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EDUCATION

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| 2012 | Columbia University, New York, NY Master of Science, Narrative Medicine |
| 1996 | Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Chestnut Hill, MA. PhD,
Social Work |
| 1988 | New York University School of Social Work, New York, NY.
Master of Social Work |
| 1986 | Brandeis University, Waltham, MA Bachelor of Arts, Psychology & Sociology |

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY

2011 - Present Professor of Professional Practice

2003 - 2011 Associate Professor of Professional Practice

2002 - 2003 Associate Professor

1997 - 2002 Assistant Professor

Columbia University School of Professional Studies, New York, NY

2017 - Present Lecturer, Narrative Medicine Certificate in Professional Achievement

Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA

2015 Adjunct

2002 Lecturer

CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of New York: R062346

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Commonwealth of Massachusetts: 1019768

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

Sormanti, M., & Wong-Kim, E. (2018). Strengthening the interdependence of palliative care and social work. *Families in Society*, 99(4), 299–300.

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Wong-Kim, E., Sormanti, M., Tang, K. L., & Ngai, S. (2008). Talking cancer, saving lives: Breast cancer awareness training for health professionals in Hong Kong. *International Quarterly of Community Health Education*, 28(4), 305-318.

Sormanti, M., & Shibusawa, T. (2008). Intimate partner violence among midlife and older women: A descriptive analysis of women seeking medical services. *Health & Social Work*, 33(1), 33-40.

Sormanti, M., & Shibusawa, T. (2007). Predictors of condom use and HIV testing among midlife and older women seeking medical services. *Journal of Aging & Health*, 19(4), 705-719.

Sormanti, M. (2007). Clinical practice with individuals and families coping with life-threatening illness. In E.L. Csikai & B. Jones (Eds.), *Teaching resources for end-of-life and palliative care* (pp. 284-289). Chicago: Lyceum Books.

Ballan, M., & Sormanti, M. (2006). Trauma, grief and the social model: Practice guidelines for working with adults with intellectual disabilities in the wake of disasters. *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal*, 2(3), 78-96.

Sormanti, M., Wu, E., & El-Bassel, N. (2004). Considering HIV risk and intimate partner violence among older women of color: A descriptive analysis. *Women & Health*, 39(1), 45-63.

Kayser, K., & Sormanti, M. (2002). A follow-up study of women with cancer: Their psychological well-being and close relationships. *Social Work in Health Care*, 35(1/2), 391-406.

Kayser, K. & Sormanti, M. (2002). Identity and the illness experience: Issues faced by mothers with cancer. *Illness, Crisis & Loss: Multidisciplinary Linkages*, 10(1), 10-26.

Sormanti, M., Pereira, L., El-Bassel, N., Witte, S. & Gilbert, L. (2001). The role of community consultants in designing an HIV prevention intervention. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 13(4), 311- 328.

El-Bassel, N., Witte, S.S., Gilbert, L., Sormanti, M., Moreno, C., Pereira, L., Elam, E. & Steinglass, P. (2001). HIV prevention for intimate couples: A relationship-based model. *Families, Systems and Health*, 19(4), 379-395.

Sormanti, M., & Kayser, K. (2000). Partner support and relationship changes during life-threatening illness: Women's perspectives. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 18(3), 45-66.

Christ, G., & Sormanti, M. (1999). Advancing social work practice in end-of-life care. *Social Work in Health Care*, 30(2), 81-99.

Kayser, K., Sormanti, M., & Strainchamps, E. (1999). Women coping with cancer: The influence of relationship factors on psychosocial adjustment. *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 23(4), 725-739.

Sormanti, M., & August, J. (1997). Parental bereavement: An exploration of parents' spiritual connections with their deceased children. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 67(3), 460-469.

Sormanti, M., Kayser, K. & Strainchamps, E. (1997). A relational perspective of women coping with cancer: A preliminary study. *Social Work in Health Care*, 25(1/2), 89-106.

Sormanti, M. (1994). Field instruction in oncology social work: Supervisory issues. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 12(3), 73-87.

Sormanti, M., Dungan, S. & Rieker, P.P. (1994). Pediatric bone marrow transplant: Psychosocial issues for parents post hospitalization. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 12(4), 23-41.

Sormanti, M.E. (1992). Am I still a mother? Loss of an only child. *Illness, Crisis and Loss: Multidisciplinary Linkages*, 2(1), 78-85.

Book Chapters

Sormanti, M. (2017). Reading and Writing Really Are Fundamental: How Stories Shape Professional Development. In A. Burack-Weiss, L.S. Lawrence, & L.B. Mijangos (Eds.), [*Narrative in Social Work Practice: The Power and Possibility of Story*](#) (pp. 234-246). New York: Columbia University Press.

Sormanti, M. (2015). Understanding Bereavement: How Theory, Research and Practice Inform What We Do. In G. Christ, C. Messner & L. Behar (Eds.), [*Handbook of Oncology Social Work*](#) (pp. 543-551). New York: Oxford University Press.

Sormanti, M. & Christ, G. (2014). End-of-Life: An Expansive Focus. In A. Gitterman (Ed.), [*Handbook of Social Work with Vulnerable and Resilient Populations*](#) (3rd ed.) (pp. 179-201). New York: Columbia University Press.

Sormanti, M (2012). Writing for and about clinical practice. In B. Simon & W. Green (Eds.), [*Columbia Guide to Social Work Writing*](#) (pp. 114-132). New York: Columbia University Press.

Sormanti, M. (2010). Facilitating women's development through the illness of cancer: Depression, self-silencing and self care. In D. Jack & A. Ali (Eds.), [*Silencing the Self Across Cultures: Depression and Gender in the Social World*](#) (pp. 363-380). New York: Oxford University Press.

Sormanti, M. (2008). Bereavement practice. In T. Mizrahi & L. Davis (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of social work* (20th ed.) (pp. 192-195). New York: Oxford University Press.

Sormanti, M. (2007). Clinical practice with individuals and families coping with life-threatening illness. In E. L. Csikai & B. Jones (Eds.), *Teaching resources for end-of-life and palliative care courses* (pp. 284- 289). Chicago: Lyceum Books.

Christ, G., Sormanti, M., & Francouer, R. (2001). Chronic physical illness and disability. In A. Gitterman, (Ed.), *Handbook of social work practice with vulnerable and resilient populations* (pp. 124-162). New York: Columbia University Press.

Christ, G., Sormanti, M., & Oppenheim (2001). Brief treatment of clients with chronic medical conditions. In B. Dane, C. Tosone, & A. Wolson (Eds.), *Doing more with less: Using long-term skills in short-term treatment* (pp. 307-341). Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson, Incorporated.

Miscellaneous

Sormanti, M. (in press). *Understanding Loss and Grief: Implications for Healthcare Professionals*. Brockton, MA: Western Schools, Inc.

Sormanti, M. (2018). [Review of the book *Pediatric Palliative Care*]. *Omega -The Journal of Death & Dying*, 77(1), pp. 94-95.

Sormanti, M. (2017). [Review of the book *Psychosocial Interventions in End-of-Life Care*]. *Omega - The Journal of Death & Dying*, 76(4), pp. 395-397.

Sormanti, M. (2016). *Cancer and Depression*. Oxford Bibliographies Online, Social Work. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sormanti, M. (2015). [Review of the book *Grief and Bereavement in the Adult Palliative Care Setting*]. *Omega -The Journal of Death & Dying*, 71(4), 365-367.

Sormanti, M. (2015). [Review of the book *Surrounded By Madness: A Memoir of mental Illness and Family Secrets*]. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 32(5), 491-492

Sormanti, M. (2012). *Bereavement Practice*. Oxford Bibliographies Online, Social Work, Entry ID: 9780195389678-0117, New York: Oxford University Press.

Sormanti, M. (2010). *Understanding Loss and Grief: Implications for Healthcare Professionals*. Brockton, MA: Western Schools, Inc.

Sormanti, M. (2006). [Review of the book *Loss, trauma, and resilience: Therapeutic work with ambiguous loss*]. *The Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 2(4), 107-110.

Attilio, T., Sormanti, M., Fineberg, I.C. (Spring 2005). Reasserting our expertise in health care settings. *Health Section Connection: The Newsletter of the National Association of Social Workers Health Practice Section*.

Taylor-Brown, S., & Sormanti, M. (2004). End-of-life care. *Health & Social Work*, 29(1), 3-5.

Select Abstracts & Presentations

Sormanti, M. (2016, January). End of Life Care. Two-hour workshop at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

Sormanti, M. & Lukens, E. (2016, January). Engagement, Assessment and Formulation. Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

Sormanti, M. (2015, June). Exploring the narrative elements of clinical social work. Six-hour continuing education course at Smith College School For Social Work, Northampton, MA.

Ciporen, H., Sormanti, M. & Witte, S. (2014, June). *DiaBeaters!: A web-based intervention for children and their families with, or at risk for, type 2 diabetes created by a partnership of community and university-based social workers*. Third International Conference on Practice Research at Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, New York.

Sormanti, M. (2014, March). Using narrative to advance clinical practice. Invited presentation at New

York University Langone Medical Center.

Sormanti, M. (2013, June). Using narrative in the classroom to promote interdisciplinary end-of-life care. Presentation at A Narrative Future for Health Care conference and launch of the International Network for Narrative Medicine, King's Guy's College, London.

Sormanti, M. (2012, November). *Reading, reflection, and restoration: Using literature to advance clinical practice and supervision*. Keynote address and workshop presented at The Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions' 35th anniversary Interprofessional Symposium.

Sormanti, M. (2012, June). *Let me read to you: Reflection and restoration through literature*. Invited workshop presented at New York Center for Children Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference. New York, NY.

Franks, C., Lukens, E., O'Neill, P., Riedel, M., Sormanti, M., & Witte, S.S. (2008, October). Forging new pedagogical approaches: Facilitating challenging dialogues in the classroom. 54th Annual Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Philadelphia, PA.

Wong-Kim, E. & Sormanti, M. (2008, January). *The importance of family relationships in determining quality of life in Chinese women with breast cancer*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Sormanti, M. (2006, May). *Addressing vicarious traumatization and burnout: Interventions for professionals*. Invitational presentation at The Addiction Institute of New York, Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program, Clinical Staff Rounds, New York, NY.

Sormanti, M. (2005, October). *Bereavement: The challenge and promise of healing*. Invitational presentation at the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Social Work Grand Rounds, New York, NY.

Sormanti, M. (2005, July). *Professional self care: A mandate to address vicarious traumatization and burnout*. Invitational presentation at The Addiction Institute of New York, Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program Clinical Staff Rounds, New York, NY.

Research

2016 Principal Investigator, Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, "Storyworks in the Heights". Award amount: \$40,000.

2010–2011 Co-Principal Investigator, New Yorkers for Children, "Pregnant and Parenting Foster Care Youth Pilot" (#2010.05). Award amount: \$25,000

2001–2003 Principal Investigator, National Institute of Health, "HIV Risk Among Older Abused Women Receiving Emergency Services" (#1-R03-MH61691- 01A1). Award amount: \$100,000.

2001–2002 Principal Investigator, National Institute of Drug Abuse, "HIV Prevention with Drug-Involved Women and Their Main Partners" (#DA140001). Award amount: \$15,000.

2001–2003 Co-Investigator, National Institutes of Health, "Partner Abuse and HIV in Women Receiving Emergency Care" (#1-R01-MH58529-01A2), Principal Investigator: Nabila El-Bassel. Award amount: \$363,866.

1999–2001 Principal Investigator, Open Society Institute, "Social Work Leadership Development Award". Award amount: \$60,000.

Select Direct/Clinical Practice

2005-2015 Visiting Nurse Service of New York Hospice Care Program, New York, NY
Consultant/Group Facilitator

2004–2010 Health Care Chaplaincy, NY
Bereavement Group Facilitator

2002–2003 A Common Ground, NY
Clinical Program Director, a Project Liberty program created with funding from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to state of New York.

2000–2006 Private Psychotherapy Practice; NY

1989–1996 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA.
Senior Social Worker

Select Professional Service

2017 - Columbia Commons IPE, Steering Committee member

2016 - Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services, Editorial Board

2015 - 2017 Columbia University Senate, Elected Member

2011–2012 Peer Review Committee on Clinical Oncology Social Work Training Grants, American Cancer Society, Inc. Ad-Hoc Member.

2005–2009 Peer Review Committee on Clinical Oncology Social Work Training Grants, American Cancer Society, Inc. Member.

2002–2003 PFLASH (Practical Frontline Assistance and Support for Healing) through the September 11 Training Initiative of the Mental Health Association of New York City. Trainer (Six six- hour trainings facilitated).

1998–2002 Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care, Metropolitan New York Chapter, Inc. Education Committee Member.

1995–1997 Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers. Board of Directors.

1994–1996 Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, Ronald McDonald House, Brookline, MA.
Board of Directors.

1993–1996 Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA. Quality of Life Scientific Review Committee.

Ongoing Reviewer/consulting editor; Columbia University Press, *Health & Social Work*, *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, *Journal of Social Psychology*, *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, *Omega-Journal of Death & Dying*, Taylor & Francis Group, *The*

Professional Affiliations

Association of Oncology Social Workers

Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers

National Association of Social Workers

Society for Social Work and Research

Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network