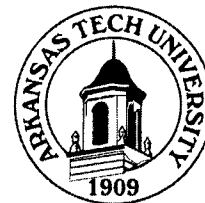


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APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

****All questions must be completed to be considered for grant award.**

Choose one: <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Research Activity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Enhancement Activity	Application Deadline Date: <u>April 15, 2008</u> (i.e. October 1, February 1, or April 15) Date of Last PDG Award (Semester and Year awarded): <u>Spring 2008</u> Date of ATU Faculty Appointment (Semester and Year): <u>Fall 2006</u>
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1. **Project Title:** 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology
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 355
6. **PI/PD Campus Phone:** 968-0464 7. **Amount Requested:** \$3,943.59 8. **Total Cost of Project:** \$3,943.59
9. **Will total funds awarded be expended by June 30th of the current fiscal year:** Yes _____ No X
10. **If not, what is the total to be expended this fiscal year:** \$0
11. **What is the total to be carried over to the next fiscal year:** \$3,943.59 (if approved by the VPAA)
12. **Project Completion Date:** August 31 – September 5, 2008 13. **Travel Dates:** August 31 – September 5, 2008
(if applicable)
14. **Does this project involve:**
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

Department Contribution (if applicable): \$ 0

Account Number: _____

[Signature] 4-15-08
Chairperson Date

School Contribution (if applicable): \$ 0

Account Number: _____

[Signature] 4-15-08
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This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs

Previous PDG Award final report received: Yes ☒ No _____

PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes _____ No _____

PDC Committee Proposal Rank: _____ of _____ Total Proposals.

Recommendation of VPAA: Yes _____ No _____ Recommendation of President: Yes _____ No _____

Award Date: _____

Abstract

I was invited by Drs. Geraldine Lee-Treweek of Manchester Metropolitan University and Brinda Jegatheesan of the University of Washington to speak at the 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology on September 1-5, 2008, in Naples, Italy. My presentation will be titled "Ethical Examinations of Elder Abuse: Using Literary Ethnographies to Explore the Maltreatment of Vulnerable Populations".

The research behind this presentation concerns examining the social worlds of certain vulnerable populations. Such research can be problematic when people are located in institutional settings with agents of control skeptical of researchers from the outside coming in and observing behavior. When gatekeepers block access and a researcher wants to examine a delicate topic, one ethical, highly feasible way to paint an interpretive picture of everyday life for vulnerable populations involves the use of a literary ethnography. With data from research on elder neglect and abuse in United States nursing homes, the presentation will detail the six-stages of a literary ethnography. It will conclude with a discussion of literary ethnography weaknesses and directions for future applications. Attending this conference will allow me to expose my research at Arkansas Tech University to international colleagues in the field of sociology. It will also allow me to expose an international audience to the research behind a book I am currently working on for Paradigm Publishing - *Elder Care Catastrophe: Understanding Rituals of Abuse in Nursing Homes*.

Purpose/Objectives

The primary purposes of this conference presentation are furthering my research agenda and promoting a positive image of Arkansas Tech University in international academic circles. My research currently focuses on maltreatment of vulnerable populations. Attending this conference will enhance my knowledge of research methodology, teaching effectiveness, and classroom performance.

Significance/Need

As mentioned, attending this conference is significant because it will allow me to share my research with international colleagues in the field and bring back knowledge to share with students at Arkansas Tech University. I will not be able to attend this conference without the support of professional grant funding. My \$600 of departmental and Liberal and Fine Arts money will not be available. It will be used for attending and presenting at the upcoming American Sociological Association conference.

Process for Attainment of Objectives/Goals

I will travel to Naples, Italy on August 31, 2008. I will attend the 7th International Conference on Social Science Methodology on September 1-5, 2008. The conference will be held at the Campus di Monte Sant'Angelo in Naples, Italy.

Dissemination of Results

Aspects of the presentation will be included in my upcoming book *Elder Care Catastrophe: Understanding Rituals of Abuse in Nursing Homes* (Paradigm Publishing).

Budget

The total cost associated with attending this conference is \$3,943.59. I am requesting a professional development grant in the amount of \$3,943.59 to cover my conference registration and travel expenses.

* See attached Proposed Budget.

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

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

Estimated Travel Expenses for August 31 – September 5, 2008

Mileage from Russellville (ATU Campus) to Little Rock Airport - 81 miles x .46 = \$37.26

Mileage from Little Rock Airport to Russellville (ATU Campus) - 81 miles x .46 = \$37.26

Airfare (Roundtrip from Little Rock to Naples, Italy)	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
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Lodging (\$200.00/night)	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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Meals (\$28.00/day)	<u>\$168.00</u>
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Conference Registration	<u>\$301.07</u>
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Total estimated travel	<u>\$3,943.59</u>
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TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	<u>\$3,943.59</u>
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* 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 (Short)

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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 |

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. |

Books

- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. Forthcoming. *Elder Care Catastrophe Understanding Rituals of Abuse in Nursing Homes*. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishing.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and Kristen L. Ulsperger. 2008. *Voices of Pope County: Gerontological Perceptions of the Past and Present*. Philadelphia, PA: Xlibris.

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- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. Forthcoming. "The Social Dynamics of Elder Care: Rituals of Bureaucracy and Physical Neglect in Nursing Homes." *Sociological Spectrum*.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. and J. David Knottnerus. 2007. "Long-Term Care Workers and Bureaucracy: The Occupational Ritualization of Maltreatment in Nursing Homes and Recommended Policies." *Journal of Applied Social Science* 1(1):52-70.
- 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. 2006. "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 J. David Knottnerus. 2008. "Enron: Organizational Rituals as Deviance." Pp. 311-314 in *Readings in Deviant Behavior*, 5th ed., edited by Alex Thio, Thomas C. Calhoun, and Addrain Conyers. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 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.
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- 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. 2008. "Illusions of Affection: Bureaucracy and Emotional Neglect in Nursing Homes." Paper presented at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- Ulsperger, Jason S. 2007. "Pirates, Peers, and Deviance: The Neutralization of Illegal Internet Downloading Among Generation Y." Paper presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the *Mid-South Sociological Association*, Mobile, AL.
- 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.
- Knottnerus, J. David and Jason S. Ulsperger. 2003. "Ritualized Deviance in an Organizational Milieu: The Case of Enron." Paper Presented at the 29th Mid-South Sociological Association Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 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

- 2008 Commodity Drive, Freedom House
Russellville, AR
- 2007 Food Drive, Main Street Mission
Russellville, AR
- 2007 Commodity Drive, Arkansas Hospice of Russellville
Russellville, AR
- 2006 Food Drive, 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