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**EDUCATION**

- 2008 - Present      Ph.D. Student, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston  
Anticipated Graduation May 2012  
Research Interests: Psychosocial adjustment to disability, ethnic minority health disparities, and substance abuse/use
- 2008                      M.Ed., 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 (TBI)*  
Chairperson: Dennis W. Smith, Ph.D.
- 2003                      B.S., Biology and Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX

**INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION/ TRAINING**

- Summer 2002          Public Health Program, Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra  
Santiago, Dominican Republic  
*Community Health Practicum* – Conducted health assessments and educated residents on domestic violence, breast cancer, and AIDS.  
*Clinical Field Rotation* – Assisted medical staff at a rural clinic in Montellano, Dominican Republic.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2010                      University of Hong Kong Student Award for Outstanding Abstract - 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda
- 2010                      International Education Fee Scholarship-Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce Scholarship (IEFS-HJCC) – University of Houston
- 2010                      Alpha Phi Honor Society Honorable Mention Award – University of Houston
- 2009                      David Strauss, Ph.D., Memorial Award for outstanding poster presentation  
The American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG)
- 2007 - Present          Golden Key International Honour Society – University of Houston
- 2007                      College of Education Department of Health and Human Performance  
Competitive Graduate Student Research Award  
University of Houston
- 2006 - 2008              Kappa Delta Pi (International Honor Society in Education)  
Health and Human Performance Representative – University of Houston

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2004 - Present          Research Associate, Brain Injury Research Center at TIRR Memorial Hermann
- 2002 - 2005              Telemetry Patient Care Technician, Memorial Hermann NW Hospital

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- 2007 - Present          Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP)
- 2007 - Present          Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., Struchen, M. A., Leung, P., & Smith, D. W. (in press). Common misconceptions about traumatic brain injury (TBI). *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*.
- Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Clark, A. N., & Struchen, M. A. (in press). Perceptions of community integration in an ethnically diverse sample. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*.
- Clark, A. N., Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Evans, G., Struchen, M. A., et al. (in press). Caregiver characteristics and their relationship to health service utilization in minority patients with first episode stroke. *NeuroRehabilitation*.
- 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), 121-127.
- Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Davis, L. C., Clark, A. N., Evans, G., Struchen, M. A., et al. (2009). Relationship of race/ethnicity and income to community integration following traumatic brain injury: Investigation in a non-rehabilitation trauma sample. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 24(1), 15-27.
- Struchen, M. A., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Kurtz, D. M., Clark, A. N., Davis, L. C., & Sander, A. M. (2008). Perceptions of communication abilities for persons with traumatic brain injury: Utility of the La Trobe Communication Questionnaire. *Brain Injury*, 22(12), 940-951.
- Struchen, M. A., Clark, A.N., Sander, A. M., **Mills, M. R.**, Evans, G. and Kurtz, D. (2008). Relation of executive functioning and social communication measures to functional outcomes following traumatic brain injury. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 23(2), 185-198.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M. & Struchen, M.A. (2010). Perceived environmental barriers of persons with traumatic brain injury. Poster to be presented at the 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development: The Agenda, June 10-14, 2010, Hong Kong, People's Republic of China.
- Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., & Struchen, M. A. (2009, October). *Validity of the Acceptance of Disability Scale for persons with traumatic brain injury in an ethnically diverse sample*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine – American Society for Neurorehabilitation Joint Educational Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., & Struchen, M. A. (2009, October). Relationship of perceived attitudinal barriers and community integration to psychosocial adjustment to disability in persons with traumatic brain injury. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine – American Society for Neurorehabilitation Joint Educational Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, & Struchen, M. A. (2009, October). Perceptions of community integration in an ethnically diverse sample. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine – American Society for Neurorehabilitation Joint Educational Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- Pappadis, M. R.** (2009, September). *A TBI education program for persons from diverse backgrounds*. Presented at the Community Integration of Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury, Advances in Research and Implications for Treatment Conference, Houston, Texas.

## HEALTH EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

- Struchen, M. A., Roebuck, T. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, & Ferguson, J. E. (2008). *I have a what?!: A guide for coping with mild TBI*. Houston, TX: Baylor College of Medicine.
- Struchen, M. A., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Ferguson, J. E., & Roebuck, T. M. (2008). *I have a what?!: A guide for coping with moderate-to-severe TBI*. Houston, TX: Baylor College of Medicine.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association for Health Education (AAHE); American Public Health Association (APHA) – International Health National Council of La Raza (NCLR) – Health; Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA)

## SERVICE TO GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

- 2009 - Present      Co-Editor, *Perspectives in Social Work*, doctoral student online journal  
Graduate College of Social Work – University of Houston
- 2009 - Present      Planning Community Member, Fifth and Sixth Doctoral Social Work Student  
Research Symposium, Graduate College of Social Work – University of Houston