

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Michael A. Smyer

Emeritus Professor of Psychology
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, PA 17837
E-mail: smyer@bucknell.edu

Education:

1972-1977 Ph.D. in Personality and Clinical Psychology, Duke University
1968-1972 B.A. in Psychology; graduated cum laude, Yale University

Licensure:

1981-2013 Licensed Psychologist, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Professorial Experience:

2008-Present Professor of Psychology, Bucknell University
1994-2008 Professor of Psychology, Boston College
1987-1994 Professor of Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University
1982-1987 Associate Professor of Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University
1977-1982 Assistant Professor of Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University

Administrative Experience:

2008-2015 *Provost, Bucknell University*— Responsible for promoting and sustaining excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service for 3500 students and 400 faculty members.
2005-2008 *Director, Center on Aging and Work, Boston College*— With a \$3 million grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, responsible for the design and implementation of interdisciplinary research by the Center's 24 investigators focused on the opportunities and challenges associated with the aging workforce. See www.bc.edu/agingandwork for more information.
1994-2007 *Dean, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Boston College*—Responsible for the graduate education of more than 1100 graduate students in 17 departments and the work of more than 400 faculty in those departments.
1994-2005 *Associate Vice President for Research, Boston College*—Responsible for the research programs of 600+ faculty. Supervised the development, submission, and management of externally funded projects.

- 1988-1992 *Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Health and Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University*
- 1985-1986 *American Council on Education Fellowship in Academic Administration, The Pennsylvania State University and Cornell University*
- 1983-1985 *Professor-in-Charge of the Graduate Program, Department of Individual and Family Studies, The Pennsylvania State University*
- 1982-1987 *Professor-in-Charge, Department of Individual and Family Studies, The Pennsylvania State University*
- 1979-1986 *Associate Chairman, The Gerontology Center, The Pennsylvania State University—*
- 1976-1977 *Assistant to the President, Terry Sanford, J.D., Duke University (part-time position)—*
- 1970-1971 *Assistant to the President, William Birenbaum, J.D., Staten Island Community College, City University of New York (part-time position)*

Awards:

- 2018-2020 Honorary Professor, School of Psychology, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- 2018-2019 Encore Public Voices Fellow
- 2016-17 Civic Innovation Fellow, The Hasso Plattner Institute of Design, Stanford University
- 2015-present Senior Fellow in Social Innovation, The Lewis Institute, Babson College
- 2015-16 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University
- 2015 Endeavour Fellow, Australian National University
- 2013 Lifetime Contribution to the Psychology of Aging, Committee on Aging, American Psychological Association
- 2012 Fulbright, IEA Fellowship (India)
- 2003 M. Powell Lawton Award for Distinguished Contribution in Applied Gerontology, Retirement Research Foundation and Division of Adult Development & Aging, American Psychological Association.
- 2000 Fulbright, IEA Fellowship (Japan).
- 1992 Evan G. and Helen G. Pattishall Award for Outstanding Research Achievement, College of Health and Human Development, The Pennsylvania State University.
- 1987 Visiting Distinguished Gerontologist, The College of Saint Scholastica, Duluth, MN. June 8-26
- 1985-1986 American Council on Education Fellow in Academic Administration, The Pennsylvania State University and Cornell University.

- 1984 Elected to Sigma Xi.
- 1982-1985 Kellogg National Fellowship, W. K. Kellogg Foundation.
- 1980 Research Fellowship, The Gerontological Society.
- 1976-1977 Public Health Service Predoctoral Research Fellowship.
- 1975 Duke University Graduate School Research Award.

Teaching Experience:

- Undergraduate Introductory course, Designing Your Bucknell
- Undergraduate introductory course, The Mature Years
- Undergraduate advanced course, Adult Development
- Undergraduate advanced course, Programs and Services for Older Adults
- Undergraduate Seminar, Professional Issues in Human Development (Ethics)
- Undergraduate Honors Seminar, Issues in the Study of Individual and Family Development
- Graduate Seminar, Psychology and Aging
- Graduate Seminar, Issues in the Study of Individual and Family Development
- Graduate Seminar, Qualitative Research on Adult Development and Aging
- Graduate Seminar, Life Events and Intervention
- Graduate Seminar, Mental Health and Aging

Graduate Program Experience (in addition to Administrative Experience)

- Chair of nine master's thesis committees
- Chair of 18 dissertation committees
- Member of 50+ master's or doctoral committees

Professional Societies:

American Association of Applied and Preventive Psychology (Fellow), American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Public Health Association, American Psychological Association (Fellow) Divisions 12, 20, and 27, American Psychological Society (Fellow), Gerontological Society of America (Fellow), National Academy of Social Insurance, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Fellow).

Recent Editorial and Review Activities:

- 2008-2017 Fellow, TIAA-CREF Institute (Emeritus, 2018-present)
- 2007-2010 Member, Editorial Board, Annual Review of Gerontology & Geriatrics
- 2005-2008 Member, Editorial Board, Generations, American Society on Aging
- 1979-Present Ad Hoc Reviewer, American Psychologist, Human Development, Journal of Applied Gerontology, Journal of Consulting & Clinical Psychology, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Community Psychology, Journal of Gerontology, The Gerontologist, Psychology and Aging

Recent Grants Funded: (of more than \$6 million in funding in my career)

- 2015-2019 Bridge to Retirement: Bridge to Diversity (with Dean George Shields). Andrew Mellon Foundation
- 2012-2015 Student Entrepreneurship. Accenture
- 2012-2015 Engineering Success Alliance. Hearst Foundation
- 2010-2014 Environmental Programming. Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2010-2013 Diversity Collaboration (with Dickinson & Lafayette). Teagle Foundation

Recent Publications: (of nine books, and more than 100 chapters and articles)

Recent Books:

- Segal, D., Qualls, S.H., & Smyer, M.A. (2018). Aging and Mental Health (3rd ed.). New York: John Wiley & Sons Inc.
- Segal, D., Qualls, S.H., & Smyer, M.A. (2011). Aging and Mental Health (2nd ed.). Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers.
- Read, C., Green, R., & Smyer, M.A. (Eds.) (2008), Aging, Genetic Technology, and the Future. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Qualls, S.H. & Smyer, M.A. (Eds.), (2007), Aging and Decision-Making Capacity: Clinical, Family, and Legal Issues. New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Pruchno, R. & Smyer, M.A. (Eds.) (2007). Challenges of an Aging Society: Ethical dilemmas, political issues. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Recent Invited Chapters:

- Lichtenberg, P.A., Qualls, S.H. & Smyer, M.A. (2015). Competency and decision-making capacity: Negotiating health and financial decision-making. In P.A. Lichtenberg & B.T.. Mast (eds.), APA Handbook of Clinical Geropsychology, vol. 2. (pp. 553-579) Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.
- Smyer, M.A., Besen, E*. & Pitt-Catsoupes, M. (2009). Boomers and the many meanings of work. In R. Hudson (ed.), Boomer Bust? The New Political Economy of Aging. (vol. 2) (pp. 3-15). New York: Praeger.
- Smyer, M.A. & Pitt-Catsoupes, M. (2009). Work-life policies: The changing landscape of aging and work. In Booth, A & Crouter, A. (Eds.). Work-Life Policies that Make a Real Difference for individuals, families, and organizations. (pp. 309-322). Washington, D.C.: Urban Institute Press.
- Smyer, M.A. & Pitt-Catsoupes, M. (2009). Collaborative work: What's age got to do with it?

In Czaja, S.J. & Sharit, J. (Eds.). The Future of Work for an Aging Population. (pp. 144-164). Baltimore, Md: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Smyer, M.A. (2007). Aging and decision-making capacity: An overview. In Qualls, S.H. & Smyer, M.A. (Eds.), (2007), Aging and Decision-Making Capacity: Clinical, Family, and Legal Issues. (pp. 3-24). New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Smyer, M.A. (2007). Epilogue. In Qualls, S.H. & Smyer, M.A. (Eds.), (2007), Aging and Decision-Making Capacity: Clinical, Family, and Legal Issues. (pp. 323-328). New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

* student or post-doctoral fellow co-author

Recent Refereed Articles:

Diehl, M., Smyer, M.A. & Mehrotra, C.M. (2020). Optimizing aging: A call for a new narrative. American Psychologist, 75(4), 577-589. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/amp0000598>

Wickersham RH, Zaval L, Pachana NA, Smyer MA (2020) The impact of place and legacy framing on climate action: A lifespan approach. PLoS ONE 15(2): e0228963. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0228963>

Smyer, M.A. (2017). Greening gray: Climate action for an aging world. Public Policy & Aging Report, 27 (1), 4-7.

Smyer, M.A. (2016). Is there a secret to aging well? The Solutions Journal, 7(1), 55-61. Available at <http://www.thesolutionsjournal.com/node/237448>

Gatz, M, Smyer, M.A. & DiGiglio, D. (2016). Psychology's contribution to the well being of older Americans. American Psychologist, 71(4), 257-267

James, J.B., Matz-Costa, C., & Smyer, M.A. (2016). Retirement security: It's not just about the money. American Psychologist, 71(4), 334-344.

Karel, M.J., Gatz, M. & Smyer, M.A. (2012). Aging and mental health in the decade ahead: What psychologists need to know. American Psychologist, 67, 184-198.

Examples of Other Recent Writings:

Smyer, M. (2020). To celebrate Older Americans Month, check stereotypes on Aging. Next Avenue, May 11. Available at <https://www.nextavenue.org/older-americans-month-stereotypes-on-aging/>

Smyer, M.A. (2019). An Open Letter to Greta Thunberg. Psychology Today. Graying Green Blog, Nov. 19. Available at <https://bit.ly/2O6JdeJ>

Smyer, M.A. (2019). Let's try that again: Feinstein and the kids talking climate change. The Hill, March 5. Available at <https://bit.ly/2t4nJro>

Smyer, M.A. & Marlon A. Smith (2019). Community and climate go hand-in-hand. Houston Chronicle,

Jan. 20. Available at <https://bit.ly/2O60Rz7>

Smyer, M.A. (2018). Kids, it's time to give your parents 'the talk'. Not that one, the one on climate change. USA Today. Dec. 20. Available at <https://bit.ly/2U22Jwr>

Research Papers and Presentations:

More than 400 papers and invited talks at national meetings, universities, or legislative hearings.

Other Recent Activities:

- 2017-2022 Member, Board of Directors, The Eagles Mere Foundation
- 2018-2021 Member, Board of Directors, Elihu Club
- 2015-2018 Member, Board of Directors, The Eagles Mere Conservancy
- 2017-2020 Member Board of Directors, Foxdale Village, State College, PA
- 2013-2015 Member, Board of Directors, Foxdale Village, State College, PA
- 2010-2015 Member, Advisory Board, Institute for the Ages, Sarasota, FL
- 2001-Present Elected Member, The Piper Foundation, Lock Haven, PA
- 2000-2008 Elected Member, Wellesley Town Meeting, Wellesley, MA
- 1978-Present Member, Rustical Quality String Band, State College, PA— Washboard Player and Vocalist. Recordings: 1980: "RQSB"; 2003: "Rescued from Oblivion"

Personal Data:

Family Status: Married - Two Children

Professional References:

Available upon request