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Claire Robb, Ph.D., M.P.H.
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Education

Ph.D. in Aging Studies. 2003. University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

- Dissertation research: The Association of Functional Disability, Personality, Social Support and Subjective Well-Being in Older Adult Couples

MPH in Epidemiology. 2003. University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

B.A. Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio

Research Grants

2011-Present. IISP#38321 *Understanding Barriers to HPV Vaccination and Cervical Cancer Screening among Peruvian Women and their Daughters*, funded by Merck Pharmaceutical Company

7/2008-2012. Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar Award

9/2006-2012. Principal Investigator, *Health and personal resources in older cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy*, Award # NIH 1 R03 CA126376-01, September, 2006, by the National Cancer Institute.

1/2007-2009 Investigator /Consultant, *Support of the caregiver of the older cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy*, Award # NIH 1 R21 CA124606-01, January, 2007, by the National Cancer Institute.

2002-2003. Project Manager, NIA Pilot Grant Study “Quality of Life in Older Breast Cancer Survivors”, Award #1R03AG21210-01

Related Work Experience

8/2012-Present Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Division Director, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA

7/2006-5/2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, The College of Public Health, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

7/2006-7/2008. Post Doctoral Fellow Courtesy Faculty, College of Medicine, The University of South Florida, Tampa Florida

8/2004 – 7/2006. Post Doctoral Fellow in Behavioral Oncology sponsored by a grant from the National Cancer Institute, Assigned to the Senior Adult Oncology Program. H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, Florida

- Areas of research concentration: psychosocial and quality of life concerns in older cancer patients including cancer and dementia, survivorship, predictors of completion of adjuvant chemotherapy, caregiver training

5/2004-5/2006 Instructor, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa FL.

8/2003-5/2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

2002-2003. Project Manager, Charlotte County Healthy Aging Study 5-Year Follow-up

2001-8/2003. Instructor, Department of Gerontology, University of South Florida

2001-2002. Research Assistant, Florida Policy Exchange Center, University of South Florida

2000 -Phase III Project Manager, Hospice Caregiver Bereavement Study, Department of Gerontology

1998-1999. Project Manager, Sun City Center Mental Health Care Survey

1998-2002. Research Assistant, Department of Gerontology, University of South

Research Interests

- Cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination
- Cancer survivorship
- Health disparities and quality of life in geriatric cancer patients
- Functional disability in community-dwelling older cancer survivors

Publications

Robb, C., Chen, H., & Haley, W.E. (2002) Ageism in mental health and health care: A critical review. *Journal of Clinical Geropsychology*, 8, 1-12.

Haley, W.E., **Robb, C.,** Jang, Y., & Han, B. (2003). Aging America: Understanding the journey of life. In J. Robinson (Ed.), *Diversity in human interaction: The tapestry of America*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Robb, C., Haley, W.E., Becker, M.A., Polivka, L.A., and Chwa, H. (2003). Attitudes towards mental health care in younger and older adults: Similarities and differences. *Aging and Mental Health*, 7, 142-152.

Robb, C., Haley, W.E., Balducci, L., Extermann, M., Perkins, E., Small, B.J., and Mortimer, J. (2007). Impact of breast cancer survivorship on quality of life in older women. *Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology*, 62, 84-91.

Perkins, E.A., Small, B.J., Balducci, L., Extermann, M., **Robb, C.,** and Haley, W.E. (2007). Individual Differences in Well-Being in Older Breast Cancer Survivors. *Critical Reviews in Oncology/Hematology*, 62, 74-83.

Robb, C., Small, B.J., and Haley, W.E. (2008). Gender differences in coping with functional disability in self and spouse in older married couples: The role of personality and social resources. *Aging and Mental Health* 12:4,423-33

Robb, C., Boulware, D., Overcash, J., and Extermann (2010). Patterns of care and survival in cancer patients with cognitive impairment. *Crit Rev Oncol Hematol.* 74(3):218-24. Epub 2009 Aug 26

Robb, C., Lee, A. Jacobsen, P, Dobbing, K. & Extermann, M., *Health and personal resources in older cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.* Journal of Geriatric Oncology (in Press), available online <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1879406812004353> January 2013.

Reports

Robb, C. & Smith, C. K. (2011) GCC Cancer Survivorship Survey Results. Prepared for the Georgia Cancer Coalition.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Robb, C., Yang, J., and Haley, W. (2011). *Mastery as a predictor of well-being in older breast cancer survivors.* Manuscript in preparation.

Robb, C., Smith, C., Wagner, S., Lee, A., Bayakly, R., & Vena, J. (2011) *Lung cancer burden in Georgia by age, race, gender, poverty level and rural/non-rural residence,* Manuscript in preparation

Robb, C., Lee, A., Smith, C., & Extermann, M. (2011) *The impact of social support and social network as predictors of chemotherapy outcomes in older cancer patients.* Manuscript in preparation.

Robb, C., Lee, A., Smith, C., & Extermann, M. (2011) *Impact of modifiable variables self-efficacy and mastery as predictors of chemotherapy outcomes in older cancer patients.* Manuscript in preparation.

Presentations

Haley, W.E., **Robb, C.,** Becker, M.A., & Polivka, L.J. Attitudes about mental health services among older adults. Presented at American Psychological Association meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, August, 1999.

Robb, C., Haley, W.E., Becker, M.A., & Polivka, L. A comparison of attitudes about mental health in older and younger adults. Presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Meetings, San Francisco, California, November, 1999.

Haley, W.E., Finley, P., **Robb, C.,** Han, B., Whitten, M., & Schonwetter, R. Predictions of depression in bereaved former hospice caregivers. Presented at Gerontological Society of America meetings, Washington, D.C., November 2000.

Robb, C., Haley, W.E., Becker, M.A., Polivka, L.A. Attitudes towards mental health care in a selected sample of older adults. Presented at the First Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on the Aging, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 2001.

Robb, C., & Haley, W.E. Well-being in older adults: Modeling stressors and resources in couples. Presented as part of a symposium, "Health and illness of older married partners: A focus on the dyad" (M. Franks, Chair), Gerontological Society of America meetings, Chicago, IL, November 2001.

Burton, A.M., Haley, W.E., **Robb, C.**, Schonwetter, R.S. Service utilization in bereaved former Hospice caregivers. Presented at Gerontological Society of America meetings, Chicago, IL, November 2001.

Haley, W.E., **Robb, C.**, Burton, A. Depression in Bereaved Spousal Caregivers of Hospice Patients. Presented at the 14th Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Palm Springs, California, January, 2002.

Robb, C., Haley, W.E., Borenstein, A., Reynolds, S., Schonfeld, L. & Small, B. Gender Differences in the Association of Functional Disability and Subjective Well-being in Older Adult Couples. Presented at the 56th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Diego, California, November 2003

Robb, C., Haley, W.E., Balducci, L., Extermann, M., Perkins, E., Small, B.J., Bergman, E., Jang, Y., and Mortimer, J. Examining Quality of Life in Older Breast Cancer Survivors. Presented at the 57th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C., November, 2004.

Robb, C., Jang, Y., Molinari, V., Overcash, J., Haley, W.E., and Extermann, M. Impact of mastery on older breast cancer survivors. Presented at the 6th Meeting of the International Society for Geriatric Oncology, Geneva, Switzerland, October 2005.

Perkins, E. A., Small, B. J., Balducci, L., Extermann, M., **Robb, C.**, & Haley, W. E. The salience of health status and psychosocial factors in overall well-being among older breast cancer survivors. Presented at the 1st National Cancer Research Institute Cancer Conference, Birmingham, UK, October 2005.

Robb, C., Extermann, M., & Boulware, D. Patterns of care and survival in cancer patients with cognitive impairment: Preliminary Analysis. Presented at the Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA, September, 2007.

Robb, C. The Interface of Cancer and Aging, presented at Georgia Cancer Survivorship Conference, Peachtree City, GA, September, 2007.

Robb, C., Mitchell, J.R., & Hill, M.E. Mother-Daughter Cervical Cancer Education and Prevention Intervention: A Pilot Study. Presented at the American Cancer Society's 2009 conference, Health Equity: Through the Cancer Lens in Las Vegas, NV, July 2009.

Robb, C., Smith, C.K., Smith, E.K., Wagner, S.E., & Vena, J.E. Lung Cancer Burden in Georgia by Age, Race, and Rural/Non-Rural Residence: Preliminary Analyses, presented at the Georgia Cancer Research Symposium in Athens, GA, November 2009.

Robb, C., Extermann, M., & Boulware, D. Patterns of care and survival in cancer patients with cognitive impairment. Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November 2009.

Hou, S. & **Robb, C.** Characteristics and influences on chemotherapy decision among older cancer patients – Does gender make a difference? Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November 2009.

Robb, C., Mitchell, J.R. & Extermann, M. Self-Rated Health, Physical Function and Fatigue in Older Chemotherapy Patients: Gender Differences. Presented at the Gerontological Society Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, November, 2009.

Robb, C. Breaking Down Barriers to Treatment in Older Populations. Presented at the Cancer Patient Navigators of Georgia (CPNG) 2010 Annual Meeting & Educational Conference in Atlanta, GA, September 11, 2010.

Robb, C. , Smith, C.K., Smith, E.K., Wagner, S.E., Bayakly, A.R., & Vena, J.E. Lung Cancer Burden in Georgia by Age, Race, Poverty Level and Rural/Non-rural Residence. Presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver, CO, November 2010.

Vena, J.E., Smith, E., Wagner, S.E., **Robb, C.,** Smith, C., Robinson, D., Mathews, S., & Bayakly, R. Breast Cancer Burden and Racial Disparities in Georgia by Age and Geographic Region. Presented at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver, CO, November 2010.

Robb, C., Smith, C.K., Jacobsen, P., & Extermann, M. Physical Function and Fatigue in Older Cancer Patients: Gender Differences. Presented at the 8th Annual Conference of the American Psycho-oncology Society in Anaheim, CA, February 2011.

Robb, C., Lee, A., Jacobsen, P., & Extermann, M. Effects of Physical Function, Social Support and Personal Control in Older Patients Undergoing Chemotherapy. Presented at the 12th Meeting of the International Society of Geriatric Oncology in Manchester, England, October, 2012.

Robb, C., Lee, A., Jacobsen, P. & Extermann, M. The Impact of Perceived Personal Control for Older Cancer Patients Undergoing Chemotherapy. Presented at the 10th Annual Conference of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society in Huntington Beach, CA, February, 2013.

Professional Association Memberships/Participation

- American Public Health Association
- International Society for Geriatric Oncology
- American Society of Geriatric Oncologists
- Gerontological Society of America
- Peer reviewer for
 - *Psychology and Aging*
 - *Family Relations*
 - *Cancer*