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APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

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Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Creative activity <input type="checkbox"/> Research activity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Enhancement activity	Date of Last PDG Award (Semester and Year awarded): _____ N/A <u>X</u> Date of ATU Faculty Appointment (Semester and Year): <u>Fall 2006</u>
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1. **Project Title:** Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology 2006 Annual Conference

2. **Name of Principal Investigator/Project Director:** Dr. Jason S. Ulsperger

3. **School (abbrev):** LFA 4. **Department:** Behavioral Sciences

5. **Campus Mail Address:** Witherspoon Hall 347 6. **PI/PD Campus Phone:** 968-0464

7. **Amount Requested:** \$618.32 8. **Total Cost of Project:** \$1,218.32

9. **Does this project involve:**

10. **Duration of Project:** October 26-29, 2006

Yes No

☐ ☒ human subjects?

☐ ☒ animals/animal care facility?

☐ ☒ radioactive materials?

☐ ☒ hazardous materials?

☐ ☒ biological agents or toxins restricted by the USA Patriot Act?

☐ ☒ copyright or patent potential?

☐ ☒ utilization of space **not** currently available to the PI/PD?

☐ ☒ the purchase of equipment/instrumentation/software **currently available** to the PI/PD?

NOTE: If the answer is "yes" to any of the above questions, the investigator must attach appropriate documentation of approval or justification for use/purchase.

SIGNATURES

[Signature] 9/12/06
Department Head Date

[Signature] 9-20-06
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This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs

PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes ☒ No ☐

PDC Committee Proposal Rank: 1 of 1 Total Proposals.

Recommendation of VPAA: Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation of President: Yes ☐ No ☐

Award Date: _____

Abstract

I plan to attend the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Conference on October 26-28, 2006, in San Jose, California. I will present a research article entitled "Long-term Care Workers and Bureaucracy: The Occupational Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes and Recommended Policies." Using 40 biographies, autobiographies, and research monographs to examine nursing homes, it reviews various symbolic themes expressed through daily work rituals in nursing homes. Using structural ritualization theory, it suggests that certain symbolic practices influence negative behaviors of nursing home employees contributing to the unintended maltreatment of residents. The paper also indicates alternative policies can generate work rituals with the potential to replace or offset the negative impacts of bureaucracy on maltreatment. Attending this conference will enhance my understanding of applied and clinical sociology in relation to this research. It will also allow me to expose this research to colleagues in the field of sociology.

Purpose/Objectives

The primary purpose of this conference presentation is to further my research agenda. It currently focuses on the examination of nursing home abuse, nursing home law, and the influence of ritualized deviance on various organizational environments. Attending this conference will also enhance my teaching effectiveness and classroom performance. It will increase my understanding of applied and clinical sociology providing me an enhanced adequacy when discussing these sub-fields of sociology in the classroom.

Significance/Need

As mentioned, attending this conference is significant because it will allow me to share my research with other colleagues in the field and bring back knowledge to share with students at Arkansas Tech University. However, it will also serve as a way for me to seek publication outlets for this research. Many scholars who act as journal reviewers will attend. Specifically, Jay Weinstein, editor of the journal *Applied Social Science* will be present. I have corresponded with him on my paper and I will be targeting his journal for publication after the conference.

Process for Attainment of Objectives/Goals

I will travel to San Jose, California, on October 26, 2006. I will attend the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Conference on October 27-28, and will return on October 29, 2006. The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Jose, California.

Dissemination of Results

Once I have presented this research at the conference, I will submit it for publication in the peer-refereed journal *Applied Social Science*.

Budget

The total cost associated with attending this conference is \$1,218.32. I received \$600.00 from the College of Liberal and Fine Arts and Department of Behavioral Sciences. I am requesting a professional development grant in the amount of \$618.32 to cover the remainder of my travel expenses.

* See attached Proposed Budget.

**PROPOSED BUDGET
FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT**
(include budget categories as appropriate)

Travel (please list travel expenditures by date
and estimated costs):

Estimated Travel Expenses for October 26 – 29, 2006

Transportation to Airport (personal car)	<u>\$68.04</u>
Mileage from Russellville to Little Rock (81 miles x .42 = \$34.02)	
Mileage from Little Rock to Russellville (81 miles x .42 = \$34.02)	
 Lodging (Crowne Plaza Hotel \$136.30/night)	<u>\$408.90</u>
 Meals (\$30.00/day)	<u>\$120.00</u>
 Conference Registration Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology	<u>\$150.00</u>
 Rental Car	<u>\$60.18</u>
 Parking Fees	<u>\$82.00</u>
Airport Parking \$40.00 (\$10/day)	
Hotel Parking \$42.00 (\$14/day)	
 Round Trip Airfare to San Jose, CA (American Airlines)	<u>\$329.20</u>
 Total estimated travel	<u>\$1,218.32</u>
 TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	<u>\$1,218.32</u>

*Items purchased under \$2,500 (including taxes and shipping) are considered supply items. Capital Outlay items are those which cost \$2,500 or more (including taxes and shipping). Please contact the Purchasing Office for questionable items.

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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

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| Ph.D. | Oklahoma State University, Sociology | 2003 |
| | Areas of Specialization: Criminology, Social Psychology, Gerontology | |
| M.A. | Arkansas State University, Sociology | 1999 |
| | Areas of Specialization: Criminology, Sociological Theory | |
| B.S. | University of Central Arkansas, Political Science | 1997 |
| | Minor: Sociology | |
| A.A. | Arkansas State University – Beebe, Liberal Arts | 1995 |

Dissertation

“Assessing Organizational Variation in Long-term Care: A Structural Ritualization Analysis of For-profit and Nonprofit Nursing Homes”

Professional Employment

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| 2006-present | Assistant Professor, Arkansas Tech University
Department of Behavioral Sciences
Russellville, AR
Responsible for teaching sociology and criminal justice courses. |
| 2004-2006 | Assistant Professor, Southern Arkansas University
Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Magnolia, AR
Responsible for teaching cross-listed sociology and criminal justice courses. |
| 2003-2004 | Assistant Professor, Southeastern Louisiana University
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
Hammond, LA
Responsible for teaching undergraduate criminal justice and graduate sociology courses. |
| 1999-2003 | Teaching Assistant / Instructor, Oklahoma State University
Department of Sociology
Stillwater, OK
Assisted and taught introductory sociology and social problems courses. |

Refereed Journal Publications

Knottnerus, J. David, Jason S. Ulsperger, Summer Cummins, and Elaina Osteen. 2006. "Exposing Enron: Media representations of Ritualized Deviance in Corporate Culture." *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal* 2 (2): 177-195.

Hodges, Stan and Jason S. Ulsperger. 2005. "Presentations of the Paranormal: The Impression Management Strategies and Professionalization Tactics of Psychics and Spirit Mediums." *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* 33(1): 1-16.

- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2003. "Greed, Ghosts, and Grand Juries: The Formation of Nursing Home Law and Oklahoma's Health Department Scandal." *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* 31(2): 115-124.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and John Paul. 2002. "The Presentation of Paradise: Impression Management and the Contemporary Nursing Home." *The Qualitative Report*.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and Kristen Kloss Ulsperger. 2002. "Structural Consensus, Deviance, and Elder Care: A Content Analysis of Newspaper Articles." *Southwestern Mass Communication Journal* 18(1): 12-21.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2002. "Geezers, Greed, Grief, and Grammar: Frame Transformation in the Nursing Home Reform Movement." *Sociological Spectrum* 22(4): 385-406.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and Kristen Kloss Ulsperger. 2002. "Nursing Home Access in Texas: A Focus on County Demographics and Facility Availability." *Texas Journal of Rural Health* 20(2): 13-19.
- Paul, John and Jason S. Ulsperger. 2001. "Disaster Preparation and Long-term Care: An Evaluation of Tornado Safety in Oklahoma Nursing Homes." *Southwest Journal on Aging* 17(1/2): 41-6.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2001. "Perceptions of the Aged in a Young Adult Population: The Importance of Exchange in Intergenerational Relationships." *Southwest Journal on Aging* 17(1/2): 31-40.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and Kristen Kloss Ulsperger. 2001. "Profit, Ownership, and the Corporation: Deviance in American Elder Care." *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* 29(2): 5-9.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2000. "Nursing Aide Retention." *Texas Journal on Aging* 3(1): 23-7.

Book Chapters and Contributions

- Ulsperger, Jason S. and Deborah Wilson. Forthcoming. "Elder Abuse by Adult Children" In *The Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence*, edited by Nicky Jackson. New York: Routledge.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. Forthcoming. "Enron: Organizational Rituals as Deviance." Pp. 279-282 in *Readings in Deviant Behavior*, 4th ed., edited by Alex Thio and Thomas C. Calhoun. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2005. "Therapeutic Communities." Pp. 955-958 in *The Sage Encyclopedia of Prisons and Correctional Facilities*, edited by Mary Bosworth. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Editorial Experience

- 2004 *Journal of Applied Sociology* (invited for review on elder abuse submission)
- 2003 *Readings in Sociology* - Pearson Publishing

Professional Presentations

- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2005. "Deviant Occupational Rituals: The Corporate Culture of Enron." Paper presented at the 42nd Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2004. "Long-term Care, Legal Requirements, and Bureaucracy: The Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes." Paper presented at the 99th American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2002. "Greed, Ghosts, and Grand Juries: The Formation of Nursing Home Law and Oklahoma's Health Department Scandal." Paper Presented at the 28th Mid-South Sociological Association Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2002. "Assessing Organizational Variation in Long-term Care: A Structural Ritualization Analysis of For-profit and Nonprofit Nursing Homes." Paper Presented at the 28th Mid-South Sociological Association Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2001. "Constructing Orientations of Deviance and Elder Care: A Content Analysis." Paper Presented at the 81st Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Fort Worth, TX.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2001. "Geezers, Greed, Grief, and Grammar: Abeyance and Frame Transformation in the Nursing Home Reform Movement." Paper Presented at the 81st Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting, Fort Worth, TX.

Organizational Affiliations

American Sociological Association	Mid-South Sociological Association
Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology	American Society of Criminology
Southwest Society on Aging	Southwestern Social Science Association
White-Collar Crime Research Consortium	Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Professional and Community Service

- 2005 Member, Arkansas Advocates for Nursing Home Residents
- 2004 Food Drive, Coordinated with "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry
Hammond, LA
- 2002 Volunteer, Grace Living Centers
Stillwater, OK
- 2001 Guest Lecturer, Stillwater Methodist Women's Group
Stillwater, OK
- 2000 Senior Lifestyle and Living Alternatives, Planning Committee
Stillwater, OK

Grants and Awards

- 2003 Teaching Grant – Started a Departmental "Video Library"
Southeastern Louisiana University
- O.D. Duncan Award for Teaching and Scholarship
Oklahoma State University
- 2002 Member Profile
Newsletter of the Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 1999 Travel Grant
Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University
- 1999 Award of Excellence
Southwest Society on Aging