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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Welfare (Anticipated 2022)

Case Western Reserve University

Dissertation: Prevalence and Predictors of Decisional Conflict Among Older African Americans with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease.

Chair: Dr. Aloen Townsend

MSW., Social Work (2009)

University of Cincinnati

Concentration: Health and Gerontology

Advanced Standing

BSW., Social Work (2008)

University of Cincinnati

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Kidney Disease

Chronic Illness

Minority Aging

Healthcare Decision-Making

Gerontology

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Work in Health Care Settings
Direct Practice Social Work Methods
Research
African American Mental and Physical Health
Human Behavior and the Social Environment

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (TOTAL FUNDED: \$25,300.00)

Social Justice Institute, Case Western Reserve University
Amount: \$2300, **FUNDED**

Graduate Student Council Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Research Award, Case Western Reserve University
Amount: \$4,000, **FUNDED**

Rosenberg Foundation (Centers for Dialysis Care): Research Grant “Decision Uncertainty Among Older African Americans with Advanced Chronic Kidney Disease”
Amount: \$14,000, **FUNDED**

Council of Nephrology Social Workers Grant, National Kidney Foundation
Amount: \$10,000, **NOT FUNDED**

Freedman Fellowship Grant, Case Western Reserve University
Amount: \$526, **FUNDED**

Medical Humanities and Social Medicine Grant, Case Western Reserve University
Amount: \$3,000, **FUNDED**

Pre-Dissertation Fellow, Association for Gerontological Education in Social Work (AGE-SW)
Amount: \$1500, **FUNDED**

Bioethics: Medicine, Society, and Culture Grant, Case Western Reserve University
Amount: \$500, **FUNDED**

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences Research Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University, **FUNDED**

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021 **Summer Workshop Fellow**, *University of Michigan*: Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (MCUAAAR)

2021 and 2019 **Summer Social Work Graduate Student Mentoring Workshop**, on African American and Latinx Populations, *University of Michigan*

2020 **Marie Haug Award**, *Case Western Reserve University (University Center on Aging)*

2017 **School of Graduate Studies Ruth Barber Moon Award**, *Case Western Reserve University*

2017 **Diversity Fellow Travel Award**, *Gerontological Society of America (GSA)*

2017 **Trainee/Scholarship Award**, *Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiative (PCORI)*

2016 **Office of Multicultural Affairs Scholarship Award**, *Case Western Reserve University*

2016 **Social Justice Institute Travel Award**, *Case Western Reserve University*

2009 **MSW Student of the Year, Ohio Chapter** *National Association of Social Workers*

2009 **Aging Scholarship**, *Association for Professionals in Aging*

2006 **Community College Transfer Scholarship**, *Cincinnati State Technical and Community College*

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Wang, F., Nguyen, A., Lincoln, K., Qin, W., **Hamler, T.C.** The Moderating Role of Race and Ethnicity in the Relationship Between Negative Family Interactions and Mental Health Among Older Adults (In Press). *The Gerontologist*

Jenkins-Morales, M., Miller, V.J., **Hamler, T.C.** (2021). Dismantling systemic racism in long-term services and supports: A call to action for social workers. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.1942375>

Beltran, S., Miller, V.J., & **Hamler, T.C.** (2021). Social workers' impact on policy through regulations: A case study of the U.S long-term care ombudsman program. *Journal of Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14680173211010303>

Nguyen, A. W., Taylor, H. O., Lincoln, K. D., Qin, W., **Hamler, T.C.**, Wang, F., & Mitchell, U. A. (2021). Neighborhood characteristics and inflammation among older Black Americans: The

moderating effects of hopelessness and pessimism. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series A*, 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1093/gerona/glab121>

Nguyen, A.W., Wang, F., Qin, W., **Hamler, T.C.** (2021) The role of church support networks in the relationship between discrimination and psychiatric disorders. *Review of Religious Research*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-021-00464-z>

Miller, V. J., **Hamler, T.**, Beltran, S. J., & Burns, J. (2021). Nursing home social services: A systematic review of the literature from 2010 to 2020. *Social Work in Health Care*, 1-23. 60(4), 387–409. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2021.1908482>

Hamler T.C., English, S. J., Beltran, S. J. & Miller, V. J. (2020). *Letter to the Editor*. A reflection of and charge to gerontological social work: Past pandemics and the current COVID-19 crisis. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 63(6-7), 577-579. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2020.1766629>

Cho, S., & **Hamler, T.C.** (2020). Depressive symptoms and multimorbidity: Is there an association for older Black Americans? *Journal of Aging and Health*, 33(5-6), 310-316. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0898264320981244>

Voith, L., **Hamler, T.C.**, Francis, M., Lee, H. & Korsch-Williams, A. (2020) Employing a trauma-informed, socially just research framework with marginalized populations: Practices and barriers to implementation. *Social Work Research*, 44(3), 169-181. <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svaa013>

Miller, D.B., **Hamler, T.C.** & Qin, W. (2020) Prostate cancer screening in Black men: Screening intention, knowledge, attitudes, and reasons for participation. *Social Work in Health Care* 59(8), 543-556. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2020.1808149>

Qin, W., Nguyen, A., Mouzon, D., **Hamler, T.C.** & Wang, F. (2020). Social support, everyday discrimination, and depressive symptoms among Older African Americans: A longitudinal study. *Innovations on Aging*, 4(5), igaa032. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa032>

Qin, W., **Hamler, T.C.**, Miller, D.B. (2020). Self-efficacy and importance of participation reasons as predictors for prostate cancer screening intention in African American men. *Ethnicity and Health*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2020.1724269>

Miller, V.J. & **Hamler, T.C.** (2019). A value-critical policy analysis of the nursing home reform act: A focus on care on African American and Latino residents. *Social Work in Health Care*, 58(5), 471-493. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2019.1587660>

Hamler, T.C., Miller, V., & Petrakovitz, S. (2018). Chronic kidney disease and older African American Adults: How embodiment influences self-management. *Geriatrics*, 3(3), 52. <https://doi.org/10.3390/geriatrics3030052>

Nguyen, A. W., **Hamler, T.C.**, & Cobb, R. J. (2018). Discrimination and chronic kidney disease among Caribbean Blacks: The effects of immigration and social status. *Race and social problems*, 10(3), 248-258. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-018-9234-4>

Washington, T.R., Robinson, M.A., **Hamler, T.C.**, & Brown, S.A. (2017). Chronic kidney disease self-management “helps” and hindrances in Older African Americans and Whites undergoing hemodialysis: A brief report. *Journal of Nephrology Social Work*, 41(1) 19-22.

BOOK CHAPTER

Hamler, T.C. (2019). Be yourself and the world will adjust. In Wright, B.L., Bryan, N., Sewell, C., Thomas, K., Yates, L., Barrett, C. & Robinson, (Eds.), *Gumbo for the Soul III: Males of Color Share Their Stories, Meditations, Affirmations, and Inspirations*. (pp. 89-92) Information Age Publishing. (Peer Reviewed)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Nguyen, A.W., Taylor, H.O., Lincoln, K.D., Wang, F., **Hamler, T.C.** & Mitchell, U.A. Religious involvement and sleep among older African Americans. *Review of Religious Research*. (Revise and Resubmit)

Hamler, T.C., Nguyen, A.W., Keith, V. How skin tone influences the relationship between discrimination, psychological distress, and self-rated mental health among older African Americans. Invited abstract submitted for special issue *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

Hamler, T.C., Nguyen, A.W., Taylor, H.O., Cobb, R. COVID-19 and psychological distress: racial differences among middle aged and older adults. Invited abstract submitted for special issue, *The Gerontologist*. (Revise and Resubmit).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Hamler, T.C., Schmidt-Sane, M., Huml, A., Dobre, M. & Taylor, D. If I’m worrying about getting well, how can I get well? A study of decision-making among older African American Patients with advanced chronic kidney disease.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant with *Discontinued Students Project*. Mandel School, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, PI: Dr. Zoe Wood and Dr. Karen Ishler

Worked as a graduate research assistant for the Outcomes Evaluation Office. Responsibilities included reviewing files for discontinued Masters students across virtual, intensive weekend, and on-campus programs. Assisted with data entry and data management. Developed a research protocol and interview guide for project intended to survey discontinued Masters students.

Research Assistant with *Understanding Men's Stories in the DIET Program*. Mandel School, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, PI: Dr. Laura Voith

Collected primary data for research with men participating in domestic violence intervention programs. These interviews conducted at Cuyahoga County Justice Center Probation Department with men who were court ordered to participate in domestic violence prevention courses. Co-developed a framework to guide all aspects of study, including data collection known as the "Trauma Informed Socially Just Research Framework" (see Publications)

Research Assistant for *Prostate Cancer Among African American Men Research Project*. Mandel School, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, PI: Dr. David Miller

Working as graduate assistant for Research and Training Grant examining prostate cancer knowledge and awareness among African American Men. Responsible for data management, data analysis in SPSS and survey development using Qualtrics Software.

Interviewer for *Autism Caregiver Project*. Mandel School, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, PI: Dr. David Biegel, Dr. Karen Ishler

Coordinated interview times and interviewed family caregivers of individuals living with Autism in their homes and at research center.

Research Assistant for *Outcomes Evaluation Project*. Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, Led by: Dr. Zoe Breen Wood

Worked as graduate assistant for outcomes evaluation office in preparation for CSWE reaccreditation process. Entered course rubrics and CSWE standards into VIA and Live Text systems. Responsible for reviewing and editing syllabi and sharing results of review with Instructors.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Case Western Reserve University, 2016 - Present

Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Courses Taught: Direct Practice Social Work Methods (Master's Program)

Teaching Mentorship, Case Western Reserve University, 2016

Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Mentorship with Dr. Zoe Breen Wood

Instructor, University of Cincinnati, 2013-2014, 2019 - Present

College of Allied Health Sciences: Social Work Department

Courses taught (BSW Program):

Introduction to Social Work

Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

Introduction to Generalist Practice I

Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

Research I

Research II

Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families

Academic Liaison, University of Cincinnati, 2013-2015

Provided advising for 50 graduate students. Collaborated with two other academic liaisons to develop tools for marketing and student recruitment. Participated in college visits to recruit students at several universities and job fairs. Consulted with local universities to discuss opportunities for collaboration and student recruitment. Provided program evaluation for academic liaison pilot program. Led MSW Information Session Courses for prospective graduate students.

Instructor, Cincinnati State Community and Technical College, 2012-2013

College of Arts and Sciences

Courses taught: Introduction to Sociology

Teaching Assistant, Case Western Reserve University, 2016 -Present

Courses:

Measurement Issues in Quantitative Measurement (Fall 2020; Fall 2018: PhD Program)

Social Statistics and Data Analysis (Fall 2019: PhD Program)

Guest Lecturer

- Human Development Adult II, *Case Western Reserve University* (2020)
- Integrative Seminar for Doctoral Students, *Case Western Reserve University* (2019)
- Introduction to Anthropology, *Cleveland State University* (2017, 2018)
- Aging in American Society, *University of Texas at Arlington* (2017)
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment II, *Cleveland State University* (2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Training and Project Assistant, May 2020 to present

Vantage Human Resource Services

Provided support for several projects with the following governmental and private agencies: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, National Cancer Registrars Association, Maryland Parks Department. Provided support for career coaching for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Supported several projects by providing training support for employees and trainers with Virtual Courses in *Zoom and WebEx*. Developed report and analytical notes for focus groups with the National Cancer Registrars Association. Supported virtual focus groups via Microsoft Zoom for the National Cancer Registrars Association and collected demographic data with *SurveyMonkey*.

Post-MSW Practice Experience

Medical Social Worker, 2014 – 2015

The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio

Worked on renal and medical surgical floor with patients with extensive medical problems. Connected patients to community resources and made decisions about appropriate use of hospital resources to help clients. Connected patients to resources for substance abuse and alcohol use. Collaborated with doctors, nursing case managers, and outside community resources to make appropriate discharge plans for patients throughout the hospital. Assisted with kidney transplantation evaluations.

Dialysis Social Worker, 2009 – 2014

DaVita Dialysis, Cincinnati, Ohio

Collaborated with patients and providers to initiate Social Security and Medicare applications. Maintained a caseload of approximately 100 patients living with kidney failure, at two separate clinics. Served as Regional Point Social Worker for 13 clinics, supervising other Social Workers in Region. Mediated disagreements between staff and patients across multiple clinics. Coordinated training needs for the Social Work Team in Cincinnati area, collaborating with community organizations for additional education.

Transitional Case Manager, 2009

Mental Health Access Point, Cincinnati, Ohio

Maintained a caseload of up to 25 individuals with severe mental illness to address homelessness and mental health stability. Coordinated linkage of clients to permanent mental health case management services. Assisted with medication management and monitoring of symptoms during referral and intake process.

Social Worker, 2008 – 2009

The Christ Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio

Direct practice medical social worker covering entire hospital: Medical/Surgical, Intensive Care, Rehab, Psych and Geriatric Floors. Connected patients to community resources and made decisions about appropriate use of hospital resources to help clients. Collaborated with doctors, nursing case managers, and outside community resources to make appropriate discharge plans for patients throughout the hospital

PRESENTATIONS

Qin, W., Nguyen, A.W., Mouzon, D, **Hamler, T.C.** & Wang, F. (Accepted) Social support, everyday discrimination, and depressive symptoms among older African Americans: A longitudinal study [Oral Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research, 2021, San Francisco, CA, United States

Francis, M., Jemal, A., Voith, L.A., **Hamler, T.C.** & Korsch-Williams, A. (2021) Radically imagining anti-racist social work research using a trauma-informed, socially-just framework. Social work, white supremacy, and racial justice: Reckoning with our history, interrogating the present, and reimagining our future [Virtual Panel Conference Presentation].

Hamler, T.C., Schmidt-Sane, M., Huml, A., Dobre, M. & Taylor, D. (2020). If I'm worrying about getting well, how can I get well? Decision-making among African Americans with advanced chronic kidney disease. [Virtual] Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting: Reframing Aging,

Lee, K., **Hamler, T.**, & Wallace, C. (2020). Reflections and prospects of the gerontological training and education. In R. Mauldin (Chair), Supporting PhD Students to become faculty in gerontological social work: AGESW's fellowship program. [Virtual] Symposium presented at the gerontological society of America annual scientific meeting, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Francis, M.W., Bourdon, J. & **Hamler, T.C.** (2020). Putting the "bio" in biopsychosocial: Talking genetics in social work. [Virtual Panel presentation] Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO, United States

Burns, J., Miller, V.J., & **Hamler, T.C.** (2020). Enrichment through interdisciplinary collaboration: A student's perspective. [Conference Poster Presentation]. Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Conference, Columbus, OH, United States

Miller, V. J., **Hamler, T.C.**, Burns, J. (2020). Social work in the nursing home: a systematic review of the literature. [Conference Poster Presentation]. Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education Conference, Columbus, OH, United States.

Yoon M., Miller, D.B, **Hamler, T.C.** & Yang, L. (2020). Emerging retirement crisis: When social security is not enough. [Conference Oral Presentation] Society for Social Work Research, Washington D.C., United States.

Lee, H., Voith, L., **Hamler, T.C.**, Francis, M. & Korsch-Williams, A. (2020). Employing a trauma-informed, socially just research framework with marginalized populations: Practices and barriers to implementation. [Roundtable Discussion] Social for Social Work Research, Washington D.C., United States.

Hamler, T.C., Nguyen, A.W., & Taylor, H.O. (2020). Social isolation and hypertension among older African Americans: are there gender differences. [Conference Poster Presentation] Social for Social Work Research, Washington D.C., United States.

Miller, D.B., Markt, S., Nguyen C. Yang, L. & **Hamler, T.C.** (2019) Prostate cancer and young Black men: Can early communication avoid later health disparities? [Conference Oral Presentation] Society for Social Work Research, Washington D.C., United States.

Hamler, T.C. (2019). Decision-making and information preferences among older African Americans with advanced chronic kidney disease. [Conference Poster Presentation] Case Western Reserve University Research ShowCASE, Cleveland, OH, United States.

Voith, LA, Korsch-Williams, A, **Hamler, T.C.**, Minnes, S. (2019) Doctoral training using trauma-informed, socially just research framework: Advancing social work education. [Conference Panel Presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Conference, Denver, Colorado, United States

Qin, W., **Hamler, T.C.**, Miller, D.B (2019). Self-efficacy and reasons for participation as predictors of prostate cancer screening intention in African American men. [Conference Poster Presentation.] 3rd Annual Cancer Disparities Symposium: Eliminating cancer disparities: Staying the course toward collective impact, Cleveland, OH, United States.

Hamler, T.C., Nguyen, A., Cobb, R. (2019). Discrimination and chronic kidney disease among Caribbean Blacks: The effects of immigration and social status. [Conference Poster Presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Hamler, T.C., Qin, W. & Miller, D.B. (2019). Reasons for participation in prostate cancer among Black men. [Conference Poster Presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Cho, S & **Hamler, T.C.** (2018). Depressive symptoms and chronic disease: Is there an association for older African Americans? [Conference Poster Presentation]. 70th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA, United States.

Wilkes, S & **Hamler, T.C.** (2018). From I-LEAD to I-LEAP: Building a sustainable and scalable clinical model of interprofessional education. [Conference Poster Presentation] Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL, United States.

Miller, D.B, **Hamler, T.C.** (2018). Black men and prostate cancer: fact or fiction. [Conference Poster Presentation]. Case Western Reserve University Second Annual Cancer Disparities Conference: Taking it to the streets – Where cancer disparities and the community intersect, Cleveland, OH, United States.

Anderson-Fye, E., Balacko, J., Cempalli, A., **Hamler, T.C.**, McKinney, M., Petrakovitz, S., & Rupani, N. (2017). The role of psychological anthropology in medical humanities and social medicine education. [Conference Poster Presentation]. Society for Psychological Anthropology Conference, New Orleans, LA, United States.

Qin, W., **Hamler, T.C.**, & Townsend, A. (2016). Physical activity and health care coverage as predictors for diabetes among older adults. [Conference Poster Presentation]. 69th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

INVITED TALKS

National Kidney Foundation (2021): “Your Kidneys and You”, Community Presentation at Osborn Engineering in Cleveland, Ohio.

Twitter for Networking (2020): Presentation developed for AGE-SW and presented to AGE-SW Members via Zoom training

National Kidney Foundation Patient Symposium (2019): Social Pressures living with Chronic Kidney Disease.

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Office of Research and Training (2018): “Discrimination and Chronic Kidney Disease among Caribbean Blacks: The Effects of Immigration and Social Status” with Dr. Ann Nguyen.

National Kidney Foundation (2018): “Your Kidneys and You”, Community Presentation at Moody Nolan Architect Firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

MEDIA EXPOSURE

Featured article in Case Western Reserve University’s *The Daily* (March 23, 2021)

<https://thedaily.case.edu/spartan-showcase-tyrone-c-hamler/>

Featured article in Case Western Reserve University’s *The Daily* (August 28, 2020)

<https://thedaily.case.edu/mandel-schools-tyrone-hamler-co-authors-piece-on-social-work-in-past-pandemics/>

Featured article in Case Western Reserve University’s *The Daily* (June 26, 2019)

<https://thedaily.case.edu/new-research-highlights-inequalities-in-nursing-home-care-for-minorities/>

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW): Student Representative to the Board of Directors (2018-2020)

National Kidney Foundation of Greater Cleveland: Medical Advisory Board Member (2017-Present)

University Center on Aging and Health, *Case Western Reserve University:* Graduate Student Member (2017-Present)

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, *Case Western Reserve University:* Student Member of Doctoral Program Executive Committee (2015-2016)

REVIEWER

Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences

Journal of Applied Gerontology

Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health

American Journal of Men's Health

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Social Work Research

Gerontological Society of America

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW)

National Kidney Foundation: Council of Nephrology Social Work Member