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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences, University of Northern Colorado (August 2003 – present). Appointed to Dean's position by the Provost in 2003. Primary responsibilities include managing and overseeing the College's day-to-day operations including, but not limited to the budget, faculty and staff evaluations, curriculum and enrollment management, and provide vision and long-range planning for academic and support units of the College. Highlights of my accomplishments and initiatives as Dean are summarized on pages 7-9 of this application.

Assistant/Associate Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences, University of Northern Colorado (1996-2003). Primary areas of responsibility included program review of all HHS programs, oversight of all HHS extended degree programs, curriculum, and international study abroad initiatives. I worked with the Dean to support external funding efforts. I was honored to receive UNC's Academic Leadership Excellence Award in 2003 (along with Dr. Rich Trahan). I continued to engage in scholarship and was honored in 1998 with the Outstanding Achievement Award in Sponsored Programs by UNC's Sponsored Programs and Academic Research Center and Graduate School. Major initiatives related to my role as Assistant/Associate Dean are summarized on pages 10-11 of the application.

Gerontology Program Coordinator (1996-1997). Assumed program coordinator responsibilities including scheduling, recruiting, advising, fund-raising, and represented the program on external boards and committees.

Assistant/Associate and Professor of Gerontology, Department of Human Services, College of Health and Human Sciences (1990-1999). Moved through the ranks as a professor while maintaining a traditional faculty load of instruction, scholarship and service. I taught undergraduate, masters, and doctoral courses in Gerontology and Rehabilitation – course sizes ranged from 150 in an introductory course to 15 in doctoral research seminars. I consistently received excellent student evaluations in teaching and was twice selected for the Mortar Board Excellence Award for Teaching and as a Honorary Member, Golden Key International Honor Society. I worked to develop a solid record of scholarship that now consists of 2 textbooks, 13 juried publications, 28 juried presentations and over \$250,000 in funded grant proposals since coming to UNC in 1990. I was selected as the College of Health and Human Sciences Faculty Member of the Year in 1994 for my excellence in teaching, service, and scholarship.

Academic Experience (Continued)

Affiliate Faculty, Colorado State University, College of Education (2003 – present). Serve as content expert on a doctoral committee for a CSU student in the College of Education.

Education

Management Development Program, Harvard University, Graduate School of Education (2004). Selected by the Harvard Graduate School of Education to attend its summer Management Development Program for leaders in higher education.

National Institute on Aging - Summer Institute on Aging Research Participant, Washington, DC. (1991). Selected as a participant for The Summer Institute on Aging Research Institute for new researchers. One of forty selected nation-wide.

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). Iowa State University, (1990). Sociology with concentration in Public Policy; minor in Gerontology. Received ISU’s Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award. Dissertation titled:

“The Health Belief Model and preventive health behavior: An analysis of alternative models of causal relationships”

National Institute on Aging Pre-Doctoral Fellow. (1988-1990). Selected as a pre-doctoral fellow and participated in scholarly and research activities with pre-doctoral students from Big 10 and 12 universities.

Master of Arts (MA). Gerontology, University of Northern Colorado (1982).

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Double major in Gerontology and Social Sciences, University of Northern Colorado (1980).

Scholarly Activity Summary

The following represents a summary of my scholarly activities since 1990. Although I have been in academic leadership positions for the last eight years, I believe it is important to stay involved in scholarly activities and I have continued to conduct research, to publish and present my scholarly work, and to write grants. In addition, I continue to serve as a doctoral research advisor, serve on a number of doctoral committees as faculty representative, and teach a graduate course once a year. Additional details regarding my scholarly work are on pages 9-15.

Scholarly Activity Summary (Continued)

13 Juried Publications. Includes articles published in *The Gerontologist*, *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, *Journal of Social Psychology*, and *Journal of Women and Aging*.

28 Juried Presentations. Includes presentations made at national and regional conferences, including the *Gerontological Society of America*, *the American Society on Aging*, and *Midwest Sociological Society*.

6 Funded Grants. Received six externally funded grants since 1991 for a total of \$264,901.

13 Technical Reports. Comprehensive empirical reports to government and non-profits entities used for policy and program planning including Weld County Government, Weld County Area Agency on Aging, Women’s Fund of Weld County, and North Colorado Medical Center.

2 Textbooks and 4 Book Chapters. The textbook on *Community Resources for Older Adults* is currently in its second edition with the 3rd edition scheduled to be completed in Spring 06.

6 Keynote Addresses. I have been the keynote speaker at a number of state and regional conferences and annual meetings on topics in gerontology.

56 Dissertations/Thesis Committees. Served as Faculty Representative, Advisory Professor and Research Advisor on over 50 dissertations and theses in the College of Health and Human Sciences, College of Education, and College of Arts and Sciences. Two students for which I served as Research Advisor received the Graduate School’s Award for Outstanding Dissertation and Thesis.

Service Summary

My service activities have reflected my belief that it is important to contribute to the overall well being of our departments, college, university, community, and profession.

College/Department. My service at the department and college level included work in the areas of search committees, curriculum committee, technology committees, and serving on various other department committees.

University. I have been asked to serve on numerous committees in a variety of capacities including as a member of the Academic Suspensions and Appeals, Athletic Academic Appeals Board, North Central Association Steering Committee and writing team, and University Assessment Committee. I was also a member and co-chair of UNC’s Human Subject Internal Review Board, and chair and member of UNC’s Information Technology Committee. I have also served on several search committees for university personnel.

Service Summary (Continued)

Community. I have been very active in service to the community primarily as a research consultant for government and non-profit organizations including Women’s Fund of Weld County, Weld County Area Agency on Aging, United Way, and Weld County Government. I have actively served on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Board, the Weld County Commission on Long Term Care Ethics, and Eldergarden Adult Day Program Board of Directors. I have served as a guest speaker to many numerous non-profit organizations throughout the state.

Professional. My professional service has been primarily as a reviewer for conference abstracts, professional journals (e.g., *The Gerontologist*, *Journal of Applied Gerontology*), and consultant on textbooks for various publishers (e.g., *Sage Publications*, *Wadsworth*).

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION) DEAN’S INITIATIVES IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES (AUGUST 2003 – PRESENT)

Although I have served as Dean for only a short time, I have attempted to initiate, implement, and manage the College in ways that promote program excellence and support faculty development. In addition, I have worked closely with the College’s Chairs/Directors to respond effectively to the challenges presented by a declining budget and Charting the Future. These specific initiatives are discussed below.

Budget

The budget shortfall at UNC has created significant challenges for all of us. Although the College has experienced severe budget cuts, I have worked closely with the Chairs/Directors to meet our program’s part-time needs, to reduce faculty workloads, and to make the budget process transparent and open. I believe that budgetary decisions should be decentralized as much as possible. My initiatives included:

- Securing additional funds from the Provost to assist in meeting our part-time needs.
- Gaining approval for a number of positions lost in the budget recession and recent retirements.
- Providing budget training for HHS Chairs/Directors.

Dean’s Initiatives in HHS (Continued)

Faculty Development

Faculty are the heart and soul of a university. I believe that a college should support the professional development of faculty and work with central administration to recruit and hire qualified faculty. In my role as Dean I have:

- Directed resources into professional development initiatives for faculty including a teaching technology room for faculty, equipped to support a variety of digitally enhanced teaching techniques. I have assigned a faculty member to work with HHS faculty one-on-one to help with the creation of interactive teaching modules.
- Initiated within the College cross-disciplinary faculty research teams to collaborate on research and grant topics. I have also personally provided grant writing assistance to faculty when needed.
- Compiled materials on academic success for new faculty and I meet with them twice a year.

Chair/Director Development

I believe that Chairs and Directors play a vital leadership role in the department, college, and university and that their professional development must be a priority. Since becoming Dean I:

- Meet with the Chairs/Directors informally on a monthly basis to provide an opportunity to think through issues, share ideas, and problem solve.
- Provided support for all HHS Chairs/Directors to attend the 2003 Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference in Orlando, FL.

Fund-Raising and Development

Fund-raising and development activities must be a central role of the Dean. It is now more important than ever to develop public and private partnerships and to seek external funds to support programs, clinics, and institutes. This last year I have engaged in the following activities:

- Meet regularly with the UNC Foundation President and Vice President for Development to devise and implement fund-raising and development activities for the College.
- In partnership with HHS Chairs/Directors, identified unit priorities for foundation support and established priorities for the annual fund campaign.
- Provide foundation and development support for the centers and institutes within the College.
- Partnered with the College of Arts and Sciences and the UNC Foundation to hire a new development officer for HHS and A&S.

Dean’s Initiatives in HHS (Continued)

Curriculum and Program Development/Management

I have worked closely with the Chairs and Directors as they re-evaluate their Department/School’s course and degree offerings. We have been successful at reducing the number of duplicate courses and continue to strive to align our resources with our curricular offerings. I believe CTF has provided us with an opportunity to refocus our efforts and to increase the quality of our programs. Over the last year I have

- Worked with faculty from the departments of Human Services and Community Health and Nutrition to establish an undergraduate degree in Human Services, the first degree of its kind in the state.
- Worked with Chairs/Directors to explore different strategies of enrollment management for high enrolled majors.
- Provided guidance and support for the development of new extended degree programs.
- Explored curricular partnerships internally and externally with CU and CSU.
- Participated as a member of the administrative team (comprised of colleagues from University of Colorado and Colorado State University) responsible for creating the organizational structure and budget to form the Colorado School of Public Health. Planning and fund raising for the new school is expected to continue into 2007 when the CSPH is expected to enroll its first cohort of students. This cooperative effort is the first of its kind between our universities.

Diversity and International Educational Opportunities

Advancing diversity has also been a priority in our College. I have assisted in the development of UNC’s diversity plan and I am currently in the process of working with the HHS Diversity Action Committee to revise the College’s diversity plan. My other activities in this area include:

- Establishing the College’s first international study abroad course in which faculty and students representing all units in the College participate.
- Representing the College in the Magellan Partners program to establish exchange opportunities for faculty and students from European universities.
- Sponsoring the College’s first Junior Faculty Development Program visiting faculty member from Azerbaijan.

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)
ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE DEAN'S INITIATIVES IN THE
COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
(1996-2003)**

I spent six years in the College of Health and Human Sciences Dean's Office as the Assistant/Associate Dean. In some areas such as our extended degree programs, curriculum development/management, faculty development, and program review I was given primary responsibility. In other areas, such as fund-raising and budget, I worked in a support capacity to the Dean. Listed below is a discussion of some of my key activities as Assistant/Associate Dean.

Program Review

I believe that any departmental review process must be approached as a collegial, collaborative, and constructive process with an emphasis on self-study and forward-looking planning. As the Assistant/Associate Dean I:

- Coordinated, assisted, and evaluated HHS program review activities.
- Implemented a web-integrated system (TracDat) that is designed to make it easier to track and manage program review and student outcome assessment activities.

Curriculum Development/Management

A program's curriculum – both on campus and online must be current, relevant and responsive to our student's needs. Although the curriculum is the responsibility of faculty, I have guided curriculum development in the College to match available resources and support new innovations in curriculum development.

- Provided guidance and support in the design of two new doctoral programs in the college.
- Teamed up with the College of Arts & Sciences to create Learning Community classes that included HHS courses.
- Worked with faculty in the Department of Human Services to create a new course for the Monfort College of Business Nonprofit Management Program students.
- Developed online courses and assisted the Center for Professional Development in training other faculty.

Faculty Development

- Provided funding for six faculty to attend Syllabus Conference on Teaching and Technology.
- Organized Technology Brown Bags on various topics in teaching technologies such as interactive student response systems (eInstruction).

Assistant/Associate Dean’s Initiatives in HHS (Continued)

Technology

It is imperative that faculty have access to the technology and support they need to be current in their field, to prepare students for a technological world and when appropriate to respond to the demands for access to online education.

- Managed the College’s technology needs for faculty, students, and staff including the implementation of a 3-year computer upgrade cycle, and technology support staff that provided technological support for faculty both on and off campus.
- Coordinated the development of HHS Web pages.
- Acted as the HHS SMART Classroom consultant.
- Obtained eInstruction interactive technology for faculty.

Data for Enrollment Management

- Established database for all HHS programs to aid unit’s in tracking student course demand and to track enrollments in degree programs.

JURIED PUBLICATIONS

Keith, P.M & Wacker, R.R. (2002). Grandparent visitation rights: an inappropriate intrusion or appropriate protection? International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 54, (3) 191-204

Riemer-Reiss, M.L. & Wacker, R.R. (2000). Factors Associated with Assistive Technology Discontinuance Among Individuals with Disabilities. The Journal of Rehabilitation, 66, 3, 44-50.

Keith, P. M.; & Wacker, R. R. (1999). The Strain of Guardianship for Men in the United States. The Journal of Social Psychology, 139, (1), 69-74.

Riemer-Reiss- M. & Wacker, R. (1999) Assistive Technology Use and Abandonment among College Students with Disabilities. International Electronic Journal for Leadership in Learning, 3, 23. (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~iejll/volume3/riemer.html>)

Keith, P.M. & Wacker, R.R. (1998). Change in thinking about old age among male guardians. Journal of Aging Studies, 12, 3, 255-259.

Roberto, K.A., Wacker, R.R., Jewell, E.M. & Rickard, M. (1997). Resident rights: Knowledge of and implementation by nursing staff in long-term care facilities. Journal of Gerontological Nursing, 23, 12, 32-37.

Roberto, K.A., Usita, P.M., Weeks, L.E., & Wacker, R.R. (1997). Comparison of Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree Gerontology Programs: Alumni characteristics, employment and employer assessment. Gerontology and Geriatrics Education, 18, 1, 77-81.

Wacker, R.R. & Keith, P.M. (1996). The guardianship experience of women: The relationship between older wards and their guardians. Journal of Women and Aging, 8, 3, 145-150.

Keith, P.M., & Wacker, R.R. (1993). It is hard to guard the aged: Role strain of male and female guardians. Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 21, 41-58.

Keith, P.M. & Wacker, R.R. (1993). Implementation of recommended guardianship practices and outcomes of hearings for older persons. The Gerontologist, 33, 1, 81-86.

Keith, P.M., Schafer, R.B., & Wacker, R.R. (1993) Outcomes of equity/inequity among older spouses. The International Journal of Aging & Human Development, 36, 187-192.

Juried Publications (Continued)

Keith, P. M., & Wacker, R.R. (1992) "Guardianship reform: Does revised legislation make a difference in outcomes for proposed wards?" Journal of Aging and Social Policy, 4, 139-143.

Wacker, R.R., Kundrat, M., & Keith, P.M. (1990). What do discharge planners plan? A Study of Medicare Patients. Journal of Applied Gerontology, 10, 197-207.

JURIED PRESENTATIONS

Collins, S. & Wacker, R.R. (2004, November). Attitudinal Barriers as a Predictor to Use of Community Resources. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Wacker, R.R. (2002, April). Personal and Organizational Factors Associated with Certified Nurse Aide Turnover. American Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Wacker, R.R., & Gosselink, C.. (2000, November). Use of Community Resources by Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Stone, M, Wacker, R, Hutchins, J. (2000, February). Email chat rooms and large auditorium gerontology courses. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Conference, Mrytle Beach, SC.

Wacker, R.R., Squires, R., Cumming-McCann, A., Dilger, V., Erdman, J, & Rodriguez, M. (1999, November). Predicting Driving Changes in Elders. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Griffith, J., Wacker, R., & Garry, S. (1999, June). Engaging faculty in standards, assessment and technology. American Association of Higher Education 1999 Assessment Conference, Denver, CO.

Wacker, R.R. (1998, November). Points of Departure: Factors Associated with Certified Nurse Aide Turnover. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Wacker, R.R. (1997, April). Teaching Aging in a New Way: Offering a Course on the World Wide Web. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA.

Juried Presentations (Continued)

Wacker, R.R. (1997, April). Differences in job satisfaction of Certified Nurse Aides in Home Health and Long Term Care. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA.

Wacker, R.R. (1996, November). Influences of organizational, work, and personal factors on Certified Nurse Aide turnover: A comparison of Home Health and Long Term Care Aides. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Wacker, R.R. (1996, March). Personal factors related to Certified Nurse Aide turnover. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R.R. (1995, November). Influences of organizational, work, and personal factors on Certified Nurse Aide turnover. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Wacker, R.R. (1995, March). Types of family support in the legal concerns of older adults. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R.R. (1995, March). Family Relationships in later life. Organizer and Presider. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R.R. (1994, November). Community linkages of senior centers and recreation programs: Findings from the Comprehensive Leisure and Aging Study. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Wacker, R.R. (1994, March). Preventive health behaviors of older Hispanics: A preliminary investigation. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.

Wacker, R.R. (1994, March). Racial issues in aging. Section Presider, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO..

Wacker, R.R. (1993, November). Can the health belief model predict global health behaviors? Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Wacker, R.R., & Blanding, C. (1993, October) The community linkages of recreation programs: Results from the comprehensive leisure and aging study. National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress, San Jose, CA.

Blanding, C., & Wacker, R.R. (1993, October). Comprehensive leisure and aging study. National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress, San Jose, CA.

Juried Presentations (Continued)

Blanding, C., & Wacker, R.R. (1993, October). Results from the comprehensive leisure and aging study: Implications for practitioners. National Recreation and Park Association Annual Congress, San Jose, CA.

Wacker, R.R. (1993, March). I'm doing the best I can: Preventive health behaviors of older adults. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R.R., & Keith, P.M. (1992, November). Who comforts the comforters? A study of elderly guardians and their wards. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Wacker, R.R. (1992, March). Teaching research methods to undergraduate students. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Wacker, R.R., & Keith, P.M. (1992, November). Who comforts the comforters? Older guardians and their wards. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

White, N., Richter, J., & Wacker, R.R. (1991, August). Making research come alive. Second Annual Rocky Mountain Nurse Educators Conference, Estes Park, CO.

Wacker, R.R. (1991, November). The clustering of preventive health behaviors: A LISREL analysis of hypothesized models. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Wacker, R.R. (1991, March). Preventive health behaviors over the life course. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Des Moines, IA.

Wacker, R.R. (1990, March). Variant lifestyles in aging. Section President, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R., & Kundrat, M. (1990, March). Hospital discharge planning: Implications for Medicare patients. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R. (1990, March). Guardianship in eight midwestern states. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R., Keith, P., & Schafer, R. (1989, November). Social support, nutritional status and well-being of single parent and older women. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Wacker, R., & Keith, P. (1988, April). Sex roles in later life families. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Juried Presentations (Continued)

Keith, P., & Wacker, R. (1987, March). Health factors associated with awareness and use of services. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Wacker, R. (1987, March). Legislative responses to recent research on elder abuse. American Society on Aging Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

Wacker, R. (1985, March) Elderly abuse: The hidden scenario. Western Gerontological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Books

Wacker, R.R., Roberto, K.A., & Piper, L. (2002). Handbook of Community Resources for Older Adults (2nd edition). California: Pine Forge Press.

Keith, P.M., & Wacker, R.R. (1994). Older Wards and Their Guardians. New York: Praeger.

Chapters in Books

Keith, P.M., Schafer, R.B., & Wacker, R.R. (1995). Outcomes of equity/inequity among older spouses. In J. Hendricks (Ed.) The Ties of Later Life. New York: Baywood Publishing Company.

Wacker, R.R. (1994). Legal Issues in Later Life Families. In V. Bedford and R. Blieszner (Eds.), Handbook of Aging and the Family. New York: Greenwood Publishing Group.

Keith, P.M., Wacker, R.R., & Schafer, R. (1992). Equity in older families. In M. Szinovacz, D. Ekerdt, and B. Vinick (Eds.) Later Life Families, Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Keith, P.M., & Wacker, R.R. (1990). Sex roles in the older family. In T.H. Brubaker (Ed.) Family Relationships in Later Life, Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Technical Reports

Wacker, R.R. (in progress). Comprehensive Assessment of Community Needs. A final report to the United Way of Weld County.

Wacker, R.R. (2002). Needs Assessment of Caregivers in Weld County. A final report to the Weld County Area Agency on Aging.

Technical Reports (Continued)

Wacker, R.R. (2002). Stryker Leadership Program – Program Evaluation. Report to the Stryker Advisory Board, University of Northern Colorado.

Wacker, R.R. (2001) Status of Women and Girls in Weld County. A final report to the Weld County Women's Fund.

Wacker, R.R. (2001). Teen Survey Results: A Survey of the Programs, Special Events, and Facilities of Interest to Weld County Teens. A final report to the Weld County Child Care and Youth Supervision Task Force – Ages 13-17.

Wacker, R.R. & Gosselink, C.A. (2000). Weld County Childcare and Youth Supervision Needs Assessment Survey. A final report to the Board of County Commissioners of Weld County Colorado.

Wacker, R.R. & Gosselink, C.A. (1999). Needs Assessment of Weld County Older Adults. A final report to the Weld County Area Agency on Aging.

Kinnick, V., Green, J. & Wacker, R. (1997). Weld County Teen Pregnancy Project: The Social and Economic Costs of Teen Pregnancy in Weld County. A final report submitted to the North Colorado Medical Center.

Wacker, R.R. (1996). Improving the quality of care for nursing home residents: An Innovative Community Program to Enhance Certified Nurse Aide Training. A final report to The Retirement Research Foundation.

Wacker, R.R. (1994). Community resources in Weld County: Final results of a needs assessment survey. A report to the Weld County Area Agency on Aging.

Wacker, R.R., & Blanding, C. (1994). The comprehensive leisure and aging study. A final report to the National Recreation and Park Association, Leisure and Aging Section.

Collins, S., Wacker, R.R., & Blanding, C. (1993). A selected, annotated bibliography of leisure and aging. Washington, DC: National Recreation and Park Association.

Wacker, R.R. (1992). Nutritional and social impact of the Title VII Congregate Meal Program for the elderly. A report to the Weld County Area Agency on Aging.

Keith, P.M., & Wacker, R.R. (1991). Can you spell 'World' backwards? A study of wards and their guardians. A report for the AARP Andrus Foundation.

Wacker, R.R. (1989). A needs assessment survey: The need for surrogate decision-making in Iowa. A report to the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Technical Reports (Continued)

Wacker, R.R., & Keith, P.M. (1988). An evaluation of hospital discharge planning programs. A report to the Des Moines Crossroads Area Agency on Aging.

Wacker, R.R. (1988). Statewide assessment of Title III legal services and Area Agencies on Aging. A report to The Legal Center.

West, G., Wacker, R.R., & Masterson, J. (1987). A Report on the Story County assisted-living housing survey. A Report to the Mary Greeley Medical Center Gerontology Task Force.

Wacker, R.R. (1985). A review of nursing home agreements for questionable or illegal provisions. A report to the Colorado Long Term Care Ombudsman.

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2003 Principal Investigator, COMPASS: United Way Community Needs Assessment of Weld County, United Way, Greeley, CO., \$50,000.
- 2002 Principal Investigator, Needs of Caregivers in Weld County, Weld County Area Agency on Aging. Greeley, CO., \$12,500.
- 1999. Co-Principal Investigator with C. Gosselink, Weld County Childcare and Youth Supervision Needs Assessment Survey. Weld County Department of Social Services. Greeley, CO., \$14,500.
- 1998 Co-Principal Investigator with C. Gosselink, Needs Assessment of Older Adults in Weld County. Weld County Area Agency on Aging. Greeley, CO., \$14,500.
- 1993 Principal Investigator, A Community-Wide Certified Nurse Aide Training Program: An Innovative Program. The Retirement Research Foundation, Chicago, IL., \$156, 509.
- 1992 Co-Principal Investigator with Cindy Blanding, Comprehensive Leisure and Aging Study. National Recreation and Park Association, Washington, DC., \$16, 892.
- 1991 Preventive Health Practices of Low-Income and Minority Elderly. New Faculty Research Award, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO., \$500.00.

SERVICE

University Service

Member, North Central Accreditation Steering and Writing Committee; Stryker Leadership Program Evaluator; University Academic Assessment Council; Stryker Fellows Presenter; Athletic Appeals Board; Discover UNC - Guest Professor/Parents Panel Speaker; Academic Appeals Board; Distance Education Coordinating Group, Center for Professional Development Advisory Board Member; Creative Works Committee; Institutional Technology Committee – Chair; Educational Technology Improvement Project; Teaching Assistants, Planning Committee; Healthy Lifestyles for the 21st Century- Planning Committee; Search Committee - Academic Technology Services; Information Technology Committee (IteC) member; Internal Review Board (IRB); Internal Review Board (IRB) – Co-Chair; Research Corporation Advisory Board; Research Corporation Search Committee; Strategic Planning Committee-- Social Sciences; Search Committee – Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; Search Committee- Gerontology Faculty Positions, Chair; College of HHS Curriculum Committee, Ex Officio Member; College of HHS Representative to Information Technology Committee; UNC Research Day -- Gerontology student presentation coordinator; Search Committee -- Recreation Faculty Position; Chair Review Committee; Alumni Survey Coordinator;

Professional Service

Conducted research for the Women’s Fund of Weld County, Weld County Area Agency on Aging- Ombudsman Program, Eldergarden Adult Day Program, Weld County Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors, Weld County Area Agency on Aging - Congregate Meal Program and grant writer for the Eldergarden Adult Day Program. Manuscript reviewer for Journal of Applied Gerontology The Gerontologist Family Relations Social Science Quarterly - (MERLOT - The Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching). Member of Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, American Society on Aging, Midwest Sociological Society, Gerontological Society of America, American Conference on Academic Deans. Abstract reviewer for Midwest Sociological Society and Gerontological Society of America. Book reviewer for Sage Publications/Pine Forge Press, American Source Books, Wadsworth Publishing Co. and University Press of Colorado. External Reviewer – Faculty Evaluation – University of Utah.

Community Service

Weld County Long Term Care Bioethics Committee Member; Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Ex Officio Member; Coalition for Care, Inc., President, Board of Directors; Eldergarden Adult Day Program - Board of Directors and Chair- Planning Committee; Weld County Long Term Care Task Force

AWARDS AND HONORS

2003	Academic Leadership Excellence Award, University of Northern Colorado
2000	Honorary Member, Golden Key International Honor Society
1998	Outstanding Achievement Award in Sponsored Programs, University of Northern Colorado, UNC Research Corporation and UNC Graduate School
1998	Leadership Award, UNC Women’s Resource Center
1995, 1996	Mortar Board, University of Northern Colorado
1994	Faculty Member of the Year, University of Northern Colorado, College of Human Sciences
1994	President’s Award, National Recreation and Park Association, Leisure and Aging Section
1988	Teaching Excellence Award, Iowa State University
1986	Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society