

GERI ADLER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Education

Ph.D. Social Work, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

MSW Social Work, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN.

BS Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

Work Experience

University of Houston, Houston, TX (2006—present):

- Assistant Professor, Graduate College of Social Work

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (2003—2006):

- Associate Professor, College of Social Work
- Director, South Carolina Center for Gerontology
- Director, Graduate Certificate Program in Gerontology

Geriatric Research, Educational, and Clinical Center, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN (1986—2003):

- Research Social Worker
- Coordinator, Seminar Series on Aging
- Field Instructor: University of Minnesota, University of St. Thomas

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- Hartford Faculty Scholar
John A. Hartford Foundation
- New Researcher Award, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden
- Fellowship, Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center (MAGEC)
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- Certificate in Specialized Study of Gerontology
Faye McBeath Institute on Aging, Madison, WI
- Graduated with Distinction, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

RESEARCH FUNDING

As Principal Investigator

Hartford Foundation (2004-2007): “An Integrated Study of Driving Cessation in Older Adults with Dementia,” \$100,000.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety (2002-2003): “Driving SAFE,” \$68,500.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety (2001-2002): “Older Women: Driving Habits, Health Status, and Social Support,” \$48,500.

As Co-Investigator

Alzheimer’s Association (2006-present): “Fitness to drive in early stage dementia: An instrumented vehicle study.”

National Highway Traffic Safety Association (US Department of Transportation): (2007-present): “Fitness to drive in early stage dementia: Assessment of the feasibility of using in-car technology to monitor driving performance associated with dementia in older drivers.”

University of South Carolina (2005-present): The non-profit on-line response to Katrina: An initial assessment.”

SELECTED REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Adler, G., & Hilber, D. (in press, *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health*). Will the types of jobs being created enable older workers to keep working.
- Adler, G., & Silverstein, N. (in press, *Traffic Injury & Prevention*). At-risk drivers with dementia: Recognition, response, and referral.
- Adler, G. (2008). Employment outcomes of gerontology certificate graduates. *Educational Gerontology*, 34(2), 136-147.
- Adler, G., Schwartz, J., Kuskowski, M. (2007). An exploratory study of older adults participation in civic action. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 31(2), 65-75.
- Cummings, S. M., & Adler, G. (2007). Predictors of social workers' employment in gerontological work: A study in two states. *Educational Gerontology*, 33(11), 925-938.
- Dickerson, A. E., Molnar, L., Eby, D. W., Adler, G., et al. (2007). Transportation and aging: A research agenda for advancing safe mobility. *Gerontologist*, 47(5), 578-590.
- Adler, G. (2007). Intervention approaches to driving and dementia. *Health and Social Work*, 32(1), 70-75.

Refereed Publications (continued)

- Adler, G., & Rottunda, S. (2006). Older adults' perspectives on driving cessation. *Journal of Aging Studies, 20*(3), 227-235.
- Raybould, C. & Adler, G. (2006). Applying NASW Standards to End-of-Life Care for a Culturally Diverse, Aging Population. *The Journal of Social Work Values and Ethics, 3*(2). Retrieved from <http://www.socialworker.com/jswve/content/view/38/46/>
- Adler, G. (2006). Geriatric field education in social work: A model for practice. *Educational Gerontology, 32*(9), 707-719.
- Adler, G., Rottunda, S., Kuskowski, M., Christensen, K., & Thuras, P. (2006). Driving SAFE: Development of a knowledge test for driver's with dementia. *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice, 5*(2), 213-222.
- McKinley, K. & Adler, G. (2006). Quality of life in nursing homes: Involving elders in policy making for their own care and life satisfaction. *The Social Policy Journal, 4*(3/4), 37-51.
- Adler, G., Rottunda, S., Bauer, S., & Kuskowski, M. (2005). Older women drivers: The influence of age, marital status, health, and social support. *Clinical Gerontologist, 29*(1), 39-51.
- Adler, G., Rottunda, S., & Dysken, M. (2005). The older driver with dementia: A ten-year review of the literature. *Journal of Safety Research, 36*, 399-407.
- Cummings, S. M., Adler, G., & DeCoster, V. A. (2005). Factors influencing graduate social work students' interest in working with elders. *Educational Gerontology, 31*, 643-655.
- Adler, G., Bauer, M., Rottunda, S. & Kuskowski, M. (2005). Driving habits and patterns in older adults with glaucoma. *Social Work in Health Care, 40*(3), 75-88.
- Burns, T., McCarten, J. R., Adler, G., Bauer, M. & Kuskowski, M. (2004). Effects of repetitive work on maintaining function in Alzheimer's disease. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease, 19*(1), 39-44.
- Adler, G., McKinley, K. & Kuskowski, M. (2003) Field instructor perceptions of roles, rewards and responsibilities. *Arete, 27*(1), 42-50.
- Bauer, M., Adler, G., Kuskowski, M. & Rottunda, S. (2003). The influence of age and gender on the driving patterns of older adults. *Journal of Women and Aging, 15*(4), 3-16.
- Bauer, M., Rottunda, S. & Adler, G. (2003). Older women and driving cessation. *Journal of Qualitative Social Work, 2*(3), 309-325.

Refereed Publications (continued)

- Adler, G. & Kuskowski, M. (2003). Driving habits and cessation in older men with dementia. *Alzheimer Disease and Associated Disorders*, 17(2), 68-71.

SELECTED REFEREED PAPER & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Fitness to Drive in Early Stage Dementia: Two Instrumented Vehicle Studies, Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2008.
- Fitness to Drive in Early Stage Dementia: An Interdisciplinary Approach to a Growing Challenge, Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 2007.
- Health Care Professionals: Attitudes and Practices Concerning Drivers with Dementia, Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, 2007.
- Am I Safe to Drive? What Persons with Early Stage Dementia, Their Families, and Driving Rehabilitation Specialists Think, National Alzheimer's Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2007.
- Driving Decision-Making in Older Adults with Dementia (Poster). Alzheimer's & Dementia Research Symposium, Alzheimer's Association & DeBakey VAMC, Houston, TX, 2007.
- Attitudes about Older Drivers (Poster). 2007 Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging, Chicago, IL, 2007.
- Putting it Together: Incorporating Research on Driving Cessation Into Recommendations for Support Services (Symposium). Annual Meeting of the American Society on Aging & National Council on Aging, Chicago, IL, 2007.
- Predictors of Social Workers' Employment in Gerontological Work: A Study of Two States (Poster). Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX, 2006.
- New Strategies for Rehabilitating the Next Generation of Older Drivers (Symposium). Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX, 2006.
- Driving Decision-Making in Older Adults with Dementia (Poster). Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX, 2006.
- The Cyber Commons Responds to a Major Disaster: A Study of On-line Volunteers in the Face of a Natural Disaster (Presentation). Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action 35th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2006.

Refereed Paper and Poster Presentations (continued)

- Factors influencing social workers' employment in gerontological work (Presentation). Council of Social Work Education/Gero-Ed Forum, Chicago, IL, 2006.
- What elders want: Quality of life in long-term care (Poster). Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX, 2006.
- Graduate Social Work Students' Attitudes Towards and Interest in Working with Elders (Poster). Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL, 2005.
- MSW students' attitudes toward and interest in working with elders (Presentation). Southern Gerontological Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2005
- Policy making for frail older adults: Empowering institutionalized elders (Presentation). 2004 Planning Conference, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work, Charleston, SC, 2004.
- Geriatric field education in social work: A model for practice (Presentation). Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) Annual Meeting, Richmond, VA, 2004.
- Driving SAFE (Poster). Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, 2004.
- Older drivers with glaucoma (Poster). Medical University of South Carolina Aging Day, Charleston, SC, 2004.
- Driving habits and patterns of older men with glaucoma (Poster). Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA, 2003.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

University of Houston (2006-present): Graduate College of Social Work

- SOCW 6361: Research Methods
- SOCW 7397: Assessment in Social Work Practice

University of South Carolina (2003-2006): College of Social Work

- SOWK 724: Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups
- SOWK 718: Systems Analysis for Social Work Practice
- SOWK 791: Social Work Research Methodologies
- SOWK 773: Social Work Interventions with Older Adults
- SOWK 771: Psychosocial Approaches to Gerontology

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Houston:

- GCSW Admissions Committee (2007-present)
- GCSW Evaluation Committee (2006-present)
- GCSW Search Committee (2006-2007)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Licensure

- Professional Social Work Licensure, Clinical Practice (LMSW-CP), South Carolina. Renewed November 2006

Professional Affiliations

- National Association of Social Workers
- Gerontological Society of America
- AGESW
- Society for Social Work and Research