

USC Judith D. Tamkin  
**Symposium**  
**on Elder Abuse**

*Theoretical Models & Elder Abuse Research:  
Moving Towards Effective Innovations*

**March 1-2, 2018**

The Westin Pasadena  
191 N Los Robles Ave.  
Pasadena, CA 91101



SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM



# Welcome!

Welcome to the USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse at the Westin Pasadena in Pasadena, California.

This symposium is the second part of an exciting endeavor that involves the planning of five biennial symposia on elder abuse over ten years. The mission of the USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse is to create safe and healthy environments for all elders, here and across the world, by bringing thought leaders, activists, caregivers, researchers, lawmakers, and other stakeholders together to share findings, strategize solutions, and help shape and propel the field of elder abuse and justice.

This event focuses on the theme of “Theoretical Models & Elder Abuse Research: Moving Towards Effective Innovations.” Our goal is to find solutions to some of the challenges that have plagued this important area of research.

Enjoy your time at the meeting!

## **Laura Mosqueda, MD**

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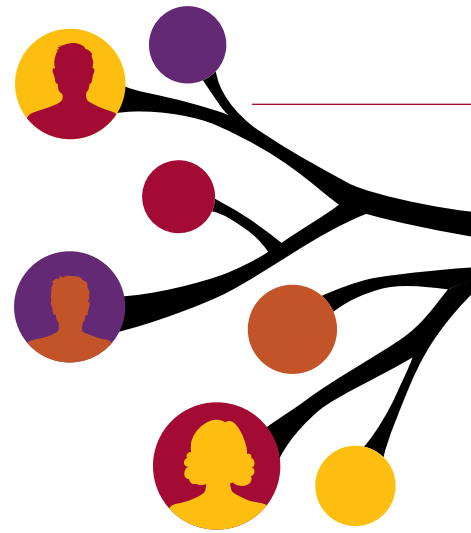
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## *Special Thanks to* **Judith D. Tamkin**

We are sincerely appreciative to Judith D. Tamkin for her gift to help establish this symposium and future symposia on elder abuse. Her deep and personal commitment to eradicating elder abuse is helping to reshape our understanding of elder abuse and ultimately save innumerable older adults from abuse and neglect.



## Symposium Location

### The Westin Pasadena

191 N Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA, 91101

## Registration Hours

*Fountain Ballroom Foyer, Second Floor of Hotel*

**Thursday, March 1, 2018** 7:45 am – 5:00 pm

**Friday, March 2, 2018** 8:00 am – 2:30 pm

## Symposium Description

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## Symposium Objectives

1. Identify new approaches to methods in elder abuse research.
2. Integrate the concept of community-based participatory research.
3. Identify funding priorities and opportunities in elder abuse research.

## Target Audience

This symposium calls for researchers, academics, physicians, nurses, and psychologists to attend in an endeavor to close the research gaps and move the field of elder abuse forward.

## Accreditation

The Keck School of Medicine of USC is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

## Credit Designation

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California designates this live activity for a maximum of **11.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## Verification Of Attendance

Verification of attendance will be provided to all professionals.

Please visit the registration desk with any requests or email [christines@bscmanage.com](mailto:christines@bscmanage.com).

## Special Needs

The USC Judith D. Tamkin Symposium on Elder Abuse is committed to making its activities accessible to all individuals. If you are in need of an accommodation, please do not hesitate to call and/or submit a description of your needs in writing in order to receive service.

## The Georgia J. Anetzberger Award



The field of Elder Abuse research is an intimate community filled with many like-minded and passionate individuals. An innovator and outstanding member of this community is Georgia Anetzberger, PhD, ACSW. This award carries her name in honor of her and all of her accomplishments in directing attention to the issue of elder abuse and effecting change. Georgia has devoted over forty years as a practitioner, planner, administrator, researcher and educator. Dr. Anetzberger has conducted pioneering research on such subjects as elder abuse and perpetrators and cultural variation in meaning or response to elder abuse. She has authored more than seventy-five scholarly publications on elder abuse or related intervention, including the books *The Etiology of Elder Abuse by Adult Offspring* and the *Clinical Management of Elder Abuse*. We honor and thank Dr. Anetzberger for all of her contributions.

The recipients of the Georgia J. Anetzberger Award were chosen based on their outstanding service to the field of elder abuse and their ability to exemplify the tenets of the award's namesake.

### AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### Ferrell Moore



Ferrell Moore received her Associate Degree of Nursing at Southwest Tennessee Community college and was licensed as a registered nurse in June of 2003 by the Tennessee Board of Nursing. She currently works at Baptist Memorial Healthcare Memphis where she has over 12 years of bedside nursing experience in the emergency department. Her professional interest focus on patient satisfaction, leadership, process improvement, education and her current projects include; developing curriculum to identify, assess & respond to elder abuse in the emergency department on behalf of the Plough Foundation and CREA organization, standardizing nursing/paramedic orientation & developing an innovative "team nursing" model for the emergency department at Baptist Memorial Healthcare Memphis. In addition, she is a charge & resource nurse of her unit, serves as Chair of the Professional Practice Council of her unit and was honored as one of Baptists' top 100 nurses of Celebrate Nursing. Yet her most prized accomplishment is being a loving mother to her creative and gifted 15 year old son Christopher. Her future plans include continuing her education to obtain a Master's Degree of Nursing with the goal of becoming a Certified Emergency Nurse Practitioner with a Holistic Concentration.

#### Laura Brown



Laura Brown attended George Mason University where she received her Bachelor of Social Work. She then graduated from University of Michigan with a Master of Social Work. While in school she worked with Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), providing services and support to the families of fallen military. She also worked for a local domestic violence program and became passionate about victim advocacy and the treatment of trauma. After this she worked for the United States Army as a victim advocate in Vilseck, Germany. At this time she created and conducted abuse prevention trainings, provided individual counseling and assisted in developing more effective processes for victim advocacy response. Once she returned to the United States she began working for Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN. While at Baptist she continued her work with victims of abuse in the emergency department setting. During this time she began working on the Coordinated Response to Elder Abuse with Ferrell Moore. They developed and piloted a multi-disciplinary curriculum for elder abuse. Currently, in addition to working with Baptist Hospital on the CREA initiative, she works full time as a therapist at The Transformation Center in Memphis, TN. She has trained there in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and provides counseling to patients through groups and individual therapy.

## Tamkin Scholar Award Winners

### Ariunsanaa Bagaajav



Ariunsanaa Bagaajav is a second year doctoral student at Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY) and is originally from Mongolia. She also works as a graduate assistant at the Brookdale Center for Health Aging at Hunter College, CUNY. Prior to her U.S. graduate training, she taught at the Mongolian National University of Medical Sciences in the undergraduate social work program. She has been involved in numerous national and international studies in the areas of burnout and job stress, youth violence, and HIV/AIDS prevention, and received the Faculty Development Fellowship from the Open Society Foundation in 2011. She enrolled in the CUNY doctoral program at CUNY in order to advance an interest on elder abuse; specifically focused on elder abuse detection in primary care in Mongolia. In the long term, she hopes to advocate for evidence based prevention and intervention to reduce the incidence and consequences of elder abuse in Mongolia.

### Jolie Crowder, PhD (c), MSN, RN, CCM



Jolie Crowder is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Virginia. Her dissertation research, now underway, includes secondary analysis of the National Elder Mistreatment Study. The objective of her study is to define and describe elder abuse within the American Indian and Alaska Native population. The aims are to compare demographic, socioeconomic, social and health status indicators as well as prevalence and predictors of abuse between Native American and White, Black and Hispanic respondents. Most recently, she worked for a national non-profit whose mission was to improve the health and well-being of American Indian and Alaska Native elders. Jolie has previous experience in federal grants management, program evaluation and research, and early clinical experience in surgical and digestive health inpatient services. She received a Master's degree in nursing from the University of Virginia, which was focused on health systems management and quality improvement. She currently resides in the Northern Virginia.

### Ashfaque Talpur



Ashfaque is a PhD candidate and Doctoral Academy scholar at the University of Sheffield, United Kingdom. His research focuses on developing a comprehensive theoretical framework that explains the diverse and multi-etiological nature of elder abuse among ethnic minority communities living in the UK. He has recently received Think Ahead award from the University of Sheffield for developing an interdisciplinary network of researchers working on violence.

7:45 am – 8:30 am	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Presentation of Tamkin Scholars</b> SPEAKER: Laura Mosqueda, MD	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<b>Lessons Learned from Child Abuse</b> SPEAKER: Jay Belsky, PhD  A presentation on lessons for elder abuse gleaned from the etiology of child abuse.  At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Develop an understanding of multiple determinants of abuse.</li> <li>· Understand how they operate collectively and function ecologically.</li> </ul>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
9:30 am – 10:50 am	<b>How Theory Informs Research</b>  <i>A General Field Theory of Elder Abuse: It's not Rocket Science, It's Harder</i> – Sidney M. Stahl, PhD  This presentation deals with the use of “theory” in elder abuse research and problems associated with theory in communicating between practitioner and researcher. A discussion of contemporary theories and their applicability to the various and specific types of elder abuse is presented. A more dynamic, interactive theoretical approach to understanding and creating effective preventive and remediation interventions is outlined.  At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Understand the role of “theory” in elder abuse research and practice.</li> <li>· Understand problems created by contemporary theory and research in elder abuse.</li> </ul> <i>Resilience Portfolios: A Framework for a More Strengths-Based Approach to Working with Older Adult Victims</i> – Sherry Hamby, PhD  A presentation on common, but often under-appreciated, strengths of older adults and how to use strengths as a foundation for a working alliance and intervention strategy with older adult victims.  At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Describe age patterns in interpersonal, regulatory, and meaning making strengths, with a focus on understanding common strengths in older adults.</li> <li>· Understand how a strengths-based approach can inform assessment and intervention for older adults who have experienced victimization.</li> </ul> <i>Protection Through Connection: Social Support as a Key Intervention and Prevention Component in Elder Abuse</i> – Ron Acierno, PhD  A presentation on theoretical models of social support and how this construct affects health and mental health following elder abuse and other stress events.  At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Describe two theoretical models outlining the social support - health/mental health connection.</li> <li>· Describe data applying these models showing that social support both prevents abuse, and if abused, prevents the negative consequences of abuse.</li> </ul>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
10:50 am – 11:00 am	<b>Break</b>	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>



11:00 am – 11:30 am

**Breaking the Taboo: Sexual Assault in Late Life as a Multifaceted Phenomenon – Toward a Theoretical Framework***Fountain Ballroom I-III*

SPEAKER: Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD

Sexual assault in late life involves a unique interplay between the personal and the social domains. Surveys on elder mistreatment that addressed sexual abuse worldwide have found that its prevalence ranges from 0.04% to 1.2% (Pillemer et al., 2016). It has often been categorized as physical abuse rather than a separate sub-category and is least frequently addressed and is a substantiated form of elder abuse. As a result, this phenomenon is still under-reported, both in theory and in practice.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Develop awareness towards the issue of sexual assault among women in late life as a distinct phenomenon.
- Reflect on personal stereotypes, attitudes, and prejudice regarding sexuality, old age, and sexual assault.
- Suggest active ways of breaking the taboo that surrounds the topic.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Collaborations in Care: An Innovative Approach to Improving the Lives of People with Dementia***Fountain Ballroom I-III*

SPEAKER: Sue Kurrle, MD, PhD

This presentation describes a large Australian dementia research and implementation program which involves consumers (people with dementia and their carers) in initiating and developing all the research projects, and shows how the involvement of consumers can lead to more relevant research and improved translation of research findings into practice.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand how research projects can be improved by the involvement of consumers in initiating research ideas through to development of the research plan and translation of research findings into practice.
- Understand how older people, particularly those with dementia and their carers, are empowered by their involvement in research and implementation projects.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch***Fountain Ballroom Foyer*

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm

**Theories and Concepts About Caregiving: Implications for Research and Prevention***Fountain Ballroom I-III*

INTERVIEWER: Bonnie Olsen, PhD

HIGHLIGHTED SPEAKER: Steven Zarit, PhD

In this session Dr. Steven Zarit and Dr. Bonnie Olsen will discuss the theories and concepts about Caregiving that may have implications for research and prevention in Elder Abuse. Research has shown that intense caregiving situations can engender many emotions which can impact the care of older adults.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand how early intervention with caregivers may prevent abuse of older adults.
- Prepare researchers for the unique challenges in working with caregivers and their charges.

1:45 pm – 2:15 pm

**Understanding Culture to Address Elder Abuse:  
Two Dimensions**

*Fountain Ballroom I-III*

SPEAKER: Amanda Phelan, PhD, MSc

This presentation will consider the influence of culture on elder abuse. It will look at culture in populations as well as organizational culture.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Understand how culture impacts on elder abuse in populations at a macro level and within organisational systems.
- Integrate the connections of culture into environments which enable elder abuse to be experienced by older people.

2:15 pm – 2:30 pm

**Break**

*Fountain Ballroom Foyer*

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

**Moving from Concepts to Prevention and Interventions**

Small group discussion between audience participants with experts to determine how to effectuate change.

2:30 pm – 3:25 pm

*Theory to Practice* – Sidney M. Stahl, PhD

*Fountain Ballroom IV*

*Resilience* – Sherry Hamby, PhD

*San Marino Room*

*Social Supports* – Ron Acierno, PhD

*Leishman Room*

3:30 pm – 4:25 pm

*Sexual Assault* – Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD

*Fountain Ballroom IV*

*Dementia* – Sue Kurrle, MD, PhD & Amanda Phelan, PhD, MSc

*San Marino Room*

*Caregiving* – Steven Zarit, PhD

*Leishman Room*

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Ending Nursing Home Violence**

*Fountain Ballroom I-III*

SPEAKER: Karl Pillemer, PhD

This presentation will examine the widespread problem of physical violence in nursing homes and argue that a large-scale public health initiative is needed to end nursing home violence.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- Better understand the prevalence, causes, and effects of interpersonal violence in nursing homes.
- Evaluate possible options for eliminating violence in nursing home settings.



8:00 am – 8:30 am	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Presentation of Georgia Anetzberger Award</b> SPEAKER: Laura Mosqueda, MD	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<p><b>Using Data Sets to Answer Research Questions on Elder Mistreatment</b></p> <p><i>National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP)</i> – Melissa Howe, PhD</p> <p>A presentation about nationally representative, elder mistreatment data collected in 2015-16 from older adults as part of Wave 3 of the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP).</p> <p>At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the aims and scope of the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), a nationally representative, longitudinal study, led by Professor Linda Waite (PI) and funded by the National Institute on Aging (NIA).</li> <li>• Have familiarity with how NSHAP data facilitate longitudinal examination of the mechanisms by which social connectivity affects and is affected by health, plus detailed knowledge about elder mistreatment measures included in each wave.</li> <li>• Use information learned about the NSHAP questionnaire and biomeasure data to develop and test theoretically and empirically driven hypotheses about relationships between older adult experiences of elder mistreatment, and their social, physical, mental, and cognitive health.</li> </ul> <p><i>National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS)</i> – Mary Twomey, MSW &amp; Maria Greene, MS</p> <p>A presentation on the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting system which collects data on the maltreatment of older adults and adults with disabilities as reported to Adult Protective Services. Data was submitted by state APS systems to NAMRS for the first time in 2017 reflecting data collected by them in federal fiscal year 2016.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the role of the federal government in building an effective APS system.</li> <li>• Describe the levels and types of data collected by NAMRS.</li> <li>• Understand the current scope and character of the data.</li> <li>• Understand next steps in the development and analysis of NAMRS data.</li> </ul> <p><i>Elder Mistreatment Data: From Science to Surveillance</i> – Zach Gassoumis, PhD</p> <p>This presentation provides an overview of data sources that can be used in research on elder mistreatment, looking both at population-based surveys and surveillance/administrative data systems.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the range of data sets that contain variables on elder mistreatment or information about the mistreatment of older adults.</li> <li>• Discuss various issues surrounding the integration of elder mistreatment data into existing datasets.</li> <li>• Identify current gaps in the collection of data related to elder mistreatment.</li> </ul>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>

10:30 am – 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
10:45 am – 11:30 am	<p><b>WORKING GROUPS: Make A Wish</b></p> <p>If You Could Add Three Questions About Elder Abuse to a Data Set:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What data set would you choose?</li> <li>2. What question would you ask?</li> </ol> <p><i>Long Term Services and Supports (LTTS)</i> – Kathleen Wilber, PhD <i>Fountain Ballroom IV</i>  <i>Social Services</i> – Melissa Howe, PhD <i>San Marino Room</i>  <i>Health</i> – Alexis Coulourides-Kogan, PhD <i>Leishman Room</i>  <i>Criminal Justice</i> – Sidney M. Stahl, PhD <i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i></p>	
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Fountain Ballroom Foyer</i>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<p><b>Summary Discussion of Working Groups</b></p> <p>FACILITATOR: Alexis Coulourides-Kogan, PhD</p>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p><b>Message from the Administration for Community Living</b></p> <p>SPEAKER: Lance Robertson, US Assistant Secretary for Aging</p> <p>Lance Robertson serves as the Assistant Secretary for Aging and the Administrator of the Administration for Community Living. He will provide a national perspective on the issue of elder abuse, focusing on ACL’s role in facilitating federal inter-department collaboration, building the Adult Protective Services system of tomorrow, and supporting developments in the evidence base of elder abuse prevention and intervention. Mr. Robertson’s vision for ACL focuses on five pillars, one of which is protecting rights and preventing abuse.</p>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<p><b>“To see what is in front of one’s nose needs a constant struggle.”</b></p> <p>SPEAKER: Marie-Therese Connolly</p> <p>A presentation on the challenge of recognizing the many systems of ideas that inform (and sometimes misinform) our assumptions about and responses to elder abuse.</p> <p>At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theories underlying how we address elder abuse often remain invisible; most are untested; some imported from other fields aren’t good fits.</li> <li>• Why it’s hard to distill out theories of elder abuse, but not impossible.</li> </ul>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<p><b>Symposium Closing</b></p> <p>SPEAKER: Laura Mosqueda, MD</p>	<i>Fountain Ballroom I-III</i>

## Laura Mosqueda, MD

Interim Dean

Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics

Keck School of Medicine of USC

Professor of Gerontology

USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology



Laura Mosqueda, MD was appointed Interim Dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC on October 6, 2017. Prior to her appointment as Interim Dean, Dr. Mosqueda, a Professor of Family Medicine and Geriatrics and a Professor at the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, served as Associate Dean of Primary Care and the Chair of Family Medicine.

An accomplished physician and researcher, Dr. Mosqueda is a widely respected authority on geriatric and family medicine, elder justice and care of older adults and underserved. She was the president of the national association of academic geriatric programs and completed a two-year leadership scholars fellowship through the California HealthCare Foundation. She serves as the director of the National Center on Elder Abuse, a federally-funded initiative which focuses on information regarding policy, research, training, and resources related to the neglect and exploitation of older adults for policymakers, professionals, and the public. She is the principal investigator of several studies on elder mistreatment with funding from the Department of Justice, National Institutes of Health, Administration for Community Living, and the John A. Hartford Foundation. She has contributed numerous publications to peer-reviewed journals and served as co-editor on four books about geriatric medicine. Her academic expertise also includes medical education curricula design, development and implementation.

In addition to Dr. Mosqueda's leadership in clinical care and research, she has been actively involved in the educational mission of the school. During her academic tenure, she has mentored medical students, graduate students, residents and clinical fellows. She is the faculty advisor for several student groups and precepts interprofessional health care students at a homeless shelter on Skid Row. She oversees the primary care initiative for students at the Keck School of Medicine of USC.



## **Ron Acierno, PhD**

Professor and Associate Dean for Research  
College of Nursing  
Medical University of South Carolina



Dr. Ron Acierno is a Professor and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), and a Senior Clinical Research Scientist at the Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center, MUSC's Consortium VA partner. In addition to his clinical work with older adult abuse victims and younger veterans, Dr. Acierno has two related but distinct research foci: epidemiological studies of elder mistreatment and treatment outcome studies, focusing on victims of trauma, disaster, combat or loss. He has served as Principal Investigator on grants from NIA, NIMH, NIJ, the Department of Defense, The Department of Veterans Affairs, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, the Archstone Foundation, and the Retirement Research Foundation. Thus Dr. Acierno mixes epidemiological research with treatment outcome research, and keeps close to the clinical world as a clinician-administrator for treatment programs serving both civilian and military traumatized populations.

## **Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD**

Senior Lecturer CUS Associate Professor  
Department of Gerontology  
University of Haifa, Israel



Tova Band-Winterstein, PhD is a senior lecturer (US Associate Professor) at the University of Haifa, Faculty of Social Welfare & Health Sciences, Department of Gerontology, Haifa, Israel. In her work, Dr. Band-Winterstein combines knowledge generated from qualitative research, aimed towards development of theory in gerontology, elder abuse, and lifelong intimate partner violence. Her main field of research includes: Family members' perspectives on life in intimate violence over the life course; the experience of older abused women in the therapeutic encounter; sexual assault in late life; self-neglect, and older parents' experiences of their relationships with adult mentally ill abusive offspring.

## **Jay Belsky, PhD**

Robert M. and Natalie Reid Dorn Professor  
Department of Human Ecology Program in Human Development  
University of California, Davis



Jay Belsky is the Robert M. and Natalie Reid Dorn Professor of Human Development at the University of California, Davis (2011-present). Professor Belsky obtained his PhD in 1978 in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University. For 21 years thereafter he served on the faculty at Penn State University, rising to the rank of Distinguished Professor of Human Development. From 1999-2010, Professor Belsky served as founding Director of the Institute for the Study of Children, Families and Social Issues and Professor of Psychology at Birkbeck University of London. In 1983 he won the Boyd McCandless Award for Distinguished Early Contribution from the Developmental Psychology division of the American Psychological Association. In 1988 and in 1992 Penn State University awarded him, respectively, the Outstanding Research Achievement Award and the Faculty Scholar Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Social and Behavioral Sciences. In 2002 the Institute of Scientific Information, Philadelphia, PA granted Professor Belsky

the Highly-Cited-Researcher designation. In 2007 he was awarded the American Psychological Association's Urie Bronfenbrenner Award for Lifetime Contribution to Developmental Psychology in the Service of Science and Society. In 2010 he was made a member of the Academy of Europe. He was named among the 200 Eminent Psychologists of the Modern Era in 2014 (Archives of Scientific Psychology). In 2015 he received the Bowlby-Ainsworth Award for Contributions to Attachment Theory and Research from the New York Attachment Consortium. Also in 2015 he was listed among the top 100 "Greatest Living Behavioral and Brain Scientists" based on citation analysis.

Professor Belsky is an internationally recognized expert in the field of child development and family studies. His areas of special expertise include the effects of day care, parent-child relations during the infancy and early childhood years, the transition to parenthood, the etiology of child maltreatment and the evolutionary basis of parent and child functioning. He was a founding and collaborating investigator on the NICHD Study of Child Care and Youth Development (US) and Research Director of The National Evaluation of Sure Start (UK). He is the author of more than 450 scientific articles and chapters and the author/editor of several books.

Dr. Belsky's research is marked by a focus upon fathers as well as mothers, marriages as well as parent-child relations, and naturalistic home observations of family interaction patterns. It is both basic and applied in its character. Dr. Belsky's work has been funded, in the U.S., by grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the March of Dimes Foundation and the Sara Scaife Family Foundation. In the U.K., he received funding from The Wellcome Trust and Department for Education and Skills. He served as a consultant to Vice President Gore on the issue of work and families, attending the White House Conference on Child Care. In the UK he served as consultant on matters of child care and early child development to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Treasury, the Department for Education and Skills/ Children, Families and Schools and the committee of the House of Commons overseeing this department.

## **Marie-Therese Connolly**

Senior Scholar

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Washington, DC



Marie-Therese Connolly is a Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a 2011 MacArthur Foundation fellow, and a recipient of a 2016 Yaddo residency to complete a book of nonfiction (W.W. Norton) about elder abuse. MT conceived of and was the original architect of the Elder Justice Act (EJA), the first comprehensive federal law to address elder abuse, enacted with the Affordable Care Act in 2010.

After founding the Department of Justice Elder Justice Initiative in 1999, MT worked with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to co-fund and launch DOJ's elder abuse research program. For more than a decade, NIJ's was only such research program, until the 2016 creation of the new Elder Justice Foundation, which she is advising. While at DOJ, MT also helped guide theory and strategy in federal cases redressing facility abuse and neglect and organize numerous interagency groups and events. She has written speeches and testimony for cabinet and other high-level officials and members of Congress, testified herself before Congress and the Elder Justice Coordinating Council, is a frequent public speaker, has been profiled in various media, and has published in venues including academic and policy journals and newspapers such as the Washington Post. MT also helped to organize Elder Justice Roadmap Project and co-authored EJRP report.

A native of Rochester, Minnesota and graduate of Stanford University and Northeastern University Law School, MT lives in Washington, DC.

## **Alexis Coulourides Kogan, PhD**

Postdoctoral Research Associate  
Keck School of Medicine of USC  
Department of Family Medicine



Alexis Coulourides Kogan, PhD is a postdoctoral research associate at the Keck School of Medicine of USC, in the department of Family Medicine and Geriatrics. She is a mixed-methods health systems researcher that focuses on translational person-centered models of care for older adults and those with serious illness. Dr. Coulourides Kogan earned a BS from Tulane University in exercise and sports sciences, and a MS and PhD in gerontology from the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology. She is a 2016 NIA Pathway to Independence K99/R00 awardee.

## **Zach Gassoumis, PhD**

Research Assistant Professor of Gerontology  
Leonard Davis School of Gerontology  
University of Southern California



Zach Gassoumis', PhD research focuses on securing a basic quality of life for older adults, specifically within the areas of elder abuse, economic security, and the provision of health, social, and protective services. Much of his research involves an application of quantitative methodologies to large, population-based datasets.

Along with his colleagues in the Secure Old Age lab, Dr. Gassoumis has identified the value added when the most severe cases of abuse and neglect are presented to an elder abuse multidisciplinary team, the elder abuse forensic center. Specifically, improvements were seen in perpetrator prosecution, victim protection, and reductions to short-term recurrence. Subsequent projects have analyzed cost effectiveness of the forensic center model, cross-site differences across California's forensic centers, and what characterizes the model as unique among elder abuse multidisciplinary teams nationwide.

Other elder abuse projects have investigated the prevalence of abuse and forensic markers of abuse. Most recently, Dr. Gassoumis has been involved in the and the Adult Protective Services Technical Assistance Resource Center, which is developing a national APS evaluation study, providing technical assistance for APS agencies nationwide, and implementing the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS).

Dr. Gassoumis' research on economic security has looked primarily at economic disparities between racial/ethnic and immigrant groups, specifically the intersection between immigration/naturalization and lifespan income and wealth. Dr. Gassoumis' research also includes the provision of health and services in community (vs. institutional) settings, both through formal services and services provided by family caregivers.

Funding for Dr. Gassoumis' research projects has come from sources including federal (National Institute of Justice, Administration on Community Living, National Institute on Aging), state (California Department of Public Health, California Department of Social Services), foundation (Ford Foundation, the Archstone Foundation, The SCAN Foundation), and other non-profit entities (AARP).



## **Maria Greene, MS**

Consultant with WRMA

Former Director of the Division of Aging Services



Maria Greene, MS, is a consultant with extensive knowledge and experience in human services and support programs for older adults and people with disabilities. She has over twenty years of state government experience in Georgia including ten years as Director of the Division of Aging Services (DAS). With her broad experience in the administration and delivery of services, she has successfully assisted other States in improving their programs and services for older adults and adults with disabilities. Since 2010 she has been working with national associations, state governments, and HHS ACL and DHS FEMA related projects. Ms. Greene is a consultant with WRMA, Inc. working on the National Adult Maltreatment Reporting System (NAMRS) pilot since 2013. She is a subject matter expert for the WRMA team on APS program services, policies & administration, and a team leader for NAMRS.

## **Sherry Hamby, PhD**

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Sherry Hamby, PhD is Director of the Life Paths Appalachian Research Center, Research Professor of Psychology at the University of the South, and founding editor of the APA journal *Psychology of Violence*. A licensed clinical psychologist, Dr. Hamby has worked for more than 20 years on the problem of violence, including front-line crisis intervention and treatment, involvement in grassroots organizations, and research leading to the publication of more than 150 articles and books. She is known for her work on poly-victimization and developing widely used measures of intimate partner violence and youth victimization. Her current primary focus is on resilience and expanding measures for protective factors, with a focus on identifying the under-appreciated strengths in vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. Dr. Hamby has clinical experience with older adult populations in multiple settings, including a nursing home, two inpatient state mental health hospitals, and the Department of Neurology at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Her research has been funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, the John Templeton Foundation, and numerous other agencies. She has served on numerous advisory boards, including the Board of Scientific Counselors at the CDC's National Center for Injury Control & Prevention. Her awards include the 2017 Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Science of Trauma Psychology from the Trauma Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Hamby's work has appeared in the Huffington Post, the Los Angeles Times, Psychology Today, and hundreds of other media outlets.



## **Melissa Howe, PhD**

Research Scientist  
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Dr. Melissa Howe is a Research Scientist in the Academic Research Centers at NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC). Since obtaining her PhD in Sociology from the University of Chicago in 2013, Dr. Howe has served as Program Coordinator for the NIA funded, National Social Life, Health and Aging Project (NSHAP). Her research interests include elder mistreatment, elder care, and cross-cultural studies of health and wellbeing among older adults. In preparation for data collection from NSHAP returning respondents in 2015-16, Dr. Howe coordinated development of the enhanced Wave 3 elder mistreatment survey module. She is Principal Investigator of the Positive Aging for Latinos Study (PALS), a one-year community based participatory research project, funded by Mather LifeWays, and directs a NORC funded study of Public Awareness of Elder Financial Exploitation in the United States.

## **Susan Kurrle, MD, PhD**

Curran Professor in Health Care of Older People  
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Susan Kurrle, MD, PhD is a medical specialist in geriatric medicine practicing at Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital in northern Sydney and at Batemans Bay Hospital in southern NSW. She holds the Curran Chair in Health Care of Older People in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney where she leads the NHMRC Cognitive Decline Partnership Centre. This Centre focuses on research and implementation projects dealing particularly with the care aspects of dementia and currently has 33 projects underway across Australia. Recent work includes development and dissemination of national clinical guidelines for management of dementia, and implementation of a model of care for people with delirium and dementia in acute hospitals. She has been involved in research and practice in the area of elder abuse for almost 30 years and continues to participate in implementation of community and health professional education, and development of policy across the health and legal practice communities.

## **Bonnie Olsen, PhD**

Professor of Clinical Family Medicine  
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Bonnie Olsen, PhD is a clinical psychologist with extensive experience as a geropsychologist, working in academic medicine for over 20 years. She provides cognitive assessment and short-term mental health treatment in a collaborative geriatric primary care setting. As the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs in the Department of Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine at USC, Dr. Olsen is involved in a number of research and program grants that focus on interprofessional geriatric education and elder abuse education and prevention. She is particularly interested in elder mistreatment as it occurs in the context of dementia caregiving and understanding decisional capacity. In 2009, she was awarded the Gold Humanism Honor Society's Gold Star Award for Humanism in delivery of health care and has remained dedicated to community service throughout her career. Dr. Olsen is a passionate advocate and expert for elder justice and the prevention of elder abuse and has guest lectured throughout the country on the topic.

## **Amanda Phelan, PhD, MSc**

Associate Dean of Global Engagement  
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Amanda Phelan is an Associate Professor in the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery & Health Systems. Amanda also holds several positions in the School, namely, Associate Dean for Global Engagement, Subject Head of Older Persons' Nursing and Co-Director of the National Centre for the Protection of Older People. Amanda is programme director for the Gerontological programmes in the School and is also co-programme director for the interdisciplinary MSc Child Welfare and Protection. Her research interests and peer-reviewed publications are in the areas of safeguarding children and adults, public health, discourse analysis, expertise in gerontological nursing and missed care in nursing. Amanda holds the position of national representative for the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and acted as Secretary of the All-Ireland Gerontological Nurses' Association from 2010-2014. Amanda was appointed to the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland's Fitness to Practice Committee in 2014 and is an editorial board member on the *International Journal of Older People Nursing*, *International Journal of Nursing & Clinical Practice* and *Sage Open Journals*. Her first book on elder abuse, *International Perspectives on Elder Abuse* was published in 2013 by Routledge and she is currently working on a second book on the same topic to be published by Springer.

Amanda was an invited expert in the 2017 Irish Citizens' Assembly for policy on ageing and also serves on the National Clinical Programmes for Older People and the National Advisory Committee in Sage (Advocacy for Older People). She also sits on the international research advisory committee for the National Initiative for Care of the Elderly (NICE), University of Toronto, Canada as well as acting as a research advisor to NTNU University, Norway.

Current projects include two EU COST programmes (Ageism and Missed Care), Managing financial abuse of vulnerable adults as customers in Irish financial institutions (IBPF), evaluating a home care programme for older people and developing resilience in family caregiving for people with dementia (HRB).

## **Karl Pillemer, PhD**

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Karl Pillemer, PhD is the Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development at Cornell University and Professor of Gerontology in Medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College. Dr. Pillemer has a career-long program of research, intervention and policy analysis on the mistreatment of older persons. He conducted the first large-scale epidemiological survey of elder abuse and neglect, which established the benchmark prevalence rate for elder mistreatment. Dr. Pillemer has studied elder abuse in long-term care settings, including the most extensive survey of mistreatment of residents in nursing homes by staff. He has developed programs based on this research to reduce mistreatment in nursing homes. Additionally, over the past two decades, Dr. Pillemer has conducted a program of research and intervention to improve staff training in nursing homes and other long-term care environments, to help reduce conflict and abuse in those settings. He has published over 120 scientific articles and is the recipient of the M. Powell Lawton Award from the Gerontological Society of America.

## **Lance Robertson**

U.S. Assistant Secretary for Aging  
Administrator, Administration for Community Living



President Trump appointed Lance Robertson to serve as Assistant Secretary for Aging and ACL's Administrator on August 11, 2017.

ACL was initially established in April 2012, bringing together federal advocacy for older adults and people with disabilities, along with most federal human services programs for older adults and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, missions previously housed in multiple organizations across the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ACL was created around the fundamental principle that all people, regardless of age or disability, should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and fully participate in their communities.

In 2007, Mr. Lance Robertson became Oklahoma's Director of the Aging Services, Oklahoma Department of Human Services. As Director of Aging Services, he was responsible for an annual budget of \$325 million dollars (Medicaid/federal & state) and supervised 19 major programs, including the Older Americans Act program and the state's Home & Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver (ADvantage). He led a statewide team of 225 staff members.

Prior to that, he was at Oklahoma State University for 12 years, where he co-founded the Gerontology Institute and contractually served as Executive Director of PartnerShips for Aging, the largest regional gerontology association in the United States.

Mr. Robertson was the recipient of the Oklahoma Aging Professional of the Year Award, the Salute to Leaders in Aging National Award, the National CareHeroes Professional Award, and the 2015 National Association of States United for Aging & Disabilities (NASUAD) President's Award. He was given 2013 Honorary Alumni Award status for the College of Human Sciences at Oklahoma State University.

Mr. Robertson is a graduate of the 2010 Governor's Executive Development Program for State Officials, and a proud graduate of the first class (1997) of the Oklahoma Aging Advocacy Leadership Academy. His undergraduate degree is from Oklahoma State University and he has a Master in Public Administration degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.

Mr. Robertson is past president of NASUAD, a chief national authority on aging and disability issues. He is a trustee for the Oklahoma Public Employees Association Political Action Committee (PAC) and a council member of the Edmond YMCA. He speaks at many local and national events, most recently at Montana's 48th annual Governor's Conference on Aging. Mr. Robertson is also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

## **Sidney M. Stahl, PhD**

Expert Research Consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice on Elder Abuse  
Retired Chief, Behavioral Processes Branch  
National Institute on Aging/National Institutes of Health



Dr. Sidney M. Stahl served as the Chief of the Individual Behavioral Processes Branch at the National Institute on Aging (NIA), National Institutes of Health (NIH) from 1996 until his retirement in 2012. At NIA, Dr. Stahl was directly responsible promoting diversity in aging research and for building NIA's research programs on elder abuse, long-term care, caregiving, and behavioral medicine.

Stahl worked to foster research programs to identify, prevent, and treat elder abuse. He serves as Expert Consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice on research issues related to elder abuse and has served as Expert Consultant to the U.S. Administration for Community Living/ Administration on Aging. In the latter capacity, he implemented the portion of the Affordable Care Act that created the Cabinet-level Elder Justice Coordinating Council which coordinates activities throughout the federal government on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) chose Dr. Stahl as the 2012 recipient of its most prestigious award, the Donald P. Kent Award. This distinguished honor is given annually to a GSA member who best exemplifies the highest standards for professional leadership in gerontology through teaching, service, and interpretation of gerontology to the larger society.

Prior to his career at NIH, Dr. Stahl served as a professor of medical sociology and social gerontology at Purdue University for over 20 years. He published three books and over 100 articles and chapters on the health of older Americans, social factors in chronic disease, minority aging health, and statistical methods for the measurement of health in aging populations. He served as consultant to the World Health Organization in Geneva and Beijing and as a Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University in England.

## **Mary Twomey, MSW**

Aging Services Program Specialist  
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Mary Twomey is an Aging Program Specialist at the Administration for Community Living, Office of Elder Justice and Adult Protective Services. Previously, Mary was co-director of the National Center on Elder Abuse and the Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect at UC Irvine. From 2000-2007, she ran a local multi-disciplinary Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention at the Institute on Aging in San Francisco. Before that, she spent 11 years at AARP and, among other things, ran their National Guardianship Monitoring Project. Mary's interest in aging and elder justice issues was

kindled when her grandparents came to live with her family when she was a child. She has a Master's degree in Social Work with a concentration in gerontology.

## **Kathleen Wilber, PhD**

Mary Pickford Foundation Professor of Gerontology

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Kate Wilber's, PhD research team focuses on improving health outcomes and quality of life for vulnerable elders, including those with chronic illness, disability, cognitive impairment, and/or economic insecurity. Her group's current projects seek to improve the design and delivery of services and include: 1) evaluating the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center model, a multidisciplinary team that links health and social services with the justice system; 2) examining economic security indicators among diverse groups of older adults; 3) developing a universal assessment for the State of California's home and community-based programs, and 4) developing a better understanding of the challenges family caregivers face and the available evidence-based programs and service models that effectively enhance support and improve outcomes. Dr. Wilber is Co-Direct and Faculty Liaison for the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center and Co-Direct of the National Center on Elder Abuse.

## **Steven H. Zarit, PhD**

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Human Development and Family Studies

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Steven H. Zarit, PhD is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Human Development and Family Studies at the Pennsylvania State University. He also holds the position of Adjunct Professor at the Institute of Gerontology, Jönköping University, Jönköping, Sweden. Dr. Zarit received his doctoral in Human Development in 1973 from the University of Chicago. He has conducted pioneering research on caregiver burden and stress, and most recently has examined the role of adult day care in lowering stress and improving health for caregivers of people with dementia. He also studies

family relationships across the life span and functioning and mental health in very old age. Dr. Zarit has been recognized for his many contributions to the field, including the Distinguished Mentorship Award from the Behavioral and Social Sciences Section of the Gerontological Association of America, the M. Powell Lawton Awards from the American Psychological Association (Divisions 20 and 12-2) and the Gerontological Society of America, and the Pauline Schmitt Russell Distinguished Career Research Award from the College of Health and Human Development at the Pennsylvania State University.

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