

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

8/03 - present Doctoral student, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville
Doctoral candidate, 8/05
Dissertation topic: *Improving screening for externalizing behavior problems
in very young children: Applications of item response theory to evaluate
instruments in pediatric primary care*

7/05 – present Masters student (M.S.P.H. in Biostatistics), Department of Bioinformatics and
Biostatistics, School of Public Health and Information Sciences,
University of Louisville

5/97 M.S.W., University of Kentucky
5/93 B.A., Psychology, University of Notre Dame

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

7/05 – present **Graduate Research Assistant**, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, U. of L.
Performed data collection, database maintenance, statistical analyses, literature
reviews, and manuscript writing for three ongoing research projects:
 Lung Cancer Screening Study
 Colposcopy Study
 Lung Cancer Decision Making Study
Supervisor: David Hein, Ph.D., Director of Cancer Prevention and Control
Program, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville School
of Medicine

8/03 – present **University Fellow**, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville
Engaged in research activities with several faculty members during studies in the
doctoral program, including:
 Gerard Barber, Ph.D. and Ramona Stone, Ph.D., Kent School of Social
Work: *Health and Welfare Reform*

Andy Frey, Ph.D., Kent School of Social Work: *Positive Behavioral Supports in Head Start*

Jamie L. Studts, Ph.D., James Graham Brown Cancer Center: *Colposcopy Study, Lung Cancer Decision Making Study, Lung Cancer Screening Study*

9/92 – 12/92 **Women and AIDS Coalition**, South Bend, Indiana

Performed data entry and conducted preliminary statistical analyses.

PUBLICATIONS

Studts, C. R., Stone, R., & Barber, G. M. (In press). Predictors of access to health-care services among groups of TANF recipients in Kentucky. *Social Service Review*, 80(3).

Studts, J. L., Ghatge, S. R., Gill, J. L., **Studts, C. R.**, Barnes, C. N., LaJoie, A. J., Andrykowski, M. A., & LaRocca, R. V. (In press). Validity of self-reported smoking status among participants in a lung cancer screening trial. *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Frey, A. J., **Studts, C. R.**, & Lingo, A. (2006). *Implementing a Positive Behavior Support model in an early childhood setting*. Manuscript accepted for review.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Studts, C. R., Stone, R., & Barber, G. M. (2006). *Time series multilevel modeling of health status change among TANF recipients following welfare reform*.

Studts, J. L., **Studts, C. R.**, & Matera, E. L. (2006). *Measuring numeracy: An item response theory analysis of the Numeracy Questionnaire*.

Studts, J. L., **Studts, C. R.**, Sephton, S., & Helm, C. W. (2006). *Comparison of measures of perceived cervical cancer risk among women undergoing colposcopy*.

Studts, J. L., **Studts, C. R.**, LaJoie, A. S., Barnes, C. N., Andrykowski, M. A., & LaRocca, R. (2006). *Predictors of change in self-reported smoking status among participants in a lung cancer screening trial*.

Studts, J. L., Barnes, C. N., LaJoie, A. S., **Studts, C. R.**, Andrykowski, M. A., & LaRocca, R. (2006). *Predictors of adherence to screening protocol among participants in a lung cancer screening trial*.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Studts, C. R., Matera, E. L., & Studts, J. L. (2006). *An item response theory analysis of the Numeracy Questionnaire*. Poster to be presented at the 28th annual meeting of the Society of Medical Decision Making.

Studts, C. R., Stone, R., & Barber, G. M. (2006). *Predictors of health care access among welfare recipients*. Poster presented at the 27th annual scientific sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.

Studts, C. R., Sephton, S., Helm, C. W., Studts, J. L. (2006). *Perceived cervical cancer risk among women undergoing colposcopy*. Poster presented at the 27th annual scientific sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.

Studts, J. L., Ghate, S., Marmarato, J., Barnes, C., **Studts, C. R.,** LaJoie, A. S., LaRocca, R. (2006). *Validity of self-reported smoking status among lung cancer screening participants*. Poster presented at the 30th annual meeting of the American Society of Preventive Oncology, Bethesda, MD.

Studts, C. R., Elliott, A., Faith, T., Royer, B., & Young, S. (2004). *Positive behavioral supports in a Head Start classroom*. Study presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest School Social Workers, Louisville, KY.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Studts, C. R. (2006). *Introduction to item response theory*. Invited lecture to Behavioral Oncology Lab, Cancer Prevention & Control Program, James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville.

Studts, C. R. (2005). *Item response theory: Introduction and application to measurement of health outcomes*. Invited lecture to course PHCI 602, Health Services and Outcomes Research, CREST program, School of Public Health and Information Sciences, University of Louisville.

SUBMITTED PRESENTATIONS

Studts, C. R., Stone, R., & Barber, G. M. (2006). *A multilevel model of health status change among welfare recipients following welfare reform*. Paper submitted to the 11th annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.

Studts, C. R., Stone, R., & Barber, G. M. (2006). *Predictors of health care access among welfare recipients*. Poster submitted to the 11th annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

11/05 **Guest Lecturer**, CREST, School of Public Health & Information Sciences
PHCI 602, *Health Services and Outcomes Research*
Topic: "Measuring Depression and Anxiety"

12/04 Developed a masters-level social work elective course, including syllabus, readings, assignments, and examinations: *Social Work Practice in Health Care Settings*

- 9/04 – 12/04 **Tutor**
Provided private tutoring in graduate-level statistics.
- 5/04 – 7/04 **Co-Instructor**, Kent School of Social Work, Louisville, Kentucky
SW 766, Doctoral Preparation
As a teaching practicum, co-taught the summer course for incoming doctoral students, with Ruth Huber, Ph.D. (director of the doctoral program). Assisted with development of course outline and syllabus; prepared and administered the online Blackboard course site; taught portions of class sessions; provided individual and group tutoring to students; and provided feedback on homework and in-class assignments. Course content included a review of the basics of social work research, statistics, use of SPSS, and significant past and present themes in the social work literature.
- 3/99 – 3/01 **Teacher**, Kaplan Educational Center, Lexington, KY and Durham, NC
Prepared and taught preparation courses for all portions of the GRE, LSAT, ACT, and SAT standardized tests to classes of up to 20 students as well as to individual students. Also taught the Verbal sections of the PCAT (Pharmacy) and DAT (Dental) standardized tests.

ADVISING ACTIVITY

Completed Advising:

Doctoral Committee (outside reader):

- Shaena Y. Gardner - Clinical Psychology (Spalding University – defended 3/06)

CLINICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 5/04 – 9/05 **FORECAST, Kent School of Social Work**, Louisville, Kentucky
- Member of Development Team, Clinician, and Clinical Supervisor**
Assisted with development of a clinic designed to provide comprehensive assessments of families involved with the Jefferson County Department of Community Based Services. Contributed to development of protocols, clinic resources, and relevant literature reviews. Provided comprehensive assessments of potential foster/adoptive parents, foster/adoptive families facing possible disruption, and biological parents involved with Child Protective Services, in a clinic funded by the state Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Consulted with Cabinet staff and supervisors to provide assessments and recommendations. Provided clinical supervision to masters-level certified social workers pursuing independent licensure.
- 7/01 – 7/03 **Seven Counties Services, Inc.**
- Principal Social Worker, School Based Services**, Louisville, Kentucky
Provided mental health assessments, treatment planning, and services for elementary

school children in the school setting. Consulted with school staff (teachers, guidance counselors, principals) in three Jefferson County elementary schools to provide education and recommendations regarding clients and school populations in general. Advocated for special needs of clients, such as psychoeducational assessments, classroom accommodations, and placements. Coordinated with community agencies (courts, social services) to provide appropriate and effective services. Collaborated with multidisciplinary mental health professionals as part of a treatment team.

Senior Social Worker, Bullitt County Child and Family, Shepherdsville, Kentucky
Provided mental health assessments, treatment planning, and services for children, adolescents, and families in a rural outpatient mental health agency. Coordinated with community agencies (schools, courts, social services) to provide appropriate and effective services for clients. Collaborated with multidisciplinary mental health professionals as part of a treatment team.

7/00 – 7/01 **Duke University Medical Center**

Clinical Social Worker, Duke Children's Primary Care, Durham, North Carolina
Provided clinical and case management social work services for a pediatric primary care clinic. Performed crisis assessment and intervention, in addition to ongoing support services. Collaborated with physicians, nurses, psychologists, and other health professionals to optimize family access to treatment and resources. Educated medical residents in the clinic setting on psychosocial/mental health issues and community resources. Coordinated efforts with multiple local agencies to improve patient and family care. Participated in on-call and coverage teams with pediatric clinical social workers throughout the medical center.

5/97 – 6/00 **Bluegrass Regional Mental Health – Mental Retardation Board, Inc.**

Program Director, R.I.S.E. Program, Harrodsburg, Kentucky
Directed a mental health and educational program for 60 children. Hired, trained, and supervised 13 mental health specialists and teachers. Coordinated efforts with local schools and agencies. Maintained administrative and direct service records. Assisted in the development and promotion of a new R.I.S.E. program in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

Outpatient Therapist, Harrodsburg and Stanton, Kentucky
Provided mental health assessments, treatment planning, and services for children, adults, and families in the outpatient Comprehensive Care Centers.

Mental Health Specialist, R.I.S.E. Program, Harrodsburg, Kentucky
Provided mental health and educational services to 15 children as part of a multidisciplinary team. Maintained appropriate clinical documentation of services. Assisted program director with administrative tasks and program preparation.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- 2/04 – 3/04 **Kent School of Social Work**, Louisville, Kentucky
Consulted with Masters program research faculty and students to expedite the preparation and submission of MSSW research project proposals to the University of Louisville Institutional Review Board (IRB). Assisted students in preparing and revising protocols to meet ethical and scientific research standards. Collaborated with IRB staff as needed.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- 7/04 – present **Metro United Way Success by 6, Nurturing Young Children Action Team**
Served on the Nurturing Young Children Action Team to promote collaboration of community programs and services targeting school readiness. Helped initiate a subgroup focusing on child health and safety issues.
- 8/04 – 5/05 **Kent School Doctoral Faculty, Kent School Faculty, and Kent Assembly**
Doctoral student representative to meetings; provided information to doctoral students and solicited input to present to faculty and staff.
- 8/03 – 5/05 **Kent School of Social Work Outcomes Committee**
Served on committee with focus on improving and monitoring outcome measures of the Kent School as required by accrediting bodies.

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

- 1/97 – 5/97 **Domestic Violence Prevention Board**, Lexington, Kentucky
Participated in multidisciplinary and interagency strategic planning groups on state and local levels.
- 8/96 – 12/96 **Bluegrass Regional Mental Health – Mental Retardation Board, Inc.**, Winchester, Kentucky
Performed intake psychosocial assessments, determined preliminary diagnoses, and triaged client assignments to therapists under clinical supervision.
- 8/95 – 5/96 **Jessamine County School District**, Nicholasville, Kentucky
Developed and facilitated treatment groups in a middle school and an alternative high school under the supervision of an at-risk counselor.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 7/00 – 7/01 **Durham Interagency Council for Young Children with Special Needs**, Durham, North Carolina
Collaborated with community leaders toward improving local efforts to identify infants and toddlers with special needs and promoting services for this population. Served as Council Secretary.

- 8/94 – 5/95 **C.A.P.**, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
Supervised and guided the developmental play time of 25 Head Start preschoolers at the Family Life Head Start Child Development Center. Created lesson plans and planned activities after conducting assessments of individual children's needs.
- 8/93 – 8/94 **C.A.P.**, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
Provided extensive follow-up services (parenting, budgeting, problem solving, emotional support) to 30 families who had completed the Family Life Services residential program. Assisted with day-to-day operations in the shelter through a wide variety of tasks.
- 9/92 – 12/92 **University of Notre Dame Crisis Line**, Notre Dame, Indiana
Volunteer Crisis Telephone Peer Counselor
- 9/91 – 12/91 **St. Mary of the Angels Youth Program**, London, England
Volunteer Staff Member
- 9/90 – 5/91 **St. Mary's Native American Tutoring Program**, South Bend, Indiana
Volunteer Tutor for elementary school students

TRAINING AND WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

- 2006 Evidence-Based Practice (Eileen Gambrill & Leonard Gibbs), *Louisville, KY*
Society of Behavioral Medicine, *San Francisco, CA*
• Latent Class and Latent Profile Analysis: Creating Typologies via Categorical Latent Variables
Communication Skills in Statistical Consulting (Janice Derr), *Louisville, KY*
- 2005 Society of Behavioral Medicine, *Boston, MA*
• Modern Psychometrics and Health Outcomes Assessment
• Introduction to Item Response Theory: Methods and Applications
Measurement: Theory and Applications in Social Work Research (William Nugent), *Lexington, KY*
- 2004 Society of Behavioral Medicine, *Baltimore, MD*
- 2003 Ethics in Social Work Practice, *Louisville, KY*
Clinical Supervision Training for Kentucky Board of Social Work, *Louisville, KY*
- 2002 Kentucky Play Therapy Association Conference, *Louisville, KY*
SCERTS Interventions for Autistic Spectrum Disorders, *Indianapolis, IN*
- 2001 Safe Crisis Management, *Louisville, KY*
HIV/AIDS Awareness Training, *Louisville, KY*
- 2000 Explosive and Inflexible Children, *Lexington, KY*
Expressive Therapies with Sexually Abused Children, *Lexington, KY*

- 1999 V.I.S.I.O.N. Training (Multicultural Issues in Mental Health), *Lexington, KY*
The Canadian Play Therapy Institute, *Lexington, KY*
- 1998 The Mental Health Institute, *Louisville, KY*
- 1997 Domestic Violence Training, *Lexington, KY*
Victims Advocacy Training, *Frankfort, KY*
- 1996 The Canadian Play Therapy Institute, *Lexington, KY*
Kentucky School Social Work Conference, *Louisville, KY*
ADHD Workshop, *Lexington, KY*
- 1995 The Fall Institute: Children and Families First, *Louisville, KY*
Family Literacy: Creating a Community of Learners, *Lexington, KY*

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2003 – 2007 University of Louisville Graduate School Fellowship
- 1997 Alpha Delta Mu Honorary Society
- 1996 – 1997 University of Kentucky Graduate School Presidential Fellowship
- 1995 – 1996 University of Kentucky College of Social Work Scholarship
- 1989 – 1993 University of Notre Dame Orchestra
- 1989 – 1993 University of Notre Dame Dean's List

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 04/06 – present American Statistical Association, Student Member
- 12/03 – present Society for Social Work and Research, Student Member
- 12/03 – present Society of Behavioral Medicine, Student/Trainee Member
- 09/95 – present National Association of Social Workers, Member