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TITLE: Ph.D. Candidate
Research Assistant IV
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BIRTHDATE: July 26, 1976, Toledo, Ohio

EDUCATION: Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
Ph.D. in Sociology (Defense scheduled for March 2008)

University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio
Master of Arts in Sociology, 1997 to 1999
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, Minor in German, 1994 to 1997

St. Francis De Sales High School, Toledo, Ohio
College Preparatory Courses, 1990 to 1994

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant IV, 2002 to present
Center for Healthcare Research and Policy
Case Western Reserve University at MetroHealth Medical Center
Work fulltime as a project director in support of the NIH funded project "Alcohol Reduction in Medical Illnesses: HCV as Prototype", Neal Dawson M.D., Principal Investigator. Contribute to a multi-disciplinary research team in the development of a clinical survey instrument that will be used to predict alcohol reduction. Supervise graduate assistants and interviewers. Manage and analyze data and contribute to the development and publication of research articles.

Research Fellow, 2001 to 2002
Case Western Reserve University
Department of Sociology
Participated in an NIH funded, multi-site, multi-ethnic study of diabetes with Dr. Eleanor Stoller and Dr. Cary Kart, Principal Investigator. Conducted in-person interviews. Coded and analyzed qualitative data. Also served as a department computer systems and database administrator supporting hardware and software related needs (Linux Server, 30+ MS Windows Clients, 50+ end-users).

Research Associate, Couples Project, 2001 to 2002

Case Western Reserve University

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Investigated the relationship between depression and physical health in a longitudinal sample of older adult couples. Cleaned and managed large secondary data sets. Made use of advanced statistical techniques including structural equation modeling and hierarchical linear modeling.

Research Consultant, Huron Hospital Domestic Violence Project, 2002

Case Western Reserve University

Department of Anthropology

Trained, supported, and advised a team of researchers evaluating domestic violence perceptions and advocacy program efficacy at Huron Hospital in East Cleveland, Ohio. Guided project staff and designed the quantitative component of the study. Maintained methodological rigor and assisted with data analysis.

National Institute on Aging Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, 1999 to 2001

Case Western Reserve University

Department of Sociology

Field coordinator for a major urban study on aging. Worked with Dr. Eva Kahana at the Elderly Care Research Center. Managed databases and related study tasks using SPSS, MS Word, Excel, Access, Publisher, Power Point. Supervised and communicated with office staff and six field interviewers. Assisted professors with research related tasks such as interviewing, transcription, manuscript preparation and editing, and data entry.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor of Sociology

Case Western Reserve University

Department of Sociology

- Critical Problems in Modern Society
- Social Research Methods

Instructor of Sociology

Cleveland State University

Department of Sociology

- Sociology of Law

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Toledo

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

- Introduction to Sociology (co-taught with Dr. Cary Kart)
- Assisted professors with research and teaching related tasks
- Served as an undergraduate advisor.

Guest Lecturer

Case Western Reserve University

Department of Sociology

- Undergraduate Research Methods
- Quantitative Research Methods: Problems of Data Analysis

- Qualitative Research Methods

Guest Lecturer

University of Toledo

Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work

- Medical Sociology
- Social Gerontology
- Introduction to Sociology

OTHER EDUCATION:

Harvard Law School

Berkman Center for Internet & Society: Online Seminar Series

October 2003 “CyberPrivacy”

April 2003 “Development and the Internet”

March 2002 “Privacy in Cyberspace”

April 2002 “Violence Against Women on the Internet”

April 2001 “E-Commerce: An Introduction”

University of Toledo

Center for Teaching Excellence

1997-1999 Seminar Series on Graduate Teaching

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

American Sociological Association

Website Administrator, Section on Aging and the Life Course Executive Council

Student Representative, Section on Aging and the Life Course Executive Council

The Human Nature Review

Associate Editor

The Gerontologist

Reviewer

Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, OAGE.

2005 Undergraduate Paper Award Committee

Human Organization

Reviewer

Case Western Reserve University

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology

University of Toledo

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

President, Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociological Honor Society, Toledo Chapter

Secretary, Delta Phi Alpha, National German Honor Society, Toledo Chapter

AWARDS / HONORS:

Case Western Reserve University

- 2007-08 Graduate Dean's Instructional Excellence Award (Nominee)
- National Institute on Aging Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship
- 2004 Verhosek Fund Graduate Student Travel Award
- Marie Haug Award for Excellence in Aging Studies
- College of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Fellowship
- College of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Showcase Lecturer

University of Toledo

- Graduated with Departmental, College, and University Honors
- Nominee for Outstanding Student in the College of Arts & Sciences
- President's List
- Dean's List
- Undergraduate Tuition Scholarship
- Graduate Assistantship
- Graduate, University Honors Program

RELEVANT SKILLS:

- Quantitative skills: Multiple advanced data analytic techniques: Regression, Factor Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, Latent Class Analysis, Mixture Modeling.
- Qualitative skills: Interviewing (structured, semi-structured, ethnographic), experimentation, participant observation, and ethnography.
- Expert research design and implementation skills, survey design, database construction and management.
- Strong background in medical sociology, aging, and issues of race, class, and gender.
- Proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking German.
- Strong computer knowledge includes: Microsoft Office; SPSS, SPSS Data Entry, SNAP, AMOS, MPlus, EQS, Amelia, Nudist, NVivo; Linux, Samba, Apache Web Server; web design, basic knowledge of html, perl, sql, cgi, java and visual basic.

REFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS:

Blixen, C.E., Webster, N.J., Hund, A.J., Perzynski, A.T., Kanuch, S., Stoller, E.P., McCormick, R. & Dawson, N.V. (2008). "Communicating about Alcohol Consumption to Nondependent Drinkers with Hepatitis C: Patient and Provider Perspectives." *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, forthcoming.

Stoller, E.P., Hund, A., Webster, N., Blixen, C., Perzynski, A. McCormick, R., Kanuch, S. and Dawson, N. (2006). "Alcohol Consumption within the Context of Hepatitis C." *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, vol. 41, no. 5, pp. 546-552. Available WWW: <http://alcalc.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/41/5/546>

Schoenberg, N.E., Stoller, E.P., Kart, C.S., Perzynski, A.T. & Chapleski, E. (2004). "Complementary and alternative medicine use among a multiethnic sample of older adults with diabetes." *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, vol. 10, no. 6, 1061-1066.

Stoller, E.P., Pyle, M., & Perzynski, A.T. (2004). "Priorities for Oral Health Goals in a Sample of Older Adult Patients." *Special Care in Dentistry* vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 220-228.

Stoller, E.P. & Perzynski, A.T. (2003). "The Impact of Ethnic Involvement and Migration Patterns on Long Term Care Plans among Retired Sunbelt Migrants: Plans for Nursing Home Placement." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, vol. 58B, no. 6, S369-S376.

Longino C.F.J., Perzynski A.T. & Stoller E.P. (2002). "Pandora's Briefcase: Unpacking the Retirement Migration Decision." *Research on Aging* vol. 24, no. 1, pp. 29-49.

DISSERTATION AND THESES:

Perzynski, A. T. (Expected 2008) "Between Facts and Voices: Medical and Lay Knowledge of the Spread of Hepatitis C." Doctoral Dissertation. Department of Sociology, Case Western Reserve University.

Perzynski, A.T. (1999). Narratives of Liver Transplantation: Recipient Perspectives on the Quality of Life. Master's Thesis, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, University of Toledo.

Perzynski, A.T. (1997). "Irish Settlement and Development in Wisconsin." Undergraduate Honors Thesis, University of Toledo. Accepted for publication as Ch. 6 in *The Irish and The Great Lakes*. Rajner, R. editor.

ACADEMIC MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW:

Stoller, E.P., Webster, N.J., Hund, A., Blixen, C.E., Perzynski, A.T., McCormick, R., Kanuch, S.W., Kercher, K. & Dawson, N.V. (Under Review). "The Applicability of Alcohol Assessment Instruments: A Mixed Methods Study of the Experiences of Nondependent Drinkers Diagnosed with Hepatitis C." *Journal of Mixed Methods*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Perzynski, A.T. (2006) Disengagement. *The Encyclopedia of Aging*, 4th Edition. New York: Springer.

Perzynski, A. T. (2005) Gender Equity. Ch. 80 in *Social Issues: An Encyclopedia of Controversies, History, and Debates*. Ciment, J. editor. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

Perzynski, A.T. & Benjamins, M. (2004). "Strategies for Getting Published: Advice for Students and Other Newcomers." American Sociological Association, Section on Aging and the Life Course Newsletter. Spring Issue, pp 4-5.

Pixley, J. & Perzynski, A.T. (2003). "Getting More Out of ASA: Advice for Students and Other Newcomers." American Sociological Association, Section on Aging and the Life Course Newsletter. Summer Issue, pp 2-3.

Fraudorf, E. Giavasis, E., Chapman, R., Marshall, J., Perzynski, A., Ponsaran, R. & Strem, B. (2002). "An Ethnography of Huron Hospital's Domestic Violence Advocacy Program." Huron Hospital, Executive Summary.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Perzynski, A.T. (2005). "An Introduction to MPlus." Research Methods Lecture Series, Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University.

Perzynski, A.T. (2005). "Hepatitis C: Making Sense With or Without Symptoms." Doctoral Research Showcase Lecture, College of Arts & Sciences, Case Western Reserve University.

Perzynski, A.T. & Dawson, N.V. (2004). "Alcohol Screening for Liver Clinic: AUDIT and CAGE." Department of Gastroenterology, MetroHealth Medical Center.

Perzynski, A.T. (2003). "Computer Software in Qualitative Medical Research: An Introduction to NVivo." Division of Clinical Research, Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Townsend, A., Perzynski, A. & Min, M.O. (2002). "Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analyses: How to Decide Which One To Use." Research Methodology Seminar Series, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Perzynski, A.T., Dawson, N.V., McCormick, R., Webster, N.J., Blixen, C., Kanuch, S., and Thomas, C.L. (2008). Patterns of change for non-harmful/non-hazardous drinkers with hepatitis C. 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA.

Stoller, E.P., Webster, N.J., Blixen, C.E., McCormick, R.C., Hund, A., Perzynski, A.T., Kanuch, S.W., Thomas, C.L., Kercher, K., and Dawson, N.V. (2008). Responding to advice to curtail alcohol consumption: decision factors among nonabusing drinkers diagnosed with hepatitis C. 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA.

Perzynski, A.T., Dawson, N.V., Webster, N.J., Kanuch, S., McCormick, R., Blixen, C. and Stoller, E.P. (2007). Drinking intentions and alcohol consumption among non-dependent drinkers with hepatitis C: Is decision making for men and women the same? 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making, Pittsburgh, PA.

Perzynski, A.T., Kanuch, S. Webster, N.J., McCormick, R., Stoller, E.P., Blixen, C. Terchek, J. and Dawson, N.V. (2006). Is Quitting Drinking the Same as Abstinence? Evidence from a Mixed Methods Study of Non-dependent Drinkers with Hepatitis C. 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making, Cambridge, MA.

Webster, N.J., Perzynski, A.T., McCormick, R.A., Blixen, C.E., Kanuch, S.W., Stoller, E.P. and Dawson, N.V. (2006). Are Patient Characteristics Associated With Their Understanding Of Physician Advice To Curtail Alcohol Use? 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making, Cambridge, MA.

Blixen, C. E., Webster, N.J., Perzynski, A.T., Stoller, E.P., Terchek, J.J., Kanuch, S.W., Hund, A.J., McCormick, R.A. and Dawson, N.V. (2006). Use Of Complimentary And Alternative Medicine (Cam) For Hepatitis C (HCV): Patients' Information Sharing And Decision Making On The Internet. 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making, Cambridge,

MA.

Blixen, C.E., Webster, N., Hund, A.H., Perzynski, A.T., Terchek, J.J., Kanuck, S.W., Stoller, E.P., McCormick, R., Dawson, N.V. (2005). *Mixed Messages: What Healthcare Providers Say and What Patients Hear About Alcohol Consumption and Hepatitis C.* 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making, San Francisco, CA.

Perzynski, A.T., Terchek, J.J., Stoller, E.P., Blixen, C.E., Dawson, N.V., Kanuch, S.W. & McCormick, R. (2004). "Playing the Numbers: How Hepatitis C Patients Use Their Medical Test Results." Paper presented at the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Terchek, J.J., Perzynski, A.T., Stoller, E.P., Blixen, C.E., Kanuch, S.W., Dawson, N.V., & McCormick, R. (2004). "What's in a Name: Hepatitis as a Generic Term and the Surrounding Confusion." Poster presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine, Chicago, IL.

Kanuch, S.W., Dawson, N.V., McCormick, R., Stoller, E.P., Blixen, C.E., Perzynski, A.T. & Terchek, J.J. (2004). "Hepatitis C Patients: What Do They Mean When They Say, 'I Quit Drinking'?" Poster presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine, Chicago, IL.

Stoller, E.P., Blixen, C.E., Perzynski, A.T., Terchek, J.J., Kanuch, S. & McCormick, R. (2004). "Patterns of Alcohol Consumption within the Context of Hepatitis C." Paper presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Perzynski, A.T. (2003). "Gender Equity and NIH Funding for Quality of Life Research." Paper presented at the 98th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Perzynski, A.T. (2003). "Internet Narratives and Discussions as a Data Resource for Medical Sociologists." Roundtable Discussion at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

Townsend, A., Ishler, K. & Perzynski, A.T. (2003). "Lower Body Difficulties, Pain, & Depressed Mood in Married Couples: A Dyadic Analysis." Poster presented at the Case Western Reserve University Research Showcase, Cleveland, OH.

Perzynski, A.T. & Stoller, E.P. (2002). "Comparative Analysis of Social Networks of Male and Female Retired Sunbelt Migrants." Symposium paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.

Perzynski, A.T. & Townsend, A. (2002). "Examining Differences in CES-D Measurement in The Health and Retirement Study." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.

Min, M., Perzynski, A.T. & Townsend, A. (2002). "Physical Health and Sample Attrition in Older Married Couples." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.

Schoenberg, N.E., Stoller, E.P., Kart, C.S., Perzynski, A.T., & Chapleski, E. (2002). "Complementary and Alternative Medicine Use Among Older Adults with Diabetes." Symposium paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Boston, MA.

Townsend, A., Ishler, K. & Perzynski, A.T. (2002) "Lower Body Difficulties, Pain, and Depressive Symptoms in Married Couples: A Dyadic Analysis." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Boston,MA.

Perzynski, A.T. (2000). "Habermas and the Internet." Paper presented at Social Theory 2000: The Inaugural Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium. Lexington,KY. Draft Available World Wide Web: <http://socwww.cwru.edu/~atp5/habermas.html>

Stoller, E.P., Perzynski, A.T., and Martin, L.M. (2000). "The Impact of Ethnic Identity and Migration Patterns on Anticipated Nursing Home Placement Among Retired Migrants." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. Washington,D.C.