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## **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy - 2000** 

The University of California, Berkeley
School of Social Welfare
Academic Advisor:
Dr. Jewelle Taylor Gibbs

Master of Social Work - 1990

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Academic Advisor: School of Social Work Dr. Satish Sharma

**Bachelor of Arts - 1988** 

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Academic Advisor: School of Social Work Dr. Satish Sharma

LICENSE

Nevada Licensed Clinical Social Worker - #01682-C 1993 - Present

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor - Tenured7/06 - PresentAssistant Professor8/00 - 6/06

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

School of Social Work

*President's Fellow* 2/2010 – 6/2011

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Office of the President

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Cross Cultural Competence
Social Work Practice
Social Work Practicum
Capstone Senior Seminar - Components of Social Work
Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
Aging, Health and Diversity
Social Work as a Profession
Social Welfare as a Social Institution
Introduction to the Profession of Social Work

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### Predoctoral Research Fellow

1/99 - 8/00

UCB School of Public Health Alcohol Research Group Supervisor: Dr. Cheryl Cherpitel

Duties: Design, administer and analyze data from an in-depth study of the impact of burden, alcohol use, and psychological distress in African American female providers of informal elder care. Findings provided new insight into the design and evaluation of culturally appropriate caregiver interventions.

#### Graduate Student Researcher

9/97 - 5/98

UCB School of Social Welfare Supervisor: Dr. Mary Ann Mason

Duties: Designed, administered and analyzed data from a survey research study of undergraduate social welfare students at the University of California, Berkeley.

### Graduate Student Researcher

7/96 - 7/97

UCB School of Social Welfare Center for Social Services Research Supervisor: Dr. Jill Duerr Berrick

Duties: Conceptualized and designed a comparative study of kinship caregivers involved in the child welfare system, the results of which contributed to the development of a training curriculum for M.S.W. students. As background for the training curriculum I completed the San Francisco Department of Social Services Training for Foster Parents, the Alameda County Model Approach to Positive Parenting Training, and the Alameda Foster Parent Training of State/County Regulation & Policies. I also completed the Contra Costa County Department of Social Services Foster

Pride/Adopt Pride Training, Heritage Project Training, and training for Foster Parents of Medically Fragile Children.

Graduate Student Researcher

7/93 - 7/96

UCB School of Social Welfare Family Welfare Research Group Supervisor: Dr. Richard P. Barth

Duties: Designed, administered and evaluated a variety of outcome and process measures of local, state, and national child and family welfare programs using advanced statistical applications.

## BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT FOUNDATION - 10/94-7/95

*Clinical Social Worker*: Organized, facilitated and analyzed training/support groups for San Francisco County, CA foster parents of children with behavioral and emotional problems. Utilized skills in community organizing, group dynamics, pro-social skills training and knowledge building.

### EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT - 9/92-7/93

**Child Custody Specialist**: Conducted mediation and written evaluations for court-ordered contested child custody, visitation, and guardianship conflicts in Las Vegas, Nevada. Conducted home suitability studies, interviewed collateral parties, and testified in Court relative to my investigative fact finding, clinical judgements, and custody recommendations.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS - 1/91-12/92

*Adjunct Instructor*: Taught undergraduate courses, advised students and participated in teacher training sessions and educational conferences.

#### SOUTHERN NEVADA ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - 12/90-2/92

*Clinical Social Worker*: As a part of a multi-disciplinary team I contributed to psycho-social assessment, therapeutic intervention, discharge and aftercare planning for adults needing acute and/or chronic inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. I assured that each patient's illness and recovery was considered within the context of his or her bio-psycho-social needs, culture, and environment.

### Hospital Corporation of America MONTEVISTA HOSPITAL - 7/88-12/91

*Clinical Case Coordinator*: Completed psychosocial assessments, treatment plans, and administered inpatient individual, family and group therapy to young children, adolescents, adults and elders experiencing a variety of social, emotional, legal, physical and economic problems.

## CLARK COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES - 1/90-7/90

Gerontological Social Worker: Utilized administrative and clinical knowledge and skills in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies and practices related to the needs of the elderly in Las Vegas. Investigated elder abuse, neglect and exploitation complaints, and provided supervision and referral services. Contributed to inter-agency meetings, legislative hearings, program and budget justifications, and grant proposals. Reviewed, evaluated, and made recommendations regarding the case management techniques of the adult protective services department.

### CLARK COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SERVICES - 8/89-1/90

**Child Welfare Worker**: Researched, prepared and presented cost-benefit analyzes and other management reports regarding services for children suffering from abuse, neglect or exploitation. Conducted intake risk assessments on a child abuse and neglect reporting hotline. Participated in clinical and administrative level problem solving and decision-making in the child protective services department.

#### HCA MONTEVISTA HOSPITAL - 8/87-7/88

**Social Work Intern**: Prepared intake assessments, case studies, psychosocial evaluations, and made referrals to collateral state and county agencies in Las Vegas, Nevada. Co-facilitated individual, family and group therapy sessions. Utilized skills necessary for interviewing, written and oral communication, and assessing client progress made from individualized treatment plans.

### CITY OF LAS VEGAS - 1/88-5/88

*Human Resources Intern*: Helped prepare accounting reports, management development seminars, personnel orientations, an employee assistance program proposal, and evaluation of the City of Las Vegas' Affirmative Action Plan.

## SAN JOSE EAST-SIDE ACTION CLUB - 1/87-6/87

**Social Work Intern**: Organized educational, social and cultural activities, business meetings and fund-raising events for Hispanic youth members residing in San Jose California. Compiled monthly budget statements, staff documents, and other statistical data utilizing Lotus 1-2-3.

#### RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Owens-Kane, S., & Chadiha, L. A. "Family Caregiving" (forthcoming 2012). In Terry Mizrahi and Larry E. Davis, (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work* (21<sup>st</sup> Ed.). New York, NY: Oxford University Press and the National Association of Social Workers.
- Tyler, T., & Owens-Kane, S. (2012). "High School Graduation and Dropout Rates in Nevada." In D. Shalin, (Ed.), *The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver State*. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, <a href="http://cdclv.unlv.edu/healthnv\_2012/graduation.pdf">http://cdclv.unlv.edu/healthnv\_2012/graduation.pdf</a>
- Tyler, T. G., Wakefield, M. A., Owens, S., & Smith, L. (2012). "Teen Sexuality and Pregnancy in Nevada." In D. Shalin, (Ed.) *The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver State*. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, <a href="http://cdclv.unlv.edu/healthnv\_2012/teensexuality.pdf">http://cdclv.unlv.edu/healthnv\_2012/teensexuality.pdf</a>
- Tyler, T. G., Garner, D., Wakefield, M., Cleveland, R., & Owens, S. (2012). "Academic Achievement and School Resources." In D. Shalin, (Ed.) *The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver State*. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, http://cdclv.unlv.edu/healthnv 2012/schoolresources.pdf

- Owens-Kane, S., & Chadiha, L. A. "Family Caregiving" (2008). In Terry Mizrahi and Larry E. Davis, (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work* (20th Ed.), (pp. 191 197) New York, NY: Oxford University Press and the National Association of Social Workers.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2007). "Respite Care Outcomes for Kinship and Non-Kinship Caregivers." *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 22(3/4), 85 99.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2007). "Mosaic of Difference: Enhancing Culturally Competent Aging-Related Knowledge Among Social Workers." *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*. 48(3/4), 475 492.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2006). "Dropout and Graduation Rates in Nevada." In Dmitri N. Shalin (Ed.), The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver State. Las Vegas, NV: Center for Democratic Culture Publications. Can be retrieved from: <a href="https://www.unlv.edu/centers/cdclv/healthnv/health\_contents.html">www.unlv.edu/centers/cdclv/healthnv/health\_contents.html</a>
- Owens-Kane, S. (Accepted for publication, forthcoming). "African American Female Elder Caregivers: An Analysis of Stress and Coping Correlates." Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press.
- Owens-Kane, S., Smith, L., & Denby, R. (2005). "Transfer of Child Welfare Research Findings to the Field: An Internet-based Training Series." *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 8(1), 27 37.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2006). "National and Nevada Trends in Drop-out and Graduation Rates." Chapter in a published book of select contributions to the UNLV Boyd School of Law, 3<sup>nd</sup> Annual Justice and Democracy Forum. Edited by Dmitri Shalin, Director UNLV Center for Democratic Culture.
- Denby, R. W., Rocha, C., & Owens-Kane, S. (2004). African American Families, Mental Health, and Living Cooperatives: A Program and Research Analysis. In E. M. Freeman and S. Logan (Eds.), *Reconceptualizing the Strengths and Common Heritage of Black Families: Practice, Research and Policy Issues* (pp. 72 94). Springfield, IL: Charles C. Thomas Publishing.
- Svare, G. M., Harrison-Jay, S., Bruce, E., & Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Going Below the Tip of the Iceberg: Social Work, Religion, and Spirituality." *Social Thought: Journal of Religion in the Social Services*, 22(4), 19 35.

#### JURIED/PEER REVIEWED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Owens-Kane, S, Gallion, P., & Ragin, J. (2011). "A Portrait of Nevada: A Study of the Diverse Bio-Psycho-Social Conditions of Men & Women." The "Aging in America" Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging held April 26 - 30, 2011 in San Francisco, CA.

- Chadiha, L.A., Rosario, P., & Owens-Kane, S. (2007). "Association of Care-Related Stressor and Religiosity to African American Female Caregivers' Psychological Well-Being." The Gerontological Society of America's 60th Annual Scientific Meeting "The Era of Global Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" held November 16 20, 2007 in San Francisco, CA.
- Owens-Kane, S., & Smith, L. (2005). "Transferring Child Welfare Research Knowledge: An Internet-based Child Welfare Training Series." The 23rd Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors to be held November 3 6, 2005 in Austin, Texas.
- Brack, B., Owens-Kane, S., and panel. (2004). "The Older Adult: Meeting Their Needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Annual Conference of the Nevada Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 14 16, 2004.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2004). "Using On-line Technology to Facilitate Child Welfare Worker Training." On-line electronic project presentation at the Western Regional Training Conference held in Mesquite, Nevada, September 8, 2004. http://cup.unlv.edu/trainingseries.htm
- Owens-Kane, S. (2004). "Child Welfare Training Series." Poster presentation at the UNLV SSW Alumni Association 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference held May 14, 2004 in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2004). "Engaging Community Partnerships for Infusion of Gerontological Knowledge and Skills into the Social Work Curriculum." Council on Social Work Education, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting & the National Gerontological Social Work Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference held February 21 March 1, 2004 in Anaheim, California.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Infusing Gerontological Knowledge and Skills into Core Undergraduate Social Work Courses." The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors held in Reno, Nevada, October 30 November 2, 2003.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Using Appreciative Inquiry to Improve Services to Children and Families Involved in the Child Welfare System." Poster presentation at the UNLV School of Social Work Alumni Association 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2, 2003.
- Denby, R. & Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Factors of Re-Abuse and Re-Neglect Among Reunified Children in Nevada." Poster presentation at the UNLV School of Social Work Alumni Association 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, May 2, 2003.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Using Appreciative Inquiry Interviews to Systematically Prevent Abuse and Neglect of America's Children." The 14<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect held in St. Louis, Missouri, March 31 April 5, 2003.

- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Quadruply Challenged: How to Assist Poor, African American Female Elder Caregivers." Joint Conference of the National Council on the Aging and the American Society on Aging in Chicago, Illinois, March 13 16, 2003.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Using Appreciative Inquiry Techniques to Develop the Culture of Nevada's Di-Bifurcated Child Welfare System." Black Administrators in Child Welfare Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., March 2 4, 2003.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "A Mosaic of Difference: Enhancing Culturally Competent Aging-Related Knowledge Among Social Workers." First National Gerontological Social Work Conference held in conjunction with the Council on Social Work Education 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, February 27 March 2, 2003.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2002). "Organizational Change and Culture as Part of Integrating Child Welfare Services in Clark County." Poster session of the UNLV School of Social Work Alumni Association 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, April 19, 2002.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2001). "Triply Disadvantaged: Stress Levels and Coping Techniques of Low Income, Minority Women." National Association of Social Workers, Nevada 2001 Conference: A Social Work Odyssey. Las Vegas, Nevada, October 18-20, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2001). "Factors Associated with Psychological Well-Being of Ethnically Diverse Eldercaregivers: What Can We Do to Help?" Fifth International Care/Case Management Conference offered in conjunction with the 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Association of Gerontology, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 28 July 1, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S., & Hardy-Desmond, S. (2001). Child Welfare, Culture & Change." UNLV School of Social Work, 4th Annual Child Welfare Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada, May 11, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S., & Messick-Svare, G. (2001). "Spirituality and Social Work Practice." Northern Nevada Conference on Children and Families. Reno, Nevada, May 4, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2001). "Cultural Diversity in the Workplace: Toward Improving Cultural Competency." Invited workshop for all 20 employees of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County Inpatient Treatment Center. Las Vegas, Nevada, April 19, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2001). "Eldercare in Ethnically Diverse Communities." Healthy Aging II Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada, January 9, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2000). "Destined for action: How to Increase Minority Undergraduate Enrollment and Success." Eighteenth National Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference on Social Work Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Destin, Florida, October 18 22, 2000.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2000). "Application of a Model for Integrating Spirituality and Practice: Spirituality and African-American Female Eldercaregivers." National Association of Social

- Workers, Nevada 2000 Conference on the Changing Business of Social Work. Lake Tahoe, Nevada, October 12 14, 2000.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2000). "Point-Counterpoint and Judicial Best Practices in Child Welfare Issues." UNLV School of Social Work, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Child Welfare Conference. Las Vegas, Nevada, April 21, 2000.
- Owens-Kane, S., Harrison-Jay, S., Messick-Svare, G., & Bruce, E. (2000). "Going Below the Tip of the Iceberg: Social Work, Religion and Sprituality." Council on Social Work Education, 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Profession, New York, New York, February 26 28, 2000.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS, ARTICLES AND PERSONAL PROFILES

- Owens, S. (2012). Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) Board invited me to present on a BPD board sponsored session titled: "Learning from Each Other An Intergenerational Conversation Among Social Work Faculty." Among the imperatives that came out of the 2010 Social Work Congress, which was attended by many members of BPD, were leadership development, recruitment of new social workers, and retention of social workers in the profession.

  (http://www.socialworkers.org/2010congress/documents/2010Imperatives.pdf). These imperatives arose in part because many in the social work profession, especially those in leadership roles, are preparing to retire within the next decade. Thus, the profession must pay attention to grooming a new generation of social work leaders. This board presentation helps to meet part of these imperatives. The annual BPD conference was held March 14 -16, 2012 in Portland, Oregon.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2010). Invited to provide training to employees and staff of the Southwest Gas Corporation Seniors Helping Seniors Weatherization and Conservation Program. The training was held on October 13, 2010 and was titled "Ethnic and Cultural Considerations for Seniors Working with Seniors."
- Owens-Kane, S. (2010). Contracted presentation to the staff of the Las Vegas Urban League, North Las Vegas Martin Luther King Senior Center. Presentation on October 29<sup>th</sup> was titled "Modules of Effective Helping: Ethnic, Racial and Cultural Considerations When Working with Elderly Clients."
- Owens-Kane (2010). Invited workshop panelist for the NAACP Tri-State Conference of Idaho, Nevada and Utah on September 25, 2010. Presentation was titled "Tips for Supporting Student Readiness For and Successful Completion of College."
- Owens-Kane, S. (2010). Invited to be a member of the national Social Work Congress in March, 2010. During the 4-day congress 400 social work experts met with social work members of the U.S. Congress, addressed strategic policy initiatives, and developed imperatives to address the many challenges facing the profession of social work.

- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). "Caring for the Caregiver." Closing session on November 13, 2009 as part of a 6-week family caregiver training series sponsored by the UNLV Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UNLV Gerontology Program, and the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). "Giving Thanks for Golf" A brief article describing the experience of planning and playing in a celebrity golf tournament & scholarship fundraiser held October 22, 2009 at Palm Valley Golf Club, Las Vegas, NV. *The Urban Voice*, November, 2009. www.theurbanvoice.com
- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). Invited by the Las Vegas Urban League to present a training titled "Modules of Effective Helping of the Elderly" on October 29, 2009. The presentation was delivered to staff members serving senior citizens at the North Las Vegas Martin Luther King Senior Center.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). "Dementia." Nevada Public Radio interview held on October 7, 2009. An aging population threatens to make dementia an epidemic. But do we even know what we're dealing with? The Virtual Dementia Tour (as seen on ABC Nightline) is now available in Southern Nevada and it demonstrates to families, caregivers and emergency workers what dementia is and shows how it can be treated better. KNPR 88.9 audiotape archive: <a href="http://knpr.org/son/archive/detail.cfm?programid=1739">http://knpr.org/son/archive/detail.cfm?programid=1739</a>
- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). "She's Longed Long Enough." Full-page color advertisement for the non-profit program Second Wind Dreams, sponsored by Harrah's Foundation. Nevada Public Radio's Desert Companion, September/October 2009, page 4. http://issuu.com/philatknpr/docs/dc\_fall2009/5?mode=a\_p
- Owens-Kane, S. "Demystifying Diversity Issues in Aging." Lead article for *Aging Times*,5(1) August, 2009 issue of an electronic newsletter published by the Council on Social Work Education, National Center for Gerotological Social Work Education. <a href="http://depts.washington.edu/geroctr/AT/5\_1/august09.htm">http://depts.washington.edu/geroctr/AT/5\_1/august09.htm</a>
- Owens-Kane, S. "A Real Life Story about a Real Life Policy Advocate" (July 2009). Policy News article written by Policy Advisor Brian W. Lindberg, MMHS. *Gerontology News*, July 2009, 37(7), p. 4. Circulation 5,000 gerontological social workers, nurses and doctors internationally. http://www.geron.org/images/stories/newsletters/gerontology\_news/July\_2009.pdf
- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). Invited by Betsy Clark, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, to be a member of a panel presentation titled "Why a Career in Aging? From Bachelor's Degree to Aging Specialist!" held March 15 16, 2009 at the American Society on Aging, National Council on Aging, and NASW sponsored annual national conference at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

- Owens-Kane, S. (2009). "Profiles in Leadership: Gaining Skills to Influence Public Policy." The John A. Hartford Foundation Annual Report. http://www.jhartfound.org/pdf%20files/JAHF\_2008\_Annual\_Report.pdf
- Owens-Kane, S. "PhD Postcards Home." (2009). Invited to provide comments about who at the UC Berkeley most prepared me for and influenced my career as a social work professor. University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare website <a href="http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/Stories/index.php#29">http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/Stories/index.php#29</a>
- Owens-Kane, S. (2008). Invited by the Task Force on Minority Issues in Gerontology to present the 2008 Outstanding Mentorship Award to recipient Dr. Letha Chadiha, Associate Professor in the University of Michigan, School of Social Work. Presentation was on November 22, 2008 in Washington, DC at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2008). Invited by the Las Vegas Urban League to present a training titled "Professional, Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services Work with the Elderly" on June 20, 2008. The presentation was delivered to 25 staff members serving senior citizens at the North Las Vegas Martin Luther King Senior Center.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2008). Invited by Harrah's Entertainment Community Reinvestment & Social Responsibility Vice President Thom Reilly to be on a panel of experts in the field of elder issues and to pre-view the documentary "Caring for Your Parents" that premiered on PBS television on April 2, 2008. Following the movie preview at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino on March 26, 2008, Dr. Owens-Kane and the other panel members, which included Dr. Charlie Bernick of the Ruvo Institute and NV Speaker Barbara Buckley, answered questions from the 200 person audience and from the moderator Congresswoman Shelley Berkeley. http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/caringforyourparents/
- Owens-Kane, S. (2007). "Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program: It's Impact on Scholar's Publications, Professional Development, Mentorship, Career Research Trajectory and Leadership Opportunities." Invited by Dr. Barbara Berkman, Helen Rehr/Ruth Fizdale Professor of Health and Mental Health at Columbia University to represent Scholars at a John A. Hartford Foundation Board of Trustees Site Visit in New York on April 25 26, 2007.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2006). "National and Nevada Trends in High School Drop-out and Graduation Rates." Invited forum speaker for the UNLV Boyd School of Law, 3<sup>nd</sup> Annual Justice and Democracy Forum Series held November 5, 2004. <a href="http://www.unlv.edu/centers/cdclv/healthnv/health\_contents.html">http://www.unlv.edu/centers/cdclv/healthnv/health\_contents.html</a>
- Owens-Kane, S. (2005). "Using Appreciative Inquiry to Help Black Children in the Child Welfare System." National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association 24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 16 19, 2005.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2004). "Enhancing the Health and Well-Being of Older Adults in America." Invited guest speaker for the John A. Hartford Foundation sponsored luncheon at the Annual

- Scientific Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society. May 17 21, 2004 at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Owens-Kane, S., & Denby, R. (2002). "Engaging and Partnering: Family Relationship Building Skills." UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, Center for Urban Partnerships (CUP) sponsored training provided to employee of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County. Las Vegas, Nevada, August 29, 2002.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2001). "Youth Eagle Leadership Program: An Evaluation" presented upon request of Judge Steel of the State of Nevada, Eight Judicial District Court, Division of Youth and Family Services. Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2001). "Cultural Diversity in the Workplace: Towards Improving Cultural Competency." This training was provided to employees of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County Inpatient Treatment Center. Las Vegas, Nevada, April 19, 2001.
- Owens-Kane, S. (1999). "African American Female Caregivers: Issues of Stress and Coping." UNLV School of Social Work, Colloquium for Faculty, Students and Community Members. Las Vegas, Nevada, October 18, 1999.
- Owens, S., & Barth, R. P. (1997). "Evaluating the Benefits of Respite Care for Caregivers of Special-Needs Children in Out-of-Home Care." Child Welfare League of America, Mid-West Region, Detroit, Michigan, October 23, 1997.
- Owens, S., Pietrzak, J., & Barth, R. P. (1997). "Evaluation of Family Support Services of the Bay Area's Federally Funded Respite Care Program" funded by Family Support Services of the Bay Area.
- Owens, S., Hodges, J., Kuwada, J., & Mason, M. (1997). "Evaluation of University of California, Berkeley Undergraduate Social Welfare Students" requested by School of Social Welfare Dean.
- Barth, R. P., Pietrzak, J., O'Brien, K, & Owens, S. (1994). "Evaluation of Medically Fragile Infant Respite Program" funded by Family Support Services of the Bay Area.
- Barth, R. P., Simmons, B., Stephens, C., & Owens, S. (1994). "Contra Costa County Adoption Program Review and Evaluation" funded by Contra Costa Social Services Department upon order of the Grand Jury.

### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES

Nominated as a Delegate of the National Association of Social Workers Decadal Congress of Social Work Leaders, March 16 – 18, 2010 in Washington, DC.

American Association of Retired Persons, National Event and Expo with the theme "Vegas@50+" held October 29 – 31, 2009 in Las Vegas, NV.

National Institute of Health Regional Seminar, Program Funding and Grants Administration held June 25 – 26, 2009, Las Vegas, NV.

Gerontological Society of America, 61st Annual Scientific Meeting with a theme of "Resilience in an Aging Society: Risks and Opportunities" held November 21 - 25, 2008 in National Harbor, MD.

Gerontological Society of America, 60th Annual Scientific Meeting with a theme of "The Era of Global Aging: Challenges and Opportunities" held November 16 - 20, 2007 in San Francisco, CA.

National Institute of Aging-funded Research Training in Aging and Social Work Institute, Duluth, MN, July 20 – July 24, 2007.

Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research Summer Workshop Program, Detroit, MI, June 5 – June 6, 2007.

Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, theme was "Bridging Disciplinary Boundaries" held January 11 - 14, 2007 in San Francisco, Texas.

Hartford Faculty Scholars Political Leadership Institute held on Capital Hill in Washington, D. C., October 17 – 22, 2006

Gerontological Society of America, 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting with a theme of "Education & the Gerontological Imagination," held November 15 -19, 2006 in Dallas, Texas.

National Institute of Aging-funded Research Training in Aging and Social Work Institute, competitive 2-year membership in Cohort III. Initial institute is from July 16 - July 25, 2006 at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota. Mid-year workshop February 2007; grant proposal presentation Summer 2007; and submission of my grant proposal to NIA in 2007 - 08.

Hartford Interdisciplinary Scholars Public Communications Conference for Hartford Faculty Scholars in medicine, nursing and social work. Conference held July 10-12, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.

Teaching Institute for Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars, held April 19 - 22, 2006 at Stanford Faculty Development Center, Stanford University School of Medicine, in Palo Alto, California.

Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, theme was "Meeting the Challenge: Research In and With Diverse Communities" held January 12 - 15, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas.

Council on Social Work Education, 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Gerontological Education Forum. The focus of the conference was "Social Justice Through Social Reform," held February 15 - 19, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.

Gerontological Society of America, 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting with a theme of "The Interdisciplinary Mandate, held November 18 - 22, 2005 in Orlando, Florida.

Hartford Leadership Institute held October 21 – 25, 2005 in Washington, DC.

Clark County Social Services, "Access to Senior Services Forum," held June 9, 2005, at the UNLV Thomas & Mack Center. The forum consisted of invited key constituents in the aging services arena who discussed specific opportunities and challenges of senior services in the state of Nevada as a precursor to the State Conference on Aging that was held July 15, 2005 in Reno, NV. We also provided information to guide our State Delegates when they discuss aging issues and make policy recommendations to the U.S. President and Congress at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, October 23 – 26, 2005.

California Social Work Education Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Human Services Training Evaluation Symposium, held at the University of California, Berkeley May 25 – 27, 2005.

Council on Social Work Education, 51st Annual Program Meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> National Gerontological Social Work Conference, and the 8th University of South Carolina Technology Conference. The theme of the conference was "One World, Many Cultures, New Challenges." Held February 26 - March 1, 2005, in New York, New York, at the New York Marriott Marquis.

Foundational Skills for Trainers, The State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services sponsored workshop, held November 16 - 19, 2004.

Council on Social Work Education, 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting & the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Gerontological Social Work Conference. The focus of the conferences was "Science, Technology, and Social work in a Global Society. Held February 21 - March 1, 2004 in Anaheim, California. Received Certificate of Appreciation from Geriatic Social Work Initiative Project.

Council on Social Work Education and SAGE-SW Faculty Development Institute on October 31, 2003 granted me with a Certificate of Participation in the efforts to increase the knowledge base of social work educators in the field of gerontology.

National Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors, 21<sup>ST</sup> Annual Conference. The focus of the conference was "Social and Economic Justice: Rhetoric or Reality?" and it was held October 31 - November 2, 2003 in Reno, Nevada.

National Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors,  $20^{th}$  Annual Conference. The focus of the conference was "Aging in America" and was held October 22 - 27, 2002, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement, Staff and Provider Training: Linking Planning, Training and Evaluation Teleconference on September 23, 2003.

Faculty Development Program administered by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and its Strengthening Aging and Gerontology Education in Social Work (SAGE-SW). Held June 25 - 30, 2002 in Seattle, Washington.

Appreciative Inquiry: A Workshop for Leaders and Consultants Engaged in Organization Transformation. Held April 7 - 10, 2002 in Monterey, California.

Joint Conference of the National Council on the Aging and the American Society on Aging in Denver, Colorado, April 2 - April 6, 2002.

Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors, 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. October 31 - November 4, 2001. Conference workshops theme was "Conquering the Mountains of Isms to Reach Equality."

Human Synergistics' Consultants Forum 2001, held in Detroit, Michigan, October 11 & 12, 2001.

### **EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARDS**

# Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work

Editorial Board Member 2009 - Present

Topics of expertise and special interest: Aging/Gerontology; Caregiving,

Mental Health; Spirituality and Religion

# The Gerontologist

Consulting Editor 2007 - Present

Topics of expertise and special interest: Aging/Gerontology; Caregiving; Mental Health; Multicutural Issues and Diversity; Spirituality and Religion

# Families in Society

Consulting Editor 2003 - Present

Topics of expertise and special interest: Aging/Gerontology; Child Welfare; Mental Health; Multicutural Issues and Diversity; and Spirituality and Religion.

## National Center for Gerontological Social Work Education

Ad hoc abstract reviewer for National Center for Gerontological

Social Work Education, 2006 Gero- Ed Forum at the Council on

Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting

#### **FUNDED GRANTS**

### Principal Investigator

UNLV Lincy Institute 5/12 - Present

"Health and Human Services Workforce Development/Capacity Assessment" \$75,000

### Co-Principal Investigator

UNLV Urban Sustainability Initiative URBAN21 2/09 – 12/10

| "Sustaining the Health and Well-Being of Community Elder Caregivers" \$30,000   |              |
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| Principal Investigator John A. Hartford Geriatric Faculty Scholars Program Administered by Dr. Barbara Berkman & the Gerontological Society of America "Improving Caregiving Among Ethnically Diverse Elder Caregivers" \$100,000 | 8/05 – 10/09 |
| Principal Investigator University of Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research Subcontract No. 3000641574 issued under NIA Grant AG015281 "African American Caregivers: Coping and Well-Being" \$20,000           | 7/06 – 8/08  |
| Principal Investigator State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services "Internet-based Child Welfare Internet-Based Training Series" \$30,000  | 8/06 – 6/07  |
| Co-Principal Investigator State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services "Internet-based Training Series of Nevada Child Welfare Program Improvement Plan Curriculum Topics" \$90,000                                     | 9/04 – 7/06  |
| Co-Principal Investigator State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services "Internet-based Training Series of Child Welfare Research Topics" \$80,356   | 7/03 - 8/04  |
| Co-Principal Investigator John A. Hartford and the Council on Social Work Education "Geriatric Enrichment in Social Work Education Curriculum Grant" \$60,000   | 1/02 - 5/04  |
| Principal Investigator State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services "Appreciative Inquiry and Organizational Culture Project" \$37,700  | 7/02 - 6/03  |
| Co-Principal Investigator State of Nevada, Division of Child and Family Services "Factors of Re-Abuse and Re-Neglect Among Reunified Children in Southern Nevada" \$25,300  | 7/02 - 6/03  |

| Principal Investigator State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services "Child Welfare Organizational Culture and Change Project" \$15,000   | 7/01 - 6/02  |
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| Co-Principal Investigator State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services "Nevada Statewide Child Welfare Multi-Ethnic Placement Act Evaluation" \$15,000   | 7/01 - 6/02  |
| Principal Investigator State of Nevada, Eight Judicial District Court Family Department G – Judge Cynthia Dianne Steel "Youth Eagle Leadership Program Evaluation" \$1,500 (Evaluation fee for \$15,000 juvenile crime diversion program) | 4/01 - 10/01 |
| Co-Principal Investigator State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services "Nevada Statewide Child Welfare Multi-Ethnic Placement Act Training" \$50,000   | 8/00 - 6/01  |
| University of California, Berkeley<br>School of Public Health<br>Alcohol Research Group<br>"Pre-doctoral Dissertation Fellowship"<br>\$11,750 per year/renewed 1.5 years  | 1/99 - 8/00  |
| National Institute of Mental Health<br>Council on Social Work Education<br>"Minority Fellowship Program"<br>\$12,000 per year/renewed 3 years   | 7/95 - 7/98  |
| University of California, Berkeley<br>"Humanities Research Grant for Senegal, Africa Caregiver Research"<br>\$3,000   | 6/97 - 9/97  |
| Kaiser Permanente Allied Health Care Education "Scholarship Program" \$1,500 per year/renewed 3 years   | 9/94 - 12/97 |
| University of California, Berkeley<br>"Mentored Research Fellowship"<br>\$14,830  | 9/94 - 6/95  |

#### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE SERVICE

# University of Nevada, Las Vegas

| NV Faculty Alliance – UNLV, Secretary/Treasure   | Spring 09 - Present   |
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| Gerontology Advisory Group for the UNLV Inter-<br>disciplinary Center on Aging Research and Education (CARE)   | Fall 10 - Present     |
| Office of the President, Cabinet Member  | Spring 10 - Summer 11 |
| Office of the President, President's Advisory Council Member   | Spring 10 - Summer 11 |
| NSHE Political Action Comm - Chair of candidate vetting interviews of Regent Ray Rawson, Assemblyman John Ocegera, and regent candidate Mr. Ken Lange, | Spring 2010           |
| Public Safety Advisory Board, appointed by President Ashley  | Spring 09 - Fall 10   |
| Diversity and Inclusion Commission, Chair of Aging/Gerontology Sub-committee   | Spring 09 - Spring 10 |
| Campus Conversation Group, member invited by Provost Neal Smatresk   | February 2009         |
| Campus Affairs Committee (Proxy Member)  | December 07- April 08 |

Owens-Kane, S. was actively involved in collecting and analyzing survey data for the report "Preparedness to Prevent and Deal with the Possibility of a Mass Shooting Event at UNLV." The CAC met weekly in order to gather and synthesize relevant emergency response data from local, state and national written reports, from several oral interviews, and from an on-line survey that we designed and administered to UNLV faculty, students and staff. The committee presented our findings in writing and orally to the Faculty Senate on March 25, 2008.

http://facultysenate.unlv.edu/reports/2008/CACFinalReportHandouts.pdf

Faculty Senate Salary and Benefits

11/00 - 2003

# UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Service, and service to other colleges/schools

- Owens-Kane, S. (2004). Invited Community Advocacy Project Review Committee Member. Reviewed and selected student research proposals for funding by the Center for Urban Partnerships.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2004). Invited UNLV Faculty/Staff Employment Position Review Committee. Reviewed applications, interviewed and rated applicants for the Research Division Coordinator and Support Services Division Coordinator positions at the Center for Urban Partnerships.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2003). "Aging Issues in the 21st Century." Invited panel member for a video taped presentation of research findings. The televised show was sponsored by the Greenspun School of Communication and aired on local cable television number 71 on September 7, 2003. The show will be aired periodically.
- Owens-Kane, S. & Denby, R. (2002). "Engaging and Partnering: Family Relationship Building Skills." UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, Center for Urban Partnerships (CUP) sponsored training provided to employees of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County. Las Vegas, Nevada, August 29, 2002.
- Owens-Kane, S. (2002). Invited professional moderator for focus groups with minority undergraduate and graduate students. Focus group data were collected as part of a study funded by a UNLV Planning Initiative Grant in conjunction with funding from the Clark County Commission. Larry Scheier is the principal investigator for this study that was designed to explore the educational experiences and retention of racially diverse students.

# UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs, School of Social Work

Personnel Comm. - Chair Fall 2006 – Spring 2007 Student Recruitment and Retention - Chair Spring 2001 - Present Fall 2003 - Present HBSE Comm. – Co-Chair Fall 2003 - Present MSW Curriculum Comm. - Member Outcomes and Career Advisory Comm. - Member Spring 2001 - Present Admissions Comm. – Member Fall 2000 - Present BSW Curriculum Comm. - Member Fall 2000 - Present Child Welfare Comm. – Member Fall 2000 - Present HBSE Comm. – Member Fall 2000 - Fall 2003 PhD Feasibility Comm. – Member Fall 2000 - Spring 2002

## XV. AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT

"Who's Who in Black Las Vegas" in 2010

September 2010

"Unstoppable Woman of 2010" Awarded by the Las Vegas Women's

July 2010

# Leadership Conference

| Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2005  | January 2005 |
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| Inducted following nomination by two former students who have been cited for academic excellence by <i>Who's Who Among American High School Students &amp; The National Dean's List</i>               |              |
| Certificate of Appreciation for Community Service<br>Awarded by Bob Miller, Former Governor of Nevada   | May 2004     |
| Featured in article on female community leaders in Las Vegas<br>Nevada Women Magazine   | Jan/Feb 2004 |
| Rose Award for the 2003 Academic Role Model of the Year<br>Awarded by Clark County Professional Black Women's Alliance  | July 2003    |
| Certificates of Commendation/Excellence for Community Service<br>Awarded by:<br>Senator Harry Reid<br>Senator John Ensign<br>Congresswoman Shelly Berkley<br>City Councilwoman Lynette Boggs McDonald | July 2003    |
| Scholarly Work: Publish and Flourish Workshop & Time Management for Faculty Workshop Hosted by UNLV Teaching and Learning Center  | Spring 2004  |
| WebCT Training Series Certificate of Achievement<br>Hosted by UNLV Teaching and Learning Center   | Fall 2003    |
| Certification of Achievement for Completing Six Teaching Enhancement Workshops Hosted by UNLV Teaching and Learning Center  | Spring 2001  |

# XVI. PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE/MEMBERSHIPS

Task Force Member, State of NV Senate Legislative Committee on Health Care, Task Force to Develop a State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

Board Member, Desert Southwest Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association

Member, Regional Leadership Committee of the Alzheimer's Association

Member, National Association of Social Workers

Member, National Coalition of 100 Black Women

Member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Member, Nevada Strategic Plan for Senior Services Accountability Committee

Member, Western Regional Advisory Board of the Alzheimer's Association

Member, Gerontological Society of America

Member, Society for Social Work and Research

Member, Council on Social Work Education

Member & Faculty Liaison, National Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work

Member, National Association of Black Social Workers

Member, Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors

Member, United Way Grant Allocation Review Committee

Member, Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society

Member, Order of Omega National Honor Fraternity

Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

## XVII. COUNTRIES VISITED

Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and Senegal