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Education and Training

Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, MI

Juris Doctor, May 2011

Certificate in Civil Court Mediation Training, 2010

University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD

Certificate in Basic Mediation, 2004

Georgetown University Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Washington, DC

Certificate in Bioethics - *Contemporary Challenges in Health Care Ethics*, 1999

University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Social Work, December 1992

University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts, Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and English with Distinction, May 1990

Employment

Wayne State University Law School

September 2013 - present

Director, Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer & Adjunct Assistant Professor

As a member of the clinical faculty I:

- Teach a 6-credit clinic course at Wayne Law School, Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic, and a 2-credit advanced clinic course
- Supervise clinic students who provide direct representation, advocacy and information to clients
- Participate in faculty committees and events
- Oversee the medical-legal partnership between Wayne State Law School and Karmanos Cancer Center that provides free legal services to low-income cancer patients
- Have responsibility for all aspects of programming, design, education, marketing and growth
- Supervise MSW students placed at the clinic for field instruction
- Present seminars on legal issues that affect cancer patients and their families to healthcare professionals and consumers
- Participate in the Karmanos Cancer Center Ethics Committee as a community member

Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer

September 2011 - 2013

Equal Justice Works Fellow

- Designed and implemented a medical-legal partnership between Wayne State Law School and Karmanos Cancer Center that provides free legal services to low-income cancer patients
- Recruited pro-bono attorneys, volunteer students and community partners to participate in the development of service provision
- Developed and presented legal seminars for patients, families and healthcare professional staff around the legal issues that affect cancer patients
- Successfully raised partial funds to sustain programming focused on educating law students, cancer patients and their families

Association of Oncology Social Work / Philadelphia, PA & Baltimore, MD

Executive Director

2005 – 2007

- Responsible for oversight of all operational activities of the international professional organization
- Developed and streamlined operational structure and processes to better fit the growing organizational needs
- Coordinated organizational fundraising by developing fundraising plan, building database and managing the financial resources necessary to achieve the organization's objectives
- Evaluated the major components and programs of the organization, such as the POWER program, Oncology Social Work brochure and other publications, website and long-term planning and presented short and long-term opportunities to the Board of Directors
- Built alliances and partnerships with both national non-profit and for-profit organizations that share the mission and objectives of AOSW

Johns Hopkins Hospital - Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center / Baltimore, MD

Senior Clinical Social Worker

1997- 2005

- Provided psychosocial assessment and intervention for oncology patients and their families
- Supervised clinical social work staff members and master's level social work students
- Designed and implemented documentation and processes to streamline services to patients
- Developed and designed framework for interrelated clinical databases to capture services and outcomes for patient population
- Designed multiple quality improvement projects within the department and Cancer Center
- Led the Johns Hopkins Hospital Ethics Service as an Executive Committee member
- Participated in Ethics Service consult teams in providing a hospital-wide consultation service
- Oversaw selection of Ethics Service members as Chair of the Membership Subcommittee and rewrote by-laws to provide for a more interdisciplinary committee
- Co-chair of the Education Subcommittee of the Ethics Service

Cancer Pain and Fatigue Social Worker

2001-2003

- Provided psychosocial assessment and interventions for patients experiencing cancer pain
- Provided education and clinical services to cancer patients, families, faculty and staff
- Conducted research regarding patients and families educational needs for pain management
- Responsible for overseeing the quality improvement initiatives of the Cancer Pain Service

Johns Hopkins Hospital Surgical Intensive Care Unit / Baltimore, MD

Clinical Social Worker

1996-1997

- Provided assessment, intervention and education within the intensive care unit environment
- Designed and wrote comprehensive service report detailing needs of the ICU patients and staff

Mercy Memorial-Hospice of Monroe / Monroe, MI

Medical Social Worker/Bereavement Coordinator

1993-1996

- Performed psychosocial assessments and provided clinical interventions for terminally ill persons and their families
- Provided direct service and oversight of the Bereavement Program
- Designed psychosocial component of care for developing hospice program and participated as member of Professional Advisory Committee for newly licensed hospice program
- Participated in interdisciplinary team conferences to direct quality patient care
- Computerized medication tracking sheets to maximize quality control

Recent Publications

Kennedy, V., Smolinski, K.M., Colón, Y., & Zabora, J. (2015). Educating and training professional social workers in psycho-oncology. In J.C. Holland, W.S. Breitbart, P.N. Butow, P.B. Jacobsen, M.J. Loscalzo, & R. McCorkle (Eds.), *Psycho-oncology, 3rd Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Smolinski, K.M. & Wolf, D. (2015). Understanding and addressing the legal issues that impact quality of life for oncology patients and their caregivers. In L. Behar, G. Christ & C. Messner (Eds.), *Handbook of Oncology Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Smolinski, K.M. & Goeren, W. (2015). Unique issues confronting gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals diagnosed with cancer. In L. Behar, G. Christ & C. Messner (Eds.), *Handbook of Oncology Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Zebrack, B., Jones, B. & Smolinski, K. (2015). Patient-centered cancer care: From diagnosis through treatment and transitions to off-treatment survival or the end-of-life. In L. Behar, G. Christ & C. Messner (Eds.), *Handbook of Oncology Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Smolinski, K.M., & Colón, Y. (2011). Palliative care with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender clients. In T. Altilio & S. Otis-Green (Ed.), *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Burg, M., Zebrack, B., Walsh, K., Maramaldi, P., Lim, J., Smolinski, K., & Lawson, K. (2010). Barriers to accessing quality health care for cancer patients: A survey of members of the Association of Oncology Social Work. *Social Work in Health Care, 49*(1), 38-52.

Smolinski, K., & Colón, Y. (2006). Silent voices and invisible walls: Exploring end of life care with lesbians and gay men. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology, 24*(1), 51-64.

Presentations (*peer reviewed)

2015

18th Annual Northwestern University Memorial Hospital Oncology Nursing Conference/Chicago, IL
"Decision Making in End-of-Life Care" (Invited Presenter)

Equal Justice Works Annual Leadership Development Training/Washington, DC
"Enriching Your Advocacy: Understanding Compassion, Fatigue, and Vicarious Trauma in Your Public Interest Work" (Invited panel presenter)

3rd Annual Johns Hopkins Medicine Cancer Survivorship Conference/Baltimore, MD
"Hope and Humor" (Invited Keynote) and *"Legal Concerns for Survivors"*

3rd Annual Outpatient Multidisciplinary Conference at Karmanos Cancer Center/Detroit, MI
"A Lawyer as Part of the Healthcare Team? Solving Legal Issues Affecting Cancer Patients"

Wayne State University Library Outreach Council Annual Community Education Series/Detroit, MI
"Conversations for Caregivers II: Caregivers Panel and Community Conversation" (Panel moderator and conference planner)

Michigan State University School of Social Work Continuing Education Program/Detroit, MI
"Ethical Dilemmas & Decision Making in End-of-life Care"

2014

17th Annual Northwestern University Memorial Hospital Oncology Nursing Conference/Chicago, IL
"Legal Issues with Cancer Survivors" (Invited Presenter)

Equal Justice Works Annual Leadership Development Training/Washington, DC
"Sustaining Your Project" (Invited panel presenter and moderator)
"Issue Area Breakout Group – Medical-Legal Partnership" (Invited panel presenter)
"Building an Equal Justice Works Network in Your Community" (Invited facilitator)

Michigan State University School of Social Work Great Lakes Summer Institute/Traverse City, MI
"Ethical Dilemmas & Decision Making in End-of-life Care" (5-hour seminar)

Excellence in Cancer Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Annual Training Seminar/Baltimore, MD
"Family Caregiver Support & Family Conferencing" (Core Faculty Presenter)
"Culturally-Sensitive Communication, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making" (Core Faculty Presenter)

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Baltimore, MD*
"Achieving Social Justice for Oncology Patients: Accessing Affordable Legal Services through a Medical/Legal Partnership"

Wayne State University School of Social Work Continuing Education Program/Farmington Hills, MI
"Communication, Legal and Ethical Issues in End-of-Life Care" (3-hour workshop)

Wayne State University Library Outreach Council Annual Community Education Series/Detroit, MI
"Conversations for Caregivers: Caregivers Panel and Community Conversation" (Panel moderator and conference planner)

Wayne State School of Social Work 8th Annual Diversity Lecture/Detroit, MI
"Does Comprehensive Health Insurance Reform address Behavioral Health Disparities?" (Invited panel moderator)

2013

Michigan State University School of Social Work Continuing Education Program/Lansing, MI
"Ethics & Decision Making in End-of-Life Care" (2-hour seminar)

Equal Justice Works Annual Leadership Development Training/Washington, DC
"Engaging Sponsors and Other Stakeholders" (Invited panel presenter)
"Sustaining Your Project" (Invited panel presenter and moderator)

Henry Ford Health System/Detroit, MI
"Workplace Transitions: Leaving and Returning to Work" (3 sessions/3 locations)

1st Annual Outpatient Multidisciplinary Conference at Karmanos Cancer Center/Detroit, MI
"Advance Directives: More than Just a Form"

Smith College School for Social Work Continuing Education Program / Northampton, MA
"End of Life Social Work: Theory and Practice" (6-Hour Workshop)

Excellence in Cancer Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Annual Training Seminar/San Diego, CA
"Family Caregiver Support & Family Conferencing" (Core Faculty Presenter)
"Culturally-Sensitive Communication, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making" (Core Faculty Presenter)

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / San Diego, CA*
"Is a Medical-Legal Partnership on Your Horizon?"

2012

Michigan Association of Oncology Social Work and Michigan Oncology Nursing Society/Southfield, MI
"Advance Directives: More than Just a Form"

Excellence in Cancer Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Annual Training Seminar/Boson, MA
"Family Caregiver Support & Family Conferencing" (Core Faculty Presenter)
"Culturally-Sensitive Communication, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making" (Core Faculty Presenter)

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Boston, MA*
"ExCEL In Action: Take a Look at Yourself and Make That Change"

2011

Johns Hopkins Hospital, Invited Keynote for Annual Social Work Ethics Grand Rounds/Baltimore, MD
"Medical Futility & Ethical Considerations for Social Workers in the Healthcare Setting"

Smith College School for Social Work Continuing Education Program / Northampton, MA
"End of Life Social Work: Theory and Practice" (6 Hour Workshop)

Excellence in Cancer Education and Leadership (ExCEL) Annual Training Seminar/St. Louis, MO
"Family Caregiver Support & Family Conferencing" (Core Faculty Presenter)
"Culturally-Sensitive Communication, Problem-Solving and Decision-Making" (Core Faculty Presenter)

2010

Smith College School for Social Work Continuing Education Program/ Northampton, MA
"End of Life Social Work: Theory and Practice" (6 Hour Workshop)

2008

Birmingham Maple Clinic/ Birmingham, MI
"Ethical Conflicts within Private Practice and the Impact of Trust and Betrayal"

2007

Michigan Association of School Social Workers Annual Conference – Invited Speaker/Bay City, MI
"In Whose Best Interest? Framing Social Work Ethical Conflicts within the School System and the Impact of Trust and Betrayal"

Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care – MI Chapter, Invited Speaker /Ann Arbor, MI
"Your Social Work Career: Thinking Outside the Box!"

2006

Florida Society for Oncology Social Workers Annual Conference, Invited Keynote /Tampa, FL
"Always Seeing the Forest for the Trees: The Ageless Gift of Oncology Social Work"

Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care – DC Chapter, Invited Speaker /Washington, DC
"The Road Less Traveled: Advance Directives and Goals of Care"

National Association of Social Workers – MD Chapter, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Is it a Matter of Trust? Expectations & Betrayal in Resolving Ethical Conflicts"

2005

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Invited Speaker / Austin, TX*
"Silent Voices and Invisible Walls: Exploring End of Life Care with Lesbians and Gay Men"

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Austin, TX*
"Is It A Matter of Trust? Expectations and Betrayal in Resolving Ethical Conflicts"

Johns Hopkins Center for Clinical Global Health Education, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
Video Conference with staff at the King Edward Memorial Hospital in Bermuda
"Dealing with the Distressed Patient and the Distressed Family: The Art of Empathy"

Hospice of Baltimore's First Annual Clinical Symposium, Invited Keynote / Baltimore, MD
"Through Their Final Lessons They Become our First Teachers"

2004

Hospice of Baltimore's Second Annual Wellness Seminar for the Entire Family, Invited Keynote / Baltimore, MD
"At Ease with Hope and Laughter"

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Washington, DC*
"Silent Voices and Invisible Walls: Exploring End of Life Care with Lesbians and Gay Men"

Johns Hopkins University 54th Institute for Spirituality and Medicine / Baltimore, MD
"Care for the Caregiver"

2003

National Hemophilia Foundation Annual Meeting, Invited Speaker / Salt Lake City, UT
"Living With Chronic Pain"

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society - Cancer: Keys to Survivorship, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Cancer Fatigue and Communication"

Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center Continuing Education Program, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"The Road Less Traveled: Advance Care Planning"

University of Maryland School of Social Work Office of Continuing Professional Education, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Understanding and Managing Pain: The Social Worker's Role in Assessment, Intervention, Advocacy and Policy"

Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center Continuing Education Program, Course Coordinator and Presenter / Baltimore, MD
"Care of the Cancer Patient: Multidimensional Symptom Management for Non-Physicians"

2002

National Hemophilia Foundation Annual Meeting, Invited Speaker / Orlando, FL
"Psychosocial Aspects of Pain Management"

AOSW Social Work Oncology Group Meeting, Invited Panelist / Washington, DC
"Oncology Social Work: New Directions"

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Atlanta, GA*
"Helping Patients Fight Cancer-Related Fatigue: A Unique Opportunity for Oncology Social Workers"

Oncology Nursing Society Annual Conference, Presenter / Washington, DC
"Treating the Whole Patient: An Interactive Case Study in Oncology"

Johns Hopkins Departments of Social Work Grand Rounds, Presenter / Baltimore, MD
"Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work"

2001

Johns Hopkins Office of Continuing Medical Education, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
Annual Palliative Care Lecture Series
"Family Conferencing: Communication in Palliative Care"

Johns Hopkins Oncology Center Social Work End-of-Life Care Symposium, Invited Endnote Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Through Their Final Lessons, They Become Our First Teachers"

University of Maryland School of Social Work Office of Continuing Professional Education, Invited Panelist / Baltimore, MD
"A Cry Unheard: The Medical Consequences of Loneliness"

Johns Hopkins Medicine Continuing Education Program, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Pain Management and Education: A Psychosocial Perspective" (for visiting medical students from Tokyo)

Johns Hopkins Oncology Center Social Work Grand Rounds, Presenter / Baltimore, MD
"Journey's End: Social Work Reflections on Care at the End-of-Life"

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Invited Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Ethical Considerations for Advanced Practice Nurses"

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Cleveland, OH*
"The Virtual Connection: Developing Online Support Programs in a Comprehensive Cancer Center"

2000

Johns Hopkins Oncology Center Social Work End-of-Life Care Symposium, Invited Endnote Speaker / Baltimore, MD
"Suffering From Soul Sadness"

Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference, Presenter / Vancouver, BC*
"Because Care of the Body Means Nothing without First Easing the Soul"

Research

2002

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins / Baltimore, MD

Co-investigator for funded research focused on increasing pain patients' ability to rate their cancer pain and verbalize the rating to professionals.

2001

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins / Baltimore, MD

Co-investigator on a funded study examining how cancer patients and their families best learn about pain management.

Fellowships and Awards

2015

Distinguished Social Work Practitioner and Fellow

National Academies of Practice

2011-2013

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

Post-graduate legal fellowship to develop programs for underserved populations

2009

Raymond L. Krell Scholarship

Wachler & Associates, PC Annual Health Award Scholarship

Wayne State University Law School

2005

Leadership in Oncology Social Work Award

Association of Oncology Social Work

2001-2003

Cancer Pain and Fatigue Social Work Fellowship

Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

2001

Jennifer L. Brager Memorial Award for New Cancer Research

"Easing the Suffering: Helping Patients Communicate Their Pain" (Co-investigator) Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins

Supervision/Faculty

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| 2012-present | Field Supervisor , Wayne State University School of Social Work |
| 2009 -2014 | Core Faculty , Excellence in Cancer Education and Leadership (ExCEL), City of Hope |
| 2007-2014 | Field Supervisor , Smith College School for Social Work End-of-Life Care Certificate Program |
| 2004-2005 | Field Supervisor , Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health |
| 2004-2005 | Associate , Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health |
| 2000-2004 | Field Instructor , University of Maryland School of Social Work |

Professional Affiliations and Community Service

National Academies of Practice

2015 Chair, Social Work Academy

Journal of Social Work in End of Life and Palliative Care

2013-present Member, Editorial Board

Triage Cancer

2012-present Member, Speakers Bureau

State Bar of Michigan

2011-present Member

Association of Oncology Social Work

1994-present Member

St. John the Baptist Parish of Monroe, MI

2012-2013 Assistant Volleyball Coach

Dispute Resolution Center

2010 Volunteer Mediator

Institute of Medicine Report: *Cancer Care for the Whole Patient: Meeting Psychosocial Health Needs*

2007 Invited Reviewer

C-Change

2006–2007 Member, Cancer Workforce Competencies Advisory Committee

2006 Member, Cancer Patient Navigation Task Force

HealthMark Multimedia

2006 Invited Consultant, Lung Cancer Multimedia Education Project

2004-2005 Invited Consultant, Palliative Care Multimedia Education Project

2003-2004 Invited Consultant, Cancer Caregiving Multimedia Education Project

Maryland Cancer Control Plan

2002-2003 Member, End-of-Life Care Subcommittee

Professional License

2011-present Licensed Attorney – P75689

2008-present Licensed Masters Social Worker – Clinical and Macro Specialties, Michigan #6801089936