

Vita
Susan M. Collins

EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2003	Human Development & Family Studies – Life Span Specialization, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
M.A. 1994	Gerontology, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO
B.A. 1992	Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Position: Assistant Professor of Gerontology, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Susan Collins is an Assistant Professor of Gerontology in the Department of Human Services at the University of Northern Colorado. Professor Collins teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in gerontology at UNC. Courses taught include GERO 205-Introduction to Gerontology; GERO 625-Psychosocial Aspects of Aging; GERO 630-Intervention Strategies with the Elderly; GERO 640-Health Aspects of Aging; GERO 414-Biology of Aging; and GERO 490-Senior Seminar and Research in Gerontology. Dr. Collins serves on the Advisory Council of Weld County RSVP, and is the UNC representative for the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. She is a member of the Gerontological Society of America, the American Society on Aging, and the Colorado Gerontological Society. Her research interests include: Quality of life related to aging network services, functional and psychosocial aspects of health in later life, individual development within a lifespan context, attachment, social support, housing and the near environment in later life, survey research and evaluation methods, and effective teaching methods.

Selected Scholarly Activities

PUBLICATIONS

Mercier, J. M., Mercier, C. R., & Collins, S. M. (2000). *Iowa's cold winters: LIHEAP recipient perspective. Iowa LIHEAP energy survey*. Ames, IA: Mercier Associates.

Crull, S. R., & Collins, S. M. (1998). *AgrAbility/FaRM evaluation survey report*. Prepared by the Center for Family Policy, Iowa State University.

Collins, S., Wacker, R., & Blanding, C. (1993). *Leisure, recreation and aging: A selected annotated bibliography*. Washington, D.C.: National Recreation and Park Association Printing Office.

REPORTS

(2003 September). Collins, S. M. RSVP of Weld County advisory committee performance survey analysis and report.

(2003 July). Collins, S. M. RSVP of Weld County "Toddy's Shopping" volunteer program recipient satisfaction survey analysis and report.

(2003 June). Collins, S.M. RSVP of Weld County "America Reads" volunteer satisfaction survey analysis and report.

(2003 June). Collins, S. M. RSVP of Weld County "America Reads" Teacher-Reading Specialist assessment survey of program outcomes. Survey analysis and report.

PRESENTATIONS

Collins, S. M. (2002, November). *Attachment, social support, and loneliness in later life*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

Collins, S. M., & Crull, S. (2002, March). *Managing the active larger class, with assistance or on your own*. Resource exchange presented at the annual conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Pittsburgh, PA

Mercier, J. M., Shelley, M. C. II, Banerje, M., & Collins, S. M. (2000, April). *The effects of attachment to home upon migration of the elderly: A two-sample study*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.

Collins, S. M. & Crull, S. R. (1999, April). *Teaching research methods courses in a large class setting*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.

Collins, S. M. & Crull, S. R. (1998, April). *Where the kids are: Older adult interstate migration to a Midwestern state*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO.

Collins, S.M. (1994 March). *Childless older adults: a cross-cultural perspective of support and care*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.

AWARDS

Iowa State University, Department of Human Development & Family Studies, *Teaching Excellence Award*, 1999