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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

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2010 – Present      Investigator, TIRR Research Council
- 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

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2010 - Present      *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Research and Knowledge Building in Social Work Practice, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston under direction of Professor Patrick Leung, Ph.D.

**CERTIFICATIONS**

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

**SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- 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 effective/behavioral functioning to social integration outcomes for adults with traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 26(1), 30-42.
- Pappadis, M. R.**, Sander, A. M., Struchen, M. A., Leung, P., & Smith, D. W. (2010). Common misconceptions about traumatic brain injury (TBI). *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, in press. Epub ahead of print retrieved August 30, 2010, from doi: 10.1097/HTR.0b013e3181e7832b.
- Clark, A. N., Sander, A. M., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Evans, G., Struchen, M. A., et al. (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), 121-127.
- 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.

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 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*. Symposium to be 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). *Impact of traumatic brain injury on quality of life and self-concept: Perspectives of survivors in an ethnically diverse sample*. Poster presented at the 2010 American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine – American Society of Neurorehabilitation (ACRM-ASNR) Joint Educational Conference, October 21 – 23, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Pappadis, M. R.** (2010, September 16). Qualitative research: Immersing yourself in the experience. Presented at TIRR Memorial Hermann, Houston, TX.
- 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.
- 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

- Sander, A. M., Moessner, A. M., Kendall, K. S., **Pappadis, M. R.**, Hammond, F. M. & Cyborski, C. M. (2010). *Sexual functioning and satisfaction after traumatic brain injury: An educational manual*. Houston, TX: Baylor College of Medicine.
- 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.

### SERVICE TO GRADUATE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

- 2009 - Present      Editor-in-Chief, *Perspectives in Social Work*, doctoral student online journal  
Graduate College of Social Work – University of Houston
- 2009 - 2011      Planning Community Member, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Doctoral Social Work Student  
Research Symposium, Graduate College of Social Work – University of Houston