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### **Education**

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#### **University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare**

PhD Candidate, Expected Graduation May 2010

Dissertation: *Local Government Innovation Creating Aging-Friendly Communities: A Mixed Methods Approach*

Chair: Andrew Scharlach, Ph.D.

#### **Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research**

Master in Social Service, 2005

Concentration: Policy Practice and Advocacy

#### **University of Delaware**

Bachelor of Arts in History, 2000

Minor: Psychology

### **Research Interests**

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Gerontology

Health Care Policies and Services

Civic Engagement

Long-Term Care Policies and Services

Mixed Methods

Mental Health and Aging

### **Teaching Interests**

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Policies and Services for Older Adults

Research Methods

Policy Advocacy

Social Welfare Policy

Social Welfare Theory

History of Social Work

### **Grants and Awards**

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Hartford Doctoral Fellows Dissertation Award, 2008-2010

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, 2008-2010

Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Fellows Award, 2009

Grantmakers in Aging Fellowship, 2007

Amanda J. Lehning

Hartford Doctoral Fellows Pre-Dissertation Award, 2006

Gerontological Society of America Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Poster Award, 2006

Summer Training in Aging Research Topics – Mental Health (START-MH) Program, 2006

## **Publications**

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Lehning, A.J., Scharlach, A.E., & Dal Santo, T.S. (in press). A web-based approach for helping communities become more ‘aging friendly’. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.

Lehning, A.J., & Austin, M.J. (in press). Long-term care in the United States: Policy themes and promising practices. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

Anthony, E.K., Lehning, A.J., Austin, M.J., & Peck, M.D. (in press). Instruments for assessing elder mistreatment: Implications for Adult Protective Services. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

Hodgson, N., & Lehning, A. (2008). Barriers to palliative care services in Pennsylvania nursing homes. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*, 14, 39-45.

Giunta, N., Scharlach, A., Chow, J., & Lehning, A. (2008). Racial and ethnic differences in caregiver service use. *Journal on Aging and Health*, 20, 326-346.

Lehning, A., & Scharlach, A. (2008). Support groups for caregivers. In E. Capezuti, G. Siegler, & M.D. Mezey (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Elder Care* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). New York: Springer Publishing Company.

Lehning, A., Chun, Y., & Scharlach, A. (2007). Structural barriers to developing ‘aging-friendly’ communities. *Public Policy & Aging Report*, 17, 15-20.

Lehning, A.J., Vu, C.M., & Pintak, I. (2007). Theories of poverty: Findings from textbooks on human behavior and the social environment. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*, 16, 5-20.

Lehning, A.J. (2007). Political science perspectives on poverty. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*, 16, 87-104.

Turner, K., & Lehning, A.J. (2007). Psychological theories of poverty. *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*, 16, 57-72.

Hodgson, N., Landsberg, L., Lehning, A., Kleban, M. (2006). Palliative care services in Pennsylvania nursing homes. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 9, 1054-1058.

## **Conference Presentations**

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Lehning, A.J., & Scharlach, A.E. Creating Aging-Friendly Communities: A Conceptual Overview. Poster presented at the Student Poster Sessions at the Annual Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society, Chicago, IL, May 2009.

Scharlach, A.E., Lehning, A.J., & Dal Santo, T.S. Characteristics of Aging-Friendly Communities. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Harbor City, MD, November 2008.

Lehning, A.J., Anthony, E.K., & Austin, M.J. Instruments for Assessing Elder Mistreatment: Implications for Adult Protective Services. Poster presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, CA, November 2007.

Lehning, A.J., Anthony, E.K., & Austin, M.J. Instruments for Assessing Elder Mistreatment: Implications for Adult Protective Services. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington, DC, November 2007.

Lehning, A.J. Creating Aging-Friendly Communities. Paper presented at the Grantmakers in Aging Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2007.

Giunta, N., & Lehning, A.J. Examining the Implementation of the National Family Caregiver Support Program: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Efforts in 50 States. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 2006

Lehning, A.J., & Scharlach, A. Mental Health Service Use in Nursing Facilities. Poster presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX, November 2006 (Selected for the GSA Emerging Scholar and Professional Organization Poster Award)

Resnick, R.R, Kohn, K.C., Lehning, A.J., Snyder, N., & Starks, R. The Lawton Digital Archive: Planning and Implementation. Poster presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Dallas, TX, November 2006

Hodgson, N., Landsberg, L., Lehning, A., & Kleban, M. Palliative Care Services in Pennsylvania Nursing Homes. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Orlando, FL, November 2005

Hodgson, N., Landsberg, L., & Lehning, A. Palliative Care Services in Pennsylvania Nursing Homes - Preliminary Results Poster Presentation. Poster presented at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, DC, November 2004

## **Research Experience**

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### **Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services, University of California, Berkeley**

Center Director: Andrew Scharlach, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Researcher, 2005-present

- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data
- Assisted in the development and implementation of the Creating Aging-Friendly Communities Online Conference and Website
- Conducted literature searches and wrote literature reviews
- Prepared manuscripts for publication
- Assisted in survey development

### **JS Bower Foundation and the Santa Barbara Alliance for Living & Dying Well**

Research Consultant, August 2008-October 2008

- Wrote a literature review on end of life care

### **Bay Area Social Services Consortium, University of California, Berkeley**

Center Director: Michael Austin, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Researcher, Fall 2009, Summer 2008 and Fall 2006

- Wrote literature reviews on elder mistreatment assessment and long-term care policy
- Prepared manuscripts for publication
- Presented to the Consortium at quarterly meetings

### **Mack Center for Nonprofit Management, University of California, Berkeley**

Center Director: Michael Austin, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Researcher, Spring and Summer 2008

- Conducted qualitative interviews
- Wrote an organizational history of On Lok, Inc.

### **Professor Yu-Wen Ying, University of California, Berkeley**

Graduate Student Researcher, 2007-2008

- Conducted qualitative interviews
- Analyzed quantitative and qualitative data

### **Polisher Research Institute (formerly Philadelphia Geriatric Center), Philadelphia, PA**

Principal Investigators: Nancy Hodgson, Ph.D., Kimberly Van Haitsma, Ph.D., Rachel Resnick, M.S.

Research Assistant, 2004-2005

- Assisted in survey development
- Prepared manuscripts for publication
- Analyzed quantitative data
- Conducted observations
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative interviews

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare**

Graduate Student Instructor

- Spring 2009: Social Work Practice, undergraduate level course  
Instructor: Susan Stone, Ph.D.
- Fall 2008: Social Welfare Policy, undergraduate level course  
Instructor: James Midgley, Ph.D.
- Spring 2007: Social Welfare as a Profession, undergraduate level course  
Instructor: Julia Hastings, Ph.D.
- Spring 2008: Social Work as a Profession, undergraduate level course  
Instructor: Dianne Rush Woods, Ph.D.

### **University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare**

Reader

- Fall 2005, Fall 2006, and Fall 2007: Social Welfare Policy, masters level course  
Instructor: Neil Gilbert, Ph.D.

### **San Jose State University School of Social Work**

Guest Lecturer

- Spring 2008 and Spring 2009: Social Policy Analysis, masters level course  
Instructor: Kris Frerer

## **Practice Experience**

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Social Services, Towne Manor East Nursing Facility, Norristown, PA, 2003-2004

## **University and Community Service**

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Alzheimer's Services of the East Bay

Volunteer

2009-present

School of Social Welfare Executive Committee, University of California, Berkeley

Doctoral Student Representative

2006-2008

School of Social Welfare Doctoral Committee, University of California, Berkeley

Doctoral Student Representative

2006-2008

School of Social Welfare Dean Search Committee, University of California, Berkeley

Doctoral Student Representative

2006-2007

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Dorothy Day House homeless program  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
2007-2008

Dorothy Day House homeless program  
Volunteer  
2005-2007

### **Professional Affiliations**

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Gerontological Society of America  
American Public Health Association  
Society for Social Work and Research  
Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work  
American Society on Aging

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