

Kathleen M. Elpers
Associate Professor of Social Work

Education

1972	B.A.	St. Joseph College - Rensselaer, Indiana Psychology
1977	M.S.W.	Graduate School of Social Work - Rutgers University New Brunswick, New Jersey - Clinical
2001	Ed.D.	Leadership Education - Spalding University Louisville, Kentucky

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

Social Work 221 Introduction to Social Work
Social Work 223 Introduction to Gerontology
Social Work 239 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
Social Work 323 Social Work Practice with the Aged

Graduate Level

Social Work 504 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
Social Work 505 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
Social Work 671 Social Work Management in the Clinical Setting

Primary Research Interests- Leadership/ Management, Aging, Service Learning, Ethics, Professional Gatekeeping

Publications/Writings

Elpers, K. & Westhuis, D. (2008). Organizational leadership and its impact on job satisfaction.
Social Work in Administration, Volume 32(3) 26-44.

Elpers, K. (2005). *Reflections in the mirror*. Author/Producer of DVD produced at USI
discussing the views of international students on their adjustment to American culture
and their perspective on family life, roles, religion, dating, academics and prejudice.

Elpers, K. (December, 2001). *Social workers' expectations and perceptions of leader behavior
and their relationship to job satisfaction*. Unpublished Dissertation.

Text book reviewer for publishers (Allyn & Bacon, Brooks/Cole, SAGE, Wadsworth)

Book Review: Hutchison (2008). *Dimensions of human behavior: Person and environment*. Sage
Publications. 4th Edition.

Book Review: Zastrow, C. (2008). *Introduction to social work and social welfare, 10th edition*.
Brooks/Cole Publisher.

Book Review: Brody, R. (2008). *Effectively managing human service organizations*. Sage Publishers

Book Review: K. McInnis-Dittrich. (2007). *Social work with elders*. Allyn & Bacon Publishers.

Book Review: R. Youdin. (2006). *Clinical social work intervention with older people*. Allyn & Bacon Publishers.

Book Review: M. Glicklen. (2006). *Supervising human service professionals: A competency-based approach*. SAGE Publications.

Book Review: R. Brody. (2006). *Managerial dilemmas in human service organizations*. SAGE Publications.

Book Review: Huber, R., Nelson, H. W., Netting, F. E., & Borders, K. W. (2005). *Elder advocacy: Essential knowledge and skills across settings*. Reviewed 1st draft. Recognized as a reviewer. Thomson Brooks/Cole Publisher.

Book Review: Zastrow, C. (2006, 2005). *The practice of social work: A comprehensive workbook*. Reviewed the 1st and 2nd revisions. Recognized as a reviewer. Brooks/Cole Publisher.

Book Review: Zastrow, C. (2005). *Introduction to social work and social welfare*. Brooks/Cole Publisher.

Book Review: Barsky, A. E. (2005, 2004). *Successful social work education: A student's guide*. Reviewed the 1st and 2nd revisions. Brooks/Cole Publisher.

Professional Presentations (Local, Regional, National, International)

Elpers, K. (2008). *Reflections in the mirror: Increasing cultural awareness using local resources*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the annual BPD ((Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors) Conference, Phoenix, AZ. March, 2009.

Elpers, K. (Accepted for August, 2008). *Is it a man's world: Barriers, stereotypes and double standards in women leadership*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the Oxford Round Table on Aging. Conference to be held in Oxford England.

Fitzgerald, E. & Elpers, K. (2008, March) *Gatekeeping: Myths and realities*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the annual BPD ((Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors) Conference, Destin, FL. March, 2008.

Elpers, K. (Accepted for August 2007). *The Stellar Connection: Promoting Intergenerational Relationships—A Case Study*. Abstract accepted for presentation at the Oxford Round Table on Aging. Conference to be held in Oxford England.

Elpers, K. (2007, June). *Strategic Planning for Boards of Directors*. Presented to the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Board of Directors: Evansville, IN.

Elpers, K. (2007, June). *NASW Code of Ethics and Ethical Decision Making*. Presented to the State of Indiana Association of Nephrology: Evansville, IN.

Elpers, K. (2007, March). Moderated a panel on *Anticipatory Grief and End of Life Issues*. Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference presented at the University of Southern Indiana: Evansville, IN.

- Elpers, K. (2007, February). Moderated a panel on *Ethics for Social Workers* sponsored by Indiana NASW (National Association of Social Workers). Presented at the University of Southern Indiana: Evansville, IN
- Elpers, K. & Dugger, R. (2006, November) *Spirituality and the Older Adult*. Presented at the University of Southern Indiana: Evansville, IN.
- Elpers, K. (2006, March). *The STELLAR Connection: Linking University Students to the Elderly in the Community to Develop Positive Intergenerational Relationships*. Presented at the annual Conference for the National Council on Aging and American Society on Aging: Anaheim, CA.
- Elpers, K. (2005, April). Panel participant on *Living with Grief: Pain at the End of Life*. Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference presented at the University of Southern Indiana. Evansville, IN. April 20, 2006.
- Elpers, K. (2006, April). Panel participant on *Living with Grief: Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life*. Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference presented at the University of Southern Indiana: Evansville, IN.

Grants

- 2005 College Faculty Enhancement Award, Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services, *Reflections in the Mirror: Understanding Cultural Diversity Through the Eyes of the International Students at the University of Southern Indiana* (\$3,977.00).
- 2001-2004 Hartford Foundation three year grant. *Hartford Geriatric Enrichment Grant*, co-director with Dr. Iris Phillips (\$60,000.00).

Professional Development

- "Recovery: Myths, Mountains, and Miracles". Presented by Fred Frese, Ph. D., Evansville, IN. September 25, 2008.
- Ask Medicare Live Webcast, "*Connecting Caregivers to Medicare Resources*" Evansville, IN. September 18, 2008.
- "Healthy Livable Communities for all Ages" Presented by Phil Stafford, Ph.D. Evansville, IN. September 12, 2008.
- "Pathways to Solutions with Self-Harming Adolescents and Their Families: A Collaborative, Strengths-Based Therapy Approach". Presented by Matthew Selekman, MSW, LCSW. Evansville, IN. August 27-28, 2008.
- First Annual, Mid-America Institute on Aging. University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN. August 13-14, 2008.

Institute on Aging and Social Work Research. Sponsored by the National Institute on Aging and the Hartford Foundation. The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN. July 13-July 20, 2008.

Service Learning Institute. University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN. June 16-19, 2008.

Professional Services

Member of Tri-State Suicide Prevention Committee (2007-present)

Member of Planning and Curriculum Committee for the Mid-America Conference on Aging

Co-Chair of Indiana NASW Committee on Ethics. (2007-present)

Member of the Tri-State Training Coop. (2004-present) This group consists of representatives from the area mental health centers and other social agencies to plan professional development activities for their staff and professional community. I was the primary organizer for this group to bring Dr. Frederic Reamer to USI campus to present a workshop on Ethics in April, 2006.

Board member for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). (2004-present). Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Awards and Recognitions

1986 - 1990 Fellow for the Lilly Endowment

1986 Lilly Endowment Leadership Education Program

1987 Kentucky Colonel

1989 Sagamore of the Wabash

1991 Social Worker of the Year for NASW Region #14

1991 Social Worker of the Year for State of Indiana

2002 Who's Who Among America's Teachers-Nominated by students at USI

2004 Who's Who Among American Teachers-Nominated by students at USI

2005 Recipient of the Sydney L. and Sadelle Berger Faculty Community Service Award—University of Southern Indiana

2005 Who's Who Among American Teachers-Nominated by students at USI

2007 Marquis Who's Who in American Education

2008 Marquis Who's Who in American Education

2008 Cambridge Who's Who Registry Among Executives and Professional Women