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PRESENT STATUS

Professor Emeritus, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, College of Education & Human Development, University of Delaware (2017-present)
Chairperson (7/2008-6/2013)
Professor (2002-2017)
Associate Professor (1992-2002)
Assistant Professor (1986-1992)

Expertise in vulnerable children and families, children with disabilities, family support/stress, the delivery of human services, and child and family social policy. Initiated, consulted with, and evaluated numerous program evaluations of family and community-based interventions.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist, (B1-0000217) (1990-present), Associates in Health Psychology LLC, Newark, DE 19713

Expertise in: child, couple, and family psychotherapy; individual therapy focused on men's relationships and development over their lifespan

EDUCATION

Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania -- 1974 - 1978
Degree: B.A.
Major: Psychology

Merrill-Palmer Institute, Detroit, Michigan -- 1978 - 1979
Degree: M.A.
Major: Child and Family Studies
Thesis: An ecological approach to the family: The role of social networks, social stress, and mother-child interaction (Chair: Douglas Powell, Ph.D.)

University of South Carolina, South Carolina -- 1979 - 1985
Degree: Ph.D.
Major: Clinical/Community Psychology
Thesis: The relationship of specific social and psychological coping resources with the adjustment of adolescent mothers (Chair: Abraham Wandersman, Ph.D.)

Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, New Haven, Connecticut -- July 1984 - June 1985
Position: Clinical Psychology Fellow

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Undergraduate: B.A., Summa Cum Laude

Salutatorian
Phi Beta Kappa
Henry Hanson Scholarship Award
Departmental Honors in Psychology

Graduate: National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship

Postgraduate: Division 27 Award for Best Paper Presentation, American Psychological Association, 1987, (second author).

Fellow, Center for Teaching Effectiveness, University of Delaware, 1988.

Special Summer Research Award from 1949 Alumni class of College of Human Resources, University of Delaware, Honors Day, 1990.

Mortar Board National Honor Society, 1991 (Award for outstanding dedication and service to students)

Selected for Participation: Foundation for Child Development training conference for research with the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth; Family Research Consortium Summer Institute, 1995, 1997; National Conference on Marital and Family Therapy Process & Outcome Research, 1995.

Fellow, American Psychological Association, 1997

Fellow, Division 53 and Division 37, American Psychological Association, 1997

Honorable Mention, Frontiers of Research Symposium, Board on Children, Youth, and Families, National Research Council, 1997.

Elected member, Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family, 1998

Listed in Youth 2000 National Registry (for research in adolescent health)

Fellow, Division 51, American Psychological Association, 2006.

Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award, Individual & Family Studies, 2006.

Outstanding Reviewer, Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies, 2017

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9/85 - 8/86 Staff Psychologist, Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport, Bridgeport, Connecticut

Provided psychological services in an outpatient child mental health facility. Responsibilities included individual therapy, family therapy, marital therapy, parent training, and psycho-diagnostic assessment.

7/84 - 6/85 Psychology Fellow, The Consultation Center, Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut

Developed and provided consultation and preventive mental health services to human service providers and organizations. Provided outpatient psychological services to children, families, and adults in a community mental health center setting. Psychotherapy services involved family therapy and individual child and adult psychodynamic psychotherapy.

8/82 - 5/84 Associate Director of Evaluation Research for the Rural Infant Care Project, Florence, South Carolina

Developed and coordinated research activities for teenage parenting intervention. Trained and supervised staff who conducted observation of mother-infant interaction and who completed interviews with teenage mothers (PI: H. Hines, M.D., Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina). Aim of program was to decrease infant mortality, enhance interaction among teenage mothers and their infants, and improve the adjustment of adolescent mothers.

9/79 - 12/83 Research Associate for NSF grant, "Participation in Block Organizations"

Developed research designs and coordinated data analysis and management (PI: A. Wandersman, Ph.D., University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina).

Grant concerned with the study of informal neighboring, social support and helping behaviors, sense of community, indicators and effects of participation in neighborhood organizations.

8/82 - 6/83 Research staff, Social and Behavioral Sciences Laboratory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

Consulted on research design, statistical analyses, and data management with faculty and students. Extensive experience with preprogrammed statistical packages.

6/81 - 12/82 Assistant Director for NIMH Grant, "Supporting the Development of Mothers and Infants"

Developed assessment instruments; trained and supervised observers of mother-infant interaction and staff who conducted interviews with adolescent mothers; coordinated research activities, data management and analysis (PI: L.P. Wandersman, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina). Parenting program was designed to assess support systems and provide support groups to adolescent mothers having their first child.

9/79 - 12/83 Clinical Staff, Psychological Services Center, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

In conjunction with practica, provided outpatient psychological services to children, adults, and families. Psychodiagnostic, behavioral, and intellectual assessments were also conducted.

9/78 - 8/79 Research Associate for Kellogg Grant, "Child and Family Neighborhood Program," Detroit, Michigan

Developed assessment instruments of parents' social stress and coping styles, and of program development issues such as professional/para-professional socialization (PI: D. Powell, Ph.D., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana). Parent education program with parents of children 0-3 years of age was designed to improve parent-child relations.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Unger, D. G. & Powell, D. R. (1991) (Eds). Families as nurturing systems: Support across the life span. New York: Haworth Press.

Unger, D. G. & Sussman, M. B. (1990) (Eds). Families in community settings: Interdisciplinary perspectives. New York: Haworth Press.

Journal special issue: editor

Unger, D. G. (Ed) (1991). Families and substance abuse prevention. Special issue of Family Resource Coalition Report, v.10.

Chapters

Unger, D. G. & Rich, A. (2014). Parenting as primary prevention, 2nd Ed. In T. Gullotta & M. Bloom (Eds.). New York, NY: Springer.

Trask, B. S. & Unger, D. G. (2012). Empowering girls and women in the developing world: Local solutions to global issues. In J. Hagen & A. Kisubi (Eds.) Best practices in human services. Chicago, IL: Council for Standards in Human Service Education.

Buell, M. J., Gamel-McCormick, M, & Unger, D. G. (2010). Why families should matter for Early Reading First. In M. C. McKenna, S. Walpole, & K. Conradi (Eds), Promoting early reading: Research, resources, and best practices (pp. 164-174). NY: Guilford Press.

Unger, D. G., Cuevas, T. & Woolfolk, T. (2007). Human services and cultural diversity: Tenuous relationships, challenges, and opportunities ahead. In B. Sherif & R.R. Hamon (Ed.), Cultural diversity and families: Expanding perspectives. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

Unger, D. G., Brown, M., Park, E. (2003). Parenting young children: Community based prevention and support interventions. In T. Gullotta & M. Bloom (Eds.), The Encyclopedia of primary prevention and health promotion. NY: Plenum Press.

Jones, W. & Unger, D. G. (2000). In J. F. Gillespie & J. Primavera (Eds.), Diverse families, competent families: Innovations in research and preventive intervention practice (pp. 5-23). NY: Haworth Press.

Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, L. P. (1988). A support program for adolescent mothers: Predictors of participation. In D.R. Powell (Ed.), Parent education and support programs (pp. 105-130). NJ: Ablex.

Articles

Connors-Tadros, L., Hewitt, S., & Unger, D. U. (2012). Promoting collaboration among early childhood and human services national organizations. CSHSE Bulletin, 4, 7.

Woolfolk, T., & Unger, D. G. (2009). Relationships between low-income African American mothers and their home visitors: A parents as teachers program. Family Relations, 58, 188-200.

Ruddy, K., & Unger, D. G. (2008). Supporting a future without adoption: Helping youth leave foster care. Family Focus, 53, 10-12.

Unger, D. G., Woolfolk, T., Harper, V., & Cuevas, T. (2008). A place-based approach to supporting low-income minority children and their families: Including children with disabilities. Australian Community Psychologist, 20, (1), 84-94.

- Unger, D. G., Woolfolk, T., Cuevas, T., & Harper, V. (2008). Community-based after-school inclusive programs for low-income minority youth and their families: The Disability Specialist Approach. Journal of Youth Development, 2, (3).
- Comfort, M., Gordon, P. R., & Unger, D. G. (2006). The Keys to interactive parenting scale: A window into many facets of parenting. Zero to Three, 26, 37-44.
- Unger, D. G., Woolfolk, T., Harper, V., & Cuevas, T. (2006). WANTED: Partnerships between families, schools, and community-based services. Family Focus, 31, 4-5.
- Unger, D. G., Tressell, P. A., Jones, C. W., & Park, E. (2004). Involvement of low-income single caregivers in child-focused early intervention services: Implications for caregiver-child interaction. Family Relations, 53, 210-218.
- Gill, J., Saldarriaga, A., Mainous, A., & Unger, D. & Mainous, A. (2002). Does continuity between prenatal and well-child care improve childhood immunizations? Family Medicine, 34, 274-80.
- Unger, D. G., Jones, W., Park, E., & Tressell, P. A. (2001). Promoting involvement between low income single caregivers and urban early intervention programs. Topics in Early Childhood Education, 21, 197-212.
- Unger, D. G. & Antal, P. (2001). The health of African-American mothers and their infants: What will it take to make a difference? The Community Psychologist, Special Issue: Women's Health and Well-Being, 34, 24-28
- Unger, D. G., Gamel-McCormick, M., Peters, D., & Antal, P. (2000). Child and family services: Translating research into state policy. The Community Psychologist, 32, 30-32.
- Jones, W. & Unger, D. G. (2000). Diverse adaptations of single parent, low-income families with young children: Implications for community-based prevention and intervention. Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community, 20, 5-23.
- Unger, D. G., McLeod, L. E., Brown, M. B., & Tressell, P. A. (2000). The role of family support in interparental conflict and adolescent academic achievement. Journal of Child and Family Studies, 9, 191-202.
- Unger, D. G., Brown, M. B., Tressell, P. A., & McLeod, L. E. (2000). Interparental conflict and adolescent depressed mood: The role of family functioning. Child Psychiatry and Human Development, 31, 23- 41.
- Unger, D. G., Park, E. A., Antal, P., & Tressell, P. A., Rigney, K., DeRasmo, K., & Kassess, J. (2000). Serving children with special social and emotional needs: A practical approach to evaluating prevention programs in schools and community settings. Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation, 11, 273- 296.
- Scheer, S. D. & Unger, D. G. (1998). Russian adolescents in the year of emergent democracy: The role of family environment in substance use and depression. Family Relations, 47, 297-303.
- Scheer, S. D. & Unger, D. G. (1997). Russian adolescent drug use and comparisons to U.S. adolescents. Substance Use and Misuse, 32, 2151-2162.

- Unger, D. G., Jacobs, S. B., & Cannon, C. (1996). Social support and marital satisfaction among couples coping with chronic obstructive airway disease. Journal of Personal and Social Relationships, 13, 123-142.
- Scheer, S. D. & Unger, D. G. (1996). Adolescents becoming adults: Attributes for adulthood. Adolescence, 31, 127-131.
- Unger, D. G. & Jacobs, S. B. (1995). Couples and chronic obstructive airway diseases: The role of gender in coping and depression. Women's Health: Research on Gender, Behavior, and Policy, 1, 237-255.
- Blash, R. & Unger, D. G. (1995). Self-esteem of African-American male adolescents: self-esteem and ethnic identity. Journal of Child and Family Studies, 4, 359-374.
- Scheer, S. D. & Unger, D. G. (1995). Parents' perceptions of their adolescence: Implications for parent-youth conflict and family satisfaction. Psychological Reports, 76, 131-136.
- Griffiths, D. & Unger, D. G. (1994). Views about permanency planning for families with adult children with mental retardation. Family Relations, 43, 221-227.
- Unger, D. G. & Cooley, M. (1992). Partner and grandmother contact in black and white teen parent families. Journal of Adolescent Health, 13, 546-552.
- Unger, D. G., Wandersman, A., & Hallman, W. (1992). Coping with living near a hazardous waste facility: Individual and family distress. American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 1992, 62, 55-70.
- Unger, D. G. (1991). Involving families in substance abuse prevention: a multilevel approach. Family Resource Coalition Report, 10.
- Nelson, P., Gibbs, O., Unger, D. G. (1991). Families Matter: A substance abuse prevention program for inner city families. Family Resource Coalition Report, 10.
- Cooley, M. & Unger, D. (1991). The role of family support in determining developmental outcomes in children of teen mothers. Child Psychiatry and Human Development, 21, 217-234.
- Unger, D. G. & Sussman, M. B. (1990). A community perspective on families. Marriage and Family Review, 15, 1-18.
- Unger, D. G. & Powell, D. R. (1990). Families as nurturing systems: An introduction. Prevention in Human Services, 9, 1-17.
- Unger, D. G. & Nelson, P. (1990). Evaluating community based parenting programs: Success and lessons learned from empowering parents of adolescents. Journal of Applied Social Sciences, 15, 125-152.
- Unger, D. G. & Cooley, M. (1990). Families of adolescent parents: Predictors of developmental problems. Resources in Education (ERIC), ED 322422.
- Unger, D. G. (1988). Differences in participation in a support program for adolescent mothers. Resources in Education (ERIC), ED 294083.
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, L. P. (1988). The relation of family and partner support to the adjustment of adolescent mothers. Child Development, 59, 1056-1060.

- Deiner, P., Wilson, N. & Unger, D. G. (1988). Motivations and characteristics of families who adopt special needs children. Topics in Early Childhood Special Education, 8, 15-29.
- Unger, D. G., Deiner, P., & Wilson, N. (1988). Families who adopt children with special needs. Children and Youth Services Review, 10, 317-328.
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, A. (1985). The importance of neighbors: The social, cognitive, and affective components of neighboring. American Journal of Community Psychology, 13, 139-170.
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, L. P. (1985). Social support and adolescent mothers: Action research contributions to theory and practice. Journal of Social Issues, 41, 29-46.
- REPRINTED IN: 'Ist Geben seliger als Nehmen?- Frauen und Social Support,'
C. Schmerl & F Nestmann (Eds), Frankfurt: Campus Verlag. (Translation: Is giving better than receiving? Women and social support).
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, A. (1983). Neighboring and its role in block organizations: An exploratory report. American Journal of Community Psychology, 11(3), 291-300.
- Jacobs, S., Unger, D. G., Striegel-Moore, R., & Kimbrell, C. D. (1983). Mature students: Providing the support they need. Journal of College Student Personnel, 24(4), 372-374.
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, A. (1981). Neighboring in an urban environment. American Journal of Community Psychology, 10(5), 493-509.
- Wandersman, A. & Unger, D. G. (1981). Environmental psychology/environmental design. Division of Community Psychology Newsletter, 1980, 13(3), 6-7. Reprinted in Social Ecology Resources Exchange.
- Unger, D. G. & Powell, D. R. (1980). Supporting families under stress: The role of social networks. Family Relations, 29, 566-574.

Technical reports

- Unger et al (2004). New Communities After School Project Annual Evaluation Report 2003-2004. Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Unger et al (2004). Project Children's Health Achievement, Nutrition, & Community Empowerment (C.H.A.N.C.E.): Annual Report 2003-2004. Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Unger et al (2004). Sussex First Time Families and DPH Home Visiting Program: Preliminary Report. Newark, DE: University of Delaware
- Harper, V., Unger, D. G., Mejia, T., Brooks, T., Woolfolk, T., Tressell, P. A. (2004) Disability Specialists: An overview of a family-community-school intervention. Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Unger, D. G. (2004). After School Inclusion Project Final Report: A Project of National Significance. Newark, DE: Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Delaware.
- Unger, D. G. (2003). Family support initiative: Final Report. Newark, DE: Center for Disabilities Studies, University of Delaware.
- Unger, D. G. et al. (2001). Home visiting evaluation and training: Final report. Center for Disabilities Studies, Newark, DE: University of Delaware.

- Unger, D. G. & Brown, P. (2001). Parent education and support: Fifteen years of Recommendations waiting to be implemented. Center for Disabilities Studies, Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Unger, D. G., Antal, P., Tressell, P., & Park, E. (1997). The Resource Center Project of the Delawareans United to Prevent Child Abuse (DUPCA): Evaluation report. Department of Individual & Family Studies, Newark, DE: University of Delaware.
- Jones, C. W. & Unger, D. G. (1996). Single parents and early intervention: Participation and goodness of fit. Final Report. Grant MCJ-420598-04. Maternal and Child Health Research Program. Maternal and Child Health Bureau.
- Unger, D. G. (1989). Evaluation Report for the Wilmington Cluster Against Substance Abuse (WCASA): The Youth Connection and Families Matter! Department of Individual & Family Studies, Newark, DE: University of Delaware.

Book reviews

- Unger, D. G. (1995). Review of: Cognitive behavioral strategies in crisis intervention. Family Relations.
- Unger, D. G. (1994). Review of Family therapy: Fundamentals of theory and practice Family Relations.
- Scheer, S. & Unger, D. G. (1992). Review of Moving to nowhere: Children's stories of homelessness. Child, Youth, and Family Services Quarterly, 15, 14.
- Unger, D. G. (1989). Review of The ecology of prevention: Illustrating mental health consultation. The Community Psychologist, 22, 12-13.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

- Unger, D. G. Development and evaluation of community based programs for at risk children and their families: challenges and recommendations

PAPERS PRESENTED: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

- Connors-Tadros, L., Hewitt, S., & Unger, D. U. (2012, June). Promoting collaboration among early childhood and human services national organizations. Paper presented at the National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development/NAEYC, Milwaukee, WI.
- Unger, D. G. (2006, October). Promoting family involvement by embracing diversity. Keynote presentation at the Annual Family Involvement Conference, Lake Harmony, PA.
- Woolfolk, T. and Unger, D. G. (2006, November). Exploring the diversity of parent-educator relationships among African-American mother of young children: One size does not fit all. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Holbert, R. & Unger, D. G. (2006, November). Incorporating the voices of residents in an implementation evaluation of a family homeless shelter. Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association, Seattle, WA.

- Fleury-Steiner, R., Unger, D. G., Brady, L. T., & St. Clair-Christman, J. (2005, May). Building stronger bridges between research and action: Exemplars from violence in the family. Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Champaign-Urban, IL.
- Woolfolk, T. & Unger, D. G. (2004, November). Perceptions of African American mothers involved in Parents as Teachers. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
- Cornwell, J., Lewis, L., Wheatley, B., & Unger, D. G. (2003). A home based family support program for first time parents. Paper presented at the annual conference of Zero to Three, New Orleans, LA.
- Denson, C., Gamel-McCormick, M., Ellis, T., and Unger, D. G. (2002, October). Including disabilities in undergraduate human service curriculum. Paper presented at annual conference of the National Human Service Education Association, Providence, RI.
- Park, L. & Unger, D. G. (2002, June). Identifying needs of low income, single caregivers with young children with special needs. Paper presented at the National Head Start Association Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Park, L. & Unger, D. G. (2001, November). Establishing partnerships with African-American single parents with young children with special needs. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations, Rochester, NY.
- Unger, D. G. (2001, June). Mutual concerns when collaborating with state/community directed funded projects. Workshop/Paper presented at the Society for Community Research and Action, Atlanta, GA.
- Gill, J., Saldarriaga, A., Unger, D. & Mainous, A., (2001, April). Does continuity between prenatal and pediatric care improve childhood immunizations? Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Denver, CO.
- Comfort, M., Jones, C. W., & Unger, D. G. (2000, June). Assessment of parent-child play: Refining the parent/caregiver involvement scale for providers. Paper presented at the Head Start National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Jones, C. W. and Unger, D. G. (2000, June). Mental health needs of single parent caregivers: Implications for service delivery. Paper presented at the Head Start National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Unger, D. G. (1999, November). Empowerment evaluation: Issues and directions for the future (Symposia). American Evaluation Association, Orlando, FL.
- Unger, D. G. (1999, June). Collaborating with state agencies: Child and family programs. Symposia at the 7th Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Brown, M., Nelson, P., Angelet, G., Unger, D. G., and Antal, P. (1999, June). Ensuring quality in parent education and support services: Translating research into state policy. Paper presented at the 7th Biennial Conference on Community Research and Action, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Unger, D. G., McLeod, L., Brown, M., Tressell, P., & Sowden, T. (1997, November). Interparental conflict, coping styles, and youth adjustment. Paper presented at the Annual National Council on Family Relations Conference, Arlington, VA.

- Unger, D. G., Brown, M., & McLeod, L. (1997, May). The role of family functioning and community support in mediating the relation of interparental conflict with adjustment. Paper presented at the Family Research Summer Institute, San Antonio, TX.
- Unger, D. G. (1996). Policies to strengthen the “right” type of families: Implications for social policy, preventive interventions, and research. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Kansas City, MO.
- Unger, D. G. & Jones, W. J. (1996, June). Cultivating positive family-professional partnerships: Single parent involvement in early childhood programs. Paper presented at the National Head Start Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Scheer, S. D. & Unger, D. G. (1996, March). Russian adolescents in the post-Gorbachev era: The role of family environment, drug use and depression. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Boston, MA.
- Brown, M. B. & Unger, D. G. (1996, March). Direct and indirect effects of interparental conflict and adolescent-parent conflict on self-concept development in adolescents. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Boston, MA.
- Griffiths, D, Unger, D. G., & Waanders, C. (1995, June). Early intervention and families of children with special needs: Implications for program evaluation. Paper presented at the Society for Community Research and Action Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Scheer, S., Unger, D. G. & Brown, M. (1994, February). Adolescents becoming adults: Attributes for adulthood. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society of Research on Adolescence. San Diego, CA.
- Brown, M. & Unger, D. G. (1994, February). Family processes as mediators of the effect of interparental conflict on self-concept development. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society of Research on Adolescence. San Diego, CA.
- Cannon, C. & Unger, D. G. (1993, October). Couples coping with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Paper presented at the Coping with Illness: Process and Outcome Conference. University of Rochester Medical Center, NY.
- Scheer, S. & Unger, D. G. (1993). Parental perceptions of their adolescence: Parent-teen conflict and family satisfaction. Paper presented at the Annual National Council on Family Relations conference. Baltimore, MD.
- Scheer, S. D. & Unger, D. G. (1992, November). The 1990's New York City family social worker: An exploration of job stress and coping. Paper presented at the annual National Council on Family Relations Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Unger, D. G. & Brown, M. (1992, August). Sources of support for adolescents: The role of gender and interparental conflict. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Brown, M. B. & Unger, D. G. (1992, March). Non-family, peer, and school support for youth in families experiencing conflict. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Washington, DC.

- Blash, R. & Unger, D. G. (1992, March). Cultural factors and the self-esteem and aspirations of African - American adolescent males. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Washington, DC.
- Jones, C. W. & Unger, D. G. (1991). Cultivating family-professional partnerships: Obstacles and opportunities. Paper presented at the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs conference, Washington, DC.
- Unger, D. G., Wandersman, A., Hallman, W., & Brown, M. (1990, August). Families in distress: Living near a hazardous waste facility. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Unger, D. G. & Cooley, M. (1990, March). Families of adolescent parents: Predictors of developmental outcomes. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Atlanta, GA.
- Unger, D. G. & Nelson, P. (1989, June). The community context of parenting: Empowering parents. Paper presented at the Biennial Community Research and Action Conference, East Lansing, MI.
- Unger, D. G. & Nelson, P. (1989, March). Preventing youth substance abuse: A support program for parents. Paper presented at the American Orthopsychiatric Association, New York, NY.
- Wilson, N. J., Deiner, P. L., & Unger, D. G. (1988, November). Parents with addictions: What happens to their children when parental rights are terminated? Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations, Philadelphia, PA.
- Nelson, P. & Unger, D. (1988, November). Family education and involvement in drug abuse prevention programs. Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations, Philadelphia, PA.
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, L. P. (1987, September). Differences in participation in a support program for adolescent mothers. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Wandersman, A., Unger, D. G., Florin, P., & Chavis, D. (1987, September). Effects of citizen participation: Impacts of block level community development. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- Wandersman, L. P. & Unger, D. G. (1987, May). Prenatal care for adolescent mothers. Conference by invitation, Committee on Outreach for Prenatal Care, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC.
- Wandersman, L. P. & Unger, D. G. (1985, April). Social support and adolescent mothers: Matching programs to context. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Toronto, Canada.
- Wandersman, L. P. & Unger, D. G. (1985, April). Grandmothers, teenage mothers, and grandchildren: Balancing independence and dependence. Paper presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Toronto, Canada.
- Wandersman, A. & Unger, D. G. (1984, August). The effects of citizen participation in block organizations. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, A. (1984, July). Relationships among neighbors: Towards a taxonomy of the social, cognitive, and affective dimension of neighboring. Paper presented at the International Conference on Personal Relationships, Madison, WI.

Unger, D. G. & Wandersman, L. P. (1983, October). Evaluating outcomes of a support program for rural adolescent mothers: Strategies and limitations. Paper presented at the Joint Conference of the Evaluation Research Society and the Evaluation Network, Chicago, IL.

Wandersman, L. P. & Unger, D. G. (1983, April). Interaction of infant difficulty and social support in adolescent mothers. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development, Detroit, MI.

McClure, L., Unger, D. G., & Athey, J. (1982, August). Community psychology research base: A survey of present difficulties and future strategies. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

PAPERS PRESENTED: REGIONAL

Unger, D. G. (2000, April). Developing community based child abuse prevention programs in Delaware. Paper presented at the Delaware Prevention Forum, Creating Safe Harbors. Dewey Beach, DE.

Unger, D. G. (1997, June). A family strengths approach to working with families. Paper presented at the statewide Home Visitors Conference, Department of Public Health. Dover, DE.

Unger, D. G. (1997, April). Providing early intervention services to children in low income, single parent families. Paper presented as part of the Department of Psychology Colloquium series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

Unger, D. G. (1996, June). Effective collaboration with individuals, schools, and their communities. Paper presented at the statewide Child, Youth, and Family Services conference. Dover, DE.

Unger, D. G. (1992, October). Developing partnerships with teen parents. Paper presented at the Infant/Toddler Symposium of the Region III Head Start Resource and Training Center, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

Unger, D. G. (1990, October). Strengthening families and their communities: The family-community connection. Paper presented at the Northeast Community Psychology Conference, Burlington, VT.

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E-portfolio and Curriculum Assessment. Co-Principal Investigator, 2010-2011. University of Delaware: Center for Teaching Effectiveness.

Graduate Education Improvement Grant. Co-Principal Investigator, 2009-2011. University of Delaware: Center for Teaching Effectiveness.

After School Program Evaluation. Co-Principal Investigator, 2003-2004. Department of Education, State of Delaware.

Family Support Initiative: Families with members with disabilities. Principal Investigator, 2002-2003. Health & Human Services/Developmental Disabilities.

After School Inclusion Project. Principal Investigator, 2003-2004. Health and Human Services/Developmental Disabilities.

Evaluation of a statewide parent education program: Parents as Teachers. Principal Investigator. Awarded by the Department of Education, State of Delaware, 2000-2004.

Home visiting evaluation model for statewide services. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by the Office of Prevention and Early Intervention, Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families, State of Delaware, 2000-2001.

Wilmington Healthy Start: A community-based initiative to prevent infant mortality and support healthy families. Evaluation funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and Christiana Health Care System. Principal investigator for evaluation. 1997-2001.

Assessment of low income families in a state-wide home visiting program. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by the State of Delaware, Department of Services for Children, Youth, and their Families, 1996-1997.

Evaluation of the Resource Center Program for Children and their Families. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by the NCCAN and Delawarean's United to Prevent Child Abuse, 1995-96.

Single Parents and EIPs: Participation and Goodness of Fit. Co-Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by Maternal and Child Health Bureau, 1990-1996, with C. Wayne Jones, Ph.D. (Philadelphia Child Guidance Center) for 6 years to study "Early intervention programs and single parents: Parent participation and goodness of fit."

The Adolescent Support Project. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by the Good Samaritan Foundation, Inc., 1991-94.

The Adolescent Support Project. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by the 1949 Alumni Class of College of Human Resources, University of Delaware, 1990.

Children of Adolescent Parents: Predictors of Developmental Outcome. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by University of Delaware General University Research Fund, 1989.

Social Support and Couples Coping with Chronic Illness. Co-Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by Delaware Lung Association, 1989, with S. B. Jacobs (Medical Center of Delaware).

Children of the NLSY (National Longitudinal Survey of Youth). Principal Investigator. Funded by the Foundation for Child Development for participation in week long training seminar for the investigation of the developmental outcomes of children of teen parents using the NLSY, 1988.

Improvement of Instruction Grant. Grant awarded by the Center for Teaching Effectiveness, University of Delaware, for instructional innovation, 1988.

Social Support and Adolescent Pregnancy. Principal Investigator. Grant awarded by University of Delaware General University Research Fund, 1987.

Special Needs Adoption. Co-Principal Investigator. Contract with Delaware Department of Services for Children, Youth, and Their Families, 1987, with P. Deiner, University of Delaware.

Evaluation of the Resource Mother Program. Co-Principal Investigator. Council for Rural Improved Births (Florence, South Carolina) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 1982-1983 (with H. Hines, M.D., Medical University of South Carolina; and L. Wandersman, Ph.D., University of South Carolina School for Medicine, Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health).

EDITORIAL & REVIEWER ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board: Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies (1993-present)
Children's Services: Social Policy, Research and Practice (1996-2000)
Marriage and Family Review (1990-1998)

Occasional Journal Reviewer for:

Child Development
Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology
American Journal of Community Psychology
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Journal of Adolescent Health
Evaluation Practice
Prevention in Human Services
Children and Youth Services Review
Journal of Pediatric Psychology

Grant Reviewer for:

Administration on Children Youth and Families (ACYF)
 National Science Foundation
 Head Start
 NIH Grant Reviewer (R01's, R03's), Washington, DC.

Book Review Editor: Child, Youth, and Family Services Quarterly, a publication of Division 37, American Psychological Association (1991- 1997).

UNIVERSITY AND NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Council for Standards in Human Services Education
 Executive Committee (2012-2017)
 Board Member (2006-2017)

University of Delaware Institutional Review Board: Member (2006-2012)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association, Divs 20, 27, 37, 43, 53.
Association for Behavioral & Cognitive Therapies
National Council on Family Relations
Society for Contextual Behavioral Science

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Child and family support, childhood disabilities, empowerment, and preventive interventions
Social support, stress, and family coping
Program evaluation and program development/translational research
The parent/family/community interface: Implications for optimizing parental involvement in child, youth, and family human service delivery systems