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Education

Institution	Degree	Date
Department of Sociology Case Western Reserve University <i>Specializations: Aging and the Life Course, Medical Sociology</i>	Ph.D. Candidate	(Expected 2009)
Case Western Reserve University	M.A. (Sociology)	May, 2006
Kent State University	B.A. (Sociology & Russian)	May, 2001

Research Experience

Project Director <i>Learning from Those Who Know: Action Research in Long-term Care</i> Department of Sociology Case Western Reserve University (Principal Investigator: Dale Dannefer)	(January, 2006 – Present)
Graduate Research Assistant Department of Bioethics: Anti-Aging Study Case Western Reserve University (With Professors Bob Binstock, Jennifer Fishman, and Richard Settersten, Jr.)	(Summer and Autumn, 2008)
Assistant Project Director <i>United States Children's Rights Index</i> (Project Director: Professor Brian Gran)	(August 2007 – May 2008)
Graduate Research Assistant Department of Sociology Case Western Reserve University (With Professors Dale Dannefer, Brian Gran and Sue Hinze)	(September, 2005 – Present)

National Institute of Aging Pre-doctoral Trainee

(September, 2003 – August, 2005)

Department of Sociology
Case Western Reserve University
(With Professors Brian Gran,
Eva Kahana and Richard Settersten, Jr.)

Teaching Experience

<u>Instructor</u>	Course	Date
Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 203 Sociology of Human Development	Spring 2007, 2008, 2009

Teaching Assistant

Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 361/461 Sociology of the Life Course Professor Dale Dannefer	Spring 2006
Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 319/419 Institutional Change: Research & Reform Professor Dale Dannefer	Fall 2005
Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 443 Medical Sociology Professor Sue Hinze	Fall 2005

Guest Lecturer

Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 461 Sociology of the Life Course Professor Dale Dannefer	February 2008
Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 255 Sociology of Sex Instructor Michael Flatt	February 2007
Case Western Reserve University	SOCI 300 Modern Sociological Thought Professor Richard Settersten	April 2006
Lakeland Community College	Sociology of Aging Professor Michelle Smith	April 2006

Publications

Dannefer, Dale, and **Robin Shura**. (Forthcoming, 2009). Experience, Social Structure and Later Life: Meaning and Old Age in an Aging Society. In Peter Uhlenberg (Ed.), *International Handbook of Population Aging*. Secaucus, NJ: Springer.

Dannefer, Dale, Paul Stein, Rebecca Siders, and **Robin Shura Patterson**. (2008). Is That All There Is? The Concept of Care and the Dialectic of Critique. *Journal of Aging Studies* 22(2), 101-108.

Dannefer, Dale, and **Robin Shura Patterson**. (2008). The Missing Person: Some Limitations in the Contemporary Study of Cognitive Aging. In Duane Alwin and Scott Hofer (Eds.), *International Handbook of Cognitive Aging* (pp. 105-119). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Dannefer, Dale, and **Robin S. Patterson**. (2007). The Second Demographic Transition, Aging Families, and the Aging of the Institutionalized Life Course. In K. Warner Schaie & Peter Uhlenberg (Eds.), *Social Structures: Demographic Changes and the Well-being of Older Persons* (pp. 212-229). New York: Springer Publishing Co.

Patterson, Robin S., Richard Settersten, Jr., and Dale Dannefer. (Eds.). (2007). *The Life Course: A Handbook of Syllabi and Instructional Materials (4th Edition)*. American Sociological Association.

Settersten, Richard, with the assistance of **Robin S. Patterson**. (2006). Military Service, the Life Course, and Aging: An Introduction. *Research on Aging*, 28 (1), 5-11.

Foundation Reports

Dannefer, Dale, **Robin Shura**, and Rebecca Siders. (2008, unpublished). *Learning from Those Who Know: An Action Research Project: 2007 Final Report*.

Dannefer, Dale, **Robin Shura Patterson**, and Rebecca Siders. (2007, unpublished). *Learning from Those Who Know: An Action Research Project: 2006 Final Report*.

Works in Progress

Shura, Robin. "A Theoretical Analysis of International Adoption, International Child Trafficking and the Structure of Child Vulnerability." Dissertation. Prospectus successfully defended April 7, 2008. Dissertation Committee: Dale Dannefer (chair), Brian Gran, Gunhild Hagestad, Sue Hinze.

Shura, Robin, Rebecca Siders, and Dale Dannefer. "Participatory Action Research as Culture Change in a Long-term Care Facility." For submission to the *Journal of Gerontology*.

Shura, Robin, Lynn Falletta, and Dale Dannefer. "Cumulative Disadvantage in Mental Health Trajectories: Longitudinal Analysis of Young Adults." For submission to the *American Journal of Sociology*.

Gran, Brian, and **Robin Shura**. "Weak Links in Independence of Children's Ombudspersons." Revise and resubmit to *Social Policy and Administration*.

Hinze, Sue W., and **Robin Shura**. "The Birth of SIDS: The Socio-Medical Construction of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome." For submission to the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

Gran, Brian, and **Robin Shura**. "Explaining Weak Links in Independence of Children's Ombudspersons: A Fuzzy Sets Analysis."

Settersten, Richard, and **Robin Shura**. "Longitudinal Analyses of Young Adult Development using MIDUS I & II."

Conference Papers and Professional Presentations

Dannefer, Dale, and **Robin Shura**. "Experience, Social Structure and Later Life: Meaning and Old Age in an Aging Society." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, 2008. Boston, MA.

Hinze, Sue W., and **Robin Shura**. "The Birth of SIDS: The Socio-Medical Construction of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, 2008. Boston, MA.

Patterson, Robin Shura, Rebecca Siders, and Dale Dannefer. "*Learning from Those Who Know*: Empowering Elders to Promote Culture Change in a Skilled Nursing Facility." Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2007. San Francisco, CA.

Patterson, Robin Shura, Lynn Falletta, Chris Burant, and Dale Dannefer. "Education and Marital Status: Cumulative Disadvantage and Depression through Young Adulthood." Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2007. San Francisco, CA.

Dannefer, Dale, and **Robin Shura Patterson**. "The Missing Person: Some Limitations in the Contemporary Study of Cognitive Aging." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August, 2007. New York City, New York.

Siders, Rebecca, **Robin Shura Patterson**, and Dale Dannefer. "Empowering Change by *Learning From Those Who Know*: Action Research in a Long-term Care Community." Annual Carework Conference. August, 2007. New York City, New York.

Patterson, Robin S., Lynn Falletta, Chris Burant, and Dale Dannefer. "Education, Marriage and Health: The Dynamics of Cumulative Dis/advantage in Young Adulthood." Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2006. Dallas, Texas.

Siders, Rebecca, **Robin S. Patterson**, and Dale Dannefer. "Students 'Do' Culture Change: Learning Action Research in Long-term Care Settings." Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2006. Dallas, Texas.

Gran, Brian, and **Robin S. Patterson**. "Independence of Children's Ombudspersons." Annual meeting of the European Network of Children's Ombudspersons (ENOC). September, 2006. Athens, Greece.

Patterson, Robin S., Lynn Falletta, and Dale Dannefer. "Education, Marital Status and Ethnicity: Cumulative Advantage/Disadvantage in Early Adulthood." Roundtable presentation, Section of Aging and the Life Course: Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August, 2006. Montreal, Quebec.

Gran, Brian, and **Robin S. Patterson**. "Weak Links of Independence: A Fuzzy-Sets Analysis of Children's Ombudspersons' Independence." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August, 2005. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gran, Brian, Lynn Gannon, Michael Flatt, and **Robin S. Patterson**. "A Comparative Analysis of Children's Rights." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August, 2005. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gran, Brian, and **Robin S. Patterson**. "Independence of Children's Ombudspersons." Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. June, 2005. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Meehan, Rebecca, and **Robin S. Patterson**. "Promoting Health of Older Adults in Long-term Care: Adaptation to Vision Impairment." Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2004. Washington, D.C.

Kahana, Eva, Boaz Kahana, **Robin S. Patterson**, Heather Menne, Karie Feldman, Cathie King, and Kyle Kercher. "The Role of Doctor-Patient Relationships in Cancer Screening Recommendations to the Aged." COMET: Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Communication, Medicine and Ethics. June, 2004. Linköping University, Sweden.

Kahana, Boaz, Eva Kahana, **Robin S. Patterson**, Heather Menne, Karie Feldman, Cathie King, and Kyle Kercher. "Personal Determinants of Physicians' Cancer Screening Recommendations and Adherence by the Aged." COMET: Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Communication, Medicine and Ethics. June, 2004. Linköping University, Sweden.

Case Western Reserve University Research Presentations

Bryant, Rachel, Emily Fleischer, **Robin Shura**, and Brian Gran. "U.S. Children's Rights Index: Comparing Children's Rights Across the United States." Research ShowCase, Case Western Reserve University. April, 2008. Cleveland, Ohio.

Patterson, Robin Shura, Lynn Falletta, Chris Burant, and Dale Dannefer. "Education, Marital Trajectory, and Mental Health Trajectories: Cumulative Dis/advantage in Early Adulthood." Research ShowCase, Case Western Reserve University. April, 2007. Cleveland, Ohio.

Siders, Rebecca, **Robin Shura Patterson**, and Dale Dannefer. "Culture Change Via Action Research: Raising Voices to Transform Long-term Care." Research ShowCase, Case Western Reserve University. April, 2007. Cleveland, Ohio.

Falletta, Lynn, **Robin S. Patterson**, and Dale Dannefer. "Education, Health and Cumulative Advantage/Disadvantage in Early Adulthood." Poster presented at Research ShowCase, Case Western Reserve University. April, 2006. Cleveland, Ohio.

Patterson, Robin S., Rebecca Siders, Lynn Falletta, and Dale Dannefer. "Voices of Experts: Culture Change and Action Research in Long-term Care." Poster presented at Research ShowCase, Case Western Reserve University. April, 2006. Cleveland, Ohio.

Invited Presentations

Dannefer, Dale, **Robin S. Patterson**, and Rebecca Siders. Invited presentation: "Culture Change and Action Research in Long-term Care." April, 2006. Benjamin Rose Institute. Cleveland, Ohio.

Gran, Brian, and **Robin S. Patterson**. Invited presentation: "Children's Rights and Children's Ombudspersons: Notes from Warsaw." December, 2005. Amnesty International, Case Western Reserve University. Cleveland, Ohio.

Organizer

Dannefer, Dale, **Robin Shura Patterson**, and Rosalie Kane. Co-organizers of symposium, *Beyond Culture Change: Creating Caring Communities by Promoting Capacities of Elders*. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2007. San Francisco, CA.

Dannefer, Dale, Stephen Crystal, and **Robin Shura Patterson**. Co-organizers of symposium, *Cumulative Dis/Advantage, Education and the Life Course*. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2007. San Francisco, CA.

Dannefer, Dale, Paul Stein, **Robin S. Patterson**, and Rosalie Kane. Co-organizers of symposium, *Empowering Residents and Care Workers: Participatory Research & Culture Change in Elder Care Settings*. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2006. Dallas, Texas.

Awards and Honors

- 2008 recipient of the Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University
- Student representative to the Ad Hoc Publications Committee for the American Sociological Association's *Section on Aging and the Life Course*, 2008
- 2007 recipient of the Eva L. Pancoast Memorial Fellowship, Case Western Reserve University
- 2007 nominee for Student Representative of the American Sociological Association's *Aging and Life Course* section
- High Honors, doctoral qualifying exam in Medical Sociology, Case Western Reserve University, 2006
- Distinguished Academic Achievement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Kent State University, 2001
- Outstanding Sociology Senior, Kent State University, 2001
- *Summa cum laude* graduate, Honors College, Kent State University, 2001

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (includes the following ASA Section memberships)

ASA Section: Aging and the Life Course

ASA Section: Children and Youth

ASA Section: Comparative/Historical Sociology

ASA Section: Medical Sociology

ASA Section: Sociology of Law

ASA Section in Formation: Human Rights

Newsletter Editor Pro-temp, ASA Human Rights Section in Formation, July, 2008.

Community Service

Participant, Collaborative Initiative to End Human Trafficking. Rocky River, Ohio. 2008.

Cleveland Rumi Foundation. 2005.

Volunteer, Sisters of the Humility of Mary, 1997-2001.

References Available on Request