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Education

- 1982 Ph.D. School of Social Service Administration
University of Chicago

Dissertation topic: "The Impact of Longterm, Progressive,
Fatal Childhood Illness on the Family"
- 1973 M.S. Social Work
University of Wisconsin/Madison
- 1971 B .A. with honors
University of Wisconsin/Madison

Certifications

Licensed Clinical Social Worker State of Illinois

Board Certified Diplomate

A.C.S.W.

Teaching Experience

- 1996-Present Loyola University
Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Loyola University
Courses:
- 1991-1996 Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work, Loyola University
- 1992-1996 Institute for Clinical Social Work
Faculty
- Summers of 1991 and
1992 University of Chicago
Faculty, Professional Development Program
- 1991 National Louis University
Parttime faculty, Continuing Education Program
- 1979 Department of Human Resources, City of Chicago

Parttime Faculty

Clinical Experience

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| 1974-present | Private Practice |
| 1973-1980 | Social Work Supervisor, Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital |
| 1975-1980 | Evanston Hospital, Neuromuscular disease clinical social worker |
| 1971-1972 | V. A. Hines Social Worker |

Consultation Services

- Consultant, St. Francis Hospital
- Consultant, Family Service of Winnetka
- Consultant, Muscular Dystrophy Association
- Consultant, Multiple Sclerosis Association
- Consultant, Community and Family Service, Western Springs
- Consultant, Fillmore Center for Human Services

Professional Affiliations

- American Society on Aging
- Gerontological Society of America
- Illinois Society for Clinical Social Work
- Clinical Social Work Committee on Psychoanalysis
- National Association of Social Workers
- Board Certified Diplomate

Community Service

- 2001 Buehler Center of Aging - Advisory Board

2001 Conference _ Aging as a Growth Experience _ developed with the
Institute on Aging, Loyola, Fourth Presbyterian Church,
Department of Communications.
2001 Samaritan Center Board of Directors
2001 Committee on Psychoanalysis Conference Planning Committee
1998 Lake View Church focus groups on religious practice
1998 2000 Newsletter editor Illinois Society of Clinical Social Work
1997 Beth Emet Synagogue Board
1996 Juror Clinical Social Work Committee on Psychoanalysis
Conference papers
1999 Juror National Societies for Clinical Social Work Conference and
moderator of a workshop

Teaching Activities Loyola University:

Coordinator of the Health Concentration
Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Training Liaison

Doctoral level

Third Clinical Seminar
Practice processes
Evolution of psychodynamic theory

Masters level

Individuals and Families 503 & 504
Small Groups
Group Therapy
Clinical Social work in Health Care (revised)
Clinical Social Work and the Aged (revised)
Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Undergraduate Level Courses

Human Behavior
Social Policy
Family Dynamics
Changing Role of Women

Continuing Education to Field Supervisors
Adult Development in Women
Clinical Aspects of Health Care
Women's Lives: Menopause in Treatment the Therapist and Client
Women_s Lives:Chronic Illness in Women
Children's Lives: Mothers and Adolescent Daughters: Transitions and Transformations

Faculty Liaison/Academic Advisor for graduate students in field

Committees
Curriculum
Personnel (Elected 2002 & 1997-1999)
Field
Methods, Chair
Health
Continuing Education

Continuing Education

Case Conference (monthly ongoing case consultation group)
Federation on Clinical Social Work
ICAPP
Institute on Clinical Social Work
American Society on Aging
Rebecca Cohen Memorial Series on Aging
Joan Greenstone Memorial Lecture

Publications:

Journal Publications

Spira, M. Mapping your future. Gerontological Social Work (in press)

Spira, M. and Wall, J. (2004). Voices of Three Generations: Families and

- the Declining Health of Older Adults. Families in Society (In press).
- Spira, M. and Wall, J. (2004). Intergenerational Families:
Adolescent Perceptions of the Declining Health of
Grandparents. Child and Adolescent Social Work. (In Press).
- Spira, M. And Kenemore, E. (2001) A relational approach to cancer
wellness. Clinical Social Work. Summer, 2002
- Spira, M. and Berger, B. (2001)The penultimate: Understanding adult
women beyond menopause. Psychoanalytic Social Work, Vol. 8
(1) 23-36.
- Spira, M., Grossman, S. Bendorf, J. Wolff (2001). Development of Voice
and self-esteem in a bicultural/bilingual
environment. Child and Adolescent Social Work (accepted 6/01)
- Spira, M. and Kenemore, E. (2000) Adolescent daughters of mothers with
breast cancer: Impact and implications. Clinical Social Work, Vol.
28, No.2.
- Spira, M and Berger, B. 1999) Evolution of the meaning of menopause.
Clinical Social Work
- Kenemore, E. and Spira, M (1996). Mothers and adolescent daughters:
transitions and transformations. Child and Adolescent Social
Work
- Kornfeld (Spira), M. and Siegel, I. (1980) Parental Group Therapy in the
Management of Two Childhood Diseases: A Comparison. Health
and Social Work

Kornfeld (Spira), M. and Siegel, I. (1980) Kinetic family drawing test for evaluating families having children with muscular dystrophy. The Journal of American Physical Therapy Association.

Siegel, I. and Kornfeld (Spira,) M. Parental group therapy in the management of a chronic fatal childhood disease (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)A combined medical and psychosocial approach. Health and Social Work (Vol. 4, No. 3)

Under Review

Spira, M. (2004) Mapping your future: A proactive approach to aging.

Submitted to Gerontological Social Work (November, 2004).

Spira, M., and Northcut, T. (2005). Gerotranscendence: Nourishing the soul of older women clients in clinical practice (submitted to Women and Aging- in revision)

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Reviews

Spira, M. (2005)(Book Review) Gibson, F. Using Reminiscence in Health And Social Care. Clinical Social Work Journal.

Spira, M. (2001) (Book Review) Kennedy, G. (2000). *Geriatric Mental Health*. New York: Guilford Clinical Social Work

Kornfeld, M. (1976). Book review: A constant burden: The reconstitution of family life by Margaret Vosey(1975) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. Social Service Review (Vol. 50, No.4).

Newletter articles

Spira, M., Grossman, S., Bendorf, J. Wolff (2000) The Pilsen project. Networker, vol xxxix, No. 8.

Research

Collaborative application between the Elder Law Clinic and School of Social Work to study the impact of interprofessional teams in the elder law clinic

Loyola Research Stipend – Intergenerational Families Coping with Cognitive Decline in Older Family Members

Chicago Community Trust – in collaboration with Council for Jewish Elderly – Life planning portfolio development with older adults

CURL fellow _ 2000 _ Pilsen project- Evaluating Bicultural Education on self esteem among Mexican Middle School Girls

End of Life research with cancer patients (Cancer Wellness Center and Institute for Clinical Social Work

Recognition awards

2000 Rush Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Training Program

1998 Reward from Loyola University for research initiatives (\$500.00)

Juried Presentations

2005 Council for Social Work Education

Cultural and generational narratives

2004 National Association of Social Workers

Ethical Practice with Older Adults

2004 American Society on Aging

Voices of Three Generations: Perceptions of Decline in Older Adults

Mapping Your Future

2002

2001 Spira, M., Golden, R., Harter, K., and Beauchamp, D. Elderly Perceptions of Social Work and Planning Long Term Needs. *American Gerontological Society, Chicago.*

2001 Spira, M., Grossman and WolffBensdorf, J. Voices and self esteem In a bilingual, bicultural environment. *Illinois Chapter NASW Conference, Chicago.*

2001 Spira, M. And Wall, J. Family Therapy and Hemophilia. *Illinos Chapter, NASW Conference, Chicago.*

2001 Spira, M., Golden, R., Harter, K., and Beauchamp, D. Elderly Perceptions of Social Work Services, *ASA, New Orleans.*

2001 Spira, M., and Kenemore, E. (2001). Cancer as a life transition: A relational approach to cancer wellness in women. *ICAAP 40th Annual Conference, Toronto.*(published in Proceedings)

2001 American Society on Aging_ Elderly Perceptions Social Work, New Orleans

2000 Spira, M., Grossman, S., and WolffBensdorf. Self Esteem and Identity in a bi lingual, bi cultural environment. *NASW National Conference, Baltimore.*

1999 *National Federation of Clinical Social Work.*, Washington, D.C. The Relationship between mother who have breast cancer and their daughters

1997 Berger, B. and Spira, M. (1997). Understanding the menopause: menopausal therapist/menopausal client. *ICAAP 36th Conference*

1997 *American Psychological Association* Daughters of Mothers with Breast Cancer

Invited Presentations

2001 Turning Point _ Clinical conference on use of groups in agency

- 2001 Alumni presentation Loyola University The Pilsen Project
- 2001 Chicago Public Schools (School Social Work 22nd Annual Conf).
Developing and maintaining voice and self esteem in a bicultural/
Bilingual school. (Copresenters: Susan Grossman and Jan Wolff
Bensdorf.
- 2001 Council for Jewish Elderly _Clinical conference on research
- 2000 Rebecca Cohen Memorial Lecture
Unrecognized Grief
- 1999 American Network of Home Care Social Workers Keynote address
- 1999 Bleeding Disorders Center
The Impact of Hemophilia on the Family
- 1999 Cojourners Spirituality and Aging
Spirituality and Health
- 1998 Regency Nursing Home
Future of Discharge Planning
- 1998 Lutheran Social Services, Use of Group with the Chronically
Mentally Ill.
- 1998 Joan Greenstone Memorial Lecture
Response to William Meyer Why Patients Don't Come Back
- 1998 Counseling Center of Lakeview, The Use of Groups with
Schizophrenics
- 1997 Hines Hospital, Personality Disorder in Health Care Settings