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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2009) Social Work and Social Research, Portland State University  
M.S.W. (1980) University of Georgia  
B.A. (1976) Social Psychology, Occidental College

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor.** George Fox University

2010-present Research Measures & Statistics, Values & Ethics: Spirituality & Religion, Social Work Practice III, Social Work with Vulnerable Adults, Statistical Procedures, Social Work Practice II, Social Policy, Human Behavior in the Social Environment I, Practice I, Field Practicum

**Adjunct Professor.** George Fox University

2010 Social Work Practice II, Field Practicum

**Adjunct Professor.** Portland State University

2009 Supervision of MSW student and group work, at The Macdonald Center

**Adjunct Professor.** Warner Pacific College

2003-2009 Conflict Resolution, Counseling Theory, Survey of Social Agencies, Family Resource Management, Research Design and Applied Statistics, Introduction to Generalist Social Work

**Adjunct Professor.** George Fox University

2002 Faculty Field Liaison, Social Work program

## RELATED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**MSW Admissions Committee** (2015-present). George Fox University School of Social Work.  
**MSW Curriculum Committee** (2015-present). George Fox University School of Social Work.

**Faculty Interview Committee** (2011). George Fox University, School of Nursing.

**Curriculum Development** (2005). Institute for Professional Development, Phoenix, Arizona. Developed course: Research Design and Applied Statistics. Adult Degree Program, Warner Pacific College.

**Faculty Search Committee** (2003). Portland State University, Graduate School of Social Work.

**Student Advising Initiative** (2003). Graduate School of Social Work, Portland State University.

Assist in development of student advising and recruitment plan.

**PhD Program Assistant** (2002-2003). Graduate School of Social Work, Portland State University. Assistant to director of PhD program.

### PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

**Center for Family Development**, Eugene, Oregon (1993 -1999). Family, individual, and child play therapy; therapy in rural elementary schools; group therapy with foster children.

**Eugene Family Institute**, Eugene, Oregon (1992 -1993). Contextual Family Therapy internship. Individual, marital and family therapy.

**Christian Family Services**, Eugene, Oregon (1991 – 1992). Individual therapy with children and adults. Specialty: child play therapy.

**Children's Residential and Intensive Day Treatment**. Riverside, California. Riverside County Dept. of Mental Health (1985 – 1991). Individual, group and family therapy.

**Mid-County Mental Health**, Riverside County Dept. of Mental Health. Psychiatric Social Worker (1983 – 1985). Individual therapy with adults and children, crisis intervention.

**Mission Canyon Ranch, Inc.**, Hemet, California (1980 – 1983). Social Worker/ Program Director in group home for adolescent girls.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Dougy Center Evaluation**. Portland State University (2006). Evaluation of local grief support agency. Survey development, organization and management of data entry. Principle Investigator: Dan Coleman.

**Depression Study**. Portland State University (2005-2006). Survey research exploring correlates of chronic depression over time. Management of data collection and entry. Principle Investigator: Dan Coleman.

**Project SUCCEED in Head Start** Portland State University, Regional Research Institute (2000 – 2002). Evaluation of training curriculum for parents and teachers of Head Start children. Training and supervision of interviewers, data analysis. Principal Investigators: Barbara Friesen and Steffen Saiffer.

**Support for Working Caregivers**. Portland State University, Research and Training Center (1999 – 2000). Study of supports available, and supports needed for working parents of emotionally disturbed children. Telephone interviewing, data tracking and data entry. Principal Investigator: Eileen Brennan.

**Dissertation**: “Factors Associated with Inclusion of Spirituality in Secular Social Work Education” (2009). Portland State University.

### PUBLICATIONS

Zheng, Y., Kim, J., Wuest, L.G., (revision/re-submission). An Unrecognized Grief: A Study of Older Parents Who Are Grieving Their Only Child's Death in the United States. *Death Studies*.

Lin, M. B., Wuest, L. (2021). *The seven habits of effective and healthy helping professionals*. Relationship Work.

Zheng, Y., Cotton, A.C., He, L., Wuest, L.G. (2021). Spirituality-Integrated Interventions for Caregivers of Patients with Terminal Illness: A Systematic Review of Quantitative Outcomes. *Journal of Religion and Health*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-021-01221-w>

Zheng, Y. & Wuest, L.G. (2021). Assessing the impact of factors of parental grief among older Chinese Parents. *Death Studies*, 45(2), 110-118. doi:10.1080/07481187.2019.1616854

Wuest, L.G. Book Review: Working Mothers and the Welfare State: Religion and the Politics of Work-Family Policies in Western Europe and the United States by K. J. Morgan (2006) Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. In *Social Work and Christianity: An International Journal*, 38(3), 380-382.

Coleman, D., Cole, D., Wuest, L. (2010). "Cognitive and Psychodynamic Mechanisms of Change in Treated and Untreated Depression." *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 66 (3), 215-228. doi:10.1002/jclp.20645

Brennan, E.M., Rosenzweig, J.M., Ogilvie, A.M., Wuest, L. & Ward, A.A. (2007). Employed parents of children with mental health disorders: Achieving work-family fit, flexibility, and role quality. *Families in Society*, 88(1), 115-123.

### PRESENTATIONS

Zheng, Y, Wuest, L., *Spirituality Integrated Interventions for Caregivers of Dying Patients*. Workshop presented at the 2021 Annual Conference of the North American Association for Christians in Social Work. Glendale, California, November 18, 2021.

Zheng, Y, Wuest, L., (2019) *Spirituality in Grief Interventions: A Systematic Review*. Workshop presented at the 2019 Annual Conference of the North American Association for Christians in Social Work. Indianapolis, Indiana, November 7, 2019.

Lin, M.B., Zheng, Y., Wuest, L.G., (2018). *Worker-client relationship: A rationality, art, and spirituality perspective*. Workshop presented at the 2018 Annual Conference of the North American Association for Christians in Social Work. Hartford, Connecticut, October 27, 2018.

Lin, M. B., Wuest, L. G., Zheng, Y. Q. (2017). *The genesis of helping: A Biblical integrative perspective*. Workshop presented at the 2017 Annual Conference of the North American Association for Christians in Social Work. Charlotte, North Carolina, November 2-5, 2017.

Wuest, L. G. (2015-18). *Talking About Research*. North American Association of Christians in Social Work Annual Convention and Training Conference.

Wuest, L. G. (2010). *Factors associated with inclusion of spirituality in secular social work education*. Council on Social Work Education 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting; Portland, Oregon, October 15, 2010.

Wuest, L. (2009). *Factors associated with inclusion of spirituality in secular social work education*. North American Association of Christians in Social Work 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Training Conference; Indianapolis, Indiana, October 29 - November 1, 2009.

Wuest, L., (2004). *Ensuring quality client services: Analysis of Charitable Choice legislation in the light of NASW's Code of Ethics*. North American Association of Christians in Social Work 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Training Conference; Reston, Virginia, October 28-29, 2004.

Wuest, L. (2003). *No Comprendo: Translation Issues Experienced by Project SUCCEED*. PhD Seminar, Portland State University, November 4, 2003.

Gordon, L.J., Friesen, B.J., Saifer, S.L., Wuest, L.G. and Banek, V. (2002). *Community Innovation in Family-Teacher Collaboration: A Training Curriculum Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Young Children*. Head Start National Research Conference, Washington, D.C., June 27, 2002. Poster presentation.

Rosenzweig, J.M., Brennan, E.M., Wuest, L.G., and Ward, A.A. (2001). *Voices of Employed Parents: Work/Family Fit*. PhD Seminar, Portland State University Graduate School of Social Work, October 23, 2001.

Rosenzweig, J.M., Brennan, E.M., Ogilvie, A.M., Wuest, L.G. (2000). *Employed Caregivers of Children with Emotional Disorders: Stress, Strategies, Family Support, and Work/Family Fit*. Building on Family Strengths Conference, Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health, Portland State University, April 2000.

#### LICENSURE AND TRAINING

1992-1993	Contextual Family Therapy - Eugene Family Institute
1990	Play Therapy Training - Byron and Carol Norton
1985-2018	LCSW, State of California #LC 11486 (retired)
1993	LCSW, State of Oregon #2009 (Active)

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

2011 to present	Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD)
2011 to present	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
2000 to present	North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW)
2002 -2003	Officer of Pacific Northwest Chapter of NACSW

1992-1994 Association for Play Therapy member  
1992-1994 Oregon Association for Play Therapy member

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2006 - 2020 HOTEL Ministry team leader, River West Church. Coordination and participation in twice monthly visits to low-income elderly living in downtown Portland; provide monthly dinners open to all residents.