

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. Candidate (expected graduation May 2012)
Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Anthropology
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Masters of Arts in Anthropology (2007)
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Masters of Science in Social Work (1998)
Concentration: Administration and Planning
University of Texas

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude (1993)
Major: Mathematics with a concentration in Spanish;
Vanderbilt University

Research Interests

Transitions, Built Environment and Aging
Gerontological Social Work and Diverse Populations
Long-Term Care Issues

Teaching Interests

Aging: Theories and Interventions
History of Social Welfare Policy for Older Americans
Macro Social Work
Qualitative Methods/Mixed Methods
Social work in Diverse Populations/International Social Work

Awards

Henry Meyer Paper Award, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, for paper entitled, "*Gifts of Preparation: Balancing Autonomy and Obligations which Transcend Space, Time and Mortality.*" (2010)

Hartford Foundation Pre-Dissertation Doctoral Fellowship (2010-2) for Dissertation research "*Leaving home in late life: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in the Mid-western United States.*"

Society for Medical Anthropology conference funding from National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, principal investigator, Dr. Mark Padilla. (2009)

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan. (2009)

Department of Anthropology, Summer Research funding. (2004)

Student Scholarship from the Alzheimer's Association to participate in the Association of Anthropology and Gerontology 2003 Annual Meeting (2003)

Rackham Merit Fellowship for graduate study, University of Michigan. (2003-4; 2007-10)

Pre-doctoral fellow with National Institute of Aging Training Grant, University of Michigan. (2001-3; 2004-6)

Publications (peer reviewed)

Ziamba, R, Perry, T., Takahashi, B. and Algase, D. (2006) "That model is soooooo last millennium! Residential long term care as a system, not a place." *Journal of Housing for the Elderly, Special Issue.*

Perry, T. (2005) "Katrina: Is there a role for anthropology and gerontology?" *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*, Volume 26, Issue 4.

Perry, T. (2005) "Navigating the conference spectrum" *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*, Volume 26, Issue 3.

Other **Publications**

Ziamba, R., Perry, T. et al (2011) "With Purpose & Promise_ Needs Assessment: Education and Support for Nursing Staff" Needs assessment for older adults of Calhoun County, Michigan.

Research Experience

Dissertation data collection (2009-2011) for project entitled, "*Leaving home in late life: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in the Mid-western United States.*" Conducted interviews with older persons, their family members and professionals in senior housing industry, participant observation, and document review.

Research Consultant (2009-10) for Needs Assessment for older adults in Calhoun County, Michigan. Conducted focus groups and consulted on design of research and survey instruments. Principal Investigator: Professor Rosemary Ziemba, School of Nursing, University of Michigan

Research Intern (2007-8) for paper entitled, "*What do conversational styles tell us about aging and family dynamics?*" Supervisor: Professor Deborah Keller-Cohen, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

Student Column Editor (2004-5) for Anthropology and Gerontology newsletter produced by AAGE (Association for Anthropology and Gerontology)

Research Assistant (1996-7) for Child Care Market Rate study
Center for Social Work Research, University of Texas

Practice Experience

Singapore Action Group of Elders (SAGE) Counselling Centre, Singapore
1999 – 2001 *Social Worker*

- Staff in charge of Helpline serving elderly and caregivers including training, management and supervision of helpline volunteers
- Face-to-face counselor for elderly and caregivers including home visits and brokerage of community resources for clients
- Trainer for other service providers, Jurong West Neighbourhood Police Centre and schools on "Understanding the Elderly," "Communicating with the Elderly" and Basic Counselling Skills
- Staff in charge of SAGE's efforts to spearhead public education exhibits for the Ministry of Community Development and Sports

National Council of Social Service, Singapore

1998 – 1999 *Executive, Elderly Services Department*

- Staff in charge for network of service providers in the elderly sector in the West of Singapore. (*Community Care Network-West*) Projects include working with network members to develop: minimum standards of service for day cares for the elderly, "Memoirs of Older Persons" book, International Year of Older Persons walk, network newsletter.
- Staff in charge for NCSS Networks International Year of Older Persons Committee.

- Working with a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO) to set up a dementia day care in the north of Singapore.
- Member of review team to examine befriending program for the elderly.
- Staff in charge for two case management pilot programs for the elderly including conceptualization plan for future case management programs and work with the two VWOs to develop evaluation parameters.
- Member of Project Team selected to develop program evaluation system for funded VWOs.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Cambridge, MA

1998 *Special Projects Employee to the Executive Director*

- Staff liaison to the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Directors.
- Developed methodology to update agency's Five Year Plan; Presented findings to members of the Board of Directors.
- Conducted cost-benefit analysis of direct mail solicitation program and major donor fundraising.
- Reviewed financial and organizational concerns associated with UUSC's Cards & Merchandise Program; Facilitated problem-solving sessions with appropriate staff members; discussed implementation models with Executive Director.

Communities In Schools, Austin, TX

1997 *M.S.S.W. Intern*

- Facilitated individual and group therapy with children ages 10-13. Work included co-facilitating "Grief and Loss", "Sexual Assault Survivors" and "Job Readiness" groups.
- Created mentor program, organized peer mediation outreach.

United States Peace Corps, Nepal

1993-95 *Math Teacher and Teacher Trainer*

- Received three months of intensive orientation in Nepali language and culture.
- Taught for one year in a village secondary school to classes ranging in size from 60-120 students.
- Conducted government-sponsored trainings for Nepali teachers in mathematics.
- Developed and conducted a training session for female, primary level teachers focusing on mathematics, health and women's issues.
- Carried out all teaching and administrative duties in the Nepali language.

Coalition for the Defense of Battered Women, Nashville, TN
1993 *Intern*

- Interviewed battered women in the Tennessee Women's prison.
- Prepared a needs assessment of social services, legal and policy initiatives for battered women.
- Authored legal aid manual for women prisoners.

Teaching Experience

Winter 2011 — **Planning for Organizational and Community Change**
(course cross-listed in Social Work and Urban Planning)
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

- Designed syllabus and taught course independently

Spring/Summer 2008 — **Social Work with the Elderly**
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

- Designed syllabus and taught course independently

Fall 97 — **Violence Issues in Social Work**, *Professor Dorothy Van Soest*
Teaching Assistant, University of Texas

- Performed statistical analysis on pre-test and post-test data for cultural diversity study.
- Graded research papers; assisted students with social science research.

Presentations/ Posters (peer reviewed)

Perry, T. (2011) "Marking difference in transitions: Leaving home in late life in the mid-western United States" Paper presented at Michigan Annual Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor, MI.

Ziemba, R., Perry, T., and T. Dietz (2010) "In Support of Workers: Family Caregivers and Care Recipients Speak Out." Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2010) "Make Mine Home: The role of personalization in the independent living choices of older adults." Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2009, September) "Gifts of Preparation: Balancing Autonomy and Obligations which Transcend Space, Time and Mortality." Paper presented at Society for Medical Anthropology conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Chaired the symposium entitled: *Moralities at the Margins of Life: Obligations and Expectations in the Making and Unmaking of Persons and Social Relations*.

Perry, T. (2008) "*Are you there?: Telephone communication styles of older persons and their family networks.*" Society for Social Work Research conference, Washington, D.C.

Ziemba, R and T. Perry (2005) "That practice is soooo last millennium: Residential care as a system not a place." in symposium entitled: *Sharing Professional Spaces: Re-Shaping Interdisciplinary Practice in Long Term Care.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference.

Perry, T. (2004). "Exploring the bounds of language in a nursing home." Presentation at the Association of Anthropology and Gerontology 2003 Annual Meeting.

Perry, T. (2003). "Fading to the background: Language ideology and the discursive practices of older persons." Paper presented at Michicagoan Annual Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor, MI.

Perry, T. (2003). "Do you hear what I say? Perceptions of communication in an institutional setting for older persons." Chaired symposium entitled: *Critical Perspectives in Aging: Linking Ideology and Practice.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference, San Diego, CA.

**Other
Presentations**

Perry, T. (2011) "Older adult moving study: Hope and Expectations in transforming one's Space: Preliminary Findings." Presentation to research participants.

Perry, T. (2011) "Older Adult Moving Study: Roles for practitioners." Presentation to University of Michigan Elder Collaborative.

Perry, T. (2010) "Everything Elderly - Rehabilitation and long term care at Glacier Hills, and seniors moving. Everything Elderly radio program". Research featured on radio program on December 18, 2010.

Perry, T. (2010) "Moving experiences of older adults An Evening of Sharing, Learning and Laughing: MSW Students and Five Aging Scholars Kick It!" Presentation to MSW students. School of Social Work, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2010) Discussant for Conversations across Social Disciplines program entitled, "Housing, Homes and Ownership" School of Social Work, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2010) "Older Adult Moving Study: A Community in the Making." Poster Session at School of Social Work Retreat, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2006) "Intersections of risk and creativity in exploration of the personal history." Discussant remarks for Anthropology and Social Work colloquium.

Perry, T. (2003). "Do you hear what I say? Perceptions of communication in an institutional setting for older persons." Paper presented at Linguistics Lab, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**Other
Relevant
Experience**

Washtenaw County, Michigan Hoarding Task Force,
2010-11 *Volunteer and Debrief Facilitator*

Research featured in newspaper article by Alan Caldwell entitled, "Ann Arbor provides a great place for senior citizens to live, enjoy life." February 4, 2011. *Ann Arbor Journal*.

"Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods"
Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, University of Michigan
2005 *Summer Scholar*

Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE), Singapore
1998-2001 *Member, Helpline and Support Services Sub-Committee*

- As a committee member, work to monitor and sustain direct services offered by AWARE.

Center for Health Services at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
(A non-profit that uses applied and experiential learning techniques to help people working at the grassroots level)
1992-93 *Board Member and Executive Committee Member*

Alternative Spring Break Program, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

1992-3 *Co-Chair*

- Directed volunteer programs at 17 sites for over 300 students and faculty.
- Trained site leaders, Managed \$80,000 budget.

1992 *Site Leader*

- Facilitated experience in working in homeless shelters in Philadelphia
- Planned for lectures by homeless activists at the Univ. of Pennsylvania

References

Dr. Ruth Dunkle

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and
Wilbur J. Cohen Collegiate Professor of Social Work
School of Social Work
University of Michigan

Dr. Judith T. Irvine

Edward Sapir Collegiate Professor of Linguistic Anthropology
Department of Anthropology
University of Michigan

Dr. Rosemary Ziemba

Clinical Assistant Professor
School of Nursing
University of Michigan

Dr. Letha A. Chadiha

Associate Professor of Social Work
School of Social Work
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