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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**EDUCATION**

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK  
Graduation: December 2004  
Major: Psychology  
Degree Earned: B. A.

Wichita State University, Wichita, KS  
Expected Graduation: May 2009  
Major: Community Psychology  
Degree Expected: Ph. D. in Community Psychology

**PROFFESIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Crisis Counselor**

Number NYNE Crisis Hotline, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. (2003-2004).  
Responsibilities: Attend crisis counseling training, Provide support to callers, offer referral information, promote Number Nyne services campus-wide, and recruit volunteers

**Office Assistant**

University of Oklahoma Counseling and Testing Services, Norman, OK. (2003-2004).  
Supervisor: Stephanie Porterfield, Psy.D.  
Responsibilities: Develop informational material on mental health issues for distribution in Counseling and Testing Center, promote the OU Outreach Center at various university events, and create PowerPoint presentations for Student Success Series

**Intern- Public Awareness**

National Mental Health Association, Alexandria, VA. (Summer 2004).  
Supervisor: Hazel Moran

Responsibilities: Assist at annual NMHA conference, create fact sheets for Back to School and Mpower projects, attend press conferences on mental health issues in Washington, DC

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Self-Help Network, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas. (Fall 2005-present).

Supervisor: Greg Meissen, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Assist on Consumer-Run Organization (CRO) research initiative, help write and edit research articles for publication, take a lead role on the organizational assessment of CROs, conduct ongoing research on the technical assistance provided to CROs, help write, and/or edit grants related to the CRO research initiative, and participate in Self-Help Network staff development activities, including taking a lead role in the development of the staff appraisal process and participating in the hiring process

Projects: Self-Help Network Track and Trend Reports: 2003 to 2006  
Flying in Formation Focus Groups and Final Report  
Organizational Assessments of Consumer-Run Organizations  
Mid-American Credit Union Listening Groups and Final Report  
Self-Help Network Staff Development Project

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Manuscripts Submitted and in Preparation**

Wituk, S., Vu, C., Brown, L., & Meissen, G. Organizational Capacity Needs of Consumer-Run Organizations. Manuscript submitted to Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research journal and under peer review.

Vu, C. Intersubjectivity in Consumer-Run Organizations: Implications for Effective Practices. Manuscript in Preparation.

### **Published Reports**

Wituk, S. & Vu, C. (2006). Flying in Formation. Report generated for the Wichita Chamber of Commerce.

Vu, C., Shepherd, M., Wituk, S., & Meissen, G. (2006). Self-Help Network Center for Community Support and Research Track and Trend Report: FY2003 to FY2005. Report generated for Social Rehabilitative Services.

Vu, C., Wituk, S., & Meissen, G. (2007). Self-Help Network Center for Community Support and Research Track and Trend Report: FY2004 to FY2006. Report generated for Social Rehabilitative Services.

## **GRANT RELATED ACTIVITIES**

2005-present            Research Associate, Promoting Effective Practices for Kansas Consumer-Run Organizations (NIMH). This study is a mixed-method study examining the characteristics of members at consumer-run organizations, as well as the organizational characteristics of individual organizations. Self-Help Network: Center for Community Support and Research at Wichita State University.

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Vu, C.** , Shepherd, M., Wituk, S., & Meissen, G. (April 2006). Hand In Hand: Supporting the Development of Organizations Run By People with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness. Poster presented at the Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium. Wichita, KS.

Reinhart, C., Shagott, T., **Vu, C.**, Wituk, S., & Meissen, G. (June 2006). Individual and Organizational Characteristics That Relate to Coping. Poster presented at the International Conference for Community Psychology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Reinhart, C., Shagott, T., Brown, L., **Vu, C.**, Wituk, S., & Meissen, M. (February 2007). Evaluation of Outcomes Related to Participation in Consumer-Run Organizations. Poster presented at the Seventeenth Annual Conference on State Mental Health Agency Services Research, Program Evaluation, and Policy. Washington, D.C.

Shagott, T., **Vu, C.**, Wituk, S., & Meissen, G. (April 2007). Evaluating Differences Between Members of Consumer-Run Organizations. Poster presented at the Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium. Wichita, KS.

Shagott, T., **Vu, C.**, Reinhart, C., Wituk, S., & Meissen, G. (June 2007). Evaluating the Impact of Consumer-Run Organizations on Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities. Poster presented at the Society for Community Research and Action Conference. Pasadena, CA.

Wituk, S., Meissen, G., Reinhart, C., Gregory, T., Shagott, T., **Vu, C.**, & Ealey, S. (June 2007). Building the Capacity of Nonprofit Organizations: An Application of Community Psychology Principles. Presentation at the Society for Community Research and Action Conference. Pasadena, CA.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Student Companion- University of Oklahoma**

Griffin Memorial Hospital, Norman, OK. (Spring 2004).

Responsibilities:            Visit patients twice per week, attend weekly activities and classes in the inpatient psychiatric ward, and complete weekly observation reports on patients

### **Mentor- Vietnamese American Community Service Center**

Josephine Butler Parks and Recreation, Washington, DC. (Summer 2004).

Responsibilities: Monitored the behavioral progress of students in the summer program and assisted in cultural enrichment activities

### **Mentor- Compeer Lunch Buddy Program**

Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas, Wichita, KS. (Spring 2007-present).

Responsibilities: Build a one-on-one relationship with a child who has been labeled “at risk”, and help her work toward the goals that she and her teacher have set for the school year

### **PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIETAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Society for Community Research and Action
- Member of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Research in the area of organizational development, particularly related to evaluating staff and team performance in the work environment and conducting organizational assessments
- Research in the area of supporting the development of consumer-run organizations, including identifying capacity needs, measuring outcomes associated with participation, and establishing effective practice guidelines

### **REFERENCES**

Greg J. Meissen, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Wichita State University

Rhonda K. Lewis-Moss, Ph.D. M.P.H., Associate Professor of Psychology, Wichita State University

Scott C. Wituk, Ph.D., Research Coordinator and Project Facilitator, Self-Help Network: Center for Community Support and Research