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| **EDUCATION** |
| **PH.D IN MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY** (2001) Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Dissertation: The *Making of the Egyptian Psychiatric Patient: Reinterpreting Cultural Symbols through Biomedical Discourse.* |
| **MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) IN EDUCATION** (2009) University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. Concentratration in Special Education, Community and Family Interventions, and Program Evaluation. |
| **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY** (1992) Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington. |
| **BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY** (1987)Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington. |

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| **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**  ***Current*: Director of Community Research and Development,** UW Tacoma Center for Strong Schools. |
| ***Current:* Research Supervisor for Educational Outcomes***,***.**  Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Research and Data Analysis, Olympia, WA. |
| ***August, 2009 to March, 2011* Director of Research and Evaluation,** Lenox Hill Neighbhorhood House, New York, NY.. |
| ***September 2007 to September, 2009* Associate Professor of Psychology (with tenure),**. Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Egyptology, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. |
| ***2003-2005 and 2006-2008* Chair of the Psychology Unit,** The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. |
| ***1999 to 2007* Assistant Professor of Psychology, The American University in Cairo,** |
| ***1998-1999* Psychosocial Counselor**, The Counseling Center of the American University in Cairo, Egypt. |
| ***1996-1997* Special Educator**, The Learning Resource Center, Maadi, Egypt. |
| ***1992-1993*** **Drug and Alcohol Counselor and Case Manager**, The Community Services Association, Olympia, WA. |
| ***1992-1993* Mental Health Specialist**,. Saint Peter Hospital Psychiatric Unit, Olympia, WA. |
| ***1989-1992*** **Child Development Counselor*,*** Psychiatric Treatment Unit, Bellingham, WA. |

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| **POLICY REPORTS** |
| Coker, E.M, Sharkova, I., Mancuso, D., Lucenko, B., Liu, Q., and Felver, B. (2013). *Educational Disabilities Among At-Risk Students: The overlap between social service use and special education participation among school-aged children in Washington State*. DSHS/RDA.  Coker, E., He, L., Lucenko, B., Mancuso, D., Liu, Q., Sharkova, I., and Felver, B. (2012). *High School Outcomes for DSHS-served youth: Graduation and drop-out rates for students who were 9th graders in 2005-2006.* DSHS/RDA. |
| **PROGRAM REPORTS AND MANUALS** |
| Coker E.M. (July, 2010) *Evaluation of “Seniors in Motion” (SIM) An intervention program for physically frail elderly*. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York, New York. |
| Coker, E.M. (May, 2010) *A Snapshot of our* [*Senior Centers*](http://www.lenoxhill.org/content/who-we-help/older-adult-services/senior-centers.html) *in the Upper East Side: Understanding their Impact on Older Adults*. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York, New York. |
| Coker, E.M. (January, 2010) [*70th Street Senior Center*](http://www.lenoxhill.org/content/who-we-help/older-adult-services/senior-centers.html) *Falls Prevention Pilot Program*. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York, New York. |
| Coker, E.M. & Burns, Darci (2009) *An Evaluation of the Bully Prevention in Positive Behavior Support Program (BP-PBS) at Awbrey Park Elementary*. Commissioned by Dr. Rob Horner, Director Educational and Community Supports, University of Oregon. |
| Coker, E.M. & Mansour, Abdallah H. (2004) *Development of a comprehensive model for community mental health services in Egypt: Results of a pilot study*. Funded by the Social Research Center of the American University in Cairo, in collaboration with the Association for Health, Environment and Development (AHED), Egypt. |
| Coker, E.M. (2003) *Towards a culturally acceptable community mental health care program in Cairo, Egypt: The impact of local knowledge, attitudes, and practices*. Commissioned by the Mental Health Programme in Egypt, sponsored byThe Egyptian Ministry of Health & Population, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland. |
| Coker, E.M., Bichard, Alison, Nannipieri, Andrea, and Wani, James (2003). *Health education for urban refugees in Cairo: A pilot project with young men from Sierra Leone and Liberia*. Commissioned and funded by the Reproductive Health for Urban Refugees Initiative with the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program, The American University in Cairo.  Coker E.M. & Brennick, Jill (2000). *Findings from a pilot study to develop a comprehensive research agenda in the area of fertility and reproductive health among asylum seekers and refugees in Cairo, Egypt*. Funded by the Social Research Center of the American University in Cairo |

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| **PUBLICATIONS** |
| Fawzi, W., Abdel Mohsen, MY, Hashem, AH, Moussa, S., Coker, E., & Wilson, K.C. (2012). Beliefs about medications predict adherence to antidepressants in older adults (*Egypt*). *International Psychogeriatrics. 24(1)*: 159-169.  Coker, Elizabeth M. (2009).Claiming the public soul: Representations of Qur’anic healing and psychiatry in the Egyptian print media. *Transcultural Psychiatry, 46(4), 672-694.* |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2008). Religion, ethnicity, and community mental health: Service provision and identity politics in an unplanned Egyptian community. *Community Development Journal, 43(1)*, 79-92. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2006). Migration: Refugees and health: Arab states, including the Kurds. In: Joseph, Suad (General editor). Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures. Volume IV, *Economics, Education, Mobility and Space*. |
| Mansour, Abdallah & Coker, Elizabeth M*.* (2005*).* Health: Drug Use: Arab States*.* In: Joseph, Suad (General editor). Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures. Volume III, *Family, Body, Sexuality and Health*. p. 135. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2005) Selfhood and social distance: Toward a cultural understanding of psychiatric stigma in Egypt*.* *Social Science and Medicine, 61 (5),* 920-930. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2004). The construction of religious and cultural meaning in Egyptian psychiatric patient charts. *Mental Health, Religion and Culture*, 7(4), 323-348. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2004). Dislocated identity and the fragmented body: Discourses of resistance among southern Sudanese refugees in Cairo. *The Journal of Refugee Studies*, 17(4), 401-419. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2004). “Travelling pains”: Embodied metaphors of suffering among Southern Sudanese Refugees in Cairo. *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, 28, 15-39. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2004). Discursive practice and the negotiation of psychiatric pathology in Egypt. *International Psychiatry*, 4, 3-4. |
| Coker, Elizabeth M. (2003) Narrative strategies in medical discourse: Constructing the psychiatric “case” in a non-western setting. *Social Science and Medicine*, 57(5), 905-916. |
| Atallah, S.F., El-Dosoky, A.R., Coker, E.M., Nabil, K.M., El-Islam, M.F. (2001). A 22-year retrospective analysis of the changing frequency and patterns of religious symptoms among inpatients with psychotic illness in Egypt. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, 36(8). 407-415. |
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| **FUNDED RESEARCH** |
| Principal Investigator (2011 to present). Social services and Education cross-agency data research pilot project. With the Washington State DSHS, in In collaboration with the ERDC, OFM. Funded by a grant for statewide longitudinal data systems under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. |
| Principal Investigator (2003-2004). *Community Mental Health Pilot Program.* Developed a a community mental health program based on participatory research in a diverse Egyptian neighborhod. In partnership with the Egyptian Association for Health, Environment and Development. Funded by the Social Research Center, American University in Cairo. |
| Principal Investigator (2003). *Depictions of Mental Illness and Treatment in the Egyptian Print Media*. Funded by The American University in Cairo. |
| Principal Investigator (2002-2004) *Psychiatric help-seeking in Cairo, Egypt: The Impact of Local Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices about Mental Illness and Related Disorders*. Funded by the Mental Health Programme in Egypt, Finnconsult.  Co-investigator (with Dr. Anita Fabos) (2002*). Refugees and Reproductive Health in Cairo*. Carried out in partnership with the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program at the American University in Cairo. Funded by the Global Fund for Women.  *Objective*: Establish a base for the collaborative study of the reproductive (and general) health of urban refugees in Cairo. Promote the FMRS program at the American University in Cairo as a leading center for applied research and training in the health care needs of urban refugees. *Outcome*: The FMRS program is a now a leader force in the Middle East in applied research and services to refugees, the representatives of which have established well-funded centers including the Africa and Middle East Refugee Assistance program (AMERA). |
| Principal Investigator (2001-2003). *An Interpretive Comparison of Egyptian Religious Healers and Psychiatrists*. Funded by The American University in Cairo. |
| Principal Investigator (1999-2000). *The Development of a Comprehensive Research Agenda and Proposal in the Area of Fertility, Sexuality, and Reproductive Health among Refugees in Cairo*. Funded by the Social Research Center, The American University in Cairo. |
| Graduate Research Fellowship. 1997-1998. Fulbright, IIE (Cairo, Egypt). |
| **PRESENTATIONS** |
| Weaver-Randall, K., Chen, V. & Coker, E.M. (July 17-19 2013). *Reports, Research Briefs, and Datasets –Washington’s P-20W Deliverables*. Stats-DC 2013 Data Conference, Washington, D.C. |
| Coker, E.M. (April 18-20, 2010). *Promoting change and exchange through program evaluation in a complex political environment: The case of New York City Senior Centers.*  Eastern Evaluation Research Conference (EERS) 2010 Conference: Expanding the Evaluator’s Toolkit. Absecon, NJ, April 18-20, 2010. |
| El Bayadi, I., El Sayeh, S., Elibrachy, K., Lashin, L., Nafie, S., Padiotis, N., Rifaat, H., Salama, S., Sallam Z. Shahin ,H., Shash, F., Wahba, M., & Coker, E.M., (June 4-6, 2008). *Promoting the inclusion of persons with disability in Egypt: A community-based approach* 2nd International Conference on Community Psychology: Building Participative, empowering and diverse communities. Lisbon, Portugal. |
| Coker, E.M. (November 28-December 2, 2007). Invited Paper: *Invisible threats, visible defenses and new local forms of religious healing in Egypt*. Panel: The seen and the unseen in the Egyptian imagination. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. |
| Coker, E.M. (November 15-16, 2006). *Jinn possession and the psychiatric paradigm in Egypt*. Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA. |
| Coker, E.M. (September 10-15, 2005). Invited Paper: *Religion*, *morality and psychiatric stigma in Egypt*. Panel: “Recent Developments in Culturally Appropriate Mental Health Care Among Muslims”, with the The World Islamic Association for Mental Health (WIAMH). XIIIth World Congress of Psychiatry, Cairo, Egypt. |
| Coker, E.M & Mansour A.H. (November 9-13, 2003). *Toward a Model for Culturally Appropriate Community Mental Health Care Policies and Practices in Egypt*. Psychiatric Care Across Cultures, World Psychiatric Association, Malta. |
| Coker, E.M. (April 11-13, 2003). *Ethical Issues in Clinical Research with Refugees.* Workshop: Research on Refugees in Urban Settings: Methods and Ethics, The American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. |
| Coker, E.M. (November 20-24, 2002). Invited paper: *Healing words: Constructing Qur’anic healing in Egypt*. Panel: “Sacred Words and Emerging Markets: Islam, Spirit Possession, and Religious Experience in the 21st Century”. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. |
| Coker, E.M. (March 6-8, 2002). *Sheikhs and Psychiatrists: A cultural analysis of professional and religious treatments for mental illness in Cairo, Egypt.* Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta, GA. |
| Coker, E.M. (November 28 –December 2, 2001). Invited paper: *Dislocated Identity and the Fragmented Body: Illness Narratives and Medical Encounters Among Southern Sudanese Refugees in Cairo.* Chaired panel (with Dr. Anita Fabos):  *“‘*Urban Borderzones’: Sudanese Refugees and Forced Migrants in Cairo.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. |
| Coker, E.M. & Brennick, J. (December 5-6, 2000). *Buying trust: Findings of a pilot study on reproductive health and contraceptive use among Sudanese Refugees in Cairo, Egypt*. The Reproductive Health for Refugees Consortium: Conference 2000: Findings on Reproductive Health of Refugees and Displaced Populations, Washington, D.C. |
| Coker, E.M. (November 17, 1999). *Delusion as metaphor: A sociocultural approach to the phenomenology of psychosis in Egypt.* American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. |
| Coker, E.M. & Attallah, S. (November 16-18 1998). *The changing pattern of religious delusions among Egyptian psychotic patients (the 70's and 90''s).* 3rd UAE International Psychiatric Conference. Dubai, United Arab Emirates. |
| **CONSULTANCIES** |
| 2004 *Validation of religious affiliation scale*. Collaborated with Dr. Adam Cohen of Dickenson College on the adaptation and validation of an Egyptian version of an instrument designed to measure morality and religious affiliation in the general population. |
| 2003-2004 *Medication Compliance among the Elderly.*  Served as consultant on a research project on compliance to medication among the elderly in Egypt, in collaboration with Dr. Waleed Fawzy, Psychiatrist. I helped to the design the methodology, recruited and trained AUC students to carry out the data collection, supervised data collection, and supervised translations and back-translations of the questionnaires. |
| 2003 *Mental Health Services for Refugees*. Served as a consultant for the All Saints Cathedral Health Clinic (Cairo, Egypt) concerning mental health care for refugees. In addition to advising on program development, I assisted with the design, analysis and dissemination of a needs assessment study for refugees conducted by the clinic. |
| 2002- 2003 *Health Education for Urban Refugees Program.* With a group of graduate students in the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies program, established a Health Education Program for young, mostly male refugees from Liberia and Sierre Leone. This project ran for two months, and consisted of weekly seminars featuring guest speakers on a variety of health-related topics, groups discussions, and the collection of data for the purposes of learning more about the health problems that face this particular group of urban refugees. Resulted in a report and manual aimed at supporting professional interventions for refugee youth. |
| 2002 *Validation of the Toronto Alexithymia Scale.* Collaborated with Dr. Fakhr el Islam of Behman Psychiatric Hospital on a validation study of the Arabic version of the Toronto Alexithymia Scale. Under my supervision, four of my students assisted researchers at Behman with this project, including collecting data and analyzing it using SPSS. |
| 2001-2002 *Cairo Sleep Center*. Collaborated with Dr. Shahira Loza of the Cairo Sleep Center to conduct an analysis of patient records. I supervised two of my students in data collection and analysis, both of whom later served as co-authors with Dr. Loza in presenting the project at an international conference. |