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**VITAE**  
**CECILIA H. CANTRELL**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Office Address:

Associate Professor of Sociology  
Sociology Department and Undergraduate Director  
Georgia State University  
University Plaza  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
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**ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

Bachelor of Science  
(1966)

University of Alabama  
(Major: Nursing)

Master of Science  
(1969)

The Ohio State University  
(Major: Medical Surgical Nursing; Minor: Psychology)  
Thesis Title: An Empirical Study of Patient and Nurse  
Perspectives of Patient Care in the Intensive Care Unit

Doctor of Philosophy

The Ohio State University  
(Major areas of concentration: Medical Sociology, Social  
Psychology Theory Development; Minor: Psychology)  
Dissertation Title: An Empirical Study of the Relationship  
Between Comparative Life Satisfaction and Death Anxiety  
Among Aged Men

**MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Sociology of Death, Bereavement and Loss; Gerontology;  
Health Policy; Resource Distribution and Use;  
Health Care Ethics and HIV/AIDS

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

1986-1987

Selected for the Georgia State University Gerontology  
Doctoral Program

1985-1986

American Council on Education Fellow

1980-1985

Elected member of Board of Trustees Wesley Homes and  
Geriatric Hospital Inc.

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1982-1983	Elected member of Red Cross Board
1973-1974	Virginia Commonwealth University Research Grant
1970-1974	National Institute of Health Graduate Fellowship
1968-1969	The Ohio State University Graduate Fellowship
1963-1966	University of Alabama scholarship
1965-present	Elected to membership in Sigma Theta Tau

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

1997-Fall 2000	Director of Undergraduate Studies Department of Sociology
1985-Present	Associate Professor of Sociology and Nursing
1986-1991	Director of Evaluation, Planning, Research and Development, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University. Joint appointments in Nursing and Sociology. Member of the Gerontology Center Board and The Humanities and Technology Board
1978-present	Faculty member of Sociology and Nursing

**(Academic appointments, continued)**

1985-1986	Selected as an American Council on Education Fellow; A nation Fellow in academic administration designed to prepare individuals for administrative positions such as dean, vice president and president of universities and colleges.
1978-1985	Chairperson and Associate Professor, School of Nursing, Georgia State University. Joint Appointment, Department of Sociology; Faculty member of the Gerontology Center.
1978-present	Counseling for children, adults and families facing death, bereavement and other loss

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- 1977-1978 Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Department of Sociology, University of Alabama in Birmingham
- 1977-1978 Clinician at the University of Alabama Samolian Psychiatric Center Emphasis on children, adults and family issues related to death, bereavement and loss.
- 1977-1978 R.N. Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units at University of Alabama Hospital
- 1975-1977 Associate Professor, School of Nursing and Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
- 1969-1970 Instructor, School of Nursing, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 1966-1969 R.N. Intensive Care Units Stanford Hospital, Stanford, Connecticut

**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH EXPERIENCE**

- 1992-present Research: drug use among women, 18-45, their HIV status, support systems and death bereavement attitudes.
- 1992-present Disclosure to significant others of HIV status especially among women with children.
- 1994-present Suicide Attitudes Among College Students
- 1989-present 850-page manuscript that uses an ecological view of resource acquisition and use in the general system and the health care system.
- 1987 The Grantsmanship Center and CASE Institutes on Fundraising
- 1987-1988 Post Doctoral Gerontology Program at Georgia State University
- 1985-1986 Selected to conduct the State Wide Analysis of Health Professional Programs for the Board of Regents of The University System of Georgia

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- 1973-1975 Research Associate, Survey Research Center Virginia Commonwealth University. Richmond, Virginia
- 1973-1975 Research Consultant, School of Medicine Virginia Commonwealth University Richmond, Virginia
- 1973-1975 Research Design Center American Cancer Society Richmond, Virginia
- 1973-1975 Research Associate, Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center. College of William and Mary. Williamsburg, Virginia

**PUBLICATIONS**

1. "Older Adults' Attitudes Toward Suicide: Are There Race and Gender Differences" Death Studies, 21: May-June 1997 with Lillian Parker and Alice Demi
2. Review of Death in the Midst of Life by Jack B. Kamerman in Journal of Teaching Sociology, April, 1989.
3. Book under revision entitled Resources: The Issues and Resolutions in Health Care.
4. State wide Analysis of Health Professional Programs for Georgia Board of Regents of The University System of Georgia, 1986.
5. "Social Issues," Chapter 12 (Marion Dickens), Concepts for Advanced Nursing Practice: The Nurse as a Change Agent, Wade Lancaster and Jeanette Lancaster, co-editors, C.V. Mosby Company, 1981.
6. "Religiosity and Death Anxiety: A Multi-Dimensional Analysis Review of Religious Research," Vol. 21, No. 2 (Spring 1980):148.157.
7. "Coping with Non-Terminal Loss," Chapter 16 (Bettie Jackson), Community Mental Health Nursing: An Ecological Perspective, Jeanette Lancaster, ed., C.V. Mosby Company, 1980.
8. "A Factor Analytic Inquiry into the Multidimensionality of Death Anxiety," Omega, Fall 1975.
9. The Impact of Victimization on Society. Published by Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. (with C. W. Thomas).
10. "Public Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Agencies, Policies, and Levels of Criminal Victimization," February 1975. Williamsburg: Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center, (with C. W. Thomas).
11. "Public Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Agencies, Policies, and Levels of Criminal Victimization: A

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- Preliminary Analysis of Citizen Responses in Chesapeake, Virginia,” February 1975. Williamsburg: Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center, (with C. W. Thomas).
12. “Public Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Agencies, Policies, and Levels of Criminal Victimizations: A Preliminary Analysis of Citizen Responses in Norfolk, Virginia,” February 1975. Williamsburg: Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center, (with C. W. Thomas).
  13. “Public Attitudes Toward Criminal Justice Agencies, Policies, and Levels of Criminal Victimizations: A Preliminary Analysis of Citizen Responses in Virginia Beach, Virginia,” February 1975. Williamsburg: Metropolitan Criminal Justice Center, (with C. W. Thomas).
  14. Book review of Death: Current Perspectives, Shneidman in Review of New Books in Sociology, Vol. 4, No. 1, November/December, 1976.
  15. “Breast Cancer: Physical and Psychological Coping Mechanisms Four Years Post OP,” The Ohio State Medical Bulletin, Spring 1969.

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**GRANTS**

1. AT/T (\$20,000) for Study of Disclosure Behavior Among HIV+ Women (1994-1996).
2. Grady Infectious Disease Clinic (\$3500) internal grant for Study of Disclosure Behavior Among HIV+ Women (1994-1996).
3. Distance Learning Partnership in Gerontology. Chancellor's Strategic Allocation Initiative Grant, University System of Georgia (sub-contract with UGA 1998-2000).

**PAPERS PRESENTED**

1. "Death Attitudes Among College Students"  
The Am Association of Death Counselors and Educators, June 1996
2. "Suicide Attitudes of Elderly African Americans and White Women." The Southern Sociological Society, April, 1996
3. "Disclosure Issues for HIV-Positive Women and their Children." The Southeastern Research Coalition, Feb. 16-18, 1995.
4. "Societal Causes in Hospitalization Costs among the Aged in Japan and the United States," American Society on Aging, March 11-14, 1995 (with Toshi Kii).
5. "Social Causes and Cost of Hospitalization of the Aged in Japan," Gerontology Society of America, Nov. 18-22, 1994 (with Toshi Kii and Howard Foster).
6. "Social Support, Death Anxiety and Risk Behavior among Drug Users," The American Association of Death Counselors and Educators, April, 1993.
7. "Presidential Evaluation": The American Council of Education, 1988.
8. "Death Anxiety and Life Satisfaction: Altered Expectations of Consumers and Health Providers," presented at the Sixth Annual National Nurse Practitioner Symposium, June 25-27, 1985.
9. "Altered Expectations of Consumer and Providers Concerning Death," presented at the Advancing Clinical Practice Through Nursing Research Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, May 25, 1984.
10. "Death Anxiety and Life Satisfaction: Altered Expectations:", presented at the Advancing Clinical Practice Through Nursing Research Conference," Atlanta, Georgia, May 25, 1984.

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11. "Emergent Social Issues and Death Literature Proliferation," presented to the Society for Study of Social Problems annual Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, August, 1979.
12. Invited Research Reactor at the Southern Sociological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 1978.
13. "Adjustment to Lose," a research paper presented to the Alabama State Student Nurses Association's annual convention, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1978.
14. "Political Involvement of Nurses in the Health Care System," presented to Alabama State Nurses Association's annual convention, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, October, 1977.
15. "A Reinforcement Perspective of Living," presented to the Southern Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 1977.
16. "Power Related to Health Care," paper presented to the Alabama State Nurses Association's annual convention, October, 1976.
17. "A Comparative Study of Reference Letters for Male and Female Professionals," paper presented to the American Sociological Association convention, 1975 (with N. Benokraitis).
18. "Methodological Issues in Attitude Scale Construction," paper presented to the Southern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., April, 1975 (with C. W. Thomas and D. M. Petersen).
19. "Theoretical Perspectives on the Origins of the Inmate Subculture," paper presented to the Southern Conference on Corrections, Tallahassee, Florida, February, 1975 (with C. W. Thomas and D. M. Petersen).
20. "An Analysis of Exchange Theory," paper presented to the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August, 1974.
21. "Death: When Does it Occur," presented at a seminar on Death, Medical College of Virginia, July, 1974.
22. "Death Conceptualizations," paper presented to the Southern Sociological Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, April, 1974.
23. "The Uncertainty of Death," paper presented at the annual Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Research Symposium, Richmond, Virginia, December, 1973.
24. "Patient Perception of Health Care in Intensive Care Units," paper presented to Student Nurses Association, Richmond, Virginia, December, 1973.
25. "Religiosity Variables and the Study of Death Anxiety," paper presented to the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Francisco, California, October, 1973.

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**WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, AND KEYNOTE ADDRESSES**

1. Women in Thanatology, Western Carolina, North Carolina, May 1997
2. Health Care Policies and Concerns, University of Akron, Lectureship, April, 1992.
3. Health Care Ethics: the Georgia Hospital Association, 1991.
4. Social Issues: Past, Present and Future. University of Miami, March 1991.
5. Stress and Time Management. Georgia State University Lecture Series, April, 1990.
6. Staff Development and Management St. Joseph Hospital Lecture Series, November, 1988.
7. Death, Grief and Resolutions. Georgia Gerontology Association, October, 1988.
8. Stress Control, Lakewood High School, Atlanta, Georgia, 1985, 1986-1991.
9. Grief Therapy, Georgia Mental Health Association, 1986.
10. Invited to lecture in the Orient with Professional Seminar Consultants, September, 1986 and 1987.
11. Political Issues in Nursing, St. Joseph's Hospital, October, 1984.
12. Nursing Education, Political and Economic Issues, Georgia Nurses Association, September, 1984.
13. Atlanta Clinical Specialist Association (keynote address): Resources and Health Care Issues, June, 1984.
14. One of the thirty health educators selected to attend education in Genetics II: Nurses and Social Workers, Georgetown University, June, 1984.
15. American Cancer Society: What's New in Cancer Prevention/Detection/Screening?, March 1984.
16. Sigma Theta Tau, Region Three Assembly (keynote address): "Professionalism in a Stressful Environment," November, 1983.
17. Georgia Nurses' Association Annual Meeting (keynote address): "Professionalism and You: Options for the Future," October, 1983.
18. Georgia Nurses' Association Annual Meeting (keynote address): "Professionalism and You: Options for the Future," October, 1983.
19. Stress Management workshop for Executives for PPG Industries, October, 1983.

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20. Stress Management for Staff Nurses, Physicians, Administrators – Doctor’s Hospital, 1983.
21. Georgia Medical Technologists Association, Stress Management, 1982.
22. Sigma Theta Tau, Region Three Assembly (keynote dress): “Communicating our Emerging Image,” November, 1982.
23. Georgia Public Health Association: “Burn Out,” June, 1981.
24. American Occupational Health Association: “Stress, Socialization, and Holistic Health,” Atlanta, Georgia, April, 1981.
25. Seminar in Bioethics: Scarcity and the Future of the Health Care Delivery System in America," February, 1981.
26. Sigma Theta Tau (keynote address): “Why Publish?,” April, 1980.
27. Southern Surgical Society (keynote address): “Stress, Socialization, and Holistic Health,” April, 1980.
28. New England Dietetic Association (keynote address): “Stress, Socialization and Holistic Health,” March, 1981.
29. National Dietetic Association (keynote address): ”Stress, Socialization, and Holistic Health,” October, 1980.
30. American Cancer Society: “Stress, Socialization, and Holistic Health,” national meeting, October, 1980.
31. Death and Grief Therapy Symposium, Georgia State Gerontology annual Summer Gerontology Symposium, 1979.
32. “Professional Stress” Georgia Society of Allied Health Professions, 1979.
33. Participation in Seminar on “Curriculum Development for Medical-Surgical Faculty of Livingston College,” (with Anne Belcher), 1978.
34. Mental Health Professional Symposium on Grief, 1978.
35. American Cancer Society: “Grief Work for Health Professionals and Ministers,” 1978.
36. Grief, Loss and Life Seminar for Continuing Education Units Sponsored by Samford University, 1978.

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**RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

1. American Sociological Association, GSU Representative, 1991- 1997.
2. Member of the Georgia Council on Child Abuse, 1990-present.
3. Member of the Georgia Agapa Council on Children and Mental Health, 1990-present.
4. Member of the American Council of Education Advisory Committee on program development, 1986-present.
5. Graduate of Leadership Kennesaw Program, 1986.
6. Member Ethics Committee, Georgia Nurses Association, 1985-present.
7. Member of Doctoral Committees.
8. Chairperson, Research Committee, Sigma Theta Tau, Epsilon Alpha Chapter, 1983-1986.
9. Elected graduate advisor to the Georgia Board of Regents Committee on Statewide Health Programs, 1979-1985.
10. Member Board of Directors Hunger Project, 1983.
11. Member Statewide Primary Health Care Committee, 1979-1986.
12. Member Georgia Primary Health Care Association, 1979-present.
13. Member Board of Directors, American Red Cross, Atlanta Division, Atlanta, Georgia, 1983-1985.
14. Member Board of Directors, Wesley Homes, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, 1984-1986.
15. Member Board of Directors, Health Care, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia, 1980-1984.
16. Subcommittee on Nursing of Academic Health Committee on Health Professions, University System of Georgia, 1978-present; Chairman, 1981-1982.
17. Southern Regional Education Board Health Education Committee, 1978-present.
18. Research Consultant Committee of Georgia League for Nursing, 1979.
19. Review for publications in social psychology and sociological theory for Choice, a publication for the Association of College and Research Libraries, 1974-present, and Sociology: Review of New Books, 1974-present.

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20. Chairperson of the Alabama State Nurses Association's Political Action Committee, 1975-1977.
21. Representative of the Alabama State Nurses Association to the Alabama Citizens for ERA, 1975-1977.
22. Chairperson of the Alabama State Nurses Association Legislative Committee, 1975-1977.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

1. American Sociological Association 1990-2000
2. American Association of Death Educators and Counselors 1980-present
3. American Association on Aging 1988-1998
4. The American Council on Education Fellows Association 1985-present
5. Southern Sociological Society 1990-2000
6. Southern Gerontology Society 1990-1998
7. Sigma Theta Tau 1966-present
8. Center For Ethics Emory University 1988-present
9. Council of Nurse Researchers 1980-2001
10. Georgia State Nurses Association 1978-present
11. Society of Law and Medicine 1978-1998
12. American Cancer Society 1984-present
13. National Association of Patients on Hemodialysis and Transplantation 1990-2000
14. Hemlock Society 1992-present

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AFFILIATIONS**

1. American Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute Board 1990-present
2. AIDS Survival Project 1992-present

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3. Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition Board 1990-2000
4. Atlanta Homeless Task Force 1990-1999
5. Atlanta Children Coalition
6. Volunteer at Homeless Shelter
7. Georgia Council on Child Abuse
8. Volunteer at Food Bank
9. U.S. - China Peoples' Friendship Association 1980-1996
10. Friendship Force 1989-1996
11. Common Cause 1989-present
12. Co-founder grief support group 1990-present

**MAJOR DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Director of Undergraduate Committee, 1997 - present
2. College of Arts and Sciences Bylaws Committee, 1994-present.
3. Chair of Arts and Sciences Bylaws Committee, 1997 - present.
4. Undergraduate Committee Sociology Department, 1993-present.
5. Chair Undergraduate Committee of Sociology Department, 1997 - present.
6. Executive Committee Sociology Department, 1991-1992.
7. Program Committee Sociology Department , 1997 - present
8. Member University 75th Anniversary Committee, 1990-1991.
9. Member of University Wide Planning Committee, 1986-1987.
10. Member University Research Grant Review Committee, Georgia State University, 1980-present.
11. Member of Executive Committee of Thanatology, Georgia State University, 1982-present.

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12. Member of Executive Committee of the Gerontology Center, Georgia State University, 1980-1986.
13. Member University Capital Outlay Committee, 1983-1985.
14. Member Search Committee for Academic Dean, College of Education, 1983.
15. Member Academic Affairs committee of University Senate, 1984-1985.
16. Member Planning and Development Committee of University Senate, 1981-1985.
17. Member University Senate, 1981-1985.
18. Member University Commencement Committee, 1980-1984.
19. Member Gerontology Faculty, 1978-present.
20. Member College of Health Sciences Administrative Council, 1978-1985.
21. Member Adult Health Council, State of Georgia 1978-1992
22. Member Faculty Appeals Committee 1980-1986
23. Coordinator, Development of Doctoral Level Advanced Nursing Course 1984-1986
24. Coordinator, Development of Doctoral Level Theory Construction Course 1980-1984.
25. Coordinator, Masters Level Advanced Nurse Course, Spring Quarter 1984.
26. Chairperson, Committee for Developing Position Statement on Science and Nursing for Doctoral Faculty 1980.
27. Member University Graduate Committee, Samford University, 1976-1977.
28. Elected member of University Academic Council, Samford University, 1975-1977.
29. Chairperson, Admission's Committee, Samford University, 1976-1977.
30. Alpha Kappa Delta Sociological Research Symposium coordinator, 1974-1975.
31. Elected Alpha Kappa Delta Faculty Representative, 1974-1975.
32. Member University Curriculum Committee, 1974, 1975.

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33. Member University Committee on Student Advising, 1974-1975.
34. Member Adjunct Faculty Committee, 1974-1975.
35. Member of the Graduate Faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1973-1975.
36. Chairperson, Subcommittee on Undergraduate Theory Requirements, 1973-1975.
37. Chairperson, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 1973-1975.

**ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT**

**Undergraduate:**

Introductory Sociology  
Social Psychology  
Sociology of Health/Illness  
Theory Construction  
Health Professional Issues and trends  
  
Sociology of Aging  
Sociology of Mental Health  
Medical Surgical Nursing: Advanced  
Nursing Theory  
Crisis Intervention  
Sociology of Dying, Death and Loss  
Sociology of Family  
Human Sexuality and Society

**Graduate:**

Advanced Adult Health  
Theory Construction (Both Sociology  
and Nursing)  
Thanatology  
Research  
Sociology of Health  
Physical Assessment  
Social Psychology  
Sociological, Political, Legal and  
Ethical Consideration of Health  
Care Issues  
Sociology of Aging  
Sociology of Mental Health  
Sociology of Dying, Death and Loss  
Sociology of Health Illness

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

Medical and Surgical Intensive Care Units  
Stanford Conn. 1969  
Michigan State University Hospital 1970  
Ohio State University Hospital 1971-1973  
University of Alabama Hospital 1974-1977  
Wesley Geriatric Hospital 1991-1992