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**EDUCATION**

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- 2005**      **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration**  
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work.  
*“Young women at risk: A phenomenological study of multigenerational family development and hereditary disease.”* Chair: Sarah Gehlert, Ph.D.
- 2002**      **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration**  
Master of Arts in Social Work
- 1999**      **Graduate School of Education, Harvard University**  
Master of Education in Human Development
- 1998**      **Wellesley College**  
Bachelor of Arts, Majors: Family Studies and Psychology.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2005-**      **New York University School of Social Work, New York, NY**  
Assistant Professor
- 2003-2005**      **Dominican University School of Social Work, River Forest, IL**  
Adjunct Lecturer
- 2002-2004**      **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL,**  
Teaching Assistant
- 2000-2001**      **Pace University, Department of Human Services, Pleasantville, NY.**  
Adjunct Lecturer

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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*Research Appointments:*

- 2001-2003**      **University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL**  
Research Assistant
- 1998-1999**      **Wellesley College Stone Center, Wellesley, MA.**  
Research Fellow
- 1996-1997**      **Wellesley College Department of Psychology, Wellesley, MA.**  
Research Assistant
- 1995**      **United Nations, Division of Population and Fertility, New York, NY. 1994.**  
Student Intern, Division on Population and Fertility

*Clinical Appointments*

- 2001-2005 **Wellness House**, Hinsdale IL.  
2002-2005 Family Matters Program Associate  
2001-2002 Clinical Fellow
- 2003-2004 **Chicago Center for Family Health**, Chicago, IL.  
Clinical Coordinator  
Certificate in Families, Illness & Collaborative Healthcare Program, June 2004
- 1996 **Castle School**, Cambridge, MA  
Job Program Coordinator
- 1997 **Westchester County Office for Women**, White Plains, NY  
Assistant to Domestic Violence Specialist

**GRANTS & RESEARCH SUPPORT**

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- 2008 **National Institutes of Health, ELSI Project**. "Attitudes regarding prenatal and preimplantation genetic diagnosis for inherited breast/ovarian cancer risk." *Co-Investigator*
- 2008 **New York University Research Challenge Grant**. "Coping and medical decision making in families with inherited cancer risk." *Principle Investigator*
- 2006 **New York University Silver School of Social Work Faculty Research Grant** "Family development and inherited breast/ovarian cancer risk" *Principle Investigator*
- 1998 **Society for Social Work and Research, Doctoral Fellow Award**

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Werner-Lin, A.** (under review). Building the cancer family: Family planning in the era of genetically enhanced assisted reproductive technology. *New Genetics and Society*, March 2008.

**Werner-Lin, A.** & Gardner, D. S. (under review). Continuity and transformation: Family illness narratives of inherited cancer risk. *Families, Systems and Health*, August, 2008.

**Werner-Lin, A.** & Biank, N. M. (under review). Along the cancer continuum: Integrating therapeutic support and bereavement groups for children and teens of terminally ill cancer patients. *Journal of Family Social Work*, May 2008.

Ainbinder, A., Pryce, J., **Werner-Lin, A.**, Brown, T. A. & Smithgall, C. (in press). Teaching Future Teachers: A model workshop for doctoral education in social work. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (2008). Beating the biological clock: The compressed family life cycle of young women with BRCA mutations. *Journal of Health Social Work*.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (2008). Formal and informal support needs of young women with BRCA mutations. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 26 (4), 2008.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (2007). Danger zones: Risk perceptions of young women from families with hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. *Family Process*, 46(3), 335-349.

**Werner-Lin, A. & Biank, N.** (2006). "Oncology social work." In Gehlert, S. & Arthur, T. (Eds.) Handbook of Health Social Work. Wiley & Sons.

Rolland, J. S. & **Werner-Lin, A.** (2006). "Families and Illness." In Gehlert, S. & Arthur, T. (Eds.) Handbook of Health Social Work. Wiley & Sons.

Biank, N., & **Werner-Lin, A.** (2005). Family Matters manual: A comprehensive informational, educational and supportive program for children, teens and parents experiencing cancer in the family.

**Werner-Lin, A. & Moro, T. T.** (2004). "Unacknowledged and stigmatized losses. In Walsh, F. & McGoldrick, M. (Eds.) Living Beyond Loss: Second Edition. New York, NY: Norton.

Ponterotto, J. G., Costa, C. & **Werner-Lin, A.** (2002). "Research Perspectives in Cross-Cultural Counseling." In P. Pederson, Ed., Counseling Across Cultures, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Sage Publications.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**Werner-Lin, A.** (2008). "Building the cancer family: Family planning in the era of genetically enhanced assisted reproductive technology." Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting as part of a symposium "Cancer and the Family." Washington, DC.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (2007). "Formal and informal support needs of young women with BRCA mutations." Poster presented at the Joint meeting of the UK Cancer Genetics Group and the Dutch Cancer Society with the 10<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Psychosocial Aspects of Genetic Testing. Manchester, UK.

**Werner-Lin, A.,** (organizer/discussant), Gehlert, S., Oktay, J., & Schild, D. (January 2007). Genetics for social workers: A primer on physiological and psychosocial issues in genomic research and practice. Roundtable at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (January, 2007). "In sickness and in health:" Implications of hereditary cancer for young women's family life cycle development. Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting as part of a symposium "Cancer: Psychosocial issues across the lifespan." San Francisco, CA.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (December, 2006). Hereditary breast and ovarian cancer over the life course. Oral paper presented at 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Hong Kong.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (October, 2006). Beating the biological clock: The compressed family life cycle of young women with BRCA mutations. Poster presented at the International Psycho Oncology Society Meeting, Venice, Italy.

Ainbinder, A., Pryce, J., **Werner-Lin, A.**, Browne, T. & Smithgall, C. (February, 2006). Teaching future teachers: A model workshop for doctoral education. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, IL.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (April, 2005). "Parallel narratives: Family development and hereditary disease." Paper presented at the Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Boston.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (January, 2005). "A phenomenological study of multigenerational family development and hereditary disease." Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference: Celebrating a Decade of SSWR, Miami.

**Werner-Lin, A.** (March, 2002). "Family Matters: Support services for families touched by cancer." Poster presented at the Families and Health Research Conference, Brigham Young University.

**Werner, A.** (April, 1999). "Daughters & Mothers: Storytelling and the Search for Identity in Connection." Paper presented at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education International Forum, Toward an Ecology of Education: Building Communities Across Disciplines.

Carli, L., **Werner, A.**, Alfonso, E., Lam, D. (April, 1997). "Gender Differences in Self-Evaluation of Preschool Boys and Girls." Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Washington, DC.

#### **WORKSHOPS & INVITED LECTURES**

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| 2009 | University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Doctoral Program<br>"Thinking about our genes: The use of theory to build a research agenda in psychosocial genetics" |
| 2009 | New York University Silver School of Social Work, Continuing Education<br>"Children and grief: Measuring loss across the life course"  |
| 2008 | Plaza Jewish Community Chapel, 2nd Westchester Bereavement Conference.<br>"Explaining death to teens"  |
| 2007 | New York University Silver School of Social Work, Continuing Education<br>"Cancer in the family: Treating children and families experiencing serious illness"                        |
| 2007 | New York University Silver School of Social Work, Continuing Education<br>"Legacies of loss: Clinical issues in cancer genetics"   |

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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- 2006      New York University Silver School of Social Work, Undergraduate Program  
*Most Valuable Professor*
- 2005      Council on Social Work Education  
*Nominated member, working group on the ethical conduct of research*
- 2003      University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration  
*Bernece Kern Simon Fellowship in Graduate Teaching*
- 1999      Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society in Education, *Inducted Member*
- 1998      Wellesley College, *Magna Cum Laude; Durant Scholar*
- 1997      Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology, *Inducted Member*

## **EDITORIAL AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

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- 2006      Clinical Social Work Journal, *Manuscript review*
- 2005      Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Illinois Professional Board of Licensing
- 2004      Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), *Abstract review; Outstanding dissertation award review*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Society for Human Genetics  
Society for Social Work and Research  
Council on Social Work Education  
International Psycho-oncology Society