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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 05/2016 **Ph.D.** **Social Work, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work**
Dissertation Title: *A Comparison of Younger and Older Couples Coping with Breast Cancer: Examining the Relationship among Mutuality, Dyadic Coping, and Quality of Life of Patients and Partners*
- Chair: Karen Kayser, PhD, MSW
Committee Members: Drs. Wanda L. Collins, Eli Karam, Kristen Mark, and Heehyul Moon
- 05/2011 **M.S.W.** **Social Work, Boston College, Graduate School of Social Work**
Concentration in Health and Mental Health
- 12/2007 **M.A.** **Clinical Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan**
Department of Psychology
Specialization in Health, Family Relationships, and Community Interventions
- 07/2005 **B.A.** **Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan**
Department of Psychology
Specialization in Children and Families

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Stress and Coping
- Dyadic Coping
- Close Relationships and Caregiving in the context of Health and Illness
- Oncology Social Work
- Intervention Research
- Methods: Dyadic Data Analysis, Mixed Methods

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

- 08/2016 - **Assistant Professor**
present Graduate College of Social Work
University of Houston
- 02/2020 - **Adjunct Assistant Professor**
present UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Department of Health Disparities Research
- 07/2018 - **Visiting Assistant Professor**
08/2018 Department of Psychology
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS & EXPERIENCE

- 11/2019- **Principal Investigator**
present *Psychological Distress of Young Women with Breast Cancer and their Partners: Implications for the Development of a Psychosocial Intervention Promoting Symptoms Management*
Funded by the University of Houston, Provost's 50-in-5 Award (\$5,000)
- 05/2019- **UH Team Lead (Acquati, Brohard, Bush, Kehinde, Reeve)**
present *InterProfessional Education Exchange (iPEX)*
Training grant to develop interprofessional education (IPE) in the context of palliative care and supportive oncology. Funded by NIH R25CA203637, PIs: Head and Pfeiffer; Total award \$1.38M
- 02/2019- **Principal Investigator**
present *The Young Adults Health Survey: Assessing Health-Related Quality of Life, Emotional Well-being and Close Relationships among Young Adults Coping with Cancer and their Healthy Peers*
- 06/2018- **Principal Investigator**
present *The Impact of Cancer on the Close Relationships of Young Adult Cancer Survivors*
In collaboration with CancerCare
- 08/2018 - **Principal Investigator**
present *Patient Activation and Participation, Adherence, and Satisfaction with Treatment Planning in the Context of Cancer: Examining the Role of the Caregiving Relationship*
In collaboration with CancerCare

- 02/2017 - **Principal Investigator**
12/2019 *Younger Couples Coping with Breast Cancer-Related Stress: A Cross-Sectional Examination of Psychosocial Issues and Support Needs*
Funded by the University of Houston, New Faculty Research Program Grant (\$6,000)
- 02/2018 - **Principal Investigator**
10/2018 *Referral and Psychosocial Response Rates after the Implementation of a Distress Screening Protocol*
- 07/2014 - **Co-Investigator**
06/2016 *Couples Coping with Impaired Sexual Function during and after Treatment for Rectal Cancer*
Funded by University of Louisville, Intramural Grant Award
Principal Investigator: Karen Kayser, Ph.D.
- 07/2015 - **Principal Investigator**
06/2016 *Younger Couples Coping with Breast Cancer: Examining the Relationship among Mutuality, Dyadic Coping and Quality of Life of Patients and Partners*
Funded by the American Cancer Society Doctoral Training Grant in Oncology Social Work (DSWR-15-091-03-SW; \$20,000)
- 07/2013 - **Principal Investigator**
06/2015 *Dyadic Data Analysis of Distress Reported by Cancer Patients and Caregivers*
Funded by the American Cancer Society Doctoral Training Grant in Oncology Social Work (DSW-13-278-01-SW; \$40,000)
- 02/2013- **Co-Investigator**
02/2014 *Testing the Fidelity and Feasibility of Distress Screening Implementation in Routine Clinical Care with Cancer Patients*
Principal Investigator: Karen Kayser, Ph.D.
Funded by the Association of Oncology Social Work
- 03/2013 - **Co-Investigator**
01/2014 *Critical Thinking Assessment Tool for BSW and MSW/MSSW Students*
Principal Investigator: Riaan Van Zyl, PhD
Funded by the University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work
- 05/2012 - **Co-Investigator**
05/2013 *Screening for Cancer Patients' Psychosocial Distress: A Descriptive Analysis of Distress Thermometer Scores at the James Graham Brown Cancer Center*
Principal Investigator: Karen Kayser, Ph.D.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER REVIEW

03/2020 **Lyle Spencer Research Award to Transform Education**
 Spencer Foundation
Transforming Advance Care Planning with Interprofessional Education
 Role: Co-PI
 (\$1M)

RESEARCH PROPOSALS SUBMITTED, NOT AWARDED

02/2020 **UH GEAR Grant 2020-2021**
Developing Innovative Approaches to Address Breast Cancer Disparities: Comparing Social Networks Characteristics of Non-Hispanic White and Minority Women to Improve Adherence to Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy
 (\$40,000), Role: PI

11/2019 **UH/BCM Collaborative Pilot Grant**
 University of Houston and Baylor College of Medicine (\$60,000)
 Role Co-PI: Acquati & Badr
Improving Adherence to Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy among Pre- and Peri-menopausal Black and Hispanic Women with Breast Cancer: Evaluating the Role of Social Networks

07/2019 **Young Investigator Grant**
 Breast Cancer Alliance (\$125,000)
A Longitudinal Mixed-Methods Study of the Psychological Distress Trajectories of Young Women with Breast Cancer and their Partners
 Role: PI

02/2019 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Addressing Sexual Health Concerns of Black and Hispanic Breast Cancer Patients Receiving Adjuvant Endocrine Therapy: A Pilot Study to Test the Feasibility and Acceptability of a Culturally Tailored Psychoeducational Intervention
 Funding requested to the DFI UHAND Seed Funding Research Program (Duncan Family Institute, MD Anderson Cancer Center and the University of Houston and MD Anderson Partnership to Address Cancer Disparities)
 (\$100,000)

07/2018 **Co-Investigator**
Addressing Bladder Cancer Dyads' Quality of Life: Cystoscopic Adherence, Psychosocial Distress, and Unmet Needs among Survivors and Their Partners
 Funding requested to the William and Ella Owens Medical Research Foundation (\$99,954)

- 04/2018 **Co-Principal Investigator**
The AYA Cancer Outcomes In Survivorship Study (AYA-COSST): A Survey to Assess Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors' Psychosocial Issues to Inform Tailored Supportive Interventions
 University of Houston, Synergy Project,
 UH-UHD Collaborative Seed Grant (\$60,000)
- 10/2017 **Dyadic Intervention and Analysis Consultant**
Addressing Bladder Cancer Dyads' Unmet Needs: Cystoscopic Adherence and Psychosocial Distress among Survivors and Their Partners.
 Funding requested from the Department of Defense, Career Development Award (Sub-recipient: \$24,548)
- 10/2017 **Principal Investigator**
The AYA Cancer Outcomes in Survivorship Study (AYA-COSST): Assessing Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors' Psychosocial Issues to Inform Future Models of Care
 Funded requested to the Young Texans Against Cancer (\$40,918)
- 09/2017 **Co-Investigator**
Understanding the Determinants that Influence Decision Making to Comply with Emergency Recommendation in Disasters
 Funded requested to the National Science Foundation, Rapid Response Proposal (\$42,764)
- 05/2017 **Principal Investigator**
Understanding The Impact of Breast Cancer on the Quality of Life of Sexual Minority Women and their Romantic Partners: A Mixed-Methods Study
 Funding requested to the Lesbian Health Fund (\$20,000)

PUBLICATIONS

A. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

***Impact Factor Journals**

1. *Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2020). Evaluating the Framed Portrait Experience as an intervention to enhance self-efficacy and self-esteem in a sample of adolescent and young adult cancer survivors: Results of a pilot study. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1089/jayao.2019.0063> (Impact factor: 2.392)
 -Drs. Saita and Acquati equally contributed to the article-
2. ***Acquati, C.**, Miyawaki, C.E. & Lu, Q. (2019). Post-traumatic stress symptoms and social constraints in the communication with family caregivers among Chinese-speaking breast cancer survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-019-05206-0> (Impact factor: 2.754)

3. ***Acquati, C.**, & Kayser, K. (2019). Addressing the psychosocial needs of cancer patients: A retrospective analysis of a distress screening and management protocol in clinical care *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology* 37:3, 287-300, doi: 10.1080/07347332.2018.1523822 (Impact Factor: 1.24)
4. ***Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2019). Dyadic coping across the lifespan: A comparison between younger and middle-aged couples with breast cancer. *Frontiers in Psychology, Clinical and Health Psychology*. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00404 (Impact Factor: 2.09)
5. *Kayser, K. & **Acquati, C.** (2019). The influence of relational mutuality on dyadic coping among couples facing breast cancer. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07347332.2019.1566809> (Impact factor: 1.24)
6. *Molgora, S., Fenaroli, V., **Acquati, C.**, DeDonno, A., & Saita, E. (2019). Examining the role of dyadic coping on the marital adjustment of couples undergoing Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) *Frontiers in Psychology, Clinical and Health Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00415> (Impact factor: 2.09)
7. *Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, Fenaroli, V., & Saita, E. (2018). Dyadic coping and marital adjustment during pregnancy: A cross-sectional study of Italian couples expecting their first child. *International Journal of Psychology*, 54(2), 277-285. (Impact Factor: 1.77)
8. ***Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B., Freyer, & Cole, S. (2018). Sexual functioning among young adult cancer patients: A 2-year longitudinal study. *Cancer*, 124(2), 398-405. doi: 10.1002/cncr.31030. (Impact Factor: 5.99)
9. *Kayser, K. **Acquati, C.**, Reese, J., Mark, K., Wittman, D., & Karam, E. (2018). A systematic review of dyadic studies examining relationship quality in couples facing colorectal cancer together. *Psycho-Oncology*, 27(1), 13-21. doi:10.1002/pon.4339. (Impact Factor: 3.09)
10. ***Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2017). Predictors of psychological distress among cancer patients receiving care at safety-net cancer center: The role of younger age and psychosocial issues. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 25(7), 2305-2312. doi: 10.1007/s00520-017-3641-8. (Impact Factor: 2.69)
11. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Fenaroli, V., Zuliani, C., & Bonanno, G. (2017). A confirmatory factor analysis of the Perceived Ability to Cope with Trauma (PACT) Scale. *TPM-Testing, Psychometrics, Methodology in Applied Psychology*, 24(2), 255-268, doi: 10.4473/TPM24.2.5.
12. *Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, & Molgora, S. (2016). Promoting patient and caregiver engagement to care in cancer. *Frontiers in Psychology: Psychology for Clinical Settings*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2016.01660>. (Impact Factor: 2.32)

13. *Zebrack, B., Kayser, K., Savas, S.A, Sundstrom, L., Henrickson, C, **Acquati, C.** & Tamas, R. (2015). Psychosocial distress screening implementation in cancer care: An analysis of adherence, responsiveness, and acceptability. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, Apr 1, 1165-1170 doi: <http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2015/02/18/JCO.2014.57.4020.abstract>. (Impact Factor: 24.01)
14. *Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, & Kayser, K. (2015). Coping with early stage breast cancer: Examining the influence of personality traits and interpersonal closeness. *Frontiers in Psychology: Psychology for Clinical Settings*, doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00088. (Impact Factor: 2.32)
15. Saita, E., De Luca, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2015). What is hope for breast cancer patients? A qualitative study. *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 3(1), doi: <http://cab.unime.it/journals/index.php/MJCP/issue/view/89/showToc>.
16. *Saita, E., Molgora, S., & **Acquati, C.** (2014). Development and evaluation of the Cancer Dyads Group Intervention: Preliminary findings. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 32(6):647-664. doi:10.1080/07347332.2014.955242. (Impact Factor: 1.31)
17. *Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, & V. Tran, T. (2012). No patients left behind: A systematic review of the cultural equivalence of distress screening instruments. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 30(6), 679-693. doi:10.1080/07347332.2012.721489. (Impact Factor: 1.31)

B. Under review

1. *Cho, D., Basen-Engquist, K., **Acquati, C.**, Ma, H., Pettaway, C., Li, & McNeill, L.H. A lifestyle intervention for African American and Hispanic prostate cancer survivors on active surveillance and their partners: A randomized controlled trial. *Ethnicity & Health*
2. Cho, D., Basen-Engquist, K., **Acquati, C.**, Pettaway, C., Ma, H., Markofski, M., Li, Y., Canfield, S.E., & McNeill, L. Cultural adaptation of evidence-based lifestyle interventions for African American prostate cancer survivors and their partners: The Watchful Living Program. *American Journal of Men's Health* (Impact Factor: 1.409)
3. *Cheung, C.K., **Acquati, C.**, Smith, E., Katerere-Virima, T., Helbling, L., & Betz, G. The impact of a cancer diagnosis on siblings across the lifespan: A systematic review. *Journal of Family Social Work* (Impact Factor: 0.602)
4. *Ferraris, G., Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Sorge, A., Valenti, F., & Grassi, M. Dyadic profiles of couples coping with breast cancer: Results of a cluster analysis of body image concerns. *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping* (Impact Factor: 1.98)

5. *Huang, Y., **Acquati, C.**, & Cheung, M. Family communication and coping among ethnic-minority cancer patients: A systematic review. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology* (Impact Factor: 1.197)

C. In preparation

1. ***Acquati, C.**, Sonet, E., Swank, P., Bajic, M. What cancer changed: Positive and negative effects on close relationships of cancer survivors. *Journal of Cancer Survivorship* (Impact Factor: 3.58)
2. ***Acquati, C.**, Latini, D.M., & Goltz, H. Verbalizing cancer-related concerns in the context of bladder cancer survivorship: The role of avoidance, social networks, and anxiety. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology* (Impact Factor: 1.197)
3. ***Acquati, C.**, Hibbard, J., Sonet, E., Swank, P., & Bajic, M. Patient activation and treatment planning in the context of cancer: Examining the role of caregiver involvement. *Patient Education and Counseling* (Impact Factor: 2.821)
4. Falk, D., Noel, L., **Acquati, C.**, Avis, N. E., Tooze, J.A., Weaver, K.E. Psychological distress and adherence and adherence to mammogram screening recommendations: Results from the 2018 Health Information National Trends Survey

INVITED ARTICLES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Acquati, C.** (2017). Should I engage in research? Twelve questions to assist oncology social workers. *AOSW Navigator*, 3(1).
2. Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2016). Future directions for the provision of person-centered psychological interventions for cancer patients and survivors: A review of three experiences. Introduction. *Ricerche di Psicologia*, 4, 559-563. doi: 10.3280/RIP2016-004005

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Books

Acquati, C. & Saita, E. (2017). *Affrontare insieme la malattia. Il coping diadico tra teoria e pratica* (Coping Together with Illness. Theory and Practice of Dyadic Coping). Roma: Carocci Editore

Book Chapters

1. Regan, T., **Acquati, C.**, & Zimmerman, T. Interpersonal Relationships. In M. Feuerstein and L. Nekhlyudov (eds.), *Handbook of Cancer Survivorship* (pp. 265-284). New York: Springer

2. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Donato, S., & Pagani, A.F. Il Coping Diadico: Come la Coppia Affronta gli Eventi Stressanti (Dyadic Coping: How Couples Cope with Stressful Events). In S. Donato & A.F. Pagani (eds.) *La relazione di coppia . Gestire insieme eventi positivi e negativi (The Couple Relationship. Coping with Negative and Positive Events)*. Roma: Carocci Editore
3. Saita, E., Molgora, S., & **Acquati, C.** (2018). The Idiographic Science Perspective Applied to the Treatment of Younger Women with BRCA Mutation. In R. De Luca Picione, J. Nedergaard, M.F. Freda, & S. Salvatore (eds.) *Idiographic Approach to Health*. Charlotte: IAP
4. Molgora, S., Fenaroli, V., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2018). Becoming Parents: Examining The Role of Dyadic Coping on the Individual and Relational Adjustment of Future Mothers and Their Partners. In A. Bertoni, S. Donato & S. Molgora (eds). *When "We" Are Stressed: A Dyadic Approach to Coping with Stressful Events*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers
5. Saita, E., Zanini, S., Minetti, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2016). Best Practices to Promote Patient and Donor Engagement to Care in Living Donor Transplant. In G. Graffigna (ed.) *Transformative Healthcare Practice through Patient Engagement*. IGI-Global
6. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E. & Costa, G. (2011). Coping Diadico e Relazione di Caregiving nella sfida alla malattia oncologica (Dyadic Coping and Caregiving while Facing Cancer). In E. Saita, *Pensare alla salute e alla malattia: legami tra mente, corpo e contesto di appartenenza. Percorsi di ricerca e di intervento.* (pp. 89-116)(*Thinking of Health and Illness: Connections between Mind, Body and Cultural Context. Research and Intervention Pathways*). Milano: Educatt.
7. Kayser, K., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2011). Famiglie, fonti di stress e capacita' di fronteggiare gli eventi. Il caso della famiglia Americana (Families, Stress and Coping. The case of the American Family). In E. Saita, *Pensare alla salute e alla malattia: legami tra mente, corpo e contesto di appartenenza. Percorsi di ricerca e di intervento* (pp. 69-88) (*Thinking of Health and Illness: Connections between Mind, Body and Cultural Context. Research and Intervention Pathways*). Milano: Educatt.
8. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.** & Saita, E. (2011). Coping e adattamento familiare: Il ruolo dei fattori culturali (Coping and Family Adjustment: the Role of Cultural Factors). In E. Saita, *Pensare alla salute e alla malattia: legami tra mente, corpo e contesto di appartenenza. Percorsi di ricerca e di intervento.* (pp. 117-134) (*Thinking of Health and Illness: Connections between Mind, Body and Cultural Context. Research and Intervention Pathways*). Milano: Educatt.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

A. Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations

1. **Acquati, C.**, Brohard, C., Bush, R., Kehinde, L., & Reeve, K. (submitted). *Developing an IPE program in cancer care: Lessons, pitfalls, and future directions*. CSWE 66th Annual Program Meeting November 12 - 15, 2020. Denver, CO.
2. **Acquati, C.**, & Lucas, G. (submitted). *Social work in health care settings: Integrating practitioners' experience in online education*. CSWE 66th Annual Program Meeting November 12 - 15, 2020. Denver, CO.
3. Cheung, C.K., **Acquati, C.**, Smith, E.E., Katerere-Virima, T., Helbling, L.E., & Betz, G. (submitted). *The impact of a cancer diagnosis on sibling relationships across the lifespan: A systematic review*. Global AYA Cancer Congress 2020, July 13-15 2020, London, UK.
4. **Acquati, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon, A., Gaines, L., Bajic, M., Cotter Mena, K., & Wagner, R. (accepted, by invitation only). *The role of dyadic coping on the quality of life of young women with breast cancer and their romantic partners*. 8th Dyadic Coping Conference "Couples Coping with Stress: State of the Art in Everyday Life and Illness", University of Maryland, June 22-23, 2020. Washington D.C. *postponed to January 2021
5. **Acquati, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon, A., Gaines, L., Cotter Mena, K., & Wagner, R. (accepted). *Informational, supportive, and practical needs of Young Women with Breast Cancer and their partners: Implications for psychosocial services*. 36th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 10-12, 2020, Raleigh, NC. *cancelled because of COVID-19
6. **Acquati, C.**, Latini, D., & Goltz, H. (accepted). *Communicating cancer-related concerns in bladder cancer survivorship: The role of social networks, anxiety, and avoidant coping style*. 36th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 10-12, 2020, Raleigh, NC. *cancelled because of COVID-19
7. **Acquati, C.**, Miyawaki, C.E., & Lu, Q. (2020). *Cancer survivorship in racial and ethnic minority groups: Examining Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms among Chinese-Speaking breast cancer survivors*. Society for Social Work and Research, 24th Annual Conference, January 15-19, Washington DC, USA
8. Falk, D., Noel, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2020). *Depression, Anxiety, and Compliant Breast Cancer Screening: Results from the Health Information National Trends Survey 5, Cycle 2*. Society for Social Work and Research, 24th Annual Conference, January 15-19, Washington DC, USA

9. Noel, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2020) Symposium Organizers. *Reducing racial and economic inequality for all: The contribution of oncology social work research*. Society for Social Work and Research, 24th Annual Conference, January 15-19, Washington DC, USA
10. **Acquati, C.**, & Lucas, G. (2019). *Preparing online students for social work in health care settings: Lessons learned*. 65th Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, October 24-27, Denver, CO
11. Huang, Y., & **Acquati, C.** (2019). *Family communication and coping among racial and ethnic minority cancer patients: A systematic review*. International Conference on Change and Innovation for a Better World: The Future of Social Work Profession, June 27-28, Hong Kong, China
12. Goltz, H.H., **Acquati, C.**, & Latini, D. (2019). *Practice-Informed Research for oncology social workers 101: From practice experience to scientific inquiry*. 35th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 5-7, Tucson AZ
13. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Molgora, S., Valenti, F., Stratta, G., & Grassi, M.A. (2018). *Understanding the experience of women diagnosed with advanced breast cancer after delayed screening*. 20th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS), October 29-November 2, Hong Kong, China.
14. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Addressing the psychological distress of cancer patients receiving care at a safety-net institution: A retrospective analysis of the responsiveness of a distress screening protocol*. 22nd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 11-14, Washington, DC.
15. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Collins, W.L., Karam, E., Mark, K., & Moon, H. (2017). *Couples coping with breast cancer across the lifespan: An examination of dyadic coping in younger and middle-aged dyads*. International Psycho-Oncology Society, 19th World Congress, August 14-18, Berlin, Germany.
16. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Addressing the psychological distress of cancer patients receiving care at a safety-net institution: Lessons learned from a retrospective analysis*. Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educator Association (APISWEA) Conference, June 21-22, Hong Kong, China.
17. **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E., Rossetti, A., & Jankovic, M. (2017). *Evaluating the Framed Portrait Experience in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer survivors: Results of a pilot study*. International Conference on Social Work Intervention Research, June 18-19, Shanghai, China.
18. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Responding to the psychological distress of cancer patients: An analysis of adherence and responsiveness of a distress screening protocol*. International Conference on Social Work Intervention Research, June 18-19, Shanghai, China

19. Kayser, K., Wittman, D., Reese, J., **Acquati, C.**, Hendren, S., & Mark, K. (2017). *Couples' coping with impaired sexual functioning during and after treatment for rectal cancer*. 7th Dyadic Coping Conference. January 10-11, Milan, Italy.
20. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Collins, W., Karam, E., Mark, K., & Moon, H. (2017). *Understanding the experience of younger women with breast cancer and their partners: A cross-sectional investigation*. 21st Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
21. Fenaroli, V., Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, & Saita, E. (2016). *The role of dyadic coping in the transition to parenthood*. 8th Congress of the European Society of Family Relations, August 31-September 3, Dortmund, Germany.
22. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Moon, H., Mark, K., Karam, E., & Collins, W. (2016). *Mutuality, dyadic coping and quality of life among middle-aged couples coping with breast cancer*. Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting, November 16-20, New Orleans, LA.
23. Zebrack, B., Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Sundstrom, L., Savas, S.A., McCoy, M. & Tamas, R. (2014). *Testing adherence and feasibility of distress screening protocols: Implementing best practices in psychosocial care*. 11th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 13-15 2014, Tampa, FL.
24. Zebrack, Z., Henrickson, C., Kayser, K., & **Acquati, C.** (2014). *Distress screening implementation: What to do with the data?* 30th Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) Conference, May 28-30, Baltimore, MD.
25. Kayser, K., & **Acquati, C.** (2013). *Testing the implementation of a distress screening protocol: A pilot study*. 29th Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) Conference, June 5-7, San Diego, CA.
26. **Acquati, C.** (2013). *Moving towards the future: Fresh perspectives in couples coping with cancer research*. 6th International Meeting on Stress & Coping. Couples Coping with Cancer-Related Stress: Translating Research to Practice, June 21-22, Louisville, KY.
27. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Meeske, K.A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B. & Cole, S. (2013) *Sex: A lost frontier for Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer patients*. International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) 15th World Congress, November 4-8, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
28. Kayser, K., & **Acquati, C.** (2011). *Moderating factors in the relational outcomes of breast cancer patients in the Partners in Coping Program*. International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) 13th World Congress, October 18-20, Antalya, Turkey.

29. Kayser, K., Cigoli, V., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2010). *Women's adaptation to early stage breast cancer: The influence of personality traits and interpersonal closeness on the style of coping with cancer*. Paper presented at the Stress and Coping in Close Relationships: New Theoretical and Empirical Insights, February 18-19 Zurich, Switzerland.
30. Kayser, K., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2010). *Women coping with breast cancer: The impact of personality and close relationships on coping strategies*. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 15th Conference, January 12-16, Tampa, FL.

B. Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

1. Falk, D., Weaver, KE, Noel, L, **Acquati, C** & Avis, NE. *Psychological Distress and Adherence to Mammogram Screening Recommendations: Results from the 2018 Health Information National Trends Survey*. 44th American Society of Preventative Oncology Conference, Tucson, AZ, March 22-24, 2020.
2. **Acquati, C.**, Sampson, M., Smith, S., & Slusher, B. (2019). *Offering interprofessional education opportunities to social work students: building collaborations between disciplines*. 65th Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, October 24-27, Denver, CO.
3. **Acquati, C.**, Miyawaki, C.E., & Lu, Q. (2018). *Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms among Chinese-Speaking breast cancer survivors: Assessing the role of close relationships and social constraints*. 20th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS), October 29-November 2, Hong Kong, China.
4. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Ferraris, G., Valenti, F., Stratta, G., & Grassi, M.M. (2018). *Body Image among women with breast cancer: Examining the role of psychological and relational factors*. 20th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS), October 29-November 2, Hong Kong, China.
5. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B, Freyer, & Cole, S. (2018). *Prevalence and risk factors for sexual dysfunction among young adults with cancer: A 2- year longitudinal analysis*. 8th Texas AYA Oncology Conference, March 3, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.
6. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B, Freyer, & Cole, S. (2017). *Sexual functioning among young adult cancer patients: A 2-year longitudinal study*. 2nd Global Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Congress, December 5-7, Atlanta, GA.
7. Saita, E., Jankovic, M., Zuliani, C., Rossetti, A., & **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Addressing body image among AYA cancer survivors. Pilot testing of the Framed Portrait Experience*. 31st Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, August 29-September 2, Padova, Italy.

8. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Wittmann, D., Moon, H., Mark, K., Karam, E., & Collins, W. (2017). *Testing the Relational-Cultural Model of Dyadic Coping among couples coping with early-stage breast cancer*. 7th Dyadic Coping Conference, January 10-11, Milan, Italy.
9. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Collins, W., Karam, E., Mark, K., & Moon, H. (2017). *Couples coping with breast cancer across the developmental trajectory: Examining the role of mutuality in predicting dyadic coping of patients and partners in younger and older dyads*. 21st Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research, January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
10. Valenti, F., Baratelli, G.M., Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E., & Grassi, M.M. (2015). *Il fallimento della diagnosi precoce. Analisi dell'esperienza di donne trattate per tumore alla mammella localmente avanzato*. AIS - Attualità in Senologia, November 4-6, Florence, Italy.
11. **Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2015). *Are we responding to the distress of cancer patients? An examination of psychosocial response after distress screening*. APOS-IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, July 28 – August 1, Washington, DC.
12. Saita E., **Acquati C.**, Molgora S., Valenti F., Grassi M. (2015). *The failure of early detection: The experience of women with advanced breast cancer*. APOS-IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, July 28 – August 1, Washington, DC.
13. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.** & Irtelli, F. (2015). *The Cancer Dyads Group Intervention to promote breast cancer patients' adjustment, coping and perceived social support*. APOS-IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, July 28 – August 1, Washington, DC.
14. Saita, E., Jankovic, M., Rossetti, A., Zuliani, C. & **Acquati, C.** (2014). *Pictures of Me: The Framed Portrait Experience as a psychological intervention for adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer survivors*. 11th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 13-15, Tampa, FL.
15. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Meeske, K.A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B. & Cole, S. (2014). *Sex - A lost frontier: Sexual functioning in adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients in the two years following diagnosis*. Critical Mass, November, Denver, CO.
16. **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E., Kayser, K., Zuliani, C. & Zanchi, D. (2013). *Breast cancer pre-screening anxiety: Identifying psychological vulnerability among Italian women*. 10th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 14-16, Huntington Beach, CA.
17. **Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2012). *Reproductive distress in female cancer survivors: A systematic review of current issues and future directions*. 9th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 23-25, Miami, FL.

18. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Gragg, H., Williams, K., & Tamas, R. (2012). *Psychological and clinical predictors of self-reported distress among breast cancer patients: An exploratory analysis of distress screening scores*. Research!Louisville, September 18-20, Louisville, KY.
19. **Acquati, C.**, & Kayser, K. (2012). *Psychosocial care for young adult cancer patients and survivors: From the identification of needs to the development of interventions for cancer-related infertility & reproductive health*. Oncofertility Conference: Dialogues in Oncofertility, September 27-28, Chicago, IL.
20. Saita, E., Negrini, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2009). *Il diario diadico di pazienti oncologici e dei loro caregiver: Valutazione delle dinamiche relazionali (The dyadic diary of cancer patients and their caregivers: An evaluation of the relational dynamics.)* 23rd Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, September 23-26, Pisa, Italy.
21. Saita, E., Cigoli, V., Brognoli, S., & **Acquati, C.** (2008). *Il diario diadico come strumento di valutazione di un intervento clinico di gruppo rivolto a pazienti oncologici e caregiver (The dyadic diary as an evaluation tool of a group clinical intervention for cancer patients and their caregivers)*. National Congress of Health Psychology, October 1-4, Rovigo, Italy.

INVITED AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

1. **Acquati, C.**, & Noel, L. (invited). *Early-career oncology social work scholars: Building and cultivating a network of peers*. 35th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 5-7 2019, Tucson, AZ
2. Gray, T.F. & **Acquati, C.** (2019). *How to pick and design a research project*. 16th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Annual Conference, February 28-March 2, Atlanta, GA.
3. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Updates in mental health – Most noteworthy literature from 2017-2018*. 19th Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America, November 8-11, Miami.
4. Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Psychosocial Interventions with Patients and Caregivers in the Context of Health*. The Educational University of Hong Kong, October 30th
5. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *The Impact of Cancer on Patients and Partners: Addressing Psychosocial Issues of Couples Coping with Prostate Cancer in the Context of a Couple-based Intervention*. UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Health Disparities. Training to the research team of the Watchful Living study. August 10, Houston
6. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Coping Together: How to Promote Patient and Caregiver's Well-*

Being. Friendswood United Methodist Church, April 23, Friendswood, TX.

7. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Harnessing the power of close relationships in the context of cancer: How research can promote patient and caregiver's coping behaviors and well-being*. Graduate College of Social Work Research Conference, December 1, Houston, TX.
8. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *The value of close relationships in the context of cancer: An intervention to promote patient and caregiver's coping behaviors and relational closeness*. International Academic Symposium on Social Work Education and Research, Northwest University, Xi'an, China, June 27th.
9. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Engaging in research: A crucial opportunity for oncology social workers' professional development and leadership*. UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Social Work Department. June 13th
10. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Preparing for the Academic Job Market: What you should know before you start*. Brown Bag Presentation for the PhD Program, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, March 22nd.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

08/16 - 12/16 **Instructor, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston**

08/17 - 12/17 Research & Knowledge Building in Social Work Practice (SOCW6305)

08/18 - 12/18 Face to Face and Hybrid Program

08/19 - 12/19

08/16 - 12/16 **Instructor, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston**

01/18 - 05/18 Evaluation of Practice (SOCW7305)

01/19 - 05/19 Face to Face, Hybrid, and Online Program

01/20 - 05/20

06/16 - 07/18 **Instructor, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston**

06/19 – 07/19 Social Work in Health Care Settings (SOCW 7397)

Online Program

01/15 - 05/15 **Instructor, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville**

Mental Health Specialization Integrative Seminar II (SW 692: MHSIS II)

08/14 - 12/14 **Guest Lecturer, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville**

Psychosocial Practice in Oncology I: Interpersonal Practice (SW647)

Instructor: Shirley Otis-Green

08/14 - 12/14 **Instructor, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville**

Mental Health Specialization Integrative Seminar I (SW 691: MHSIS I)

- 01/14 - 05/14 **Instructor, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville**
Psychosocial Practice in Oncology II: Community Approaches to Promote Health Equity (SW648)
- 08/13 - 12/13 **Instructor, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville**
Psychosocial Practice in Oncology I: Interpersonal Practice (SW647)
- 08/12 - 12/12 **Teaching Assistant, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville**
Advanced Social Work Practice (SW640)
Instructor: Tara J. Schapmire, Ph.D., MSSW
- 10/08 - 12/08 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan**
Health Psychology
Instructor: Emanuela Saita, Ph.D.
- 03/08 - 04/08 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Milan**
Families, Stress and Coping
Instructor: Karen Kayser, Ph.D.

ACADEMIC MENTORING

- 2018- 2019 Alexandra L. Snead. Dissertation Committee Member: *Emotion Regulation as a Mediator of the Relationship between Alcohol Use and IPV Perpetration*
- 2017 - present Mentor, UHAND (University of Houston/MD Anderson Cancer Center)
Partnership to address Cancer Disparities
- 2017 - 2018 Yu-Hu Huang. Social Work Doctoral Student
Independent study: *A systematic review of the role of family communication on the coping style of cancer patients from diverse ethnic groups*
- 2016 - 2017 Richard Wagner. Social Work Doctoral Student
Research Internship IV: *A study to evaluate psychosocial status of cancer patients and identify those at risk for heightened levels of distress*

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/15 - 05/16 **Field Instructor**
Kent School of Social Work
University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
- 08/14 - 05/15 **Field Instructor**
Kent School of Social Work
University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 **Shannon Wilkes “Heart of Hope” Award**
Dan’s House of Hope, 10th Anniversary Gala
Houston, TX
- 2018 **Provost Faculty Travel Fund**
University of Houston
Best Poster Award
8th Annual Texas Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Conference
March 3, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- 2017 **Provost Faculty Travel Fund**
University of Houston
- 2017 **Massachusetts General Hospital**
Competitively selected and funded to attend the Workshop on Research Methods in
Supportive Oncology (Funded by NCI 25 CA 181000)
- 2016 **Graduate Dean’s Citation Award**
School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Louisville
- 2016 **Outstanding Part-Time Practicum Faculty Award**
Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville
- 2014 **Faculty Favorite Award**
Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Louisville
- 2012 **Oncofertility Conference Award**
Oncofertility Conference, Northwestern University
AOSW Conference Scholarship
Association of Oncology Social Work
ExCEL in Social Work Scholarship
Competitively selected and funded to attend the Excellence in Cancer Education &
Leadership sponsored by NCI (CA138291) and City of Hope- Duarte, CA
- 2011 **Graduate Research Assistantship**
School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Louisville
- 2011 **Academic Excellence Award**
Graduate School of Social Work, Boston College
- 2009 **Boston College Fellowship in Social Work**
Graduate School of Social Work, Boston College

2008 **The Researcher Fund**
European Social Fund & Regione Lombardia

2008 **Enrico Legler Study Award**
Legler Family Foundation

SERVICE

Graduate College of Social Work

2020-present **Advisory Board UH College of Medicine**
Center for Clinical Arts, Skills, and Experiential Learning (CCASEL)

2019-2020 **Course Lead/Mentor for Research (Foundation)**

2019 - present **Foundation Committee Member**

2018 - 2019 **Clinical Concentration Committee Member**

2016-2018 **MSW Admissions Committee Member**

2018 - 2020 **Faculty facilitator “What’s Wrong with Warren?”** IPE case study in
collaboration with UTMB Health

2017, 2018 **GCSW Research Conference Committee Member; GCSW Research Poster
Showcase Committee Member; Chair of the Abstract Review Committee**

Social Work Profession

2020 - present **Associate Editor**
Frontiers in Psychology, Psycho-Oncology Section
(2-year term appointment, 2020-2022)

2017 - present **Editorial Board Member**
Journal of Psychosocial Oncology

2012 - present **Ad-hoc Reviewer**
Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology
Journal of Psychosocial Oncology
Journal of Cancer Survivorship
Psycho-Oncology
Social Work in Health Care
Supportive Care in Cancer

2019 - present **AOSW Research and Knowledge Development Committee**
(3-year term appointment, 2019-2022)

2019 - present **Abstract Reviewer, Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (Health Track)**

2016 - present **Abstract Reviewer, American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference**

2015 - present **Research Committee Member, American Psychosocial Oncology Society**

2017 **Chair of the Information and Supportive Care Needs Session**
International Psycho-Oncology Society World Congress
August 14-18, Berlin, Germany

2015 **Abstract Reviewer, APOS/IPOS World Congress**

2013 **Abstract Reviewer, 6th International Meeting on Stress & Coping**

Community

2017 - present **Dan's House of Hope, Houston**
Volunteer, Research Collaborator

2016 - present **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Texas**
Volunteer. 2017 ACS Cancer Action Network Day at the Capitol;
Texas Cancer Policy Forum, 2018 Texas Research Breakfast

2011 - 2016 **Psychosocial Oncology Development Committee Member**
James Graham Brown Cancer Center, Louisville, KY

2014 - 2016 **Gilda's Club Louisville**
Volunteer

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & SKILLS

Research

2017 **Write Winning Grant Proposals**
University of Houston
Psychosocial intervention research: Principles for Rigorous Design and Tips for Successful Conduct.
International Psycho-Oncology Society 19th World Congress, Berlin, Germany

2015 **Dyadic Data Analysis Workshop**
Michigan State University

2014 **Hierarchical Linear Modeling Workshop**
University of Pittsburgh School of Education

2013 **Achieving better insights from Psycho-Oncology Research: The Analysis of Longitudinal Data.**

International Psycho-Oncology Society 15th World Congress

2011 **Biosocial Methods for Social Work Research**

SSWR Summer Institute Workshop

University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

Teaching

2015 **Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning Reading Circle**

Teaching for Critical Thinking: Tools and Techniques to Help Students Question Their Assumptions

i2a Institute

University of Louisville, Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning

2014 **iCOPE Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Oncology Palliative Care Education**

University of Louisville School of Medicine

2013 **Graduate Teaching Assistant Academy**

University of Louisville School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies & Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning

Delphi U: Principles of Online Course Design

University of Louisville Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning

Delphi U: Level II

University of Louisville Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS)

Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW)

International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA)

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)