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Education

- 2007 *Doctorate*, Epidemiology (Department of Community Health)
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
- Dissertation Title: Dementia Special Care Units: A Look at Their Impact and Role in the Nursing Home Market
Committee: Vincent Mor, Ph.D. (chair), Susan Miller, Ph.D., Kate Lapane, Ph.D.
- 2003 *Master of Science*, Health Studies and Gerontology
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
- Thesis Title: Depression in Patients with Advanced Illness – An Examination of Ontario Complex Continuing Care Using the MDS 2.0
Committee: Trevor Smith, Ph.D. (advisor), John P. Hirdes, Ph.D., Roy Cameron, Ph.D.
- 2001 *Bachelor of Science* (Honours), Biology and Psychology
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- Thesis Title: Perceptions of Elderly People with Physical Disabilities as Expressed in Ratings of Conversational Encounters
Supervisors: Ellen B. Ryan, Ph.D., Ann Anas

Awards and Honours

- 2007 Sigma Xi Honor Society, Brown University
- 2006 Student Poster Award, AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (June 25-27, 2006)
- 2006 Student Poster Panel Selection, AcademyHealth.
Presented at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (June 25-27, 2006).
- 2006 Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Student Workshop Participant. Held at the Congress of Epidemiology (June 21–24, 2006); provided an opportunity for invited students to discuss methodologic issues with leading epidemiologists.

2005	Scholars Award, American Association for Retired Persons (AARP), \$10,000.
2005	Student Poster Award, Canadian Institute for Health Research, Institute on Aging (CIHR IA) presented at the Canadian Association on Gerontology Meeting, \$500 (Cdn.).
2003	Finalist, Canadian Evaluation Society Student Competition.
2002	Third Age Learning Award, Third Age Learning Society, Kitchener-Waterloo, \$1,000 (Cdn.).
2001	Merit Award, University of Waterloo.

Employment History

Research

January 2005 – May 2007	Research Assistant, Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, Brown University. Working on a large-scale project to examine the influence of state Medicaid funding policies on nursing home outcomes. Mentors: Vincent Mor, Ph.D. and Susan C. Miller, Ph.D.
September 2003 – August 2004	Research Assistant, Center for Gerontology and Health Care Research, Brown University. Conducted a literature review on indicators of quality care for patients with terminal cancer. Completed a literature review of predictors of site of death for people with terminal illness and updated the Facts on Dying website with 2001 statistics. Mentor: Joan M. Teno, MS, MD

Teaching (Teaching Assistantships)

Fall 2004	BC 212, Research Methods in Epidemiology (graduate level) Brown University Instructor: Sally Zierler, Dr.P.H.
Spring 2003/ Fall 2002	Hlth 352, Sociology of Aging University of Waterloo Instructor: Trevor Smith, Ph.D.
Fall 2002	Hlth 442, Introduction to Epidemiology of Chronic Disease University of Waterloo Instructor: Janice Husted, Ph.D.
Fall 2001	Hlth 245, Introduction to the Canadian Health Care System

University of Waterloo
Instructor: Trevor Smith, Ph.D.

Fall 2000/
Spring 2001 Psych 1A03/1AA3, Introduction to Psychology
McMaster University
Instructor: Richard Day, Ph.D.

Non-Academic

Summer 2001/2000 Summer Outings Coordinator, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care,
Toronto, Ontario.

Publications

Gruneir A, Mor V, Roy J, Weitzen S, Truchil R, Teno J. (2007). Where People Die: A Multi-Level Approach to Understanding Influences on Site of Death in America. Medical Care Research and Review, 64, 351-378.

Gruneir A, Lapane K, Miller SC, Mor V. (2007) Long-Term Care Market Competition and Nursing Home Dementia Special Care Units. Medical Care, 45, 739-745.

Teno JM, Gruneir A, Schwartz Z, Nanda A, Wetle T. (2007). Association of Advance Directives with Quality of End of Life Care: A National Study. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, 55, 189-194.

Gruneir A, Miller SC, Lapane K, Kinzbrunner B. (2006). Hospice Care in the Nursing Home: Changes in Visit Volume from Enrollment to Discharge Among Longer-Stay Hospice Residents. Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, 32, 478-487.

Ryan EB, Anas AP, Gruneir, AJS (2006). Evaluations of overhelping and underhelping communication. Do old age and physical disability matter? Journal of Language and Social Psychology, 25, 97-107.

Gruneir A, Smith TF, Hirdes JP, Cameron R (2005). Depression in patients with advanced illness – An examination of Ontario complex continuing care using the Minimum Data Set 2.0. Palliative and Supportive Care, 3, 99-105.

In Press

Gruneir A, Miller SC, Intrator O, Mor V. Hospitalization of Nursing Home Residents with Cognitive Impairments: The Influence of Organizational Features and State Policies. The Gerontologist.

Gruneir A, Miller SC, Feng Z, Intrator O, Mor V. The Effect of State Medicaid Policies and Nursing Home Racial Composition on the Risk of Hospitalization for Black and White Residents. Health Services Research.

Under Review

Gruneir A, Lapane K, Miller SC, Mor V. Is Dementia Special Care Really Special? A New Look at an Old Question. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

Gruneir A, Mor V. Nursing Home Safety: Where Are We Now and Why Can't We Get to Where We Need to Be? *Annual Reviews of Public Health*.

Gruneir A, Lapane K, Miller SC, Mor V. Facility specialization and quality outcomes: Does the Introduction of a Dementia Special Care Unit Affect the Way that a Nursing Home Provides Care? *Medical Care*.

Professional Presentations

Gruneir A, Lapane KL, Miller SC, Mor V. Multilevel Confounding in Pharmacoepidemiologic Research: An Application of Propensity Score Methods. Presented at the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology Annual Meeting, Quebec City, QB, August 19-22, 2007.

Gruneir A, Lapane KL, Miller SC, Mor V. Does receiving care on a dementia special care unit decrease the likelihood of receiving psychotropic medications for residents with dementia? Presented at the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology Annual Meeting, Quebec City, QB, August 19-22, 2007.

Gruneir A, Lapane KL, Miller SC, Mor V. Dementia Special Care Units in U.S. Nursing Homes: Use of the MDS to Evaluate Differences in Care Processes. Presented at the Canadian RAI Conference, Ottawa, ON, May 2-4, 2007.

Gruneir A, Lapane K, Miller SC, Mor V. Dementia Special Care Units in U.S. Nursing Homes: A Current Description. Poster presented at The Gerontological Society of America Meeting, Austin, TX, November 16-20, 2006.

Gruneir A, Miller S, Mor V. Hospitalization of Nursing Home Residents with Cognitive Impairments: Influence of Facility Features and State Policies. Poster and invited student panel presented at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 25-27, 2006.

Gruneir A, Mor V, Roy J, Weitzen S, Truchil R, Teno J. Where People Die: A Multi-Level Analysis of Predictors of Site of Death in America. Poster presented at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 25-27, 2006.

Gruneir A, Smith T, Hirdes J, Cameron R. Depression in patients with advanced illness – prevalence, treatment, and correlates. Poster presented at Canadian Association on Gerontology Annual Meeting, Halifax, NS, Oct. 20–22, 2005.

Gruneir A, Lapane K, Miller S. Hospice Care in the Nursing Home: Is Diagnosis associated with Configuration of Care? Poster presented at AcademyHealth Research Meeting, Boston, MA, June 24-26, 2005.

Teno J, Gruneir A, Wetle T, Mor V. Association of advance directives with quality end-of-life care: A national study. Presented at Gerontological Society of America Meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 19-22, 2004.

Gruneir A, Smith T, Hirdes J, Cameron R. Depression in patients with advanced illness – An examination of Ontario Complex Continuing Care with the Minimum Data Set 2.0. Poster presented at 15th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill, Montreal, QC, Sept. 19-23, 2004. (Abstract printed in Journal of Palliative Care. 20(3), 2004.)

Professional Affiliations

Member, Canadian Association on Gerontology (since 2005), Gerontological Society of America (since 2005), AcademyHealth (since 2004), Society for Epidemiologic Research (since 2005).

Professional Activities

2006	Student Representative
	2007 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting Planning Committee
2006	Student Representative
	Canadian Association on Gerontology, Student Connection