

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Wheeler, Barbara Yoshioka	POSITION TITLE Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, USC Keck School of Medicine Associate Director, USC UCEDD		
EDUCATION/TRAINING			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
University of California, San Francisco, CA	B.S.	1971	Nursing
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	M.A.	1975	Early Childhood Special Ed.
University of Illinois, Urbana- Champaign/ UCLA joint program	Ph.D.	1980	Special Education Minor: Research Methods

A. Personal Statement

I have an undergraduate in Nursing and a doctorate in Special Education which has provided me with a broad background to work in the field of developmental disabilities. I began my career developing model programs directed at addressing barriers to full community inclusion for individuals with intellectual and related disabilities. The last twenty years of my work has focused almost exclusively on strengthening the parent and consumer voice in systems reform, and on understanding and addressing disparities in services for individuals with DD and their families from culturally and linguistically diverse groups. Beginning with black infant mortality research at Charles Drew Medical School in the 80s, my most recent work focused on increasing the representation of Hispanic families in bio-medical research on Autism Spectrum Disorders with Dr. Clara Lajonchere, Vice President of Clinical Programs for Autism Speaks and Research Clinical Professor at the University of Southern California Viterbi School of Engineering and community partner Irene Martinez, Executive Director of Fiesta Educativa. Our two NIH grants have documented the social and scientific benefits of collaborating with minority community-based organizations to engage Hispanic families with one or more children with ASD in bio-medical research. While our focus was on Autism in these two projects, our methodology has potential applicability to human subject research on any disorder where there is a need to increase the participation of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups. A current strong interest is creating a pipeline to bring more culturally and linguistically diverse students into higher education populate the workforce of DD, healthcare, and related systems and American universities with qualified faculty who reflect the rapidly changing demographics of our nation

B. Positions and Honors

Academic Appointments

1992-1994	Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, USC Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
1986--1995	Assistant Clinical Professor of Nursing, UCLA, Westwood, CA
1988--1995	Adjunct Professor, Department of Nursing, California State University, Long Beach, CA
1996--2004	Part-time Faculty, Department of Special Education, Cal. State University Dominguez Hills, Los Angeles, CA
1995--present	Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, USC Keck School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA
2003--2007	Adjunct Faculty, USC Rossier School of Education, Los Angeles, CA
2007	Adjunct Faculty, USC School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA
2012--present	Lead Faculty, Minor in Developmental Disabilities, College of Health and Human Services, California State University Los Angeles, CA

Employment/Extramural Grants/Contracts Administration

- 1972 – 1974 Nursing Supervisor, Springfield Regional Diagnostic Clinic and Residential Facility for Individuals with Mental Retardation, Springfield, MO
- 1980 – 1982 Project Coordinator, Maternal/Infant Care Project, UCEDD
- 1986–1996 Director of Training in Nursing, USC UAP (UCEDD)
- 1988 – 1990 Evaluation Staff, Healthy Black Babies Project, Watts Health Foundation/King-Drew Medical Center. PI: Bruce Allen, Dr.PH.
- 1993 - 1996 Evaluation Consultant, *Cal. Department of Health Services/Black Infant Health Programs*
- 1995 – present Associate Director, USC UAP (UCEDD)
- 1996–2013 Director of Training in Special Education, USC UCEDD
- 1997 – 2001 Principal Investigator, The California Personal Assistance Services Consumer Co-op Project, *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Independent Choices Grant*
- 1999 – 2002 Principal Investigator, Evaluation of the Impact of WIC 4681.4 (Rate Increase) on Staff Turnover for Direct Support Professionals in Licensed Community Care Facilities for People with Developmental Disabilities, *California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)*
- 2003 – 2005 Evaluation Consultant, Healthy Athlete's Initiative, *Special Olympics of Southern California*
- 2003 – 2007 Project Director, Project GUIDE: The Crime Victims with Disabilities Training Project. *U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women*
- 2004 – 2006 Project Director, Opening Doors to Multi-cultural Communities, *California Endowment*
- 2004 – 2008 National Advisory Board, RRTC on Aging and Disability, Rancho Los Amigos
- 2006 – 2007 Project Director, Building Connections to Healthcare for Minorities with Disabilities, *L.A. Care--Community Based Prevention and Wellness Programs for People with Disabilities.*
- 2006-- present Chair/Vice Chair, Multi-Cultural Council, Association of University Centers on Disabilities
- 2008 – 2010 Children's Justice Act Task Force, California Emergency Management Agency
- 2008 – 2013 Board Member, Association of University Centers on Disability
- 2009--2010 Project Director, Exploring Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, for Students with Disabilities. *State Council on Developmental Disabilities.*
- 2009--2010 California Core Team, MCHB Diversity Peer Learning Collaborative, Maternal Child Health Bureau
- 2009--2012 PI, USC UCEDD/CSULA Minority Partnership Grant. *Administration on Dev. Disabilities.*
- 2011 – 2012 PI, Exploring Careers in Maternal Child Health and Neuro-developmental Disabilities. *California Office of State Health Planning and Development, Workforce Dev. Division.*
- 2011 – 2016 Co-Investigator, Maternal Child Health Careers/Research In Scientific Advancement (MCHC/RISE-UP) –Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program, *CDC Office of Minority Health and Health Equity*

Honors

- 1971 Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing Honorary
- 1995 - 2000 President's Committee on Mental Retardation
- 1998 Jarrett Cole Award for Outstanding Clinical Support and Service in the field of Fragile X Syndrome
- 1999 Apple of Our Eye Recognition for Innovative Educator, Dayle McIntosh Center for Indep. Living
- 2012 Distinguished Professional Award. Family Resource Centers Network of California.
- 2012 Certificate of Recognition. Task Force on Equity and Diversity for Regional Center Autism Services. California Senate Select Committee on Autism and Related Disorders (Darryl Steinberg, Senate Pro Tempore). Sacramento, CA.
- 2013 Leadership in Diversity Award, Multi-Cultural Council of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities.

Advisory Boards and Community Service

- 2001-2004 Member, Last Passages, End of Life Care for People with Developmental Disabilities, Volunteers of America
- 2011-2013 Member, Legislative and Public Policy Committee, State Council on DD
- 2011-present Member, Employment First Committee, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- 2012 Subject Matter Expert Panel, Victim/Witness Advocate Training Curriculum Development, California Crime Victims Assistance Association and the California District Attorneys Association

- 2012- 2014 Member, University Advisory Board, School Reintegration Project—Outcome 7 of the Modified Consent Decree. Los Angeles Unified School District, Division of Special Education
- 2013-present Member, Board of Directors, Human Services Research Institute, Cambridge, Mass.

C. Selected peer-reviewed publications (in chronological order)

1. Gandara P, Keogh BK, **Yoshioka-Maxwell B.** (1980). Predicting academic performance of Anglo and Mexican-American kindergarten children. *Psychology in the Schools*, 1980; 17:174-177.
2. Fleming J., Challela, M, Eland J, Hornick, R, Johnson P, Martinson I, Nativio D, Nokes K, Riddle I, Steele N, Sudela K, Thomas R, Turner Q, **Yoshioka Wheeler B**, Young A. (1994). Impact on the Family of Children who are Technology Dependent and Cared for in the Home. *Pediatric Nursing*, 1994; 20(4):379-388.
3. Smith K, **Wheeler BKY**, Pilecki P, Parker T. (1995). The role of the pediatric nurse practitioner in educating teens with mental retardation about sex. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 1995; 9(2):59-67.
4. Lakin KC, Gardner J, Larson S, **Wheeler B.** Access and support for community lives, homes, and social roles. In K. Lakin & A.Turnbull (Eds.) *National Goals and Research for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (pp. 179-215). Washington, D.C.: AAMR, 2005.
5. **Wheeler, B.Y.**, McGough, D., Goldfarb, F. (in press). The Exceptional Family Member Program: Helping Special Needs Children in Military Families. In A. Rubin, E.L. Weiss, J.E. Coll (Eds). *Handbook of Military Social Work*, NY: John Wiley & Sons.
6. Peterson-Besse, J.J., Walsh, E.S., Horner-Johnson, W., Goode, T.D., & **Wheeler, B. (2014)**. Barriers to health care among people with disabilities who are members of underserved racial/ethnic groups: A scoping review of the literature. *Medical Care*, 52(10), Suppl 3, S51-S63.

Book Chapters

1. Fleming J., Challela, M., Eland, J., Hornick, R., Johnson, P., Martinson, I., Nativio, D., Nokes, K., Riddle, I., Steele, N., Sudela, K., Thomas, R., Turner, Q., **Yoshioka Wheeler, B.**, & Young, A. (1994). Impact on the Family of Children who are Technology Dependent and Cared for in the Home. *Handbook of Infant Apnea and Home Monitoring*, Vol. II, National Association of Apnea Professionals, 1996.
2. Lakin, K.C., Gardner, J., Larson, S. and **Wheeler, B.** (2005). Access and support for community lives, homes, and social roles. In K. Lakin & A.Turnbull (Eds.) *National Goals and Research for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (pp. 179-215). Washington, D.C.: AAMR.
3. **Wheeler, B.**, McGough, D., & Goldfarb, F. The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP): Military Policy and Practice (2012). In A. Rubin, E. Weiss, J. Coll, (Eds). *Understanding and Intervening with Military Personnel and Their Families: A Handbook for Social Workers*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., pp 359-382.
4. **Wheeler, B.**, Lyle, A.D., Arnold, K., Williams, M., Imagawa, K.K., & Kim, M.A. (in press). Social Work Practice with Individuals with DD and their families—Individual, Family, Community and Systems Issues. In E. Weiss & E. Rice (Eds.) *Social Work Practice in Health, Mental Health & Communities: A Meta-framework for Micro, Mezzo, Macro and Global Action*. Sage Publications.

D. Research Support (relevant)

Current Research Support

- 2012—2017 USC University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Services. Role: Co-PI/Associate Director/Focus Area Lead for Racial Disparities. *AIDD*.
- 2011—2016 LA Site Director, Maternal Child Health Careers/Research Initiatives for Student Enhancement (MCHC/RISE-UP). (PI: Harolyn Belcher, MD, PI, Kennedy Krieger Institute, Johns Hopkins U.). CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity. 7U50MN000025-02

Completed Research Support

- 1992 - 1993 Evaluation Consultant, Healthy Black Babies Project, Watts Health Foundation/King-Drew Medical Center

- 1993 - 1996 Evaluation of California Black Infant Health Program, CA. DHS/Black Infant Health Programs
- 1999 – 2002 PI, Evaluation of the Impact of WIC 4681.4 (Rate Increase) on Staff Turnover for Direct Support Professionals in Licensed Community Care Facilities for People with Developmental Disabilities, CA Dept. of Developmental Services
- 2003 – 2004 PI, A follow-up study of PDF Grantees, Cycle XX-XXII, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
- 2008 – 2010 Co-PI, A Model for inclusion of Minorities in Genetic Research, NIHGRI, 1R03HG005042-01
- 2009 – 2012 Co-Investigator, Project Intersect: Addressing Health Disparities at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity and Disability, AUCD RTOI (Centers for Disease Control, Willi Horner Johnson, OHSU, PI)
- 2009 – 2012 Co-PI, Disseminating Scientific Information on Autism to the Latino Community. NIMH 1 RC1 MH088600 (PI: C. Lajonchere)

Presentations (current and recent past)

1. **Wheeler, B.Y.**, Cooper, E., Kidney, C., Stack, E., Horner-Johnson, W., and Jones, W. *People at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity and Disability: First-person Perceptions of Accessing Healthcare*. Presented at Health Disparities Research at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Disability: A National Conference, Washington D.C., April 24-25, 2013
2. Banh, T.V., Casas-Sarmiento, E., Hornberger, K., & **Wheeler, B.Y.** *Your Communities' Rights to Regional Center Services*. Supported Life Institute, Sacramento, CA. October 10, 2013.
3. Horner-Johnson, W., Goode, T., Fujiura, G., **Wheeler, B.Y.**, Walker, R. *Health and healthcare disparities at the intersection of race, ethnicity, and disability*. Presented at Promoting Inclusion in an Increasingly Diverse World, Annual Conference of the Association of University Centers on Disability, Washington D.C., November 17-20, 2013
4. Belcher, H., Stone, J., McFadden, J., Harris, L., **Wheeler, B.**, Yorker, B., Hoffman, B., Van Osdel, J., Hemmingson, T., & Turner-Musa, J. (2014). Promoting a Diverse Public Health Workforce through Mentoring. In Dominguez, N. & Gandert, Y. (Eds.). *7th Annual Mentoring Conference Proceedings: Developmental Networks: Mentoring and Coaching at Work*. Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico.
5. **Wheeler, B.Y.** *How does the changing racial and ethnic demographics of the US impact the DD service system. Closing Plenary*. Reinventing Quality 2014—Ensuring Quality in Rapidly Changing Times, Baltimore, MD., **August 5, 2014**. Over 300 Attendees. (Sponsors: National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS), Research and Training Center on Community Living at the University of Minnesota, Human Services Research Institute (HSRI), University of Delaware National Leadership Consortium, American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), and American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)).
6. **Wheeler, B.Y.** & Yorker, B. *Race-based leadership training: Lessons from the CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars program*. California Health Professions Consortium 6th Annual Conference: Leading Successful Collaborations to Strengthen Health Pathway Programs & Build Regional Pathway Systems. **October 30-31, 2014**. Oakland, CA.
7. Burton-Hoyle, S., Hinkle, S., Lapin, H., **Wheeler, B. Y.**, Vanaman, V., & Danneker, M. **Closing Plenary** - *Dreaming big and avoiding pitfalls: Working together to make the self-determination program a success*. Respecting Choice, Creating Innovation, and Fulfilling Dreams--A Statewide Informational and Networking Conference on California's New Self-Determination Program. (Wheeler topic: Self-determination is one answer to racial/ethnic disparities in regional center Purchase of Service expenditures). Los Angeles, CA. **November 7-8, 2014**. Over 400 Attendees.
8. Huynh, S., Vanderbilt, D., Wu, S., **Wheeler, B.Y.** *Increasing the screening rate of Autism in the Chinese-American community in the Los Angeles Area*. Submitted to Pediatric Academic Societies 2015 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 25-28, 2015.