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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of South Florida, 2007 (Aging Studies)
B.A. University of South Florida, 1999 (Psychology)
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EXPERIENCE:

7/2007 – Present Postdoctoral Fellow
Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida

5/2004 – 6/2004 Co-principal Investigator
Georgia Nursing Home Liability Insurance Case Study

1/2003 – 11/2003 Project Manager
Florida Assisted Living Research Study

1/2002 – 5/2002 Graduate Teaching Assistant
The Life Cycle
Department of Gerontology
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8/2001 – 12/2001 Co-principal Investigator
Florida Nursing Home Litigation and Liability Insurance Survey Conducted for
Florida Health Care Association and Florida Association of Homes for the Aging

1/2000 – 12/2003 Graduate Research Assistant,
Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging, University of South Florida, Tampa

6/2000 – 2/2001 Investigator
Task Force on Availability and Affordability of Long-Term Care for the
Florida Legislature in Response to House Bill 1993

OTHER POSITIONS:

Property Manager, Lenox Properties, Lakeland, FL
Executive Assistant, Citrus Hill Orange Juice, Procter & Gamble, Frostproof, FL
Executive Assistant to Provost, Pasco-Hernando Community College, Brooksville, FL
Administrative Assistant, Hernando State Bank, Brooksville, FL

Grants/Contracts

2004 Co-P.I.: Georgia Nursing Home Liability Insurance Case Study
2001 Co-P.I.: Florida Nursing Home Litigation and Liability Insurance Survey
2000 Co-P.I.: Improving Posture and Functioning Among Wheel Chair Bound Nursing Home Residents

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Gerontological Society of America, 1999-present
Florida Conference on Aging, 2001-present
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, 1999-present

PUBLICATIONS:

- Hedgecock, D. K. (2007). *The Preliminary Impact of 2001 Florida Tort Reform on Nursing Facility Litigation in One County*. Submitted for publication, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.
- Hatzmann, M., Hedgecock, D., Michaelowski, J., & Burwell, B. (2006). *The Nursing Home Liability Insurance Market: A Case Study of Georgia*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Disability, Aging and Long-term Care Policy.
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- Salmon, J. R., Hyer, K., Hedgecock, D., Zayac, H., & Engh, B. (2004). *Florida Assisted Living Research Study: Facilities, Residents, Staff, Training, and Liability Insurance: Executive Summary*. Tampa, FL. Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging.
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- Hedgecock, D. K. and J. R. Salmon. (2001). "Lawsuits and Liability Insurance Experience of Florida Nursing Homes, January - October 5, 2001: Initial Impact of Senate Bill 1202." Tampa, FL: Policy Exchange Center on Aging.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2003 Annual Meeting of The Gerontological Society of America: Litigation and Liability – Insurance Conditions Facing Florida's Assisted Living Facilities
- The Florida Conference on Aging 2002 – The State of Affairs: Tort Reform and Nursing Home Litigation, August 21, 2002
- Society of Certified Senior Advisors, Regional Training Event, Principles of Aging, Orlando, Florida, December 12, 2001
- 2001 Annual Meeting of The Gerontological Society of America: Nursing Home Litigation in Hillsborough County, Florida, November 17, 2001
- The Florida Conference on Aging 2001 – Connections and Directions, Liability, Insurance & Financing Crisis in NH/ALF, August 15, 2001
- University of South Florida Nursing Conference, Quality of Care and Litigation: Focus on Pressure Ulcers, July 18, 2001