

**Curriculum Vita  
Summary Version**

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**Education and Employment**

**Executive Development Program, Cornell University**, Ithaca, New York, Bush Foundation  
Leadership Fellowship

**Master of Science, Rehabilitation Counseling, Minnesota State University** (formerly Mankato  
State University), Mankato, Minnesota

**Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Health and Human  
Services Fellowship

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**Assistant Professor, Family and Community Development**, Southern Oregon Research and  
Extension Center, Oregon State University, Central Point, Oregon: Two-county responsibility for  
developing community-empowering instructional programs. Educational emphasis placed on aging  
populations and their health needs (May 2000-present).

**Deputy Director/Interim Director, Department of Public Health**, Seattle/King County, Seattle,  
and Washington: Operational responsibility for countywide public health programs and initiatives.  
Program divisions included maternal and child health, emergency services, substance abuse, and  
environmental health. Led the department's strategic planning process introducing a service/outcome  
approach (1993-1999).

**Instructor, Lecturer, School of Nursing, (Department of Psychosocial Nursing); School of  
Social Work, University of Washington**, Seattle, Washington: Designed and taught mental health  
policy class to second year graduate students (1994-1997).

**Director, Division of Mental Health**, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Olympia, Washington: Management responsibility for statewide public mental health services and two state psychiatric hospitals. Provided statewide leadership in successfully implementing the 1989 Washington State Mental Health Reform Act and the development and management of regional support networks (1988-1993).

**Director/ Deputy Director Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**, Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Olympia, Washington: Implemented nationally acclaimed programs using "rapid rehabilitation" approaches. Presidential Award for Supported Employment (1984-1988).

### **Scholarship and Creative Activity**

#### **Presentations and Poster Displays**

Johnson, S., Maximizing Brief Encounters: Realizing Measurable Gains. Presentation accepted at 2003 American Society on Aging Conference. Eight-class curriculum designed and delivered through an 18-month grant from the Northwest Health Foundation.

Johnson, S., Healthy Aging is Learned Behavior, Development of curriculum and repeated presentation of an eight-class series for aging persons and their families. Juried poster display of the approach at the Priester Health Extension Conference, May 2001 and the Oregon State University Extension Annual Conference, September 2001. Classes designed, taught and represented in the display include: Preventing Disease and Promoting Health, Memory Impairment in Later Life, Medicines and You: A Guide for Older Americans, Driving Decisions in Later Life, Sensory Changes in Later Life, Depression Management for the Older Adult in Later Life, Keeping the Folks Independent: Ways to maintain Elderly Parents in Their Own Homes and Changing Family Relationships: Coping and Caring

Johnson, S., Drew, T., A Lesson That Can Save a Life: The Importance of Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening for Rural Oregon Women. Designed, facilitated, and evaluated the provision of a cascading series of lessons about breast cancer, provided to over 150 participants in Jackson County. Juried presentation of the results of the evaluation at Priester Health Extension Conference, May 2001. Juried presentation given at Oregon State University Family and Community Development In-service Training, May 2001; statewide presentation given to State Breast and Cervical Health Program administrators, fall, 2001, and summer, 2002.

#### **Curriculum materials** (in addition to above)

Johnson, S, The Face of Josephine (Jackson) County; demographic overviews with instructional emphasis in specific areas; Demand Management: A Look at Health Care Access in the Rogue Valley; The Healing Power of Laughter; Ethics in the Workplace.

#### **Publications**

Johnson, S., Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon. 520-word weekly column titled Healthy Aging initiated March 2001. Subscription readership: 50,000. Topics have included: tobacco use, elder volunteerism, prostate cancer, diabetes, food insecurity, stroke, elder mental health, vitamins and herbal remedies, cholesterol and diet, hypertension, poverty and a series of four columns on elder care giving

Johnson, S., Bowman. (In press.) Old People's Homes. Encyclopedia of Community, Great Barrington, MA Berkshire Publishing Gp LLC

Johnson, S., Bowman, S., (In press.) Elderly. Encyclopedia of Community, Great Barrington, MA Berkshire Publishing Gp LLC

Bowman, S., Johnson, S., (In Press) Age Stratification, Encyclopedia of the Community, Great Barrington, MA Berkshire Publishing Gp LCC

### **Grants**

#### **External Support Funded**

Johnson, S., Principal Investigator, **Food & Friends: Healthy Aging** Northwest Health Foundation, \$46,000, 2001-2003. Design and instruction on the use of health-related interventions. A comprehensive IRB-approved evaluation examines the impact of training on the volunteers and recipients. Grant acquired in collaboration with Rogue Valley Council of Governments' Senior and Disabled Services and Oregon Health Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing.

Johnson, S., Medication Management in Later Life, Rogue Valley Council of Governments' Senior and Disabled Services, \$12,000, 2002-2003. Design and delivery of a series of medication management classes in the community and on local access television.

Johnson, S., Grant writer and co-trainer. Diabetes Education: Idaho Plate Method, Oregon Department of Human Services, Jackson County Public Health, 2001-2002.

#### **Internal Support Funded**

Johnson, S., Bairstow, R. et al 2001-2002 Policy Issues Education (PIE). Funding to explore prescription drug use and cost in rural populations.

### **Service**

#### **State, Regional and National Affiliations**

Member, American Society on Aging

Member, American Public Health Association

Member, Oregon Gerontological Association

Member, National Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Licensed Administrator, 026401 NH0002171, State of Washington, Nursing Home Administration, 1999-2002

**University Affiliations**

Member, Oregon State University Policy, Issues Education (P.I.E.) Committee

Elected Board, (former), Member, Oregon State University Extension Association

Appointed member, University Curriculum Committee, Oregon State University

**Local Advisory Boards and Committees**

Appointed member, Vice Chair, Rogue Valley Council of Governments' Senior Advisory Council;

Active involvement in Nutrition, Support Services, Resource Management Committees

Vice Chair, Jackson County Community Consortium/Coalition

Member, Hispanic Inter-Agency Committee

Member, Facilitator, Jackson County Diabetes Coalition (former)

Charter member, Caregiver Training Advisory Council (CTAC)

Member, facilitator, Long-Term Care Coalition of Southern Oregon

**Awards and Honors**

Governor's Distinguished Management Leadership Award (Washington, 1989)