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## Education

2019 Doctor of Philosophy in Gerontology, University of Kentucky

### University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

2015 Master of Public Health, Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior

2015 Master of Social Work, Organizations and Communities

2015 Certificate of Graduate Study in Health Communication

2015 Certificate of Graduate Study in Gerontology

2012 Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Cum Laude, With Distinction in Anthropology, Minor in Women's & Gender Studies

## Academic Appointments

### **Arizona State University**

08/2019- **Assistant Professor of Aging**

Present Center for Innovation in Healthy and Resilient Aging

Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation

**Affiliate**, Center for Innovation in Healthy and Resilient Aging

**Affiliate**, Institute for Social Science Research

**Affiliate**, The Design School, Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts

**Senior Global Futures Scientist**, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory

**Core Faculty**, Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity, Global Biosocial Complexity Initiative

**Faculty Affiliate**, Center for Behavior, Institutions, and the Environment (CBEI)

**Research Fellow**, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions

**Affiliate**, Dissemination and Implementation Science Affinity Network, College of Health Solutions

**Faculty**, Graduate College

**Member**, USAID Research Technical Assistance Center Research Network

## Selected Publications (n=20)

1. **Guest, M.A.**, Clark-Shirley, L., Hancock, C., Newsham, T., Nikzad-Terhune, K., & Jenkins, K. (in-press). An Environmental Scan of Aging-Related Micro-Credentials: Implications for Gerontology and Gerontologists. *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*. DOI:10.1080/02701960.2022.2130286
2. **Guest, M.A.** & Hunter, E. (2022). Identifying Barriers to Care and Support: Aging in Central Kentucky. *Local Development & Society*, 3(2), 153-165. DOI: 10.1080/26883597.2021.1928534
3. **Guest, M.A.** & Peckham, A. (2022). Identifying Better Communication Practices for Older Adults During the Next Pandemic: Recommendations from the COVID-19 Experience. *Journal of Communication in Healthcare: Strategies, Media, and Engagement in Global Health.*, 15(1), 11-14 DOI: 10.1080/17538068.2022.2029104
4. **Guest, M.A.**, Stalzer, B., & Patton, M. (2022). From Need to Policy: Community Supported Development and Implementation of the South Carolina Vulnerable Adult Guardian Ad Litem (SCVAGL) Program. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.41(1),46-53. Doi: 10.1177/0733464820978801
5. **Guest, M.A.**, Nikzad-Terhune, K., Kruger, T., & Rowles, G. (2021) Exploring college students' attitudes toward older adults: A description of methods used by the gerontological literacy network. *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*,47(2), 63-71. Doi: 10.1080/02701960.2019.1638257. PMID: 31269878
6. **Guest, M.A.** (2021). Social Worker Safety: An Area of Continued Professional Concern & Attention. *Professional Safety*,66(7), 20-23.

7. Maxfield, M., Peckham, A., **Guest, M.A.**, Keenan, P. (2021). Age-Based Healthcare Stereotype Threat During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 64(6), 571-584 DOI: 10.1080/01634372.2021.1904080 *Runner-Up Rose Dobrof Award in the Journal of Gerontological Social Work*
8. **Guest, M.A.** & Smith, M.P. (2021). In Our Community, Dementia Speaks: Pilot of A Person-Centered Training Targeting African American Caregivers of Persons-Living with Dementia (Innovative Practice). *Dementia: The International Journal of Social Research and Practice.*, 20(1), 391-397. *Doi.org/10.1177/1471301219885784. PMID: 31684764*
9. **Guest, M.A.**, Miller, M., Smith, M., & Hyleman, B. (2018). Office for The Study of Aging at The University Of South Carolina: Promoting Healthy Aging Through Program Development, Evaluation, Education/Training and Research For South Carolina's Older Adults. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*,37(3),332-348. *Doi: 10.1177/0733464816643878*

### **Selected Edited Book & Chapters (n=9)**

1. Jurkowski, E.T. & **Guest, M.A.** (Ed.). (2021). *Healthy Aging Through the Social Determinants of Health*. Washington, DC: APHA Press [350 pages]
2. **Guest, M.A.** (2022). Rainbow Aging: Negotiating Queer Identities Among Aging Central Appalachians. In McNeill, Z, *Y'all Means All: The Erupting Voices of #QueerAppalachia* (pp. 69-82). PMPress
3. **Guest, M.A.** (2021) Sexual and Gender Identity in Older Age. In SJ Dodd, *The Handbook of Social Work and Sexualities* (pp. 195-204). Philadelphia, PA: Routledge.
4. **Guest, M.A.** (2019) LGBT Loss & Grief. In B. Counselman-Carpenter, & A. Redcay (Eds.), *Working with grief and traumatic loss: Theory, practice, personal self-care and reflection for clinicians* (pp. 256-260). San Diego, CA: Cognella.

### **Selected Professional Presentations (n=104)**

1. **Guest, M.A.** (November 2022). Demystifying Aging & Finding Our Future Gerontologists. AGHE Rising Star Award Lecture held at the 74<sup>th</sup> Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
2. **Guest, M.A.** (November 2022). Ensuring Competence: Addressing the Need for LGBTQ+ Aging Education. AGHE Presidential Symposium on Embracing Our Diversity in Gerontological Education held at the 74<sup>th</sup> Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in Indianapolis, IN.
3. **Guest, M.A.**, & Hunter, E. (October 2021). Built Environment for Healthy Aging. Part of the Healthy Aging Through the Social Determinants: A Discussion Roundtable at the 2021 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.
4. **Guest, M.A.**, *moderator*, (October 2021). APHA Featured Session: Preventing Social Isolation Across the Lifespan at the 2021 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.
5. **Guest, M.A.**, Maxfield, M., Peckham, A. (November 2020). Aging in the Time Of COVID-19: Findings from a Multi-Wave Study. Roundtable presentation at the 2020 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA [virtual meeting].
6. **Guest, M.A.** (November 2019). Discussant: Innovations that Support Rural Older Adults' Health and Well-Being: Models, Networks, Case Studies, Reflections at the Gerontological Society of America's 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Austin, TX.
7. **Guest, M.A.** & Hunter, E. (November 2018). Finding Your Community: Loneliness Among LGBTQ in Rural Kentucky during the Loneliness in Rural Areas—Learning From Research, Practice and Life Special Session hosted by the GSA Rural Interest Group at the Gerontological Society of America's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston.
8. **Guest, M.A.**, Clark-Shirley, L., Hancock, C., Newsham, T., Alvarado, K., DuMont, R., Hackett, L., Patton, J.R. (November 2021). Alternative Pathways: The Use of Field-Specific Micro-Credentials in Aging Services. Poster presentation at the 2021 Gerontological Society of America Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. [virtual].

### **Selected Keynotes, Plenary, Webinars, & Invited Talks (n=32)**

1. **Guest, M.A.** (May 2023). Towards an Age-Friendly Public Health in Mississippi. Keynote address at the Strategically Partnering for Age-Friendly Health in Michigan. Hosted by the Mississippi Public Health Association and Trust For Americas Health.
2. **Guest, M.A.** (December 2022). Identifying Characteristics of Supportive Social Networks in Rural Arizona: A Feasibility Study. Flash Talk at the RHBSE Working Group Quarterly Meeting
3. **Guest, M.A.** (2022). The Social Determinants of Health and Rural Aging. Trust For America's Health/Age-Friendly Public Health Systems Webinar hosted as part of the Social Determinants of Health Training Series. *Invited*
4. **Guest, M.A.** (2022). Ensuring Equity: Interdisciplinary Practice with Rural LGBTQ Clients. Webinar hosted by the American Psychological Association as part of their Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) Series. *Invited*.
5. **Guest, M.A.** (2022). The Social Determinants of Health and Healthy Aging. Trust For America's Health/Age-Friendly Public Health Systems Webinar hosted as the launch of the Social Determinants of Health Training Series. *Invited*
6. **Guest, M.A.** (October 2022). Towards an Age-Friendly Public Health. Keynote address at the Strategically Partnering for Age-Friendly Health in Michigan. Hosted by the Trust for America's Health, Michigan Health Endowment Fund, and Michigan Public Health Institute.
7. **Guest, M.A.** (May 2022). Improving Equity: Working With LGBTQ\* Clients. Presentation during the Trauma-Informed Care Training Series to Palmetto Aids Life Support Services.
8. **Guest, M.A.** (March 2022). Improving Equity: Social Work with LGBTQ\* Clients. Afternoon plenary presentation during the 2022 NASW-SC Annual Symposium.

*American Public Health Webinar Series:*

1. **Guest, M.A.** (March 2023). About APHA: The Structure of The Association. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
2. **Guest, M.A.** (March 2023). Orientation for Governing Councilors Part 2. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
3. **Guest, M.A.** (January 2023). Speaking with the Speaker: Engagement Series.
  - a. (January 2023). Introduction to the APHA Governing Council. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
  - b. (February 2023). Let's Talk Policy. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
4. **Guest, M.A.** (January 2022). Speaking with the Speaker: Engagement Series.
  - a. (January 2022). Goal Setting & Yearly Activities. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
  - b. (February 2022). The APHA Policy Process. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
  - c. October (2022). APHA Policy and the Governing Council. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association
5. **Guest, M.A.** (March 2022). Orientation for Governing Councilors. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
6. **Guest, M.A.** (2021). Speaking with the Speaker: Engagement Series.
  - a. (January 2021). Speaker Transition & Expectations. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
  - b. (February 2021). APHA Your Way Update. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
  - c. (March 2021). Experience Discussion. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.
7. **Guest, M.A.** (March 2021). Governing Council Orientation. Webinar hosted by the American Public Health Association.

**Selected Community Presentations & Papers**

1. **Guest, M.A.** (September 2022). Connecting in the Time of COVID-19. Presented at the Age-Friendly Arizona Age of Connections Conference in Phoenix, AZ.
2. **Guest, M.A.,** Peckham, A. (March 2021). Aging in the Time of COVID-19: Results from Arizona. Presented at the Age-Friendly Tempe Stakeholder Meeting in Tempe, AZ.

3. **Guest, M.A.** (October 8, 2018). The Kentucky LGBTQ Aging Needs Assessments: Recommendations. Presented at SAGE of the Bluegrass General Meeting
4. **Guest, M.A.,** Peckham, A., Han, S. (July 2022). Pet Programming Report Client Needs Assessment + Analysis: Comparison Study. Report submitted to Meals on Wheels America/PetSmart Charities. [115 pages].
5. Kaplan, R., Sanborn, H., Lamb, G., **Guest, M.A.,** Thompson, J. (2022). A Learner's Guide to Finding Ease in Caregiving. Phoenix, AZ: Arizona State University
6. **Guest, M.A.,** Hyleman, B., Black, S., Smith, M. (July 2017) Advance Care Planning in South Carolina: Directions for the Future. Report Submitted to the South Carolina Coalition for the Care of the Seriously Ill and The Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of South Carolina. [271 pages]
7. **Guest, M.A.** (February 2017). Opportunities for Advanced Care Planning in South Carolina: A Literature Review. Report Submitted to the South Carolina Coalition for Care of the Seriously Ill. [20 Pages]
8. **Guest, M.A. &** Damron, C. (December 2015). Social Work Perceptions of Safety in the Field in South Carolina. National Association of Social Workers, Washington, DC. [47 Pages]

### **Selected University, College, & Departmental Service**

#### **Arizona State University**

Graduate College Enrichment Fellowship Reviewer  
 Arizona Wellbeing Commons  
 Parliamentarian of Academic Assembly  
 Edson College Bylaws Committee, Chair  
 Edson Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Work Committee

#### **University of Kentucky**

Ad Hoc Diversity & Inclusion Committee  
 Award for Inclusive Excellence Planning Workgroup  
 College Strategic Planning

### **Relevant & Abridged Professional Service to the Field**

#### **American Public Health Association** (abbreviated, available elsewhere in the form)

2020-2023 Speaker of the Governing Council & Executive Board Member

2020-2023	Executive Committee, <i>Ex Officio</i>
2020-2023	Bylaws Committee, <i>Ex Officio</i>
2020-2023	Finance Committee
2022-2023	Governance Committee
2022	Speaker Ad Hoc Committee on Governing Council Engagement

2020 Committee on Membership, *Interim Chair*

2019-2020 Education Board

2015-2019 Executive Board Member (*first student elected*)

2017-2019	Membership Committee of the Executive Board, <i>Chair (18-19)</i>
2018	Personnel Committee
2016-2017	Development Committee
2016/2019	Governance Committee
2016	Ad Hoc Committee on APHA Speaker Vetting Process
2016-2017	Ad Hoc Leadership Transition Process Developments
2018	Ad Hoc Membership Mentorship & Database Committee, <i>Chair</i>
2018	Ad Hoc Criteria for Organizational Membership Committee, <i>Chair</i>
2018	Ad Hoc Joint Development, Finance, & Membership Committee, <i>Co-Chair</i>
2019	Ad Hoc Joint Committee on Section Budget Allocations, <i>Co-Chair</i>

2014-2015 Committee on Membership

#### **Aging & Public Health Section**

2019-cont Leadership Committee  
 2019-2020 Governing Councilor

2018-2022 Section Book Project, *Co-Chair*

Environment Section

2018-2019 Community Annual Meeting Access Working Group  
2017-2021 Membership Committee

LGBTQ Health Caucus (formerly LGBT Caucus of Public Health Professionals)

2021-2022, Chair  
2020-2023, Executive Committee  
2018-2020 Membership Committee, *Chair*

Caucus on Homelessness

2016-2018 Policy Committee

Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section

2014-2015 Student Workgroup Secretary  
2013-2014 Student Workgroup Membership Liaison

Student Assembly

2013-2015 Membership Committee, *Co-Chair*  
2013-2014 APHA Campus Liaison  
2013 Diversity Committee, *Co-Chair*

2021-2025 Communications Working Group, Chair, AGHE, Gerontological Society of America  
2015-2016 Accreditation Task Force, Gerontological Society of America  
2020-2023 Treasurer, Appalachian Studies Association  
2020-2023 Board of Governors, Elected Member, Accreditation for Gerontology Education Council  
2017-2023 National Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Issues, National Association of Social Workers

**Selected Service to the Community**

2023 Advisory Board, *America's Health Rankings 2023 Senior Report*  
2021-On Alumni Advisory Board, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina  
2020-On Age-Friendly Tempe  
2018-2019 SAGE of the Bluegrass (Kentucky)  
2018-2019 Alzheimer's Association, Kentucky Chapter

**Selected Awards & Honors**

2022 AGHE Rising Star Early Career Faculty Award  
2022 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honorary Host Committee, American Public Health Association  
2020 University of South Carolina College of Social Work Alumni Spotlight  
2019 APHA Environment Section Distinguished Service Award  
2018 Honorable Mention (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) Retirement Research Foundation/Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Research Award  
2018 University of Kentucky Appalachian Center James S. Brown Award  
2018 AGECE Appreciation of Service Award  
2017 Graduate Center for Gerontology PhD Funding (\$18,000 + Tuition & Fees)  
2017 Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society  
2016 Finalist, Laurence G. Branch Doctoral Student Research Award  
2015 American Public Health Association Student Assembly Chair Citation

- 2014 Certificate of Appreciation of Service to the APHA-SA
- 2014 Certificate of Appreciation of Service to the NASW-SC
- 2014 Sigma Phi Omega National Gerontology Honor Society
- 2014 NASW-SC Chris Parker Outstanding MSW Student Award
- 2013 Phi Alpha Honor Society Xi Tau Chapter (National Social Work Honor Society)
- 2012 Outstanding Anthropology Student, University of South Carolina
- 2009 Public Anthropology Award for Excellence in Writing on Public Issues with the Community Action Website by the Center for a Public Anthropology

**Selected Professional Affiliations & Memberships**

- American Public Health Association, 2012-Ongoing
  - Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section, 2012- Ongoing
  - Health Communication Workgroup, 2013- Ongoing
  - Aging and Public Health Section, 2014- Ongoing
  - Environment Section, 2014- Ongoing
  - Human Rights Forum, 2016- Ongoing
  - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Queer Health Caucus, 2013- Ongoing
  - Community-Based Public Health Caucus, 2013- Ongoing
  - Spirit of 1848 Caucus, 2013- Ongoing
  - Caucus on Homelessness, 2015-Ongoing
  - Women’s Caucus, 2016-Ongoing
- American Public Health Association-Student Assembly, 2012- 2019
- American Society on Aging, 2015- Ongoing
- Appalachian Studies Association, 2014- Ongoing
- Gerontological Society of America, 2013- Ongoing
- International Network for Social Network Analysis, 2021-Ongoing
- National Association of Social Workers, 2012- Ongoing
- Arizona Public Health Association, 2019-Ongoing
- Arizona Rural Health Association, 2020-Ongoing