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**RESEARCH AREAS**

Rural aging, scholarship of teaching and learning, social support systems for older adults, older women gerontologist, and death, dying and bereavement. Work in both qualitative and quantitative methods with a special focus on qualitative including phenomenology, auto-ethnography, and participant action research.

**TEACHING AREAS**

Social gerontology; death and dying; sociology of the life course; research methods including program evaluation, qualitative methods, and quantitative methods; aging programs and policies; public policy; public administration; and non-profit management.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**, Statesboro, GA 2017-Present

**Associate Professor of Sociology:** Teaching courses in aging, death and dying, sociology of the life course, social programs and policies in aging, qualitative research methods, social services and income inequality, and introduction to sociology. Responsibilities include at five courses per year teaching load as well as research and service activities.

**Assistant Professor of Sociology** 2011-2017

**Director of the Center for Social Gerontology:** Coordinates efforts of the Center including the development of a cross-disciplinary minor in gerontology, website development, support of research and teaching in aging across campus, chairperson for the Annual Conference which provides professional development for service providers and students interested in the field of gerontology. Directing the Senior Companion Program including grant writing and fiscal oversight of annual grant allocations of approximately \$189,000 and fiscal oversight of foundation accounts of approximately \$130,000. Development and supervision of staff.

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY**, Oxford, OH 2010-2011

**Visiting Instructor:** Taught a total of five courses over the academic year for the Department of Sociology and Gerontology including introductory level gerontology courses and a sociology of aging course including syllabus construction, in-class teaching using an interactive teaching style, evaluation of student learning through a range of strategies including exams, papers, in-class engagement and service learning. Additional responsibilities include active involvement in the department and university.

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY**, Oxford, OH 2006-2010

**Doctoral Associate:** Taught introductory level gerontology four times. Taught social policy and programs in gerontology once. Engaged in research on a variety of subjects including program evaluation for a range of age related programs. Duties included literature reviews, data gathering and analysis and journal article construction. Assisted in the planning and implementation of a national training for Area Agency on Aging administrators.

**EDUCATION**

**PhD Social Gerontology**, Miami University, Oxford, OH, 2011

Dissertation title: "Support networks of rural older adults with self-care challenges"

**Master of Public Administration**, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, 2006

Thesis title: "Perceptions, preferences and values of formal and informal supports to rural older adults"

**BA Gerontology and Human Services**, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 1986

**Certification in Gerontology**, Gerontological Institute, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 1985

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSES**

**Licensed Social Worker**, Massachusetts Board of Social Work. 1990 - Present

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Cohen, A. L. (2018). The motivations for food exchanges in the lives of rural older adults. *Rural Sociology*. DOI: 10.1111/ruso.12217

Cohen, A.L. & Bennett, C.R. (2017). Support network connectedness in the lives of community dwelling rural elders and their families. *Marriage and Family Review*. 53(6), 576-588. DOI: 10.1080/01494929.2016.1247763

Cohen, A.L. & Bulanda, J.R. (2016). Social supports as enabling factors in nursing home admissions: Rural, suburban, and urban differences. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. 35(7), 721-743. DOI: 10.1177/0733464814566677

Arrington, N.M. & Cohen, A.L. (2015). Enhancing scholarship of teaching and learning through micro-level collaboration across two disciplines. *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*. 27(2), 194-203.

Cohen, A.L., Brown, P.P. & Morales, J. (2015). Student journals: A means of assessing transformative learning in aging related courses. *Gerontology & Geriatric Education*. 36(2), 185-203. DOI: 10.1080/02701960.2014.983499

Cohen, A.L. (2013). Family assistance and autonomy in the lives of rural elders. *Marriage and Family Review*. 49(6), 491-503. DOI: 10.1080/01494929.2013.771130

Butler, S. S. & Cohen, A. L. (2010). The importance of nature in the well-being of rural elders. *Nature and Culture*. 5(2), 150-174. DOI: 10.3167/nc.2010.050203

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Cohen, A.L. (2014). Book Review: DIY the search for control and self-reliance in the 21st century. *Teaching Sociology*. 42(4), 303-304. DOI: 10.1177/0092055X14545077

### **REPORTS**

Cohen, A.L., Zorotovich, J., Arflin, R. & Johnson, T. (2018). Community Needs Assessment, 2018. Prepared for Concerted Services, Inc. Statesboro, GA.

### **PAPERS IN PROCESS**

Walker-DeVose, D.C., Zorotovich, J., Cohen, A.L. & Andrews, U. (under review) Service-learning: Systematic evaluation of student experiences. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*.

Cohen, A.L. Ryan, R. & Dawson, A. (in process). The intersection of being a gerontologist and personal aging: Results from the Women in Gerontology Legacy (WIGL) Project.

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Cohen, A.L. (in process). Bringing myself in to the classroom: An autoethnography of teaching death and dying after major loss.

**SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Corporation for National and Community Service Grant (2018) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$166,140

Concerted Services Inc. (2018) Funds to support a community needs assessment of eighteen counties in Southeastern Georgia. Funded: \$16,000

Hospital Authority of Bulloch County Grant. (2018) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$10,000

United Way of Screven County Georgia Community Grant. (2018) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$4,812

United Way of Southeastern Georgia Community Grant. (2018) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$2,125

Corporation for National and Community Service Grant (2017) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$166,140

Hospital Authority of Bulloch County Grant. (2017) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$10,000

United Way of Screven County Georgia Community Grant. (2017) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$3,850

United Way of Southeastern Georgia Community Grant. (2017) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$2,500

Bulloch County Commissioners Grant. (2017) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$1,000

Corporation for National and Community Service Grant (2016) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$166,140

Hospital Authority of Bulloch County Grant. (2016) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$9,600

United Way of Southeastern Georgia Community Grant. (2016) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$6,679

United Way of Screven County Georgia Community Grant. (2016) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$3,850

Bulloch County Commissioners Grant. (2016) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$1,000

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United Way of Southeastern Georgia Community Grant. (2015) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$6,679

United Way of Screven County Georgia Community Grant. (2015) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$3,850

Bulloch County Commissioners Grant. (2015) Funds to support the Senior Companion Program. Funded: \$1,000

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

Cohen, A.L. 2018. "Identifying and overcoming the challenges of professional and family collaborations in caregiving" at the Center for Social Gerontology's Annual Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.

Cohen, A.L. 2018. "Identifying and overcoming the challenges of professional and family collaborations in caregiving" at the Southern Gerontological Society's Annual Meeting in Lake Lanier, Georgia.

Zorotovich, J., Ryan, R. & Cohen, A.L. 2018. "Service-Learning in Higher Ed., Aging-Focused Courses: A Model for Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Research" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryan, R., Zorotovich, J. & Cohen, A.L. 2018. "How to incorporate service-learning into gerontology focused higher education courses" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Atlanta, Georgia.

Cohen, A.L. 2017. "Using word frequencies and word clouds for content analysis" at the Fall 2017 Eagle QuaRC Event in Statesboro, Georgia.

Cohen, A.L. (Moderator), Dennard, C., Pless, D. & Roberts, L. 2017. "Respite care options for caregivers" at the Second Annual Center for Social Gerontology Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.

Cohen, A.L. 2017. "End of life care: Writing up your five wishes document" at the Second Annual Center for Social Gerontology Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.

Cohen, A.L. (Moderator), Roberts, L., Seabrooks, R., Spencer, I. Sykes, C. & Townsend, R. 2017. "Successful aging" at the Second Annual Center for Social Gerontology Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.

Cohen, A.L., Zorotovich, J., Walker-DeVose, D. & Andrews, U. 2017. "Service-learning at Eagle Nation: Systematic evaluation of student experiences" at the Gulf-South Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Cohen, A.L. 2017. "Using your classroom as your research venue: Strategies and challenges" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education in Miami, Florida.

- Cohen, A.L. 2016. "Prescription drug use, misuse and addiction in late Life" at the Center for Social Gerontology Annual Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.
- Cohen, A.L. 2016. "Sex in late Life" at the Center for Social Gerontology Annual Conference in Statesboro, Georgia.
- Cohen, A.L., Bennett, C.R., Dawson, A., Brown, P.P., Gillen, L. & Hegland, E. 2016. "Collaborative research with professors and graduate students: Stories from the WIGL (Women in Gerontology Legacy) Project" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Long Beach, California.
- Cohen, A.L. 2016. "More than just BINGO: Teaching students about problem gambling in later life." Poster presentation as part of a group, "Teaching taboo topics: Risky Behaviors in Late Life" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Long Beach, California.
- Brown, P.P., Cohen, A.L., Bradley, D. Bennett, C.R., Dawson, A. & Estes, C. 2015. "Becoming a gerontologist: Lessons from the WIGL Project" Symposium at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- Bradley, D., Brown, P., Cohen, A., & Estes, C. 2015. "Reflecting realities: Aging through the eyes of women gerontologists." Paper presentation at the International Association of Gerontology & Geriatrics-European Region (IAGG-ER) 8th Congress, Dublin, Ireland. (Contributor/Non-Presenter)
- Brown, P.P., Cohen, A.L., Bradley, D. & Estes, C. 2015. "'I knew what to expect ...' Reflections on knowledge of aging versus personal experiences of female gerontologists" Paper presentation at the Southern Gerontological Society's Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia
- Cohen, A.L. 2015. "Shifts in students' attitudes toward elders through service learning with well and frail elders" Paper presentation, "Teaching taboo topics" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Cohen, A.L. & Brown, P.P. 2014. "Taboo topics in geriatric care." Training presented as part of continuing education at Baylor University, Dallas, Texas
- Cohen, A.L. & Brown, P.P. 2014. "Transformative learning in online and face-to-face death and dying classes." Paper presentation at the Southern Gerontological Society's Annual Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Cohen, A.L. & Morales, J. 2014. "Integrating the student perspective into the research process: Students as co-researcher." Paper presentation at the SoTL Commons Conference, Savannah, Georgia.
- Cohen, A.L. 2014. "Teaching aging policy using same sex partnerships and marriages." Paper presentation as part of a panel, "Teaching taboo topics" at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Denver Colorado.
- Arrington, N.M. & Cohen, A.L. 2013. "The role of service learning in the attainment of course objectives in undergraduate aging courses." Paper presentation at the SoTL Commons Conference, Savannah, Georgia.

- Cohen, A.L. 2013. "Teaching sexuality and aging." Paper presentation as part of a panel, "Teaching taboo topics." at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Cohen, A.L. & Brown, P.P. 2012. "Combating the challenges of online and face-to-face environments in teaching undergraduate students about death and dying." Paper presentation at the Association for Death Education and Counseling's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Cohen, Adrienne. 2012. "Teaching death and dying online." Paper presentation as part of a panel, "Teaching Taboo Topics." at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Arlington, Virginia.
- Cohen, A.L. & Bulanda, J.R. 2011. "Social supports as predisposing factors in rural and non-rural nursing home admissions." Paper presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Cohen, A.L. 2010. "Support networks of rural older adults with self-care challenges." Paper presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Cohen, A.L. 2010. "Using older adults as resources in gerontological education." Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Reno, Nevada.
- Cohen, A.L. 2009. "Support for rural aging: Past, present and future." Symposium chair at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Cohen, A.L. 2009. "Perceptions and preferences of rural elders relative to informal supports and the role of autonomy." Paper presented at the Twenty-first Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference, Cedarville, Ohio.
- Cohen, A.L. 2009. "Learning to translate: Presenting qualitative research proposals to quantitative researchers." Paper presented at the Fourth Annual Qualitative Inquiry Symposium, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- Cohen, A.L. 2009. "Medicare Part D as a case study: Teaching policy analysis using competing perspectives." Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, San Antonio, Texas.
- Cohen, A.L. 2008. "Understanding the motivations behind rural elder migration decisions: A new model." Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting, National Harbor, Maryland.
- Cohen, A.L. 2008. "Should I move to town? Isolated rural elders and the value of aesthetic capital." Paper presented at the Third Annual Qualitative Research Symposium, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- Cohen, A.L. 2008. "Rural migration." Paper presented at the Conference of the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Cohen, A.L. 2008. "Overcoming rural isolation: Recommendations from a qualitative study." Presented at the Aging in America Conference, Washington, D.C..

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Cohen, A.L. 2007. "Should I move to town? Isolated rural elders and the value of aesthetic capital." Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

Cohen, A.L. 2007. "Sense of place: The value of home in the lives of rural older adults." Paper presented at the Conference of the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, Newark, Ohio.

Cohen, A.L. 2007. "Sense of place: The value of home in the lives of rural older adults." Paper presented at the Graduate and Adjunct Association's Symposium, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Cohen, A.L. 2007. "Using in-depth interviewing to understand the lives of frail rural older adults." Paper presented at the Second Annual Qualitative Research Symposium, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### Undergraduate Courses

##### Georgia Southern University

Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to Gerontology

Death and Dying

Sociology of the Life Course

Aging

Aging Programs and Policies

Program Evaluation

Social Services and Income Inequality

##### Miami University

Aging in American Society

Social Policy and Programs in Gerontology

Sociology of Aging

#### Graduate Courses

##### Georgia Southern University

Special Topics: Graduate Seminar on Aging

Qualitative Research Methods

Program Evaluation

### **THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

Pattanaik, Swaha (DPH). In process, "Development of a Community-Based Oral Health Promotion Intervention for Non-Institutionalized Older Adults in Medically Underserved Communities in Southeastern Georgia using the PRECEDE-PROCEED Planning Model." Dissertation Committee Member

Bastain, Ginger (DPH). In process. "Feasibility of Developing an Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Center in Northeast Tennessee." Dissertation Committee Member

Bostick, Danielle (MASS). 2016. "A Qualitative Examination of College Student Parents' Needs in the Rural Southeast." Thesis Committee Member

Render, Jessica (MASS). 2015. "Utilizing Participatory Action Research to Assess the Interagency Collaboration of a Community-Based After-School Program Partnership." Thesis Chair

### **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING/WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

**Teaching Toolbox: How to Get Students to do the Reading** (2018). Workshop facilitated by Lauren Barbeau and Laura Lowe-Reefer, Georgia Southern University.

**Creating Self-Regulated Learners** (2015). Book discussion group, Center for Teaching and Technology, Georgia Southern University.

**Effective Responses to Student Writing** (2015). Workshop presented by Michael Pemberton, director of the Writing Center at Georgia Southern University.

**Quality Matters Rubric Online Workshop** (2014). Training provided guidance regarding the quality matters requirements and how to evaluate an online course to determine if it fits the criteria for quality matters.

**Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative** (2011). This refresher training course assists researchers in preparing to implement various research projects under the university system.

**Online Course Development Training** (2011 & 2013). This training provide several modules to learn how to take on a range of tasks including developing and managing an online course using the GeorgiaView system.

**GTY705 Communicating Gerontological Knowledge** (2007). This three credit course taught a range of pedagogical skills including a variety of teaching strategies, curriculum development, student evaluation and active learning techniques.

**GSTEP (Graduate Student Teaching Enhancement Program)** (2008). This one credit course focused on preparation for the college s teaching experience. Attended eight workshops on issues such as the use of technology in the classroom and small group discussions.

**CELT (Center for Enhanced Learning and Teaching)** (2006-2009). Workshops including "Teaching International Students", "Strategies for Breaking up the Routine of Lecture," "Using Technology to Enhance Active Inquiry-based Teaching and Learning" and "Building the Learning-Centered University." Attended a total of eight CELT workshops. 2006 to 2009.

**Learning to Listen and Learning to Teach** (2003). a multiday day professional training for seminar facilitators. Learned strategies for engaging a range of learners, developed curriculum for community training, gained experience in facilitating learning.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

National Senior Corps Association, 2016 to present

Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (university-wide affiliate), 2016 to 2018

Member of the National Council on Family Relations, 2015-2016

Member of Southern Gerontological Society, 2011-present

Member of the Georgia Gerontological Society, (university-wide affiliation), 2017 to present

Member of Rural Aging Interest Group, Gerontological Society of American, 2008-present

Member of Gerontological Society of America, Social Research, Policy and Practice, 2006-present



### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK**

**VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**, Middlebury, VT 1997 - 2006

**Substance Abuse Prevention Consultant:** Developed, implemented, coordinated, and evaluated prevention programming at community, county, and state levels. Advised, consulted, and educated a range of individuals including human service administrators, state employees, schools administrators, families, youth, local government administrators on the nature and impacts of alcohol and other drug problems. Provided statewide consultation and education on substance abuse and older adult issues to a wide range of professionals. Consulted on the development, review, and allocation of state, federal and private grants. Implemented a statewide substance abuse prevention program for older adults through collaboration with state agencies, community coalitions, nonprofit agencies and private contractors.

**THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE**, Bellows Falls, VT 1996 - 1997

**Administrative Coordinator:** Organized a community-wide agency focusing on substance abuse prevention. Acted as collaborator and administrative manager of a several grants totaling more than \$100,000 in community substance abuse prevention funds. Organized and administered a community-wide coalition of service providers including educators, law enforcement, and social service professionals.

**COUNCIL ON AGING OF SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT**, Brattleboro, VT 1992-1996

**Advocate:** Provided needs assessment, established a client-directed plan of action, provided benefits counseling, and referral to appropriate resources. **Senior Companion Supervisor:** Supervised senior companion volunteers for the region. **Peer Counselor Coordinator:** Designed programs, handled recruitment, coordinated monthly trainings and supervised volunteer staff on issues such as substance abuse, bereavement, and life transitions.

**PUTNEY FAMILY SERVICES and COMMUNITY DAY CARE**, Putney, VT 1992-1994

**Coordinator:** Collaborated with two community agencies to implement several series of presentations on child development and parenting skills. Wrote and received grants, located speakers, handled outreach, public relations, and press.

**BOWDOIN STREET HEALTH CENTER**, Boston, MA 1988-1990

**Community Organizer and Health Educator:** Facilitated community needs assessment and established self-empowerment strategies for low-income, multi-ethnic neighborhood residents regarding environmental issues. Provided health promotion outreach to patients and other community members.

**LIVING IS FOR THE ELDERLY**, Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, MA 1985-1986

**Area Director and Legislative Coordinator:** Handled advocacy and taught strategies for empowerment to local and statewide nursing home residents. Filed bills, monitored progress, and testified at legislative hearings on elderly issues.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

Director: **Center for Social Gerontology 2014 - present**

Academic Advisor: **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, 2012 - present**

Board Member:

Addison County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Task Force 1997 to 2006

Addison County Domestic Violence Task Force, 1998 to 2006, Steering Committee, 2004 to 2006

Addison County Long-Term Care Coalition 1999 to 2006

Coalition on Substance Abuse and Older Vermonters, 1994 to 2006 (Executive Committee, 1998 to 2006)

Easter Seals of Vermont, 2004 to 2006

People of Addison County Together, Addison County's Agency of Human Services' regional partnership 1998 to 2002 Successful Aging and Independent Living (SAIL) Task Force, 1999 to 2004

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Vermont Advisory Council on Elder Mental Health, Dementia and Substance Abuse, 2001 to 2006  
(Executive Committee 2004 to 2006)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

**Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Award** 2014

**Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Fellow** 2012-2013

**Ruth Weg Emerging Scholar Award** presented by Sigma Phi Omega, the National Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology, 2008

**Marshall E. Dimock Award** for scholarly and professional achievements in public administration, 2006

**Kathy Fionda Award** for excellence in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention from the Vermont Department of Health, 2003

**Director's Award for excellence** in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment from the Vermont Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, 1998

**Sigma Phi Omega**, The National Gerontology Academic Honor and Professional Society, Miami University, initiated March 2007

**Pi Alpha Alpha**, The National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, University of Vermont Chapter, initiated May 2005