

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2006	Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
M.S.W.	2001	Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC Concentration: Social work practice with organizations and communities
B.S.	1998	Business Administration, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, cum laude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-Present	Associate Professor (Tenured), School of Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin
2025-Present	Director, Luci Baines Johnson and Ian J. Turpin Center for Gerontological Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin
2025-Present	Director of Community Outreach, Texas Institute on Dementia, Aging and Longevity, The University of Texas at Austin
2024-Present	Faculty, courtesy appointment, Department of Medicine, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin
2021-2023	Department of Health Social Work, Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin, Texas
2017-Present	Faculty Affiliate, Center on Aging and Population Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin
2017-Present	Faculty Affiliate, St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research, The University of Texas at Austin
2014-2017	Associate Professor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2008-2014	Assistant Professor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
2006-2008	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center on Age & Community/Applied Gerontology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

HONORS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

2026-2027	Aspiring Leaders Academy (ALA) Fellow, The University of Texas at Austin
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2026	Nominated by the School of Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin, for the William David Blunk Memorial Professorship, a university-wide award recognizing excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentorship
2025, 2021	Research in Gerontological Nursing Top 10 Reviewer
2024	Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice in Social Work
2024	Journal of Applied Gerontology, Outstanding Reviewer of 2023
2021-2024; 2025-Present	Ed and Molly Smith Centennial Fellowship in Nursing, School of Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin
2023	Innovation in Teaching Award, School of Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin
2023	Distinguished Alumni Award, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida
2022	Public Voices Fellow of The OpEd Project
2022	The Sojourns Scholar Leadership Award
2021	Texas 10 Award, Texas Exes, Alumni Association of The University of Texas at Austin
2020	Nominated for the School of Nursing's Innovation in Teaching Award, The University of Texas at Austin
2020	Competitively selected to participate in the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group Clinical Trial Workshop on Dementia Trial
2019	Competitively selected to participate in the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group Clinical Trial Workshop
2018	Gerontological Society of America delegate to the USA-Hong Kong Aging Across Time and Contexts conference, Chinese University of Hong Kong
2016	Korea Foundation Fellowship to attend the Salzburg Global Seminar, Rethinking Care toward the End of Life
2015-Present	Fellow, Gerontological Society of America
2013	Helen Bader School of Social Welfare Research Award in Social Work
2013	Travel Award, Gerontological Society of America and the National Center for Gerontological Social Work Excellence
2012-2013	Invited participant, NIA-funded Institute on Research in Aging and Social Work, The College of St. Scholastica
2009	AAHPM College of Palliative Care Research Scholar, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

RESEARCH GRANTS

Sponsored Research Funding - Candidate Serves as PI/co-PI/co-I

Current / Active

1. **Principal Investigator**, *Matching Care to Need in Dementia Care Transitions: Identifying Patient-Caregiver Profiles and Co-Developing Provider and System Implementation Tools.*

National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health (NIA/NIH), R01AG096522. 09/01/2026–06/30/2030 (\$2,529,816).

2. **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Interprofessional Curriculum Approach to Alzheimer's and Other Dementia*, Texas Department of State Health Services (Contract No. HHS001459800001) (\$1,750,000). 2024-2027.
3. **Site Principal Investigator**, *Caring for Dementia Caregivers in Ethnic Immigrant Communities* (1R01AG090561-01A1), PI: Jang, Y., National Institute on Aging, NIH / University of Southern California, subcontract total: \$195,184.42. 2025–2030.

Under Review

4. **Co-Investigator**, *Psychosocial Phenotype-Guided Sensor and Game Enhanced Intelligent Agent (SAGE-IA) to Improve Heart Failure Self-Management and Quality of Life: A Randomized Controlled Trial*; PI Kavita Radhakrishnan; NIH; proposed UT amount \$3,915,125; candidate funding share 5%; 12/1/26–11/30/31; proposal under review.

Completed

5. **Principal Investigator**, *Co-Designing Care Transition Support for Dementia Patients and Care Partners*, The National Institute on Aging IMPACT Collaboratory for the Health Care Systems (HCS) Scholars Award (NIA/U54AG063546)(\$128,202). 2023-2024 (No cost extension, 6/30/25).
6. **Principal Investigator**, *Culture, Faith and Trust in Dementia Surrogate Decision-Making*, The Sojourns Scholar Leadership Program (\$180,000). 2021-2023 (no cost extension, 8/31/2024)
7. **Co-Investigator**, *A Dual Role: Nurses as Family Caregivers*, Sigma/Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant (\$9962). 2022-2023
8. **Principal Investigator**, *Decision aid and coaching to promote advance care planning among persons with dementia and caregivers*, WellMed Foundation (\$16,645). 2019-2020
9. **Co-Investigator**, *Medication Self-management in African American Older Women*, National Institutes of Nursing Research (\$60,000). 2016-2018
10. **Principal Investigator**, *Evaluation of Individualized Music Listening for Dementia Nursing Home Residents Using Accelerometers and MDS Dataset*, Helen Bader Foundation and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (\$40,000). 2015-2016
11. **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Evaluation of Music and Memory Program among Nursing Home Residents with Dementia*, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Civil Money Penalty Funds (\$96,765). 2014-2016
12. **Principal Investigator**, *Decisional Conflict at the End-of-Life: The Needs of Surrogates for Persons with Dementia*, Hartford Foundation - Hartford Faculty Scholars Program in Geriatric Social Work (\$100,000). 2010-2012
13. **Principal Investigator**, *Surrogate Decision Support Needs among Caregivers of Advanced Parkinson's Disease Patients*, Regional Parkinson's Disease Center (\$10,000). 2010-2011

14. **Principal Investigator**, *End-of-Life Care Coordination in the Wisconsin Family Care Program in Milwaukee County: A Case Study*, Milwaukee County Department on Aging (\$19,995). 2008

Sponsored Research Funding - Candidate Serves in Key Personnel Role or Consultant
Current / Active

15. **Mentor / Other Significant Contributor**, Pei, Y. (PI). R00 Project. NIH/NIA Career Development Award (K99/R00). 2024–2027.

Completed

16. **Consultant**, METRICaL - Music & MEemory: a Pragmatic TRIal for Nursing Home Residents with ALzheimer's Disease, National Institute on Aging (R33). 2019-2022
17. **Consultant**, Cluster Randomized Trial of the Music and Memory (M&M) Intervention, National Institute on Aging (R1/R33). 2017-2019
18. **Consultant**, Claude Pepper Center at Florida State University (\$25,000). 2013
19. **Project Director**, Assessing a Care Management Protocol to Strategically Support Family Caregivers, Langeloth Foundation and the National Alzheimer's Association (\$515,551). 2007-2010

Gifts and Other Research Awards or Contracts

20. **Principal Investigator**, Community Health Worker-led Care Transition Support for Dementia Patients and Care Partners, Philanthropic Gift to the UT-Austin School of Nursing (\$175,000). 2024-2027.

Internal Research Funding - Candidate Serves as PI/Co-PI/co-I

Current / Active

21. **Principal Investigator**, *What Matters to Persons Living with Dementia: A Japan-US Cross-Cultural Comparison of Self-Agency and Relationship Quality*, Texas Global Faculty Research Seed Grant, University of Texas at Austin (\$10,000). 2026-2027.

Completed

22. **Principal Investigator**, A Virtual Co-Pilot for Dementia Care Navigation, Health IT Speedy Proposal Assistance and Research Knowledge Grant, UT Austin School of Nursing's Center for Healthcare Innovation and Technology Advancements (CHITA), (\$10,000), 2025-2026
23. **Principal Investigator**, Advancing Person-Centered Dementia Care in Super-Ageing Societies: Cross-National Collaboration Between UT Austin and University of Hyogo, Texas Global Faculty Travel Planning Grant Spring 2025, UT-Austin, \$2500.
24. **Principal Investigator**, Advancing Equity in Palliative Care for Persons with Dementia and Family Caregivers through Post-Discharge Lay Navigator Support, St. David's CHPR Pilot Study Grant (\$25,000). 2023-2024 (no cost extension, 5/31/25)
25. **Co-Principal Investigator**, *Advancing Equities in Palliative Care: Feasibility Study of Palliative Lay Navigator & Support for Hospitalized Dementia Family Caregivers*, Cain Collaborative Research Pilot (\$30,000). 2022-2024

26. **Research Reboot Award**, UT-Austin, Spring, 2022
27. **Principal Investigator**, Healthcare Chaplain Practice with Diverse Populations, UT-Austin VPR Special Research Grants (\$750). 2021-2022
28. **Principal Investigator**, Promoting Advance Care Planning with Persons with Dementia and Family Caregivers: A Feasibility Study, St. David's CHPR Pilot Study Grant (\$9,999.65). 2019-2020
29. **Principal Investigator**, Advance care planning with persons with dementia and family caregivers, UT-Austin VPR Special Research Grants (\$750). 2019-2020
30. **Co-Principal Investigator**, Values and Preferences in Dementia Family Caregivers' End-of-Life Decision-Making, Population Health Initiative, Population Research Center, UT-Austin (\$30,000). 2016-2017
31. **Principal Investigator**, Salary for Undergraduate Research Fellows (SURF) Award, UW-Milwaukee's Office of Undergraduate Research (\$12,000). 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Citation profile (Google Scholar as of August 15, 2026): 2,952 citations total (1,162 since 2021); h-index 26 total (21 since 2021); i10-index 36 total (29 since 2021).

* Student co-author ‡ Data-based article

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles - In Rank at UT Austin, 2017-present

1. **Kwak, J.**, Jafari, A., Salter, A., Perry, A.G., Shepherd, A.M., Jayasundera, M., Stayer, S., Brode, M., Patel, S., & Kvale, E. (in press). CEDART study: Protocol for a non-randomized feasibility study. *Pilot and Feasibility Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40814-026-01909-4>
2. O'Donnell, A., Otis-Green, S., Glajchen, M., **Kwak, J.**, Leff, V., Altilio, T., Bullock, K., Curd, J., Latimer, A., Onderdonk, C., Rusch, R., Sloan, D., Wallace, C. L., Wladkowski, S. P., & Jones, B. L. (2026). Shaping the future: Recommendations from a palliative social work summit: A national call to action. *Palliative Medicine Reports*, 7(1), 319–327. <https://doi.org/10.1177/26892820261446764> (JIF: 1.3)
3. ‡ Bang, S. H., Gulbas, L. E., Huang, Y.-C., Travers, N. H., **Kwak, J.**, Zuñiga, J. A., & García, A. A. (in press). Understanding barriers and facilitators to diabetes self-management among Burmese refugees in the U.S.: A qualitative study. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. (JIF: 1.2)
4. ‡ *Bang, S., Kim, B., **Kwak, J.**, Zuniga, J. A., Gulbas, L. E., Huang, Y., Travers, N., & Garcia, A. A. (in press). Burmese refugees' beliefs and experiences of diabetes self-management in Texas: A clinical ethnographic interview. *Advances in Nursing Science*. (JIF: 2.2)
5. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Chary, A., Stayer, S., *Oppong, K. D., *Yoon, S., Patel, S., & Kvale, E. A. (2025). Family caregivers' perspectives on challenges and support needs in hospital-based palliative care for persons living with dementia. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648251389300> (JIF: 2.0)

6. *Kim, S. H., Kim, C., Hsu, E. C., Berger, Z., Han, H.-R., Koirala, B., **Kwak, J.**, Ornstein, K. A., & Wright, R. (2025). End-of-life care among Koreans in critical care and community-dwelling Korean Americans: A cross-cultural scoping review. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, 23, Article e210. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1478951525101090> (JIF: 2.4)
7. ‡ Masko, M. K., McEvoy, S., **Kwak, J.**, Lyndes, K., Torke, A. M., Varner Perez, S., & Fitchett, G. (2025). A qualitative study of chaplains' spiritual care for persons with dementia in long-term care. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648251408543> (JIF: 2.0)
8. ‡ Phillips, C. S., *Dupree, G., **Kwak, J.**, & Thomas Hebdon, M. C. (2025). A qualitative study exploring the experience of double-duty nurse caregivers. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*, 47(9), 836–843. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01939459251348135> (JIF: 2.2)
9. ‡ *Bang, S. H., Noh, H., Handzo, G., Galchutt, P., & **Kwak, J.** (2024). Healthcare chaplains' perspectives on working with culturally diverse patients and families. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, 22(6), 1949–1956. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S147895152400066X> (JIF: 2.4)
10. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, *Bang, S. H., *Rajagopal, S., *Dronamraju, N., Handzo, G., & Hughes, B. P. (2024). Patients' spiritual concerns and needs and how to address them during advance care planning conversations: Healthcare chaplains' perspectives. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, 22(1), 49–56. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1478951522001560> (JIF: 2.4)
11. ‡ *Tang, A., **Kwak, J.**, Xie, B., Xiao, L., *Lahiri, S., *Flynn, O. A., & *Murugadass, A. (2023). Online health information wants of caregivers for persons with dementia in social media: A qualitative analysis. *SAGE Open*, 13(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/21582440231205367> (JIF: 2.4)
12. *Britt, K. C., **Kwak, J.**, Acton, G., Richards, K., Hamilton, J., & Radhakrishnan, K. (2022). Measures of religion and spirituality in dementia: An integrative review. *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions*, 8(1), Article e12352. <https://doi.org/10.1002/trc2.12352> (JIF: 7.4)
13. ‡ *Schlag, K. E., *Britt, K., **Kwak, J.**, *Burrows, D., & Fry, L. (2022). Decision-support needs of caregivers considering hospice enrollment for a family member with dementia. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 39(7), 812–821. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10499091211056035> (JIF: 1.4)
14. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, *Rajagopal, S., Handzo, G., Hughes, B. P., & *Lee, M. (2022). Perspectives of board-certified healthcare chaplains on challenges and adaptations in delivery of spiritual care in the COVID-19 era: Findings from an online survey. *Palliative Medicine*, 36(1), 105–113. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02692163211043373> (JIF: 6.4)
15. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, *Jamal, A., Jones, B. L., Timmerman, G. M., Hughes, B. P., & Fry, L. (2022). An interprofessional approach to advance care planning. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 39(3), 321–331. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10499091211019316> (JIF: 1.4)
16. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, *Smith, K. M., Bern-Klug, M., & *Kalin, K. (2021). Dementia care involvement and training needs of social services directors in U.S. nursing homes. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 64(7), 851–862. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.1965686> (JIF: 1.7)

17. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Cho, S., Handzo, G., Hughes, B. P., *Hasan, S. S., & *Luu, A. (2021). The role and activities of board-certified chaplains in advance care planning. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 38(12), 1495–1502. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049909121989996> (JIF: 1.4)
18. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Ha, J. H., & O'Connell Valuch, K. (2021). Lessons learned from the statewide implementation of the Music & Memory program in nursing homes in Wisconsin in the USA. *Dementia*, 20(5), 1617–1630. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1471301220962234> (JIF: 2.5)
19. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Anderson, K., & O'Connell Valuch, K. (2020). Findings from a prospective randomized controlled trial of Music & Memory, an individualized music listening program for persons with dementia. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 39(6), 567–575. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0733464818778991> (JIF: 2.0)
20. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, & Ellis, J. L. (2020). Factors related to advance care planning among older African American women: Age, medication, and acute care visits. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, 18(4), 413–418. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1478951519001007> (JIF: 2.4)
21. *Geshell, L., **Kwak, J.**, & Radhakrishnan, K. (2019). Perspectives and experiences of persons with dementia with advance care planning: An integrative literature review. *Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neurology*, 32(5), 231–245. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891988719853040> (JIF: 2.8)
22. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Xie, B., Champion, J. D., & Fleischmann, K. R. (2019). Rural dementia caregivers in southwest Texas: An exploratory study of advance directives and end-of-life proxy decision making. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 45(9), 11–17. <https://doi.org/10.3928/00989134-20190530-01> (JIF: 1.1)
23. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Cho, Y. I., Lee, Y. S., Noh, H., & Roh, S. (2019). Differences in advance care planning between American Indian and White older adults. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 12(1), 34–43. <https://doi.org/10.3928/19404921-20181212-02> (JIF: 2.0)
24. ‡ Xie, B., Champion, J. D., **Kwak, J.**, & Fleischmann, K. R. (2018). Mobile health, information preferences, and surrogate decision-making preferences of family caregivers of people with dementia in rural Hispanic communities: Cross-sectional questionnaire study. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 20(12), Article e11682. <https://doi.org/10.2196/11682> (JIF: 8.2)
25. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, & Noh, H. (2018). What matters to persons with dementia at the end of life: Perspectives of proxy decision-makers. *Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing*, 20(5), 478–485. <https://doi.org/10.1097/NJH.0000000000000465> (JIF: 1.3)
26. Xie, B., *Berkley, A., **Kwak, J.**, Fleischmann, K. R., Champion, J. D., & *Koltai, K. (2018). End-of-life decision making by family caregivers of persons with advanced dementia: A systematic review. *SAGE Open Medicine*, 6, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2050312118777517> (JIF: 2.2)
27. ‡ Noh, H., & **Kwak, J.** (2018). End-of-life decision making for persons with dementia: Proxies' perception of support. *Dementia*, 17(4), 478–493. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1471301216648473> (JIF: 2.5)

28. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, *Larwelle, J. A., O'Connell Valuch, K., & Kesler, T. (2016). Role of advance care planning in proxy decision making among individuals with dementia and their family caregivers. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 9(2), 72–80.
<https://doi.org/10.3928/19404921-20150522-06> (JIF: 2.0)
29. ‡ Gao, X., *Sun, F., Ko, E., **Kwak, J.**, & Shen, H.-W. (2015). Knowledge of advance directive and perceptions of end-of-life care in Chinese-American elders: The role of acculturation. *Palliative & Supportive Care*, 13(6), 1677–1684.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S147895151500067X> (JIF: 2.4)
30. ‡ Ko, E., **Kwak, J.**, & Nelson-Becker, H. (2015). What constitutes a good and bad death? Perspectives of homeless older adults. *Death Studies*, 39(7), 422–432.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2014.958629> (JIF: 2.1)
31. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Wallendal, M. S., Fritsch, T., Leo, G., & Hyde, T. (2014). Advance care planning and proxy decision making for patients with advanced Parkinson disease. *Southern Medical Journal*, 107(3), 178–185. <https://doi.org/10.1097/SMJ.0000000000000075> (JIF: 0.9)
32. **Kwak, J.**, & Polivka, L. J. (2014). The future of long-term care and the aging network. *Generations*, 38(2), 67–73. (JIF: N/A)
33. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Ko, E. J., & Kramer, B. J. (2014). Advance care planning practice with elders of diverse ethnic backgrounds and needs. *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 22, 169–177. (JIF: 1.8)
34. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Kramer, B., Lang, J., & Ledger, M. (2013). Care management for frail elders at the end of life: A case study of Wisconsin Family Care program. *Research on Aging*, 35, 393–419. (JIF: 2.2)
35. Maschi, T., **Kwak, J.**, Ko, E. J., Ko, E., & Morrissey, M. B. (2012). Forget me not: Dementia in prison. *The Gerontologist*, 52, 441–451. (JIF: 3.9)
36. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Montgomery, R. J. V., Kosloski, K., & Lang, J. (2011). The impact of TCARE® on service recommendation, use, and caregiver well-being. *The Gerontologist*, 51, 704–713. (JIF: 3.9)
37. ‡ Montgomery, R. J. V., **Kwak, J.**, Kosloski, K., & O'Connell Valuch, K. (2011). Effects of the TCARE® intervention on caregiver burden and depressive symptoms: Preliminary findings from a randomized, controlled study. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B, Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 66B(5), 640–647.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbr088> (JIF: 3.6)
38. Montgomery, R. J. V., **Kwak, J.**, & Rowe, J. M. (2011). Advancing social work practice with family caregivers. *Indian Journal of Gerontology*, 25, 553–575. (JIF: N/A)
39. ‡ Jang, Y., Chiriboga, D. A., Allen, J., **Kwak, J.**, Salmon, J., & Haley, W. E. (2010). Willingness to use hospice among Korean American older adults. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 58, 352–356. (JIF: 4.6)
40. ‡ Fritsch, T., **Kwak, J.**, Montgomery, R. J. V., *Lang, J., & Basting, A. D. (2009). Impact of TimeSlips, a creative expression intervention, on nursing home staff and residents with dementia. *The Gerontologist*, 49, 117–127. (JIF: 3.9)

41. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Haley, W. E., & Chiriboga, D. A. (2008). Racial differences in hospice use and in-hospital death among Medicare and Medicaid dual-eligible nursing home residents. *The Gerontologist*, 48, 32–41. (JIF: 3.9)
42. Montgomery, R. J. V., & **Kwak, J.** (2008). Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral (TCARE) process: An evidence-based model for effectively supporting caregivers. *American Journal of Nursing*, 108(9, Suppl.), 54–57. (JIF: 2.6)
43. Polivka, L., & **Kwak, J.** (2008). Medicare privatization and the erosion of retirement security. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, 20, 340–352. (JIF: 1.8)
44. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, & Salmon, J. R. (2007). Attitudes and preferences of Korean American elders and caregivers on end-of-life care. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, 55, 1867–1872. (JIF: 4.6)
45. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Salmon, J. R., Acquaviva, K. D., Brandt, K., & Egan, K. A. (2007). Benefits of training family caregivers on experiences of closure during end-of-life care. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 33(4), 434–445.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2006.11.006> (JIF: 4.0)
46. **Kwak, J.**, & Haley, W. E. (2005). Current research findings on end-of-life decision making among racially or ethnically diverse groups. *The Gerontologist*, 45(5), 634–641.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/45.5.634> (JIF: 3.9)
47. ‡ Salmon, J. R., **Kwak, J.**, Acquaviva, K. D., Brandt, K., & Egan, K. A. (2005). Transformative aspects of caregiving at life's end. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 29(2), 121–129. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2004.12.008> (JIF: 4.0)
48. ‡ Salmon, J. R., **Kwak, J.**, Acquaviva, K. D., Egan, K. A., & Brandt, K. (2005). Validation of the Caregiving at Life's End questionnaire. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 22(3), 188–194. <https://doi.org/10.1177/104990910502200307> (JIF: 1.4)
49. ‡ Allen, S. R., **Kwak, J.**, Lokken, K. L., & Haley, W. E. (2003). End-of-life issues in the context of Alzheimer's disease. *Alzheimer's Care Quarterly*, 4, 312–330. (JIF: N/A)

Manuscripts Under Review

1. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Stayer, S. E., DeSanto-Madeya, S., Misra, S., Patel, S. I., Brode, W. M., Jayasundera, M. C., & Kvale, E. A. (Revise/resubmit). Feasibility and acceptability of a community health worker-led, dementia-focused, caregiver-centered intervention for navigating care transitions, submitted to *Innovation in Aging*.
2. Jang, Y., Rhee, M.-K., Park, N. S., Lee, H.-W., Choi, S.-Y., Park, C., Shin, Y., **Kwak, J.**, & Lee, E. J. (under review). Development and preliminary evaluation of a health education program for middle-aged and older Korean Americans, submitted to PLOS One.
3. ‡ Glajchen, M., O'Donnell, A., Jones, B., Leff, V., Otis-Green, S., & **Kwak, J.** (under review). Health social workers' perceptions of challenges and recommendations in serious illness care, submitted to *Journal of Palliative Medicine*.
4. ‡ Jang, Y., Rhee, M.-K., Park, N. S., Oh, H., Haley, W., **Kwak, J.**, Fingerman, K. L., & Hepburn, K. (under review). Gains from dementia caregiving among Korean American

family caregivers: How well does an existing scale capture them?, submitted to *The Gerontologist*.

5. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Oppong, K.D., Handique, S., Garcia, A., Phillips, C.S., Stayer, S., & Kvale, E. A. (revised/resubmitted). Surrogate Decision-Making During Hospital Care Transitions for Persons with Dementia: Role of Palliative Care, submitted to *BMC Geriatrics*.
6. ‡ **Kwak, J.**, Young, V., El-Assad, L., Menczywor Donnelly, J., Silverman, S., Oppong, K. D., & Aguirre, A. (under review). A comprehensive interprofessional education curriculum for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (IPE-ADRD): A curricular resource, submitted to *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice*.
7. ‡ Hebdon, M.C., Dupree, G., **Kwak, J.**, Sinay, K., & Phillips, C.S. (revised/resubmitted). The Financial and Emotional Impact of Double-Duty Caregiving on Nurses, submitted to *Journal of Nursing Management*.
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- Ratio Program Interview - Interviewed by Stephanie Lecci for “Lake Effect” on Milwaukee Public Radio (aired on September 25, 2012) regarding my research on surrogate decision making.

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PRESENTATIONS

* Student co-presenter

National and International Refereed Presentations - In Rank at UT Austin, 2017-present

Kwak, J. (2026, accepted). Improving dementia hospital discharge through structured caregiver navigation. To be presented in the symposium *Innovations in Implementation of Interventions with Persons Living with Dementia and Their Caregivers*, Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, National Harbor, MD.

Aguirre, A., Silverman, S., & **Kwak, J.** (2026, accepted). Preparing a diverse health workforce for dementia care: An interprofessional curriculum centering minority aging. To be presented in the symposium *Culturally Responsive and Community-Engaged Approaches to Aging Education and Workforce Development*, Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, National Harbor, MD.

Kwak, J., Kvale, E., Jayasundera, M., Brode, M., Patel, S., & Stayer, S. (2026, July). Feasibility and acceptability of a community health worker-led care transition intervention for hospitalized persons with dementia and caregivers, International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Kwak, J., Kvale, E., Jayasundera, M., Brode, M., Patel, S., & Stayer, S. (2026, accepted). Feasibility and acceptability of a community health worker-led care transition intervention for hospitalized persons with dementia and caregivers. To be presented at the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Kwak, J., Aguirre, A., & Silverman, S. (2026, April). Built for adoption and dissemination: A scalable interprofessional dementia curriculum for health professions education. To be presented at the Texas IPE Consortium Annual Conference, Tyler, Texas.

Kwak, J., *Jafari, A., & *Salter, A. (2026, January). Centering caregivers and addressing social determinants in dementia care transitions: Community health worker-led model. SSWR 30th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Aguirre, A., Young, V., El-Assad, L., Oppong, K. D., Silverman, S., & **Kwak, J.** (2026). Training tomorrow's dementia care teams: Outcomes of an online interprofessional training initiative. Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium Scientific Symposium. Oral podium presentation, January 22, 2026, Austin, TX.

- Kwak, J.**, Salter, A., Aveen, G. A., Perry, A. G., Shepherd, A. M., Patel, S., & Stayer, S. (2025, November). Adaptation of an inpatient CHW-led care transition program for persons with dementia and caregivers [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
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- Aguirre, A., Silverman, S., *Oppong, K. D., & **Kwak, J.** (2025, September). Enhancing interprofessional competency and dementia knowledge through an online Alzheimer's disease and related dementia curriculum [Poster presentation]. Nexus Summit 2025, virtual format.
- Kwak, J.**, Aguirre, A., Silverman, S., & Oppong, K. D. (2025, April). Interprofessional curriculum approach to Alzheimer's and other dementias [Poster presentation]. 10th Annual Healthcare Institute, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.
- Giraldo, D., Perry, A. G., Polavarapu, G., Shepherd, A., Salter, A., Jafari, A. G., Lopez, V., & **Kwak, J.** (2025, April). Hospital-based, community health worker-led care transition support for persons living with dementia and caregivers [Poster presentation]. 10th Annual Healthcare Institute, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.
- Kwak, J.**, Kvale, E., Mills, S., & Oppong, K. D. (2024, November). Family caregiver perspectives on the palliative care needs of hospitalized persons living with dementia [Paper presentation]. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Oppong, K. D., & **Kwak, J.** (2024, November). A critical review of discharge planning and decision-making experiences of dementia family caregivers [Paper presentation]. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Kwak, J.**, & *Perry, A. G. (2024, April). Community health worker-led care transition support. UT Public Health Coalition, Austin, TX. (Refereed; academic; symposium presentation).
- *Oppong, K. D., **Kwak, J.**, Kvale, E., & *Raja, D. (2024, March). Caregiving experience and challenges among Hispanic and non-Hispanic dementia caregivers during hospital-to-home care transition. St. David's CHPR Annual Conference, Austin, TX. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- Kwak, J.** (Chair) and others. (2023, November). Impact of discriminatory policies on LGBTQ+ older adults' health and well-being and how to combat them. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Tampa, FL. (Refereed; academic; symposium presentation).
- Kwak, J.**, Kvale, E. A., Mills, S., Patel, S., Mancuso, C. E., & Oppong, K. D. (2023). Hospital-to-home care transition for dementia patients and family care partners: Communication, decision-making, and support experience of a culturally diverse sample. *Alzheimer's & Dementia*, 19(Suppl. 8), e074093. <https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.074093>

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- Kwak, J.**, Jones, B. L., Remke, S. S., Leff, V., Kelemen, A., & Strong, J. (2023, March). Palliative care social work state of the science. Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care, Montreal, Canada. (Refereed; academic; podium presentation).
- Bang, S. H., Noh, H., & **Kwak, J.** (2023, March). Using telehealth to deliver spiritual care: Healthcare chaplains' perspectives. St. David's Annual CHPR Conference, Austin, TX. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- *Bang, S., **Kwak, J.**, *Rajagopal, S., Handzo, G., *Dronamraju, N., & Hughes, B. (2022, November). Spiritual concerns and needs during goals of care conversations: Healthcare chaplains' perspectives. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Indianapolis, IN. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- Kwak, J.**, Smith, K., & Bern-Klug, M. (2021). Dementia care involvement and training needs of social services directors in U.S. nursing homes. *Innovation in Aging*, 5(Supplement_1), 116.
- *Britt, K., Acton, G., & **Kwak, J.** (2021, November). Religion and spirituality measures in dementia: An integrative review of the literature. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- *Rajagopal, S., **Kwak, J.**, Handzo, G., & Hughes, B. (2021, February). The impact of COVID-19 on spiritual care delivery across healthcare settings. St. David's CHPR 19th Annual Conference, virtual. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- *Jamal, A., *Dronamraju, N., *Esmali, C., *Rajagopal, S., & **Kwak, J.** (2021, March). Meeting the spiritual concerns of patients during advance care planning in the COVID-19 era. St. David's CHPR 19th Annual Conference, virtual. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- Schlag, K. E., & **Kwak, J.** (2020, June). Dementia family caregiver coping patterns for managing decisional conflict and stress during end-of-life care planning. Poster presented at the ACH Healthcare Communication Virtual Research Forum.
- Schlag, K. E., Kmetz, L., Burrows, D. R., & **Kwak, J.** (2019, December). Value considerations and information needs for dementia family caregivers during end-of-life decision making. Paper presented at the Aging and Health Informatics Conference, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- Kwak, J.**, Xie, B., Fleischmann, K. R., & Champion, J. D. (2018). Advance care planning and proxy decision-making preferences among persons with dementia and caregivers. CSU Institute for Palliative Care, National Symposium for Academic Palliative Care Education and Research, San Diego, CA. (Refereed; academic and practitioner; poster presentation).
- Kwak, J.** (2018, November). Comparison of two managed long-term care programs: Minnesota and Wisconsin. 70th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA. (Refereed; academic; symposium presentation).

- Kwak, J.**, Cho, Y., Lee, Y., Noh, H., & Roh, S. (2018, November). Advance care planning among American Indians. 70th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA. (Refereed; academic; paper presentation).
- *Geshell, L., & **Kwak, J.** (2018, November). Perspectives and experiences in advance care planning among persons with dementia: An integrative review. 70th Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA. (Refereed; academic; poster presentation).
- Xie, B., Champion, J. D., **Kwak, J.**, & Fleischmann, K. R. (2018). Mobile health, information preferences, and surrogate decision-making preferences of family caregivers of people with dementia in rural Hispanic communities: Cross-sectional questionnaire study. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 20(12), e11682. <https://doi.org/10.2196/11682>
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- Kwak, J.** (2017, July). Aging network managed long-term care: Does it have a future? 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA. (Refereed; academic and practitioner; symposium presentation; national conference).
- Kwak, J.**, & Kwak, D. H. (2017, July). Population aging and long-term care in South Korea. 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA. (Refereed; academic and practitioner; symposium presentation; national conference).
- Kwak, J.** (2017, July). A statewide roll-out and evaluation of Music & Memory in nursing homes: The Wisconsin experience. 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, CA. (Refereed; academic and practitioner; symposium presentation; national conference).

National and International Refereed Presentations - Prior to Current Rank

- Kwak, J.** (2016, November). Managed long-term care and the future of the aging network: Wisconsin Family Care Program. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Kwak, J.**, O’Connell Valuch, K., & Brondino, M. (2016, November). Randomized crossover study of Music & Memory intervention on nursing home residents with dementia. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, New Orleans, LA.
- Kwak, J.** (2016, March). Managed long-term care and the future of the aging network: Wisconsin’s experience. American Society on Aging’s Aging in America Conference, Washington, DC.
- Noh, H. J., & **Kwak, J.** (2014, November). Facilitators and challenges in proxy decision-making for persons with dementia at the end of life. Gerontological Society of America’s 66th Annual Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Kwak, J.**, Montgomery, R., O’Connell Valuch, K., & Kosloski, K. (2013, November). Results of a randomized trial of an innovative care management protocol for family caregivers. Gerontological Society of America’s 65th Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

- Kwak, J.** (2013, March). End-of-life decision making conflicts among proxies of persons with cognitive impairment. General Assembly of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network, New Orleans, LA.
- Kwak, J.,** Wallendal, M. S., Fritsch, T., Leo, G., & Hyde, T. (2014). Advance care planning and proxy decision making for patients with advanced Parkinson disease. *Southern Medical Journal*, 107(3), 178–185. <https://doi.org/10.1097/SMJ.0000000000000075>
- Ko, E., Esperanza, M., Pham, T., Hall, S., **Kwak, J.**, Mazyck, M., & Piwowarski, M. (2012, November). Perspectives toward “good death” among low-income older adults. Gerontological Society of America’s 64th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Ko, E., **Kwak, J.**, & Nelson-Becker, H. (2015). What constitutes a good and bad death? Perspectives of homeless older adults. *Death Studies*, 39(7), 422–432. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2014.958629>
- Kwak, J.** (2012, March). Long-term care reform initiative updates: Wisconsin Family Care. Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging, Washington, DC. (Refereed; academic and practitioner; symposium presentation; national conference).
- O’Connell Valuch, K., **Kwak, J.**, Brondino, M., Kosloski, K., & Montgomery, R. (2010, November). Caregiver Identity Discrepancy Scale: Reliability, construct validity, and unidimensionality. Gerontological Society of America’s 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Kwak, J.**, O’Connell Valuch, K., Brondino, M., Lang, J., Kosloski, K., & Montgomery, R. (2009, November). Preliminary findings from the TCARE National Demonstration. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.
- Mitchell, G., **Kwak, J.**, & Chiriboga, D. A. (2009, November). Implications of possible elimination of Florida optional Medicaid hospice benefits. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.
- Montgomery, R., Rowe, J., **Kwak, J.**, Burt, C., Dickol, S., & Brondino, M. (2009, November). The impact of the Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral Process on caregiver outcomes: Findings from a demonstration project in the state of Georgia. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.
- Allen, J., Jang, Y., Chiriboga, D. A., **Kwak, J.**, Salmon, J., & Haley, W. E. (2009, November). Willingness to use hospice among Korean American older adults. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.
- Kwak, J.**, Rowe, J., & Montgomery, R. J. V. (2008, January). The role of filial norms in predicting burden among adult-child caregivers. Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Kwak, J.**, & Salmon, J. R. (2007, November). Ethnic differences in end-of-life care planning and preferences for hospice. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.

- Kwak, J., & Rowe, J.** (2007, November). The relationship between filial identity and caregiver burden among adult-child caregivers. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Polivka, L., & **Kwak, J.** (2007, November). Neoliberalism and the future of retirement security in the United States. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Molinari, V., Chiriboga, D., Cho, S., & **Kwak, J.** (2007, November). Behavioral health problems and service costs for White, Black, and Hispanic Medicaid beneficiaries before and after admission to nursing homes. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA.
- Kwak, J.,** Chiriboga, D. A., Haley, W. E., & Mitchell, G. E. (2007, March). The predictors and outcomes of hospice use among non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic White dual-eligible nursing home residents. Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on Aging, Chicago, IL.
- Chiriboga, D. A., Kim, G., **Kwak, J.,** & Jang, Y. (2006, November). Health, access, and utilization issues in a multi-ethnic sample. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX.
- Kwak, J.,** Haley, W. E., & Chiriboga, D. A. (2006, October). Predictors of hospice use among Medicare and Medicaid dual-eligible nursing home residents in Florida: A comparison of non-Hispanic Blacks and non-Hispanic Whites. Annual Meeting of the African Heritage Studies Association, Tampa, FL.
- Burton, A. M., Haley, W. E., & **Kwak, J.** (2005, November). Assessing bereaved former hospice caregivers. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.
- Chiriboga, D. A., Brown, L., Jang, Y., **Kwak, J.,** & Kim, G. (2005, November). Stress and its implications for health and service utilization: A multi-ethnic comparison. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL.
- Kwak, J.,** & Salmon, J. (2004, November). Korean Americans' preferences for and barriers to end-of-life care planning and use of palliative care services. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Kwak, J.,** Salmon, J. R., & Egan, K. (2004, November). Caregiving at life's end training program evaluation. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC.
- Kwak, J.,** & Schonwetter, R. S. (2003, November). The role of the caregiver in the decision to enter hospice among older cancer patients. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Kwak, J.,** & Salmon, J. (2003, November). The caregiving at life's end: Train-the-trainer evaluation. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.
- Kwak, J.,** Salmon, J. R., Deming, A. M., Acquaviva, K., Brandt, K., & Egan, K. (2003, April). Caregiving at life's end: National hospice needs assessment. Joint Clinical Conferences of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Denver, CO.

Kwak, J., Salmon, J., & Haley, W. E. (2002, November). Implications for practice and research from the focus group with Korean American senior citizens and their caregivers on their attitudes toward and perspectives on end-of-life issues. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Kwak, J. (2002). Challenges in conducting research on end-of-life decision making with ethnically diverse populations. In L. Waters (Chair), *End-of-life care in a changing world: A continuum of perspectives*. Student symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Salmon, J. R., **Kwak, J.**, Deming, M., Egan, K., & Acquaviva, K. (2002, November). Comparison of the needs of African American and Caucasian family caregivers in palliative care settings. Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

National and International Invited Talks

Kwak, J., & O'Donnell, A. (2025, June). Summit survey report: Challenges and opportunities for social workers in serious illness care. *Shaping the Future: Advancing Palliative Social Work Summit*, Boston, MA.

Kwak, J., et al. (2023, June 21). Healthcare chaplains' perspectives on working with culturally diverse populations. Palliative Care Research Cooperative Special Interest Group in Spirituality & Religion, virtual.

Kwak, J. (2023, February 23). Integrating social care and caregiver support in hospital settings: Challenges and opportunities for improving health and equity for persons with dementia and their care partners. Distinguished Lecture Series, School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Kwak, J. (2019, December 17). Ethical issues in the care of older adults with dementia. Monthly Seminar of the Seoul National University Institute of Social Welfare, Seoul, South Korea.

Kwak, J. (2019, May 31). Shared decision-making with dementia patients and family caregivers about advance care planning: Current literature and future direction. 12th Monthly Seminar of the Seoul National University Institute of Social Welfare, Seoul, South Korea.

Kwak, J. (2016, November 19). Music & Memory evaluation. Hospital Elder Life Program Delirium Prevention Special Interest Group Meeting at the 68th Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Kwak, J. (2016, March 17). Why culture matters. 12th Annual End of Life Care Conference, Oconomowoc, WI.

Kwak, J. (2012, May 21). Ethical issues in end-of-life decision making. Invited workshop given at the 3rd Annual Spirituality in Aging Conference, Oconomowoc, WI.

Regional Invited Talks

Kwak, J. (2023, April 8). Essential guide to person-centered palliative care for persons living with advanced dementia: Family caregivers. St. David's CHPR Colloquium Series, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

Kwak, J. (2022, August 11). Can we upstream advance care planning conversations? Social Work Powerhouse Meeting, WellMed, virtual.

- Kwak, J.** (2022, January 5). Ethical challenges in caring for persons with dementia. Dallas Senior Service, virtual.
- Kwak, J.** (2021, June 24). A patient's right to treatment (and a surgeon's right to refuse). Clinical Ethics Committee, The Heart Hospital, Austin, TX.
- Kwak, J.** (2019, June 15). Persons living with dementia and their families: How to communicate, plan, and make decisions about current and future care. 9th Annual Geriatric Conference Building Partnerships for Geriatric Care, San Antonio, TX.
- Kwak, J.** (2018, February 13). Persons with dementia and families: How they communicate, plan, and make decisions about current and future care. Center for Applied Health Research, Baylor Scott & White Research Institute, Temple, TX.
- Kwak, J.** (2017, May 5). Cultural issues in palliative care. 6th Annual Great Lakes Regional Palliative Care Conference, Lake Geneva, WI.
- Kwak, J.** (2014, January 31). Improving end-of-life care for dementia patients through decision support for healthcare proxies. Medical College of Wisconsin, Division of Geriatrics/Gerontology Research Seminar for Faculty, Staff, and Trainees, Milwaukee, WI.
- Kwak, J.** (2013, May 15). Cultural diversity workshop. Illinois Association of Service Coordinators Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Kwak, J.** (2012, October 30). End-of-life communication and decision-making. Lecture given at the University of Wisconsin–Madison Medical School for first- and second-year medical students.
- Kwak, J.** (2012, November 2). Advance care planning. Lecture given at the Acute Care for Elders Annual Conference, Aurora Health Care, Milwaukee, WI.
- Kwak, J.** (2009, July 10). Caregiving journey and its implications for practice and research. Center for Senior Health and Longevity–Aurora UW Medical Group Weekly Fellow Brownbag Workshop, Milwaukee, WI.
- Kwak, J.** (2007, October 16). Cultural issues in communicating about end-of-life care options and decisions. Panel member for the UWM Center on Age and Community's *Dialogues in Best Practice: How to Best Communicate End of Life Issues With Older Adults With End-Stage Dementia and Their Families*.
- Kwak, J.** (2007, September 4). Cultural diversity at the end of life. Community Care Inc. Monthly Ethics Committee Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.
- Kwak, J., & Kramer, B.** (2007, June 14). Serving culturally diverse Family Care members at the end of life: Successes and challenges. Care Management Organization–Milwaukee County Department on Aging Clinical Advisory Committee, Milwaukee, WI.

STUDENT ADVISING

Independent Studies and Research Practica - Graduate and Professional Students

Independent studies with graduate students

Independent studies:

Lisa Geshell, doctoral student/RWJ FNS program): Fall 2017, Spring 2018, fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020-Fall 2022

Karen E Schlag, doctoral student/ Communication Studies, Moody College of Communication: Summer 2019

Sydney Schuetze: Preceptor for N389M AG CNS: Practicum I, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Kwaku Duah Oppong (doctoral student): Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Research Practicum:

Lisa Geshell, doctoral student/RWJ FNS program) – Research Practicum II & III (Summer 2018, Spring 2019)

Katherin Britt, doctoral student/RWJ FNS program) –Research Practicum I (Spring 2020)

Sohyeon Bang, doctoral student - Research Practicum II & III (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Kwaku Duah Oppong- Research Practicum II (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

Cheongin Im - Research Practicum I (Spring 2023)

Alexis de Montfort Shepherd 3rd year medical student practicum (Spring 2024)

Master's Thesis / Capstone Supervision

Masters Thesis (Co-Supervisor)

Jeffrey Bao-Minh Nguyen, Master of Arts in Humanities, Health, and Medicine (Spring 2026)

Doctoral Qualifying Exam Committees

Lisa Geshell (Summer, 2019, Chair)

Rodolfo A Aguilar (Spring 2019, Committee Member)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Chair

Lisa Geshell, Fall 2019- Fall 2023 (Defended in November, 2023).

Kwaku Duah Oppong, Spring 2024-present (Defended in November, 2025)

Member

Wayne Chong Weien, Division of Psychology, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Fall 2019

Rodolfo A Aguilar (Summer 2022-Spring 2023)

Sohyeon Bang (Fall, 2022-Spring 2024, Defended in Spring 2024)

Soo Hyun Kim (Spring 2025- present, School of Nursing, Johns Hopkins University)

Ashley Koszarek (Fall 2025 – present, Moody College of Communication, UT-Austin)

Undergraduate Research Mentoring and Honors Thesis Advising

Independent studies with undergrad students

Bridging Discipline Program (BDP) 320K/320L: Connecting Research Experience (Faculty Mentor)

Albert Lu (Spring 2019; Spring 2020)

Aleena Jamal (Fall 2019; Fall 2020)

Michelle Kim (Spring 2021)

Geetika Polavarapu (Summer 2025)

Honors Thesis Advisor

Anna Wang: Polymathic Scholars Honors Program Thesis (Spring 2019)

Michelle Kim: Nursing honors (Spring 2021)

Shilpa Rajagopal (Spring 2021)

Neha Dronamraju (Spring 2021-Spring 2022)

Goodness A. Agabi: Nursing honors (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Rachel Hernandez: Nursing honors (Fall 2022)

Kafil Nadia: CNS honors (Spring 2025)

Arantxa Espinosa Rivera: CNS honors (Spring 2025)

Aditi S. Bhat: Polymathic Scholars Honors Program Thesis (Spring 2026)

Independent Research

Alison Tang (Spring 2020)

Goodness A. Agabi (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Undergraduate Research Fellowship Research Mentor

Shilpa Rajagopal (Spring 2021)

Neha Dronamraju (Spring 2022)

Sophomore Level II Coordinator

Fall 2020-Spring 2024

COURSES TAUGHT

Didactic Instruction at UT Austin School of Nursing

UT Course Number and Name	Description	Semester/Year
N 250 - Interprofessional Collaborative Practice	Interprofessional collaborative practice course.	Fall 2025, Spring 2026
N 321 - Ethics in Health Care	Undergraduate ethics course; writing-intensive course for sophomore-level nursing students and students from other majors.	Fall 2018; Spring 2019; Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2021; Fall 2022; Fall 2023; Fall 2026

N 395 - End-of-Life Decision Making and Communication Seminar	Graduate seminar on end-of-life decision making and communication.	Spring 2021; Spring 2023; Fall 2026
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Guest Lectures

Course Name	Semester/Year	Department
N295R - Professional Role of the FNP	Spring 2019	School of Nursing, UT Austin
N457 - Seminar on Professional Nursing Topics in Research and Clinical Practicum	Spring 2023	School of Nursing, University of Washington
N295	Spring 2024	School of Nursing, UT Austin
N264	Spring 2024	School of Nursing, UT Austin
N321	Spring 2024; Spring 2025	School of Nursing, UT Austin
N310	Spring 2025	School of Nursing, UT Austin

TEACHING ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN–MILWAUKEE

Courses Taught

Policy Seminar on Aging – Online Course (SW 851)

Death and Dying (SW 591/791; 680)

Methods of Social Welfare Research (SW 662 including online section)

Introduction to Statistical Methods (SW 961)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Sandra Ford; Mohammad Rababa; Amal Al-Ghassani
(College of Nursing, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Josh Lang (Urban Studies Program, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Nicolas Lerma (College of Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Myounghee Jorn (School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Eva M. Williams (School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: CURRICULUM, AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

Interprofessional Curriculum Approach to Alzheimer's and Other Dementias, Texas Department of State Health Services, 2024-2026. Co-Principal Investigator. Listed in research support as a \$1,400,000 state contract.

Community Health Worker-led Care Transition Support for Dementia Patients and Care Partners, Philanthropic Gift to the UT-Austin School of Nursing, 2024-2025. Principal Investigator. Listed in research support as \$125,000.

Educating Social Workers in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (ESPEC): Supporting the Growth of the Palliative Care Workforce. Advisory Board member; project funded by The John A. Hartford Foundation, 2024-present.

Shaping the Future: Advancing Palliative Social Work Summit, 2025. Planning Committee member and presenter; focused on palliative social work workforce challenges and recommendations.

SERVICE

National and International Professional Service

Professional Organization Memberships and Service

Gerontological Society of America, Member; 2001-Present

Social Research, Policy and Practice (SRPP) Section: Past Chair (January – December 2025), Chair for SRPP Section (January – December 2024), Vice Chair (January -December 2023), Vice Chair Elect (January -December 2022)

SRPP Award Panel: Chair (January – December 2025)

Member (invited), GSA Strategic Planning Committee (2024)

Member, Membership Committee (January 2024- December 2025)

Member, Annual Scientific Program committee (January-December 2023)

Member, Program, Publications and Products Committee (January 2022- December 2025)

Member, SRPP Award Committee, 2021-2022

Delegate to attend “U.S.-Hong Kong 2018 Aging Across Time and Contexts” held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 19-20, 2018

Minority Issues in Gerontology Committee, (Chair Elect, 2016-2017, Chair, 2017-2018, Past-Chair, 2018-2019)

SRPP Representative to the Minority Aging Task Force, 2011-2014

SRPP Representative to the GSA Finance Committee, 2009-2011

Palliative Care Research Cooperative (PCRC), Member; 2019-2023

Member, PCRC Membership Committee, 2021-2023

Korean American Social Work Educators Association, Member; 2022-Present; Faculty mentor, 2022-present

National Academies of Practice, Distinguished Fellow in Social Work; 2024-present

Shaping the Future: Advancing Palliative Social Work Summit (2025, June 24–25). Planning Committee Member. (2024-2025)

Editorial, Book, and Manuscript Review Service

Editorial Board

Member, Journal of Applied Gerontology, 2016-present

Member, Research in Gerontological Nursing, 2019-present

Book Editor

Series Editor for the End-of-Life Series by Columbia University Press, 2021-present

Manuscript Reviewer

Reviewer: Journal of Applied Gerontology, 2016-present; Reviewer for Research in Gerontological Nursing, 2019-present

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences – Medical Sciences; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Innovation in Aging; Annals Academy of Medicine, Singapore; Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders Policy, Practice & Community; Canadian Journal on Aging; Death Studies; The Gerontologist; Journal of Aging and Health; Journal of the American Geriatrics Society; Journal of Gerontological Social Work; Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology; Journal of Palliative Care; Journal of Palliative Medicine; Research on Aging; Social Science and Medicine

Abstract Review Service***Abstract Reviewer***

SRPP Decisioning Abstract reviewer for The Gerontological Society of America 2023 Conference (161 abstracts), May 2023

Abstract reviewer for The Gerontological Society of America 2019 Conference (161 abstracts), April 2022

Abstract reviewer for St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Conference poster abstracts, 2019, 2021, 2023

Abstract reviewer for The Gerontological Society of America 2019 Conference (19 abstracts), April 2019

Grant Review Service***Grant Proposal Reviewer***

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the NIH Study Section - Mentored Career Development Awards in Social and Community Influences Research (May 2026)

Reviewer for the National Medical Research Council's Population Health Research Grant, the Ministry of Health Holdings, Singapore, Spring 2025.

Reviewer for the John Templeton Foundation Grant application, Spring 2024.

Ad hoc Reviewer for St. David's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Grant proposal (for the School of Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin), Fall 2021, Fall 2023

Ad hoc Reviewer for SRA proposal (for the School of Nursing, The University of Texas at Austin), Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, 2023

Ad hoc Reviewer for UT – Internal Competition - CPRIT High Impact/High Risk, Fall 2019

Ad hoc Reviewer for Marie Curie Research Grants Scheme 2018, July 2019

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (PCRC) Investigator Development Pilot Award, May 2019

Ad Hoc Reviewer for a grant proposal submitted to Alzheimer's Association, December, 2015

Ad Hoc Reviewer for a grant proposal submitted to Retirement Research Foundation, July, 2015

Ad Hoc Reviewer for a grant proposal submitted to Health Research Board, Dublin, Ireland, April 2015.

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the NIH Study Section - National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Health Disparities Research (R01), October 2011

Advisory Board

Member, Educating Social Workers in Palliative and End-of-Life Care (ESPEC): Supporting the Growth of the Palliative Care Workforce, Advisory Board, (project funded by The Hearst Foundations).

University Service - The University of Texas at Austin

UT-Austin University Committees

Member (Fall 2021-Spring 2024) and Chair (Fall 2023-Spring 2024), Ethics Flag Committee

Member, Faculty Council, Fall 2022- Spring 2024

Member, Faculty Grievance Committee, Fall 2022- Spring 2025

Member, C2 University Academic Calendar Committee, Fall 2023- Spring 2024

Member, Academics & Curriculum Advisory Committee (formerly known as Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee), Fall 2023- Spring 2025

Member, Organizing Committee of our Aging and Health Informatics Conference (AHIC), Fall 2019

Advisory Panel Member, UT School of Nursing, the Center for Excellence in Aging Services and Long-Term Care, UT-Austin, 2018-2021

School of Nursing Service - The University of Texas at Austin

UT-Austin School of Nursing Committees

Member, Graduate School Committee (2017-present)

Chair, Johnson-Turpin Center for Gerontological Nursing Advisory Committee (2025-present)

Member, Center for Healthcare Innovation and Technology Advancements (CHITA) Advisory Committee (2025-2026)

Member, Research Committee (2025-2027)

Member, Scholarship Committee (2025-2027)

Member, Faculty Development Leave (FDL) Review Committee (2025-2027)

Member, Graduate Student Faculty Adviser Panel (2026-2027)

Member, Graduate Student Applicant File Reviewer and Interviewer Panel (2026-2027)
 Member (2021-2022), and Chair (2022-2023) Nominations Committee
 Member, Preliminary Exam Committee (2022-2025)
 Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (2022-2023)
 Member, Global Initiative Committee (2020-2023)
 Member, Executive Committee, 2018-2020, 2023-2025
 Member, Department Review Committee, 2017-2019
 Chair, GSC Nomination Committee, 2019-2020
 Sophomore Level I & II Coordinator, Fall 2020- 2024

Prior Institution Service - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

University of Wisconsin –Milwaukee Committees

Member, MSW Program Admission Panel (SW Dept), 2010, 2011
 Member, Research Content Subcommittee (SW Dept), 2008-2017
 Member, Aging Concentration Committee (SW Dept), 2008-2017
 Member, International Studies Committee (SW Dept), 2008-2017
 Member, Overseas Programs and Partnerships Advisory Committee (University), 2008-2017
 Member, Search Committee for the Endowed Chair of Applied Gerontology (SW Dept), 2015-2016

Professional Workshops

Workshop Instructor, Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Chapter's 2nd Annual Healthcare Professional Conference, Advance Care Planning before Discharge (November 9, 2018).

Workshop Instructor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare Continuing Education Workshop - Three Part Series – Tough Decisions, Tough Conversations: Helping Families Choose the Best End of Life Care: Session 1: Advance Care Planning (March 3, 2017).

Workshop Instructor, Honoring Choices Wisconsin, Advance Care Planning With Diverse Ethnic Groups Workshop (April 5, 2016), ProHealth West Wood Health and Fitness Center, Pewaukee, WI

Workshop Instructor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare Continuing Education Workshop - Three Part Series – Tough Decisions, Tough Conversations: Helping Families Choose the Best End of Life Care: Session 1: Advance Care Planning; Session 2: Advance Care Planning with Diverse Ethnic Groups; and Session 3: End of Life for Persons with Dementia (March, April, and May 2015).

Community and Public Service

Member, Texas Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Data Workgroup, Texas Department of State Health Services, Fall 2024-present.

Member, Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Chapter, Advisory Board, Fall 2023-Present.

Member, Aging Advisory Council, Capital Area Council of Governments, Spring 2024-present

Member, Clinical Ethics Committee, The Heart Hospital, Austin, Texas, 2020-Present

Member, Ascension Texas Ethics Committee, Spring 2024-present

Member, Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Chapter, Diversity and Inclusion and Care and Support Workgroup, Austin, Texas, Fall 2019- 2021.

Member, Care Management Organization Governing Board, Family Care Program, Milwaukee County Department of Family Care, Milwaukee, WI, 2011-2016

Ad Hoc Reviewer of care management unit contract renewal proposals for Care Management Organization – Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Milwaukee, WI, 2007

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Specialized Methodological Training

Dedoose - Innovative Online Tools for Qualitative and Mixed Method Social Science Research Workshop. Center for Addiction and Behavioral Research, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, (2013)

LISREL Models: General Structural Equations, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research - University of Michigan (2007)

Longitudinal Analysis, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research – University of Michigan (2007)

Questionnaire Design, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (2007)

Mixed Methods Research, Gerontological Society of America Pre-conference Workshop (2004)

Other Training

2024 Scientific Conference on embedded Pragmatic Clinical Trials (ePCTs) in Dementia and Pre-Conference Business Meeting (April, 2024)

2019 Palliative Care Research Cooperative (PCRC) Clinical Trials Intensive 2-day workshop – Competitively selected to attend (January 2019).

Developing Interventions to Address Racial and Ethnic Differences in Health: An NIA Translational Conference to Promote the National Research Council's Recommendations for Minority Aging (RCMAR Pre-Conference Workshop, Gerontological Society of America, (2011).

Hartford Policy Leadership Institute, Washington, DC (2011).

John A. Hartford Foundation 2011 Interdisciplinary Scholars Communications Conference, Chicago, IL (2011).

UWM Faculty Development Program for Online and Blended Learning (UWM Learning Technology Center, July 15, 2011).

Teaching Institute for Hartford Faculty Scholars, Stanford Faculty Development Center for
Medical Teachers (Spring 2011)