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## EDUCATION

- PhD                      Anticipated Graduation May 2013                      Social Work  
University of Houston  
Dissertation: *New paradigm: A mixed methods study on the impact of neurocognition, gender role conflict, and self identity on psychosocial adjustment to traumatic brain injury.* Chairperson: Patrick Leung, Ph.D.
- M.Ed.                      2008                      Health Education  
University of Houston  
Thesis: *Effects of an educational intervention on knowledge, acceptance of disability, and subjective well-being among ethnic minorities with traumatic brain injury.* Chairperson: Dennis W. Smith, Ph.D.
- B.S.                      2003                      Biology & Psychology  
University of Houston

## RESEARCH/ PROFESSIONAL WORK

January 2004 – Present                      Brain Injury Research Center at TIRR Memorial Hermann, Houston, TX  
*Predoctoral Fellow.* Fellowship is provided through the NIDRR-sponsored Rehabilitation & Research Training Center on Developing Strategies to Foster Community Integration and Participation for Individuals with TBI Grant. Prepare, write, and submit scientific manuscripts for the Center; conduct quantitative and qualitative statistical analyses using SPSS, AMOS, and NVivo; recruit and conduct assessments with persons with traumatic brain injury (TBI) for various projects; case management and resource facilitation with Spanish-speaking persons with TBI; conduct neuropsychological assessments and psychosocial interviews; Locate and perform outreach services to community organizations serving Spanish-speaking clientele regarding the needs of persons with traumatic brain injury (TBI); translate materials into Spanish.

*Research Assistant II.* Recruited and consented participants for the NIDRR-funded Texas TBI Model System of TIRR longitudinal study and collaborative project on sexuality after TBI; coordinated and conducted follow-up structured interviews; Spanish translation for the National TBI Model System; conducted baseline and follow-up assessments for sexuality project; conducted statistical analyses and prepared manuscripts. (2007-2012)

*Research Assistant II.* Screened, recruited, and consented patients with TBI admitted to the Neurosurgery service at Ben Taub General Hospital (BTGH) for three NIDRR sponsored research protocols by the Rehabilitation & Research Training Center on Community Integration of Persons with TBI Grant; conducted psychosocial interviews, substance abuse & behavioral assessments; conducted statistical analyses; manuscript writing; translated written materials and website into Spanish: [www.tbicomunity.org](http://www.tbicomunity.org). (2004-2009)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2012 – Present                      **Adjunct Professor.** Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, Houston, TX. Practice Evaluation.
- 2010 & 2011                      **Teaching Assistant.** Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, Houston, TX. Research Methods. Faculty mentor: Dr. Patrick Leung.

## SELECTED REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Sander, A. M., Maestas, K. L., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Sherer, M., Hammond, F. M., & Hanks, R. (in press). Sexual functioning one year following traumatic brain injury: Findings from a prospective traumatic brain injury model systems collaborative study. *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.*
- Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., Struchen, M. A., Leung, P., & Smith, D. W. (2011). Common misconceptions about traumatic brain injury among ethnic minorities with TBI. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation, 26*(4), 301-311.
- Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Clark, A. N., & Struchen, M. A. (2011). Perceptions of community integration in an ethnically diverse sample. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation, 26*(2), 158-69.

Struchen, M. A., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., Burrows, C. S., & Myszka, K. A. (2011). Examining the contribution of social communication abilities and affective/behavioral functioning to social integration outcomes for adults with traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 26(1), 30-42.

Clark, A. N., Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Evans, G., Struchen, M. A., & Chiou-Tan, F. Y. (2010). Caregiver characteristics and their relationship to health service utilization in minority patients with first episode stroke. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 27(1), 95-104.

Sander, A. M., Clark, A., & **Pappadis, M. R.** (2010). What is community integration anyway?: Defining meaning following traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 25(2), 121-7.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Pappadis, M.R.**, & Sander, A. M. (2012, July). *Perspectives of survivors of traumatic brain injury (TBI): Positive and negative influences on quality of life and self-concept*. [Refereed]. Abstract presented for oral presentation at the Social Work Social Development 2012: Action and Impact conference, Stockholm, Sweden.

**Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., & Mazzei, D. M. (2012, March). *Soy diferente: Experiences of Spanish-speaking persons with traumatic brain injury*. [Refereed]. Poster presented at the 2012 Race, Ethnicity, and Disabilities: State of the Science Conference, March 1-2, Arlington, VA.

**Pappadis, M. R.** (2011, December). *Am I still the same person?: Psychosocial adjustment to traumatic brain injury*. [Refereed]. Presented at the 2011 Social Work Research Conference, December 2-3, Houston, TX.

**Pappadis, M. R.** (2011, June). Culturally competent data collection: Addressing culture and language to improve data quality. In J. Wright's: *TBI Data Collection in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Advances and Issues*. [Refereed]. Symposium conducted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Federal Interagency Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury, Washington, D.C.

**Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., & Struchen, M. A. (2010, October). *Impact of traumatic brain injury on quality of life and self-concept: Perspectives of survivors in an ethnically diverse sample*. [Refereed]. Poster presented at the 2010 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine – American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ACRM-ASNR) Joint Educational Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M. & Struchen, M.A. (2010, June). *Perceived environmental barriers of persons with traumatic brain injury*. [Refereed]. Presented at the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda, Hong Kong, People's Republic of China.

## **SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- U.S. Department of Education, NIDRR, Predoctoral Fellowship (October 2012 – Present)
- FAHS-BECK, Doctoral Dissertation Grant, \$5000 (2012 - Present)
- Phi Alpha Honor Society Scholarship, University of Houston (2012)
- Santa Clara Valley Brain Injury Conference Best Scientific Poster Award (2012)
- University of Hong Kong Student Award for Outstanding Abstract – 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda (2010)

## **SERVICE**

- Editor-in-Chief, *Perspectives on Social Work*, University of Houston (2009-Present)
- Planning Committee Member, Doctoral Social Work Student Research Symposium, Graduate College of Social Work – University of Houston (2009-2011)
- Editorial Board Member, *Perspectives on Social Work*, University of Houston

## **SELECTED HONOR SOCIETIES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- TIRR Research Council, Investigator
- SSWR – Society for Social Work and Research, Member
- SOCRA – Society of Clinical Research Associates, Member
- ACRM – American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine's Brain Injury Special Interest Group, Member
- Phi Beta Delta – Delta Iota chapter, University of Houston, Member
- Golden Key International Honour Society – University of Houston, Member