

Curriculum Vitae

Laura S. Lorenz, MEd, MA, PhD

Bio Summary

Laura Lorenz is a researcher and educator with international experience communicating research, program, and policy impacts for global audiences. She holds a joint appointment at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA: as senior research associate in the Institute for Behavioral Health and as program manager for Executive Education, a continuing education program that provides leadership training in health policy and management for rising clinical leaders—surgeons, physicians, and nurses. Since 2004, Dr. Lorenz has been investigating lived experience with brain injury and psychological health using innovative methods (participatory visual methods and narrative analysis) with civilian and now military service populations. She became interested in brain injury because her brother, who was a youth hockey player in the 1960s and 70s, had multiple concussions on and off the ice and suffered cognitive and mental health challenges—perhaps as a result. Before coming to Brandeis, Dr. Lorenz worked for more than 20 years in international development as a photojournalist, writer, editor, and educator for agencies such as UNICEF, World Food Programme, and the US Agency for International Development. She spent 14 years living and working in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, and her assignments often involved encouraging community partnerships, project replication, and behavior change—for example, to improve girls' access to education and prevent transmission of HIV. Since 2001 she has pioneered the use of participatory visual research methods (including “photovoice”) in the US and South Africa to engage patients, youth, and communities in picturing local problems and strengths and motivating action for change. Much of her research since 2004 has focused on health policy, in particular including the perspectives of patients on their health and healthcare experiences in the policy-making process. Dr. Lorenz has published on identity after brain injury, the patient-provider relationship, issues of voice and representation in health policy research, and the use of visual research methods to involve communities in public health. She regularly presents on these topics at conferences and hospitals, and in community settings. Her book [*Brain Injury Survivors: Narratives of Rehabilitation and Healing*](#) is forthcoming (April 2010) with Lynne Rienner Publishers under their series Disability in Society. Dr. Lorenz received her PhD in social policy in 2008 from Brandeis University (The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis) and a Master of Education (Instructional Design/Adult Education) from the University of Massachusetts Boston in 2001. She holds a B.A. in English Literature from Bowdoin College.

1. Academic Preparation

- PhD The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, May 2008
- MA The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Health Policy Concentration, Brandeis University, 2006
- MEd University of Massachusetts at Boston, Instructional Design Program (Adult Education), Graduate School of Education, 2001
- BA Bowdoin College, English Literature, 1976

2. Non-degree Education/Training

- Introduction to Grounded Theory: A Social Constructionist Approach with Kathy Charmaz, 2006
- Building Codes and Memoing with Paul Mihas, June 2006
- Consulting for Results, Management Sciences for Health, April 2003
- Supervision Basics, Management Sciences for Health, March 2001
- Presenting Data and Information, Edward Tufte, April 2000
- Basic Training, Management Sciences for Health, February 1999
- Prepress and Production, Skillpath, January 1999

3. Professional Experience (Consultancies)

October-present **Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma**
Consultant **Harvard University**

Working with a team of HPRT staff and invited guests, develop evidence and a training plan for applying the Balint physician group therapy model to interdisciplinary groups of health and social service providers working in post-conflict countries.

September 2009 **British Columbia Rural and Remote Health Researcher Network**
Photovoice Trainer **Vancouver and Prince George, British Columbia, Canada**

Facilitated two one-day workshops for health researchers and clinicians on foundations and applications of participatory visual methods in health, including approaches to data analysis.

April to October 2009 **Commonwealth Medicine, UMASS Medical School**
Photovoice Trainer/Consultant **Center for Health Policy Research**

Worked with CHPR staff to develop and implement a photovoice facilitator training and help plan a state-wide photovoice project intended to elicit consumer perspectives on long-term services and supports under the MA Systems Transformation Grant, funded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for the purpose of improving both service quality and outcomes.

March 2009 **Boston Public Health Commission**
Photovoice Consultant **Boston, MA**

Worked with BPHC staff to develop a photovoice project outline and provide a one-day photovoice introduction to community residents participating in a photovoice project to explore root causes of health disparities from the community's perspective.

December 2007 to January 2008 **Abt Associates**
Research Assistant **Washington, DC**

Helped identify literature to support a US Department of Defense and Veterans Administration effort to develop consensus guidelines for diagnosis and treatment of mild traumatic brain injury among military personnel serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

September 2006-present **MA Rehabilitation Commission**
Co-facilitator **Framingham, MA**

With two brain injury survivor co-facilitators, designed and co-facilitated a 10-week photovoice project with brain injury survivors that culminated in an exhibit of 50 photographs and narratives grouped into 9 categories: The Journey, Lost Dreams, Chaos, Challenges, Strategies, My Advocacy Story, Comfort and Support, Acceptance, and Hope for the Future. The project's outreach efforts are ongoing.

September-December 2006 **MBA Program, The Heller School**
Teaching Assistant **Waltham, MA**

Teaching assistant in HS 253 Leadership and Organizational Behavior, and HS 518 Management of Health Care Organizations with Dr. Jon Chilingirian. Graded papers and exams, lectured, developed the course web site, and provided emotional and other support to 120 students in three sections.

February-July 2006 **Consumer Quality Initiatives**
Photovoice consultant **Boston, MA**

Provided guidance in program design, recruitment, and implementation to the facilitators of a photovoice project for young adult mental health consumers in Western, MA for a project sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health.

May 2006 **Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University**
Photovoice consultant **Boston, MA**

Helped to design and facilitate a photovoice training workshop for researchers and program managers planning to use photovoice as a needs assessment and evaluation tool in programs with mental health consumers, adolescents, families, and communities.

July 2005-April 2006

Instructional Designer/Consultant

**Girls Incorporated
Lowell, MA**

In collaboration with Girls Inc staff, developing a curriculum guide for a program *Private Investigators*, intended to improve critical thinking skills and increase interest in math and science among girls aged 10 to 14.

December 2004-June 2005

Research Assistant

**The Heller School
Waltham, MA**

Developed an evaluation strategy for Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV), to use the data BIAV has been collecting on brain injury incidence and outreach in Virginia since 1988 to understand program impact.

June 2004-December 2006

Writer/Consultant

**Management Sciences for Health
Cambridge, MA**

Wrote case scenarios for four issues of *The Manager*, a continuing education publication for managers of health programs in developing countries.

July-September 2003

Writer/Consultant

**Girls Incorporated
New York, NY**

Wrote *Curriculum Design Basics*, the third book in the Girls Incorporated basic programming series, to motivate and assist 148 Girls Inc. affiliates in the US and Canada to bring locally developed curricula up to the national Girls Inc. curriculum standard.

January 2002-June 2003

Writer/Instructional Designer/Consultant

**Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell
Lowell, MA**

Conceptualized and wrote the curriculum *Photovoice: Girls' Voices, Girls' Vision*, a 19-session instructional guide using photography as a community assessment and dialogue tool intended to improve girls' critical thinking and communication skills, initiate community dialog on problems and resources, and expand girls' visions of future educational and career possibilities.

1994-1997

Writer/Editor/Consultant

**Population Council
New Delhi, India and New York, NY**

Produced 60 Research Summaries of activities carried out under operations research and technical assistance projects in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Wrote articles for five issues of *Alternatives*, a regional newsletter for Asia on operations research and technical assistance.

1996-1997

Writer/Editor/Consultant

**World Food Programme
New Delhi, India**

Developed a booklet on World Food Programme's "Indiamix" project to inform Indian central and state government officials, international donors, manufacturers, and others of the advantages of producing a blended supplementary food in India for the national Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS); edited WFP's India Country Programme for submission to Rome.

March-June 1996

Writer/Editor/Consultant

**National Institute of Urban Affairs
New Delhi, India**

Edited and wrote a series of 11 case studies and overall analysis of nongovernmental organizations working with community-based organizations throughout India.

March-May 1996

Writer/Editor/Consultant

**CARE, India
New Delhi, India**

Edited the research report *Food Security Scenario and Role of Supplementary Food Programs* and produced a 15-page summary for policy makers.

1993–1996

Writer/Photographer

Wrote seven feature stories on child agricultural labor, urban slum schools, street children, and urban youth for the Division of Information's Features Service; took color and black-and-white photographs that visualized the stories.

UNICEF

New York, NY

December 1995

Writer/Photographer

Wrote article on Health on Wheels, a street children's health program of Butterflies, an Indian NGO; took accompanying photographs.

Catholic Relief Services

New Delhi, India

1993–1995

Writer/Photographer/Consultant

Wrote 14 success stories on USAID's activities in India in the areas of family planning, environment, enterprise, health, economic growth, food for development, and housing. Developed briefing materials for the Regional Housing and Urban Development Office on the need for better urban basic services in India. Produced a brochure on USAID/India's Office of Environment, Energy, and Enterprise. Produced a brochure introducing the Integrated Family Planning Services Project to government and NGO staff in Uttar Pradesh.

US Agency for International Development

New Delhi, India

May–September 1994

Writer/Photographer

Researched, wrote, and photographed an article on IESC volunteer executive in India working in health, food technology, and the environment.

International Executive Service Corps

New Delhi, India

March–May 1994

Writer/Photographer/Consultant

Produced a brochure on the USAID-funded Plant Genetic Resources Project to inform Indian and US audiences of the project's advantage to farmers, consumers, scientists, and food security.

Winrock International

New Delhi, India

January 1994

Writer/Photographer/Consultant

Researched, wrote, and photographed an article on "true potato seed" technology in India.

Center for Technology Development

Bangalore, India

September–December 1993

Editor

Edited nine volumes of research abstracts in health, population, family planning, urban development, rural development, and women's studies.

The Futures Group

New Delhi, India

1980–1993

Writer/Consultant

Wrote 10 articles for the US Information Agency's *Topic* magazine (for Africa) on grassroots development, training, non-traditional exports, economic development, Peace Corps volunteers, and health care in West and Central Africa.

Unites States Information Agency

Washington, D.C.

1992–1993

Writer/Photographer

Wrote seven articles on UNICEF activities in Guinea with refugees, health centers, urban slums, and women and girls; took accompanying photographs; wrote briefing documents for UNICEF/Guinea fund-raising campaigns in Europe.

UNICEF/Guinea

Conakry, Guinea

1992–1993

Writer/Photographer

Wrote five articles describing USAID mission activities in family planning, micro-credit, health, and appropriate technology for the USAID newsletter *Front Lines*; took photographs.

USAID/Conakry and USAID/Senegal

Conakry, Guinea and Dakar, Senegal

1987–1989

Writer/Editor/Consultant

Managed production of three semiannual reports on the status of mission-wide activities. Edited existing text, making sure that it met USAID/W's information needs and concerns.

USAID/Bolivia

La Paz, Bolivia

1983–1986

Writer/Editor/Consultant

Managed production of four semiannual reports on the status of mission-wide activities and use of funding. Edited various evaluation, project and research reports on agricultural, disaster relief, and other development activities for USAID/Peru and contracting agencies.

USAID/Peru

Lima, Peru

1981–1983

Writer/Editor/Consultant

Managed production of a quarterly newsletter on the activities of USAID's Regional Economic Development Office for West and Central Africa (REDSO/WCA); edited various evaluation and research documents.

REDSO/WCA

Abidjan, Ivory Coast

4. Community Service (Volunteer)

- 2006 to 2009 Co-Facilitator, Photovoice, Brain Injury Survivor Support Group, Framingham, MA
- 2005–2006 Graduate Student Representative, Web Development Committee, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
- 2005 Healthy Waltham, Waltham MA, co-leader of logistics committee for Waltham Walks event
- 2002–2004 Justice for Peace Taskforce, Watertown, MA, member
- 1996 Teen Co-Ed Softball League, New Delhi, India, coach
- 1995–1996 Boys Soccer League, New Delhi, India, coach
- 1994–1996 Butterflies (NGO for street and working children), New Delhi, volunteer
- 1992 After School Program, American Embassy School, coordinator
- 1989 History of Rock, Concert Series, producer
- 1988 History of Jazz, Concert Series, producer
- 1988–1989 Tiger Cubs, La Paz, Bolivia, co-leader
- 1988–1989 *Hora de Jazz*, La Paz Radio Station, host
- 1976–1978 Reading for the Blind, Pittsburgh, PA, reader
- 1979–1980 Recording for the Blind, Washington, DC, recorder of textbooks
- 1970–1972 Ecology Club, The Pingree School, Hamilton, MA, co-founder and member
- 1968–1974 Local hospitals, churches, and mental institutions, performed folk music for the holidays

5. Publications (Peer-reviewed)

- Author. (under review). A way into empathy: Using participatory visual methods to see brain injury from a patient's perspective. *health: An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*, 15, 2, Special Number on 'Another way of knowing: art, disease, and illness experience.' Guest Editors, Alan Radley and Susan Bell.
- Author. (under review). Visual metaphors of living with brain injury: Exploring and communicating lived experience with an invisible injury, *Visual Studies*, Special Issue on Visual Research Methods and Issues of Voice, Guest Editors Wendy Luttrell and Richard Chalfen, March
- Author. (2010, in press). Discovering a new identity after brain injury, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, Volume 32, Issue 6, September.
- Author. (2010, in press) *Brain injury survivors: Narratives of rehabilitation and healing*. Disability in Society, Series Editor: John Berger. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, April.
- Co-author with Kolb, B. (2009). Involving the public through participatory visual research methods. *Health Expectations*, 12, pp. 262-274.
- Author. Book Review: Picturing pity: Pitfalls and pleasures in cross-cultural communication. Image and word in a North Cameroon mission, *Visual Studies*, Volume 24, Number 1, April 2009, pp. 86-87(2).
- Author. (2008). Making visible the invisible: Understanding lived experience with acquired brain injury through visual illness narratives. Doctoral Dissertation, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

6. Publications (Miscellaneous)

- Author. (2006). *Girls Inc. Private Investigators*. Lowell, MA and New York, NY: Girls Incorporated.
- Author/editor. (2003, 2002, 2001, 2000). *The provider's guide to quality and culture*. Boston: Management Sciences for Health, Electronic Resources Center. (<http://erc.msh.org>).
- Author. (2003). *Curriculum design basics*. New York: Girls Incorporated.
- Author. (2003). *Photovoice: Girls' vision, girls' voices: A community activism project for girls aged 12–15*. Lowell, MA and New York, NY: Girls Incorporated.
- Author. (2003, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997). Case studies. *The Manager*, vols. 6–12. Boston: Management Sciences for Health.
- Author. (2003 in draft). Girls use photography to show they are resources for themselves, their families, and their communities. *CYD Journal*.
- Editor. (2002). *A guide to planning local government health services: The matching grant program in the Philippines*. Boston: Management Sciences for Health.
- Co-editor. (2002). *Management strategies for improving health and family planning services: A compendium of The Manager Series, vols. V–IX*. Boston: Management Sciences for Health.
- Author. (2002). Young people use cameras to speak out for change in South Africa. *Global HealthLinks*, July–August.
- Photographer. (2002). The Youth Academy photovoice project. Bisho, South Africa: EQUITY Project.
- Associate Editor. (1999, 1998, 1997). *The Manager*, vols. 6–8. Boston: Management Sciences for Health.
- Editor. (1999). *CQI experiences in Latin America*. Boston: Management Sciences for Health.
- Editor. (1998). *CORE: A tool for cost and revenue analysis: User's guide*. Boston: Management Sciences for Health.
- Editor. (1997). *Operations research summaries: Operations research and technical assistance projects*. New York: Population Council.
- Author. (1997). *Indiamix: Development of a low-cost blended food*. New Delhi: World Food Programme, March.
- Author. (1997). *Transition to India: New horizons community service relocation handbook*. New Delhi: New Horizons.
- Editor. (1996). *Research summaries: Asia Near East operations research and technical assistance project*. New Delhi: Population Council.
- Editor. (1996). Food security scenario and role of supplementary feeding programs. New Delhi: CARE.
- Editor. (1996). Case studies: Community based organizations in India. New Delhi: Urban Institute.
- Author. (1996). In India, girls labourers quit work for school. UNICEF Feature No. 00168.IND. New York: UNICEF Division of Information, April.
- Author. (1996). School under the tamarind tree. UNICEF Feature. New York: UNICEF Division of Information, April.
- Writer/Editor. (1995). USAID/India: Office of Environment, Energy, and Enterprise. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, August.
- Writer/Editor. (1995, 1994). *Alternatives*, issues 1–5.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). IESC health and environmental advisers lay groundwork for future growth. *Front Lines*, April.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). Sugarcane power. *SPAN*, vol. XXVI, no. 1. New Delhi: US Information Service, January.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID program empowers Indian women to improve family health. *USAID Developments*, vol. 1, no. 4 (Summer).
- Author/Photographer. (1995). Counting the tiger's stripes: In India, USAID undertakes the largest demographic health survey ever. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID food program changes lives in rural India. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID PL-480 Title II food reaches rural Indian mothers and children with health care and education. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID grant enables manufacture of measles vaccine in India. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.

- Author/Photographer. (1995). American support to India's housing finance increases the system's resources and sustainability. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Regional Housing and Urban Development Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). Increasing contraceptive use in northern India. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). Co-generated power in India: How sweet it is. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). Indo-US common agenda for the environment: Environmental cooperation benefits both countries. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). Saving biodiversity treasures: USAID expands India's capacity to store and exchange plant genetic resources. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID project demonstrates India's agribusiness potential. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). New dried flower business creates new Indian jobs and exports. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID projects help revolutionize India's agribusiness sector: Loan funding and technical assistance empower local entrepreneurs. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). True potato seed: Changing the way India grows its food. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). USAID support for India's economic reforms gets message to the grassroots. New Delhi: US Agency for International Development, Program Office.
- Author/Photographer. (1995). IESC in India: Moving with the times. New London, CT: International Executive Service Corps.
- Author/Photographer. (1994). New spud technology may double India's yield. *Front Lines*. Washington, DC: US Agency for International Development, December.
- Photographer. (1994). My name is today. *Children in the News*, vol. II, no. 1. New Delhi: Butterflies, Summer.
- Author/Photographer. (1994). The potato revolution. *SPAN*, vol. XXV, no. 6 (June).
- Author/Photographer. (1994). Blossoming into "butterflies" in India. UNICEF Feature No. 00103.IND. New York: UNICEF Division of Information, June.
- Author/Photographer. (1994). *The plant genetics resources project, 1988-1997*. New Delhi: Winrock International.
- Author. (1993). Appropriate technology in Senegal. *Topic*, no. 204.
- Author. (1993). Ghana's future in exports. *Topic*, no. 204.
- Author/Photographer. (1993). Prevention is still the best medicine: Condom social marketing campaign changes attitudes and actions in Guinea. *Front Lines*, September.
- Author/Photographer. (1993). Guinea project sparks entrepreneurial spirit and pride. *Front Lines*. Washington, DC: US Agency for International Development, May.
- Author. (1993). Gambian memories. *Topic*, no. 203.
- Author. (1993). In Senegal: Education for life. *Topic*, no. 202.
- Author/Photographer. (1992). In Senegal, grassroots efforts illustrate development in action. *Front Lines*, November.
- Author/Photographer. (1992). Senegal sponsors governance seminar. *Front Lines*, July.
- Author. (1992). Guinea's changing business climate. *Topic*, no. 201.
- Author. (1992). Private sector growth in Guinea Bissau. *Topic*, no. 201.
- Author/Photographer. (1992). Guinean health center reaches out. Conakry, Guinea: UNICEF.
- Author/Photographer. (1992). Lack of wells, latrines plagues refugee relief efforts in Guinea. Conakry, Guinea: UNICEF.
- Author. (1991). Fatumata: A Guinean girl. Conakry, Guinea: UNICEF.
- Writer/Editor. (1991, 1990). *Africa Updates*, issues 1-5.
- Author. (1991). North Shaba rural development project. *Topic*.
- Author. (1990). Agency encourages investment in Africa. *Front Lines*, August.
- Author. (1990). A strategy for diversification: Vanilla from Uganda. *Topic*, no. 196.

7. Presentations and Papers

- Using photovoice to elicit lived experience with brain injury and raise awareness among survivors, providers, and the public. Poster Presentation. Eighth World Congress on Brain Injury, International Brain Injury Association, Washington, DC, March 10-14, 2010.
- Brain injury x-posed: The survivor's view. Poster Presentation, 2009 ACRM-ASNR Joint Educational Conference, Building the Evidence Base for Rehabilitation Interventions: From Research to Clinical Care, Denver, Colorado, October 7-11, 2009.
- Generating patient accounts of quality using photography and voice, Visual Presentation, 2009 Academy of Management Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (with Jon Chilingirian), August 7-11.
- A way into empathy: Using visual and narrative methods to see life from a patient's perspective. Oral Presentation, 6th Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology, Lausanne, Switzerland, July 8-11, 2009.
- Experience and practice with visual illness narratives: Examples from brain injury survivors. Invited Lecture, Visual Studies in Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria, July 7, 2009.
- Panelist, Health Care Reform and Patient-Centered Care: Using Qualitative and Mixed Methods to Understand and Engage Patients and the Public, Oral Presentation, 26th Annual Meeting, AcademyHealth, Chicago, Illinois, June 28-30, 2009.
- Generating patient accounts of quality using photography & voice, Poster Presentation, Organization Category. (with Jon Chilingirian) 26th Annual Meeting, AcademyHealth, Chicago, Illinois, June 28-30, 2009.
- Panelist, Human Subjects and Ethics, Participatory Action Research Symposium, Brandeis University, April 2-3, 2009.
- Reaching multiple audiences: Process and product in participatory visual methods with brain injury survivors. 2009 Annual Meeting, Midwest Sociology Society, Des Moines, Iowa, April 2009.
- Brain injury x-posed: Seeing life with brain injury through survivor's eyes. Lunch and Learn presentation for BrainLine, www.brainline.org, February 4, 2009.
- Photovoice: Speaking with pictures. Guest lecture for Sociology 315: Seeing Social Life, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, Professor Susan Bell, December 4, 2008.
- A way into empathy: Seeing life from a brain injury patient's perspective. Oral presentation with R.R. Sanders. Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Network, December 3, 2008.
- Photovoice: Speaking with pictures. Guest lecture for Visual Literacy Course, University of Massachusetts Boston, Professor Domenic Scenci, November 18, 2008.
- Living with brain injury: Through the eyes of a survivor. Advanced Seminar in "Emergent Seeing and Knowing: Mapping Practices of Participatory Visual Methods," Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Cambridge, MA, November 13-15, 2008.
- Brain Injury X-Posed: TBI and Our Vets. Panel presentation. Newton Free Library and the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts. November 3, 2008.
- Living with brain injury: The survivor's view. Poster. American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, ACRM-ASNR Joint Educational Conference, Toronto, Ontario Canada, October 15-19, 2008.
- Discovering a new identity after brain injury: A visual illness narrative. Oral paper. European Health Psychology Society, Bath, England, September 9-12, 2008.
- Re-establishing a sense of coherence: A typology of brain injury survivor stories. Poster, European Health Psychology Society, Bath, England, September 9-12, 2008
- Understanding lived experience with brain injury through a survivor's visual illness narrative. Roundtable. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Boston, MA July 31-August 2, 2008.
- Living with brain injury: The survivor's view. Oral paper. Fourth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 14-17, 2008.
- Subjectivities of narrative and interaction: Learning from writing about acquired brain injury. Oral paper. Fourth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 14-17, 2008.
- Using fair process to cross the quality and healthcare chasm: Eliciting the perspective of brain injury survivors. Brandeis Graduate Students' Conference: Metamorphoses, An Interdisciplinary Investigation of Processes of Social Change and Transformation, Brandeis University, April 5, 2008

- Crossing the quality and health care chasm for rehabilitation from brain injury: Applying fair process to policy development. Poster. 135th Annual Meeting and Exposition, American Public Health Association, Washington, DC, November 3-7, 2007.
- X-posing lived experience with brain injury: A photovoice project with long-term survivors. Poster. 135th Annual Meeting and Exposition, American Public Health Association, Washington, DC, November 3-7, 2007.
- Using fair process to cross the quality and health care chasm: Eliciting the perspective of brain injury survivors. Paper presentation, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, 57th Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 10-12, 2007.
- Making visible the invisible: Using photovoice to elicit the perspective of brain injury survivors. Poster presentation, Fifth Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology, Beverly, MA, July 18-21, 2007
- Using narrative analysis methods to gain insight into living with brain injury. Oral paper, Fifth Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology, Beverly, MA, July 18-21, 2007.
- Making visible the invisible: Using action research to understand living with brain injury. Oral and poster presentation, Annual Research Meeting 2007, Academy Health, Orlando, FL, June 3-5, 2007.
- Living with traumatic brain injury: A narrative analysis of a survivor's photographs and interview. Poster Presentation, Annual Research Meeting 2007, Academy Health, Orlando, FL, June 3-5, 2007.
- Using fair process to cross the quality and healthcare chasm: Eliciting the perspective of traumatic brain injury survivors. 13th Annual NRSA Trainees Research Conference, US Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Orlando, FL June 2, 2007.
- Making visible the invisible: Using photography and narrative to understand living with brain injury. Oral presentation, Rehabilitation Hospital of The Pacific, Honolulu, HI, May 18, 2007.
- Making visible the invisible: Using photovoice to understand living with brain injury. Oral presentation, 13th Annual Midwest Qualitative Research Conference, University of St. Thomas, School of Education, Minneapolis, MN, April 20-21, 2007.
- X-Posing lived experience with brain injury: A photovoice project with long-term survivors. Poster, Community Integration of Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury State of the Science 2007, Pentagon City, VA, April 12-13, 2007.
- Making visible the invisible: Using photovoice to understand living with brain injury. Poster Presentation, 26th Annual Conference, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, Marlborough, MA, March 22, 2007.
- Living with traumatic brain injury: Narrative analysis of a survivor's photographs and interview. Poster Presentation, 26th Annual Conference, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, Marlborough, MA, March 22, 2007.
- Living with traumatic brain injury: A narrative analysis of a survivor's photographs and interview. Poster Presentation, State-of-the-Science Symposium on Post-Acute Rehabilitation: Setting a Research Agenda and Developing an Evidence Base for Practice and Public Policy, Crystal City, VA, February 12-13, 2007
- Living with traumatic brain injury: Narrative analysis of a survivor's perspective. Presentation to the Colloquium on Qualitative Research in Health, Boston, MA, December 13, 2006
- Living with traumatic brain injury: A narrative analysis of a survivor's photographs and interview. Poster Presentation, American Public Health Association, 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Poster Presentation, Boston, MA, November 6, 2006
- Living without connections: Using narrative analysis of photographs and interview text to understand living with traumatic brain injury and facilitators and barriers to recovery from the patient's perspective. Panel Presentation, European Sociological Association, Mid-term Conference, Cardiff, Wales, September 4, 2006
- Leadership development: Using photography to develop activism and critical thinking skills in youth. Panel Presentation, International Visual Literacy Association Annual Conference, Newport, RI, October 2003
- Giving youth a voice in health: Photovoice in a South African township. Panel Presentation, American Public Health, 130th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Philadelphia, PA, November 2002
- Girls Inc. Photovoice. Panel Presentation, Family Re-union 11, Nashville, TN, October 2002

Involving South African youth in community health. Poster Presentation, Global Health Council Annual Conference, Washington, DC, May 2002

8. Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

2008 David Strauss, PhD Memorial Award, American Congress of Rehabilitation, Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group, for poster presentation entitled "Living with brain injury: The survivor's view."
Honorable Mention, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Health Division Graduate Student Paper Award, 2008
Speaker, representing the Ph.D. class, Brandeis University, The Fifty-seventh Commencement Exercises, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, May 18, 2008
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Doctoral Training Fellowship in Health Services Research and Policy Analysis, 2007-2008
Provost's Dissertation Research Award, Brandeis University, May 2007
Dissertation Grant, Heller Alumni Fund, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, 2006-2007
Spencer Educational Research Foundation mini-grant, Brandeis University, 2005-2006
Anne Ralen Brown Fellowship, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, 2004-2006
Family Strengthening Grant, Annie E. Casey Foundation, for *Photovoice: Girls' Vision; Girls' Voices*, Girls Incorporated, 2002-2003
Career Development Grant, Association of American University Women, 2000-2001
Graduate Student Assembly, UMASS Boston, April 2000

9. Professional Affiliations and Service

Academy Health
Academy of Management
American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
American Sociology Association
Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts
International Brain Injury Association
International Society for Critical Health Psychology
International Visual Sociology Association
North American Brain Injury Society
Society for the Arts in Health
Society for the Study of Social Problems

Peer reviewer for the journals *Medical Care*, *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*, and *Social Science & Medicine*.

Member, Community-Based Partnerships Working Group, Building Bridges to Support Military and Veteran Families Collaborative Working Group, Defense Centers of Excellence DCoE for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury

Member, Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG), American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)

Member, Policy and Legislation Committee, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)

Member, Treatment Theory sub-group of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)

Member, Clubhouse Committee, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts

Member, Advisory Council, Wellness Center, Supportive Living, Incorporated

10. International Living

Abidjan, Ivory Coast: 1981-1983

Lima, Peru: 1983-1987

La Paz, Bolivia: 1987-1989

Conakry, Guinea: 1991-1993

New Delhi, India: 1993-1997