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### **Degrees Earned**

Ph.D.            Sociology; May 2008  
Purdue University

*Dissertation Title:* “Role Expectations, Conflict and Burnout among Nursing Staff in the Long Term Care Setting”

Graduate Certificate in Survey Research Methods  
Sociology, December 2006  
Purdue University

M.S.            Sociology, May 2006  
Purdue University

*Analytic Project Title:* “Influence of Role Demands on Nurse Perception of Patient Safety”

M.A.            Gerontology, May 1997  
Western Illinois University

*Internship:* Community Resource Integration/ Discharge Planning in the Post-Acute Setting

A.D.N.           Nursing, May 1993  
Fox Valley Technical College School of Nursing  
Currently Licensed as a Registered Nurse  
*Eleven years of clinical nursing experience*

B.S.            Sociology, January 1990  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

### **Current Faculty Position**

2009- Present    Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Gerontology  
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Sociology  
Graduate Faculty Associate  
Western Kentucky University  
Bowling Green, KY

2009-Present Core Collaborator, Indiana Transformative Healthcare Research Initiative  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
Indianapolis, IN

2011-Present Graduate Faculty Appointment  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, IN

2011-Present Graduate Faculty Appointment  
Texas State University  
San Marcos, TX

### **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

June 2008-August 2009 Health Services Research Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Veterans Affairs Center of Excellence in Implementing Evidence Based Practice, within the Indiana University School of Medicine

### **Research Assistantship**

August 2005-May 2006 “An Examination of Safety Climate in Two Midwestern Community Hospitals”: project funded by the Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering at Purdue University examining the effect of electronic medical records implementation on safety climate in two Midwestern community hospitals. Participated in project design, administrative meetings, and data collection via both survey and field methods. Directed by Professor James G. Anderson, Department of Sociology, Purdue University.

### **Publications**

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Dana Burr-Bradley, Kristopher H. Morgan, and Bradley Fulton (In Press) “Does Functional Status Influence Satisfaction among Assisted Living Residents?” *Seniors Housing and Care Journal*.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Priscilla Arling, and Jenna Gillette (In Press) “Does Self Efficacy Influence the Application of Evidence Based Practice?” *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice*.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Dana Burr-Bradley, Kristopher H. Morgan, Bradley Fulton and Boubakari Ibrahimou (In Press) “Influence of Satisfaction with Services on Overall Life Satisfaction Among Assisted Living Residents” *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Daniel Clark, Anthony Perkins and Greg Arling (In Press) “Does Cognitive Impairment Influence Quality of Life among Nursing Home Residents?” *The Gerontologist*.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Rangaraj Ramanujam, and James G. Anderson (In Press) “Co-Worker Characteristics and Nurse Perception of Safety Climate” *International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance*.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Rebekah Fox, and Brad Doebbeling (2012) “Facilitators and Barriers to Clinical Practice Guideline Use Among Nurses” *American Journal of Nursing* 112 (7): 38-47.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Priscilla Arling, Bonnie Wesorick, and James G. Anderson (2012) “An Application of the Socio-Technical Systems Approach to Implementation of Electronic Evidence into Practice: The Clinical Practice Model Framework” *International Journal of Quality and Reliable E-Health* 1 (1): 13-20.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Karl Pillemer, Jori Sechrist and J. Jill Suitor (2011) “Does Race Influence Conflict Between Nursing Home Staff and the Family Members of Residents?” *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 66B (6): 750-755.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Morgan Durham, Kelli Norton, Brad Doebbeling, Caroline Carney Doebbeling, and James G. Anderson (2011) “Provision of Psychosocial Care for Cancer Patients: Service Delivery in Urban and Rural Settings” *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health* 2 (4):220-224.

Arling, Greg, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Valerie Cooke, Robert Kane, and Teresa Lewis (2011) “Facility and Market Factors Affecting Transitions from Nursing Home to the Community” *Medical Care* 49 (9): 790-796.

Lewis, Teresa, Valerie Cooke, Greg Arling, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Christine Mueller, and Lisa Edstrom (2011) “Minnesota’s Nursing Facility Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program” *Topics in Geriatric Medicine and Medical Direction*, 34 (4): 1-8.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Morgan Durham (2010) “Integrating Sociological Theory into the Case Study Experience” *Journal of Health Administration Education*, 27 (4): 219-227.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Morgan Durham, and Rebekah Fox (2010) “Managing the Unmet Psychosocial and Information Needs of Patients with Cancer” *Patient Intelligence*, 2: 45-52.

Cooke, Valerie, Greg Arling, Teresa Lewis, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Christine Mueller, and Lisa Edstrom (2010) “Minnesota’s Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program: An Innovative Model for Promoting Care Quality” *The Gerontologist*, 50 (4):556-563.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** (2010) “Helping Patients with Cancer Related Distress” *Oncology Times*, 32 (8): 7-8.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Nadine Najjar, Katherine Schilling, and Caroline Carney-Doebbeling (2010) “Can a Positive Deviance Model Improve Uptake of Interventions Directed at Cancer-Related Psychosocial Distress?” *Journal of Theory Construction and Testing*, 13 (2):6-9.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** (2010) “Dealing with Cancer Related Distress” *American Journal of Nursing*, 110 (4):67-69.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, James G. Anderson, Marilyn Anderson, J.Jill Suitor, and Karl Pillemer (2010) “The Cumulative Influence of Conflict on Nursing Home Staff: A Computer Simulation Approach” *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 3 (1):39-48.

Fox, Rebekah and **Kathleen Abrahamson** (2009) “A Critical Examination of the U.S. Nursing Shortage: Contributing Factors and Public Policy Implications.” *Nursing Forum*, 44 (4): 235-244.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, J.Jill Suitor, and Karl Pillemer (2009) “Conflict Between Nursing Home Staff and Residents’ Families: Does it Increase Staff Burnout?” *Journal of Aging and Health*, 29 (6): 895-912.

Ramanujam, Rangaraj, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, and James G. Anderson (2008) “Influences on United States Nurses Perception of Patient Safety: Assessing the Effects of Perceived Role Demands” *Nursing & Health Sciences*, 10, 144-150.

### **Manuscripts Currently Under Review**

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Priscilla Arling and Greg Arling (under review) “Insights on the Implementation of Quality Improvement in Nursing Homes: A Survey of Providers”

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Teresa Lewis, Anthony Perkins, Daniel Clark, Arif Nazir, and Greg Arling (under review) “Nursing Home Characteristics and Nursing Home Resident Quality of Life”

Zhao, Jing, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, James G. Anderson, Sejin Ha, and Richard Widdows (under review) “Trust, Empathy, Social Identity, and Knowledge Contribution in Patient Online Communities”

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and James G. Anderson (under review) “Privacy and Health”

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Jenna Gillette, Kristopher Morgan, and Bradley Fulton (revise and resubmit) “Illness Related Psychosocial Distress in Rural Areas”

## Book Chapters

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Karis Pallone, and Melissa Grabner-Hagen. 2010. "Psychosocial Distress: The Effects of Health and Social Factors." In Yih, Yuehwern (Editor) *Handbook of Healthcare Delivery Systems*, Boca Raton, Florida: Taylor and Francis Publishing.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Karis Pallone. 2010. "Long Term Care" In Yih, Yuehwern (Editor) *Handbook of Healthcare Delivery Systems*, Boca Raton, Florida: Taylor and Francis Publishing.

## Published Conference Proceedings

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Morgan Durham, Kelli Norton, and James G. Anderson (2011) "Delivery of Psychosocial Care for Cancer Patients: A Pilot Investigation" *Proceedings of the 2011 International Conference of Technology and Communication in Healthcare*. Victoria, British Columbia. Published in *Studies in Health Technology and Informatics*, 164 (270), 32-36.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, James G. Anderson, Marilyn M. Anderson, J. Jill Sutor, and Karl Pillemer (2008) "Conflict and Burnout Among Nursing Staff in the Long Term Care Setting." *Proceedings of the 2008 International Conference on Health Sciences Simulation*. Ottawa, Ontario.

Ramanujam, Rangaraj, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, and James G. Anderson (2007) "Influences on Nurse Perception of Hospital Safety Climate: An HLM Approach." *Proceedings of the 2007 International Conference on Technology and Communication in HealthCare*. Victoria, British Columbia.

Anderson, James G., Rangaraj Ramanujam, and **Kathleen Abrahamson** (2007) "Organizational Learning from Voluntary Medication Reporting Systems" *Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering E-Publications*. West Lafayette, Indiana.

## Policy Reports

Arling, Greg, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, Lisa Edstrom (2010) Preliminary Report from Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program Interviews and Survey of Minnesota Nursing Facilities. Submitted to the Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Greg Arling, and Christine Mueller (2009) Preliminary Study of the Minnesota Nursing Facility Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program (PIPP): Results from Exploratory Interviews and Site Visits. Submitted to the Nursing Facility Rates and Policy Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

## Active Projects

1. Nursing Home Pay for Performance Evaluation: Comprehensive evaluation of the Minnesota Nursing Home Performance-Based Incentive Program, in conjunction with University of Minnesota investigators.
2. Nursing Home Return to Community Program Evaluation: Comprehensive evaluation of the Minnesota Return to Community Program, including development of resident assessment tool for state-wide use.
3. Investigation of the Influence of Cognitive Decline on Nursing Home Resident Quality of Life: Quantitative analysis of quality of life data to assess for factors that influence the nursing home experience, with a focus on residents who are experiencing cognitive decline.
4. Cancer Care Engineering Survey: A large scale survey of patients in 2 Indiana medical centers who present for colon cancer screening and/or treatment. Survey questions address social support, physical activity, and psychosocial distress. Conducted within the Purdue University Cancer Care Engineering project.
5. Investigation of correlates to implementation of evidence based practice within rural and remote Canadian health care organizations, in partnership with British Columbia Interior Health.
6. Clinical Practice Model Resource Center (CPMRC) evaluation: Quantitative and qualitative evaluation of successful implementation efforts regarding the use of clinical practice guidelines among healthcare professionals. Includes both secondary data analysis and primary data collection.
7. Illicit Drug Use and Nursing Home Residents: Survey of Nursing Home Administrators in the Commonwealth of Kentucky addressing the prevalence of illicit drug use among residents and policies dealing with resident substance abuse.
8. Quantitative investigation of organizational factors that influence employee perception of health care quality, in partnership with Press-Ganey and Associates.
9. Validation of the Anderson Nurse Stress Scale among a population of long term care licensed nurses.

## Research Grants/Contracts-External

Co-Investigator, AHRQ, *Study of a State Level Model to Transition Nursing Home Residents to the Community*, 2012-1015, PI: Arling, \$2,311,323

Co-Investigator, AHRQ, *Evaluating a State Level Model to Improve Nursing Home Quality*, funded October 2010-October 2013, PI: Arling, Mueller, \$1,477,829

*Evaluation of the Minnesota Long Term Care Community Transitions Initiative*, awarded \$22,712 in subcontract from the University of Minnesota: January, 2010-July 2010.

*Cancer Care Engineering 3: Investigation of Best Practice Flow and Navigation for Colorectal Cancer Patients with Psychosocial Distress*, awarded \$10,480 in subcontract from Purdue University: August 2009-June 2010.

### **Research Grants/Contracts-Internal**

*A Pilot Investigation of the Clinical Practice Model Resource Center: How is Evidence-Based Practice Implemented?*, awarded \$5250 through the competitive RCAP proposal process, Office of Research, Western Kentucky University: January 2011-July 2012.

*Barriers and Facilitators to CPG Use among Nurses*, awarded \$795 through a competitive proposal process from the Western Kentucky University College of Health and Human Services Research and Scholarship Committee: March, 2010-March 2011.

*Purdue Research Foundation Dissertation Fellowship*, awarded tuition reimbursement and monthly stipend (\$14,500) to complete the research project, "Influence of Nursing Staff/ Resident Family Conflict on Nursing Staff Burnout in the Long Term Care Setting": June 2007-May 2008.

*Purdue Research Incentive Grant*, awarded \$1000.00 toward travel and expenses to complete the research project, "An Examination of Safety at Two Midwestern Hospitals": Spring, 2006.

### **Conference Presentations (Oral Presentations)**

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Dana Bradley, Kristopher Morgan, and Bradley Fulton "Influence of Functional Independence on Satisfaction among Assisted Living Residents" Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. San Deigo, CA: November, 2012.

Lewis, Teresa, Greg Arling, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, and Valerie Cooke "Issues in Measuring Care Quality" Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA: November, 2012.

Arling, Greg, Teresa Lewis, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, Anthony Perkins, and Mark Woodhouse "Performance Based Incentive Payment Program: Impact on Care Quality" Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA: November, 2012.

Mueller, Christine, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, Heather Davila, Lyndy Kouns, Ruth Anderson, Thomas Inui, Edward Miech, and Greg Arling "Taking a Close Look at Pay for Performance Programs in Nursing Homes" Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. San Diego, CA: November, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Melissa Grabner-Hagen "An Innovative Service Learning Approach in Public Health: the 100 Dollar Solution" American Public Health Annual Research Meeting. San Fransisco, CA: October, 2012.

Arling, Greg, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, and Emmy Lee “Promoting Transitions from Nursing Home to Community with the Minnesota Return to Community Program” American Public Health Annual Research Meeting. San Fransisco, CA: October, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Christine Mueller, Heather Davila and Greg Arling “Falls Reduction and Mobility within Nursing Homes: An Innovative, Collaborative, and State-sponsored Approach” American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. San Fransisco, CA: October, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Session Organizer/Discussant)** “Delivering Long Term Care in an Aging Society” American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. San Francisco, CA: October, 2012.

Zhao, Jing, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, James G. Anderson, Sejin Ha, and Richard Widdows “Trust, Empathy, Social Identity, and Knowledge Contribution in Patient Online Communities” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Research Meeting. Denver, CO: August, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Priscilla Arling, and Jenna Gillette “The Influence of Self-Efficacy on Application of Evidence Based Practice.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Research Meeting. Denver, CO: August, 2012.

Fox, Rebekah and **Kathleen Abrahamson** “Interrogating Nurse Bullying: Conceptualizing through Literature, Validating through Nurse Voices” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Research Meeting. Denver, CO: August, 2012.

Fox, Rebekah, Julia Rech, and **Kathleen Abrahamson** “Agitation, Control and Taking Action: A Rhetorical Analysis of National Nurses United Recruitment and Organization” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Research Meeting. Denver, CO: August, 2012.

Arling, Greg, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, Teresa Lewis, Anthony Perkins, Valerie Cooke, Christine Mueller, Emmy Lee and Heather Davila “Impact of the Minnesota Performance Based Incentive on Quality of Nursing Home Care” Long Term Care Interest Group, Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Orlando, FL: June, 2012.

Arling, Greg, Teresa Lewis, **Kathleen Abrahamson**, Valerie Cooke, Anthony Perkins, and Christine Mueller “Incentivizing Nursing Home Quality: The Impact of the Minnesota PIPP Program. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Orlando, FL: June, 2012.

Cooke, Valerie and **Kathleen Abrahamson (Session Moderators)** “New Models for Supporting Transitions” Univeristy of Minnesota Summer Institute on Aging. Minneapolis, MN: June, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Session Moderator)** “Formal Caregiving” Southern Gerontological Society Annual Research Meeting. Nashville, TN: April, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Heather Davila, and Jenna Gillette “Disparities in Nursing Home Care: The Significance of Race and Place” Southern Gerontological Society Annual Research Meeting. Nashville, TN: April, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Jenna Gillette “Illness-Related Psychosocial Distress in Rural Areas: A Review of Current Knowledge” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Research Meeting. Minneapolis, MN: March, 2012.

Davila, Heather, **Kathleen Abrahamson** and Christine Mueller “Nursing Home Culture Change: Key Factors to Successful Implementation” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Research Meeting. Minneapolis, MN: March, 2012.

Cooke, Valerie, Greg Arling, Teresa Lewis, Jan Gerrard, Christine Mueller, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Tom Inui, Heather Davila, and Anthony Perkins “Symposium: Promoting Better Nursing Home Quality through an Innovative, Grass Roots, Performance-Based Incentive Program” Minnesota Health Services Research Conference. Minneapolis, MN: March, 2012.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Invited guest lecture)** “Integrating Clinical Practice Guidelines into Information Systems and Reminder Systems to Support Nursing Practice at Point of Care.” Webinar hosted by InspireNet of British Columbia. Victoria, BC: January, 2012.

Arling, Greg, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Christine Mueller, Daniel Clark, and Anthony Perkins “Dementia Severity, Special Care Units and Quality of Life among Nursing Home Residents” Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA: November, 2011.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Rebekah Fox “What Influences the Use of Research Evidence in Practice among Nurses?” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Research Meeting. Las Vegas, NV: August, 2011

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Session Chair/Discussant)** “Caregiving and Long Term Care in an Aging Society” Midwest Sociological Association Annual Research Meeting. St. Louis, MO: March, 2011

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Karl Pillemer, and Jill Suito. “Does Race Influence Conflict Between Nursing Home Staff and the Family Members of Residents” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Research Meeting. St. Louis, MO: March, 2011.

Singh, Shalini and **Kathleen Abrahamson.** “Outsourcing Long Term Care to India” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Research Meeting. St. Louis, MO: March, 2011.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Morgan Durham, Kelli Norton, and James G. Anderson. "Delivery of Psychosocial Care for Cancer Patients: A Pilot Investigation" International Conference on Technology and Communication in Healthcare. Victoria, British Columbia: February 2011.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Session Chair/Discussant)** "State Level Policy Initiatives" Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. New Orleans, LA: November 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Greg Arling, Krista Boston, Valerie Cooke, and Teresa Lewis. "The Minnesota Return to Community Initiative: Planning and Evaluation of a State Administered Nursing Home Transition to Community Program" Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. New Orleans, LA: November, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Invited Guest Lecture)** "Conflict and Communication between Staff and Family in Health Care Organizations" Department of Communication, Texas State University. San Marcos, TX: September, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** "Psychosocial Distress: Description of a Survey" Cancer Care Engineering Annual Retreat. Indianapolis, IN: June, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Keynote Speaker).** "Caregiving and the Aging Population: Issues and Alternatives" National Science Foundation (NSF) funded Purdue ADVANCE Spring Conference. West Lafayette, IN: March, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen (Session Organizer/ Discussant).** "Teaching Medical Sociology in an Interdisciplinary Environment" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Association/ North Central Sociological Association (joint meeting). Chicago, Illinois: March, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Greg Arling, Valerie Cooke, Christine Mueller, and Thomas Inui. "Preliminary Study of the Minnesota Nursing Facility Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program (PIPP): Results from Exploratory Interviews and Site Visits." Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia: November, 2009.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Caroline Carney Doebbeling. "Using Social Theory in Health Services Research: A Positive Deviance Approach to the Management of Cancer Related Psychosocial Distress." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, California: August, 2009.

Arling, Greg, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Valerie Cooke, Teresa Lewis and Robert Kane. "Facility and Market Factors Affecting Transitions from Nursing Home to Community." Academy Health 2009 Annual Research Meeting. Chicago, Illinois: June, 2009.

Fox, Rebekah and **Kathleen Abrahamson** “A Critical Examination of the U.S. Nursing Shortage: Contributing Factors and Public Policy Implications.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois: April, 2009.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen.** “Addressing Psychosocial Distress among Cancer Patients: the Need for a Sociological Approach.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Des Moines, Iowa: April, 2009.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen.** “Improving Psychosocial Care for Patients with Colorectal Cancer.” Purdue University Oncological Sciences Seminar Series. West Lafayette, Indiana: November, 2008.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** James G. Anderson, Marilyn Anderson, J.Jill Suitor, and Karl Pillemer. “Conflict and Burnout Among Nursing Staff in the Long Term Care Setting” The 2008 International Conference on Health Sciences Simulation. Ottawa, Ontario: February, 2008

**Abrahamson, Kathleen.** “Health Organization Management” 2007 Regenstrief Center for Healthcare Engineering at Purdue University Fall Symposium *Transforming Healthcare Delivery: Multidisciplinary Research at Purdue*. West Lafayette, Indiana: September 2007.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen.** “A Social Psychological Approach to Staff/ Family Relations in the Long Term Care Setting.” Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Sociological Society/ North Central Sociological Association (joint meeting). Chicago, Illinois: April 2007

Ramanujam, Rangaraj, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** and James G. Anderson. “Influences on Nurse Perception of Hospital Safety Climate: An HLM Approach.” International Conference on Technology and Communication in Healthcare. Victoria, British Columbia: February 2007.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen.** “A Social Psychological Approach to Medication Errors.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. Indianapolis, Indiana: April 2006.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen.** “A Comparative Examination of Long Term Care Delivery.” Annual Meeting of the North Central Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: April 2005.

### **Conference Presentations (Poster Presentations)**

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Dana Burr Bradley, Kristopher Morgan, and Bradley Fulton “Influence of Satisfaction with Services on Overall Life Satisfaction among Assisted Living Residents” Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. Orlando, FL: June, 2012

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Priscilla Arling, Christine Mueller, Heather Davila, and Greg Arling. "Early Findings from the Evaluation of the Minnesota Performance Incentive Payment Program (PIPP)." Gerontological Society of American Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA: November, 2011.

Arling, Greg, Thomas Inui, Priscilla Arling, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Christine Mueller, Heather Davila, and Anthony Perkins. "Case Study of a Highly Effective Nursing Home Quality Improvement Collaborative: The Empira Fall Prevention Project." Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting. Boston, MA: November, 2011.

Arling, Greg, Christine Mueller, Valerie Cooke, Lisa Edstrom, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Heather Davila, Theresa Lewis, and Thomas Inui. "Lessons Learned from an Innovative Grass-roots Approach to Performance-Based Incentives" Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 2011 Research Conference. Rockville, MD: September, 2011.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Greg Arling, Dan Clark and Anthony Perkins. "Quality of Life Indicators for Nursing Home Residents with Dementia" Academy Health 2011 Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, Washington: June, 2011.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Priscilla Arling. "Improving the Implementation of Evidence-based Practice: A Socio-Technical Approach" Clinical Practice Model Resource Consortium International Conference. San Francisco, CA: January 2011.

Durham, Morgan, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** and Rebekah Fox. "Managing the Unmet Psychosocial and Information Needs of Patients with Cancer." Kentucky Academy of Science Annual Research Conference. Bowling Green, Kentucky: November, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Rebekah Fox, and Brad Doebbeling. "Barriers and Facilitators to CPG Use Among Registered Nurses." Academy Health 2010 Annual Research Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts: June, 2010.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Nadine Najjar, Katherine Schilling, Lori Losee and Caroline Carney Doebbeling. "A Positive Deviance Approach to Improving the Quality of Psychosocial Care for Cancer Patients." Academy Health 2009 Annual Research Meeting. Chicago, Illinois: June, 2009.

Najjar, Nadine, **Kathleen Abrahamson,** Katherine Schilling, Lori Losee, and Caroline Carney Doebbeling. "A Positive Deviance Approach to Understanding the Cancer Related Psychosocial Distress Literature." Academy Health 2009 Annual Research Meeting. Chicago, Illinois: June, 2009.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen,** Nadine Najjar, Katherine Schilling, Lori Losee, Kelli Norton, and Caroline Carney Doebbeling. "A Positive Deviance Approach to Improving the Quality of Psychosocial Care for Cancer Patients." Indiana University Cancer Symposium. Indianapolis, Indiana: May, 2009.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen** and Caroline Carney Doebbeling. "Current Practice and Framework for Change in the Management of Cancer Related Distress." Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute Annual Meeting. Indianapolis, Indiana: January, 2009.

**Abrahamson, Kathleen**, Rangaraj Ramanujam, James G. Anderson. "Assessment of Safety in the Community Hospital Setting." Purdue Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance Annual Symposium, West Lafayette, Indiana: April 2006.

### **Academic Professional Service**

*Thesis Committee Member*, Sara Poorman, MS Student, Purdue University 2010-2011

*Thesis Committee Member*, Shannon Ortega, MS Student, Texas State University 2011-2012

*Faculty Representative(elected)*, Graduate Council, Western Kentucky University, 2012-2014

*Committee Member*, Publications Committee, Midwest Sociological Society 2011-2014

*Chair*, Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Midwest Sociological Society 2011-2012

*On-site Evaluator*, Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities, Long Term Care Facility of the Year Competition, 2010; 2011

*Curriculum Development Committee: Long Term Care Certificate Program*  
Department of Public Health, Western Kentucky University  
Certificate approved in 2011

*Workshop Leader, FACET*  
Western Kentucky University Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching, 2010

*New Faculty Search Committee (3 faculty searches)*  
Western Kentucky University, Department of Public Health, 2009-present

*Teaching Committee Student Representative*  
Purdue University, Department of Sociology, 2007-2008

### **Reviewer Appointments**

*Guest Editor, International Journal of Quality and Reliable E-health: Special issue*  
*addressing E-health in Long Term Care and Community Based Settings.* 2012

*Reviewer, Health Services Research*, 2012-present

*Reviewer, Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 2012-present

*Reviewer, Journal of Rural Social Sciences, 2012-present*

*Reviewer, Delmar/Cengage Publishers, 2011-present*

*Reviewer, International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance, 2011-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Nursing and Health Science, 2011-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Health Care Administration Education, 2011-present*

*Reviewer, BMC Journal of Medical Research Methodology, 2010-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Primary Care and Community Health, 2010-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Patient Safety, 2010-present*

*Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America Annual Research Meeting, 2010-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Aging, Humanities and Arts, 2010*

*Reviewer, Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health, 2010-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Aging and Health, 2009-present*

*Reviewer, Geriatric Nursing, 2009-present*

*Reviewer, Journal of Nursing Scholarship, 2007-present*

*Reviewer, Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences, 2007-present*

### **Academic Association Memberships**

Academy Health  
 Gerontological Society of America  
 Kentucky Academy of Science  
 Kentucky Public Health Association  
 Midwest Sociological Association  
 Society for the Study of Social Problems  
 Southern Gerontological Society

### **Teaching Experience**

*Western Kentucky University:*  
 Healthcare Organization and Management (HCA 340)  
 Long Term Care (HCA 345)  
 Ambulatory Care (HCA 346)  
 Healthcare Analysis and Policy (HCA 448)  
 Ambulatory Care and Rural Health (HCA 556)

*Purdue University:*  
 Primary Instructor, Introduction to Sociology (SOC 100)  
 -Independent development and delivery of large section, lecture based course  
 Teaching Assistant, Social Statistics (SOC 382)

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology (SOC 100)  
 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Theory (SOC 402)  
 Teaching Assistant, Social Control and Deviance (SOC 426)

*Eastern Iowa Community College:*

Primary Instructor, Continuing Education Program for Long Term Care Certification  
 -Independent development and delivery of multiple small session courses  
 addressing a variety of healthcare delivery topics  
 Primary Instructor, Licensed Practical Nurse Review Course  
 -Independent development and delivery of nurse review course  
 Primary Instructor, Nursing Assistant Clinical Training  
 -Instruction within the clinical setting, including acting as Iowa state evaluator  
 for the clinical portion of the certification exam

**Professional Development**

Institutional Ethnographic Methods (Workshop)  
 Leader: Dorothy Smith, PhD  
 Denver, CO, August 2012

Using Census and Community Survey Data in the Classroom (Workshop)  
 University of Michigan, August 2010

Hierarchical Linear Modeling Advanced Training (Workshop)  
 University of Chicago, June 2010

Master Advisor Certification  
 Western Kentucky University, May 2010

Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching (Facet) Certification  
 Western Kentucky University, April 2010

**Professional Nursing Experience**

2002-2003 Medicare Unit Charge Nurse/ Assistant MDS Careplan Coordinator  
 Heritage Healthcare Center, West Lafayette, Indiana

1999-2001 MDS Careplan Coordinator/Charge Nurse  
 Davenport Lutheran Home, Davenport, Iowa

1996-1999 MDS Careplan Coordinator/Charge Nurse  
 OSF Saint Joseph's Hospital, Belvidere, Illinois

1994-1996 Charge Nurse  
 Belvidere Health Care, Belvidere, Illinois

- 1994-1995 Geriatric Psychiatric Charge Nurse  
Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, Illinois
- 1993-1994 Charge Nurse  
Milwaukee Jewish Home and Care Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1993-1994 Orthopedic Trauma Unit Staff Nurse,  
Milwaukee County General Hospital, Milwaukee, Wisconsin