School of Aging Study Faculty Members Appointed to the The Gerontologist Editorial Board

William Haley, Kathryn Hyer and Tamara Baker in USF’s College of Behavioral & Community Sciences’ School of Aging Studies were recently appointed to the editorial board of The Gerontologist by incoming editor, Rachel Pruchno.

Haley, who joined USF in 1995, is currently a professor with the School of Aging Studies. His research focuses on stress, coping, and adaptation in older adults and their family members. Haley is particularly interested in research that can be used to develop evidence-based interventions which will improve the lives of older adults and their families. Most of his research has examined the experiences of family caregivers who often face potentially overwhelming chronic strain. Haley is also interested in the development and evaluation of psychosocial interventions to improve the adaptation of older adults facing stressful circumstances, including family caregiving, chronic illness, and bereavement.

Hyer is currently an associate professor and Director of the School of Aging Studies’ Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging. Her research focuses on the organization, staffing, training, policies, and financing of long-term care in varied settings along the continuum of long term care. She is interested in the impact of State and federal regulations on assisted living and nursing home residents’ quality of care and quality of life, especially at the end of life. Hyer’s research includes program evaluation with a special emphasis on evaluation of geriatric educational interventions for health professionals and students.

Associate professor Baker received her PhD in 2001 from Penn State University and completed her post doctoral training at the University of Michigan in the School of Public Health’s Center of Ethnicity, Culture, and Health, and the Department of Anesthesiology. Her research agenda focuses on the behavioral and psychosocial predictors and outcomes of chronic pain and disease in older adults from diverse racial and ethnic populations. She also has a particular interest in examining health disparities and disparities in chronic pain management across the age continuum among community-dwelling adults in general, and older Black adults in particular.

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