

Nancy Leisa

Personal Information

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Educational Background

Ph.D. 1987 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Major: Education—Community Health Education
Dissertation Title: *A General Systems Approach to the Development, Design, and Evaluation of a Gaming-Simulation as a Communication Technique for Education on Adolescent Pregnancy*

M.P.H. 1982 University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
Major: Human Ecology—Health Promotion, Health Behaviors,
General Systems Theory

B.A. 1979 Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven
Major: Communications—Organizational and Interpersonal
Minors: Public Health, Spanish, Sociology

Professional Experience

Academic

Adjunct Faculty 1994-1998
Quinnipiac College, Hamden, CT
School of Business, Program in Health Management

- Teaching assignment: Organizations and Agencies in Health, Introduction to Public Health, Group Process for Health Professions, Workshop in Health Education

Assistant Professor 1990-1993
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Program in Health Sciences

- Teaching assignment: Human Diseases, Drug Education, Foundations of Health Education, Patient Education, Voluntary Health Agencies, Health Services Administration

Instructor Spring, 1990
Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven
Department of Communications

- Developed experimental course entitled Communications in Health and Medical Organizations (course was not implemented)

- Teaching assignment: Introduction to Communication

Consultant
1989-1990

Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, CT
Social Development and Counseling

- Gaming-simulation (PREGADO) on adolescent sexuality and pregnancy played with high school seniors and teachers

Teaching Assistant
Spring, 1987

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Department of Health Education
International Health Course

- Assisted professor with development of course syllabus and readings
- Facilitated weekly seminars

Graduate Assistant
1986-1987

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Wellness Center
Student Health Programs

- Developed and calibrated the gaming-simulation on adolescent pregnancy for college students as a prevention and communication technique

Graduate Assistant
1986

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, School of
Medicine
Community Health Program Development

- Coordinated research study on aging
- Assisted with logistics and statistical analysis of project development
- Assisted with development of materials necessary for faculty in implementing various medical school courses

Graduate Assistant
1985

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Office of International and Economic Development

- Co-edited newsletter
- Coordinated faculty seminars on international research (International Forum)

- Participated in administrative and faculty programs for international research campus-wide

Instructor
1982-1985

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston
Department of Health Education

- Teaching assignment: Industrial Accident Prevention, New Dimensions in Women's Health Care, School Health, Human Sexuality, Personal Health

Research Assistant
1982

University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
Department of Social Science and Health Behavior
Rural Health Promotion Grant

- Developed statewide resource book in health promotion for ten grant sites
- Coordinated community workshops
- Assisted with data entry and analysis
- Assisted with writing of final project report

Substitute Teacher
1981-1982

Norman Public Schools, Norman, Oklahoma
K-12, all subject areas

Tutor
1981-1982

Norman Public Schools, Norman, Oklahoma
Title IV – American Indian Enrichment Program

- Tutored public school students in mathematics, reading, and English
- Tutored graduate students in public health courses (Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Human Ecology)

Professional Interviewer
1981

University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
Center for Economic and Management Research

- Conducted telephone interviews and acted as assistant to director
- Conducted marketing research for university, government, and business

Research Assistant
1980

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Institute for Social and Policy Studies

Programs on Non-Profit Organizations

- Assisted with preliminary research planning
- Served as telephone interviewer
- Assisted with administrative duties

Assistant Registrar
1980

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Graduate School

- Supervised secretarial staff of six employees
- Assisted registrar with office functions and graduate school organizational responsibilities

Public Health/Administrative

Research Associate
2005

Yale University, Department of Psychiatry, Program on Recovery and Community Health, New Haven, CT
Grant on Person-Centered Planning

- Responsible for recruitment and scheduling
- Performed other duties as requested

Coordinator of
Recruitment and
Education
2001-Present

Citizen Community Enhancement Project, Yale University,
Department of Psychiatry, Program on Recovery and
Community Health; Connecticut Mental Health Center,
Department of Law and Psychiatry, New Haven, CT

- Develop training and curriculum for program staff
- Recruit clients and conduct follow-up research

Outreach/Referral
Coordinator
1994-1996

Connecticut AIDS Residence Program (C.A.R.P.)
New Haven, CT

- Responsible for all outreach meetings with agencies and organizations locally and statewide
- Provided interviews for all applicants and continuous linkage with all social services organizations: substance abuse providers, hospitals, clinics, AIDS program corrections, mental health providers, and others

- Participated in in-house case conference meetings, local workshops, and advocacy
- Developed and taught two ten-week curriculum for in-house residents: *Transitional Living* and *Health and the Whole Person*

Executive Director
1990

Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (D.E.S.K.)
New Haven, CT

- Overall administration of five-site program to feed urban poor and hungry
- Supervised over 75 volunteers
- Coordinated supplies, overall operation of kitchens, public relations, and community meetings on hunger
- Coordinated legal and medical services provided by university and community volunteers

Consultant
1990

Chapel Haven
New Haven, CT

- Provided weekly supervision for developmentally disabled students in job skills programs

Public Health Educator
1989

Stratford Health Department
Stratford, CT

- Served as director of project focused on injury prevention for preschoolers
- Developed workshops, presentations, and news releases
- Conducted home visits for Medical-Well Child Clinic parents
- Wrote grant completion report

Social Services
Coordinator
1988-1989

New Haven Nursing Center
New Haven, CT

- Responsible for admissions and discharges and complete psychosocial needs of patients and families

- Patient care planning and administrative responsibilities

Public Health Educator
1987-1988

Jackson County Health Department
Murphysboro, IL

- Planned, organized, and developed strategies to implement the *O.C.T.O.P.U.S. Training Manual—Sex Education in the Churches in Jackson County*. Project focused on community education for teenage pregnancy

Staff Member
1985-1987

Comprehensive Health Planning of Southern Illinois
Carbondale, Illinois

- Assisted with various area-wide planning projects specifically focusing on adolescent pregnancy
- Assisted with grant-writing and gaming-simulation project development
- Served as Public Hearing Officer for Health Facilities Planning Board

Administrator/
Coordinator
1980

Child Care Resource Center, City of New Haven
New Haven, CT

- Coordinated program that assisted low-income urban women with technical assistance for child care needs
- Developed statewide liaison between child care agencies
- Coordinated CETA program
- Supervised college interns with design and editing of agency newsletter
- Responsible for all public relations materials
- Wrote continuation grant

Public Relations and Social Service

Volunteer
1980

Alcohol Hotline
New Haven, CT

- Provided crisis intervention for alcohol-related problems via telephone (received 20 hours of training in alcohol counseling)

Public Relations Intern
1978-1979

American Heart Association
New Haven, CT

- Created and designed two newsletters
- Wrote press releases and radio spots
- Produced a community-service commercial for television

Supervisor/Coordinator
Summer, 1977

CETA Youth Employment Program
Arts Council-Outdoor Mural Program
New Haven, CT

- Provided supervision for six inner-city youths in murals programs
- Developed and designed public relations materials

Consulting/Workshop Development

Consultant
1999-2000

Children's Trust Fund
New Haven, CT

- Implemented mini-grant designed to provide client, staff, and train-the-trainer components. Covered topics in health, parenting, and life skills

Consultant
1998

New Haven Home Recovery
New Haven, CT

- Provided staff training and development of a manual for resident support groups on women and emotional abuse

Consultant
1998

Fellowship House
New Haven, CT

- Conducted two workshops on continuing transition and change

Consultant
1997

Fellowship House
New Haven, CT

- Developed and taught workshops on friendship, understanding relationships, and positive emotion promotion

Consultant
1997

Homeless Resource Center
New Haven, CT

- Staff development and training

Consultant
1996

The Center, State of Connecticut, Wethersfield, CT

- Provided two workshops: *Innovative Approaches to Health Education* and *Positive Emotion Promotions*

Consultant
1995-1996

Connecticut Aids Residence Program (C.A.R.P.)
New Haven, CT

Developed two ten-week programs for residential housing:
Transitions: Acting and Reacting to Change and *Health and the Whole Person*

Consultant
1993

UAP Little Rock, Arkansas
Case Management Trainer

Consultant
1993

Center for Rural Health - Hazard, KY

- Researched PREGADO© gaming-simulation on adolescent sexuality

Consultant
June, 1990

Planned Parenthood State Office
New Haven, CT

- Presented workshop on gaming-simulation (PREGADO) for staff development

Consultant
May, 1990

SEICUS, Connecticut Branch
New Haven, CT

- Provided two workshops for regional conference using gaming-simulation (PREGADO)

Instructor
1987-1988

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Office of Continuing Education

- Designed and taught workshops entitled *Your Work Environment: How It Affects Your Health* and *The Art of Resume Writing*

Consultant
1987

Youth Options, Inc.
Marion, IL

- Assisted with grant proposal writing

Co-chairperson
1985-1986

World Health Day, April 7, 1983 (Campus-wide event)
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Consultant/Instructor
1984-1985

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston
Office of Continuing Education

- Designed and taught workshops entitled *Women's Roles and Women's Health--Growth and Change in the 20th Century* and *Promoting Health and Safety in Industry*

Consultant
1984

Illinois Municipal Treasures Institute

- Offered seminar entitled *Your Occupation: How Does It Affect Your Health?*

Consultant
1984

Link Clinic
Mattoon, IL

- Evaluated existing programs
- Designed job descriptions and procedures for all clinic employees
- Developed an in-house hypertension screening program

National International Presentations

Leisa, N., and Smith, M. (1992, February). *Culture: A focus on similarities through diversity*. Workshop accepted for the Second Annual Meeting of the National Association for Multicultural Education, Orlando, Florida.

Smith, M., and Leisa, N. (1991, November). *Identifying the disease progression of HIV children: Determining appropriate regular and/or special education placement services*. Poster session accepted for the 119th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Leisa, N. (1991, July). *Culture and change: The challenge of creativity*. Keynote speaker for the meeting of the Southwest Regional Center for Drug Free Schools, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Leisa, N. (1991, May). *Creative practical approaches to health education: Games and simulation*. Presentation at the Annual Health Education Meeting of the Indian Health Services, Sacramento, California.

- Leisa, N. (1991, May). *Gaming-simulation: An innovative communication technique applied to health education and environmental health planning*. Workshop presented at the meeting of the International Communication Society.
- Leisa, N. (1991, April). *Perspectives for the future: Modeling health care delivery for the 21st Century*. Presentation at the meeting of the Southern Futures Society, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
- Leisa, N. (1991, February). *Exploring cultural diversity in the United States using gaming-simulation*. Presentation for the meeting of the National Association for Multicultural Education, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Leisa, N. (1991, January). *Theory of gaming-simulation as applied to public health*. Presentation at the Instituto Nacional de Salud Publico in Cuernavaca, Mexico.
- Wolff, L., Leisa, N., Crothers, M., and Roth, V. (1988, March). *The ABC's of an ABE tutorial program*. Panel presentation for the Ninth Annual Conference of the Adult and Continuing Educators Association, Inc., Springfield, Illinois.
- Schindler, J., and Leisa, N. (1987, October). *Simulations in health education: Activating consumers for healthy decision-making*. Slide show presented at the 115th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Leisa, N. (1986, November). *A gaming-simulation on adolescent pregnancy (PREGADO)*. Workshop presented to the North America Simulation and Gaming Association, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Leisa, N. (1986, October). *Adolescent pregnancy: An innovative teaching tool using gaming-simulation*. Workshop presented at the Seventh Annual Mt. Vernon Statewide Teachers Convention, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
- Leisa, N. (Chair). (1986, September). *International Health Education and Promotion: A Global Perspective*. Symposium conducted at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Leisa, N. (1986, April). *International health: Teaching strategies and resources*. Roundtable panel at AAPHERD Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Drolet, J., and Leisa, N. (1985, November). *The Classroom: An environment of contradictions*. Poster session presented at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.
- Leisa, N. (1985, September). *Ethical considerations of using microcomputers and high technology for health care systems in developing countries*. Presentation at the 12th World Conference on Health Education, Dublin, Ireland.

- Leisa, N. (1985, April). *Drug education in prisons*. Illustrated poster session presented at AAPHERD Centennial Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Leisa, N. (Moderator). (1984, November). *Formation of human resources for health education*. Centers for Disease Control panel presentation at the Second Inter-American Symposium on Health Education, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Leisa, N. (1984, November). *Impact of health promotion programs on developing countries*. Poster session presented at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Anaheim, California.
- Leisa, N. (1984, March). *Women as Healers*. Campus-wide lecture for Women's History and Awareness Month, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.
- Leisa, N. (1988, March). *The role of the family in birthing*. Roundtable discussion, Illinois Council on Family Relations, Oakbrook, Illinois.
- Leisa, N. (1983, March). *Health and the multidimensional woman*. Campus-wide lecture for Women's History and Awareness Month, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.
- Leisa, N. (1982, March). *Holistic health—Theory and practice*. Panel discussion at the Eighth Annual Third World Conference, Governors State University, Chicago, Illinois.

Publications

- Leisa, N. (1999). What does health mean? Inspirational essays focused on the meaning of health as it affects our dynamic life. (Self-published.)
- Leisa, N. (1991). Application of gaming-simulation for multicultural education. *Journal of the National Association for Multicultural Education*.
- Leisa, N. (1991). Prevention—A future scenario 2019 A.D. In J.J. Van Patten (Ed.), *Proceedings of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Southern Futures Society* (pp. 193-195). Fayetteville: College of Education, University of Arkansas.
- Leisa, N. (1991, March/April). Explaining the feminine psyche through Ancient Greek mythology [Review of *SHE: Understanding Feminine Psychology* by Robert A. Johnson]. *Health Values*.
- Leisa, N. (1986). Ethical considerations of using microcomputers and high technology for health care systems in developing countries. *Proceedings of the 12th World Conference on Health Education, II*, (pp. 746-749), Dublin, Ireland.
- Leisa, N. (1986). Drug law will use Third World? [Editorial]. *Daily Egyptian*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Travel and Study

Ghana, West Africa. Talks with various health professional and the World Health Organization Representative, Summer, 1983.

Cuernavaca, Mexico. Studied Spanish at Center for Bilingual and Multicultural Studies, December, 1990-January, 1991.

Grants, Honors and Awards

Teaching Academy grant to enhance campus teaching, University of Arkansas, October, 1991.

Scholarship to attend institute entitled *Managing Strategic Issues in Organizational Change Using Gaming-Simulation*, a three-week intensive course including philosophy, theory, and the design and development of a gaming-simulation, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, July-August, 1986.

Kappa Delta Pi, National Honor Society in Education, Delta Chi Chapter, 1985
Executive Board Member, 1986-1987
Vice President, 1987-1988

Eta Sigma Gamma, National Honor Society in Health Sciences, Alpha Alpha Chapter, 1984

Federal Public Health Traineeship for Master of Public Health Degree, 1981-1982

Selected participant in Scholarship Leadership Enrichment Program Seminar entitled *Health Perspectives in the Future* with Dr. June Jackson Christmas, a week of seminars and discussions, University of Oklahoma, Norman, April, 1982.

Deans List, University of Oklahoma

Deans List, Southern Connecticut State University, 1977-1979

Professional Organization Committees

Editorial Board, *Newsletter for the National Association for Multicultural Education*, 1991-1993.

Planning Committee for the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Organization, Public Health Education Section, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1986.

Instructional Task Force for Accreditation, University of Oklahoma, College of Public Health, Oklahoma City, 1982.

Graduate Student Council Representative, University of Oklahoma, Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma City, 1981-1982.

Professional Memberships

American Public Health Association (APHA)

North American Simulation and Gaming Association (NASGA)