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### EDUCATION

2004-2006 West Virginia University, PhD (Life-span Developmental Psychology, Gerontology Graduate Certificate, Women's Studies Graduate Certificate)

2001-2004 West Virginia University, MA, (Life-span Developmental Psychology)

1996-2001 West Virginia University, BA, BS, (Regents with Gerontology Certificate, Biology with Honors)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016- Associate Director of Research, Office for the Study of Aging, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2014- Associate Professor, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior & the Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2008-2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior & the Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

2006-2008 Kellogg Health Scholar, Multidisciplinary Disparities Track, Center for Minority Health and Department of Epidemiology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

2003-2005 Research Assistant, Center on Aging, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

2001-2002 Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

### GRANTS AND RESEARCH AWARDS

2017-2018 Magellan Scholars Award for Undergraduate Student Research (A. Nanna and L. Dickson, Scholars)

2015 Hunger Relief Strategic Plan for Palm Beach County, Sub-contract to Food Research Action Center (FRAC) from the United Way of Palm Beach County (Co-I)

2014-2015 Magellan Scholars Award for Undergraduate Student Research (C Slippy, Scholar)

2014-2015 Healthy South Carolina Initiative Grant for the "Building the Capacity of Healthy South Carolina Initiative Grantees and Partners to better serve the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender South Carolinians" (PI; partnership with SC Equality)

2013-2014 Harriet Hancock LGBT Center Grant from the Freeman Foundation for the 2013 South Carolina LGBT Needs Assessment (PI)

2012-2013 Harriet Hancock LGBT Center Grant for the Youth Empowerment Against HIV (YEAH!) Project (PI)

- 2012-2013 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence and Office of the Provost "Distributed-Learning" Grant (PI)
- 2012-2013 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence "Service-Learning" Grant (PI)
- 2012-2013 University of South Carolina Social Sciences Grant Program (PI)
- 2011-2012 Carnegie Foundation's Initiative for South Carolina's Future University-Community Research Grant (PI)
- 2011-2012 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence "Service-Learning" Grant (PI)
- 2010-2012 Kaiser Permanente Chris Burch Minority Leadership Development Award (PI)
- 2010-2011 Magellan Scholars Award for Undergraduate Student Research (A. Johnson, Scholar)
- 2010-2011 University of South Carolina Institute for African American Research (IAAR) Faculty Research Award (PI)
- 2010-2011 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence "Teaching Larger Classes" Grant (PI)
- 2007-2009 National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program (Health Disparities Scholar)
- 2007 National Institutes of Health, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Research Center of Excellence in Minority Health Disparities at the University of Pittsburgh (2P60MD000207-06; Co-I, Community Research Engagement Core)
- 2006-2008 W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Kellogg Health Scholars Program Multidisciplinary Disparities Track (P0117943; Scholar, University of Pittsburgh Site)
- 2004 West Virginia University Equity in Education Grant for Graduate Student Research (PI)
- 2003 American Psychological Association Division 44 Malyon-Smith Award for Graduate Student Research (PI)
- 2000 The Henry Hurlbutt Memorial Fund for Honors Research Award (PI)

### **HONORS AND SERVICE RECOGNITION**

- 2017 University of South Carolina Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award
- 2015 Stand Up Carolina Hero Award
- 2010 Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2006 Outstanding Graduate, West Virginia University Gerontology Program
- 2005 AARP Scholars Program (\$10,000 Award Recipient)
- 2005 Grantmakers in Aging (Graduate Student Research Fellow)
- 2005 Hake Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Career
- 2005 Velma M. Miller / WV Alliance for Women's Studies Scholar Award
- 2004 West Virginia University Alumni Association Award for Social Justice
- 2004 Morgan Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Volunteer of the Year
- 2004 William E. Vehse Endowment for Graduate Student Travel
- 2003 American Psychological Association Minority Aging Network in Psychology (Fellow)
- 2003 The Winifred South Knutti Graduate Scholarship in Women's Studies
- 2000 Morgan Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Volunteer of the Year
- 1998-2001 Loyalty Permanent Endowment Fund of the West Virginia University Alumni Association Scholarship

### **COMPETITIVE TRAINING INSTITUTES**

- 2017 Children's Trust of South Carolina, "Adverse Childhood Experiences Master Training"
- 2010 Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Summer Institute on Behavioral Medicine Interventions, "Mind-Body Science, Tools, and Strategies"
- 2008 Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Summer Institute on Behavioral Medicine Interventions, "Basic Pathways Linking Behavior and Disease"
- 2008 University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences Course on Scientific Management and Leadership
- 2007 National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Aging Summer Institute for Aging Research

- 2007 Pittsburgh Mind-Body Center Summer Institute on Behavioral Medicine Interventions, "Sleeping, Eating & Physical Activity: A Focus on Health Behavior"
- 2006 Summer Research Career Development Institute in Minority Health and Health Disparities, University of Pittsburgh EXPORT Health
- 2003 Jayne Armstrong Women's Leadership Program

**PUBLICATIONS** (excludes articles under peer/Tribal review; underline indicates student co-author)

**Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

Bergeron, C. D., Messias, D. K. H., Friedman, D. B., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Miller, S. C. (2018). Involvement of family members and professionals in older women's post-fall decision making. *Health Communication, 33*(3), 246-253.

Cayir, E., Burke, M. P., **Spencer, S. M.**, Schure, M. B., & Goins, R. T. (2017). Lifetime trauma and depressive symptomatology among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study. *Community Mental Health Journal*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1007/s10597-017-0179-7

Nelson, J. D., **Spencer, S. M.**, Blake, C. E., Moore, J. B. & Martin, A. B. (2017). Elevating oral health interprofessional practice among pediatricians through a statewide quality improvement learning collaborative. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1097/PHH.0000000000000622

Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., **Spencer, S. M.**, Miller, S. C., Messias, D. K. H., & McKeever, R. (2016). An exploratory survey of older women's post-fall decisions. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/0733464816653361

Thomas, T. L., Kannaley, K., Friedman, D. B., Tanner, A., Brandt, H. M., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2016). Media coverage of the 2014 West Virginia Elk River chemical spill: A mixed-methods study examining news coverage of a public health disaster. *Science Communication, 38*(5), 574-600.

Thomas, T. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Tanner, A., (2016). Uncharted waters: communicating health risks during the 2014 West Virginia water crisis. *Journal of Health Communication, 21*(9), 1062-1070.

Best, A. L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Friedman, D. B., Hall, I. J., & Billings, D. (2016). The influence of spiritual framing on African American women's mammography intentions: A randomized trial. *Journal of Health Communication, 21*(6), 620 - 628.

Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Messias, D. K., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Miller, S. C. (2016). Older women's responses and decisions after a fall: The work of "getting back to normal." *Health Care for Women International*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/07399332.2016.1173039

Thrasher, A. D., Wells, A. M., **Spencer, S. M.**, Cofie, L., & Yen, I. H. (2016). Workplace discrimination is associated with alcohol abuse among ethnically diverse hospital staff. *Workplace Health and Safety*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/2165079916628878.

Smallwood, S. W., **Spencer, S. M.**, Annang L., Thrasher J. F., & Thompson-Robinson, M.T. (2016). Different dimensions: Internalized Homonegativity among African American men who have sex with men in the Deep South. *American Journal of Homosexuality*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/00918369.2016.1172869

Smallwood, S. W., **Spencer, S. M.**, Annang L., Thrasher J. F., & Thompson-Robinson, M. T. (2015). Examining the relationships between religiosity, spirituality, internalized homonegativity, and condom

use among African American men who have sex with men in the Deep South. *American Journal of Men's Health*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/1557988315590835

Best, A. L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Hall, I. J., Friedman, D. B., & Billings, D. (2015). Developing spiritually-framed breast cancer screening messages in consultation with African American women. *Health Communication, 30*(3), 290-300.

Abara, W., Annang, L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Fairchild, A. J., & Billings, D. (2014). Understanding internet sex-seeking behavior and sexual risk among young men who have sex with men: Evidence from a cross-sectional study. *Sexually Transmitted Infections, 90*(8), 596-601.

Annang, L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Jackson, D., Rosemond, T. N., Best, A. L., Williams, L. R., & Carlos, B. (2014). Developing a cancer prevention programme for African American daughters and mothers. *Health Education Journal*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1177/0017896914557706

Hash, K. M., Wells, R., **Spencer, S. M.** (2014). Who are rural elders? In K. M. Hash, E. Jurkowski, & J. Krout (Eds.), *Aging in rural places: Programs, policies, and professional practice*. New York: Springer Publishing.

Robillard, A., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Richardson, J. B. (2014). Expanding the African-American Studies paradigm to include health: A novel approach to promoting health equity. *Journal of African American Studies*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1007/s12111-014-9292-7

Rose, I. D., Friedman, D. B., **Spencer, S. M.**, Annang, L., & Lindley, L. (2014). Health communication practices among parents and sexual minority youth. *Journal of LGBT Youth, 11*(3), 316-335.

Patrick, J. H., Steele, J. C., **Spencer, S. M.** (2013). Decision-making processes and outcomes. *Journal of Aging Research*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1155/2013/367208.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Goins, R. T., Henderson, J., Wen, G., & Goldberg, J. (2013). Influence of caregiving on health-related quality of life among American Indians. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 61*(9):1615-1620.

Rose, I. D., Friedman, D. B., **Spencer, S. M.**, Annang, L., & Lindley, L. (2013). Health information-seeking practices of African American young men who have sex with men: A qualitative study. *Youth & Society*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/0044118X13491769.

Byrd, J. C., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2011). Differences in caregiving: Does residence matter? *Journal of Applied Gerontology, 30*(4), 407-421.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, McGuire, L. C., Henderson, J., & Goldberg, J. (2011). Adult caregiving among American Indians: The role of cultural indicators. *The Gerontologist, 51*(3), 310-320.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Byrd, J. C. (2011). Research on rural caregiving. In R. C. Talley (Series Ed.) and R.C. Talley, K. Chwalisz, & K. C. Buckwalter (Vol. Eds.), *Rural caregiving in the United States: Research, practice, policy* (pp. 103-132). New York: Springer Publishing.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Williams, K. (2011). Lay meanings of health among rural older adults in Appalachia. *The Journal of Rural Health, 27*(1), 13-20.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, Goli, S., & Rogers, J. J. C. (2010). Assistive technology use among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 58*(11), 2185-2190.

- Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2010). Revisiting traditional survey methodology to recruit and survey lesbian, gay, and bisexual older adults. In D. L. Streiner & S. Sidani (Eds.), *When research goes off the rails* (pp. 211-218). New York: Guilford.
- Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2009). Social support and personal mastery as protective resources during emerging adulthood. *Journal of Adult Development*, *16*(4), 191-198.
- Spencer, S. M.**, Patrick, J. H., & Steele, J.C. (2009). An exploratory look at preferences for seven long-term care options. *Seniors Housing & Care Journal*, *17*(1), 17-25.
- Spencer, S. M.**, Schulz, R., Rooks, R., Albert, S., Thorpe, Jr., R., Brenes, G., et al. (2009). Racial differences in self-rated health at similar levels of physical functioning: An examination of health pessimism in the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study. *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *64*(1), 87-94.
- Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.** & Byrd, J. C. (2009). Research on rural caregiving: A literature review. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *28*(2), 139-170.
- Hash, K., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2009). "You've got subjects": The promise of the Internet in research with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender populations. In W. Meezan & J. I. Martin (Eds.), *Handbook of research with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender populations* (pp. 238-258). New York: Routledge.
- Spencer, S. M.**, Albert, S. M., Bear-Lehman, J., & Burkhardt, A. (2008). Relevance of race and ethnicity for self-reported functional limitation. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, *56*, 553-557.
- McCallum, T. J., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2008). Lost in summation: Depression among African American caregivers and noncaregivers. *Journal of Cross-cultural Gerontology*, *23*, 77-84.
- Fredman, L., Cauley, J. A., Satterfield, S., Simonsick, E., **Spencer, S. M.**, Ayonayon, H. A., et al. (2008). Caregiving, mortality and mobility decline: Findings from Health ABC. *Archives of Internal Medicine*, *168*(19), 2154-2162.
- Goins, R. T., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2005). Public health issues among older American Indians and Alaska Natives. *Generations*, *29*(2), 30-35.
- Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, Roubideaux, Y., & Manson, S. (2005). Differences in functional ability of rural American Indian and White elders with comorbid diabetes. *Research on Aging*, *27*(6), 643-658.
- Goins, R. T., Williams, K. A., Carter, M. W., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Solovieva, T. (2005). Perceived barriers to healthcare access among rural elderly: A qualitative study. *Journal of Rural Health*, *21*(3), 206-213.
- Goins, R. T., Gainor, S. J., Pollard, C., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003). Geriatric knowledge and educational needs among rural health care professionals. *Educational Gerontology*, *29*(3), 261-272.
- Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Krummel, D. A. (2003). Effect of obesity on health-related quality of life among Appalachian elderly. *Southern Medical Journal*, *96*(6), 552-557.
- Goins, R. T., Tichner, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003). Awareness and use of home- and community-based long-term care by rural American Indian and white elderly with co-morbid diabetes. *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, *22*(3), 65-81.

**Non-Refereed Publications**

Goins, R. T., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2006). Lay meanings of health among older adults. In *Rural culture: West Virginia's legacy*. Morgantown, WV: Mountain State Geriatric Education Center, Center on Aging.

Patrick, J. H., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2005). Aging parents. In N. Salkind (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Development*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publishing.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2004). Review of *A dignified life: The best friend's approach to Alzheimer's care* [book]. *Clinical Gerontologist*, 27(3), 90-91.

**PRESENTATIONS****Invited Seminars**

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, December). *Changing the narrative*. Panel presentation for the 2018 Global Summit on Food Security and Thriving Communities, Atlanta, GA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, September). *HIV, opioids, and the politics of harm reduction*. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural HIV Research and Training Conference, Savannah, GA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, May). *Classroom environment: How to manage clinical transformation from an educational perspective*. Medical Education Community of Practice for Vulnerable Populations, National Center for Medical Education Development and Research, Meharry College, Nashville, TN.

**Spencer, S. M.** & Teixeira, A. (2018, April). *Dispelling the myth of achieving "work-life balance" as a caregiver*. University of South Carolina Women's Leadership Institute, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** & Smallwood, S. W. (2018, April). *Resisting the closet: Aging in the LGBTQ community*. The Gerontology Series, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, March). *Beyond thoughts and prayers: Change agents and the "epidemics of despair."* Webster University, St. Louis, MO.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, March). *Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) health and the politics of "who counts."* Psychology Speaker Series, Webster University, St. Louis, MO.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, March). *Beyond thoughts and prayers: Change agents and the "epidemics of despair."* University of South Carolina Last Lecture Series, Harper College, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, January). *An equal opportunity epidemic: Systemic pain and opioid addiction*. Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School Event, Russell House Ballroom, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2017, October). *An equal opportunity epidemic: Systemic pain and opioid addiction*. Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Oka, S. A. (2017, October). *Creating a soft place to land: Supporting families of the opioid epidemic*. Children's Trust of South Carolina Prevention Conference, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2017, August). *LGBT cultural competency in medical education*. Community of Practice for Vulnerable Populations Conference. National Center for Medical Education Development and Research, Meharry College, Nashville, TN.

Smallwood, S. W., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2017, June). *Health inequities at the intersection of race, place, and LGBT identity*. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice Workshop, Rice University, Houston, TX.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2017, June). *An equal opportunity epidemic: Systemic pain and opioid addiction*. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice Workshop, Rice University, Houston, TX.

Hein, L. C., Smallwood, S. W., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2017, April). *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) older adults*. The annual meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society of America, Asheville, NC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2016, August). *“Country Roads, Take me Home” – Answering the call to eliminate health disparities in West Virginia*. New Students Orientation, West Virginia University School of Public Health, Morgantown, WV.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2015, August). *Mountain “Root Shock”: The regional and cultural context of health in Appalachia*. New Student Orientation, West Virginia University School of Public Health, Morgantown, WV.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2015, August). *Hunger Relief Plan for Palm Beach County*. Community forum presentations on behalf of the Food Research and Action Council and the Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities, University of South Carolina. United Way of Palm Beach County, Boynton Beach, FL.

**Spencer, S. M.** & Hein, L. C. (2015, June). *LGBT health disparities: What they are and what YOU can do*. Oral presentation for the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Business Guild. M Space, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2015, June). *A historical perspective on race, place, and the enduring legacy of the “Sickly South.”* 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Disparities in Health in America: Working Towards Social Justice Workshop, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2015, April). *Southern Discomfort*. Invited lecture for the GRITS Seminar Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2015, March). *The Affordable Care Act and you*. Invited lecture for EMPOWER, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Stratton, A. (2014, October). *“Being queer here: Responding to LGBT health inequalities in the American South*. Invited lecture for the “Carolina SPEAKS” event, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2014, April). *Multicultural perspectives*. Panel presentation for the Department of Psychology’s 2014 Multicultural Symposium: “Social and cultural contexts of positive well-being.” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Zongrone, A., & Smith, D. (2014, March). *LGBT sexual health in South Carolina: Results of a statewide needs assessment “by the People, for the People.”* Invited lecture for the “Carolina SPEAKS” event, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, April). *Distributed learning and conducting online forums with large classes*. Panel presentation and lecture for the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, April). *Service learning: Challenges for junior faculty on the tenure track*. Panel presentation and lecture for the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, February). *Community-based research with Tribal communities*. Panel presentation for the University of South Carolina Honors College and the Roosevelt Institution, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, January). *Legacies of historical trauma: Mental health in the Native Elder Care Study*. Invited speaker for the "Serenade Lecture Series" at Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2012, November). *Issues of "Southern Discomfort"*. Invited speaker for the Chapin Women's Club, Chapin, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2012, October). *The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: A public health perspective*. Invited speaker in a debate organized by the University of South Carolina Honors College and Premed Student Organization, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2012, August). *Issues of "Southern Discomfort"*. Invited speaker for the Golden K Kiwanis Club, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.\*** & Annang, L.\* (2012, March). *Southern discomfort: Causes and cures*. Closing plenary session for the 2012 Women's and Gender Studies Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. \*panel co-organizers

**Spencer, S. M.** (2012, January). *Reflection as a hallmark of service learning*. Panel presentation and lecture for the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2011, November). *From the Cotton Belt to the Stroke Belt: Policy challenges in the South*. Keynote speaker for the Roosevelt Institution's Southern Regional Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2011, February). *The influence of U.S. history on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives*. The Roosevelt Institution Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2011, January). *Improving large classrooms: Lessons in "Technogogy."* Panel presentation and lecture for the Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2011, January). *Racial disparities in late-life physical functioning*. Center on Bio-Behavioral and Social Aspects of Health Disparities, Duke University, Durham, NC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2010, December). *Negotiating your first academic position*. Guest panelist for the Kellogg Health Scholars Program "Scholars conference call about the job search," hosted by the Center for Advancing Health, Washington, DC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2010, December). *Evidence of health pessimism among older African Americans*. Department of Psychology, Radford University, Radford, VA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2010, April). *Lesbian, gay, and bisexual older adults: Applying the "CRAFT" Model to overcome research challenges*. Presidential Symposium, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society of America, Richmond, VA.



**Spencer, S. M.** (2010, February). *From the Cotton Belt to the Stroke Belt: Policy challenges in the South*. The Roosevelt Institution Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2009, June). *Assistive technology use among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study*. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2009, March). *Thematic group on aging visit to National Institute on Aging*. Guest panelist for the Kellogg Health Scholars Program Webinar “Advocacy 101: Translating health disparities and community-based participatory research into policy – Skills for community and academic researchers,” hosted by the Center for Advancing Health, Washington, DC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2009, March). “*Southern Discomfort*”: *A new course on public health in the American South*. Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Seminar Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2009, January). *Southern discomfort: Public health in the American South*. Tea and Grits Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2008, June). *A sociocultural approach to understanding racial disparities in late-life physical function*. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2008, March). *Research at the Center for Minority Health*. Center for Aging and Population Health, Works in Progress Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2007, April). *Race variations in self-rated health in the Health, Aging, and Body Composition study*. Department of Epidemiology, Healthy Aging Works in Progress Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2006, December). *Cultural variations in self-reported hand functioning: Findings from the SITE project*. Department of Epidemiology Healthy Aging Works in Progress Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2005, November). *Responding to heterosexism: Bullying and social support within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community*. Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2005, April). *Building family in the face of adversity: Support and well being of diverse young adults*. State Health Education Council, Pipestem, WV.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Hash, K. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2004, September). *A different kind of family: Social support in the older lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community*. Department of Women’s Studies Fireside Chat, Morgantown, WV.

### **Scientific Meetings**

Friedman, D. B., Pearson, J. L., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2018, November). *Arnold School of Public Health Office for the Study of Aging*. Paper presented by D. Friedman in the symposium, *Building a national alliance of academic centers for research on healthy aging*, Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Hein, L. C., Nanna, A., Taylor, M., Dickson, L., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2018, October). *Long-term care perceptions of Southern LGBT elders*. Paper presentation at GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality. Las Vegas, NV.

Nelson, J. D., Martin, A. B. **Spencer, S. M.**, Moore, J. B., & Blake, C. E. (2017, November). *Elevating oral health interprofessional practice among pediatricians through a statewide quality improvement learning collaborative*. Paper presentation at the 2017 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta, GA.

Rahimi, G. & **Spencer, S. M.** (2017, October). *Examining racial and ethnic differences among individuals in the South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Registry*. Paper presented at the South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research Institute Scientific Retreat on Aging Related Research. Charleston, SC.

Cox, M. F., Hein, L. C., Tavakoli, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2017, April). *Bullying and LGBTQ Youth*. Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference. Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Stratton, A., & Williams-Agee, R. (2016, April). *Addressing the intersections: A Collaborative model for creating equality in service systems for LGBTQ individuals*. Panel presentation at the Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference, Rock Hill, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Smallwood, S. W. (2016, March). *Moving beyond "Call me Caitlyn" – Transgender health in the American South*. Oral presentation at the Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., **Spencer, S. M.**, Messias, D. K., & Miller, S. C. (2015, November). *Making decisions after experiencing a fall: Survey results with older women in South Carolina*. Paper presentation at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.

Smallwood, S. W., Odusanya, A. O., **Spencer, S. M.** (2015, November). *Religiosity as a predictor of internalized homonegativity and sexual risk behaviors among African American men who have sex with men*. Poster presentation at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.

Gentile, D., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2015, November). *Content analysis of a crowdsourced social media platform about alcohol law and policy enforcement: Using qualitative software to achieve quantitative results*. Roundtable presentation at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.

Annang, L., **Spencer, S.M.**, Jackson, D., Rosemond, T., Best, A. L. Williams, L. R., & Carlos, B. (2015, November). *Exploring upstream intergenerational communication to promote cancer prevention and awareness among African-American daughters and mothers*. Paper presentation at the 2015 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.

Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Messias, D. K., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Miller, S. C. (2015, October). *"Getting back to normal": Older women's decisions and actions after a fall*. Poster presented at the Canadian Association on Gerontology, Calgary, Alberta.

Guthrie, A., Levkoff, S., Coburn-Smith, C., Duke, C., **Spencer, M.**, Elk, R. (2015, May). *Voices of Beaufort: Using CBPR to design a culturally-tailored palliative care program for rural elders*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 2015 South Carolina Public Health Association, Columbia, SC.

Best, A. L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Friedman, D. B., Hall, I., & Billings, D. L. (2014, November). *Does spiritual-framing increase the effectiveness of breast cancer screening messages for African American women?* Paper presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.

Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Messias, D. K., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Miller, S. C. (2014, November). *Decision making after a fall: Preliminary findings examining the experiences of older women and their sources of information*. Poster presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.

Smallwood, S., **Spencer, S. M.**, Annang, L., Thrasher, J. F., & Robinson, M. T. (2014, November). *Examining the relationships between religiosity, spirituality, internalized Homonegativity, and condom use among African-American men who have sex with men*. Poster presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Welihindha, S., & Smith, D. (2014, October). *LGBT health surveillance in South Carolina: Success through academic-community partnerships*. Paper presented at the South Carolina HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.\*** & McCallum, T. J. (discussant) (2013, November). *"I want to continue to care for her as long as I can": Lessons learned from African American and White caregivers in the South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease Registry*. Symposium presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA. \*organizers

**Spencer, S. M.**, Goins, R. T., & Cayir, E. (2013, November). *Gender differences in the impact of cultural disruption: Boarding schools and depressive symptomatology among American Indians in the Native Elder Care Study*. Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Porter, C. N., & Miller, M. C. (2013, November). *The influence of subjective U.S. and community social status on depressive symptomatology among African American and White caregivers*. Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Goins, R. T., Chen, C., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2013, November). *Frailty among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study*. Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Miller, M. C., Porter, C. N., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2013, November). *Caring for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease at home: A mixed methods study of caregivers and care recipients*. Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Porter, C. N., Miller, M. C., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2013, November). *Caregivers' perspectives on the role of behavior disturbances on nursing home admission of persons with Alzheimer's Disease*. Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Bergeron, C. D., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2013, August). *Formal care providers' perceptions of post-fall decision making among older women*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.

Bergeron, C. D., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2013, June). *Formal care providers' perceptions of post-fall decision making among older women*. Poster presented at the Canadian Public Health Association, Ottawa, Canada.

Cayir, E., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2013, April). *Differences by gender and the experience of trauma in depressive symptomatology among American Indian elders*. Paper presented at the 2013 meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Charlotte, NC.

Welihindha, S. V, **Spencer, S. M.**, Wilson, R. C. & Coleman, J. C. (2013, February). *Turn up the H.E.A.T. (HIV Education Activities Toolkit)*. Workshop presented at the 2013 Creating Change Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Cayir, E., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2012, December). *Differences by gender and the experience of trauma in depressive symptomatology among American Indian elders*. Paper presented at the 2012 World Conference on Psychology and Sociology, Ankara, Turkey.

Williams, L. R., Annang, L., **Spencer, S. M.**, Thrasher, J. F., Lindley, L. (2012, October). *A mixed-methods approach to understanding body image and sexual risk behaviors among female college students: The influence of race and sexual orientation* (student's dissertation project). Paper presented at the 2012 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2012, April). *Southern Discomfort and the scourges of the South*. Paper presented as part of the Southern Studies Forum, 2012 meeting of the European Association for American Studies, Izmir, Turkey.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2011, September). *American Indians: Health in all policies and the politics of health*. Paper presented as part of the Health in All Policies Panel, 2011 meeting of the International Society for Equity in Health, Cartagena, Colombia.

Johnson, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2011, November). *Through aging eyes: Environmental gerontology through PhotoVoice* (student's undergraduate Magellan Scholars project). Poster presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Annang, L., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2011, October). *My Mother's Keeper: Raising breast cancer awareness in the Black family through upstream intergenerational communication*. Poster presented at the 2011 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Goins, R. T., McGuire, L. C., Henderson, J., Wen, G., & Goldberg, J. (2010, November). *Health-related quality of life of American Indians across different caregiving types: Lessons from the EARTH Study*. Paper presented at the Task Force in Minority Issues in Gerontology Symposium, 2010 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, McGuire, L. C., Henderson, J., & Goldberg, J. (2009, November). *Adult caregiving among American Indians: The role of cultural indicators*. Paper presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Albert, S. A. (2008, November). *The influence of social capital and physical functioning on the health-related control beliefs of Black, Hispanic, and White older adults*. Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Rogers, J. C. (2008, November). *Assistive technology use among older American Indians: The Native Elder Care Study*. Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Lim, S. H., **Spencer, S. M.**, Marshal, M., & Silvestre, A. (2008, November). *Changing trajectories of depressive symptoms among aging men who have sex with men (MSM)* (student's dissertation project). Poster presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

McCallum, T. J., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2008, November). *Aranda and Knight revisited: An updated model of Sociocultural Stress and Coping*. Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Blosnich, J. R., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2007, November). *Beyond sticks and stones: School bullying in the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) youth* (student's practicum project). Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Albert, S. A., Bear-Lehman, J., & Burkhardt, A. (2007, November). *Relevance of culture for self-reported functional limitation*. Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Schulz, R., Rooks, R., Thorpe, Jr., R. J., Brenes, G., Harris, T., et al. (2007, November). *Racial variations in self-rated health in the Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study*. Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

**Spencer, S. M.\***, & Thorpe, Jr.\* R. J., Simonsick, E. M., Newman, A. B., & Whitfield, K. E. (discussant) (2007, November). *Beyond racial differences in the Health, Aging, and Body Composition Study: Explaining health disparities in late life*. Symposium presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA. \*symposium co-organizers

Thorpe, Jr. R. J., **Spencer, S. M.**, Foy, C., Koster, A., Kritchevsky, S., Satterfield, S., Shlipak, M., Harris, T., Newman, A., & Simonsick, E. M. (2007, November). *Race, poverty, and physical function: Does lung function explain the disparity?* Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Fredman, L., Cauley, J., **Spencer, S. M.**, Hochberg, M., Ayonayon, H., Satterfield, S., et al. (2007, November). *The association of caregiving with mortality is influenced by physical activity: Results from the Caregiver-SOF and Health ABC Studies*. Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

Hicks, G. E., Shardell, M., Miller, R., Newman, A., **Spencer, S. M.**, Satterfield, S., et al. (2007, November). *Are there racial differences in musculoskeletal pain in older adults? Findings from the Health, Aging and Body Composition Study*. Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2007, August). *Social support, heterosexism, and mental health in emerging adulthood*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Downes, S. A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2007, August). *Social support for women across sexual orientation* (student's capstone project). Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Hash, K., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2007, January). *"You've got subjects: The promise of the Internet in researching hard to reach populations"*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2006, November). *Short-term longitudinal change in self-assessed health in mid-life*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

McCallum, T. J., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2006, November). *Lost in summation: Depression among African American caregivers and noncaregivers*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.

Byrd, J. C., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Goins, R. T. (2006, April). *Rural and urban caregivers in West Virginia: More similar than different*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society, Lexington, KY.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2006, February). *Incorporating diversity in discussions of aging: Strategies and the student response*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Indianapolis, IN.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Patrick, J. H. (2005, November). *"Who does what" matters: The diverse social support networks of middle-aged and older sexual minorities*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2005, October). *"There's work to be done": Research issues with older American Indians*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Grantmakers in Aging, Baltimore, MD.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Hash, K. M., & Patrick, J. H. (2004, November). *Lesbian, gay, and bisexual older adults: Applying the "CRAFT" model to negotiate research challenges*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & McCallum, T. J. (2004, November). *Unique cultural and historical considerations when conducting cortisol research with American Indian caregivers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Patrick, J. H., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Stafford, B. A. (2004, November). *Strategic information search strategies*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

Samsell, J. L., Goins, R. T., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2004, November). *Use of folk medicine among rural elderly*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.

**Spencer, S. M.**, & Hash, K. M. (2004, June). *Applying the "CRAFT" model of successful research to older LGBTs: Methodological challenges and strategies*. Paper presented at the SAGE National Conference on Aging in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Communities, New York, NY.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2003, November). *Preferences for future living arrangements*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Goins, R. T., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Aspinall, R. (2003, November). *Differences in functional disability of rural American Indian and White elders*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, CA.

Goins, R. T., Tincher, A., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003, November). *Awareness and use of home- and community-based long-term care by rural American Indian and white elderly with co-morbid diabetes*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

Johnson, J. C., Patrick, J. H., & **Spencer, S. M.** (2003, August). *Age differences in reasons for volunteering: Applications of SST theory*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Patrick, J. H., **Spencer, S. M.**, & Johnson, J. C. (2003, August). *Age effects in decision making processes and outcomes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

**Spencer, S. M.**, Goins, R. T., & Krummel, D. A. (2002, November). *The impact of obesity on health-related quality of life among Appalachian elderly*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

### Courses

- 2009-2019 Developed and taught an undergraduate/graduate course to encourage trans-disciplinary learning between Southern Studies and Public Health, entitled "Southern Discomfort: Public Health in the American South." Responsibilities included development of the syllabus, selection of readings and in-class activities, presentation of the lectures, coordination of guest speakers, development of exams/outside assignments, and grading. Featured in the University of South Carolina's *Breakthrough Magazine* and the *USC Times*.
- 2009-2017 Taught "Health Problems in a Changing Society," an undergraduate/graduate course which offered students the opportunity to examine a wide array of current public health issues and discuss strategies, programs, and policy development designed to address these issues. Responsibilities included development of the syllabus, selection of debate-oriented readings and in-class activities, presentation of the lectures, development of exams/outside assignments, and grading.
- 2013 Taught a multidisciplinary undergraduate course on the American South in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Responsibilities included development of the syllabus, selection of readings and in-class activities, presentation of the lectures, coordination of guest speakers, development of exams/outside assignments, and grading.
- 2012 Helped to coordinate the professional development seminar for 1<sup>st</sup>-year doctoral students in the Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior.
- 2007 Assisted in the development of a new graduate-level public health course at the University of Pittsburgh, "Research and Interventions in Minority Health and Health Disparities." Responsibilities included co-development of the course syllabus by outlining key content and selecting readings for specific topical areas.
- 2006-2007 Practicum preceptor for Masters of Public Health program, West Virginia University. Responsibilities included intensive mentoring of an MPH student in research design, data collection, statistical analysis, and scientific writing.
- 2005-2006 Developed an online educational module for the Mountain State Geriatric Education Center for professionals in the health and social service fields to expand their knowledge in gerontology and receive continuing education credits. This course, "The Rural Elderly," is currently being offered to students at West Virginia University.
- 2004 Teaching Assistant for two sections of an undergraduate course, "Gerontology Field Experience," Center on Aging, West Virginia University. Responsibilities included assisting in the development of the syllabus, creating and grading assignments, and facilitating online discussions.
- 2002-2003 Instructor for two sections of an undergraduate course, "Research Methods in Psychology," at West Virginia University. Responsibilities included creating and presenting course lectures, developing and grading exams and activities, and supervising the statistics research lab. Course evaluations available on request.

**Mentoring**

- 2014 Alumni Mentor for the Kaiser Permanente Burch Minority Leadership Development Award Program, Washington, DC.
- 2012-2016 Faculty Mentor for the Annual Disparities in Health in America Workshop, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; facilitated in the award of full scholarships for 12 University of South Carolina graduate and undergraduate students to attend the program.
- 2008- Currently working on research activities and professional development with graduate and undergraduate students in the Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina.
- 2007-2009 Assisted a University of Pittsburgh epidemiology doctoral student on the conceptualization and execution of his dissertation and a post-graduate Fulbright Scholar on her publications and applications to doctoral programs.
- 2005-2007 Practicum preceptor for a West Virginia University MPH student.
- 2002-2007 Provided research supervision to eight West Virginia University undergraduates across a range of disciplines (psychology, communications, and women's studies) as they completed honor's theses (3) and capstone experiences (5).

**Guest Lectures**

**Spencer, S. M.** (2018, April). *Public health and the zombie apocalypse*. Guest lecture for "Visions of Apocalypse," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2017, October). *LGBT elders and the politics of "who counts."* Guest lecture for "Adulthood and Aging," West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2017, October). *LGBT elders and the politics of "who counts."* Guest lecture for "Psychological Counseling," Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2017, March; 2015, April). *LGBT health: The Theory of Minority Stress in action*. Guest lecture for "Theory Analysis in Nursing Science." University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2015, April). *Southern foodways*. Guest lecture for "Foodsystems, Sustainability, and Health." University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2016, March; 2015, February). *Health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives*. Guest lecture for "Overview of Minority Health." University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, April; 2011, November; 2010, March; 2009, October). *"Southern Discomfort": A course on public health in the American South*. Guest lectures for "Introduction to Southern Studies," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, March). *The influence of U.S. history on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives*. Guest lecture for "Race and Ethnic Relations," University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD.

**Spencer, S. M.** (2013, 2012, 2011, 2009, February). *Health in all policies and the politics of health*. Guest lectures for "Race, Ethnicity, and Health," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.



- Spencer, S. M.** (2012, October). *Lay meanings of health: Resurrecting a qualitative “zombie paper.”* Guest lecture for “Qualitative Methods,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2012, 2011, September; 2009, March). *A historical perspective on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives.* Guest lectures for “Socio-cultural Perspectives on Population Health,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2011, March). *The influence of U.S. history on health policy and research with American Indians and Alaska Natives.* Guest lecture for “Health Promotion Research Methods,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2010, March; 2010, January). *From “The Cotton Belt” to “The Stroke Belt.”* Guest lectures for the Health Services Policy and Management “Health Economics” and “Doctoral Seminar Series,” respectively, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M., & Lane, A.** (2010, February). *The role of research and policy on the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives.* Guest lecture for “Race, Ethnicity, and Health,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2009, November). *“Applying the “CRAFT” Model of research to older LGB adults: Methodological challenges and strategies.* Guest lecture for “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2009, October). *The aging woman.* Guest lecture for “Women and their Bodies in Health and Disease,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2008, October). *The influence of aging on the client-provider interaction.* Guest lecture for “Behavioral Practices and Concepts for the Health Professional,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2009, 2008, September). *How to identify and secure research funding in the field of public health.* Guest lecture for “Planning Health Promotion Programs,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2007, April). *Research issues with the American Indian and Alaska Native population.* Guest lecture for “Research and Interventions in Minority Health and Health Disparities,” University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2007, April). *Personal resources and health: An overview of social support, personal mastery, and religion.* Guest lecture for “Epidemiology of Aging,” University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Spencer, S. M., & Blossnich, J.** (2006, March). *Violence within the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community.* Guest lecture for “Gender and Violence,” West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2003, February). *Social support of rural elders.* Guest lecture for “The Rural Elderly,” West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.
- Spencer, S. M.** (2002, February). *Health status of rural elders.* Guest lecture for “The Rural Elderly,” West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

**Professional Organizations**

- 2008- W.K. Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance
- 2005- American Public Health Association
- 2001- American Psychological Association
- 2001- Gerontological Society of America

**Professional Service**

- 2017- W.K. Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance (Executive Board Member)
- 2017- Adverse Childhood Experiences Training (Master Trainer)
- 2017- Lt. Governor Kevin L. Bryant's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (nominated Representative of the University of South Carolina)
- 2017- Medical Education Community of Practice for Vulnerable Populations, National Center for Medical Education Development and Research, Meharry College (Founding Member and Content Expert)
- 2017-2018 Cooperative Extension System and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (CES-RWJF) Culture of Health Initiative (Application Reviewer)
- 2017 South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research Institute Scientific Retreat on Aging Related Research (Planning Committee)
- 2015-2017 Lt. Governor Henry McMaster's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (nominated Representative of the University of South Carolina)
- 2014- Intercultural Cancer Center (Regional Leader – Southeast Region)
- 2014-2015 *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2014-2015 Lt. Governor Yancey McGill's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (nominated Representative of the University of South Carolina)
- 2013-2016 *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2013 K.P. Burch Program Review Committee for the 2013 Cohort of Scholars
- 2012- *Student Learning through Mentored Scholarship* (Editorial Board Member)
- 2012-2016 *Journal of Homosexuality* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2012-2016 *Journal of Rural Health* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2012-2014 Lt. Governor Glenn McConnell's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (nominated Representative of the University of South Carolina)
- 2012 Oregon Alzheimer's Research Partnership (Grant Reviewer)
- 2011- American Public Health Association Aging & Public Health Section Masters Student Research Award Committee (Chair)
- 2011-2012 Lt. Governor Ken Ard's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (nominated Representative of the University of South Carolina)
- 2010 American Public Health Association Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award Review Committee
- 2010 Kellogg Health Scholars Program Review Committee for the 2010-2012 Cohort of Scholars
- 2009- *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* (Editorial Board Member)
- 2009-2011 Lt. Governor Andrew Bauer's Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center (nominated Representative of the University of South Carolina)
- 2009-2010 *Psychology & Health* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2008-2009 Kellogg Health Scholars Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- 2008-2009 Kellogg Health Scholars Thematic Group on Aging (Coordinator)
- 2007- *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2007- *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* (Ad Hoc Reviewer)
- 2006-2007 National Institutes of Health Committee on Public Representatives (Associate Member)
- 2005-2006 West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Planning Committee for the 1<sup>st</sup> LGBTQ Statewide Summit
- 2004-2006 American Psychological Association (APA) Division 44 Research and Education Committee
- 2004-2006 Gerontological Society of America Humanities and Arts Committee (Jr. Representative)

- 2003-2004 APA Minority Task Force Publications Committee
- 2003- APA Minority Task Force
- 2001- Gerontological Society of America Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology

### **University Service**

- 2018- Faculty Advisor for the University of South Carolina Chapter of Girls without Borders
- 2017- Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award Review Committee
- 2017- Truman Scholars Review Committee, University of South Carolina
- 2016- Ann Johnson Institute for Science, Technology & Society (Invited Member), USC
- 2014- Faculty Advisor for the University of South Carolina Chapter of CURE International
- 2013- University of South Carolina LGBT Faculty Coalition
- 2012-2015 University Diversity Committee, University of South Carolina
- 2011-2014 Working Group for the Office for Community Engagement and Service, University of South Carolina
- 2011-2012 Women's & Gender Studies Advisory Committee, University of South Carolina
- 2010-2012 Carnegie Foundation's Initiative for South Carolina's Future (Invited Member)
- 2010-2011 Palmetto State Geriatric Education Center Gerontology Curriculum Subcommittee
- 2004-2006 West Virginia University Council on Sexual Orientation
- 2003-2004 The Gerontological Society of America Emerging Scholars and Professional Organization (Chair, West Virginia University Chapter)
- 2002-2003 Sigma Phi Omega (Gerontology Honorary Society-Chair, Delta Kappa Chapter)
- 2002-2003 The Gerontological Society of America Student Organization (Chair-Elect, West Virginia University Chapter)

### **School / Departmental Service**

- 2017- Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Undergraduate Research Committee
- 2017- Arnold School of Public Health Academic Programs Committee
- 2017- Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Undergraduate Teaching Committee
- 2017 "Southern Discomfort" Lecture Series, Institute for Southern Studies, University of South Carolina (Organizer)
- 2015-2016 Best Research Mentor Award Selection Committee, School of Nursing, University of South Carolina
- 2012- Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Masters Comprehensive Examination Grading Committee
- 2011-2013 Institute for Southern Studies Faculty Search Committee (3 total)
- 2010-2014 Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Faculty Search Committee
- 2010-2012 Arnold School of Public Health Academic Responsibility and Grievance Committee
- 2010-2012 Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Doctoral Qualifying Examination Grading Committee
- 2010-2011 Institute for Southern Studies Postdoctoral Application Review Committee
- 2009-2015 Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Scholarships and Awards Committee
- 2009-2015 Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Health Disparities Research Group
- 2008-2010 Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Faculty Search Committee, University of South Carolina
- 2008-2009 Arnold School of Public Health Research Advisory Committee, University of South Carolina (Departmental Representative)
- 2004-2005 Developmental Psychology Training Committee, West Virginia University (Graduate Student Representative)

**Community Service**

2016- Evaluation Committee, South Carolina Youth Suicide Prevention Initiative  
2014 SC Equality Search Committee for the Education and Outreach Coordinator  
2013-2015 Harriet Hancock LGBT Center (Center Volunteer)  
2012- Harriet Hancock LGBT Center Advisory Board  
2011- Harriet Hancock LGBT Center Youth Empowered Against HIV (YEAH!) Advisory Board  
2006-2008 Career Literacy for African American Youth, Duquesne University (Mentor)  
2003-2004 Careers in Aging Week event at West Virginia University, sponsored by the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (Co-Organizer, Organizer)  
2002 West Virginia University Safe Zone® Training  
2000-2006 Morgan Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Morgantown, WV (Volunteer)