

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. (2012)
Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Anthropology
“*Leaving home in late life: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in the Midwestern United States.*”
Co-Chairs: Ruth Dunkle (Social Work), Judith T. Irvine (Anthropology)
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Masters of Arts in Anthropology (2007)
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Masters of Science in Social Work (1998)
Concentration: Administration and Planning
University of Texas
Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude (1993)
Major: Mathematics with a concentration in Spanish;
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, TN

Research Interests

Older Adult Housing Transitions, Built Environment and Aging
Gerontological Social Work and Diverse Populations
Long-Term Care Issues

Teaching Interests

Aging: Theories and Interventions
History of Social Welfare Policy for Older Americans
Macro Social Work
Qualitative Methods/Mixed Methods
Social work in Diverse Populations/International Social Work

Awards

Honorable Mention, Manuscript competition for Theoretical Developments in Social Gerontology, *Moving as a Family Affair: Application of the SOC Model to kinship networks*. Gerontological Society of America (2013).

Leaving Home in Late Life: A post-move study of African American Elders and their kin in Detroit, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (2013-14)

Summer Workshop Invited Participant, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research (2013)

Leaving Home in Late Life: Phase One Follow-up, Wayne State University, University Research Grant, Office of the Provost (2013)

Wayne State University, Office of Teaching and Learning, Faculty Teaching and Travel Grant. (2012-13)

Henry Meyer Paper Award, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, for paper titled, “*Gifts of Preparation: Balancing Autonomy and Obligations which Transcend Space, Time and Mortality.*” (2010)

Hartford Foundation Pre-Dissertation Doctoral Fellowship for Dissertation research: ***Leaving home in late life: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in the Midwestern United States*** (2010-2).

Society for Medical Anthropology conference funding from National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, principal investigator, Dr. Mark Padilla. (2009)

Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan. (2009)

Department of Anthropology, Summer Research funding. (2004)

Student Scholarship from the Alzheimer’s Association to participate in the Association of Anthropology and Gerontology 2003 Annual Meeting (2003)

Rackham Merit Fellowship for graduate study, University of Michigan. (2003-4; 2007-10)

Pre-doctoral fellow with National Institute of Aging Training Grant, University of Michigan. (2001-3; 2004-6)

**Publications
(peer reviewed)**

Perry, T., Ruggiano, N. Shtompel, N. and L. Hassevort (Accepted). Applying Erikson's Wisdom to Self-Management Practices of Older Adults: Findings from Two Field Studies. *Research on Aging*.

Shen, H & T. Perry (Accepted). Giving Back and Staying Put: Volunteering as a Stabilizing Force in Relocation. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*.

Perry, T. (Accepted). The Rite of Relocation: Social and Material Transformations in the Midwest U.S. *Signs and Society*.

Jennings, T., Perry, T. E., & Valeriani, J. (2014). In the best interest of the (adult) child: Ideas about kinship care of older adults. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 17(1).

Perry, T. (2014) Seasonal Variation and Homes: Understanding the Social Experiences of Older Adults. *The Journal of Long Term Home Health Care*. 32:1.

Perry, T. and R. Ziemba. (2014). "Needs Assessments and Community/University Collaborations: A case study of a coalition for addressing the health care needs of a county's older adult population." *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. doi:10.1177/0733464813520571

Perry, T. (2014). "Reworking the Template: The Financial Crisis and Housing Transitions of Older Americans. *The Collective Spirit of Aging Across Cultures*. Book Chapter.

Perry, T.E., Andersen, T.C. & D.B. Kaplan (2013). Relocation Remembered: Perspectives on Senior Transitions in the Living Environment. *The Gerontologist*. doi: 10.1093/geront/gnt070

Ziemba, R, Perry, T., Takahashi, B. and Algase, D. (2006). "That model is sooooo last millennium! Residential long term care as a system, not a place." *Journal of Housing for the Elderly, Special Issue*.

Perry, T. (2005). "Katrina: Is there a role for anthropology and gerontology?" *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*, Volume 26, Issue 4.

Perry, T. (2005). "Navigating the conference spectrum" *Anthropology and Aging Quarterly*, Volume 26, Issue 3.

**Other
Publications**

Ziemba, R., Perry, T., Roehler, D. and T. Dietz (2011) "With Purpose & Promise_ Needs Assessment: Education and Support for Nursing Staff." Needs assessment for older adults of Calhoun County, Michigan.

**Manuscripts
Under Review**

Perry, T. (revise and resubmit) "Make Mine Home: Spatial Modification with Functional Implications in Older Adulthood." *The Journal of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.

Perry, T. (revise and resubmit) Moving as a Gift: Voluntary Housing Transitions for Older Adults in the United States. *Journal of Aging Studies*

Hopp, F., Camp, J. and T. Perry (under review). Social Workers in Heart Failure: Expanding Roles in Helping Those with Chronic Illness at the End of Life. *Health and Social Work*.

**Manuscripts to
be submitted**

Perry, T. and T. Jennings (in progress). *Moving as a Family Affair: Application of the SOC Model to kinship networks*

Kaplan, D., Perry, T. Andersen, T. and A. Lehning. (in progress). Applying different types of dementia to aging in place and relocation.

**Research
Experience**

Dissertation data collection (2009-2012) for project entitled, "*Leaving home in late life: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in the Midwestern United States.*" Conducted interviews with older persons, their family members and professionals in senior housing industry, participant observation, and document review.

Research Consultant (2009-10) for Needs Assessment for older adults in Calhoun County, Michigan. Conducted focus groups and consulted on design of research and survey instruments. Principal Investigator: Professor Rosemary Ziemba, School of Nursing, University of Michigan

Research Intern (2007-8) for paper entitled, "*What do conversational styles tell us about aging and family dynamics?*" Supervisor: Professor Deborah Keller-Cohen, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan

"Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods"
Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, University of Michigan
2005 *Summer Scholar*

Student Column Editor (2004-5) for Anthropology and Gerontology newsletter produced by AAGE (Association for Anthropology and Gerontology)

Research Assistant (1996-7) for Child Care Market Rate study
Center for Social Work Research, University of Texas

Practice Experience

Washtenaw County, Michigan Hoarding Task Force,
2010-11 *Volunteer and Debrief Facilitator*

Singapore Action Group of Elders (SAGE) Counselling Centre, Singapore
1999 – 2001 *Social Worker*

- Staff in charge of Helpline serving elderly and caregivers including training, management and supervision of helpline volunteers
- Face-to-face counselor for elderly and caregivers including home visits and brokerage of community resources for clients
- Trainer for other service providers, Jurong West Neighbourhood Police Centre and schools on “Understanding the Elderly,” “Communicating with the Elderly” and Basic Counselling Skills
- Staff in charge of SAGE’s efforts to spearhead public education exhibits for the Ministry of Community Development and Sports

National Council of Social Service, Singapore
1998 – 1999 *Executive, Elderly Services Department*

- Staff in charge for network of service providers in the elderly sector in the West of Singapore. (*Community Care Network-West*) Projects include working with network members to develop: minimum standards of service for day cares for the elderly, “Memoirs of Older Persons” book, International Year of Older Persons walk, network newsletter.
- Staff in charge for NCSS Networks International Year of Older Persons Committee.
- Working with a Voluntary Welfare Organisation (VWO) to set up a dementia day care in the north of Singapore.
- Member of review team to examine befriending program for the elderly.
- Staff in charge for two case management pilot programs for the elderly including conceptualization plan for future case management programs and work with the two VWOs to develop evaluation parameters.
- Member of Project Team selected to develop program evaluation system for funded VWOs.

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Cambridge, MA
1998 *Special Projects Employee to the Executive Director*

- Staff liaison to the Long Range Planning Committee of the Board of Directors.
- Developed methodology to update agency’s Five Year Plan; Presented findings to members of the Board of Directors.
- Conducted cost-benefit analysis of direct mail solicitation program and major donor fundraising.
- Reviewed financial and organizational concerns associated with UUSC’s Cards & Merchandise Program; Facilitated problem-solving sessions with appropriate staff members; discussed implementation models with Executive Director.

Communities In Schools, Austin, TX

1997 *M.S.S.W. Intern*

- Facilitated individual and group therapy with children ages 10-13. Work included co-facilitating “Grief and Loss”, “Sexual Assault Survivors” and “Job Readiness” groups.
- Created mentor program, organized peer mediation outreach.

United States Peace Corps, Nepal

1993-95 *Math Teacher and Teacher Trainer*

- Received three months of intensive orientation in Nepali language and culture.
- Taught for one year in a village secondary school to classes ranging in size from 60-120 students.
- Conducted government-sponsored trainings for Nepali teachers in mathematics.
- Developed and conducted a training session for female, primary level teachers focusing on mathematics, health and women’s issues.
- Carried out all teaching and administrative duties in the Nepali language.

Coalition for the Defense of Battered Women, Nashville, TN

1993 *Intern*

- Interviewed battered women in the Tennessee Women’s prison.
- Prepared a needs assessment of social services, legal and policy initiatives for battered women.
- Authored legal aid manual for women prisoners.

Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE), Singapore

1998-2001 *Member, Helpline and Support Services Sub-Committee*

- As a committee member, work to monitor and sustain direct services offered by AWARE.

Center for Health Services at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

(A non-profit that uses applied and experiential learning techniques to help people working at the grassroots level)

1992-93 *Board Member and Executive Committee Member*

Alternative Spring Break Program, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

1992-3 *Co-Chair*

- Directed volunteer programs at 17 sites for over 300 students and faculty.
- Trained site leaders, Managed \$80,000 budget.

1992 *Site Leader*

- Facilitated experience in working in homeless shelters in Philadelphia

- Planned for lectures by homeless activists at the Univ. of Pennsylvania

Teaching Experience

Winter 2014 — SW 7820 **Research Methods in Social Work 1** (MSW course)
Assistant Professor, Wayne State University

Fall 2013 — SW 9230 **Theories for Practice and Research with Communities and Organizations** (Doctoral course)
Assistant Professor, Wayne State University

Fall-2012 — SW 7820 **Research Methods in Social Work 1** (MSW course)
Assistant Professor, Wayne State University

Fall 2012 — SW 9230 **Theories for Practice and Research with Communities and Organizations** (Doctoral course)
Assistant Professor, Wayne State University

Winter 2011 — **Planning for Organizational and Community Change**
(course cross-listed in Social Work and Urban Planning)
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

- Designed syllabus and taught course independently

Spring/Summer 2008 — **Social Work with the Elderly**
Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

- Designed syllabus and taught course independently

Fall 97 — **Violence Issues in Social Work**, *Professor Dorothy Van Soest*
Teaching Assistant, University of Texas

Presentations/ Poster (peer reviewed)

Hopp, F.P., Camp, J. & Perry, T. (2014). Social worker's role in heart failure: Helping those with chronic illness at the end of life. Presented at the Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) General Assembly, San Diego, CA.

Perry, T. (2013). Moving Beyond the Older Adult: A Case Study of a Family's Experience with Relocation. Chaired session titled, "Possessions and Place Matters." Gerontological Society of America conference.

Kaplan, D., Perry, T. Andersen, T. and A. Lehning. (2013). Senior Transitions in Living Environments: A Framework for Addressing Critical Factors and Contemporary Issues. Gerontological Society of America conference.

Lehning, A., Andersen, T., Perry, T. & D. Kaplan (2013). Application of an Emerging Theoretical Framework on Aging in Place and Relocation.

Gerontological Society of America conference.

West, S., Perry, T. and J. Valeriani. (2013). Assessment of Practitioner Competence: Supporting Older Adults and Their Housing Needs. University of Michigan Health System Third Annual Social Work Research Symposium.

Perry, T., West, S. and J. Valeriani (2013) *Preparing practitioners: Relocation in Older Adulthood*. Poster presented at Bridging the Research and Practice Gap: A Symposium on Critical Considerations, Successes and Emerging Ideas Conference. Houston, TX

Ziemba, R., Perry, T., and T. Dietz (2013). *In Support of Workers: Family Caregivers and Care Recipients Speak Out*. Dean's Research Day. School of Nursing, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2013). Disease Diagnosis and Decline: Anticipatory Relocations of Older Americans. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research conference as part of symposium entitled, "Defying, Delaying, and Anticipating Decline of Older Adults in U.S. Residential Settings."

Lehning, A. and T. Perry (2013). Neighborhood and Individual Influences on Older Adults' Choices and Residential Locations. Invited Symposium: Neighborhood Environments across the Life Course. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research conference.

Perry, T. (2012). "A Day or a Phase: Moving experiences of older adults." Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2012). "Imagining distance: the impact of geography on moves of older adults." Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2012). "Impact of the global financial crisis on moving practices of older adults." Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2012). Seasons in the sun: the rhythmic nature of the impact of the built environment on older adults. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2012). "Exploring the Mundane: Negotiating moves among older adults and their networks in an American Mudroom." Paper presented at Michigangoan Annual Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Chicago, IL.

Perry, T. (2012). "Moving as a Gift: Voluntary Housing Transitions for Older

Adults in the United States” Poster presented at Rackham Graduate School Centennial Symposium, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. and R. Ziemba (2011). “*Education and Support for Nursing Staff: Lessons learned from a community planning for the future.*” Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2011). “*Marking difference in transitions: Leaving home in late life in the Midwestern United States*” Paper presented at Michigaoan Annual Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor, MI.

Ziemba, R., Perry, T., and T. Dietz (2010). “*In Support of Workers: Family Caregivers and Care Recipients Speak Out.*” Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2010). “*Make Mine Home: The role of personalization in the independent living choices of older adults.*” Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

Perry, T. (2009). “*Gifts of Preparation: Balancing Autonomy and Obligations which Transcend Space, Time and Mortality.*” Paper presented at Society for Medical Anthropology conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT. Chaired the symposium entitled: *Moralities at the Margins of Life: Obligations and Expectations in the Making and Unmaking of Persons and Social Relations.*

Perry, T. (2008). “*Are you there?: Telephone communication styles of older persons and their family networks.*” Society for Social Work Research conference, Washington, D.C.

Ziemba, R and T. Perry (2005). “*That practice is soooo last millennium: Residential care as a system not a place.*” in symposium entitled: *Sharing Professional Spaces: Re-Shaping Interdisciplinary Practice in Long Term Care.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference.

Perry, T. (2004). “Exploring the bounds of language in a nursing home.” Presentation at the Association of Anthropology and Gerontology 2003 Annual Meeting.

Perry, T. (2003). “*Fading to the background: Language ideology and the discursive practices of older persons.*” Paper presented at Michigaoan Annual Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, Ann Arbor, MI.

Perry, T. (2003). “*Do you hear what I say? Perceptions of communication in an institutional setting for older persons.*” Chaired symposium entitled: *Critical Perspectives in Aging: Linking Ideology and Practice.* Paper presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference, San Diego, CA.

**Other
Presentations**

Perry, T. (2013). Older Adult Relocation: Presentation to practitioners. Neighborhood Service Organization-Tumaini Center.

Perry, T. (2013). Leaving Home in Late Life: Research Updates. Presentation to Research Participants.

Perry, T. (2013). Historical Milestones in Education: What it Means for our Students. Wayne State University School of Social Work. Teaching Discussion

Perry, T. (2013). *Moving as a Family Affair: Application of the SOC Model to kinship networks*. Brown Bag. Wayne State University School of Social Work. Center for Social Work Research Fall 2013 Research Brown Bag Series.

Perry, T. (2013). Community Organizing Case Study. Presentation to Theories and Practice of Community Building/Development, Wayne State University.

Perry, T. West, S. and J. Valeriani (June 2013). *Moving Transition and Older Adults*. Michigan Association of Service Coordinator's Conference. Lansing, Michigan.

Perry, T. (2013). *Ethnographic Method*. Presentation to Community Psychology and Program Evaluation class, Wayne State University.

Perry, T. (2013). *Ethnographic Method*. Presentation to Qualitative Research Methods class, Wayne State University.

Perry, T. (2011). "Older adult moving study: Hope and Expectations in transforming one's Space: Preliminary Findings." Presentation to research participants.

Perry, T. (2011). "Older Adult Moving Study: Roles for practitioners." Presentation to University of Michigan Elder Collaborative.

Perry, T. (2010). "Everything Elderly - Rehabilitation and long term care at Glacier Hills, and seniors moving. Everything Elderly radio program". Research featured on radio program on December 18, 2010.

Research featured in newspaper article by Alan Caldwell entitled, "Ann Arbor provides a great place for senior citizens to live, enjoy life." February 4, 2011. *Ann Arbor Journal*.

Perry, T. (2010). "Moving experiences of older adults An Evening of Sharing, Learning and Laughing: MSW Students and Five Aging Scholars Kick It!"

Presentation to MSW students. School of Social Work, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2010). Discussant for Conversations across Social Disciplines program entitled, "Housing, Homes and Ownership" School of Social Work, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2010). "Older Adult Moving Study: A Community in the Making." Poster Session at School of Social Work Retreat, University of Michigan.

Perry, T. (2006). "Intersections of risk and creativity in exploration of the personal history." Discussant remarks for Anthropology and Social Work colloquium.

Perry, T. (2003). "Do you hear what I say? Perceptions of communication in an institutional setting for older persons." Paper presented at Linguistics Lab, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

**Professional
Affiliations**

Co-liaison, Neighborhoods, Housing and Relocation. Hartford Alumni Networking Group.

Member, Gerontological Society of America

Member, Society for Social Work Research

Member, National Association of Social Workers

Member, Advisory Board, Hartford Center for Excellence.
University of Michigan

Member, Advisory Board, Community and Home Supports,
Detroit, Michigan