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**EDUCATION**

*University of Denver*

**Ph.D. in Social Work**, June 2015

Dissertation: Aging in place: Perceptions of older adults on low income housing waitlists

*University of Wyoming*

**Master of Social Work**, May 2005

*The Pennsylvania State University*

**Bachelor of Science** in Human Development and Family Studies, December 1994

**CURRENT POSITIONS**

*West Chester University*

**Assistant Professor** - Fall 2015 to Present

**Graduate Coordinator:** Certificate in Gerontology - Spring 2017 to Present

**TEACHING**

*West Chester University*, Graduate Social Work, 2015 to Present

- Social Work and End of Life Care
- Social Work with Older Adults
- Specialized Social Work Practice I
- Specialized Social Work Practice II: Integrative Seminar
- Field Practicum III – Concentration Year
- Field Practicum IV – Concentration Year
- Mental Health – A Recovery Approach

*University of Denver*, Graduate School of Social Work, 2013 to 2015 – Adjunct Professor

- Clinical Social Work Skills, MSW Course
- Social Work Skills Lab, MSW Course
- Grief and Loss Across the Lifespan
- Social Work with the Chronically Terminally Ill, MSW Course

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### *Conversation Project Workshop Evaluation*

- Co-Principal Investigator, July 2019 – Present
- Co-Investigators include: Drs. Stacie Metz and Pablo Arriaza. And MSW Alumni Kai Macdonald
- Facilitate research project
- Use a one-group pretest-posttest mixed methods design to evaluate the Conversation Project (end of life) workshops that are conducted with WCU BSW and MSW students and alumni
- IRB approval received August 2019

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Lavery, A. L., Hasche, L. K., DePrince, A. P., Gagnon, K., Srinivas, T. & Boyce, E. (in press). Mental health consequences and service utilization among older adults at risk for financial exploitation. *Social Work Research* (Acceptance for publication received 10-30-2019. Volume to be determined.).

Bowen, M.E., Gaynor, B., Phillips, L. Orsega-Smith, E., Lavery, A., Mitchell, A., & Basehore, H. (2020). Factors associated with health service utilization among older adults in a Mobile Veterans Program. *The Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 46(5), 15-22.

Buck, P. & Lavery, A. (2019). Voices from the barn: Parent perceptions of animal-assisted activities for children on the autism spectrum. *Human Animal Interaction Bulletin*, 8(1), 78-89.

Kattari, S., Lavery, A. & Hasche, L. (2017). Applying a social model of disability across the lifespan. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 27(8), 865-880.

Hasche, L.K. & Lavery A. (2015). As needed: Case management across aging services in response to depression. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 58(3), 272-288.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS**

Lavery, A. L. Loss within liminality: Older adults waiting for affordable housing. (Under Peer Review).

Lavery, A. L., Chiarelli-Helminiak, C., & Myers, W. (in preparation for submission). Utilizing photos for deeper learning: Human rights and specialized practice MSW education.

Lavery, A. L. (in preparation for submission). Drama, politics and cliques: Experiences of older adults waiting for low-income housing.

### **PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

Thomas Steward, A., Lavery, A. & Moody, H. (October, 2019). Approaches to Infusing Critical Gerontology Across Social Work Curricula. Workshop presented at the annual conference of the *Council on Social Work Education*, Denver, CO.

Lavery, A., Chiarelli-Helminiak, C. & Myers, W. (November, 2018). Utilizing Photos for Deeper Learning: Human Rights and Specialized Practice. Presented at the annual conference for the *Council on Social Work Education*, Orlando, FL.

Hasche, L. & Lavery, A. (November, 2018). Service Needs Among Older Adults at Risk for Financial Elder Abuse. Presented at the annual conference for the *Gerontology Society of America*, Boston, MA.

Lavery, A., Kattari, S., Hasche, L. & McQueen, J. (October, 2017). Using a Social Model of Disability in Social Work and Gerontology Education. Panel presented at the annual conference of the *Council on Social Work Education*, Dallas, TX.

Lavery, A. (November, 2016). Liminality and Loss: Waiting for Affordable Housing. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Council on Social Work Education* in Atlanta, GA.

Teixeira, S., Nicotera, N., Kao, D. & Lavery, A. (January, 2016). Using Innovative Mixed Methods to Map Context in Social Work Research. Workshop presented at the annual conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington, D.C.

Lavery, A. (November, 2015). A Place with a Patio: Using Qualitative Interviews and Photos to Expand Views of Aging. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Gerontological Society of America*, Orlando, FL.

Lavery, A. (November, 2015). Need to Move but Cannot: Older Adults Waiting for Low Income Housing or Assistance. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Gerontological Society of America*, Orlando, FL.

Hasche, L. & Lavery, A. (January, 2015). *Mental Health Correlates and Service Utilization Among Older Adults at Risk for Elder Mistreatment*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans LA.

Hasche, L. & Lavery, A. (January, 2013). *Structure and Feasibility of Care Management Across Aging Services*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work Research, San Diego, CA.

Lavery, A. (November, 2012). *"I'm Just Not Gonna Give an Inch:" Philosophies of Older Adult Members of an Aging in Place Village Program*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Lavery, A. (November, 2012). *Perceptions of Older Adults Utilizing a Village Model Aging in Place Service*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC.

## **SERVICE**

*West Chester University*

### Department

**Chair**, Gerontology Certificate Program Curriculum Committee, Fall 2016- Present

**Graduate Coordinator**, Gerontology Certificate Program, Fall 2016- Present

**Interim Chair** – Field Committee, January 2020 – Present

### **Lead Instructor**

- SWG 561 Specialized Practice I: Individuals
- SWG 563 Specialized Practice II: Integrative Seminar, Spring 2019 – Summer 2019
- SWG 560 Mental Health- A Recovery Approach
- SWG 571 Social Work with Older Adults, Fall 2016 – Present
- SWG 580 Social Work Practice and End of Life Care, Fall 2016 – Present
- SWG 598 Field Practicum III, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, Summer 2019 - Fall 2019
- SWG 599 Field Practicum IV, Fall 2017 to Spring 2018, Summer 2019 -- Fall 2019

**Member**, MSW Curriculum Committee, Fall 2016-Present

**Teaching Observer** (Adjunct), Fall 2019 and Spring 2017

**Advisor**, Graduate Social Work Student Association, 2016-2017, Co-Advisor 2015-2016

**Reviewer and Interviewer**, MSW Program Admissions Committee,  
Fall 2016 & Spring 2020

### University

**Advisory Council Member**: Resource Pantry, January 2018 – Present

**Faculty Senate Proxy** for Stacie Metz and Julie Tennille, Spring 2017 – Present

**Member**, WCU Graduate Council, Spring 2017 – Present

*Community*

**Board Member:** Barclay Friends, April 2018 – Present

Additional Duties: Care and Compliance Committee and Governance Committee

*Professional*

**Co-chair,** NASW – PA Gero Symposium to be held in 2021

**Invited Article Reviewer,** *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, Spring 2019, Fall 2018 and Spring 2017

**Task Force Member:** Development of Gero Curricular Guide for the Council on Social Work Education, 2016

**Membership Committee,** Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW), 2014-2016

**LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION & MEMBERSHIPS**

*Licensed Clinical Social Worker*

State of Pennsylvania (License #CW018979)

State of Colorado (License #CSW.09923636)

*Fellow in Thanatology* (FT) Association of Death Education and Counseling, 2015 – Present

*Certified Thanatologist* (CT) January 2009 – December 2014

Member, Council on Social Work Education

Member, Society for Social Work and Research

Member, National Association of Social Workers

Member, Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work

Member, The Gerontological Society of America

Member, Association of Death Education and Counseling

**HONORS & AWARDS**

*Outstanding Advisor*, 2019

West Chester University, University College & Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa

*Dissertation Support Award*, 2013

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

*AGE-SW Gerontological Social Work Pre-Dissertation Award*, 2011 Cohort

*Field Instructor of the Year, 2009*  
University of Wyoming's Division of Social Work

*Bowie Scholarship Recipient, 2005*  
University of Wyoming's Division of Social Work

*Outstanding Volunteer, 2003*  
YWCA of Richmond, VA Sexual Assault Program

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Denver, CO  
*Research Assistant, September 2012 – May 2014*

Wyoming Geriatric Education Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY  
*Assistant Director and Project Coordinator, May 2009-August 2010*  
*Project Coordinator, May 2008 – May 2009*

Hospice of Laramie, Laramie, WY  
*Clinical Social Worker/Bereavement Counselor, November 2005-May 2008*

Wyoming Department of Corrections, Laramie, WY  
*Substance Abuse Assessor, May 2005 – June 2008*

Fay Whitney School of Nursing  
*Research Assistant, May 2005 – September 2005*

Orange Chatham Alternative Sentencing, Hillsborough, NC  
*Senior Case Developer, September 1997- May 1998*  
*Case Developer, September 1995 – September 1997*

Victims Resource Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA  
*Counselor Advocate, May 1993- August 1993; May 1994- August 1994; & January 1995*  
*– September 1995*