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<u>Institution</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Date</u>
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	AHRQ-NRSA Post Doctoral Fellowship	2002-2004
University of Kansas	Ph.D. (Sociology)	Summer, 2002
San Diego State University	M.A. (Sociology)	Summer, 1993
		Adjunct Faculty Member, Park University
	1995 - 1999	Research Assistant, Gerontology Center, University of Kansas
	1999 - 2002	Project Manager, Office of Aging and Long-Term Care, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
	2002-2004	National Institute on Aging T32 NRSA Post Doctoral Fellowship, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.
	2004 - 2006	Research Associate, Sheps Center for Health Services Research and Long-Term Care, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
	2004 - 2006	Adjunct Faculty Member, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
	2005 - 2006	Research Consultant, NCB-Development Corporation
	2006 - 2012	Assistant Professor, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida
	2012 - 2023	Associate Professor, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida
	2022 to present	Director, PhD Program, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida
	2023 to present	Full Professor, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida
	2023 to present	Interim Director, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida

End of Life, Palliative and Hospice Care  
 Long Term Services and Supports/Assisted Living  
 Qualitative Methods in Aging Research  
 Disaster Research  
 Dementia Care Populations Research

GEY 5642: Perspectives of Dying (graduate), GEY 4641: Death and Dying (graduate); GEY 3625: Sociological Aspects of Aging (undergraduate); GEY 3626: Aging Society (undergraduate and graduate); GEY 4507/6934: Aging and Health (graduate/undergraduate); GEY 7649: Population Aging (graduate)



University of South Florida, Communication Sciences and Disorders

2013 (Committee Member)

Rachel Goff, Examining the Effectiveness of Intensive Language Action Treatment on Functional Communication in Individuals with Nonfluent Aphasia

University of South Florida, College of Nursing

2018 (Committee Member)

Suzan Abduljawad, Fatigue-related Symptom Clusters and their Relationship with Depression, and Functional Status in Older Adults Hospice Patients with Cancer.

2022 (Outside Chair)

Nasreen Alghamdi, Emotional Intelligence-Driven End-of-Life Care Simulation for Undergraduate Nursing Students: A Quantitative and Qualitative Study

2022 (Outside Chair)

Katherine Lin, A Theoretical Framework for Understanding Breast Cancer Survivors' Post-Treatment Lived Experiences in An Educational Program: A Qualitative Data Analysis.

University of South Florida, Anthropology

2021 (Committee Member)

Bernice McCoy, "25 years later and I'm still here...still positive": Older Black Males Lived Experiences of Aging with HIV in Hillsborough County, Florida.

Preparing Staff in Assisted Living to Provide Palliative Care to Residents with Dementia: Palliative Care Education in Assisted Living for Dementia Care Providers (PCEAL-DCP).

National Institute on Aging

Grant No. RF1AG087325-01 (Dobbs, PI).

Palliative Care Education in Assisted Living for Care Providers of Residents with Dementia

Florida Department of Health Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program

(Grant No 9AZ26) Dobbs, Debra (PI). 02/01/19 – 06/28/21

Award Amount: \$250,000

We propose to conduct a two-year cluster randomized trial (CRT) among 12 AL facilities (k=12) and PWD (N=225) with a baseline, 3, and 6 months post-intervention to examine the quality of care outcomes for PWD: 1) appropriate hospice referral and use; 2) increased assessment of pain; and 3) increased documentation of ACP.

Strategic Approach to Facilitating Evacuation by Health Assessment of Vulnerable Elderly in Nursing Homes II (SAFEHAVEN II)

R01AG060581, National Institute on Aging Hyer, Kathryn (PI) 09/01/18-05/31/22

Vulnerable older adults in residential long-term care are at risk of injury and death in disasters. This study aims to examine the effect of two recent powerful hurricanes in Texas and Florida on the health and safety of residents of nursing homes and assisted living communities. This research will provide evidence to improve critical disaster planning and response to help protect the lives of vulnerable older adults.

Role: Co-Investigator

COVID19 Supplement to SAFEHAVEN II

R01AG060581 03S1, National Institute on Aging Andel, Ross (PI) 9/08/20 – 12/31/22

Building on our current study of hurricane responses in long-term care and using a mixed-methods approach, we will analyze the effect of the COVID-19 emergency, focusing on residents with Alzheimer's disease and/or related dementias. Results will add to our current research to inform disaster planning that more broadly protects vulnerable older adults from harm.

Role: Co-Investigator

Visually-Assisted Mindful Music Listening Intervention for Persons Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers: A Pilot Study

Florida Department of Health, Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program

(Grant No. 9AZ28) Meng, Hongdao (PI) 04/01/19 to 05/31/21

Award Amount: \$95,000

The goal of this project is to develop and pilot test a brief mindfulness-based music listening intervention to reduce behavioral expressions among persons living with dementia and improve sleep, reduce stress among family caregivers.

Role: Co-Investigator

MODELS AND METHODS FOR AN ACTIVE AGEING WORKFORCE (MAIA)

European Union Horizon 2020

MSCA-RISE-2019: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)

Battini, Daria, PI, University of Padova 12/31/19 to 12/01/25.

The aim of this research was to foster the inclusion of ageing workers in the industrial system as much as possible by enhancing their motivation and expertise. The project is aimed at strengthening research collaboration through active networking, staff exchange and dissemination activities between 7 European universities from Italy, Germany, France and Slovenia as well as 6 non-European universities from USA, Japan, New Zealand, Hong Kong and Canada. The international exchanges of experts in the field of ageing enabled knowledge sharing via international/inter-sectoral mobility, exchanges of research staff to turn creative ideas into age-friendly manufacturing system design and management.

Role: Steering Committee for USF/US Site.

Feasibility of Implementing the Palliative Care Education in Assisted Living (PCEAL) Program.

College of Behavioral and Community Sciences 2016 Faculty Internal Awards Program.

Principal Investigator -- Debra Dobbs 02/01/2016 - 01/31/2017.

Award Amount: \$25,000

This study tested an intervention using the Palliative Care Education in Assisted Living program at baseline, 3 and 6 months and examined quality of care outcomes (pain, hospice use, documentation of advance directives) in a sample of residents (N=30) from 3 ALs in Florida.

USF Foundation Funding

Dobbs, D. Principal Investigator

Award Amount: \$2,049.00

Dates: May, 2013 - August, 2013

The purpose of this project was to explore the willingness of older Korean-American elders to engage in advance care planning using data from the Korean American Elders study (Jang, PI).

Autonomy in Assisted Living: A Cultural Analysis.

National Institute on Aging Grant No. 1R01AG032442-01A2

Co-Principal Investigators: Bob Rubinstein, and Ann Christine Frankowski, (University Maryland Baltimore Co.)

Dates: 09/01/10 to 08/31/14

Award Amount: \$537,000

The proposed research has three specific aims: 1) To examine the meaning and context for autonomy as these are worked out in six distinctive assisted living settings; 2) To better understand the on-the-ground process of negotiating autonomy in these settings; 3) To examine in detail, and based on prior research, resident autonomy in relation to the six emergent themes of autonomy that provide the conceptual framework for this research. The proposed research will ethnographically examine in six settings, the meaning and context, and the negotiation of autonomy, through periods of sequential field work combining participant observation and interviewing.

Role on Project: Consultant

Senior Care Needs Assessment (contract - SitterCity)

funding from 10/1/2011 to 12/31/2011

Co-PIs: Meng, H. and Dobbs, D.

Total Amount Funded: \$45,000

The FPECA research team developed a web-based needs asses 54 491.04 13cPbies 54 4917 (xf)2.ET/Ard (ev)-3.8 (el)5r.7 ( )JT



Affordable Assisted Living and The Woodwork Effect

Contract with NCB Development Corporation

Principal Investigator: Debra Dobbs, Ph.D.

Dates: 07/01/05 to 06/30/06.

Award Amount: \$21,397

The primary purpose of this study was to report how many of the current Medicaid residents of the Coming Home Program demonstrations would have gone to a nursing facility (NF) if assisted living (AL) had not been available. Conversely, we determined how many of the current residents would not have gone to a nursing facility if the assisted living had not been available.

Elders' Expectations of Retirement Communities

Contract with Liberty Health Services

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July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2001.

Principal Investigator: Rosemary Chapin, Ph.D. (University of Kansas, School of Social Work)

Role on Project: Project Coordinator

10. Skarha, J., Gordon, L., Jester, D. J., Peterson, L. J., & Dosa, D. M. (2022). Mortality among Nursing Home Residents Enrolled in Hospice and Hospice Utilization Post-Hurricane Irma. *J Palliat Med*, 25(9), 1355-1360. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2021.0475>
11. Zimmerman, S., Carder, P., Beeber, A. S., & Palmertree, S. J. (2022). Staff Reports of Behavioral Expressions of Persons With Dementia in 250 Assisted Living Communities. *Gerontologist*, 62(2), 169-180. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab059>
12. Jester, D. J., Molinari, V., Bowblis, J. R., Zgibor, J. C., & Andel, R. (2022). Abuse and Neglect in Nursing Homes: The Role of Serious Mental Illness. *Gerontologist*, 62(7), 1038-1049. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab183>
13. June, J. W., Molinari, V., Meng, H., Bowblis, J. R., & Hyer, K. (2022). Factors Associated With Assisted Living Facility Closure. *Gerontologist*, 62(2), 181-189. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab105>
14. June, J. W., Peterson, L., Hyer, K., & . (2022). Implementation of an Emergency Power Rule: Compliance of Florida Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. *Disaster Med Public Health Prep*, 17, e103. <https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2022.3>
15. Rouse, H. J., Jin, Y., Hueluer, G., Huo, M., Bugos, J. A., Veal, B., Torres, M., Peterson, L., & Meng, H. (2022). Association Between Music Engagement and Episodic Memory Among Middle-Aged and Older Adults: A National Cross-Sectional Analysis. *J Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci*, 77(3), 558-566.

23. Dun Q, Duan Y, Fu M, Meng, H. Xu, W., Yu, T.

. et al. (2021). Built environment, physical activity,

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39. Molinari, V., Hobday, J., Roker, R., Kunik, M., Kane, R., Kaas, M., Mehrotra, C., Williams, C., Robbins, J., & (2016): Impact of serious mental illness online training for certified nursing assistants in long-term care, *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, DOI: 10.1080/02701960.2016.1188811; PMID:28632071
40. Zimmerman, S., Roth, E. G., Goldman, S., Peeples, A. D., & Wallace, B. (2016). Promoting and protecting against stigma in assisted living and nursing homes. *The Gerontologist*, Jun; 56(3):535-47. doi:10.1093/geront/gnu058. PMID: 24928555.
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42. Black, K. & (2015). Community-dwelling older adult perspectives on what matters most: Findings from an exploratory inquiry. *Activities, Adaptation & Aging*. 39(2), 133-152, doi: 10.1080/01924788.2015.1025674
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Chapin, R. Rachlin, R. & Stover, J. (2001). *Individual and facility factors associated with length of stay in assisted living and residential health care facilities: A longitudinal analysis*. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas.

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Chapin, R., Moore, J. and Waltner. M. (1999). *A study of assisted living and residential health care facilities: August, 1999*. Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas.

### Paper Presentations

(March, 2019). Aging and Schools of Aging Studies Programs for Long-Term Care. Invited Talk, University of Padua Department of Management and Engineer, Padua, Italy.

Peterson, L Hyer, K., Meng, H., Gamaldo, A., O' Neil, K. & Buck, H. (2017, July). *Family communication concerning end-of-life care wishes: A mixed-methods study*. Paper presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

Holup, A., Meng, H. & Hyer, K. (2017, July). Dying in place? Hospice utilization and care transitions from the community to the nursing home. Paper presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

Fausto, B., & Lee, H.J. (2017, July). *When you limit your driving: Association with cognition and functional abilities in older Americans*. Paper presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

(2015, Sept). *Providing long-term care and retirement communities in the USA*. Invited plenary talk at Slovenia National Annual Long-Term Care Nurses Conference, Portoroz, Slovenia.

(2013, May). *The association between assisted living organizational characteristics and palliative and hospice care use in Florida*. Poster presented at the meeting of the World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care, Prague, Czech Republic.

(1998, May). *The transition into residential care: Perspectives from Devon County caregivers*. Paper presented at the meeting of the World Congress of Sociology meeting, Montreal, Canada

Hackett, S., Peterson, L., Vogel, C., & (2022, November). *We did more damage: d(N)T0.001 0.7 (een-0.7 (o)-OV.3*



Meng, H. Haley, W., Buck, H. Hyer, K., Templeman, M. & Vogel, C. (2020, November). *The Integral Role of Hospice Nurse Educators in a Palliative Care Education Program for Nurses in Assisted Living*. Symposia paper presented at the Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

, Zimmerman, S., Miller, S., Carder, P., Beeber, A., Hodgkinson, J. & Thorpe, J. (2020, November). *How Assisted Living Staff Conceive of Dementia Care*. Symposia paper presented at the Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Vogel, C. E., \_\_\_\_\_, & Small, B. (2020, November). *Beyond religiosity: A model to explain spirituality among middle-aged and older adults*.

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Black, K., . and Young, T. (2012, November). *Community-dwelling older adults' perceptions of dignity in the course of everyday living: Meaning, supports, challenges, and opportunities*. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Meng, H., , Wang, S. & Hyer, K. (2012, June) *Impact of hospice use on health care expenditures among assisted living residents*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Aca.6 ( )TJ6t s a1Hea-1.7 (h)-3.7 ( ca)-3.8 (.)-2.4 (,Oen

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(2007, November). *Risk of Nursing Home Placement in Frail Older Adults in*





(1997, August). *Nursing homes versus assisted living: An explanation*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Convener, Session Organizer, or Chair at International Professional Annual Scientific Meeting

Dobbs, D. (2017, July). (Chair and Presenter) *Hospice and End-of-Life Care Practices for Residents in U.S. Nursing Homes*. Symposia presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA.

Convener, Session Organizer, Discussant or Chair at National Professional Annual Scientific Meeting

Dobbs, D. (2020, November) (Chair) Lessons Learned in Research to Address Wicked Problems Facing the Care of Older Adults Across the Care Continuum. Symposium held at the Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Dobbs, D. (2020, November) (Chair) The Powell Lawton Award Lecture and Presentation. Symposium held at the Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Dobbs, D. (2020, November) (Chair) The Kent and Kleemeier Award Lectures and Presentations. Symposium held at the Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.

Dobbs, D. (2013, November). (Convener) Interest Group Convener's Business Meeting held at the annual Annual Scientific Meeting



Meng, H., & Hyer, K. (2011, August). *Impact of hospice use on hospital and nursing home use among older Medicaid assisted living waiver enrollees*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Florida Conference on Aging, Tampa, FL.

& Wang, S. (2010, August). *Medicaid assisted living trajectory and nursing home admission: The influence of hospice use and facility characteristics*. Panel conducted at the meeting of the Florida Conference on Aging, Orlando, FL.

Hyer, K., Mitchell, G., & Polivka, L. (2008, August). *The emerging role of hospice care in assisted living: Recent research and policy implications*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Florida Conference on Aging, Orlando, FL.



2017-2020 Member, Council on Faculty Issues, USF  
 2020-2022 Member, Sabbatical Committee, USF  
 2020 to present Academic Director, USF Center for Hospice, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Studies  
 2021 to 2022 Member, Faculty Success Finances and Infrastructure Initiative Panel  
 2021 to present School of Aging Studies Faculty Senate Representative

College

2013 CBCS Grievance Committee  
 2013-2014 CBCS Tenure and Promotion Committee for Instructors  
 2013-2015 CBCS Curriculum Committee  
 2014-2015 CBCS Tenure and Promotion Guideline Revisions Committee  
 2016-2018 CBCS Chair, Curriculum Committee

School of Aging Studies

2007-present		PhD Governance Committee							
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