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CAREER SYNOPSIS: Applied research scientist and clinical geropsychologist engaged in the development and evaluation of quality of life programs in long term care settings. Track record of over 25 grants awarded from federal, state, and foundation sources with specialty areas including: Gerontology, Individualized Care Delivery, Dementia Care, Staff Education, Depression, Service Utilization, Quality of Life Measurement, Behavior Observation Methodology, Program Evaluation, Long-term Care Technology. Currently the editor of Practice Concepts and Policy Analysis, The Gerontologist.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

B.A.	Psychology Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan	1981
M.A.	Clinical Psychology (<i>APA approved</i>) Bowling Green State University, Ohio	1988
Internship	Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine (<i>APA approved</i>) Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center Department of Psychology and Social Sciences, Chicago, Illinois	1990
Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology (<i>APA approved</i>) Bowling Green State University, Ohio	1994

INTERNSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Clinical Psychology Fellow	Philadelphia Geriatric Center- Department of Clinical Psychology	1990 - 1991
Intern - APA approved internship in health psychology and behavioral medicine)	Rush Presbyterian, St. Luke's Medical Center, Department of Psychology and Social Sciences, Chicago, Illinois	1989 - 1990
Clinical Psychology Trainee	Psychological Services Center, Department of Psychology Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio	1985 - 1989

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Polisher Research Institute of the Madlyn and Leonard Abramson Center for Jewish Life

formerly Philadelphia Geriatric Center

North Wales, Pennsylvania

Director	2010 - present
Associate Director	2004 - 2010
Senior Research Scientist	1996 - 2003
Project Director	1991 - 1995

The Polisher Research Institute has a 50 year history of cutting edge behavioral and social research related to quality of life and quality of care to seniors with chronic disease diagnoses and disabilities. Responsibilities: History of increasing responsibility from 1) individual project management, grant development, proposal writing, questionnaire construction & research design under the mentorship of M. Powell Lawton; 2) principal investigator of 19 grants; 3) assisting director in department personnel and budget management; and 4) directing strategic refocusing of Institute direction to greater integration of applied research, quality improvement and evidence based clinical practice.

Harry Stern Family Center for Innovations in Alzheimer's Care

Polisher Research Institute

Director	1998 - present
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The Stern Center is a division of the Polisher Research Institute supported by a generous gift from the Harry Stern Family. Responsibilities: To direct the development of pilot programs, education and training materials, and consultation services designed to improve the behavioral, social, and emotional life of persons with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and for the persons who care for them.

Abramson Center for Jewish Life

formerly Philadelphia Geriatric Center

North Wales, Pennsylvania

GeroPsychologist	1992-present
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Responsibilities: Psychological service provision to seniors in acute care hospital, sub acute, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, skilled nursing home, assisted living, adult day, home health, and independent living settings. Services include individual and group psychotherapy, behavior management, and psychological and neuropsychological assessment; clinical supervision and training to undergraduate and graduate clinical interns; and consultation regarding quality outcome measurement and quality improvement processes.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Strategic Planning Committee, *Abramson Board of Directors*
Quality of Care and Quality of Life Committee, *Abramson Board of Directors*

AFFILIATIONS

Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence, School of Nursing - University of Pennsylvania
Adjunct Assistant Professor (2002- present)

Department of Veteran Affairs, New Jersey Health Care System-East Orange
Health Science Specialist (appointment without compensation) (2009 – present)

COLLABORATORS

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Department of Veteran Affairs, Batavia, New York
Hebrew Home at Riverdale, New York, NY
IDEAS, Inc., Cleveland, OH
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Mather Lifeways, Chicago, IL
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA
University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
University of Pennsylvania, School of Geriatric Psychiatry

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE

Licensed Psychologist, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, PS 006311L
Medicare Provider Number: VA632204
Medicaid Provider Number: 01539769
National Provider Identifier: 1063655371

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Activity Therapy Assistant Pine Rest Psychiatric Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan	1982 - 1985
Certified Nursing Assistant Hudsonville Nursing Home, Hudsonville, Michigan	1978 - 1982

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EDITOR/PEER REVIEW

Editor (appointed for term) 2011-2014
Practice Concepts and Policy Analysis, The Gerontologist

Peer Reviewer

Journal of Alzheimer's Care 2000-present
Alzheimer's Care Quarterly 2000-present
National Institute on Aging, Small Grant Review in Sociology & Psychology 2001-2002
The Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences. 1997-present
Alzheimer's Association, grant reviewer 1996-present
The Gerontologist 1994-present
American Journal of Community Psychology 1993

Professional Organization Memberships

Gerontological Society of America 1990 to present
American Psychological Association (Div 12, 20) 1986 to present
Philadelphia Association for Behavior Therapy 1994 to 1999
Psychologists in Long Term Care 1995 to 2000

FACULTY/TRAINING

Adjunct faculty, Department of Psychology, Wheaton College Spring 1990
Developed curriculum/taught undergraduate Advanced Honors Cognitive Psychology

Adjunct Faculty, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania Spring 2007
Life span development: Middle to Late Adulthood N51

Staff Trainer, Philadelphia Geriatric Center 1995-1998
Training series on dementia and managing problem behaviors taught to nursing and social service staff of Philadelphia Geriatric Center.

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

Chair: Data Safety & Monitoring Board, (Commonwealth of PA Tobacco Fund) 2010-present
P.I.: Barry Rovner, MD Thomas Jefferson University

Chair: Data Safety & Monitoring Board, (NIA/NINR # RO1 AG22254) 2003-2010
"Reducing Upset with Disruptive Behavior in Family Caregivers of Persons with Dementia"
P.I.: Laura Gitlin, Thomas Jefferson University

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- Chair:** Data Safety & Monitoring Board. Commonwealth of PA Tobacco Fund 2006-2009
“Project COPE: Caregiver Option Program Evaluation”
P.I.: Laura Gitlin, Thomas Jefferson University
- Associate Chair:** Institutional Review Board 2002-present
Polisher Research Institute (FWA 00000328)
- Member:** M. Powell Lawton Award Selection Committee 2005-present
Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America
- Member:** Medical and Scientific Advisory Board 2003-present
Alzheimer’s Association Delaware Valley Chapter
- Member:** Board of Directors 2007- present
IDEAS Institute, Cleveland, OH.
- Member:** Technical Advisory Panel 2008-2009
Enhancing Work Efficacy of Skilled Nursing Assistants.
Emory University School of Medicine, Pat Parmelee, PI

DEVELOPMENT OF CLINICAL EDUCATION MATERIAL

Enhanced Interdisciplinary Care Planning Manual (E-IDCP). A resource for Nursing Home care planning teams.
Available at www.abramsoncenter.org/PRI

Individualized Positive Psychosocial Intervention (IPPI) Manual (CNA's). A resource for activity professionals in long-term care settings. Available at www.abramsoncenter.org/PRI

Taking Care of Your Feelings First: Dementia Communication Training Program Manual (CNA's). A resource for nurse educators and other training personnel in long-term care settings. Available at www.abramsoncenter.org/PRI

Restore, Empower, Mobilize: A treatment manual for persons experiencing depression and dementia who reside in nursing homes. A resource for mental health professionals providing services in long-term care settings. Available at www.abramsoncenter.org/PRI

Recognizing and Responding to Emotion in persons with Dementia. (1998). Video produced by the Philadelphia Geriatric Center. Distributed by Terra Nova Films 9848 S. Winchester Ave., Chicago, IL (800) 779-8491. A training resource for professional and family caregivers that has sold over 1,100 copies nation-wide. Available at www.terranova.com

Technology for Long-Term Care. A website resource to enhance decision-making processes related to technology purchases among Long Term Care professionals- www.TechforLTC.org.

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Dementia Design Info. A website resource for Long Term Care professionals that compiles up to date information regarding level of environmental impacts on outcomes for persons with dementia and their caregivers- www.DementiaDesignInfo.org.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

“Assessing preferences for everyday living in the nursing home: reliability and concordance issues.” National Institute on Aging, R21, \$241,500 (07/01/2011- 06/30/2013).

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: The primary goal of this study is to redesign and test the reliability of a measure of psychosocial preferences for everyday living in a frail ethnically diverse nursing home population.

“Examining Impact of Individualized Positive Psychosocial Interventions in Nursing Homes” Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Health Research Formula Funds 2011-2012, \$17,000.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: This research will utilize an existing de-identified data set to examine the effectiveness of randomly assigned, individually tailored, positive psychosocial interventions (IPIs) designed to enhance the efforts of certified nursing assistants (NAs) in caring for nursing home residents suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders (ADRD).

FEDERAL GRANTS FUNDED

“Assessing Veteran Preferences in the Community Living Center” Veteran's Administration HSRD pilot grant, \$100,000 (11/01/2010- 10/31/2011). Currently active.

Role on Project: co-PI (PI: Kim Curyto, PhD, Batavia VAMC).

Purpose: The primary goal of this study is to redesign and test the reliability of a measure of psychosocial preferences for everyday living in a frail Veteran nursing home population.

Measurement development and reliability determination are necessary first steps in the ultimate goal of using this measure to enhance holistic individualized care to nursing home residents.

“www.TechforLTC.org: Bringing Assistive Technologies to LTC”, National Institute on Aging, SBIR Phase 2 R44 AG026170-02A1, 02/01/09-1/31/11, \$706,629. Currently active.

Role on Project: Co-PI (PI: Margaret Calkins, Ph.D. IDEAS, Inc)

Purpose: This Phase 2 application is designed to further develop and evaluate a free informational and educational website dedicated to enhancing the decision-making capability of long-term care professionals who make technology purchases related to residential caregiving environments.

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“BE-ACTIV: Treating Depression in Nursing Homes”, National Institutes of Mental Health, R01 MH074865, 7/1/07-6/30/12, \$1,510,506. Currently active

Role on Project: Methodological Consultant (PI: Suzanne Meeks, Ph.D. University of Louisville).

Purpose: This randomized controlled clinical trial seeks to evaluate the efficacy of an activity-based intervention designed to treat depressed persons with and without dementia who reside in nursing homes.

“Resident to Resident Abuse: Prevalence in Nursing Homes”, National Institute on Aging, RO1 AG014299

Role on Project: Methodological Consultant (PI: Mark Lachs, MD Cornell University).

“Lexicon of Technologies in Long-Term Care Settings”, National Institute on Aging, SBIR Phase 1, 1R43 AG026170-01A1, 2000-2007, \$100,000.

Role on Project: Co-PI (PI: Margaret Calkins, Ph.D. IDEAS, Inc.).

Purpose: This project 1) evaluated the value of the prototype website to the primary user groups in terms of their satisfaction with the relevance and completeness of all aspects of the website; 2) evaluated the value of the prototype website to the primary user groups in terms of functionality using in-depth heuristic evaluation techniques; and 3) identified the most salient care areas to be added in Phase II. Website address: www.TechforLTC.org.

“Lexicon of Technologies in Long-Term Care Settings”, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Contract HHS-100-02-0017, 2002-2006, \$643,000.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: This project constructed a web-based searchable, updateable lexicon of technologies in long-term care settings. The lexicon was designed for use by professionals engaged in the planning, design, administration, professional care, and research in long-term care settings. Technologies encompassed those directed at incontinence, fall prevention, nurse call systems, and egress systems. Website address: www.TechforLTC.org.

“An environmental design lexicon for dementia care: A web based resource”, National Institute on Aging, SBIR Phase 1, 2003-2004, \$100,000.

Role on the project: CoPI. (PI: Margaret Calkins, Ph.D). Amount of Award: \$100,000.

Purpose: This project translated and evaluated a nursing home design database constructed from past projects into a comprehensive, web-based, searchable database. Website address: www.DementiaDesignInfo.org.

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“Restore · Empower · Mobilize: A psychotherapy model and manual for treating depression in institutionalized elders with dementia”, VAMC, 1999-2000, \$10,000.

Role on Project: Co- PI (PI: Holly Ruckdeschel, Ph.D.).

Purpose: This project completed a treatment manual designed specifically for psychologists treating nursing home residents with dementia and depression. Manual available at www.abramsoncenter.org/pri.

“Depression in Dementia: A pilot project to develop a psychotherapeutic approach for persons residing in the nursing home”, Subcontract from Intervention Research Center/Depression in Late Life: Psychiatric – Medical Comorbidity, NIH/NIMH/University of Pennsylvania (PI: Dr. Ira Katz), 1998-2000, \$10,423.

Role on Project: PI for subcontract.

Purpose: The project developed a psychotherapeutic approach for nursing home residents with dementia and depression and conducted an initial pilot evaluation on 6 subjects to test its feasibility.

“A Stimulation- Retreat Program for Alzheimer’s Patients”, National Institute on Aging, U01 AG 10304, 1991-1995, \$1,143,935.

Role on Project: Project Director (PI: M. Powell Lawton, Ph.D.).

Purpose: The project performed a randomized evaluation of the efficacy of an individualized program for Alzheimer patients, based on matching appropriate levels of stimulation with needs of the resident. The program in a special care unit was compared with a similar unit without the program and with similar groups of Alzheimer patients living in heterogeneous units.

STATE/COMMONWEALTH GRANTS

“Individualizing Care to Frail Elders: Measuring psychosocial preferences for everyday living”, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Health Research Formula Funds and Newell Foundation, 2006-2008, \$57,000.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: This project seeks to refine a measure of psychosocial preferences for everyday living as a prelude to fielding the instrument as a clinical tool used to individualize care.

“Efficient Processes for Identifying Depression and Anxiety in a Nursing Home Setting: A Demonstration Project”, Commonwealth of PA, Health Services Research Grant, 2006-2007, \$127,687.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: This demonstration project sought to determine whether increased efficiencies can be added to the CMS depression management recommendations by incorporating a two-question “pre-screener” during routine MDS assessments.

“Sustainable Culture Change for Persons with Dementia in the Nursing Home: An Ethnographic Study of a Relationship Model Strengthened by Peer Support”, New York State Department of Health Dementia Grant Program, 2002-2005, \$402,404.

Role on Project: PI for Evaluation.

Purpose: This project evaluated a culture change intervention in 3 nursing homes, built a model for

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culture change processes, and produced a best practice manual for culture change based on relationship models.

“The Impact of Nurse Call Technology on Resident Functioning in the Nursing Home”, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Health Research Formula Funds, 2002-2003, \$42,000.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: To determine whether new passive nurse call technology impacted quality of care provided by nursing home staff to residents with dementia over a one year period.

FOUNDATION/LOCAL GRANTS

“Managing Behavior in Nursing Homes: Innovative Intervention and Methods”. Alzheimer’s Association, 2011-2014. \$250,000. Currently active.

Role on project: co-PI. (PI- Laura Gitlin, PhD, Johns Hopkins University)

Purpose: The goal of the project is to develop and test the feasibility of a tailored activity prescription intervention that uses OTs to train CNAs in optimal behavior management techniques for persons with dementia residing in nursing homes.

“The Social Environments of People with Dementia in Long-Term Care”, Alzheimer’s Association, NIRG-08-91765, 2009-2010, \$100,000.

Role on Project : Methodological Consultant (PI: Kate de Medeiros, Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University).

Purpose : This mixed-methods study seeks to identify and understand successful (and unsuccessful) social units in long-term care, and to determine whether any measurable attributes contribute to the social compatibility of residents.

“A computer based environmental design lexicon for dementia care”, Extencicare Foundation, 2003-2008, \$45,000.

Role on project: PI.

Purpose: The goal of the project is to create a searchable bibliography of current nursing home design research and resources. Website address: www.dementiadesigninfo.org.

“Harry Stern Family Center for Innovations in Alzheimer’s Care”, Harry Stern Family Foundation, 1999-present, \$500,000. Currently active.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: The Center’s mission is to serve as a not-for-profit resource to the world wide caregiving community. The focus of the Center is to train future gerontologists and provide innovative resources and research-based clinical programs designed to enhance the quality of Alzheimer’s care.

“Predicting turnover of Certified Nursing Assistants”, Alzheimer’s Association, IIRG-00-2138, 2001-2005, \$232,720.

Role on Project: Co-PI. (PI: Katy Ruckdeschel, Ph.D.) Purpose:

This project identified predictors of turnover over a one- year period in a sample of 150 CNAs.

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“An environmental design lexicon for dementia care”, Alzheimer’s Association, IIRG 00-2058, 2000-2004, \$239,973.

Role on Project: Took over PI role after death of M. Powell Lawton, Ph.D.

Purpose: This qualitative project constructed a database compiling the state of the art for professionals engaged in the planning, design, administration, professional care, and research on nursing home facilities for people with dementia.

“Building Relationships to Enhance Resident-Centered Care: Taking Care of Your Feelings First and Taking Care of Residents’ Feelings”, Extencicare Foundation, 2001-2002, \$25,382.

Role on project: Co-PI. (PI: Katy Ruckdeschel, Ph.D.).

Purpose: To pilot a training workshop with nursing home staff, and to polish it by undertaking extensive editing and adding graphics to create a manual that may be shared with others for both clinical and research purposes. Manual available at www.abramsoncenter.org/pri.

“Long Term Care Needs of Older Trauma Survivors”, Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation, 1999-2003, \$243,258 .

Role on Project: Co-PI. (PI: Allen Glicksman, Ph.D.).

Purpose: The major purpose of this research was to identify and document the special needs of Holocaust survivors in long- term care.

“Preferences for Everyday Living: Developing an Instrument to Inventory Lifestyle Choices”, Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation, 1998-2000, \$182,333.

Role on project: PI.

Purpose: This project developed a first draft of a comprehensive assessment instrument to document psychosocial preferences for everyday living in the form of a psychosocial advance directive.

“Effects of Risperidone and Haldol for the treatment of psychotic and aggressive symptoms in nursing home residents with Alzheimer’s Disease with respect to the patient’s quality of life after treatment.”, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, 1999-2001, \$150,000.

Role on Project: Consultant (PI: Dr. Ira Katz).

Purpose: This double blind drug study examined positive aspects of QOL outcomes of treatment, as well as its effects on negative aspects of QOL.

“Individualized Positive Psychosocial Interventions: Impact on Staff & ADRD Residents”, Alzheimer’s Association, TRG-95-006, 1996-1999, \$445,882.

Role on Project: PI.

Purpose: The project examined the outcomes of an intervention designed to enhance the affective and behavioral quality of life for persons residing in a nursing home who suffer from Alzheimer’s disease or related disorders.

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"Emotion in Dementia: Its Measurement and Comprehension by Caregivers", Alzheimer's Association, TRG-93-001, \$199,937. Role on Project: Research Consultant (PI: M. Powell Lawton, Ph.D.). Purpose: This project developed a measure of observed emotion in Alzheimer patients and investigated the way family members and institutional staff comprehended and interpreted emotion in such residents.

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED JOURNALS

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- Meeks, S., Looney, S., **Van Haitsma, K.**, & Teri, L. (2008). BE-ACTIV: A Staff-Assisted, Behavioral Intervention for Depression in Nursing Homes. The Gerontologist, 48(1): 105-114
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- Ruckdeschel K. & **Van Haitsma K.** (2004). A workshop for nursing home staff: recognizing and responding to their own and resident's emotions. Gerontol Geriatr Educ, 24(3):39-51.
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- Carpenter, B. **Van Haitsma, K.**, Ruckdeschel, K., & Lawton, M.P. (2000). The psychosocial preferences of older adults: An examination of content and structure. The Gerontologist. 40(3) 335-348.
- Van Haitsma, K.**, Lawton, M. P., & Kleban, M. (2000). Does segregation help or hinder? Examining the role of homogeneity in behavioral and emotional aspects of quality of life for persons with cognitive impairment. Research and Practice in Alzheimer's Disease: Special Edition- Alzheimer's Disease Special Care Units, 4, 163-178.
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PRESENTATIONS

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- Mooney, R. & **Van Haitsma, K.** (1996, April). Interdisciplinary Care Planning: Catalyst for Better Care. Paper presented at the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Strategies for Better Care Conference. Sponsored by the Edward and Esther Polisher Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA.
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- Klapper, J. & **Van Haitsma, K.** (1995, November). The journey from multidisciplinary to interdisciplinary care planning in the nursing home. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Los Angeles, CA.
- Van Haitsma, K. & Gibney, R.** (1994, June). Cognitive factors influencing self-care and recreational activities in cognitively- impaired nursing home residents. Paper presented at the Second International, Inter-disciplinary Qualitative Health Research Conference, Hershey, PA.
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