

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Virginia Commonwealth University
College of Humanities and Sciences
Richmond, VA

B.S.W. 1994-1998

Minor: French

The University of Pennsylvania
School of Social Policy and Practice
Pennsylvania, PA

M.S.W. 1998-2000

The University of Texas at Austin
School of Social Work
Austin, TX

Ph.D. in Social Work 2002-2005
Defense Date: August 3, 2005

Dissertation Topic: How important is race and ethnicity? Examining caregiving practices of siblings caring for a brother or sister diagnosed with a severe mental illness. (King Davis, Chair)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston University, School of Social Work, Boston, MA

Adjunct Professor: Fall 2006 to Present

Course: Research Methods I in the MSW program

University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work, Austin, TX

Teaching Assistant to Tammy Linseisen: Fall 2004 through Summer 2005

Course: Social Work Practice I & II; Field Seminar

University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business, Austin, TX

Teaching Assistant to Sheryll Cox (BA101T): Fall 2004

Course: Career Planning: Transfer Freshmen Students

DISSERTATION

Earl, T. (2006). How important is race and ethnicity? Examining caregiving practices of siblings caring for a brother or sister diagnosed with a severe mental illness. *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 67(03), p. 1090. (UMI No. 3210083)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Earl, T.R. (2005). Response to Greene 2001, Redefining Social Work. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 11 (1), 55-61.

Frost, L. E., de Camara, R. L., & Earl, T. R. (2006). Training, certification, and regulation of Forensic Evaluators. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 6 (2), 77-91.

Earl, T.R. (2007). Mental Health Care Policy: Recognizing the Needs of Minority Siblings as caregivers. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 14(1/2), 51-72.

Earl, T. R. (under review). How is it done? Shared experiences of siblings caring for persons with mental illness and recommendations for current and future caregivers. Submitted November 2006.

Earl, T.R. and Lin, J. Y. (under review). Racial Differences in Caregiving Expectations and Future Planning among Sibling Caregivers. Submitted December 2007

COMMENTARY

Williams, D.R. & Earl, T.R. (2007). Race and mental health: More questions than answers: Commentary. *International Journal of Epidemiology*. doi: 10.1093/ije/dym114

BOOK CHAPTER

Earl, T. R. (2007). Mental Health Care Policy: Recognizing the Needs of Minority Siblings as caregivers. In Roberta Greene (Ed.). Contemporary issues of care. New York: Hawthorn Press.

Earl, T.R. & Williams, D.R. (in press). Black Americans and Mental Health Status: Complexities and New Developments. Handbook of African American Psychology. Sage Publications.

BOOK REVIEW

Earl, T., & Whaley, A. L. (2005). Review of Soothe your nerves: The Black women's guide to understanding and overcoming anxiety, panic, and fear. *Journal of the National Medical Association*. 97 (10), 1436.

EDITORIAL CONSULTATION

Armour, M., Bradshaw, W., & Roseborough, D. (under review). African Americans and Severe Mental Illness.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentation: Diagnostic Project: Presentation of the Minority Supplement. **Advanced Center for Mental Health Disparities Grant Meeting, Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research, Somerville, Massachusetts** (February 2006).

Paper Presentation: Ensuring Quality Forensic Testimony through Training, Certification, and Regulation of Evaluators. Presenters: Lynda Frost, University of Texas at Austin; Rebecca de Camara, Mental Health Association of Greater Houston; **Tara R. Earl, University of Texas at Austin. 2006 American Psychology and Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida** (March 2006).

Paper Presentation: Siblings Transitioning to Primary Caregivers: Examining the Role of Race/Ethnicity and Gender. **The Gerontological Society of America's 59th Annual Scientific Meeting: Education & the Gerontological Imagination, Dallas, Texas** (November 2006).

Oral Presentation: Minority Supplement to the Diagnostic Project. **Advisory Board for the NIMH Advanced Disparities Center, Somerville, Massachusetts** (November 2006).

Invited Lecture: Examining Sibling Caregiving Practices for Persons with Severe Mental Illness. **Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA** (February 2007).

Invited Lecture: Understanding Mixed Methods Research. **Cambridge Health Alliance, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinical Scholars Seminar, Cambridge, MA** (August 2007).

FUNDING SUPPORT/GRANT SUBMISSION

National Institutes of Health (NIH). Health Disparities Research Extramural Loan Repayment Program. (Submitted November 2007; Approved for Funding July 2007).

AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

2006 Health Psychology

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

2005-2008 NIMH Post Doctoral Research Fellow/Research Associate

Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School, Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Funded—Minority/Diversity Supplement # 3 P50 MH73469, Somerville, MA. *The Advanced Center for Mental Health Service Disparities* (R-01-NIMH Funded).

Principal Investigator/Mentor: Dr. Margarita Alegria

Independently responsible for investigating the initial assessment and diagnostic process for persons of African descent seeking mental health services in the Greater Boston area. Qualitative and quantitative methodologies are used to examine whether the problems in diagnostic formulation observed for Latinos are similar for persons of African and descent.

2003-2004 Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Research Fellow

The University of Texas at Austin, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, U.S. Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Austin, TX. *Caregiving of the Mentally Ill in African American Communities: Understanding Sibling and Parental Participation*.

Principal Investigator/Mentor: Dr. King Davis

Co-Principal Investigators: Tara R. Earl & Kimberly D. Farris

Assisted in the development and submission of a research proposal to CMHS to examine patterns of caregiving, the nature of issues raised by siblings and their families, efforts to obtain help, patterns of voluntary participation in mental health associations, and views on mental illness by African Americans living in Texas.

2002-2003 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Faculty Advisor: Dr. King Davis

Developed a preliminary review of the literature involving sibling caregiving practices for persons diagnosed with severe mental illnesses. The review supplemented a proposal to the Center for Mental Health Services in Bethesda, MD.

1991-2000 Center for Mental Health Policy Services and Research, Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania., Dept. of Psychiatry, Research Assistant

Screened patients and provided support in a SAMHSA/VA multi-site study which compared the effectiveness of an integrated model of care versus a referral model of care. Conducted research and co-wrote a grant proposal to support behavioral health system change in Southeast Pennsylvania. Analyzed and evaluated data comparing managed care models in two settings: primary health and behavioral health. Provided consultation to the County Office of Services for the Aging in the development of their four-year service plan

Summer 1999 Pennsylvania Health Law Project, Philadelphia, PA

University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine, Bridging the Gaps Intern

Participated in a successful presentation to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, which identified system-level shortcomings and made recommendations for the Southeastern Pennsylvania HealthChoices program. Explored ways to create a uniformed drug formulary for the Southeastern Pennsylvania HealthChoices program. Contributed to the creation of a formal white paper, which was submitted to the Secretary of Health at the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

2001-2002 Philadelphia Behavioral Health System, Philadelphia, PA

Community Behavioral Health, Analytic Specialist

Planned, researched, developed, and implemented projects related to outcome measurement and tracking, utilization management studies, and behavioral health service system analysis

1998-2000 The University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Dept. of Residential Living - Graduate Associate

Provided training in conflict resolution and counseling methods
Coordinated weekly social activities for the undergraduate college students
Provided personal, social and academic support to undergraduate students

1999 Philadelphia Elwyn, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

I.V.E.S. Program – Project Director; 5/99-7/99

Supervised case management for the Welfare Reform Grant
Evaluated the quality of services in the areas of goal planning, training and client advocacy. Maintained positive working relationships with the County Assistance Office and project sub-contractors. Empowered program participants to acquire and maintain employment

1998 Summer Youth Employment Training Program, Richmond, VA

Worksite Representative for youths ages 14-15 years old

Supervised fifty “at risk” youths while they trained in various fields of employment

Assisted in preparing young adults for competitive employment within the community

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2000-2001 Dr. Warren E. Smith Health Centers, Philadelphia, PA

Child and Family Unit 6C—Therapist III

Provided individual and family psychotherapy

Prepared treatment plans and psychosocial evaluations with individuals and families

Coordinated case conferences with unit supervisors and psychiatrist

Administered group therapy sessions for children ages 5-17 years old

1997-98 YWCA, Richmond, VA

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Counselor, Internship

Developed a program to recognize volunteer satisfaction and retention

Performed crisis intervention to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

1997 Boys & Girls Club of Richmond, Richmond, VA

Internship

Managed a successful gang prevention program consisting of mostly African American adolescent and adult males

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- *2000-2003 Cultural Competence Advisory Committee: Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS), Harrisburg, PA*
- *1999-2000 Census Bureau 2000*

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Selected for the Empirical Summer Program in Applied Multi-Ethnic Research (ESPAMR), Stipend \$2500, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, June 25-July 20, 2007.
- Selected for the Fourth Annual Summer Institute of the Family Research Consortium IV, Durham, North Carolina, June 2007.
- Selected for the Third Annual Summer Institute of the Family Research Consortium IV, Award \$400, Spokane, Washington, June 2006.
- Recipient of the Robert Carl Nesbitt Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship, University of Texas, Austin, 2004-05

- Finalist for the Dean Jack Otis Social Policy Award, \$500, University of Texas, Austin, School of Social Work, May 2004
- Recipient of the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Fellowship, University of Texas, Austin, 2003
- Recipient of the Houston Endowed Fellowship, University of Texas, Austin, 2002
- Recipient of the Margaret Cole Davis Scholarship, University of Texas, Austin, 2002 & 2004

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Empirical Summer Program in Applied Multi-Ethnic Research—Ann Arbor, MI (2007)
- Family Research Consortium IV—Durham, NC (2007)
- Family Research Consortium IV—Spokane, WA (2006)
- Human Participant Protections Education for Research—NIH-web (2002)
- Cultural Competency Training—Philadelphia, PA (2001)
- Speaking the Unspoken: Racial Disparities in Mental Health Care for African Americans (workshop)—Austin, TX (2001)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Gerontological Society of America, 2006
- National Association of Social Workers, 2004-2005
- Society for Social Work Research, 2003-2005
- American Association of Community Psychiatrists, 2003-present
- National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, Austin Chapter, 2002 -2005

SELECTED RESEARCH TRAINING AND COURSES

- Issues in Analysis Complex Sample Survey Data, Empirical Summer Program in Applied Multi-Ethnic Research, Center for Statistical Consultation and Research—Ann Arbor, MI 2007
- Introduction to SPSS, Empirical Summer Program in Applied Multi-Ethnic Research, Center for Statistical Consultation and Research—Ann Arbor, MI 2007
- Introduction to STATA, Public Policy and International Affairs, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, Ann Arbor, MI 2007
- Introduction to Epidemiology, School of Public Health, Harvard University -- September 2006
- STATA 9.0, www.stata.com – March 2006
- NVIVO 7.0, Training workshop with Drs. Tom and Lyn Richards, Harvard University, Boston, MA – April 2006
- Correlation and Regression Methods, School of Education, University of Texas at Austin – June 2004
- Data Analysis II, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin – January 2003

- Qualitative Research Methods, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin – January 2003
- Quantitative Research Methods II, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin – January 2003
- Data Analysis I, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin – September 2002
- Quantitative Research Methods I, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin – September 2002

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Ability to develop and operate survey instruments using SurveyMonkey and Teleform
- Ability to prepare and analyze data using SPSS 11.5, Excel, STATA 9
- Proficient with Microsoft Office 2000, Windows 98, and XP

REFERENCES

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