



APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

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1. **Project Title:** Oral History Project for SOC 3173 (Social Gerontology) – Summer I 2007

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

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

5. **Campus Mail Address:** Witherspoon RM 355 6. **PI/PD Campus Phone:** 968-0464

7. **Amount Requested:** \$1384.98 8. **Total Cost of Project:** \$1384.98

9. **Does this project involve:** 10. **Duration of Project:** 5 Weeks

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

WZ M... 4/27/07
Department Head Date

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PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes _____ No _____
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Recommendation of VPAA: Yes _____ No _____
Recommendation of President: Yes _____ No _____
Award Date: _____

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL

Oral History Project for SOC 3173

Social Gerontology – Summer I

Summary / Abstract

During the Summer I session at Arkansas Tech University, I will be teaching SOC 3173 (Social Gerontology). I would like my students to participate in an “oral history” project. The project will involve them locating someone who is elderly (65 years of age or older) who has lived in Pope County, Arkansas most of their lives. Once they locate someone, they will ask the individual if they would like to participate in the project. If they agree, they will sign the appropriate consent documents and conduct an interview session lasting up to one hour. For the interview, no set interview schedule will exist. The student researcher will simply begin the session by asking an open-ended question such as “How was it growing up in Pope County?” or “Could you tell me what it has been like living most of your life in Pope County?” Students will record the interviews (the reason RCA Voice Recorders are needed) and transcribe them later. They will then summarize the interviews creating five-page papers. In addition to turning the papers in at the end of the session, they will be required to give a presentation of their “oral history” information to classmates. Moreover, students will have to discuss personal feelings on the interview process and discuss what the interview experience taught them about the aged.

Purpose / Objectives

Part of a social gerontology class involves developing a sense of understanding and respect for the aged in society. Not only am I seeking to provide students with a course activity that will integrate concepts discussed in class with personal experience, but I want them to be able to contribute something to the community. After collecting “oral histories” from students at the end of the session, I will compile them into a manuscript to be bound and donated to the Pope County Library’s Arkansas History and Genealogy Department and the Arkansas Tech Pendergraft Library.

Significance

The libraries will keep the manuscript for record keeping purposes. It will then be available to anyone performing research on the history of Pope County or looking for specific genealogical information on people who contributed their stories.

Process for Attainment of Objectives

The Human Subjects Committee has approved this project - see attached memo. Again, the interviews will take place during the 5 weeks of the 2007 Summer I session. Upon the interviewee agreeing to be interviewed by signing a consent form, the student researcher will simply begin the session by asking one simple open-ended question, such as “How was it growing up in Pope County?” or “Could you tell me what it has been like living most of your life in Pope County?” Other questions such as “Could you talk about where you went to school?” or “Could you tell me about a few places you worked?” will be utilized if the interview is not progressing in a suitable fashion. Again, students will record the interviews and transcribe them later for their class paper and subsequent inclusion into the manuscript. The editing and publication of the manuscript is estimated at 3-4 months.

Dissemination of Results

The manuscript will be published through Xlibris – Random House. I will donate a copy to the Pope County Library's Arkansas History and Genealogy Department and Arkansas Tech Pendergraft Library. I will also promote ATU and the research project by way of the local Russellville newspaper, the *Courier*.

Repeated Requests

I applied and received a professional development grant in Fall 2006. The grant was to help with expenses for attending the national Applied and Clinical Sociology conference. Not only did the money help me get to the conference, but it also allowed me to present a paper that will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Applied Social Sciences*. This funding is for a different purpose. It is needed to buy the supplies necessary for students to adequately perform a research project for class. It is also needed to create a manuscript of oral histories of people from Pope County for the Pope County Library's Arkansas History and Genealogy Department and Arkansas Tech Pendergraft Library.

Budget

Supplies (price per item including taxes):

Item No 1 - RCA Voice Recorder (\$42.32) x 25	Estimated Price	\$1058.00*
Item No. 2 - Xlibris Book Publishing	Estimated Price	\$299.00
Item No. 3 – Book Copies to Donate (\$13.99) x 2	Estimated Price	\$27.98
Total estimated supplies		\$1384.98
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET		\$1384.98

*Note: These voice recorders will be utilized for social gerontology courses taught in subsequent years. It is my hope that I will carry out similar projects in the future in order to build on the "oral histories" compiled and donated this year. Moreover, the voice recorders will be available to other faculty members in the Department of Behavioral Sciences if needed for other research projects.

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Dr. Ulsperger

Your request for expedited review of the project: "Oral History Project for SOC 3173 (Social Gerontology) – Summer I, 2007" has been approved.

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Education

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

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

Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. Forthcoming. “Long-term Care Workers and Bureaucracy: The Occupational Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes and Recommended Policies.” *Applied Social Science*.

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. 2007. "Elder Abuse Perpetrated by Adult Children," Pp. 290-296 in *The Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence*, edited by Nicky Jackson. New York: Routledge.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2007. "Female Suicide and Domestic Violence" Pp. 319-321 in *The Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence*, edited by Nicky Jackson. New York: Routledge.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2007. "U.S. Border Patrol," Pp. 1315-1318 in *The Encyclopedia of Police Science*, 3rd ed., edited by Jack R. Greene. New York: Routledge.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2006. "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.

Professional Presentations

- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2007. "The Fundamental Problem of Bureaucracy in Elder Care: Work Rituals and Physical Abuse in Nursing Homes." Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society*, Atlanta, GA.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2006. "Long-term Care Workers and Bureaucracy: The Occupational Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes and Recommended Policies." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the *Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology*, San Jose, CA.
- 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.
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- 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.

Professional and Community Service

- 2007 Health Care Commodity Drive, Coordinated with Arkansas Hospice of Russellville
Russellville, AR
- 2006 Food Drive, Coordinated with the Main Street Mission
Russellville, AR
- 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