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AREAS OF INTEREST

- 1) Adaptive living for people with aging-related limitations or disabilities and their families and caregivers, with an emphasis on supporting functional abilities through access to services and technology.
- 2) The transformative process of Cooperative Extension to increase capacity, relevancy, and impact for the 21st century.

EDUCATION (Not Inclusive)

Doctor of Philosophy, December, 2004, Kansas State University. Major: Lifespan Human Development. Emphasis: Gerontology. Dissertation: "The Effects of Animal Assisted Therapy on the Quality of Life of Elders with Dementia."

Master of Science, August, 1993, The University of Florida. Major: Recreational Studies. Emphasis: Therapeutic Recreation. Thesis: "Therapeutic Recreation in Florida Adult Day Care Centers."

Bachelor of Arts, December, 1988, the University of Florida.

EXPERIENCE (Not Inclusive)

2011-present. Associate Professor & Extension Specialist, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

2006-2011. Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

2004-2006. Instructor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Oregon State University-Cascades, Bend, Oregon.

2005 & 2003. Adjunct Instructor, School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

2002-2004. Rehabilitation Staff Member, Council Grove Health Care Center, Council Grove, Kansas.

2001-2003. Life Enhancement Specialist, Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community, Manhattan, Kansas.

1999-2001. Public Relations Coordinator/Director, Assistive Technology and Resource Center, Topeka Association for Retarded Citizens, Topeka, Kansas.

1993-1998. Director of Rehabilitation/Corporate Therapeutic Recreation Consultant, Beverly Enterprises, Fort Smith, Arkansas (for Kansas).

1991-1993. Director of Social Services/Activities, Putnam Memorial Nursing Home, Palatka, Florida.

1989-1990. Outreach Coordinator/Case Manager, Volusia County Council on Aging, Daytona Beach, Florida.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Elected, Faculty Senator, Division of Cooperative Extension, (2011).

Elected Secretary, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho Chapter, (2010).

Selected for a **Team Award** (2009), for outstanding effort by a group of individuals who are addressing one of the core mission themes of K-State Research and Extension, as a member and co-chair for the Adult Development & Aging Program Focus Team, K-State Research and Extension.

Selected for a **Distinguished Team Award** (2009), for significant contribution to state Extension program planning and delivery, as a member and co-chair for the Adult Development & Aging Program Focus Team/K-State Research and Extension, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho, Kansas Chapter.

Elected as **National Chair** (2008-2009), eXtension Family Caregiving Community of Practice.

Selected with Jane Mertz Garcia for the **Katey Walker Extension Development Fund Award** (2008), for *Interactive Resource Directory for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury*, Kansas State University, College of Human Ecology, \$375.

Selected for a **Horizon Award** (2008), for early career professionals showing noteworthy enthusiasm, performance and accomplishment during their early Extension careers in Kansas [first six years] in program design and delivery, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho, Kansas Chapter.

Selected for the **Big 12 Fellowship Program** (2008), Office of the Provost, Kansas State University, \$2278.

Elected by the eXtension National Family Caregiving Community of Practice as a **Representative for the eXtension National Launch** (2007), Ag Outlook Forum, in Washington, D.C. in February 2008.

Selected for a **Faculty Travel Award** (2005), by the faculty advisory panel of the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, Oregon State University-Corvallis.

Selected for the **National Canine Companions for Independence Calendar** (2003) as an animal assisted therapy team that best represents the philosophy and mission of the organization.

Voted one of Manhattan's **Most Admired People** by *The Manhattan Mercury* (2001) for representing the ideals of the community.

Winner of the **Community Awareness & Public Relations Award** (2001) for advocacy efforts, *State of Kansas Chapter of the National Association for Retarded Citizens*.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (Peer-reviewed)

Kirby, S. & Sellers, D. (Invited book chapter; in press). "The LiveAbility House: A Collaborative Adventure in Discovery Learning" in *Constructing Self-Discovery Learning Spaces Online: Scaffolding and Decision Making Technologies*, ed. Shalin Hai-Jew, IGI Global, Hershey, PA.

Sellers, D. & Garcia, J. (Under revision). Traumatic brain injury: Exploring the role of Cooperative Extension in Kansas communities. *Journal of Extension*.

Kirby, S. & Sellers, D. (2010). The LiveAbility House: Real-life application in a virtual reality. In *Proceedings of the 2010 Annual Conference of the Housing Education and Research Association* [On-line], edited by Katrin B. Anacker, 158-167. Available at <http://housingeducators.org/MEMAREA/HERAMEMpastpapers.shtml>

Sellers, D., Bolender, B., & Crocker, A. (2010). Beliefs about aging: Implications for future educational programming. *Educational Gerontology*, 36(10-11), 1022-1042. (Special Issue: Worldwide Educational Gerontology).

Sellers, D. (2009). So, how old is too old: A forced reflection on the meaning of old age. *Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts*, 3(2), 140-143.

Sellers, D. (2009). The global practitioner. *Annals of Long-Term Care: Clinical Care and Aging (medical journal of the American Geriatrics Society)*, 17(2), 31-32.

Sellers, D., Crocker, A., Nichols, A., Kirby, S., & Brintnall-Peterson, M. (2009). Creating the eXtension family caregiving community of practice. *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 47(5). Available at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2009october/a1.php>

Sellers, D. (2008). Building Extension's capacity through knowledge of global aging issues. *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 46(1). Available at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2008february/comm1.shtml>

Sellers, D. (2008). Together. *Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts*, 2(1), 48-49.

Sellers, D., & Milton, M. (2007). The effects of a grandfather's disease process and death on the formation of personal identity in a granddaughter. *Journal of Aging Studies*, 21(3), 229-238.

Sellers, D. (2006). The evaluation of an animal assisted therapy intervention with elders with dementia in long-term care. *Activities, Adaptation & Aging*, 30(1), 61-77. (Selected by Routledge to represent this journal for the 2010 Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting).

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS & CONFERENCES (Peer-reviewed)

Sellers, D., Kirby, S., & Phillips, L. (2010). The LiveAbility House: Exploring an Immersive Environment. *eXtension National Conference*, Austin, TX.

Gibson, J., Crocker, A., & **Sellers, D.** (2009). eXtension Family Caregiving. *Extension Human Sciences Network Conference*, New Orleans, LA.

Sellers, D. (2009). *[Invited video presentation]*. Empowering Cooperative Extension System Employees (The Scholarship of eXtension); included in: eXtension Strategic Roadmap and More, by Henning, J., Hinton, K., Cotton, D., and Schuchardt, J. *National Extension Directors/Administrators Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.

Brintnall-Peterson, M., Crocker, A., Kirby, S., & **Sellers, D.** (2008). The Experience of Content Groups within a Community of Practice. *2008 National Community of Practice Conference*, Louisville, KY.

Brintnall-Peterson, M., Crocker, A., & **Sellers, D.** (2008). eXtension: State-Specific Demographic Fact Sheets on Family Caregiving. *2008 Ag Outlook Forum*, Washington, DC.

Golden, R., Cutler, S., Factor, A., Powers, M., Ross, N, Levy, V., & **Sellers, D.** (2008). *[Invited]*. Aging in China: What America Can Learn. *2008 Conference of the National Council on Aging and the American Society on Aging*, Washington, D.C.

Milliken, J.B., Bourne, J.R., Cotton, D., **Sellers, D.**, & Wallace, C. (2008). *[Invited discussant]*. E-Learning: The Changing Face of Education. Plenary session, *The 2008 Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC)*, Chicago, IL.

Sellers, D. (2008). Intentional Harmony: Managing Work and Your Partner. *Governor's Conference on Aging Services*, Topeka, KS.

Sellers, D., Bane, S., Nichols, A., Thomason, D., & Weber, D. (2008). Caregiving is Everyone's Business. *Galaxy III*, Indianapolis, IN.

Higgins, M. H. & **Sellers, D.** (2007). Nutrition for Older Adults: Ideas for Effective Education. Workshop at the *2007 Priester National Health Conference*, Kansas City, MO.

Sellers, D. (2007). [**Invited Keynote**]. Aging: Why Bother? *Annual Cascades Gerontology Conference*, Bend, OR.

Sellers, D. (2007). A Piece of the Global Puzzle: Aging in China. Poster session at the *National Extension Family Life Specialists Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

Sellers, D. (2007). [**Invited**]. COMMUNITY: Beijing. *Annual Cascades Gerontology Conference*, Bend, OR.

Sellers, D. (2005). Animal-Assisted Therapy and Elders with Dementia. Poster session at the *National Recreation and Parks Association Congress and Exposition*, San Antonio, TX.

Sellers, D. (2005). [**Invited**]. Evidence-Based Practice: Animal-Assisted Therapy. Workshop at the *Oregon State University Annual Conference in Gerontology*, Corvallis, OR.

Sellers, D. (2005). Evidence-based Practice: Animal-Assisted Therapy. Poster session at the *13th Annual Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Conference*, Chicago, IL.

Kelley, S., **Sellers, D.**, & Finneran, L. (2002). Animal-Assisted Therapy: A Rainbow of Experiences. Member of symposium at the *National Association for Drama Therapy 23rd Annual Conference*, Albuquerque, NM.

Sellers, D. (2001). Canine Companions and People: A Partnership for Life. Workshop at the *6th Annual International Therapeutic Recreation Symposium*, Tampa, FL.

Sellers, D. (2001). Facility Dogs in the Special Education Classroom. Workshop at the *Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention and Expo*, Kansas City, MO.

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND ACTIVITY

Principal Investigator. (2011). Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for *Kansans Optimizing Health: \$33,300* (July 2011-June 2012).

Co-Principal Investigator with A.B. Crocker & S.D. Kirby (2010). eXtension Family Caregiving for Aging and Disabled Adults Community of Practice, for **SageStories: \$1500.**

Co-Principal Investigator with J.M. Garcia (2010). U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Rural Health and Safety Education Competitive Grants Program, for **TBI: Promoting Public Knowledge: \$142,830.**

Co-Principal Investigator with J.M. Garcia (2010). Kansas Social and Rehabilitative Services, Disability and Behavioral Health, for **TBIoptions: Community Resources for Traumatic Brain Injury: \$24,834.**

Principal Investigator (2010). Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for **Kansans Optimizing Health: \$34,435** (June 2010-June 2011).

Principal Investigator (2010). Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for **Kansans Optimizing Health: \$17,000** (Jan-June, 2010).

Co-Principal Investigator with J.M. Garcia (2009). Kansas Social and Rehabilitative Services, Disability and Behavioral Health, for **TBIoptions: Community Resources for Traumatic Brain Injury: \$57,384.**

Principal Investigator (2009). Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for **Kansans Optimizing Health: \$22,329.**

Chair and Subject Matter Expert in Adult Development and Aging (2009). eXtension Family Caregiving for Aging and Disabled Adults Community of Practice. **Family Caregiving Leadership Funds, 2009-2010: \$23,500.**

Principal Investigator (2009). Oregon State University, for **eXtension Family Caregiving: Mastery of Aging Well: \$10,000.**

Investigator and Subject Matter Expert in Adult Development and Aging (2008). eXtension Family Caregiving for Aging and Disabled Adults Community of Practice, for **Family Caregiving and Health: \$4892.**

Principal Investigator (2008). Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for **Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology: \$4000.**

Principal Investigator (2008). The Arthritis Foundation, Kansas Chapter, for **Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology: \$1750.**

Principal Investigator (2008). Assistive Technology for Kansans Project, for **Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology: \$1000.**

Investigator and Subject Matter Expert in Adult Development and Aging (2007). eXtension Family Caregiving for Aging and Disabled Adults Community of Practice, for *Family Caregiving and Health: \$4371*.

Principal Investigator (2007). University Small Research Grant program (USRG), Kansas State University, for *SageAdvice: Understanding Ageism: \$3500*.

Principal Investigator (2007). Center on Aging, Kansas State University, for *SageAdvice: Understanding Ageism: \$1600*.

Principal Investigator (2007). College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University, matching grant for *SageAdvice: Understanding Ageism: \$500*.

Principal Investigator (2007). School of Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University, for *SageAdvice: Examination of Ageism in an Alternative Culture: \$1000*.

Principal Investigator (2007). College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University, matching grant for *SageAdvice: Examination of Ageism in an Alternative Culture: \$500*.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION INITIATIVES

Initiative 1: Adaptive living for people with aging-related limitations or disabilities and their families and caregivers, with an emphasis on supporting functional abilities through access to services and technology.

Assistive Technology (2008-present)

Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology
The LiveAbility House

<http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=86>

Sellers, D. (With collaborators as indicated below).

This program is designed to help participants gain knowledge of different devices in the areas of personal care, food preparation, housecleaning, and recreation; find out how to purchase assistive technology; and discover how assistive technology can help fashion an easier lifestyle. *The specific aim is provide participants with layered opportunities to explore how assistive technology can improve quality of life.*

- Sellers, D. (2008). Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology State Program. Available at: <http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=87>
- Sellers, D. (2009). Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology On-line Learning. Available at: <http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=175>

- Sellers, D. (2009). Easing Life Tasks with Assistive Technology/Interactive Learning Lesson. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Available at: http://www.extension.org/pages/Easing_Life_Tasks_with_Assistive_Technology
- Sellers, D. & Kirby, S. (2009). The LiveAbility House/Virtual Reality Learning Experience. *Second Life*®, [On-line]. Available at: <http://slurl.com/secondlife/Morrill/31/204/24>
- Sellers, D. & Kirby, S. (2009). The LiveAbility House/Interactive Learning Lesson. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Available at: http://www.extension.org/pages/The_LiveAbility_House

Traumatic Brain Injury

TBIOptions: Connecting Survivors and Families to Community Resources

<http://www.TBIOptions.ksu.edu>

Sellers, D. & Garcia, J.M.

This program is designed to create, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive, interactive, educational experience with agents and community members (Phase 1), and survivors of traumatic brain injury and their family members and caregivers (Phase 2). *The specific aim is to link survivors and their family members and caregivers to potentially helpful agencies and services within their local communities.* A public education program is currently under development through funding provided by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (Phase 3). This program was highlighted as a sidebar in *An Informal Report to the Kansas Legislature, 2011*.

SageAdvice

<http://www.aging.ksu.edu>

Sellers, D.

SageAdvice represents the mission of the Adult Development & Aging office of K-State Research and Extension. *The specific aim is to combat false beliefs and misconceptions about the aging process and people with disabilities through educational efforts in adaptive living.* In addition to the major initiatives, other programs developed, adapted, and adopted for use in Kansas include:

- Sellers, D. & Crocker, A. (2010). *The Healthy Caregiver*. Available at: <http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=185>
- Adapted; Young, C. & Sellers, D. (2007-present). *Legally Secure Your Financial Future*. Available at: <http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=78>
- Adopted; in partnership with Kansas Department of Health and Environment. (2008-present). *Kansans Optimizing Health Program*. Available at: <http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=95>. This program was

highlighted as a sidebar in *An Informal Report to the Kansas Legislature, 2010 and 2011*.

- Adopted; University of Illinois Research and Extension. (2007-present). *Intentional Harmony: Managing Work and Life*. Available at: <http://www.aging.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=77>

Initiative 2: The transformative process of Cooperative Extension to increase capacity, relevancy, and impact for the 21st century.

This major initiative is addressed through academic publications and presentations, leadership provided to the national eXtension family caregiving community of practice and the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program Work Group, and the application of transformative methods, including the innovative use of collaborations, technology and dissemination in programming efforts.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS (Representative)

Sellers, D., Crocker, A., & Dittman, E. (2011). Healthy Caregiving. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Available at: <http://www.extension.org/pages/55555/healthy-caregiving>

Sellers, D. (2010). May is Older Americans Month. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Available (May 2010) at: http://www.extension.org/pages/May_is_Older_Americans_Month

Sellers, D. & Garcia, J.M. (2010). *TBIoptions: Connecting survivors and families to community resources*.

- Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2935*.
- Postcard. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2936*.
- 3-Panel Poster. (*Not numbered*).

Sellers, D. & Kahl, J. (2010). *Kansans optimizing health*.

- Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2896*.
- Postcard. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2897*.
- 3-Panel Poster. (*Not numbered*).

Sellers, D. (2009). Easing life tasks with assistive technology. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Updated January 2011. Available at: http://www.extension.org/pages/Easing_Life_Tasks_with_Assistive_Technology

Sellers, D. & Bane, S. (2009). Entering into pet ownership. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Updated January 2011. Available at: http://www.extension.org/pages/Entering_Into_Pet_Ownership

Sellers, D. (2008). Neighbors needing help. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Available at: http://www.extension.org/pages/Neighbors_Needing_Help

Sellers, D. (2008). We know families (aging). Postcard. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF-33*.

Sellers, D., & Dittman, E [student]. (2008). Advance directives in Kansas.

- Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2815*.
- Postcard. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2819*.
- 3-Panel Poster. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2820P*.
- 1-Panel Poster. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2846P*.

Sellers, D., & Dittman, E [student]. (2008). Do not resuscitate directives in Kansas. Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2818*.

Sellers, D., & Dittman, E [student]. (2008). Durable power of attorney for health care in Kansas. Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2816*.

Sellers, D., & Dittman, E [student]. (2008). Living wills in Kansas. Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2817*.

Sellers, D., & Dittman, E [student]. (2008). Fashion an easier lifestyle with assistive technology.

- Fact Sheet. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2837*.
- Leader's Guide. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2838*.
- Postcard. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2839*.
- 3-Panel Poster. *KSRE Numbered Publication MF2840*.

Sellers, D., Garcia, J.M. & Dittman, E [student]. (2008). Understanding aphasia. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Updated January 2011. Available at: <http://www.extension.org/pages/Understanding+Aphasia>

Sellers, D. (2007). Assistive technology and adaptive equipment. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Updated January 2011. Available at: <http://www.extension.org/pages/Assistive+Technology+and+Adaptive+Equipment>

Sellers, D. (2007). *eXtension* family caregiving.

- Fact Sheet. *KSRE numbered publication MF2808*. Used by: Iowa State Research and Extension.
- 3-Panel Poster. *KSRE numbered publication MF2808P*. Used by: Iowa State Research and Extension.

Sellers, D. (2007). Health and family caregiving. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Updated January 2011. Available at: http://www.extension.org/pages/Health_and_Family_Caregiving

Sellers, D. (2007). Health benefits of pets. *eXtension*, [On-line]. Updated January 2011. Available at: <http://www.extension.org/pages/Health+Benefits+of+Pets>

Sellers, D. (2007). Info on the Go.

- Caregiver grandparents. *KSRE numbered publication MF2792*.
- Falls prevention. *KSRE numbered publication MF2790*.
- Older adult services. *KSRE numbered publication MF2789*.
- Parkinson disease. *KSRE numbered publication MF2791*.

Sellers, D. & Crocker, A.B. (2007). Medical professionals explained. *eXtension*, [Online]. Available at: <http://www.extension.org/pages/Medical+Professionals+Explained>

OUTREACH (Newsletters, Presentations, Media; Representative)

Newsletters

- Maddux, E., Smith, C., Johannes, E., Shoup Olsen, C., & Sellers, D. *Family Studies and Human Services Update*, a periodic on-line resource. (Replaced *Age Buzz* in 2009). Adult Development & Aging topics: *Traumatic brain injury: An emerging older adult issue; May is Older Americans Month: Age strong! Live long!; Healthy Caregiving; eXtension*.
- Sellers, D. *Age Buzz*, a periodic on-line resource. Topics include: *Preparing elder-friendly materials* (Rarick, T. [student] & Sellers, D.), *Let's talk about Parkinson's disease*, *What's up on campus*, *Caregiver grandparents* (James, B. [student] & Sellers, D.), *Aging and animal-assisted therapy*, *Adult learning*, *Why care about global aging*, *Detangling dysarthria* (Sellers, D., Garcia, J.M., & Dittman, E. [student]), *Appreciating aphasia* (Sellers, D., Garcia, J.M., & Dittman, E. [student]), *Answers on assistive technology* (Sellers, D. & Regan, K. [student]), *Advance directives in Kansas*, and *SageAdvice: What it is and how it works for you*.
 - Adult learning issue adopted for use by The National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality, Chicago, IL.

Presentations (By invitation)

Sellers, D. (2011). Triple Dynamite: Age, Attitude and Adaptability. (Keynote). Community presentation, *Aging with Attitude Regional Expo*, Chanute, KS.

Sellers, D. (2011). The Life and Times of Jeb, the Facility Dog. University presentation, *The Human-Animal Bond Fair, College of Veterinary Medicine, Kansas State University Open House*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2011). The LiveAbility House: Virtual Environment: Real World Application. University participation, *Teaching, Learning, and Technology Showcase 2011*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2011). Assistance Dogs and People with Disabilities. Organizational presentation, *Meeting of the Manhattan Sertoma Club*, Manhattan, KS; also *Meeting of the Manhattan Kiwanis Club*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2011). The Three P's. University presentation, *K-State Research and Extension New Agent Orientation*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2010). Assistance Dogs and People with Disabilities. Organizational presentation, *Meeting of the Manhattan Lions Club*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2010). Fashion An Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology. Organizational presentation, *2010 United Associations Conference*, Wichita, KS; also *Actively Aging Conferences*, Hugoton & Scott City, KS.

Sellers, D. (2010). K-State for All! Organizational presentation, *Meeting of the Canine Companions for Independence Champions*, Overland Park, KS.

Sellers, D. (2010). TBIoptions: Connecting Survivors and Families to Community Resources. Organizational presentation, *Life After Brain Injury: A Seminar for Survivors and Families*, *Brain Injury Association of Kansas and Greater Kansas City*, Wichita & Overland Park, KS.

Sellers, D. (2010). The LiveAbility House. Community presentation, *eXtension Virtual State Fair: A Cooperative Extension Sampler*, in Second Life®.

Sellers, D. (2010). The Three P's. University presentation, *K-State Research and Extension New Agent Orientation*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D., Kahl, J., & Taylor, S. (2010). K-State Research and Extension Can Help Your Clients and Their Families. Organizational presentation, *Kansas Occupational Therapy Association*, Manhattan, KS.

Jackson, S. & **Sellers, D.** (2009). Intentional Harmony: Managing Work and Life. Organizational presentation, *2009 United Associations Conference*, Wichita, KS.

Sellers, D. (2009). Fashion An Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology, Community presentations, *K-State Research and Extension Community Meetings*, Pratt & Kingman, KS; also *Northeast Area Office Professional Training*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2009). Second Life® and Cooperative Extension. University presentations, *College of Human Ecology Spring 2009 Faculty Forum*, *Second Life® Users' Meeting*, and *Instructional Design and Technology Roundtable*, Manhattan KS.

Sellers, D. (2009). Therapeutic Effects of the Human-Animal Bond. University presentation, *K-State Research and Extension Wellness Luncheon*, *College of Agriculture, Information and Educational Technology*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. & Crocker, A. (2009). Tour of eXtension Family Caregiving. University presentation, *University of Wisconsin-Extension Aging in Our Communities In-service*, Stephens Point, WI.

Sellers, D. (2009). The Three P's. University presentation, *K-State Research and Extension New Agent Orientation*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Animal-Assisted Therapy. Community presentation, *Full Circle Conference on Aging*, Oakley, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Careers in Aging. University presentation, *Careers in Aging Series Sponsored by the KSU Center on Aging, Kansas State University*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Falls Prevention. Community presentations:

- *Community Meeting*, Concordia, KS.
- *Wellness Council*, Clay Center, KS.
- *Russell Senior Center*, Russell, KS.
- *Lincoln Senior Center*, Lincoln, KS.
- *Mankato Community Center*, Jewell, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology. Community presentation, *Northwest Kansas Stroke and Neurological Support Group*, Hays, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Fashion an Easier Lifestyle with Assistive Technology, University presentation, *FCS August Agent Update*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Intentional Harmony: Managing Work and Your Partner. Community presentation, *K-State Research and Extension Luncheon Community Meeting*, Marysville, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). Kansas Cooperative Extension: A Resource for You. Community presentation, *Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2008). The Future of Extension: Interactive Media & Immersive Environments. University presentation, *K-State Research and Extension Program Enhancement Conferences*:

- Northeast Area, Manhattan, KS
- Southeast Area, Wichita, KS

Sellers, D. (2008). The Three P's. University presentation, *K-State Research and Extension New Agent Orientation*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2007). Aging in China. University on-line guest lecture, *GERON620: Global Perspectives on Elder Care, Kansas State University*, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2007). Are You In or Are You Out: The Challenge to Design and Utilize a State-Wide Educational Program to Address Aging Issues. Organizational presentation, *The Joint Kansas & Iowa Occupational Therapy Associations State Spring Conference*, Overland Park, KS.

Sellers, D. (2007). Falls Prevention. Community presentations:

- *Full Circle Conference on Aging*, WaKeeney, KS.
- *PATH (Personal Actions to Health)*, Pittsburg, KS.
- *Coffey County Annual Elderfest*, Burlington, KS.
- *11th Annual Senior University of Pottawatomie County*, Westmoreland, KS.

Sellers, D. (2007). People with Disabilities and Service Dogs. University presentation, *ID651: Design for Supportive Environments*, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. (2007). The Science and Practice of Animal-Assisted Activity with the Elderly. Organizational presentation, *United Associations Conference*, Wichita, KS.

Sellers, D. (2006). Defining the Baby Boom Generation. Community presentation, sponsored by the *Sisters Community Action Team*, Sisters, OR.

Sellers, D. (2006). Lavatories and Rocking Chairs: Working with People with Dementia-Related Behaviors. Community presentations:

- *Evergreen In-Home Services*, Bend, OR.
- *Central Oregon Home Care & Hospice*, Bend, OR.

Sellers, D. (2004). The Effects of Animal-Assisted Therapy on Quality of Life of Elders with Dementia: Research in Progress. University presentation, *Galichia Center on Aging*, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Sellers, D. & Strand, E. (2004). Putting the FUN in Functional: Community Reintegration. Organizational presentation, *National HealthCare Corporation*, Springfield, MO.

Media

Radio interviews, press releases, reports to the legislature, etc. Topics include:

The baby boomer generation, Preventing falls in the elderly, Family check up, Services available to older adults, Dogs: A person's best therapy, Adult learning, Global aging, Family caregiving, Intentional harmony: Managing work & life, eXtension family caregiving, Assistive technology makes life easier, What can we learn from China?, Holiday or not: Take time to enjoy family (Olsen, C., Johannes, E. & Sellers, D.), Kansans optimizing health (Winters, C. & Sellers, D.), Don't let relationships gather dust (Olsen, C. & Sellers, D.), Advance health care directives (Sellers, D. & Robbens, S.), TBIoptions: Identifying local resources (Sellers, D., Garcia, J., & Deegan, M.), K-State for all! (Sellers, D. & Anderson, J.), Canine companions for independence (Sellers, D., Vader, P., & Charles, L.), Collaboration Yields Support Network (Sellers, D. & Garcia, J.), Forget Whistling -- This Professor Walks While Working (Sellers, D.); K-State Working to Minimize Generational Differences (Sellers, D. & Doll, G.); K-State to Host Assistance, Guide Dog Exhibition (Sellers, D.); Northwest Kansas Conference to Focus on Healthy Aging (featured keynote speaker); Negativity Surrounding Aging & Beyond Cake and Ice Cream: Myths about Aging (Sellers, D).

Outlets include:

Kansas City Star, Topeka Capital-Journal, Manhattan Mercury, Grass & Grain, Pratt Tribune, Lindsborg News-Record, Holton Recorder, Council Grove Republican, The Colby Free Press, K-Stater, The Collegian, K-Statement, SayCampusLife.com, Newswise.com, prnewswire.com, wkow.com, kansascitypost.com, dnaiindia.com, sunherald.com, medindia.net, baretnews.com, www.doctorozwebsite.net, cjonline.com, infozine.com, cnbc.com, abc27.com, Channel 13 & 49 (Topeka, Kansas), Channel 21 (Bend, OR), Channel 7 (Hays, KS), KHCA Radio (Manhattan, KS) & WRMY Radio (Sarasota, Florida).

SERVICE

Professional

(Elected) Secretary, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Alpha Rho Chapter, (2010).

Past National Chair (2010), **(elected)** National Chair (2009), Executive Committee Member (2008), Chairman of the Health Content Committee (2006-2008), and peer reviewer and member (2006-present) for the eXtension Family Caregiving Community of Practice. Member, eXtension national committee on scholarship, (2008).

(Invited) reviewer for the United States Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, Small Business Innovation Research Program, Rural & Community Development, (2009-2010).

(Invited) reviewer for the *Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts*, (2009).

Reviewer for the American Society on Aging, Aging in America Annual Conference, (2009).

Committee member for the Priester National Extension Health Conference, (2006-2007).

Committee member for the National Extension Family Life Specialists Conference, (2007 & 2009).

Membership in the Gerontological Society of America, the American Society on Aging, the Association for Gravestone Studies, and AARP.

University

(Elected) Faculty Senator, Division of Cooperative Extension, (2011).

Membership on the *K-State for All* (Disability Awareness) planning committee, (2008-present). Coordinated *Assistance Dog Exhibition*, 2010 & 2011.

Membership on the *New Faculty Institute Coordinator* search committee for the Center for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning, (2008).

College and Cooperative Extension

Membership on the Academic Standards Committee, (2008-2011).

Co-chairmanship of the Program Focus Team in Adult Development and Aging, (2006-2009).

Membership on the *Instructional Designer* search committee for the Department of Communications, (2008).

Member of the planning committee for the Family & Consumer Sciences Agent August Update, (2008).

Community

Committee membership on the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board, facilitated by the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services (2010-present).

Committee membership on the State Healthy Aging Policy Workgroup, a one-year, exploratory and grant-funded project through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (2010).

Committee membership on the State Arthritis Task Force, facilitated by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; disbanded in 2010 (2007-2010).

Member (2006-2009), 2nd Vice-President (2007-2008) and 1st Vice-President (2008-2009), Council Grove Lions' Club.

Riley County Seniors' Service Center Senior University Advisory Committee, (2008).

Volunteer, Council Grove Health Care Center, (2004-2008; 2010-present).

Member (2000-present) and volunteer puppy raiser for Canine Companions for Independence, Kansas City Chapter, (2010-present).