

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic and professional appointments

Current position: Gerontology Coordinator and

Professor of Sociology, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI 02908

Previous positions:

2006 Visiting Senior Research Fellow, King's College, University of London)

1984-1987 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Dept. of Behavioral Sciences, Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, IN 46323

1982-1984 NIMH postdoctoral Fellow (Mental Health and Aging), Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65212

1979-1982 Research Fellow, Medical Research Council Institute of Medical Sociology, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, SCOTLAND AB9 2ZE

Educational background

Ph.D. University of Aberdeen, Scotland, Sociology, 1982

M.Sc. University of Stirling, Scotland, Sociology, 1979

B.A. University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1977
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

Teaching Experience

Biography accepted for publication in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, *Who's Who Among American Women*, 2004-2005.

Introduction to Sociology

Medical Sociology (taught to both undergraduates and medical school students)

Research Methods

Social Policy Analysis

Social Policy of Aging in Comparative Perspective/Law and the Elderly

Social Psychology of Marriage and the Family/Family

Social Gerontology/Aging & Society

Data Analysis/Research Methods II

Human Sexuality/Sociology of Sexuality

Senior Seminar in Sociology

"Exploring the Fountain of Age"

Classical Sociological Theories

Community

Current Research

Aging prisoners; Geriatric education evaluation

Publications

- Filinson, R., Clark, P., Evans, J., Padula, C. and Willey, C. (forthcoming). The brave new world of geriatric education center evaluation. *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*.
- Clark, R. and Filinson, R. (2011); Kicking and screaming: How one truculent sociology department made peace with assessment. *Teaching Sociology*, 39, 2, (April), 127-137.
- Filinson, R., Niklas, D., and Chmielewski, P. (2010) Brief Report: Long-term Care for the Aged in Poland. *Ageing International*, 35, 4, 286-292.
- Filinson, R. (2008). Age discrimination legislation in the U.K.: A comparative and gerontological analysis. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology*, 23, 225-237.
- Filinson, R., McCreadie, C., Askham, J. and Mathew, D. (2008). Why should they be abused any more than children? Child abuse protection and the implementation of *No Secrets*. *Journal of Adult Protection*, 10, 2, (May), 18-28
- McCreadie, C., Mathew, D., Filinson, R., and Askham, J. (2008) Ambiguity and co-operation in the implementation of adult protection policy. *Social Policy and Administration*, 42, 3, 248-266.
- Filinson, R. (2008) Living well in later life: An overview of the national service framework for older people in England *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, 20, 2, 240-258..
- Filinson, R. (2006) 'No Secrets' and beyond: Recent elder abuse policy in England. *Journal of Elder Abuse and Neglect*, 18, 1, 1-18.
- Filinson, R. (2006). Updated previously published (1993) "Deductive/inductive reasoning" for the fourth edition of *Innovative Techniques for Teaching Sociology Concepts*. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.
- Filinson, R., Cone, D., and Ryan, E. (2005). Welfare reform and the long-term care workforce. *Educational Gerontology*, 31, 89-101.
- Filinson, R., Niklas, D. and Chmielewski, P. (2004) Health care reform and older adults: Notes from the Polish experience. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, 16 (Spring), 1, 69-88.
- Filinson, R., Chmielewski, P., and Niklas, D. (2003) Back to the future: Polish health care reform. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 36 (December), 4, 1, 385-404.
- Filinson, R. (2001) Evaluation of the impact of a volunteer ombudsman program: The Rhode Island Experience. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 13, 4, 1-21. (released in 2003 due to the death of the editor)
- Clark, P., Leinhaas, M & Filinson, R. (2002). Developing and evaluating an interdisciplinary clinical team training program: Lessons taught and lessons learned. *Educational Gerontology*, 28, 491-510.
- Filinson, R. (1999). Consumer empowerment through education. *Educational Gerontology*, 25, 2, 155-165.

- Clark, R. & Filinson, R. (1998). A cross-national test of propositions from the neo-pluralist perspective on Social Security expenditures. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, 10, 2, 49-66.
- Filinson, R. (1998). The impact of the Community Care Act--Views from the Independent sector. *Health & Social Care in the community*, 6, 4 (July), 241-250.
- Filinson, R. (1997). Legislating community care: The British experience with U.S. comparisons. *The Gerontologist*, 37, 4, (June), 333-341.
- Filinson, R. (1995). A survey of grass roots advocacy organizations for nursing home residents. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 7, 4, (Winter), 75-91.
- Filinson, R. (1995). Religious programming for nursing home residents. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 71, 4 (Summer), 333-339.
- Filinson, R. (1994) An evaluation of a gerontological training program for nursing assistants. *The Gerontologist*, 34, 6, 839-843.
- Filinson, R. (1993) The effect of age desegregation on environmental quality for elderly living in public/publicly subsidized housing. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, 5, 3, 77-93.
- Filinson, R. (1993). Contributed a technique for teaching about deductive/inductive reasoning for the third edition (E.L. Kain, ed.) of *Innovative Techniques for Teaching Sociology Concepts*, #122. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association.
- Filinson, R. (1993) An evaluation of a program of volunteer advocates for elder abuse victims. *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*, 5, 1, 77-93.
- Filinson, R. (1993) Assessing outcomes of a gerontology certificate program. *Educational Gerontology*, 19, 251-164.
- Filinson, R. & Niklas, D. (1992). The research critique approach to educating sociology students. *Teaching Sociology*, 20, (2, April), 129-134.
- Filinson, R. (1992) Ethnic aging in Canada and the U.S.: A comparison of social policy. *Journal of Aging Studies*, 6, 3, 273-287.
- Jackson, P.I., Clark, R.D., Ramsbey, T.W., and Filinson, R. (1992). Assessment and engagement in learning and teaching pp. 89-110 in S. Sharkey & W.S. Johnson (Eds.) *Assessing Undergraduate Learning in Sociology*. ASA Teaching Resources Center.
- Clark, R. and Filinson, R. (1991) Multinational corporate penetration, industrialism, region and social security expenditures: A cross-national analysis. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, 32, 2, 143-158.
- Filinson, R. and Ingman, S. (editors) (1989) *Elder Abuse: Practice and Policy*. New York: Human Sciences Press.
- Filinson, R. (1988) A model for church based services for frail elderly persons and their families. *The Gerontologist*, 28, 4, 483-486.
- Filinson, R. and Appleby, S. (1988) A model for church based services for Alzheimer victims and their families. ERIC document (ED 285085).
- Filinson, R. (1986) Self-help and family support groups. In I. Hanley and M. Gilhooly (Eds) *Psychological Therapies for the Elderly*, Croom Helm/ Methuen, pp. 101-123.
- Filinson, R. (1986) Relationships in stepfamilies: an examination of alliances. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 17, No. 1 (Spring), 43-61.

- Filinson, R. (1985) Chronic illness and care provision: a study of Alzheimer's disease. In J. Quadagno and W. Peterson (Eds) *Social Bonds in Later Life*, Sage, pp 325-347.
- Filinson, R. (1985) Illegitimate birth and deprivation: recent findings from an exploratory study. *Social Science and Medicine*, 20, 4, 307-314.
- Filinson, R. (1984) Illegitimate birth status and fatherlessness. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 4, 4, 70-89.
- Filinson, R. (1984) *Caring for the person with Alzheimer's disease: locating, accessing and developing resources*. Missouri Gerontology Institute, Columbia, MO.
- Filinson, R. (1984) Diagnosis of senile dementia Alzheimer type: the state of the art, *Clinical Gerontologist*, 2, 4, (Summer), 3-23.
- Filinson, R. (1984) Medical decision-making: the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. In the *Conference Proceedings of the Third International Conference of System Science in Health Care*, Springer.
- Filinson, R. (1982) Illegitimacy in Aberdeen, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, 14, 141-155.
- Book reviews

Papers presented

- 2010 (with D. Niklas and P. Chmielewski). Organization of long-term care in Poland Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March, Boston.
- 2009: Emergency preparedness of nursing homes in Rhode Island: Engaging gerontology students in a research project. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, February, San Antonio.
- 2008: 'Why should they be abused any more than children?': Lessons from a study of vulnerable adult abuse in England. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, February, New York.
- 2007: Ambiguity and co-operation in the implementation of adult protection policy. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November, San Francisco.
Integration of cross-cultural policy in undergraduate gerontology courses. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, March, Portland, OR.
- 2005: Writing: an interdisciplinary approach to healthy aging and lifelong learning. Presented (with D. Ciambrone and R. Montvilo) at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL, November.
- The transformation of social care for older adults in Poland. Presented (in Absentia with D. Niklas) at the meeting of the International Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Trondheim, Norway (June).
- 2003: Welfare to work in long-term care. Presented at the annual meeting of the

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Tampa, FL (March).

2002:

Evaluating the impact of a volunteer ombudsman program. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA (November).

With D. Niklas and P. Chmielewski. Back to the future: Polish health care reform. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA (March).

1999:

With M. Leinhass, S. Osiecki and A. Spence. Developing and evaluating an interdisciplinary team training program. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA (November).

With P. Clark. Evaluating an interdisciplinary team training institute: Implications for teaching theory and practice. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA (November).

1998:

Consumer empowerment through education. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Philadelphia, PA. (November).

1996:

Legislating community care in the U.K. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C. (November).

Home and away: Comparisons of U.S. and U.K. aging policy. Presented at the Centre for Applied Social Studies, Paisley University, Paisley, SCOTLAND (March).

1992:

The effect of age desegregation on environmental quality for elderly living in public/publicly subsidized housing. Presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C. (November).

Assessing outcomes of education: The impact of pre-existing factors. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Baltimore, MD. (February).

1991:

State of the art. Presented at the Governor's Conference on Elder Abuse, "Abuse: It Hurts at Any Age", Providence, RI. (October).

1990:

Ethnic aging in Canada and the U.S. Presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Gerontological Society, New Haven, CT. (April).

1989:

Dependency, development, age structure and cross-national patterns of social security expenditures (with Roger Clark). Presented at the annual meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, Ottawa, Ont. (October).

Intergenerational relations. Presented at the Mathewson Street United Methodist Church (Providence, RI) for Leisure and Learning in Downtown Providence. (May).

Gerontological literacy: Assessing outcomes of gerontological education. Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education,

- Tampa, FL (March).
- Thirtysomething: Family relationships in later life. Presented at Temple Am David, Warwick, RI (February).
- 1988:
- Chair of session entitled, "Projections for elder abuse practice and policy in the 1990's" at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA (November).
- The far-out family. Presented at the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs Intergenerational Conference, Cranston, RI, March.
- Resources and supports for the elderly. Presented at the Community Concerns Conference, sponsored by the Community Affairs Vicariate of the Diocese of Providence, Providence, RI, (January).
- 1987:
- The church as a link between informal and formal care. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual conference, Washington, D.C., (November).
- Alzheimer's support project: Congregation based volunteer services. Presented at the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers annual conference, Miami, FL, (June).
- A church based program for providing services to vulnerable elderly and their families. Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society annual conference, Chicago, IL, (April).
- A model for church based services for Alzheimer victims and their families: interface with a social service agency. Presented at the American Society on Aging annual conference, Salt Lake City, UT, (March).
- 1986:
- Report on AoA R&D project, "Church-based services for homebound elderly." Presented at the Gerontological Society of America annual conference, Chicago, IL, (November).
- The art of aging. Presented at the 16th annual conference of the Besse E. Daniels Owens Center, "Involvement, A new image, a new lifestyle, a new life." East Chicago, IN, (November).
- Caught in the middle: problems of the three generation family. Presented at the 9th Annual Families Conference, "Children and the Family", Gary, IN, (April).
- Teaching sociology: private troubles and public issues. Presented at the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, (March).
- Research on elder abuse. Presented at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Seminar, Chicago, IL (February).
- 1985:
- Family care for the elderly. Presented at the Symposium on Home Care, St. Margaret Hospital, Hammond, IN, (December).
- Casemanagement under mixed funding sources. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference, New Orleans, LA, (November).
- Aging programs: an update. Presented at the 15th Annual Senior Citizens Conference, "Updating our outlook on health care programs," Bessie E. Daniels Owens Center, East Chicago, IN, (October).

Adult Abuse. Presented at the Haven House Shelter Workshop on Family Violence and Indiana Legislation, Tri-City Mental Health Center, East Chicago, IN, (February).

Casemanagement in Suburban Cook County. Presented at the Suburban Cook County Area Agency on Aging area-wide workshop on community care, Chicago, IL, (January).

1984:

Social assessment and treatment strategies of depression in the elderly. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America pre-conference workshop, "Clinical Issues of Depression in Long-Term Care Continuum", San Antonio, TX, (November), (Invited paper).

Evaluation of alternative in-home care programs in Illinois. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference, San Antonio, TX, (November).

Alzheimer's disease and the aged. Presented at the Therapeutic Recreation Institute conference on Leisure and Aging, Columbia, MO, (March).

Critique of Browne and Olson's Aging and Public Policy. Presented at the Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging conference, Kansas City, MO, (March).

1983:

Support groups in Missouri. Presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference, San Francisco, CA, (November).

Familial and institutional care of Alzheimer's victims. Presented at the Andrew Norman Institute, Andrus Gerontology Center, Los Angeles, CA, (November), (Invited paper).

Status report on Alzheimer's disease. Presented at the multidisciplinary seminar, Center for Aging Studies, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO, (October).

Appropriateness of medicine use: a grant proposal. Presented at the Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging Conference, Kansas City, MO, (September).

Management of dementia in a nursing home. Presented at the Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging Conference, Chicago, IL, (May).

The ambiguity of Alzheimer's disease: prospective research. Presented at the Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging, Kansas City, MO, (January).

1982:

The dog in the night-time: negative evidence in social research. Presented at the Institute of Medical Sociology, Aberdeen, Scotland, (April).

1981:

Illegitimacy and deviance. Presented at the Fertility Studies Group Conference, Gregynog, Wales, (January).

1979:

Illegitimate childbearing: a research update. Presented at the meeting of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the MRC Institute of Medical Sociology (UK), Edzell, Scotland, (October).

Research grants

- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine aging prisoners in at the ACI in Rhode Island (with D. Ciambrone).
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine privatization and social care services for older adults in Poland, \$2449.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine elder abuse policy in England, 2006, \$2216
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine age discrimination policy in England, 2005, \$2140
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine age discrimination policy in Poland, 2004, \$1400
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine social care for the elderly in Poland, 2003, \$1500.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to evaluate the impact of Polish health care reform on older adults, 2002, \$900.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to evaluate a the impact of Polish health care reform, 2001, \$1079.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to evaluate a state-wide volunteer ombudsman program, 2000, \$1575.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to evaluate gerontological training of nursing assistants, 1998, \$1600.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to evaluate a peer mentor program for older adults, 1997, \$1200.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine a comparison between the U.S. and U.K. of long-term care policy for the aged, 1995, \$1000.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine program for preserving religious and ethnic ties among elderly nursing home residents, 1994, \$1000.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine grass roots nursing home advocacy organizations, 1993, \$875.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine the impact of clinical intervention on elder abuse victims, 1992, \$1,000.
- Co-authored continuation grant for "Linkage between reward for good teaching and improved student performance", F.I.P.S.E., 1991.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to examine the impact of age desegregation on housing satisfaction of elderly, 1991, \$1000.
- Rhode Island College Faculty Research Grant, awarded to supplement Canadian Fellowship in the study of ethnic aging in Canada and the U.S., 1989, \$600.
- Alzheimer's support project evaluation. Assessment of a project in which an interfaith coalition, in collaboration with a mental health center trains volunteers to deliver respite care and advocacy services to Alzheimer victims and their families. Demonstration project funded by the Administration on Aging, 1985; the evaluation piece by the Retirement Research Foundation, 1986.
- Purdue Alumni Research Award, 1985. Awarded to assist in preparation of grant

proposal for the Retirement Research Foundation.
 Gerontological Society of America summer postdoctoral fellowship, 1984. Conducted investigation of casemanagement in Suburban Cook County, IL for the Area Agency on Aging.

Other grants

Rhode Island College Faculty Development Award to attend the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Boston, MA, March, 2010
 Rhode Island College Faculty Development Award (\$1000) to attend the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, in San Antonio, TX, February, 2009.
 Rhode Island College Faculty Development Award (\$400) to attend annual meeting of the Eastern Sociology Society, in New York, NY, February, 2008.
 Rhode Island College Faculty Development Award (\$750) to attend annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, in Portland, OR, March, 2007.
 Rhode Island College Faculty Development Award (\$500) to attend annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, in Orlando, FL, November, 2005.
 Rhode Island College Faculty Development Award to attend "Network for Academic Renewal Conference," in Chicago, April 15-17, 2004.
 Rhode Island College Faculty Development Grant (\$514), 2002.
 Canadian Studies Faculty Enrichment Grant (\$5,000), funded by the Canadian Embassy to cover travel costs encumbered in consulting with Canadian scholars and universities, 1989.
 Proposal for a gerontology center at Purdue University Calumet (\$107,000), funded by the Lake County Medical Center Development Agency, 1987.
 Purdue faculty development award (\$2500), 1986. Awarded to assist in development of book proposal on elder abuse.

Membership in Professional Organizations

Eastern Sociological Society, 2008
 Association for Gerontology in Higher Education 1987-present
 Gerontological Society of America 1984-present
 Midwest Sociological Society 1985-1987

College committee participation

Certificates committee, 2009
 Intergenerational Project committee, 2008.
 Member of Program Faculty for URI/RIC Doctoral Program in Education, 2006-
 Rhode Island College Maixner Award Committee, 2002
 Rhode Island College College Council 1988-1990
 Gerontology steering committee 1987-present
 Gerontology curriculum committee 1987-present
 Subcommittee on Gender Relations, Committee on Human Relations 1989-1990
 Political Science/Public Administration Program Review Committee 1989-1990
 Student designed concentration subcommittee, Curriculum Committee 1989-1992

Departmental Honors Committee 1989-1990; 2000-present.
 Department Advisory Committee 1989-1993; 1996-1998 (Committee chair, 1998)
 Department F.I.P.S.E. Steering Committee 1988-1992
 Adult learner self-study group 1987-1988

Purdue University Calumet:

Gerontology committee 1984-1987
 Women's Studies committee 1986-1987
 Grade Appeals Committee 1986-1987

Conferences organized

"Food, fitness and falls among older adults," 2011, Rhode Island College
 "Underserved older populations in Rhode Island," 2010, Rhode Island College
 "Civic engagement and aging," 2009, Rhode Island College
 "Technology and aging," 2008, Rhode Island College
 "Weathering old age," 2007, Rhode Island College
 "Environment and Aging," 2005, Rhode Island College.
 Co-sponsor of "Issues affecting lesbian & gay elders in Rhode Island," 2004, Rhode Island College.
 "Spirituality and aging," 2004, Rhode Island College
 "Women and aging," 2003, Rhode Island College
 "Law and the elderly," 2002, Rhode Island College
 "Creativity and aging," 2001, Rhode Island College
 "Young and old alike," 2000, Rhode Island College
 "Quality of life in long term care: Ombudsmen make a difference," 1999, Rhode Island College
 "Business of aging," 1998, Rhode Island College
 "Sexuality and aging," 1997, Rhode Island College
 "Careers in Aging," 1995, Rhode Island College
 "End-of-Life Decisions: The Use of Advance Directives," 1994, Rhode Island College
 "Alzheimer's Disease: Hope for the Future," 1992, Rhode Island College
 "Ethnic diversity and aging," 1991, Rhode Island College
 "Caring for Caregivers", 1990, Rhode Island College
 Workshop series on aging in the long-term care setting for professionals at Zambarano Hospital, 1989.
 Mid-Missouri Conference on Alzheimer's disease, in collaboration with the Extension Division of the University of Missouri-Columbia, 1983, Columbia, MO.
 Fertility Studies Group Conference, 1980, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Other service activities

Reviewed abstracts for the Gerontological Society of America conference, 2011.
 Reviewed abstracts for the Association in Gerontology in Higher Education conference and the Gerontological Society of America conference, 2010.
 Review abstracts for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education conference,

2009

Reviewed abstracts for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education conference and the Gerontological Society of America conference, 2008.

Reviewed a paper for *Health Policy*, 2008.

Reviewed abstracts for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education conference, 2007.

Reviewed a paper for *The Gerontologist*, 2007

Principal scholar on broadcast entitled "Everyday Happiness" (focused on experience of happiness in old age), funded by the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

Participant in panel "Writing students honestly want to do: Lessons from gerontology" at 9th Annual Faculty Development Workshop, "Writing to Engage," Rhode Island College, January, 2005.

Reviewed a paper for the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 2004.

Designed research instruments, carried out data analysis, and prepared reports for the 2004 Providence Department of Senior Services Needs Assessment.

Participant in panel at 8th Annual Faculty Development Workshop, "Building a Community of Writers, Speakers, Thinkers, & ...," Rhode Island College, January 2004.

Presenter at the Gray Panthers' "Summer Prowl", August 26, 2003, Woonsocket Senior Center.

Participant in panel at the 7th Annual Faculty Development Workshop, "Cultures of Literacy: Voices from the Academy," Rhode Island College, January, 2003.

Prepared test items for a national gerontology proficiency exam, organized by Regis College.

Vice-President, New England Gerontology Academy 2000-2006.

Board of Consulting Editors, *Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect*

Served on Education Subcommittee of Aging 2000, Elder Abuse Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Commission Studying Guardianship and the board of Alliance for Better Nursing Home Care

Faculty advisor for the Sociology Club, 1987-1989

Faculty advisor for the Gerontology Club 1988-present

Preparation of newsletter for caregivers of frail elderly, 1986-1987

Co-facilitator of support group for caregivers of Alzheimer's disease patients, Columbia, Missouri, December 1982-May 1984.