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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Present	Assistant Professor Associate Director of Research Center on Aging, Family Studies and Human Services, Kansas State University
2012-2015	Research Assistant Professor Department of Psychology, San Diego State University
2012-2015	Adjunct Faculty Department of Psychological Sciences, University of San Diego
2012-2013	Research Psychologist-Cancer Health Disparities and Aging SDSU/UCSD Cancer Center Comprehensive Partnership
2010-2012	Research Postdoctoral Fellow-Cancer Health Disparities SDSU/UCSD Cancer Center Comprehensive Partnership NCI Funded Fellowship--U54 CA132384 & U54 CA132379
2009-2010	Clinical Postdoctoral Fellow-Geropsychology and Neuropsychology VA Boston Healthcare System

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Counseling Psychology—University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Completed August 2009
APA Accredited Doctoral Program
Mentor: Karen D. Multon, Ph.D.

MPH Epidemiology—San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

Completed May 2012
CEPH Accredited School of Public Health
Mentors: Stephanie Brodine, M.D., Caroline Macera, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychology Pre-Doctoral Internship -VA Long Beach Healthcare System

August 2008-August 2009
APA Accredited
Training Director: Kenneth Cole, Ph.D.

M.A. - Counseling Psychology—Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

Completed June 2004
CACREP Accredited Masters Program
Major Professor – Elizabeth Bennett, Ph.D.

B.A. - Psychology and Religion—Whitworth College, Spokane, WA

Completed May 2002

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

6/2013 - Present Licensed Psychologist - State of California – PSY 25836 (inactive status)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Ongoing Support

The Donaghue Foundation – (10/2018 – 9/2020) - \$130,837

Project Title: Resident and Institutional Outcomes of Person-Centered Care: A Longitudinal Evaluation of the Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas Nursing Homes (PEAK 2.0)

(Co-PI's: M.Syme, G.Doll)

Kansas Department of Aging and Disability (9/2017 – 8/2019) – \$462,090

Project Title: Implementation of Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas Nursing Homes (PEAK 2.0).

Role: Statistical Advisor (20% in-kind effort)

(Co-PI's G. Doll, M. Kaup)

Kansas State University Mentoring Fellowship (7/2018 – 6/2019) - \$5400

Sex and Ageism in the Courtroom: Can Instruction Improve Jury Decision-Making in Long-Term Care Sexual Abuse Cases?

(PI: M. Syme)

University Small Research Grant, Kansas State University (1/2018 – 12/2018) - \$3200

Examining the impact of age self-perceptions on sexual health and prevention behaviors among older adults: An application of Stereotype Embodiment Theory

(PI: M. Syme)

Completed Support

Borchard Foundation on Law and Aging Academic Research Grant - \$19,675

(01/2017 to 12/2017)

Project Title: Examining Jury Decision-Making in Sexual Consent and Dementia Cases: Implications for Law and Policy

(PI: M. Syme)

University Small Research Grant, Kansas State University (5/2016 to 6/2017) - \$3564

Determining Informal Sexual Consent Policy among Stakeholders: Older Adults, Family Members, and Directors of Nursing

(PI: M. Syme)

International Incentive Grant, Kansas State University (Summer 2016) - \$2300

From Kansas to Australia: A Sexuality and Dementia Research Collaboration

(PI: M. Syme)

New Investigator Research Grant, Alzheimer's Association (12/1/12 to 5/30/14) - \$100,000

Determining Sexual Consent Capacity in Cognitively Compromised Older Adults

(PI: M. Syme)

Enhanced Student-Faculty Interaction Award, 2013-2015 - \$500 per award

Awarded for service-learning project as part of my Health Psychology course.

University of San Diego

(PI: M. Syme)

U54 CA132384 and U54 CA132379, National Cancer Institute (8/2010 to 7/2012)

SDSU/UCSD Comprehensive Cancer Center Partnership for Cancer Disparities Research

Role: Postdoctoral Research Fellow

(PIs: Elizabeth Klonoff, Ana Navarro, Stanley Maloy, John Carethers)

University of Kansas-Copwood Hill Dissertation Award, 08/2007-05/2008 - \$1000
 Understanding the Impact of Positive Functioning on Civic Engagement Behavior in the
 Dotnet Generation
 (PI: M. Syme)

Submitted, not funded

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality R01 Grant Application (2/2017)
 1.5 million for 5 years
 Health and Quality of Life Outcomes of Person-Centered Care: A Longitudinal Evaluation of
 the Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas Nursing Homes (PEAK 2.0) Program
 (PI: G.Doll, L. Hermer; Co-I: M.Syme)

Borchard Foundation on Law and Aging Academic Research Grant Application (10/2015)
 \$20,000 for 1 year
 Determining Informal Sexual Consent Policy among Stakeholders: Older Adults, Family
 Members, and Directors of Nursing
 (PI: M. Syme)

National Institute on Aging R03 Grant Application (10/2012)
 \$50,000 for 1 year
 Score: 21
 Sexual Health and Well-Being of Aging Cancer Survivors: Secondary Data Analysis
 (PI: M.Syme)

PUBLICATIONS

Note: Asterisk (*) indicates mentored graduate and/or undergraduate students.

***Syme, M.L.**, & Cohn, T., Stoffregen, S., Kaempfe, H., & Schippers, D. (2018). "At my age...": Self-perceptions of sexual wellness in mid and later life. *Journal of Sex Research*.

Syme, M.L. (2017). Supporting safe sexual and intimate expression among older long-term care residents. *Nursing Standard*. Advanced publication online.

*Doll, G., Cornelison, L., Rath, H., & **Syme, M.L.** (2017). Actualizing culture change: The Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas nursing homes (PEAK 2.0) program. *Psychological Services*. Advanced publication online.

***Syme, M.L.**, Yelland, E., Cornelison, L., Poey, J., Krajicek, R., & Doll, G. (2017). Content analysis of public opinion on sexual expression and dementia: Implications for nursing home policy development. *Health Expectations*, 20(4), 705-713. doi: 10.1111/hex.12509

Syme, M.L. & Steele, D. (2016). Sexual consent capacity assessment with older adults. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*. Advanced online publication. doi: 10.1093/arclin/acw046

Syme, M.L., Lichtenberg, P., & Moye, J. (2016). Recommendations for sexual expression management in long-term care: A qualitative needs assessment. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*. Advanced online publication.

Syme, M.L., Cohn, T.J., & Barnack-Tavlaris, J. (2016). A comparison of actual and perceived sexual risk among older adults. *Journal of Sex Research*. Advance online publication.

- Cordes, C.C., Cameron, R.P., Mona, L.R., Coble-Temple, A., & **Syme, M.L.** (2016). Perspectives of disability with integrated healthcare. In *Handbook of Multicultural Counseling* (4th ed.). Sage Publications.
- Syme, M.L.**, & Cohn, T. (2015). Examining aging sexual stigma attitudes among adults by gender, age, and generational status. *Aging & Mental Health*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/13607863.2015.1012044
- Syme, M.L.**, Cordes, C.C., Cameron, R.P., & Mona, L.R. (2015). Sexual health and well-being in the context of aging. In P.A. Lichtenberg, B. Carpenter (Eds.), *APA Handbook of Clinical Geropsychology*. Washington DC: American Psychological Association.
- *Lessard, L., Grossman, A., & **Syme, M.L.** (2015). Effects of gender and type of praise on task performance among undergraduates. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, 20(1), 11-17.
- *Murray, K., Sheik Mohamed, A., Dawson, D., **Syme, M. L.**, Abdi, S., & Barnack-Tavlaris, J. (2015). Somali perspectives on physical activity: Photovoice to address barriers and resources in San Diego. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, 9(1), 83-90.
- Syme, M.L.** (2014). Constructing gender and sexuality across the lifespan: A review of Sex for Life. *Women's Reproductive Health*, 1(1), 59-61.
- *Mona, L.R., **Syme, M.L.**, Cameron, R.P., Fraley, S., Smith, K. & Bagget, L. (2014). Applications of sexual health and well-being in persons with a disability. In Y. Binik & K. Hall (Eds.) *Principles and Practice of Sex Therapy*. Guilford Press.
- Syme, M.L.** (2014). The evolving concept of older adult sexual behavior and its benefits. *Generations: Journal of the American Society on Aging*, 38(1), 35-41.
- Ports, K.A., Barnack-Tavlaris, J.L., **Syme, M.L.**, Perera, R.A., & Elston Lefata, J. (2014). Sexual health discussions with older adult patients during periodic health exams. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. Online first article: DOI: 10.1111/jsm.12448
- Syme, M.L.**, Klonoff, E.A., Macera, C.A., & Brodine, S.K. (2013). Predicting sexual unwellness in older adults: The role of physical and mental health risk factors. *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 68(3), 323-332. doi:10.1093/geronb/gbs087. *Editor's Choice Article*
- Syme, M.L.**, Mona, L.R., & Cameron, R.P. (2013). Sexual health and well-being after cancer: Applying the sexual health model. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 41(2), 268 – 285. doi: 10.1177/001100001245997
- Cordes, C.C., Mona, L.R., **Syme, M.L.**, Cameron, R.P., & Smith, K. (2013). Sexuality and sexual health among women with physical disabilities. In D. Castañeda (Ed.) *An Essential Handbook of Women's Sexuality*. Westport, CT: Praeger.
- ***Syme, M.L.**, Delaney, E., Schuster, J., Gosian, J., & Moye, J. (2012). Sexual self-esteem and psychosocial functioning of military veterans after cancer treatment. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*. Advanced online publication. doi: 10.1080/07347332.2012.741096

- Kerr, B.A., Multon, K.M., **Syme, M.L.**, Fry, N., & Owens, R. (2012). Development of the Distance from Privilege measure. *Journal of Psychoeducational Assessment*, 30 (1), 88-102.
doi:10.1177/0734282911428198
- Cameron, R.P., Mona, L.R., **Syme, M.L.**, Clemency, C., Chen, S., Fraley, S., Klien, L., Smith, K., Welsh & L., Lemos, L. (2011). Sexuality Among Wounded Veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), and Operation New Dawn (OND): Implications for Rehabilitation Psychologists. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 56(4). 289-301.
- *Mona, L.R., **Syme, M.L.**, Goldwasser, G., Cameron, R.P., Chen, S., Clemency, C., Fraley, S., Wirick, D., & Lemos, L. (2011). Sexual health in older adults: Conceptualization and treatment. In K. Sorocco & S. Lauderdale (Eds.), *Cognitive behavioral therapy with older adults: Innovations across care settings* (pp. 261-285). New York: Springer.
- Mona, L.R., Goldwasser, G., **Syme, M.L.**, Cameron, R.P., Clemency, C., Miller, A.R., Lemos, L., & Ballan, M.S. (2010). Assessment and conceptualization of sexuality among older adults. In P.A Lichtenberg (Ed.), *Handbook of assessment in clinical gerontology, second edition*, Elsevier.
- Mona, L.R., Cameron, R.P., Goldwasser, G., Miller, A.R., **Syme, M.L.**, & Fraley, S.S. (2009). Prescription for pleasure: Exploring sex-positive approaches in women with spinal cord injury. *Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation*, 15(1), 1-15.
- Syme, M.** & Syme, R. (2008). Prayer. In S.J. Lopez (Ed.), *The encyclopedia of positive psychology*. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.

PUBLICATIONS IN REVIEW

- Cornelison, L., Hermer, L., **Syme, M. L.**, Doll, G. (In review). Overcoming cognitive barriers to implementing person-centered care in nursing homes: A multi-arm, pre-post intervention.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1/2016 – present **Assistant Professor, Thesis Advisor**, Kansas State University
Gerontology Department
Seminar in Gerontology (Spring & Fall 2016-17)
This course is a capstone seminar course for Gerontology students to be taken in their final semester(s). It includes experience of mentorship with an older adult across the semester. Has an enrollment of ~30 students. Taught both in person and online versions.
Sexuality and Aging (Summer 2016)
This course is an online seminar course for undergrad and graduate Gerontology students. Has an enrollment of ~20 students.
- 1/2012 – 5/2015 **Adjunct Faculty, Honors Thesis Advisor**, University of San Diego
Department of Psychological Sciences
Research Methods (Spring 2012, 2013; Fall 2014)
This course is designed for psychology and neuroscience majors, has an approximate enrollment of 25 students, and includes a weekly lab component.
Cross-Cultural Psychology (Fall 2012, 2013)
This course has an optional service-learning component where students volunteer to engage 15 hours of service with culturally diverse communities and integrate these experiences with course content (approximately 25 students).

Health Psychology (Spring 2013; 2014; 2015)

This course is a seminar that includes a community outreach component where students work with underrepresented middle school students to conduct a health fair (approximately 25 students).

Theories of Personality (Fall 2012)

This course is an upper division course for psychology and neuroscience majors (approximately 25 students).

Advanced Research Methods – Clinical; Cross Cultural (Fall 2013, 2014)

This course is an upper division research methods course for psychology majors where students are taught advanced methods and mentored to complete an independent research study related to the topic of interest (approximately 10 students per section).

Abnormal Psychology (Spring 2014)

This course is an upper division course for psychology and neuroscience majors (approximately 25 students).

INVITED TALKS

- 8/2018 **Guest Speaker**
American Psychological Association Psych Careers Live – Annual Convention
Title: The What and How of a Career in Aging
- 11/2017 **Guest Panel Speaker**
Advancing Your Confidence as an Educator (ACE) in Gerontology and Geriatrics Series –
New England Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center
Title: Early Career Academic Panel
- 4/2017 **Guest Speaker**
Psychology Research Roundtable –Kansas State University
Title: Perceptions of Sexual Decision-Making among Older Adults in Long-Term Care
- 11/2016 **Guest Lecturer**
2017 Gerontology Undergraduate Course: When I'm 64 – Washington University Saint Louis
Title: Sexuality in Later Life: A Sex-Positive Approach
- 4/2016 **Guest Speaker**
Monthly Director of Nursing Webinar– Good Samaritan Society – Kansas
Title: Sexuality, Intimacy, and Consent in Long-Term Care
- 1/2016; **Guest Lecturer**
6/2014 Postdoctoral Training Series – VA Boston Healthcare System
Title: Sexuality and Consent among Older Adults
- 6/2015; **Guest Lecturer**
3/2014 Advanced Diversity Training Series – VA Long Beach Healthcare System
Title: Older Adults and Cultural Diversity: Implications for Practice
- 3/2014 **Guest Lecturer**
Advanced Diversity Training Series – VA Long Beach Healthcare System
Title: Older Adults and Cultural Diversity: Implications for Practice
- 1/2015 **Guest Lecturer**
Community Living Center Mental Health Providers – Veteran's Health Administration

Title: Sexuality and Consent in Long-Term Care

4/2013 **Guest Lecturer**

Psychology of Human Sexuality Course – University of San Diego

Title: Sexuality in Later Life: A Sex-Positive Approach

3/2013 **Guest Lecturer**

Advanced Diversity Training Series – VA Long Beach Healthcare System

Title: Older Adults – Intersections of Diversity

4/2012 **Guest Lecturer**

Diversity Seminar for Clinical Psychology Interns and Postdoctoral Fellows-VA Long Beach Healthcare System

Title: Older Adult Culture: Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?

7/2009 **Guest Lecturer**

Grand Rounds—VA Long Beach Healthcare System

Title: Positive Psychology: Introduction and Clinical Applications

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015 – present **Kansas State University – Center on Aging**

Position: PI, Supervisor/Mentor, Associate Director of Research

Conducting research projects on sexual health/risk and aging, sexual decision-making, and sexual expression management in long-term care. Grant writing, publication, dissemination/outreach, research mentorship with undergraduate lab.

2012-2015 **San Diego State University-Department of Psychology**

Position: PI, Research Assistant Professor, Supervisor/Mentor

Conducting grant-funded research assessing needs and developing assessment guidelines for sexual consent capacity in older adults living in long-term care as well as additional research projects related to aging sexual health.

2010-2012 **SDSU/UCSD Comprehensive Cancer Center Partnership**

Position: Postdoctoral Fellow in Cancer Health Disparities and Aging

Mentors: Elizabeth Klonoff, Ph.D., ABPP; Hillary Klonoff-Cohen, Ph.D.

Conducting independent research related to older adult sexuality and cancer disparities. Co-conducting a community-based participatory research study related to sustaining regular physical activity in two local racial minority communities.

2009-2011 **Veteran Cancer Survivorship- RRD Grant-Funded Research Study**

VA Boston and VA Houston Healthcare Systems

Position: Postdoctoral Fellow

Principle Investigator: Jenny Moye, Ph.D.

2007-2008 **Dissertation Research**—University of Kansas

Awards: Copwood-Hill Dissertation Award

Title: "Understanding the Impact of Positive Functioning on Civic Engagement Behavior in the Dotnet Generation"

2006 – 2008 **Milestones and Dangerzones for Talented Women in STEM (NSF Grant)**

Position: Co-Project Manager/Graduate Research Assistant

Principle Investigator(s): Barbara Kerr, Ph.D., & Karen D. Multon, Ph.D.

2005 – 2006 **Teaching Adult Literacy (NICDH Grant)**—University of Kansas
Position: Graduate Research Assistant, Training Assistan

2005 – 2008 **Positive Psychology & Health Behaviors Research Team**—University of Kansas
Position: Co-Investigator, Gallup Positive Psychology Fellow (2007)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Note: Asterisk (*) indicates mentored graduate and undergraduate students.

Syme, M.L. (August, 2018). *Sex and Dementia on Trial: Can Instruction Moderate Ageism Among Jury Members?*. Poster to be presented at the annual conference for the American Psychological Association in San Francisco, CA.

Syme, M.L. (Chair). (August, 2018). *Am I special? Challenges, benefits, resources for developing a specialty area across the career path*. Collaborative program at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

***Syme, M.L.**, Krajicek, R., Snyder, M., & Steele, H. (August, 2017). *Perceived importance of factors related to sexual decision-making among older adults in long-term care*. Poster to be presented at the annual conference for the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

***Syme, M.L.**, Krajicek, R., & Doll, G. (July, 2017). Resident-Informed sexual expression policy: An examination of future consumers of nursing home care. In M.Syme (Chair), *Policy and practices for supporting sexual expression among older nursing home residents*. Symposium to be presented at the conference for the International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology.

***Syme, M.L.**, & Stoffregen, S. (November, 2016). Defining sexual well-being in later life: A qualitative analysis. In J. Chaya (Chair), *The pursuit of passion: Sexual and relational health in later life*. Symposium at annual conference of the Gerontological Society of American in New Orleans, LA.

Syme, M.L., & Cohn, T. (August, 2016). *Describing and predicting sexual risk among community-dwelling older adults*. Poster presented at annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Denver, CO.

*Robinson, J.B. & **Syme, M.L.**, (August, 2016). Psychotherapy for sexual expression in later life. In L.R. Mona (Chair), *Psychotherapy to address sexual expression among diverse populations*. Symposium at annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Denver, CO.

***Syme, M.L.**, Lichtenberg, P., Moye, J., & Caalman, E. (November, 2015). *Sexuality and consent in long-term care: Assessment development through expert consensus*. Poster to be presented at the annual conference of the Gerontological Society of American in Orlando, FL.

*Yelland, E., **Syme, M.L.**, Cornelison, L, Mosier, D., Poey, J., Krajicek, R., & Doll, G. (November, 2015). *'Sex and Dementia and a Husband on Trial at Age 78': An analysis of reader commentary*. Poster to be presented at the annual conference of the Gerontological Society of American in Orlando, FL.

- Syme, M.L.** & Barnack-Tavlaris, J. (December, 2014). Conceptual review and practical tools for supporting sexual health among older adults. Workshop to be presented at the annual National Sex Education Conference in East Rutherford, NJ.
- ***Syme, M.L.**, Lichtenberg, P., Moye, J., & Caalaman, E. (November, 2014). Sexuality and consent in long-term care: A qualitative investigation of current policies, procedures, and unmet needs. Poster to be presented at the annual conference of the Gerontological Society of American in Washington, D.C.
- Syme, M.L.**, Mona, L., Baggett, L., Shotly, G., Sargeant, M., & Crenshaw, K. (August, 2014). Difficult dialogues: Addressing sexuality and sexual health for Veterans with a disability. Symposium presented at the annual conference for the Paralyzed Veterans Association in Las Vegas, NV.
- Hinrichs, K...**Syme, M.L.** (August, 2014). *Counseling considerations for older sexual minorities and implications for community based services*. Discussant of symposium presented at annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Washington, DC.
- Syme, M.L.** (August, 2014). *Counseling psychology and long term care: A need for integration*. Chair of symposium presented at annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Washington, DC.
- Syme, M.L.**, & Cohn, T. (August, 2014). *Examining stigma-related attitudes toward older adult sexuality by gender, age, generational status*. Poster presented at annual conference of the American Psychological Association in Washington, DC.
- ***Syme, M.L.**, & Lemos, L. (August, 2014). *Strangers in the Night, Exchanging Glances: Sexuality among Older Adults in Long-Term Care Settings*. Collaborative Program presented at annual conference for American Psychological Association in Washington, DC.
- *Lessard, L., Grossman, A., & **Syme, M.L.** (May, 2014). Effects of gender and type of praise on task performance among undergraduates. Poster presented at annual conference of Association for Psychological Science in San Francisco, CA.
- Ports, K.A., Barnack Tavlaris, J., & **Syme, M.L.**, Perera, R.A., & Elston Lefata, J. (April, 2014). Sexual health discussions with older adult patients during periodic health exams. Poster to be presented at annual conference for Society of Behavioral Medicine in Philadelphia, PA.
- Syme, M.L.**, & Mona, L.R. (March, 2014). *Sex under someone else's roof: Sexuality and intimacy in long-term care settings*. Workshop to be presented at annual conference for Aging Society of America in San Diego, CA.
- Syme, M.L.**, Barnack-Tavlaris, J., & Klonoff, E. (November, 2013). *Predicting sexual unwellness in older adults*. Paper to be presented at 35th annual conference for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in San Diego, CA.
- Syme, M.L.** (August, 2013). *Sexual health for women with disabilities: A biopsychosocial approach*. Paper to be presented in C.C. Cordes (Chair), Promoting Sexual Health for Women with Disabilities at the American Psychological Association annual conference in Honolulu, HI.

- *Gomes, J., & **Syme, M.L.** (April, 2013). *Marginal by comparison: Perceptions of socioeconomic status and social identity threat in an affluent context*. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of San Diego in San Diego, CA.
- Syme, M.L.**, Klonoff, E. (March, 2013). *Predicting sexual unwellness in older adults: A case-control study*. Poster to be presented at the 34th annual conference for the Society of Behavioral Medicine. San Francisco, CA.
- Barnack-Tavlaris, J., Ports, K., **Syme, M.L.**, & Klonoff, E. (March 2013). *Women's pap smear knowledge and perceived susceptibility to cervical cancer and HPV*. Paper presented at the annual conference for the Association of Women in Psychology in Salt Lake City, UT.
- Syme, M.L.** (January, 2013). *Culture of aging*. Paper to be presented in L.R. Mona (Chair), Diversity Across the Lifespan: Applications of Cultural Competence with Older Adults. Symposium to be presented at the National Multicultural Summit in Houston, TX.
- *Dawson, B., Lepule, J., Wickhem, K.M., Barnack-Tavlaris, J. & **Syme, M.L.** (January 2013). Samoan perspectives of the strengths and barriers to physical activity in their communities. Poster to be presented at the National Multicultural Summit in Houston, TX.
- Syme, M.L.** (August, 2012). *The whole woman in context: Biopsychosocial considerations for sexual health*. Paper to be presented in C. Cordes (Chair), Promoting Sexual Health for Women with Spinal Cord Injuries & Multiple Sclerosis. Symposium at the annual Paralyzed Veteran's Association conference in Las Vegas, NV.
- Syme, M.L.**, Barnack-Tavlaris, J., & Klonoff, E. (April, 2012). *An examination of sexual satisfaction and sexual risk in US college students*. Poster to be presented at the 33rd annual conference for the Society for Behavioral Medicine. New Orleans, LA.
- Sheik Mohamed, A. Wickhem, K.M., **Syme, M.L.**, & Barnack-Tavlaris, J. (March, 2012). *Somali women's perspectives of the strengths and barriers to physical activity in their communities*". Paper presented in The International Quest for Women's Rights Symposium at the 37th Association of Women in Psychology Annual Conference in Palm Springs, CA.
- Syme, M.L.** (August, 2011). *Sex positive approach to conceptualization and assessment of older adult sexual functioning*. Paper presented in L. Mona (Chair), Older Adult Sexual Well-Being: Cognitive Behavioral and Third Wave Cognitive Behavioral Approaches within a Sex Positive Context. Symposium at the 119th American Psychological Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
- Mona, L.R. & **Syme, M.L.** (May, 2011). Integrating sexual health and well-being into work with older adults. Plenary session presented at the 24th annual Institute of Gerontology-Issues on Aging conference, Dearborn, MI.
- Mona, L.R., & **Syme, M.L.** (May, 2011). Intimacy after spinal cord injury: Tips and tricks on dating, relationships, and sexual pleasure. Workshop presented for the University of Michigan SCI Model System Lecture Series, Ann Arbor, MI.
- ***Syme, M.L.**, Mona, L.R., Cameron, R., Fraley, S. & Oshi-Ojuri, M. (April, 2011). It just keeps getting better: sexual health and well-being among older adults. Workshop presented at the annual AASECT conference, San Diego, CA.

- *Harry, K., **Syme, M.L.**, Malcarne, V., Emerson, M., & Sadler, G.R. (April, 2011). Relationship of depression and management strategies to fatigue levels in African American cancer survivors. Poster presentation at the annual conference for the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Washington D.C.
- ***Syme, M.**, Harry, K., Malcarne, V., Robins Sadler, G. (2011, February). *Examination of a self-monitoring exercise on fatigue and depression among African American cancer survivors*. Presented at the 8th American Psychosocial Oncology Society conference in Anaheim, CA.
- Syme, M.**, Ballan, M. (2010, August). *Sexuality assessment in older adults: Unique situations*. In L. Mona (Chair), *Assessing Sexual Health and Intimate Relationships among Older Adults*. Presented in symposium at the 118th American Psychological Association Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.
- ***Syme, M.** & Ackerman, C. (2010, August). *Voluntary civic engagement in the DotNet generation*. In M. Amer (Chair), *Voluntary Civic Engagement among College Students: Ecological and Cross-Cultural Contexts*. Presented at the 118th American Psychological Association Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.
- Moye, J., Archambault, E., Schuster, J., Billings, R., Trevino, K., Karel, M., **Syme, M.**, Hilgeman, M., Gosian, J. (2010, June). The impact of military experience on adaptation to cancer among military veterans. Poster submitted for presentation at the 5th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- *Gosian, J., **Syme, M.**, Archambault, E., Schuster, J., Karel, M., Billings, R., Trevino, K., Moye, J. (2010, May). *PTSD risk and resilience factors in a sample of veterans*. To be presented at the Annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Boston, MA.
- ***Syme, M.**, Gosian, J., Archambault, E., Schuster, J., Karel, M., Trevino, K., Billings, R., Hilgeman, M., & Moye, J. (2010, April). *Sexuality and veteran cancer survivors*. Presented at Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions for the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Seattle, WA.
- Mona, L.R., Cameron, R.P., Goldwaser, G., **Syme, M.L.**, Miller, A.R., & Fraley, S.S., (2009, August). *Prescription for pleasure: exploring sex positive approaches in women with spinal cord injury*. Presented at the 117th Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Syme, M.** (2009, June). *Understanding the impact of positive functioning on civic engagement behaviors in the DotNet generation*. Presented at the 1st World Congress of the International Positive Psychology Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- ***Syme, M.**, & Ackerman, C. (2008, August). *Civically engaged? Exploring individual levels of social action*. Presented at the 116th Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Key-Roberts, M. J., **Syme, M.**, & Monden, K. R. (2008, August). *Examining the scales of social well-being*. Presented at the 116th Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Lopez, S., Key-Roberts, M.,J., **Syme, M.**, Pettit ,C., White, L., Anderson, L., & Shult, E. (2008, August) *Hope, optimism, and support as predictors of eudaimonic and hedonic well-being*. Presented at the 116th Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2015 **VA San Diego Healthcare System – Staff Psychologist**
 Conducting psychotherapy and assessment within integrated primary care setting.

2009 – 2010 **VA Boston Healthcare System—APA Accredited Fellowship**
 Geropsychology and Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow
 Clinical Teaching Fellow, Harvard Medical School & Boston University School of
 Medicine—Psychiatry
 Main Supervisor: Michele Karel, Ph.D.

2008 – 2009 **VA Long Beach Healthcare System—APA Accredited Internship**
 Clinical Psychology Pre-Doctoral Intern
 Training Director: Kenneth Cole, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, CONSULTATION, AND OUTREACH

2017-
2020 **Editorial Board Member** – The Clinical Gerontologist

2016 -
2018 **Elected Committee Member** – Committee on Aging (CONA)
 American Psychological Association – Boards and Committees Governance

2016 -
2018 **Elected Member**, Board of Directors – Homecare and Hospice, Manhattan, KS

2017 **Grant Reviewer** – Marsden Foundation - New Zealand

2015 -
Present **Grant Reviewer** – Health Resources and Services Administration

2012 –
Present **Program Chair** – American Psychological Association Division 17 – Older Adult
 Special Interest Group

Present **Committee Member** – American Psychological Association Division 17 – Program
 Committee

2012 –
Present **Grant Reviewer-** Alzheimer’s Association

Present **Editorial Experience**
 Ad hoc reviewer: Aging and Mental Health; American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry;
 Clinical Gerontologist; Health Psychology; International Journal of Aging and Human
 Development; Journal of Applied Gerontology; Journal of Financial Therapy; Journal
 of Gerontological Social Work; Journals of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences;
 Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Lesbian Studies, Psychology
 and Sexuality; Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy; Journal of Women’s Health;
 Population, Research and Policy Review; Psi Chi Journal; Research on Aging;
 Women & Therapy

2013-2014 **Informal/Pro Bono Consultant**
 Task Force for Policy Development – State of Wisconsin, Department of Health and
 Human Services – Long-Term Care
 -Provided review and recommendations for documents related to developing policy
 and assessment procedures for sexuality and consent in long-term care facilities.

2012-2013 **Informal/Pro Bono Consultant**
 End Violence Against Women International

Handbook for Forensic Professionals - Effective Response to Victims with Disabilities
-Provided review and recommendations for documents related to developing policy
and assessment procedures for forensic assessment of victims with disabilities,
including issues of sexual consent.

2009 – 2010 **Member, Public Policy Committee-** APA Division 12- Section 2

2009 – 2010 **Member, Diversity Committee-** VA Boston Mental Health Service

2006 – 2008 **Grant reviewer** – American Psychological Association Division 27

MEDIA/ONLINE PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

Member, Gerontological Society of America

Member, American Psychological Association

Member, Division 12-Section 2, Clinical Geropsychology

Member, Division 17, Society of Counseling Psychology, APA

Member, Division 17, Older Adult Special Interest Group, APA

Member, Division 20, Adult Development and Aging, APA

Member, Division 22, Rehabilitation Psychology, APA

HONORS AND AWARDS

Early Career Achievement Award – American Psychological Association

2017

Copwood-Hill Dissertation Scholarship

2008

R. Rundquist Scholarship-Outstanding Graduate Student in Counseling Psychology

2007-2009

Kleinsorge Memorial Scholarship	2007-2009
Gallup Positive Psychology Fellow	2007
University of Kansas School of Education Merit Scholarship	2004-2006
Ruth M. Anderson Memorial Scholarship	2004-2005, 2006-2007
Clarence Rusk Memorial Scholarship	2005-2006

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