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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, August 2004  
(With Distinction).  
Dissertation Title: Citizen Participation and Its Effects in Neighborhood  
Organizations: The Influence of Perceived Organizational Characteristics and  
Effectiveness.
- M.S.W. Community Organizing and Planning, School of Social Work, University of  
Pittsburgh, 1986.
- M.P.I.A. Economic and Social Development, Graduate School of Public and International  
Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.
- Graduate Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of  
Certification Pittsburgh, 1986.
- B.A. Gannon University, Erie, PA, 1983  
Major: Social Work; Minor: Spanish (Proficiency Certification in Spanish)

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

*Associate Professor* (August 2014 to present), and *Chair, Community, Organization, and Social  
Action (COSA) MSW Specialization* (September 2019 to present), School of Social Work,  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- Chair the COSA Specialization and the COSA Committee, and in this role, serve on the  
Dean's Leadership Team, the MSW Program Committee and the CSWE Reaffirmation  
Committee.
- Academic Co-Lead, Policy and Place Committee, The Pittsburgh Study, UPMC, Children's  
Hospital of Pittsburgh.
- Teach courses in the COSA program, including community organizing, human services  
management, and community planning and development, community based participatory  
research, and general electives including global perspectives in social work, and Cuban  
Social Policies (Study Abroad Program, Center on Race & Social Problems, Spring 2016).
- Provide academic advisement to students and supervise graduate student researchers at the  
MSW and Doctoral Program levels.
- Serve or have served on the following committees: In Social Work: COSA, MSW Program,  
Planning and Budget, International, Doctoral Program, Faculty Executive Committee,  
Affirmative Action, Promotion and Tenure; Online Course Committee; Economic Disparities  
RAP group (Center on Race & Social Problems), and Faculty Search Committees. Within

the University: Community Engagement Internal Advisory Council, Latinx Cluster Hire Committee, Global Housing Summit Steering Committee; Sustainability Task Force; Humanities Committee; Human Rights Task Force; Office of the Provost, Advisory Council on Academic Excellence.

- Conduct community-based research and evaluation, and community intervention research.

*Associate Professor*, (January 2010 to June 2014); *Assistant Professor* (August 2004-December 2009) School of Social Work, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

- Taught graduate and undergraduate courses, including masters' level courses in community partnerships and collaboration, research, and evaluation and technology, and an undergraduate course in culture and poverty.
- Developed/taught international courses, including global social work, independent studies, and cross-cultural perspectives on health, social justice and sustainability in Costa Rica.
- Served on the following committees: College Technology Advisory; Ph.D. Program Development (chair), MSW Program, Center for Collaborative Social Work, and University Perspectives courses. Previously served on: Admissions, Faculty Search, Awards and Scholarships, MSW Reaccreditation; Community Forum; College Research and Committee.
- Supervised graduate research assistants and provide academic advisement to students.
- Conducted evaluation and research on community-based interventions.

*Program Director*, Costa Rica Study Abroad Program (Social Justice and Sustainability; Cross Cultural Communication; Service Learning), Georgia State University (August 2010 to June 2012)

- Conducted all aspects of program development, coordination and administration, including marketing, coordinating with partners in Costa Rica, recruiting students, developing and overseeing the application process, reviewing of applications and approval of students, preparing for trip, program orientation, teaching and supervision of students while abroad.
- Coordinated program activities with the study abroad office; attend meetings and functions.
- Designed and taught affiliated program course.
- Supervised, monitored and taught students while in Costa Rica for the program.

*Interdisciplinary Fellow in Policy and Evaluation*, University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Pittsburgh, PA (September 2001 to August 2004)

- Participated in an advanced interdisciplinary training program in policy and program evaluation that focused on collaborative methods working with policymakers, funders, agency directors, agency staff, and participants to design and conduct evaluations for community-based agencies.
- Specialized courses: Contemporary Program Evaluation, Child Welfare Services and Policy, and Program Evaluation Institutes.
- Worked with community-based organizations to design and conduct program evaluations that utilized qualitative and quantitative methods, and produced evaluation reports for clients.
- Developed and implemented evaluation and community building training workshops.

*Teaching Assistant*, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work (2003-2004)

- Spring 2004 undergraduate course: Interventive Methods III: Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations.
- Fall 2003 graduate course: Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations.

*Adjunct Faculty/Field Instructor*, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work (1998-2000).

- Co-taught graduate level courses: Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations, Introduction to Community Organizing and Planning, and Community Organizing Strategies and Tactics.
- *Instructor*, Catalyst for Community Building Program, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work (1996 to 2004).
- *Field Instructor*, University of Central Florida, School of Social Work (1990-1991).
- *Part-Time English Instructor*, Instituto de Idiomas, Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro, Mexico (1983-1984). Courses: First level high school English, second level college English.

## **EVALUATION AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE**

*Lead External Consultant, CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) and Practice-based Research Department (2010 to present)*, Families First, Inc., Atlanta, GA

- Provide technical assistance, training, and research and evaluation support to the CQI Director, executive staff, program staff, partners and funders. Work with staff to assess and monitor the agency's delivery of services to ensure that they are consistent with best practices and that quality programs provided to individuals, families and communities.
  - Logic model and CQI and evaluation plan development
  - Review and integration of current literature and evidence based practices
  - Research and development of evaluation and CQI measurement instruments
  - Coordination and implementation of research projects
  - Data collection using quantitative and qualitative methods
  - Training on evaluation, logic models, SPSS, data analysis and interpretation, and data reporting, dissemination and utilization
  - Outcomes measurement system and evaluation of overall agency impact
  - Assessment of agency CQI and evaluation practices and approaches
- Provide assistance on the following types of programs: child and youth permanency (adoption, foster care, residency programs); healthy families and relationships (counseling, parenting, teenage pregnancy and school based programs); family sustainability and empowerment (community engagement, ways to work, residential support services).

*Lead External Evaluator and Community Building Consultant, Edgewood Community Resource Program, Families First Inc. (2011-2013)*

- Project provided services to residents in a new mixed income housing community.
- Designed and implemented the program evaluation and CQI plans for
- Designed and worked with staff to implement community building and engagement strategies, including community building projects
- Provided training to staff on evaluation and community building and engagement strategies
- Analyzed, reported on and helped to disseminate evaluation data
- Engaged funders, partners, staff and other stakeholders to develop and implement the project

*Lead External Evaluator, Blueprint Communities Initiative (2005-2009)*, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh

- Designed and implemented a large scale quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the program in 3 states: Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware
- Provided training to community participants during the training program on evaluation and community engagement strategies.
- Analyzed and reported on evaluation data from all 3 states and the overall program.
- Engaged FHLB staff and key stakeholders in the development and implementation of the evaluation.

*Evaluation Consultant, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Community Conservation Program (2004-2005), Pittsburgh, PA*

- Worked as part of an evaluation team to develop and implement an evaluation of a community gardening program
- Analyzed and reported on the evaluation data

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Vice President (1999-2001), Senior Program Manager (1996-1999), Regional Coordinator (1994-1996), Founding Staff Member (1994), Consensus Organizing Institute (COI).*

- Responsibilities: program development, coordination and implementation; fund development; and consulting and training with diverse and immigrant communities nationally and in the Pittsburgh region for COI, a national nonprofit organization specializing in community organizing and development.
- Content areas: family and social services, integrated social work practice, community building and organizing, collaboration, affordable housing, workforce and community development, and youth organizing.
- Member of COI's national management team, assisting the organization with strategic planning, organizational development, financial management and fund development.
- Worked with the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work to develop and implement the "Catalyst for Community Building Program," a certificate program in community building and organizing for resident volunteers and staff working on community projects.
- Worked on community initiatives and interventions across the country with several local and national intermediaries and foundations, including: the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (The Community Building Initiative, and the Kansas City Building Blocks Program); the Alliance for Children and Families (Community-Centered Family Service Demonstration Program, and the Schools of Social Work Project); the National Community Development Initiative, the Annie E. Casey Foundation (several initiatives including the Rebuilding Communities Initiative); the New York Community Trust (Neighborhood Strategies Project); the Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development; Project Neighborhood in Kansas City, MO (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fighting Back Program); The Pew Charitable Trust; Kansas City Community Foundation; Kansas City Neighborhood Alliance; and the R.K. Mellon Foundation (Pittsburgh).
- Helped raise several million dollars in consulting and training contracts and foundation funding for COI's local and national initiatives.

*Coordinator, Palm Beach County Development Team, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Palm Beach County, FL (1991-1994).*

- Led a three-year community organizing and development effort for LISC, a national intermediary focusing on community development.

- Coordinated the formation and development of six neighborhood-based community development corporations (CDCs), composed of neighborhood volunteers working on community development, youth, family, and crime prevention/community policing projects, including construction of affordable housing, the development of a Tutorial/Enablement Center with support from the Children's Services Council, and a Neighborhood Arts Residency Program in cooperation with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Palm Beach County Cultural Council.
- Recruited, supervised and trained community organizers and technical staff, reported to a corporate board, and raised resources from the private, philanthropic, and public sectors.
- Helped raise over \$500,000 in foundation and corporate grants for program operations and special projects, approximately \$1.7 million dollars in public sector subsidy funds for homeownership programs (HOME, CDBG, and FL-SHIP), and approximately \$250,000 in pre-development grants from LISC for CDC development projects.

*Housing and Community Relations Coordinator*, Central Florida Housing and Neighborhood Development Services (HANDS), Orlando, FL (1990-1991).

- Managed community and public relations, fundraising, budgeting and strategic planning activities, and coordinated public/private partnerships for housing development projects.
- Secured and supervised interns and volunteers.
- Initiated and developed relationships with neighborhood organizations, lending institutions, housing assistance providers, municipal and county government officials, and architects.
- Helped to develop and create a Directory for the Affordable Housing Resource Center.
- Helped raise over \$30,000 in financial, material and labor donations.

*Manager, Research and Special Projects*, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh, PA (1987-1990).

- Directed economic research projects and managed business and civic development programs in coordination with private, public and nonprofit organizations.
- Produced economic research reports, including quarterly economic updates, and an economic profile of Pittsburgh.
- Developed an *Economic Outlook Survey of Western Pennsylvania* in cooperation with the Center for Social and Urban Research at the University of Pittsburgh to assess the attitude and outlook of local businesses regarding business conditions and the local economy in light of the economic changes occurring after the close of the steel mills. The survey was conducted for three consecutive years. Presented survey results at the Chamber's annual "Economic Forecast Luncheon," at which national economists presented the outlook for the national economy.
- Generated approximately \$230,000 in revenue from projects.
- Completed two years of the national Chamber of Commerce Institutes for Organizational Management training program.

*New Jersey Governor's Fellow*, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, NJ (1986-1987).

- Formulated and implemented public policy in the areas of affordable housing and community development.
- Attended briefings with Governor Thomas Kean and members of the Governor's Cabinet.

- Produced a report assessing the effectiveness of state economic and housing development policies on New Jersey cities.
- Completed the New Jersey Certified Public Managers Training Program.

*Community Organizer* (Field Practicum, M.S.W.), Aliquippa Alliance for Unity and Development. Aliquippa, PA (1985-1986).

- Organized the board committee responsible for the renovation and design of a multi-purpose community resource center.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- University of Pittsburgh
  - Community Organizing and Planning (Graduate)
  - Community Planning and Development (Graduate)
  - Community Based Participatory Research (Graduate)
  - Social Administration/Human Services Organization Management (Graduate)
  - Global Social Work (Graduate and Undergraduate)
  - Cuban Social Policies (Graduate and Undergraduate)
  - Interventive Methods III: Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations (Undergraduate)
  - Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations (Graduate)
  - Introduction to Community Organizing and Planning (Graduate)
  - Community Organizing Strategies and Tactics (Graduate)
- Georgia State University:
  - Skills and Techniques for Community Partnerships I: Fundamentals of Partnerships and Collaboration (Graduate)
  - Skills and Techniques for Community Partnerships II: Evaluation Research and Technology (Graduate)
  - Methods of Community Research (Graduate)
  - Cross Cultural Perspectives on Health, Social Justice and Sustainability (Undergraduate and Graduate)
  - Global Social Work (Undergraduate and Graduate)
  - Perspectives: Culture and Poverty (Undergraduate)
  - Social Welfare Policy (Graduate and Undergraduate)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Published Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

- Ohmer, M.L. (2020). Youth-Adult Partnerships to Prevent Violence. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, Published Online, 24 August 2020, 1-22.
- Thurber, A., Krings, A., Sprague-Martinez, L., & Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Resisting Gentrification: The Theoretical and Practice Contributions of Social Work. *Journal of Social Work*, 1(1), 1-20.
- Booth, J.M., Chapman, D., Ohmer, M.L. & Wei, K., (2018). The Multiple Functions of a Grassroots Community Organization Focused on Developing Community Gardens in a Disadvantaged Neighborhood: A case study. *Journal of Community Practice*, 26(1), 5-22.

- Ohmer, M.L. (2016). Strategies for preventing youth violence: Facilitating collective efficacy among youth and adults. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 7(4), 681-705.
- Ohmer, M.L., Teixeira, S., Booth, J., Zuberi, A., & Kolke, D. (2016). Preventing violence in disadvantaged communities: Strategies for building collective efficacy and improving community health. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment [Special Issue]*, 26(7-8), 608-621.
- Winter, C. & Ohmer, M.L. (2014). Using the best of research and practice to create an outcome measurement framework: A family service agency's experience. *Families in Society: The journal of contemporary social services*, 95(3), 155-162. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M.L., & Owens, J. (2013). Using photovoice to empower youth and adults to prevent crime. *Journal of Community Practice*, 21(4), 410-433. (Refereed)
- Beck, E., Ohmer, M. L., & Warner, B. (2012). Strategies for preventing neighborhood violence: Toward bringing collective efficacy practice into social work. *Journal of Community Practice*, 20(3), 225-240. (Refereed)
- Warner, B.D., Beck, E., & Ohmer, M.L. (2010). Linking informal social control and restorative justice: Moving social disorganization theory beyond community policing. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 13(4), 355-369. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L., Warner, B., & Beck, E. (2010). Preventing violence in low-income communities: Facilitating residents' ability to intervene in neighborhood problems. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, XXXVII(2), 159-179. (Refereed)
- Littrell, J., Brooks, F., Ivery, J., & Ohmer, M. L. (2010). Why you should care about the threatened middle class? *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, XXXVII(2) 85-112. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L. (2010). How theory and research inform citizen participation in poor communities: The ecological perspective and theories on self- and collective efficacy and sense of community. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 20, 1-19. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L., Meadowcroft, P., Freed, K., & Lewis, E. (2009). Community gardening and community development: Individual, social and community benefits of a community conservation program. *Journal of Community Practice*, 17(4), 377-399. (Refereed)
- Littrell, J., Brooks, F., Ivery, J., & Ohmer, M. L. (2009). Inequality and its discontents. *Journal of Community Practice*, 17(1/2), 11-30. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L. (2008). Assessing and developing the evidence base of macro practice interventions with a community and neighborhood focus. In M. Roberts-DeGennaro (Ed.), *Paradigm of evidence-based macro practice [Special issue]*. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 5(3/4), 519-547. (Invited)
- Ohmer, M. L. (2008). The relationship between members' perceptions of their neighborhood organization and their involvement and perceived benefits from participation. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 36(7), 851-870. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L. (2008). The relationship between citizen participation and organizational processes and outcomes and the benefits of citizen participation in neighborhood organizations. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 34(4), 41-60. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L. (2007). Citizen participation in neighborhood organizations and its relationship to volunteers' self- and collective efficacy and sense of community. *Social Work Research*, 31(2), 109-120. (Refereed)

- Ohmer, M., & Beck, E. (2006). Citizen participation in neighborhood organizations in poor communities and its relationship to neighborhood and organizational collective efficacy. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, XXXIII*(1), 179-202. (Refereed)
- Ohmer, M. L., & Korr, W. S. (2006). The effectiveness of community practice interventions: A review of the literature. *Research on Social Work Practice, 16*(2), 132-145. (Refereed)

### **Published Peer Reviewed Books**

- Ohmer, M.L., Coulton, C., Freedman, D., Sobeck, J. & Booth, J. (2019). *Measures for Community and Neighborhood Research*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Citizen participation in neighborhood organizations and its relationship to volunteers' self- and collective efficacy and sense of community, in T. Bent-Goodley, J.H. Williams, M.L. Teasley, and S.H. Gorin, (Editors), *Grand Challenges for Society: Evidence-Based Social Work Practice*. Washington, DC: NASW Press. (Invited)
- Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Preparing social workers to advance social sustainability: Transforming social work education, in A.M.L. Chong & I. Chi (Editors), *Social Work and Sustainability in Asia: Facing the Challenges of Global Environmental Changes*. Abingdon, Oxon, UK: Routledge, Taylor & Francis.
- Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Operationalizing and measuring social and environmental sustainability: Current efforts and future directions, A.M.L. Chong & I. Chi (Editors), *Social Work and Sustainability in Asia: Facing the Challenges of Global Environmental Changes*. Abingdon, Oxon, UK: Routledge, Taylor & Francis.
- Council on Social Work Education (2018). *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Macro Social Work Practice*. (Ohmer, M. L., Leadership Team and Contributing Author). Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.
- Soska, T., & Ohmer, M.L. (2018). Community Theories and Approaches for Addressing Crime: Prevention, Intervention, and Restoration, in Cnaan, R.A. & Milofsky, C. (Editors), *Handbook of Local Organizations and Community Movements*. Secaucus, NJ: Springer.
- Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors) (2012). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Ohmer, M.L., & Brooks, F. (2012). The practice of community organizing: comparing and contrasting conflict and consensus approaches. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Ohmer, M.L., Sobeck, J.B, Teixeira, S.N., Wallace, J.M., & Shapiro, V.L. (2012) Community-based research: Rationale, methods, roles and considerations for community practice. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (2012). Applying Practice Theories in Community Work. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., Gamble, D. N., & Ohmer, M.L. (2012). Evolution, Models, and the Changing Context of Community Practice. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (2012). Introduction. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.



- Ohmer, M. L. & DeMasi, K. (2009). *Consensus organizing: A community development workbook: A comprehensive guide to designing, implementing and evaluating community change initiatives*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

#### **Other Publications: Articles, Book Reviews and Reports**

- Ohmer, M. L., Davis, K.L., Eveleth, J.R., Ford, T.R., Green, A.F., Hershey, S.M., Hoffman, K., Micire, M., Webb, C., & Williams, S.J. (2020). *Engaging in Genuine Research Partnerships with the Homewood Community: Results from Interviews and Focus Groups with Homewood and Pitt Stakeholders* (pp.1-14, Rep.). Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Community Engagement Centers.
- Dostilio, L. D., Ohmer, M. L., McFadden, K., Mathew, S., & Finkelstein, C. (2019). *Benchmarking How Urban and Metropolitan Higher Education Builds Community Capacity through Place-based, Hyperlocal Engagements*. (pp. 1–41). Towson, MD: Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities.
- Ohmer, M.L., & Booth, J. (2019). *A Study on Barriers to Fair Housing Choice in the City of Pittsburgh: Summary Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations.
- Council on Social Work Education (2018). *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Macro Social Work Practice*. (Ohmer, M. L., Leadership Team and Contributing Author). Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.
- Ohmer, M. L., Adams, P., Allen, M.D., Buffoni, S., Chernomoretz, C.B., Clark, A.C., . . . Welby, A.M. (2018). *Respectful and Effective Community Engagement: Results from Interviews with Hill District Stakeholders* (pp. 1-7, Rep.). Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Community Engagement Centers.
- Ohmer, M. L., Baker, S., Carroll, B., Cosoleto-Miller, K., Hortens, C., Piotrowski, J., . . . Wotring, R. (2017). *Respectful and Effective Community Engagement: Results from Interviews with Homewood Stakeholders* (pp. 1-6, Rep.). Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Community Engagement Centers.
- Ohmer, M.L. (2013, September 5). *The lobbying strategies handbook: 10 steps to advancing any cause effectively*. [Review of the book by P. Libby & Associates]. *Journal of Community Practice*, 21(3), 285-287.
- Ohmer, M. (2008). What does a community organizer really do? *James: An Insider Advantage Publication*, October 2008, 18.
- Ryan, W.P., DeMasi, K.D., Heinz, P.A., Jacobson, W., & Ohmer, M. (2000). *Aligning education and practice: Challenges and opportunities for social work education for community-centered practice*. Milwaukee, WI: Alliance for Children and Families.
- Contributing author. (1986). *Aliquippa update: A Pittsburgh Milltown struggles to come back: 1984-86*, University Center for Social and Urban Research

#### **Other Publications: Program Evaluation Reports**

- Kemp-Rye, L., & Ohmer, M. (2009). *Blueprint Communities: Evaluating the Results, Overall Evaluation for Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware*. Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2009). *January Delaware Revitalization Training Report, and Pre- and Post-test Survey Report*. Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2008). *August Delaware Team Leader Survey Report*. Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.

- Ohmer, M. (2008). *April, May, June and October Delaware Revitalization Training Evaluation Reports*, Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2007). *Overall Summary Report: West Virginia*, Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2007). *Results from the Pre- and Post-test Evaluation for West Virginia*, Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2007). *April, May and September West Virginia Revitalization Training Evaluation Reports*, Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2007). *Pennsylvania Blueprint Communities Initiative: Performance Evaluation – 12 Month Report*. FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2006). *Pennsylvania Blueprint Communities Initiative: Performance Evaluation – 6 Month Report*. FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M., & Ivery, J. (2006). *Results from the Pre- and Post-Test Evaluation: An Assessment of the Affect of Blueprint Communities and the Training on Pennsylvania Participants from September to December 2005*. FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M., & Ivery, J. (2005). *September, October and December Pennsylvania Revitalization Training Evaluation Reports*, Blueprint Communities Initiative, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M., & Meadowcroft, P. (2005). *Community Garden Program Evaluation: Final Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.
- Ohmer, M. (2003). *Community Conservation Program: Evaluation Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.
- Pelkowski, J. & Ohmer, M. (2003). *Pittsburgh Action Against Rape: Enhanced Safety for South Pittsburgh Communities Project: Final Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Project.
- Ohmer, M. & Pelkowski, J. (2003). *KidsVoice Guardian ad Litem Law: Key Stakeholder Interviews and Focus Groups: Full Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Project.
- Ohmer, M. & Pelkowski, J. (2003). *KidsVoice Multidisciplinary Team Process Interviews, Round 2: Evaluation Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Project.
- Pelkowski, J. & Ohmer, M. (2002). *KidsVoice Multidisciplinary Team Process Interviews, Round 1: Evaluation Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Project.
- Ohmer, M. & Pelkowski, J. (2002). *Executive Service Corps, Inc. Management Assistance Program Evaluation*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Program.

## **FUNDING**

### **External Funding-Research**

#### **Funded**

- AmeriCorps (formerly Corporation for National and Community Service) (Ohmer, M. & Tharp Gilliam, S.). *Resident Civic Engagement on Behalf of Equitable Development: Partnering for Community-Based Participatory Research in Homewood and Hazelwood*. October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021 (\$340,000).

- National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations, Supplementary Award to R01. (Miller, L., PI) (Co-Investigators: Ohmer, M.L., Bey, J., Abernathy, P., Ettinger, A., & Culyba, A.) *Child/Youth Thriving Matrix: A Community-level Strategy to Reduce Youth Violence*. (8/01/20 - 07/31/21). (\$324,997).
- AT&T (Nelson, L., Ohmer, M., Radovic, A., & Farzan, R.). *Cyber Awareness: Pittsburgh Blueprint Project to Prevention Cyberbullying*. September 2018 to December 2020 (\$100,000).
- Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (Ohmer, M., & Booth, J., Principal Investigators). *Barriers to Fair Housing Choice in the City of Pittsburgh*. April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 (\$35,000).
- The Heinz Endowments (Dostilio, L., Ellerbee, D., Wanless, S., Spear, C., & Ohmer, M.L.). *Evaluating Place-Based Engagement: Access + Collaboration + Engagement*. This grant is through the University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development. January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019 (\$90,000).
- FAHS-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation (Ohmer, M.). *Facilitating Collective Efficacy to Prevent Youth Violence: Using Consensus Organizing and Restorative Justice*, September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010 (\$16,000).
- ACCESS IDA: Assets for Independence Demonstration Program Evaluation (Ohmer, M., & Beck, E.). Atlanta Cooperative Development Corporation, May 15, 2008 to May 14, 2009. (\$12,425).

**Applied for but not funded**

- Miller, L., Ohmer, M.L., Bey, J., Abernathy, P., et al. (2019). *Community Thriving: A community-level strategy to reduce interpersonal abuse and violence*. (\$1,050,000). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01); RFA-CE-20-003.
- Radovic, A., Ohmer, M.L., Nelson, L., & Farzan, R. (2019). *Upstander Junior: An enhanced cyberbullying prevention and peer support program for middle school age students*. (\$250,000). Susan Crown Exchange: Letters of Inquiry: Tech and Society Challenge: Youth Voice in the Digital Age
- Farzan, R., Crowley, Ohmer, M., & Booth, J. (Submitted April, 2019). *From Data Literacy to Data Stewardship: Pathways for Computational Thinking and Civic Engagement for Urban Youth*. Funder: National Science Foundation (\$894,312 over 2 years).
- Ohmer, M.L. (Principal Investigator), Zuberi, A., Teixeira, S., Booth, J., Bey, J., & Beery, J. (Co-Principal Investigators). *Preventing Youth Violence: Examining an Intervention to Facilitate Collective Efficacy among Youth and Adults*. Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention. Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01); RFA-CE-17-001 (\$1,050,000).
- Research Sub-Grant, National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice (Ohmer, M.L.). *Preventing Community and Youth Violence: The Intersection of Procedural Justice, Legitimacy and Collective Efficacy*. (\$5,000).
- Ohmer, M.L. (Principal Investigator), Booth, J., Zuberi, A. & Teixeira, S. (Co-Principal Investigators). *Preventing Community Violence: Evaluating an Intervention to Build Collective Efficacy and Improve Community Health*. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health Open Call for Proposals. (\$380,000).

- Ohmer, M.L. (Principal Investigator), Booth, J., Zuberi, A., Wallace, J. & Teixeira, S. (Co-Principal Investigators). *Preventing Youth Violence: Facilitating Collective Efficacy among Youth and Adults*. Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention. Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01); RFA-CE-15-001 (\$1,050,000).
- Increasing the Capacity of Faith-Based and Community Organizations in Atlanta's Distressed Neighborhoods (Ohmer, M.L., & Brooks, F.) (June 2009). Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program (HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-EJ-0009) CFDA Number: 93.009; \$500,000 over 1 year).
- Preventing Youth Violence through Developing Community Capacity for Informal Social Control (Warner, B., Beck, E., & Ohmer, M.). (February 2008). Centers for Disease Control, National Center for Injury Prevention (Youth Violence Prevention through Community-Level Change (U49) RFA/PA: CE08-001; \$2,103,317 over 5 years).
- Silberman Fund, New York Community Trust (Ohmer, M. L.). (January 2009). Facilitating Collective Efficacy to Prevent Youth Violence: Using Consensus Organizing and Restorative Justice, June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 (\$20,000).

### **Internal Funding-Research**

#### **Funded**

- Ohmer, M.L., & Deming, J. (2020). *An Intervention to Prevent Violence and Improve Community Mental Health*. (\$25,000) CiTECH Practice Innovation Opportunity.
- University of Pittsburgh, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Social Science Research Initiative. (Farzan, R., Ohmer, M. & Booth, J.). *We are strong! Leveraging Information Technology to Empower Marginalized Communities*. March 1, 2107 to May 31, 2018 (\$28,000).
- Hewlett International Grant Program (Ohmer, M.). University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh. *International Research in Ghana, Africa*. Spring 2017.
- Summer Research Fellowship (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University, Summer 2008.
- Developing a Training Program to Facilitate Collective Efficacy (Warner, B., Ohmer, M., & Beck, E.). Georgia State University, FY2007 Research Team Grant, July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (\$15,000).
- Summer Research Fellowship (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University, Summer 2007.

#### **Applied for but not funded**

- University of Pittsburgh, Office of the Chancellor, Seed Grant. (Ohmer, M.L., Soska, T., Jacobs, L., & Dostilio, L.). *Community Based and Participatory Research (CBPR) Institute*. (\$49,999).
- Central Development Research Fund (Ohmer, M. & Booth, J.). University of Pittsburgh. *International Research in Ghana, Africa*. Spring 2016.
- Steven Manners Faculty Development Award (Ohmer, M. & Booth, J.). University Center for Social and Urban Research, University of Pittsburgh. *Neighborhood Change in Pittsburgh: Assessing Residents' Perspectives*. Spring 2016.

- Research Initiation Grant (January 2009). Facilitating Collective Efficacy to Prevent Youth Violence: Using Consensus Organizing and Restorative Justice, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (\$10,000).
- Building Collective Efficacy in Atlanta Neighborhoods, Pilot Project (Ohmer, M.). (February 2005). Georgia State University, FY2006 Research Initiation Grant (\$10,000).
- Neighborhoods and their effects on Individuals and Families: The Influence of Collective Efficacy and Citizen Engagement (Ohmer, M., & Beck, E.). (December 2004). Georgia State University, FY 2005 Advancement of Women Faculty Scholarship Mentoring Pilot Project (\$6,000).

### **Other Internal Funding-Funded**

- Summer Teaching Grant (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University (Summer 2010). Purpose: To develop a “hybrid” online course for SW8200: Evaluation and Technology.
- Summer Teaching Grant (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University (Summer 2008). Purpose: To develop a “hybrid” online course for SW7300: Methods of Community Research.
- Summer Teaching Grant (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University (Summer 2007). Purpose: To develop a “hybrid” online course for PERS 2001: Poverty and Culture.

## **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES WITH STUDENTS**

### **Student Research Funding**

- Corporation for National and Community Service (see above)
- Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (see above)
- FAHS-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation (see above)
- ACCESS IDA: Assets for Independence Demonstration Program Evaluation (see above)
- Developing a Training Program to Facilitate Collective Efficacy (see above)

### **Other**

- Supervise graduate student researchers.
- Supervised and directed independent studies for students on domestic social justice issues and international poverty and development issues.
- Invited and supervised 2 graduate students to contribute to writing journal articles, one of which has been published.

## **PRESENTED PAPERS AND POSTERS**

### **Refereed**

- Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (2020). *Research for Equity and Power: A University-Community Partnership to increase Resident Civic Engagement around Equitable Development*. Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Development Summit.
- Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (2020). Fostering Civic Engagement and Activism to Advance Equitable Development in Homewood. Workshop presented at the University of Pittsburgh Community Engaged Scholarship Forum: Local Citizenship in a Global World.

- Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., & Pearl, D. (2020). *Research for Equity and Power (REP): Developing a Community Engaged Research Partnership to Address Community Identified Issues*. Paper presented in Symposium: Reducing Pittsburgh's Racial and Economic Inequality: The Work of Pitt-Assisted Communities and Schools (PACS), at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Foster, K., Brisson, D., Ohmer, M. & Shattuck, P. (2020). *The Role of Community-Engaged Research in Advancing the Science on Racial and Economic Inequality*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Robinson, P.L., Gutierrez, M., Tang Yan, C., Thurber, A. & Ohmer, M.L. (2020). *Understanding, Measuring, and Contesting Gentrification through a Critical Race Lens*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (2019). *Research for Equity and Power (REP): Fostering Resident Civic Engagement to Advance Equitable Development*. Workshop presented at the Corporation for National and Community Service, Research Summit, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (2019). *Research for Equity and Power (REP): Developing a Community Engaged Research Partnership to Address Community Identified Issues*. Workshop presented at the University of Pittsburgh Community Engaged Scholarship Forum: Local Citizenship in a Global World.
- Coulton, C., Ohmer, M.L. Sobeck, J. & Booth, J. (2019). *Advances in Community Measurement Methods*. Workshop, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Krings, A., Ohmer, M.L., Sprague Martinez, L., & Thurber, A. (2019). *The complex relationship between gentrification and community violence: A review of multidisciplinary theory and evidence*. Roundtable, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ohmer, M. L., Farzan, R. and Booth, J. (2018). *Developing a Civic Engagement Mobile App through a Social Work/Information Technology Collaboration*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Ohmer, M.L., Krings, A., Sprague Martinez, L., & Thurber, A., (2018). *Achieving Equal Opportunity, Equity, and Justice through Equitable Development*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M.L., Kolke, D., Teixeira, S., Booth, J., Zuberi, A., Kim, E., Shapiro, V.B., & Sharpe, T. (January 2017). *Community and Behavioral Health Approaches for Preventing Youth Violence and Improving Well-Being*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Krings, A., Sprague Martinez, L., Ohmer, M.L., & Thurber, A. (January 2017). *The role of social work in advancing equitable development*. Symposium presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Ohmer, M.L., Ivery, J. & Allegra, S. (November, 2016). *Preparing Community Practitioners to Collaborate with Communities to Address Global Issues*. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
- Booth, J.M., Chapman, D., Ohmer, M.L., & Wei, K. (January 2016). The multiple functions of a grassroots community organization focused on developing community gardens in a

- disadvantaged neighborhood: A case study. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M.L., & Nguyen, J. (October 2015). *Engaging students in environmental justice and green social work*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
  - Korr, W., Ohmer, M.L., & Fogel, S. (October 2015). *Creating excitement for leading social change: New ideas for macro practice*. Interactive workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
  - Ohmer, M.L., Sobeck, J. & Shapiro, V. (January 2015). *Advancing Community-Based Research: Using Community Practice Theories to Inform Community-Level Interventions*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
  - Ohmer, M.L. (June 2014). *Advancing social sustainability: Transforming the social work curriculum through community partnerships*. Keynote speaker; paper presented at the Conference on Social Work and Social Sustainability in Asia, Hong Kong City University, Department of Applied Social Studies, China.
  - Ohmer, M.L. (April 2014). *Integrating sustainable and social development strategies into the social work curriculum: Creating community partnerships*. Paper presented at the Global Social Sciences Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University, China.
  - Ohmer, M.L., Walker, L.A., & Pitner, R. (January 2014). *Measures for Community Engagement and Collective Efficacy in Community-Based Research: Opportunities and Challenges*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
  - Ohmer, M.L. & Libby, P. (October 2013). *Engaging Community Practitioners in Policy Change: Pedagogical Innovations for Teaching Legislative Advocacy*. Curriculum workshop presented at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX
  - Ohmer, M.L., Lewinson, T., & Freedman, D. (January 2012). *Innovative Methods in Community Research: Using Photovoice to Make a Difference in the lives of Residents*; and Ohmer, M.L., & Owens, J. *Using Photovoice to Empower Youth and Adult Residents to Prevent Crime and Violence*. Symposium Organizer and Presenter at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
  - Ohmer, M.L., Sobek, J.B, Wallace, J.M., Shapiro, V.L, & Teixeira, S.N. (January 2011). *Measuring Success in Community Level Interventions: Benefits and Constraints*; and Ohmer, M.L., & Beck, E. *Facilitating Collective Efficacy in Low-Income Neighborhoods: Measuring Success in Pilot Community Level Intervention Studies*. Symposium Organizer and Presenter at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
  - Ohmer, M. (November 2009). *Meet the Authors*. Panel presentation for new authors at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
  - Ohmer, M., Warner, B., & Beck, E. (January 2009). *Building Community Capacity to Prevent Violence: Findings from a Pilot Project to Facilitate Collective Efficacy among Residents*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
  - Ohmer, M., Beck, E., & DeMasi, K. (October 2008). *Building Collective Efficacy to Prevent Violence: Using Restorative Justice and Consensus Organizing*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

- Ohmer, M. (January 2008). *Evaluating Community Interventions: How a Community Conservation Program Improves Distressed Communities*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Park, W., & Ohmer, M. (October 2007). *Hands-on Evaluation Experience for Social Work Students: A Systems Approach*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Ohmer, M. & Ivery, J. (November 2006). *The Blueprint Communities Initiative: An Evaluation of a Comprehensive Community-Based Initiative in Pennsylvania*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association, Portland, OR.
- Ohmer, M. (February 2006). *Citizen Participation and Its Effects in Poor Communities: The Influence of Perceived Organizational Characteristics and Effectiveness*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Ohmer, M. (January 2006). *Citizen Participation in Poor Communities: How Residents' Perceptions of their Neighborhood Organization Influence their Involvement*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Ohmer, M. (January 2006). *The Influence of Motivation on Citizen Participation in Poor Communities*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Ohmer, M. (March 2005). *Resident Engagement and Participation in Poor Communities: Theoretical Frameworks and Current Research*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, New York, NY.
- Ohmer, M. (January 2005). *Neighborhood and Organizational Collective Efficacy: Factor Structure, Reliability, and Relationship to Participation in Neighborhood Organizations*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Miami, FL.
- Ohmer, M., Sales, E. & Koeske, G. (January 2004). *The Relationship between Community Participation and Community Empowerment*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

### Invited

- Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., Carter, N., Holler, K., & Damon, E. (October, 2020). *Community Organizing 101: Key Strategies for Community Organizing and Civic Engagement*. University of Pittsburgh, Community and Government Relations: Civic Action Week: Virtual Workshop.
- Ohmer, M.L. (April, 2019). *Advances in Community Measurement*. Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Evaluation, Research and Evidence Webinar.
- Ohmer, M.L. (Presenter: January 2019). *Teaching Community-Based Participatory Research: An Applied Approach*. University of Pittsburgh Assessment and Teaching Conference.
- Ohmer, M.L. (Keynote Paper Presentation: June 2016). *Community-Based and Engaged Research: Community Intervention and Prevention*. International Symposium: Japan National Council for Social Welfare and Community Development. Tokyo, Japan.
- Ohmer, M.L. (Keynote Speaker: June 2014). *Advancing social sustainability: Transforming the social work curriculum through community partnerships*. Conference on Social Work and Social Sustainability in Asia. Hong Kong, China: City University of Hong Kong.



- Ohmer, M.L. (June 2014). *Collective efficacy: How can you develop and measure it?* Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Injury and Violence Prevention and Control.
- Ohmer, M.L. (March 2014). *Community evaluation techniques*. Atlanta Area Evaluation Association.
- Ohmer, M.L., Lee, A., Burt, K., Vance, M.F., & Zdencanovic, T. (May, 2013). *Voices from the Next Generation: Insights on Evaluation from Georgia State Masters Students*. Atlanta Area Evaluation Association.
- Ohmer, M.L. (June, 2012). *Community Level Research: Opportunities and Challenges for Community Practice*. Interdisciplinary Scholarship for Community Practice in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. University of Michigan, School of Social Work.
- Ohmer, M.L. (November, 2010). *Tools for online exercises: Research and Program evaluation courses*. Presented at the Learning with Technology Conference. Georgia State University Technology Exchange, Center for Teaching and Learning and Library.
- Ohmer, M. L., (June 2009). *Challenges to and Solutions for Evaluating Community Interventions*. Atlanta Area Evaluation Association.
- Ohmer, M. (May 2008). *Evaluation of the West Virginia Blueprint Communities Initiative*, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M., & Wilce, M. (March 2008). *Tools for Evaluating and Strengthening Collaborative Partnerships*, for Georgia State University School of Social Work Community Forum, March 2008.
- Ohmer, M. (May 2007). *Key Findings from the Evaluation of the Blueprint Communities Initiative in Pennsylvania*, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, FHLBank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M., Park, W., & Hutcherson, V. (March 2006). *Community Collaborations: Evaluating Process and Outcomes*, for Georgia State University School of Social Work Community Forum, March 2006.
- Ohmer, M. (December 2005). *Using Measurement to Stay the Course, for the Revitalization Training Program for the Blueprint Communities Project*, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (June 2003). *Discovering Hidden Talent in Individuals and Communities: An Asset-Based Approach, and Tools for Uncovering Hidden Talent in Individuals and Communities, for Discovering Diamonds in your Backyard*, Annual Housing Services Conference, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.
- Ohmer, M., & Maretski, B. (May 2003). *Community Building: What is it? And Strategies and Tools for Community Building*, for “This is Family Support: Past, Present and Future,” the Annual Family Support Conference, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2001 and 2002). *Building Skills for Building Collaboration*, for “The Collaboration Series,” The Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management, Robert Morris University.
- Ohmer, M., & DeMasi, K. (2000). *Findings from the Field: Highlights on the Pilot Project Sites*, for “Aligning Education and Practice: Challenges and Opportunities for Social Work Education for Community-Centered Practice,” Alliance for Children and Families, at Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago.
- Ohmer, M., & Hawkins, M. (2000). *The Role of Community Organizing in Advancing Family and Neighborhood Issues*, for “Celebrating Success and Forging New Partnerships,” the Annual Family Support Conference, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh.

- Ohmer, M., DeMasi, K., & Eichler, M. (1998). *The Innovations Fund Project: Young Families and Children-Community Support for Challenged Neighborhoods*, for “The Community-Centered Initiatives First Annual Learning Summit,” Alliance for Children and Families, New Orleans.
- Ohmer, M., & Hawkins, M. (1998). *Consensus Organizing: Its Role in Community Economic Development and Family Support*, for “Moving Forward: Family Support and Economic Development,” the Annual Family Support Conference, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement’s Partnerships of Distinction Award (2020). (Ohmer, M., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D. & Micire, M.). Research for Equity and Power.
- *Fellow*, Society for Social Work and Research, 2016.
- *Emerging Scholar Award*, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, October 2008.
- *Interdisciplinary Fellowship in Policy and Evaluation*, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh, 2001-2003.
- *Provost Development Fund Dissertation Award*, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 2003 and 2004.
- *Excellence in Communication Award*, American Chamber of Commerce Executives, 1989.
- *New Jersey Governor’s Fellowship*, NJ Department of Community Affairs, 1986-1987.
- *Community Organization/Public Policy Scholarship*, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.
- *Owen’s Fellowship*, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1985-1986.
- *Graduate Student Assistantship and Scholarship*, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 1984-1985.
- *Suma cum Laude Honor Graduate*, 1983, and Dean’s List, Gannon University, 1979-1983.
- *Academic Scholarship*, Gannon University, 1980-1983.
- *Life Membership*, Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honor Society, 1982.

## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
  - Dean’s Leadership Team
  - COSA Committee, Chair
  - MSW Program Committee
  - Latinx Faculty Search Committee
  - Planning and Budget Committee
  - Faculty Executive Committee
  - International Committee
  - Community Engagement Director Search Committee, Chair
  - PhD Committee
  - Affirmative Action Committee

- University of Pittsburgh
  - The Pittsburgh Study, UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, Academic Co-Lead, Policy and Place Committee
  - Internal Advisory Committee, Pitt Community Engagement Centers
  - COVID-19 Task Force, Pitt Pandemic Service Initiative
  - Pitt Latinx Cluster Hire Committee
  - Assistant Provost, Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence
  - Human Rights Task Force, University of Pittsburgh
  - Pitt Cyber Institute
  - Sustainability Task Force
  - Economic Disparities RAP Group (Center on Race and Social Problems)
  - Teaching Partners Member
- Georgia State University
  - Perspectives Course Committee (2008 to 2014)
  - Technology Advisory Committee (2013 to 2014)
  - Ph.D. Task Force, Chair (2012 to 2014)
  - Center for Collaborative Social Work Committee (2004 to 2014)
  - MSW Program Committee (2004 to 2014); Reaccreditation Committee (2010 to 2012)
  - Tenure and Promotion Committee (2012 to 2014)
  - Awards and Scholarship Committee (2005 to 2014)
  - Research Committee (2006 to 2010)
  - Search Committee (2007-2008)
  - Community Forum Committee (2005-2006)
  - Admissions Committee (2005-2006)

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Board Member, ACOSA, 2017 to present.
- *Special Interest Group on Community Level-Intervention Research*, Convener, Annual conference, Society for Social Work and Research, 2009-present.
- Co-Chair, *Communities and Neighborhoods Cluster*, SSWR Annual Conference, 2016-2019.
- Member, Steering Committee, *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Macro Social Work Practice*, Council on Social Work Education. 2017-2018.
- Reviewer, ASCEND CBPR Small Grant Projects, National Institutes of Health, 2017
- Co-Chair, *Community Organization and Social Administration Track*, APM, CSWE, 2016.
- Expert Panel, Systematic Screening and Assessment, Community Development Initiatives, North Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence. September 2014 and March 2015.
- Editorial Board Member. *Journal of Community Practice*, February 2009 to present.
- Manuscript Reviewer. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, January 2009 to present.
- Manuscript Reviewer. *Arete*. August 2009 to present.
- Abstract reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research annual Conference (2013-2015)
- *Chair, Research and Program Evaluation Track*, CSWE APM: 2007-2015.
- Abstract Reviewer for the Social Work Topical Interest Group for the American Evaluation Association, Annual Conference, 2007-2009.

### **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- Board Member (2016-present) and Chair (February 2016-September 2019), Landforce,

- Advisory Board, Sub-Saharan Education Project, November 2015-present.
- Financial Empowerment Centers Selection Committee, Neighborhood Allies
- Leadership Committee, Neighborworks Training Institute, Pittsburgh, PA
- Member, Resident Engagement Strategy, Advisory Committee, UrbanKind Institute
- Co-Chair, Latino Community Engagement Committee
- Participant, Policy Link Working Groups and Action Teams, Equitable Development Strategies for Pittsburgh
- Board Member, Resources for Residents and Communities (2010 to 2104)
  - Chair (2013-2014); Vice Chair (2012-2013); CEO Search Committee (2011); Chair, CEO Transition Committee (2011-2012)
- Evaluation and Community Engagement Consultant, Families First (2011-2014)
- Facilitator, Evaluation Workshop, Atlanta Area Evaluation Association (June 2009)
- Evaluation Mentor, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta (August 2007 to August 2008)
- Vice President, Westwood Terrace Townhome Association (2006 to 2008)
- Member, Hands on Atlanta (2004-present)
- Board Member, Morewood Point Homeowner's Association (1997-2004)
- Board Member, Florida Low Income Housing Coalition (1991-1994)
- Member, Community Organization Advisory Committee, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh (1987-1990)
- Member, Pittsburgh Cares (2001-2004)
- Committee Member, Shining Lights: Recognition of Pittsburgh Cares Volunteers (2003)

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

2004- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2002- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

2001- American Evaluation Association (AEA)

2008- Atlanta Area Evaluation Association

2001- Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA)

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Software: Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and PowerPoint; Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS), and SurveyPro. Internet: Electronic Mail, World Wide Web.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES:** Spanish