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Education

- 2017
(expected) Ph.D. in Sociology, Rutgers University
Dissertation Topic: "Advancing our Understanding of a Good Death: How social inequalities, end of life planning, and proxy characteristics influence our understanding of "good death" using multidimensional measures of perceived death quality" Committee: Deborah Carr (Chair), Julie Phillips, Kristen Springer
- 2015 Qualifying Paper: "Pain Education in US Medical Schools: Why so little and so varied?" Committee: Catherine Lee (Chair), Joanna Kempner, Allan Horwitz (under review)
- 2014 M.A. in Sociology, Rutgers University
Thesis: "Time Perspective and End-of-Life Planning in Older Adults." Committee: Deborah Carr (Chair), Sharon Bzostek, Ann Mische (published)
- 2000 M.A. in Latin American Studies, Tulane University
- 1998 B.A. in Spanish and Latin American Studies, Tulane University, *Magna Cum Laude*
Honors Thesis: "Mayan Women and their Reaction to the Guatemalan Civil War" Chair: Judith Maxwell

Research and Teaching Interests

Research Methods, Statistics, Aging, Health and Illness, Death and Dying, Medical Education, Life Course, Medical Sociology

Publications

- Luth, Elizabeth. 2015. "Future Time Perspective and End-of-Life Planning in Older Adults." *Research on Aging*. doi:10.1177/0164027515585172.
- Carr, Deborah and Elizabeth Luth. 2015. "End-of-Life Planning and Health Care." pp. 375-396 in *Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences, 8th Edition*, edited by Linda K. George and Kenneth F. Ferraro. London: Elsevier.
- Luth, Elizabeth. Forthcoming. "End-of-Life Care." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*, edited by Marc H. Bronstein. SAGE Publications.

Research in Progress

- Luth, Elizabeth. "Pain in Early Physician Training: Medical educators' perspectives and ambivalence on pain in the formal and informal curricula." (under review)
- Luth, Elizabeth. "A Case for Death as Equalizer: Fundamental Causes as non-Predictors of Multidimensional End-of-Life Care Quality." (in preparation)

Book Reviews and Public Sociology

- Luth, Elizabeth. 2014. "Kin and Kidneys." *Contexts*, 13(1).
- Luth, Elizabeth. 2013. "Abel, EK. *The Inevitable Hour: A History of Caring for Dying Patients in America*." *Sociology of Health and Illness*, 36(1): 152-153.
- Luth, Elizabeth. 2013. "The Armstrong Effect." *Contexts*, 12(3).
- Luth, Elizabeth. 2013. "Whither the Good Death?" everydaysociologyblog.com. May 30.

Fellowships and Awards

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| 2016-17 | PEO Scholar Award (\$15,000) |
| 2016 | RAND Summer Institute Fellow |
| 2015 | Matilda White Riley Published Article Award for "Future Time Perspective and End-of-Life Planning in Older Adults," <i>Sociology</i> , Rutgers University (co-winner) |
| 2015 | Rutgers University Sociology Department Small Grant Program (\$250) |
| 2011-13 | Excellence Fellow, Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University |
| 2005 | American Red Cross Spirit of Excellence Award |
| 2000 | Robert Greenleaf Award for paper in the Social Sciences, Latin American Studies, Tulane University |
| 1999-00 | Graduate School Fellowship, Latin American Studies, Tulane University |
| 1998 | Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society |
| 1994-98 | Deans Honors Scholarship, Tulane University (full-tuition, merit-based award) |

Conference Presentations

- "Physician Education and Patient Experience: Exploring the Gap in Medical Education."
Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2015.
- "Future Time Perspective and Advance Care Planning." Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2014.
- "Perceptions of Own and Spouse's Survival: Do Life Span Projections Affect End-of-Life Health Care Planning Among Married Older Adults?" (with Deborah Carr). Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2014.
- "Understanding the Ties that Bind: Assisted Reproductive Technology and Kinship across Social Structures." Presented to the Eastern Sociological Society, February 2014.
- "Time, Time Perceptions, and Advance Care Planning: Understanding why People Plan for End-of-Life Health Care." Presented to the American Sociological Association, August 2013.

Teaching

Rutgers Department of Sociology

Fall 2014- Lab and Graduate Statistics Consultant

Spring 2016 Statistical Methods in Sociology I, Teaching Assistant for Julie Phillips

- Fall 2014/2015 Statistical Methods in Sociology II, Teaching Assistant for Lauren Krivo
 Spring 2015 Statistical Methods in Sociology I, Teaching Assistant for Stephen Hansell
 Spring 2013 Normalities and Abnormalities, Recitation Instructor for Allan Horwitz,
 Undergraduate Teaching Honor Roll
 Fall 2013 Social Research Methods, Recitation Instructor for Julie Phillips,
 Undergraduate Teaching Honor Roll

Research Positions

- 2015- Research Assistant, Deborah Carr, "The Golden Years," Rutgers University
 · Conduct literature reviews for book on aging in the United States
- 2015- Research Assistant, Julie Phillips, "Baby Boomer Suicide: Age, Period, and Cohort Study," Rutgers University
 · Compile and analyze datasets including General Social Survey and National Health and Interview Study
- 2013 Research Assistant, Catherine Lee, "Inequalities in Pain Treatment," Rutgers University
 · Conducted literature review for study on race- and age-based inequalities in pain management
 · Wrote research brief on historical institutional approach to pain management by medical schools and regulatory bodies
- 2011-14 Research Assistant, Marsha Rosenthal, "Community and Assisted Living Breast Cancer Survivor Studies," Rutgers University
 · Assisted in development of survey tools and interview protocols
 · Conducted telephone surveys of older breast cancer survivors and their family members.
 · Conducted interviews of older breast cancer survivors and their family members.
 · Coded and analyzed transcribed interviews.

Service

- 2014- Ad hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Journal of Aging and Health*, *Psycho-Oncology*
- 2013-2014 Student Editor, "In Briefs," *Contexts*
- 1999 President, Latin American Graduate Student Organization, Tulane University

Professional Certifications

- 2009 Prince2 Project Management Foundation Level qualification, London, UK
 2006 George Washington University School of Business Masters Certificate in Project Management

Additional Professional Experience

- 2007-11 British Heart Foundation
 National non-profit organization with over £100 million (approx. \$150 million) annual budget dedicated to improving the lives of people at risk of developing and living with heart disease as well as reducing the number of premature deaths due to heart disease.

- 2009-11 Evaluation Consultant Larchmont, NY
- Advise on design and implementation of external research and evaluation projects, including £500k (approx. \$750k) three-year, multi-site project evaluation
 - Conduct process and outcome evaluations for projects and strategic initiatives.
- 2007-09 Evaluation and Quality Assurance Manager London, England
- Conducted mid-term process evaluation of £2 million (approx. \$3 million)/year project, providing key strategic recommendations for future project planning and implementation.
 - Developed and implemented a multi-year strategy for evaluating projects and programming totaling approximately £30 million (approx. \$45 million) annually.
 - Designed, conducted and prepared reports for internal process and outcome evaluations.
 - Provided consultancy services on evaluation, monitoring and quality assurance matters to over 200 staff.
 - Commissioned and managed external evaluations for public health and healthcare projects and programs.
- 2004-06 American Red Cross, September 11 Recovery Program New York City, NY
Time-limited program providing services and support to individuals and communities most affected by the events of September 11, 2001.
- 2005-06 Assistant Director, Recovery Grants
- Directed all aspects of \$100 million grants program (approximately 10% of total program budget), including planning, budgeting, ongoing grant monitoring and evaluation, issuing over \$30 million in grants to community-based, non-profit organizations.
- 2004-05 Coordinator, Quality Assurance
- Developed reporting and monitoring template and training materials for \$89 million grant program. Assisted with training sessions and transition of training responsibilities.
 - Managed reporting, site visits, communications and other monitoring and evaluation activities for two grants totaling over \$2 million.
 - Developed materials for and conducted site visits to evaluate programs and financial procedures to ensure appropriate use of donor funds.
 - Project managed client survey conducted by the Urban Institute to determine impact of program services.
- 2003-04 American Society of Mexico Mexico City, Mexico
Non-Profit umbrella organization promoting collaboration of organizations and individuals through social, civic and cultural activities in Mexico City.

Chair, Events Committee

- Managed all aspects of planning, logistics, and execution for first-time fundraising event for Mexico-based non-profit organization, netting over \$25,000. Organized silent auction of 200 items, netting over \$10,000.

2001-03 Family Services of Greater Houston Houston, TX
Mid-sized (\$5 million annual budget), social services focused, non-profit organization providing community- and school-based supportive, educational and therapeutic services in the greater Houston area.

Manager, Research and Program Evaluation

- Designed, implemented and managed a comprehensive monitoring, evaluation and reporting program to assess the impact of 11 social service programs and 60 staff.
- Identified expected outcomes in accordance with agency mission, best practices, program goals and stakeholder requirements. Designed data collection instruments. Managed, compiled and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data; created reports for stakeholder audiences, including funders, Board of Directors and community partners.
- Worked effectively across departments and at various levels of the organization to incorporate learning from evaluation systems. Trained service delivery staff in data collection and evaluation techniques. Led program teams in evaluation and refinement of monitoring and evaluation processes.

1998-00 Hispanic Apostolate New Orleans, LA
Non-profit organization providing case management, legal, educational and job placement services to the Latino community in New Orleans.

- Conducted organizational evaluation, providing recommendations to senior management and board of directors, including procedures for service delivery system enhancement, program evaluation, and improved operational efficiency.
- Developed databases for data collection and automated reporting. Trained staff in computer-based data collection and outcome measurement.
- Compiled and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data for annual reporting.
- Provided direct services to immigrant community, including assistance with job placement, emergency food and housing assistance, and support with accessing government benefit programs.

1998-99 United States Department of State, Peace Corps Duyure, Honduras