evaluation of the ABC's of Breastfeeding – Mommies, Bellies, Babies and Daddies. An intervention to increase breastfeeding rates of underserved mothers. White paper evaluation of

comprehensive curriculum of perinatal health program submitted for the City of Richmond Dept. of Health.

- 2016 Howard Leventhal, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Jessica Yu, and Elaine Leventhal. (2016) "Cognitive Mechanisms and Common Sense Management of Cancer Risk: Do Patients Make Decisions?" *Handbook of Decision Sciences*. M. Diefenbach Ed. Springer: New York. ISBN: 9781493934843
- 2016 Joann Hash-Converse, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Howard Leventhal. (2016). Chronic Illness with Complexity and Advance Care Planning. *Omega, The Journal of Death and Dying*. January 2016. 1:1-22. doi: 10.1177/0030222816675250. Epub 2016 Nov 22. PubMed PMID: 30035707.
- 2015 Mignonne Guy, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, and Gustavo Angeles for the Truth Campaign (formerly the American Legacy Foundation). Efficacy of youth initiated anti-tobacco messaging and community engaged research. White paper published for *the Truth Initiative* (the Legacy Foundation) Published online.
- 2015 Amy Balbiercz, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Elizabeth Howell. Postpartum Depression and Its Association with Parental Practices. *Journal of Maternal and Child Health*. 19:1212-1219. doi: 10.1007/s10995-014-1625-6. PubMed PMID: 25374288; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC4422772.
- 2014 Elizabeth Howell, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Amy Balbiercz, Pablo Mora, and Howard Leventhal. An Intervention to Reduce Postpartum Depressive Symptoms: A Randomized Controlled Trial *Archives of Women's Mental Health*. 17:57-63. doi: 10.1007/s00737-013-0381-8. Epub 2013 Sep 10. PubMed PMID: 24019052; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC3947932.
- 2014 **Susan Bodnar-Deren** and Deborah Carr. Death and dying, cross-national perspectives. Invited submission to *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health and Society*. January, 2014.
- 2013 Elizabeth Howell, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Amy Balbiercz, and Michael Paridus. An Intervention to Extend Breastfeeding among Black and Latina Postpartum Mothers. *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*. Editor's Choice October, 2013. 210(3) 239e1-239e5 doi: 10.1016/j.ajog.2013.11.028. Epub 2013 Nov 18. PubMed PMID: 24262719; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC3938878.. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ajog.2013.11.028>.
- 2012 Howard Leventhal, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Jessica Breland, Joanne Hash-Converse, L. Alison Philips, Elaine Leventhal, and Linda Cameron. Modeling Health and Illness Behavior: The Approach of the Common Sense Model (CSM). In A. Baum, T. Revenson, and J. Weinman (Eds.). *Handbook of Health Psychology*. New York: Erlbaum. Print ISBN: 9780805864618, DOI: 10.4324/9780203804100.ch1.
- 2010 **Susan Bodnar-Deren** and Deborah Carr. "End-of-Life." *Encyclopedia of Lifestyle Medicine and Health*. New York: SAGE Publications. pp: 391-392 DOI:10.4135/9781412994149.n199
- 2008 Biren Saraiya, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Howard Leventhal, Elaine Leventhal. End of Life Planning: Is it Relative for Patients and Oncologists. *Decisions in Choosing Cancer Therapy and Palliative Care. Cancer*. December 15; 113(12 Suppl): 3540–3547. doi: 10.1002/cncr.23946. Review. PubMed PMID: 19058149; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC2606925.
- 2008 Deborah Carr and **Susan Bodnar-Deren**. "Gender, Aging, and Widowhood." *International Handbook of the Demography of Aging*, Peter Uhlenberg, Editor. Springer-Verlag.

MANUSCRIPTS IN UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

- 2023 **Susan Bodnar-Deren** and Alice Freeman. Fathers Support for Breastfeeding: An examination of young African American Father’s perceptions about breastfeeding and fatherhood. Revise and Resubmit. *Journal of Human Lactation*. Submitted 1/19/2023 Under Review
- 2023 Mthethwa, Nokwe, **Bodnar-Deren**, Nkabinde. Building Resilience through Storytelling: A Community Based Participatory Action Research Project to explore Adolescence Mental Health. *In preparation*.

RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANTS AWARDED OR UNDER CONSIDERATION

- 2023 mPI (with Patricia Kinser, Hood, Belgrave). R25 to NIH (RFA-OD-22-015) Galvanizing Health Equity Through Novel and Diverse Educational Resources (GENDER) Research Education. “The CARE Workshop: Culturally-responsive community-engaged research methodologies to address critical problems in women’s health. **\$646,484** requested. Submitted 6/27/23
- 2023 co-PI (with Frankie Mastrangelo (contact PI), Jesse Goldstein, Gina Longo and Meghan Gough. VCU Transformative Learning Fund: Vertically Integrate Projects. “Sociology as a Transdisciplinary Research Hub”. VIP to transform Sociology into a hub of transdisciplinary, vertically-integrated research at VCU. We are building upon a network of already established student-engaged research labs and projects that provide opportunities for students to gain impactful experience - research, organizing and professional development - through hands-on participation and mentorship. **\$19,500** requested. Submitted 4/10/2023 (Awarded).
- 2023 co-PI (with Chris Cynn (contact PI), Michael Dickinson, Mary Boyes, Nancy Jallo, Maggie Unverzagt and Daniel Sunshine (East Marshall Street Well Project). VCU Transformative Learning Fund: Vertically Integrate Projects. “Re-envisioning Community Health and Healthcare: to address health and healthcare inequities as they reflect and reproduce longstanding, broader systemic and structural inequities.” **\$20,000** requested (2-year grant period). Submitted 4/10/2023 (Awarded).
- 2023 co-I with Patricia Kinser. NIH/NCCIH R-01 PAR 20-154 (OMB 4040-0001; SF424 (R&R) Application FP00019439 “Mindful Mamas: Pragmatic trial of effects, mechanisms, and implementation of remotely-delivered mindfulness for perinatal mental health.” **\$3,817,014** requested (5-year grant period). Submitted 1/30/2023 (Under Consideration)
- 2022 mPI with Sutton-El and Hawkins (Birth in Color) and Jallo (School of Nursing). Humanities Research Center, Health Humanities Fellowship for the project “Health Disparities and Birthing People: Where we are and where we CAN go!” December, 2022 **\$4,000 Awarded**.
- 2022 Co-I with Allison Williams and Hendricks-Muñoz (School of Medicine). March of Dimes-Priority Topic 4: Maternal Stress, Its Impact on Pregnancy Outcomes, and How to Mitigate the Effects Grant application. “Passport Home: An Intervention to reduce maternal stress, improve infant outcomes and decrease healthcare inequities in the NICU”. (2-year grant period) **\$200,000 Awarded**.
- 2022 mPI with Megan Gough (Wiler School of Public Policy) and Duron Chavis (Happily Natural Day). “Black-led Sustainable Urban Agriculture in Richmond, Virginia: Cultivating communities of healing, resistance and sovereignty.” ISEE/HRC incubator grant. Jan 2023-Dec 2023. (18-month grant period). **\$17,000 Awarded**.

- 2022 Co-PI with Patricia Kinser. NIH/NINR. Diversity Supplement to Mindful Moms study (1R01HD100395) for addition of post-doctoral student years 2-5. **\$100,000 Awarded.**
- 2022 Co-PI with Kevin Brosnan (CHS – Philosophy) and Kenda Sutton-El (Birth in Color ED). CHS Catalyst Grant. Health Science in the Time of Uncertainty: Public health and the politicization of science. 7/1/2022-6/30/2022. **\$19,950 Awarded**
- 2021 Co-I (Kinser PI 1R01HD100395). NIH/NICHHD – R01 -“Administrative Supplement (3R01HD100395-02S1): “Mamma Mia”: A multisite randomized controlled trial of an internet-based program for preventing and reducing perinatal depressive symptoms.” Funding period: 09/01/2021-03/31/2025. Full award \$1,170,947) admin supplement (2-year grant period) - **\$251,680 Awarded**
- 2021 Co-PI with Patricia Kinser. R01 “Biobehavioral perspectives on social connectedness and the “Mindful Moms” intervention for marginalized pregnant women with depression.” 1R01NR020220-01. Funding period (5/1/2021-4/30/2026) (5-year grant period) **\$2,690,495 Awarded**
- 2019 Co-PI With Dingani Mthethwa. VCU Service Learning Grant “Addressing contemporary challenges in South Africa: Developing Resourcefulness, Engagement, acceptance, and Mentoring – Program adaptation, training and implementation.” Submitted April 2019. **\$750.00 Awarded.**
- 2019 Co-I with East End Collaboratory members VCU/UR (Elizabeth Baughan and Kristine Grayson co-PI). University of Richmond Dean’s Advisory Council Award. “Reclaiming this Ground: Contesting Racism in Death and Remembrance. Submitted November 2018. **\$17,000 Awarded.** March 2019
- 2019 Co-I with East End Collaboratory (Elizabeth Baughan and Kristine Grayson co-PI). University of Richmond, Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Award. Restoring Our Collective History: Building a Collaborative Knowledge Base for Community and Student Engagement with East End Cemetery. Submitted November 2018. **\$50,000 Awarded** March 2019
- 2018 Facilitator. Kluge Foundation. The Toolkit is You. Mindfulness for Stress Reduction (MBSR) and Empowerment in High School Students. Development/implementation of weekly support group for adolescent girls focused on mindfulness for stress reduction and bi-annual retreat. Submitted December, 2018. **\$50,00.00 Awarded**
- 2018 Co-PI with Robert Argabright. Thriving Cities. ARCA Youth Program. Art, Reconciliation and Civic Advocacy. A Program that brings together diverse youth along the Jefferson Davis corridor, Richmond VA, to deepen cross-cultural relationships, learn community building and civic advocacy skills, and enhance the beauty and safety of neighborhoods along the corridor through street art as well as bike path advocacy. Submitted May 2018. **100,000 Awarded.**
- 2017 With Molly Ransone. Virginia Commonwealth University Service Learning Grant. “Empowering Resiliency and Community Health – through art and game design. A service learning program with youth in the Oak Grove/Bellemeade Community”. Submitted April 1, 2017. **\$700.00 Awarded.**
- 2017 Co-PI (w Giles Harnsberg (Groundwork RVA) and Saajida Chohan (Renew Richmond)). Community Based Participatory Program and Research Grant. Bon Secours Health Foundation. Farmstrong, and urban agriculture community and school based program to increase food access and well-being in the East End of Richmond. Submitted March 31, 2017. **\$50,000 Awarded.**

- 2016 Co- PI (w Duron Chavis) – Awarded June 2016 – Funded by the City of Richmond. Community Gardens as a means to alleviate food deserts in Richmond VA “Evidenced based outcome evaluation of an urban farmer education program in Richmond VA **\$50,000 Awarded.**
- 2016 Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Mentor Award with Sameen Meshkin, student. *“Preserving a Sense of Honor, Conscience, and Dignity during Medical School for the Physician-Patient Relationship” **\$1,500 Awarded.***
- 2016 Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Mentor Award with Marwa Eltiab, student. *“Refugee Health in Central Virginia” **\$1,500 Awarded.***
- 2015 Co-Investigator (w/Mignonne Guy, PI) The Truth Campaign (formerly the American Legacy Foundation). Efficacy of youth initiated anti-tobacco messaging and community engaged research. **\$50,000 Awarded.**
- 2015 Principal Investigator - Ujima Legacy Fund - Awarded May, 2015 – Evidenced based analysis of Richmond City Community Wealth Building – Renew Richmond/Kinfolks Community First Generation Initiative. **\$20,000. Awarded**
- 2015 Principal Investigator - Council for Community Engagement Grant – in partnership with VCU Institute for Women’s Health and Healthy Hearts Plus II. A Community-Based Participatory Research Evaluation of the Mommies, Bellies, Babies, & Daddies – the ABCs of Breastfeeding targeted intervention to encourage, inform and empower mothers to care for themselves and their babies and to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration. **\$19,995 Awarded.**
- 2015 Principal Investigator - VCU Quest Global Impact Award. Co-PI with Dingani Mthethwa, World Studies. Forging Communities of Resistance: History, Health and Education in Communities of Struggle: A Comparative Study of Richmond VA and Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. **\$9,116 Awarded.**
- 2015 Co- Investigator (evaluation). Robins Foundation Innovation Grant Award – Groundwork RVA / Kinfolks Community. Kinfolks Community: The First Generation Initiative (Program Development, Implementation and Evaluation). **\$50,000 Awarded.**
- 2015 Co-Principle Investigator (w RaShel Charles) - Altria - **\$25,000 Awarded** in partnership with VCU Institute for Women’s Health and Healthy Hearts Plus II (Community Organization). “Pregnant teen and young adult violence prevention program”. Implementation and evaluation grant. Awarded April, 2015 (Program Implementation and evaluation)
- 2014 Global Education Faculty Development Award (International Research and Teaching Award to Study epidemiological transition in developing nations). **\$10,000 Awarded.**
- 2014 Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Mentor Award with Danielle Ardilla Deneys, student. “Empowering Youth and Increasing Community Engagement through Permaculture/Biophilic Design” **\$1,500 Awarded.**
- 2011 Co-I (Howell PI NIMH-5R01MH77683-2; NIHD-5P60MD000270-10F) “Made-It Studies: Mothers Avoiding Depression Through Empowerment” Funding period: 09/01/2010-2015. Full award \$1,170,947, PostDoc on grant 2011; Co-I (2012-2015).

GRANTS NOT FUNDED

- 2023 mPI with Duron Chavis (community partner), Jesse Goldstein (Sociology), and Meghan Gough (Wilder School). VCU Breakthroughs Fund. “Reparative Land Justice Initiative: Cultivating economic and environmentally sustainable communities in Richmond.” \$169,079 requested (2-year grant period). Submitted 2/17/2023 (Not funded).
- 2023 mPI with Kenda Sutton-El (Birth in Color, community partner) and Nancy Jallo (School of Nursing). PCORI 2023 Cycle1 – Partner Project LOI. “Birth in Color: A multilevel, multicomponent community intervention for maternal health equity.” \$17,765,655 requested (7-year grant period). Submitted 2/7/2023 (Not funded).
- 2022 mPI with Institute for Women’s Health (Kinser, Salisbury, Sutton-El, Hood, Jallo et al.) NIH Maternal Health Center of Excellence (RFA-HD-23-035) U-Center Grant application. “The CARE Center: Community-Aligned Research and Training to Achieve Sustained Maternal Health Equity” (VCU Maternal Health Center of Excellence). Roles: mPI overall structure, co-PI with Sutton-El on Community Core (\$1,569,218) and mPI with Sutton-El and Jallo, Birth in Color Integrative Care Project Core (R01 – RCT; \$2,216,201). Full Center Grant: \$17,959, 993 requested (7-year grant period). Submitted 12/5/2022 (Not funded)
- 2022 mPI with Nancy Jallo (School of Nursing) and Kenda Sutton-El (Birth in Color). Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Grant. “Birth in Color – disrupting the legacy of implicit bias in maternal health care.” \$300,000 requested. (Not Funded)
- 2022 mPI with Nancy Jallo and Kenda Sutton-El. NIH/NIMH – R01 -“Birth in Color: Community Based Doula Integrated Supportive Care Program to Improve healthcare quality in pregnant Black women across the perinatal care continuum”. RFA-NR-22-002. \$2,402,041 requested. Submitted – 4/7/2022 (Not funded)
- 2022 Co-PI with Patricia Kinser. NIH/NINR. Administrative Supplement to Mindful Moms study (1R01HD100395) for a Spanish-language arm and inclusion of Covid-19 measures. \$250,000 requested (3-year grant period). Submitted – 07/31/2022 (not funded)
- 2022 Co-I (Derek Johnson – PI) Letter of intent: AP00001466 - Patterns and demographic drivers of COVID outbreak waves and impacts on health disparities for the VCU Breakthroughs Award. Submitted 1/21/2022 \$199,943 (Not funded)
- 2022 mPI with Jesse Goldstein et al., VCU Accelerate Grant. Community Roots Research Hub: Exploring Food Justice in the Community Garden. \$61,310 requested. Submitted 1/2022 (Not funded)
- 2021 co-I (Goldstein mPI) NSF COPE: Valuation of coastal habitats – guidance for decision to retreat, protect, or restore (\$5,000,000 total – William and Mary, Old Dominion and VCU) June 2021 to May 2024 Submitted 11/2021 (Not funded)
- 2021 mPI with Nancy Jallo and Kenda Sutton-El. NIH/NIMH – R34 -“Birth in Color: Preventing Perinatal Depression through Comprehensive Community-Based Doula Care for Black Women”. RFA-MH-21-241. \$696,148 requested. Submitted – 11/9/2021 (Not funded)
- 2019 Co-investigator. Deborah DiazGranados, PhD (PI); Marieka A. Helou, MD, MPH (Co-I); Susan Bodnar-Deren, PhD (Co-I), John W. Cyrus, MLIS (Co-I). Making decisions when uncertainty exists: Exploring levels of expertise in medicine. Proposal submitted to US Army Research Institute for the Behavioural and Social Sciences (ARI). Foundational Science Research Unit. W911NF-19-S-0006. \$526,037 requested. Submitted 7/12/2019

- 2019 Co PI with Patricia Kinser and Alice Freeman. The ABCs of maternal health: A community-driven tool-kit for the self-management of perinatal stress. Submitted to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Interdisciplinary-scholars team to address health equity grant. \$300,000 requested. Submitted 3.13.2019
- 2018 Co-investigator with with Gnokhia Makiwane – Sinomlando, Pietermaritzburg SA (a program of the University of KwaZulu-Natal) Under submission \$50,000 grant submitted to Kellogg Foundation for a culturally well-being program. Monies will fund program implementation and research. Submitted August 2018. \$50,000 (not funded)
- 2018 Co-investigator With Jessica L. Wildman (PI), Deborah DiazGranados, Katrina Merlini and Kimberly Demoret. Proposal submitted to the U.S. Army Research Institute (ARI). In response to: BAA W911NF-18-S-0001. Topic area: Culture. Submitted June 2018. \$500,000 (not funded).
- 2017 Co-Principal Investigator (w Sarah K. Price and Julie Dixon). 1 R01 NR017028-01. National Institute of Nursing Research. "A Stakeholder Informed Research Partnership Promoting Self-Management of Stress in Perinatal Women's Health (SMS-P). Submitted March, 5 2017. \$1,261,712.00 (not funded)
- 2016 Co-Principle Investigator (w John Lewis – Renew Richmond) Communities with Sustainable Urban Agriculture – Urban Farmer/Rancher Incubator Program” Evidenced based outcome evaluation of an urban farmer education program in Richmond VA \$973,000 requested not funded.
- 2015 Co-Principle Investigator (w RaShel Charles, IWH) – Virginia Foundation of Healthy Youth. - \$60,000 in collaboration with Healthy Hearts Plus II. For implementation of maternal health infant/child nutrition program. (not funded)
- 2015 Co-Principle Investigator (w RaShel Charles, IWH) – Dominion Foundation. - \$60,000 in collaboration with Healthy Hearts Plus II. For implementation of breastfeeding infant/child nutrition program. (not funded)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Bodnar-Deren**, Kinser, Lopato, Aubrey, Lantz, Moyer, Freeman. "Words Matter in Yoga Research Studies: Using Approachable Language regarding Biomarker and Epigenetic Discovery", was accepted for presentation at this year's SYR 2023 conference. 10/16/2023
- 2023 Shane Lee* and **Susan Bodnar-Deren**. Load Shedding in South Africa: How Solar Panel Deployment can alleviate race-based inequalities. National Conference on Undergraduate Research. University of Wisconsin, April 13, 2023 *student researcher – undergraduate
- 2023 Shane Lee* and **Susan Bodnar-Deren**. Load Shedding in South Africa: How Solar Panel Deployment can alleviate race-based inequalities. Dennis Dean Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship Conference, Feb. 3, 2023 *student researcher – undergraduate
- 2023 Kinser, P., **Bodnar-Deren, S.**, Amstadter, A., Thacker, L., Russell, S., Moyer, S., Stevens, L., Jallo, N. (2023, March 9). The impact of risk and resilience factors on maternal health outcomes during the COVID pandemic: A report from the Administrative Supplement for the Mamma Mia Study- a multisite randomized controlled trial of an internet-based program for preventing and reducing perinatal depressive symptoms. Invited presentation at the National Institutes of Health IMPROVE Awardee Workshop, Bethesda, MD.

- 2022 **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, Renada Lewis, Zaporah Freeman. Invited Presentation. An analysis of a long time community-academic partnership. Trial, tribulations and Levering the work for NIH Funding. Presented at the Connect: Community Engagement Conference, Richmond VA November, 2022.
- 2022 **Susan Bodnar-Deren** PhD, Patricia Kinser PhD, WHNP-DCB, RN, Christine Aubry, Anisa Johnson, Jules Csikari*, Ashley Nguyen*, Alice Freeman DDiv. “Study protocol for a longitudinal randomized controlled trial of biobehavioral perspectives on social connectedness and the “Mindful Moms” intervention for marginalized pregnant women with depression” presented June 2022 for presentation at 17th International Conference on Social Stress Research, Savannah GA
*Student researchers (undergraduate)
- 2021 Mthethwa D. and **Bodnar-Deren S.** Teaching in a global pandemic. Lessons for a virtual study abroad and transnational community engaged teaching and learning. Virtual conference, Sinomlondo Conference in narrative as research and intervention. Durban, South Africa. July 2021.
- 2019 Freeman, **Bodnar-Deren**. A Mother’s Justice: Sister Circles: A model to increase breastfeed and perinatal well-being among low-income women of color. Race, Place and Space Initiative Conference. November, 2019.
- 2019 **Bodnar-Deren** and Mthethwa. Invited session, Debate for Civic Learning – Forging Cultures of Resilience. Panel presentation at CTLE Teaching Symposium. April 2019
- 2019 Guidry, J.P.D., Johnson, J.A., **Bodnar-Deren**, S., Carlyle, K.E., Williams, K., Ksinan, A., & Dick, D. #Social4Health: Promoting College Student Social and Mental Wellbeing using Social Media. Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA in November 2019.
- 2019 **Bodnar-Deren** and Mthethwa. Debate for Civic Learning – Forging Cultures of Resilience. Panel presentation at CTLE Teaching Symposium. April 2019.
- 2018 Freeman, Lewis, **Bodnar-Deren**, Charles and Hamlin. The Benefits of Community Breastfeeding Support for First Generation Breastfeeders. 13th Breastfeeding and Feminism International Conference, Chapel Hill, NC May 2018.
- 2018 Alice Freeman, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, RaShel Charles, Renatta Lewis, and Kay Hamlin. Collaboration to Develop Capacity for Neighborhood Based Breastfeeding Promotion and Reduce Breastfeeding Disparities. NACHO Annual Meeting, Baltimore MD, Feb 2018
- 2018 **Bodnar-Deren**, Developing Student Understanding of Medical Sociology and the Life Course through Research Intensive, Community Service Learning. Paper presented at Eastern Sociological Society conference, Baltimore MD February 2018
- 2017 **Bodnar-Deren**, Charles, and Freeman. A CBPR evaluation of a best practices community-based program to increase perinatal health and increase breastfeeding in low-income neighborhoods in Richmond, VA. Panel Presentation. Nation WIC conference, Philadelphia PA. March 2017
- 2017 **Bodnar-Deren**. “Nativity and its association with racial/ethnic differences in six-month breastfeeding rates among a diverse sample of women residing in the U.S.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual meeting in Philadelphia. February 2017

- 2017 **Bodnar-Deren**, Legare, Balbierz and Howell. How nativity and breastfeeding problems are associated with breastfeeding rates in the U.S. Poster Presentation accepted for inclusion at the International Congress of Women's Health, Washington D.C. April 2017
- 2017 **Bodnar-Deren**. Comparative analysis of targeted breastfeeding interventions – RCTs and Community Based Practices. Institute for Women's Health Research Day. May 2017
Received best interdisciplinary research award.
- 2017 **Bodnar-Deren**, Charles, and Freeman. A CBPR evaluation of the ABCs of Breastfeeding Curriculum and Program. Paper accepted for panel presentation at 2017 annual NACHO conference, North Carolina, April 2017.
- 2016 **Bodnar-Deren**. Post-partum suicidality. Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Annual meeting April 2016. Atlanta GA
- 2016 **Bodnar-Deren**. "Treatment preferences for postpartum depression: how race/ethnicity affect women's acceptance of traditional and alternative modalities. Paper presented at Southern Sociological Society Annual meeting April 2016. Atlanta GA
- 2016 How Much Nicotine is in Your E-juice? Results from Electronic Cigarette Refill Liquid Samples Collected in Two Major U.S Cities. Mignonne C. Guy, PhD1, Pebbles Fagan PhD, MPH2, Matthew Halquist, PhD3, **Susan Bodnar-Deren**, PhD3, Pallav Pohkrel, PhD, MPH2, Thaddeus Herzog, PhD2, Dorothy Jorgenson, MPH2, Eric Moolchan MD4, Thomas Eissenberg, PhD1 (Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for the Study of Tobacco Products1, University of Hawaii Cancer Center, University of Hawaii at Manoa2, Virginia Commonwealth University3, Independent Consultant4) Poster presented at Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco annual meeting held –in Chicago. March, 2016
- 2016 **Bodnar-Deren, Legure**, Balbierz, and Howell. "How nativity affects racial and ethnic differences in six-month breastfeeding in a cohort of diverse U.S. women" Paper accepted for presentation. February, 2016. Healthy Lives – technologies, policies and experiences. EHMS 16th biennial congress, Geneva Switzerland. Sociologie, University of Geneva. Due to conflicting Study Abroad schedule, talk was sent and posted remotely. Abstract included in EHMS annual paper.
- 2016 **Bodnar-Deren**, Benn, Balbierz and Howell "Stigma and postpartum depression treatment acceptability among black and white women in the U.S." Paper accepted for presentation. February, 2016. Healthy Lives – technologies, policies and experiences. EHMS 16th biennial congress, Geneva Switzerland. Sociologie, University of Geneva. Due to conflicting Study Abroad schedule, talk was sent and posted remotely. Abstract included in EHMS annual paper.
- 2016 **Bodnar-Deren**, Freeman, and Charles. "The ABC's of Breastfeeding, a targeted intervention to encourage, inform and empower mothers and to increase breastfeeding initiation and duration." Paper accepted for presentation. February, 2016. Healthy Lives – technologies, policies and experiences. EHMS 16th biennial congress, Geneva Switzerland. Sociologie, University of Geneva. Due to conflicting Study Abroad schedule, talk was sent and posted remotely. Abstract included in EHMS annual paper.
- 2015 **Bodnar-Deren** and Guy. Efficacy of youth initiated anti-tobacco messaging and community engaged research. White paper presented for *the Truth Initiative*. Tobacco control meeting October, 2015

- 2015 **Bodnar-Deren**. Best Practices in Breastfeed Policy and Intervention. Paper presented at the 2015 Congressional Summit on Breastfeeding. Washington DC. June, 2015
- 2015 **Bodnar-Deren**, Guy and Javier. Gender differences in colorectal cancer knowledge, worry and intention to screen among mid-life and older African Americans who are non-adherent to CRC screening protocols. Accepted for presentation GSA, November 2015
- 2015 **Bodnar-Deren**. “Anxiety as a correlate of postpartum suicidality” Paper accepted for presentation at the Women’s Health 2015: The 23rd Annual Congress, April, 2015
- 2014 **Bodnar-Deren**. “Exploring Intergenerational Relationships – Using digital storytelling as a form of public sociology to examine the meaning of kinship, home and community across the life course.” Paper presented at the 2014 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting, November, 2014
- 2014 **Bodnar-Deren** “Sleep Deprivation and Postpartum Depression: An analysis of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Scale”. Paper presented at the 2014 American Association of Public Health Annual Research Meeting.
- 2014 **Bodnar-Deren** “Stigma and Treatment Seeking Behavior for Postpartum Depression among Black and White New Mothers.” Paper presented at Academy Health Research Meeting, San Diego CA, June 2014.
- 2013 **Bodnar-Deren** “Racial Concordance and Health Outcomes among a Cohort of Older Americans.” Paper presented at the 66th annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 **Bodnar-Deren** “Perceived Burden, Social Support and End-of-Life Planning.” Paper presented at the 66th annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 **Bodnar-Deren** (With Elizabeth Howell) “An Intervention to Extend Breastfeeding Among Black and Latina Postpartum Mothers.” Paper accepted for symposium at Academy Health Research Meeting, Baltimore MD, June 2013.
- 2013 **Bodnar-Deren** “Postpartum Suicidality – Psychometric Correlates of the EPDS, PHQ-8, and GAD-7.” Paper accepted for presentation at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Baltimore MD, June 2013.
2013. **Bodnar-Deren** “Chronic Illness with Complexity and End-of-Life Planning.” Paper presented at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore MD, June 2013
- 2013 **Bodnar-Deren** Postpartum Suicidality and Associated Psychosocial Correlates. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Virginia Society of Social Scientists. April 2013.
- 2013 **Bodnar-Deren** Perceived Illness Burden and Advance Care Planning Among Older Adults. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Virginia Society of Social Scientists. April 2013.
- 2012 **Bodnar-Deren** (With Amy Balbierz) “Racial and Ethnic Differences in Exercise and Body Image – Six Months Postpartum.” Paper presented in symposium on Maternal and Child Health, at the 140th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, October 27-31, 2012.

- 2012 **Bodnar-Deren** (With Kim Klipstein, Madeline Fersh and Elizabeth Howell) “Suicidal Ideation in the Postpartum Period”. Paper presented at the 59th Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine Meeting in Atlanta, GA. November 14-17, 2012. Best Paper Award.
- 2011 **Bodnar-Deren** “How Do Social Relations Affect the Advance Care Planning of Older Adults? Presented at the Gerontological Society of America 64th Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2010 1) **Bodnar-Deren** “Understanding Advance Care Planning in Older Adults: The Salience of Function.” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America 63rd Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2) **Bodnar-Deren** “How Chronic Illness with Complexity influences Advance Care Planning.” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America 63rd Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 3) **Bodnar-Deren** “The GSA Task Force on Mentoring: Ladder Mentoring - Everyone Can Lend a Helping Hand.” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America 63rd Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 **Bodnar-Deren** “The Impact of Self-Perceived Burden Among Black, White, and Latino Adults: on Advance Care Planning” Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2009 **Bodnar-Deren** The Common-Sense Model, Illness Representations and the Likelihood of End-of-Life Planning.” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America for presentation at GSA 62nd Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 **Bodnar-Deren** “Understanding Patients’ Perspectives on End-of-Life Health Care Planning.” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America for presentation at GSA 62nd Scientific Meeting, Atlanta GA.
- 2008 **Bodnar-Deren** “End of Life Health Care Planning and the Impact of Perceived Burden among Care Recipients” Presented at the Gerontological Society of America for presentation at GSA 61st Scientific Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2007 **Bodnar-Deren** “The Positive Aspects of Caregiving – The Impact of Formal Support Use.” Paper Presented at the Gerontological Society of America 60th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2006 **Bodnar-Deren** Globalization, Transnational Migration and Home Health Aides – A Case Study.” Paper presented at the Association of Black Sociology Conference, at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Society, Montreal.
- 2006 **Bodnar-Deren** “Bienvenida Project” Social service provision for immigrant families - Best practices program and paper presented at University of North Carolina Social Services conference, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2005 **Bodnar-Deren** “Aging and HIV/AIDS – proposed policies, procedures and practices” Presented at NJEASE conference, Morris Twp. NJ.
- 2005 **Bodnar-Deren** “Mental Health needs of an aging population – overview of services, deficits, and recommendations” Presented at Dept. of Health and Human Services annual COMICA training, Edison, NJ.

2005 **Bodnar-Deren** “Cultural Competency – Aging and the LGBT population” presented at SAGE conference, New York, NY and North Regional Case Management conference, Morris Twp., NJ.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2023-present VCU Humanities Research Center, Health Humanities Lab – Health Disparities Community Engaged Fellow (\$4000 award)

2022-present Birth In Color RVA Foundation Advisory Board member and fellow. Birth In Color RVA Foundation is an innovative community-based organization, nonprofit, and doula collective that combats the maternal and reproductive health. We create infrastructure within health care systems to gain patient satisfaction surveys and tackling bias within the health care system.

2018-2019 VCU College of Humanities and Sciences. Deans Fellowship. (2018: Finance 2019: Faculty Affairs)

2018 VCU Office for Community Engagement. Debate Across the Curriculum. FLC Award (\$500.00)

2018 VCU, College of Humanities and Sciences. Distinguished Teaching Award.

2017/2018 East End Collaboratory – Research and teaching fellow. Appointed member of an interuniversity research/teaching collaborative partnership between VCU and University of Richmond. Funded through U of R and VCU Council for Community Engagement and Aspire

2017/2018 VCU Aspire Teaching Fellowship (AY 2017/18)

2017 Building Interdisciplinary Bridges in Women’s Health Research Award, Awarded by VCU School of Medicine, Institute for Women’s Health

2016/17 VCU Advisory Committee for Service Learning

2016/17 VCU Global Education Teaching Fellowship

2015/16 VCU Excellence in Teaching Fellowship

2013 Editor’s Choice Manuscript. An Intervention to Extend Breastfeeding among Black and Latina Postpartum Mothers. *Obstetrics and Gynecology*. October, 2013.

2012 Best Paper Award. Suicidal Ideation in the Postpartum Period”. Paper presented at the 59th Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine Meeting in Atlanta, GA. November 14-17, 2012.

2011 Module (based on Dissertation questions) accepted for inclusion in the National Health and Aging Trends Study (with Deborah Carr and Sara Moorman).

2011 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Public Policy and Intervention, The Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Department of Health Evidence and Policy.

2010 Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research – Excellence Fellowship.

2010 Graduate School, Rutgers University Presidential Excellence Fellowship Award.

- 2009 Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research – Excellence Fellowship.
- 2009 Ethel F. Lorde, Soroptomist International, Fellowship in Aging Research.
- 2009 Rutgers University Faculty Resource Development Grant and Fellowship.
- 2009 Graduate School, Rutgers University Thesis Award.
- 2009 Gerontological Society of America Junior Scholar Award.
- 2008 Grant makers In Aging (GIA) Fellowship, Princeton New Jersey.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Academy of Women’s Health, Academy Health, American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society, Gerontological Society of America, Association of Black Sociologists

APPOINTED and ELECTED COMMITTEES

- 2023 VCU, Council for Community Engagement,
- 2023 VCU Project Gabriel – World Café Listening Sessions Facilitator/Host
- 2022-present ISEE – HRC Environmental Research Incubator
- 2021-present VCU College of Humanities and Sciences Community Engagement Advisory Board
- 2016-present VCU School of Medicine Co-Director (with Patricia Kinser, School of Nursing). Perinatal Health Research Group. Virginia Commonwealth University, Institute of Women’s Health.
- 2018-2021 College of Humanities and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee
- 2018-19 College of Humanities and Sciences Dean’s Fellowship
- 2017-19 Elected Monroe Park Representative, University Faculty Senate
- 2016-19 Nominated and served as a member of the CHS Dean’s Research Advisory Council
- 2016-19 Elected Chair Person, Faculty Senate, Academic Programs and Research Committee
- 2015-19 Elected College Humanities and Sciences Representative – University Faculty Senate.
- 2015/16 Appointed, CHS Professionalism Task Force
- 2013/14 Elected President Faculty Council, Virginia Commonwealth University, College of Humanities and Sciences.
- 2012-2015 Appointed member Virginia Commonwealth University, College of Humanities and Sciences Faculty Representative.
- 2011 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Emerging Scholars Program (ESPO)

Chairperson Student Paper Award Committee.

- 2011 Morris County Division on Aging – Priority Setting Task Force for Public Policy and Aging Services.
- 2010 Gerontological Society of America ESPO Nominations Committee.
- 2008 Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), Rutgers University student Representative.
- 2007 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Emerging Scholars Program (ESPO) Executive Member and University Student Representative.
- 2007 Chair of the aging and addictions task force for Morris County, N.J.
- 2006-2011 Member of Morris County Division on Aging CEASE board (homeless prevention task force).
- 2005 Chair of the N.J. state priority setting committee and Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area (NEMA) task force for HIV/AIDS services.
- 2001 Member of the Morris County, N.J. mental health response team for September 11th Families.
- 1999-2000 Member of the Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area HIV/AIDS priority setting task force.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present Intro to Race and Racism in the US (CSIJ 200) – Undergraduate. Newly developed racial literacy requirement for VCU students. Co-course developer and instructor (Committee on Racial Equity).
- 2021-present Comparative Social Justice in South Africa (undergraduate – Virginia Tech) – Newly developed co-instructed service-learning study abroad to South Africa (co-taught) with Dingani Mthethwa
- 2013-2022 Sociology of Health and Illness (graduate – VCU)
- 2012-present Medical Sociology (undergraduate – VCU) *Service Learning
- 2016-present Forging Cultures of Resilience – Participatory Action Research to conduct a comparative examination of post-Apartheid South Africa and post-Civil Rights VA – a global linked digital classroom and community engaged research/learning project. Team taught with Dingani Mthethwa - VCU and University of Kwa-Zulu Natal *Service Learning
- 2013-2023 Capstone Senior Research Seminar in Sociology, VCU.
- 2013-present Sociology of Mental Health (graduate and undergraduate – VCU) *Newly developed Service Learning Designation – 2015/16
- 2013-2020 Sociology of Education (undergraduate- VCU)
- 2015-2019 Comparative Global Health (graduate/undergraduate – VCU) *Study Abroad/Service Learning in South Africa
- 2013-present Aging and the Life Course (grad and undergrad - VCU) *Newly developed Service Learning Designation – 2015/16
- 2012 Social Policy (graduate – VCU)
- 2012 Perspectives on End-of-Life and Palliative Care (Mt. Sinai School of Medicine)
- 2012 Gerontological Social Work (grad course – Rutgers, School of Social Work)
- 2011 Sociology of Families, Drew University.
- 2011 Gerontology, Drew University.
- 2011-2012 Aging Policy, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University.

2011 The Sociology of Aging, Rutgers University. 2011 Epidemiology of Aging, Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers.

2011-2012 Sociology of Gender, Rutgers University.

2010- 2011 Introduction to Sociology, Drew University.

2010 Sociology of Deviance, Rutgers University.

2009 Sociology of Mental Health, Rutgers University.

2009 Classical Sociological Theory.

2009 Sociology of Health and Illness, Drew University.

2008-2012 Social Gerontology, Rutgers University.

2008-2012 Sexuality and Society, Rutgers University.

2008-2012 Civic Engagement and Service Education Partnerships (CESEP), Rutgers.

2008 Graduate Course: Analysis of Sociological Data II, Rutgers University.

2008 Individual and Society, Rutgers University.

2008-2011 Contemporary Social Theory, Rutgers University.

2008-2012 Sociology of Education, Rutgers University.

2007-2009 Education and Society, Rutgers University.

2007-2010 Sociology of the Family, Sussex County Community College.

2006-2008 Women, Culture and Society, Rutgers University, (Women's and Gender Studies Department).

2005-2011 Introduction to Sociology, Rutgers University and Sussex County Community College.

2006-2011 Perspectives on Gender, Race, and Class, Sussex County Community College.

2006-2011 Sociology of the Family, Rutgers University and Sussex County Community College.

2006, 2010 Sociology of Women, Rutgers University.

2005, 2009 Sociology of Mental Health, Rutgers University.

2004 Introduction to Sociology, Rutgers University (as a Teaching Assistant).

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

STATA, SAS, SPSS, ATLAS, Excel

EMPLOYMENT RECORD/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

- 2011-present **Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Department of Health Evidence and Policy.**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2011-2012); Research Affiliate (2012-present).
- Quantitative statistical analysis of public health and behavioral intervention aimed at reducing postpartum depression.
 - Analysis of racial/ethnic health disparities among postpartum women. Theoretical and quantitative analysis of suicidality among women with postpartum depression.
 - Analyses of the NIH/NIMH funded MADE-IT and MADE-IT 2 (Mothers Avoiding Depression Through Empowerment).
 - Lead role in the determination of strategies for data analyses. Conducted and supervised statistical analyses – including bivariate, multivariate, hierarchical linear modeling, structural equation modeling and hazard modeling using STATA and SAS.
 - Responsible for the communication of research findings to a wide audience including policy personnel, media, and research audiences, through the design of graphical presentations.
 - Presentation of research results at academic conferences.
 - Research for literature reviews.

- Preparation and submission of articles (Postpartum Suicidality and Reporting of results from RCT – intervention to decrease the rates of postpartum depression among racial minority women) for publication.
- Grant writing and submission to NIH/NIMH (R-01 and R-03).

2006-2012

Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, New Brunswick – Center for the Study of Health Beliefs and Behaviors. Research Fellow

- Conceptualized and designed complex research projects – including:
 - Methodological development and oversight (conduct and supervision of bivariate, multivariate, longitudinal, and structural equation analyses).
 - Project budgets.
 - Requests for proposals.
 - Strategic planning and timelines.
- Conducted quantitative and qualitative statistical analysis (SPSS, STATA) for the Process of Illness Representation (PRIM) Study (Howard Leventhal, Ellen Idler PI) and Determinants of End-of-Life Health Care Preferences and Future Planning study (Deborah Carr PI).
- Responsible for the dissemination of study findings to a wide audience, including service providers, state government, and the clinical community
- Interpretation and presentation of statistical output, design of graphical presentations, presentation of research results, research for literature reviews, and preparation of articles for publication.
- Grant writing and submission of proposals to private foundations, NIH/NIA/NCI (TR-01, R-01, and R-03).

2006-2012

Civic Engagement and Service Education Partnerships (CESEP) Program, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Coordinator CESP pedagogy and community placement supervisor.

- Senior lecturer for academic component of Rutgers University’s CESEP program.
- Provided theoretical and social work framework to students engaged in community placements.
- Intern coordination of over 125 students placed at over 40 community partners (per semester).
- Supervision and mentorship of Rutgers Future Scholars Program for honors students at Rutgers University.
- Liaison between university, students, and community partners in New Jersey.
- Responsible of all aspects of academic component: lecture content, class activities, on-line distance learning component, grading, etc.
- Also responsible for placements and follow-ups for both students and partner agencies.
- Duties including program assessment and outcome reporting to University and funders.

2005-2006

Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, New Brunswick. Graduate Assistant (to Ellen Idler, PhD. and Allan Horwitz, PhD.)

- Interpreted statistical output, design of graphical presentations, presentation of research results.
- Research for literature reviews, and preparation of articles for publication.

Teaching Experience

2012-present Assistant Professor, Sociology, Virginia Commonwealth University
 2011-2012 Adjunct Professor of Social Work, Rutgers, School of Social Work
 2010-2012 Part-time Lecturer/Instructor, Gerontology Program, Bloustein School of Public Policy and Planning, Rutgers University.
 2008-2012 Part time Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Drew University.
 2005-2008 Part time Lecturer/Instructor, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.
 2005-2012 Part time Lecturer/Instructor, Women and Genders Studies, Rutgers University.
 2005-2012 Adjunct Professor of Sociology, Sussex County Community College.
 2004-2008 Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University Department of Sociology.

EMPLOYMENT RECORD/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Social Services/Administration Experience

- 2007-2012 **New Jersey Department of Human Services. Consultant – Aging and Health Policy Analyst for Northern New Jersey.**
- Provision of strategic leadership and direction of advocacy efforts for county and state level aging policy.
 - Acted as a lead spokesperson to local, state and federal level media forums.
 - Performed statistical analysis of outcomes related to agency, municipal, county and statewide policies on: housing, transportation, care management, Medicare and Medicaid Waiver programs, Title IIIe programs (OAA), nutrition, Adult Day, and Adult Protection Services programs.
 - Liaison with county and federal government, priority setting task forces, and provider agencies to assure compliance and realization of strategic goals for community based aging programs.
- 2002-2007 **New Jersey, Department of Human Services. Director of Aging and Health, Norther Region (Eight Counties).**
- Administrative oversight for division and staff of 1,000 plus social service professionals.
 - Budget planning and implementation for the Northern Division
 - Development and implementation of New Jersey Easy Access Single Entry social services program for the Northern Divisions on Aging (Area AAA) for Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Hudson and Bergen Counties Responsible for the development of policy and procedures for division, subcontract programs and agencies.
 - Responsible for the development and monitoring of the strategic planning process for the agency, division and applicable programs: Northern Region (Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Hudson and Bergen Counties) – NJ Drug Programs, Mental Health Alliances, NJ AIDS and Ryan White Programs, Child Protective Services, Senior Care Management, Adult Protective Services, Information and Referral Services, Clinical Case Management, Care Management, Senior Financial Planning, CMS Waiver Programs (OWAPA, JACC, CAP, etc.) and Services for the Visually Impaired.
 - Responsible for comprehensive care plan development and implementation, quality assurance and adherence to state and federal guidelines.
 - Responsible for grant management, allocations, program development, and strategic planning.

- Appointed to leadership positions for state and federal caregiver coalition and task force, homeless prevention task force, and funding allocation committees.

1999-2002

Hope House Acting Associate Executive Director, Social Services.

- Oversight of the administrative, programmatic and financial aspects of the Social Services, HIV/AIDS Center, and Homeless Prevention Departments at Hope House.
- Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area (NEMA) director and chair of HIV/AIDS prevention task force for northern part of the state of N.J.
- Responsible for agency and departmental policy provision. Services provided included: social work, case management, in-home medical care, chore services, Home Sharing, Homeless Prevention, Personal Emergency Response Program and in-home safety and accessibility modification program. Caregiver support, bereavement, and intergeneration programs also provided.
- Responsible for all program hiring, training, supervision, development, grant/contract management (127 grants and contracts), preparation and oversight of all monthly, quarterly and annual reports.
- Development and monitoring of the strategic planning process for the agency. Coordination of quality management, outcomes, and accreditation for the department and agency.
- Responsible for all budget preparation, fund raising, grant research and writing, public relations and volunteer activities.
- Acted as the agency liaison with county, state and federal agencies. Facilitated clinical groups and advocacy programs.
- Chair of the aging and addictions task force for the county, county and state priority setting committee and Newark Eligible Metropolitan Area (NEMA) task force for HIV/AIDS services.
- In charge of Northwestern New Jersey FEMA case management and emergency response coordination.
- Co-Coordination of county mental health response for September 11th with Family Services of Morris County.

Social Case Worker, the AIDS Center at Hope House.

- Case review and management for individuals who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Facilitated weekly women's support, family support, and Buddy support groups.
- Development of case management policy, procedures, and volunteer policy. Ryan White, NJ AIDS, and county grant monitoring and reporting.
- Member of the NEMA priority setting task force.