

# Erika M. Gergerich

**EDUCATION** B.A., Sociology/Anthropology, May 2002-Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.  
Master's degree in Social Work, May 2008-University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.  
License in Clinical Social Work (LCSW), March, 2011.  
Currently Ph.D. Candidate (ABD) Public Policy Program-University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.  
Dissertation defense date, November 21, 2014.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- August 2014 - currently* NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
*College Assistant Professor.* Courses taught: (1) Social Work with Communities and Organizations, for undergraduate students (2) Social Work with Individuals, for graduate students. Address: School of Social Work, New Mexico State University, PO Box 30001, MSC 3SW, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88003.
- January 2012 – August 2014* UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
*Instructor/Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).* Courses taught: (1) Social Work with Elders, (2) Field Seminar, (3) Social Welfare Policy (4) Ethics and Aging and (5) Human Behavior & Social Environment II, for both undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Social Work. Address: University of Arkansas, School of Social Work, ASUP 106, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. (479) 575-4510.
- April 2011 – January 2012* SCHMIEDING C.A.R.E.S.  
*Coordinator of Aging Services: Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).* Development and refinement of new social work programs and services, community outreach, partnership building with local professionals, educational training and presentation, supervision of social work interns, provision of direct case management and emotional support to aging clients and caregivers.
- June 2008 – April 2011* WASHINGTON REGIONAL SENIOR HEALTH CENTER  
*Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW).* Psychosocial assessment of clinic patients, provision of case management, resource referral and emotional support, co-led support groups for individuals diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers, work as part of a multidisciplinary team of professionals serving people suffering from Movement Disorders, create and present professional and community education programs, co-supervise social work interns, represent client needs through political advocacy, development, maintenance and provision of new program for smoking cessation services.
- May 2007- May 2008* *Clinic Coordinator.* Coordination of patient appointments, data entry, creation of service forms, provision of case management, resource referral and emotional support for patients with supervision of clinic social worker. Address: 12 E. Appleby Suite 101, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703. (479) 463-4444.
- June 2006- May 2008* UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
*Graduate Assistant.* Assistant to the Director of the School of Social Work at the University of Arkansas, Dr. Marcia Shobe, participation in and presentation of team research, creation of assignments and tests for undergraduate social work classes, revision of professional articles and proposals. Address: University of Arkansas, School of Social Work, ASUP 106, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701. (479) 575-4510.

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE  
CONT.**

**BROOKSTONE ASSISTED LIVING**

*June 2004-  
January 2006*

*Administrative Assistant/Assistant Administrator.* Payroll management, organization of office according to state regulations, general reception of clients, schedule functions, assistance with use of office equipment including copier, fax machine; development of letters and lists of policies and procedures, transportation of residents, supervisor to staff of nurse's assistants and caregivers, and direct caregiver to elderly residents. Address: 415 Longview, Fayetteville AR, 72703. (479) 713-1065.

**INTERNSHIPS**

**WASHINGTON REGIONAL SENIOR HEALTH CENTER**

*January 2007-  
May 2007*

Gained proficiency in obtaining patient social histories and in the administration of memory screening with patients, as well as providing support to those in need of community resources. Address: 12 E. Appleby Suite 101, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

**WASHINGTON REGIONAL HOSPICE**

*August 2007-  
December  
2007*

Increased knowledge of how to best support terminally ill patients and bereaved family members through community resources and counseling. Address: 34 Colt Square, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Gergerich, E. & Kale-Cheever, M. "Food Insecurity and Resources for the Elderly in Arkansas," National Association of Social Workers Arkansas Chapter Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR, April 4, 2014.

Gergerich, E. "Driving and Dementia." National Association of Social Workers Arkansas Chapter Annual Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 4, 2013.

Gergerich, E. "Smoking Cessation Counseling with the Aging Population." Poster Presentation for the Annual Arkansas Health Disparities Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas, April, 2011.

Murphy, Y., Shobe, M., Christy-McMullin, K., Jordan, S., Barefield, L. & Gergerich, E. "Asset Development as a Protective Factor against Domestic Violence: Practice Initiatives," Fifth Annual Hawaii Conference on Preventing, Assessing, & Treating Childhood, Adolescent and Adult Trauma, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2008.

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

Gergerich, E. "Medicaid Expansion in Arkansas." National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Arkansas Chapter, Lobby Day, Little Rock, Arkansas March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Gergerich, E. "Ethics and Aging." Continuing Education Program for Ozark Guidance, Fayetteville, Arkansas, June, 2012.

Gergerich, E. "Social Work and Medical Ethics." Educational Program for Medical Applications of Science for Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), Fayetteville, Arkansas (Annual Presentation July, 2011-2013).

Shinn, R., Diamond, A., Brantley, C., Gergerich, E. & Woods, G. "Your Aging Health Matters," A Monthly Educational Series by Washington Regional Hospital, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November, 2009.

Diamond, A., Woods, G., Gergerich, E., Sutley, K., Burns, K., Jowers, N. & Manning, S. "Parkinson's Seminar: Putting the Pieces Together," Semi-Annual American Parkinson's Disease Association Local Chapter Seminar, Fayetteville, Arkansas, April, 2009.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Christy-McMullin, K., Murphy, Y., Shobe, M., Jordan, S., Barefield, L. & Gergerich, E. (2010). Similarities and differences between low-income individuals who join an IDA program and those who do not. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 7(3), 251-266.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Gergerich, E., Shobe, M. & Christy, K. (2014). Sustaining our nation's elders through federal food and nutrition programs. (In review).

## **GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Project:** Conference Stipend Program

**Source:** New Mexico State University – Online Course Improvement Program

**Date:** 2014

**Funds:** \$1,800

**Project:** New2Online

**Source:** New Mexico State University – Online Course Improvement Program

**Date:** 2014

**Funds:** \$1,000

**Project:** Online Course Development Grant

**Source:** University of Arkansas Global Campus

**Date:** 2012

**Funds:** \$4,000

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES**

Member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), 2008-2014

Secretary of the Northwest Arkansas Medical Social Workers, 2009

President of the Northwest Arkansas Medical Social Workers, 2010

NASW Legislative Committee Member, 2010-2014

Suicide and Risk Assessment Committee Member, 2011

Alzheimer's Association Program Committee Member, 2011-2012

North West Branch Representative to the Arkansas Chapter NASW Board of Directors, 2012 - 2014

University of Arkansas Public Policy Departmental Student Representative, 2012-2014

New Mexico State University Phi Alpha Honors Society, Faculty Advisor, 2014-2015

## **AWARDS & NOMINATIONS**

Outstanding Mentor for Students Award - University of Arkansas Office of Nationally Competitive Awards (2013)

Martha Sue Curran Award Nomination – Northwest Arkansas Medical Social Workers (2012, 2013)

## **SKILLS**

Experienced and proficient in Microsoft Office, Blackboard and Canvas (online course instruction), Electronic Medical Records, database management, assessment of client social history, case management for older adults and family caregivers. Trained in administration of the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA), Short Test Mental Status (STMS) and Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS). Basic skills training in counseling for smoking cessation.

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

### Dr. Alishia Ferguson, PhD, LMSW

Currently serves on my Dissertation Committee as an Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas' School of Social Work. Email: [ajfergus@email.uark.edu](mailto:ajfergus@email.uark.edu), Phone: (479) 575-6417, Address: ASUP 106, School of Social Work, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

### Dr. Marcia Shobe, PhD, LMSW, ACSW

Director of the School of Social Work and former supervisor for my Graduate Assistantship. Email: [mshobe@uark.edu](mailto:mshobe@uark.edu) Phone: (479) 575-4510, Address: ASUP 106, School of Social Work, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701.

### Melissa Rogers, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW

Supervisor for required two years of supervision towards obtaining licensure for Clinical Social Work (LCSW) at Washington Regional Clinic for Senior Health. Email: [m1rogers@wregional.com](mailto:m1rogers@wregional.com) Phone: (479) 463-4459, Address: 12 E. Appleby Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

### Dr. Randy Shinn, MD

Medical Director of the Washington Regional Clinic for Senior Health where I was employed for three and a half years. Email: [rshinn@wregional.com](mailto:rshinn@wregional.com), Phone: (479) 463-4444, Address: 12 E. Appleby Road, Fayetteville, AR 72703.

### Dr. Jean Henry, PhD

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