

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

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NAME <b>Kenneth F. Ferraro</b>		POSITION TITLE Professor of Sociology and Director, Center on Aging and the Life Course	
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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Saint Vincent College	B.A.	1976	Sociology
Duquesne University	M.A.	1978	Sociology
University of Akron	Ph.D	1981	Sociology

**A. Positions and Honors**Professional Experience

- 8/81-6/84 Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
8/84-7/87 Assistant Professor, Sociology, Northern Illinois University  
9/86-7/90 Director, Gerontology Program, Northern Illinois University  
8/87-7/90 Associate Professor of Sociology, Northern Illinois University  
8/90-7/94 Associate Professor of Sociology, Purdue University  
8/94-pres. Professor of Sociology, Purdue University (Director, Gerontology Program, 1995-2003; Professor of Psychological Sciences, 1998-present; Director, Center on Aging and the Life Course, 2003-present).  
5/98-8/02 Resident Scientist, National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan

Selected Pertinent Experience

- 1/88-12/90 Associate Editor, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*  
9/91-8/95 Human Development and Aging Study Section (Subcommittee 2), National Institutes of Health  
1/92-12/97 Editorial Board, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*  
1/00-12/02 Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*  
1/02-12/05 Editorial Board, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*  
1/03-12/05 Associate Editor, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*  
1/06-12/09 Editor, *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*

Selected Honors

- Fellow, Gerontological Society of America, 1990; Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, 1997  
Fellow, Center for Social and Behavioral Sciences, Purdue University, Spring, 1993, Spring, 1997  
Distinguished Alumni Award, Institute for Life-Span Development and Gerontology, University of Akron, 1995  
Named to *Profiles in Gerontology: A Biographical Dictionary*, 1995, Achenbaum and Albert  
Chair, Section on Aging and the Life Course, American Sociological Association, 2004-2005

**B. Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications or Manuscripts in Press** (from over 65 peer-reviewed articles)

- Ferraro, K. F. 1980. "Self-Ratings of Health Among the Old and the Old-Old." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 21:377-383.  
Ferraro, K. F. 1987. "Double Jeopardy to Health Among Black Older Adults?" *Journal of Gerontology* 42: 528-533.  
Mutran, E. & K. F. Ferraro. 1988. "Medical Need and Use of Services Among Older Men and Women." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 43:S162-171.  
Ferraro, K. F. & C. M. Albrecht-Jensen. 1991. "Does Religion Influence Adult Health?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 30:193-202.  
Ferraro, K. F. 1993. "Are Black Older Adults Health-Pessimistic?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 34:201-14.

- Ferraro, K. F. & J. R. Koch. 1994. "Religion and Health Among Black and White Adults: Examining Social Support and Consolation" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 33:362-375.
- Ferraro, K. F. & Yan Yu. 1995. "Body Weight and Self-Ratings of Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 36:274-284.
- Ferraro, K. F. & M. M. Farmer. 1996. "Double Jeopardy to Health Hypothesis for African Americans: Analysis and Critique." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 37:27-43.
- Ferraro, K. F. 1996. "Women's Fear of Victimization: Shadow of Sexual Assault?" *Social Forces* 75:667-690.
- Ferraro, K. F., M. M. Farmer, & J. A. Wybraniec. 1997. "Health Trajectories: Long-Term Dynamics Among Black and White Adults" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 38:38-54.
- Ferraro, K. F. 1998. "Firm Believers? Religion, Body Weight, and Well-Being." *Review of Religious Research*. 39:224-244.
- Ferraro, K. F. & M. M. Farmer. 1999. "Utility of Health Data from Social Surveys: Is There a Gold Standard for Measuring Morbidity?" *American Sociological Review* 64:303-315.
- Ferraro, K. F. & T. L. Booth. 1999. "Age, Body Mass Index, and Functional Illness" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 54B:S339-S348.
- Bass, S. A., & K. F. Ferraro. 2000. "Gerontology Education in Transition: Considering Disciplinary and Paradigmatic Evolution" *The Gerontologist* 40:97-106.
- Ferraro, K. F., & J. Kelley-Moore. 2000. "Religious Consolation Among Men and Women: Do Health Problems Spur Seeking?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 39:220-234.
- Ferraro, K. F. & Y. Su. 2000. "Physician-Evaluated and Self-Reported Morbidity for Predicting Disability." *American Journal of Public Health* 90:103-108.
- Ferraro, K. F. & J. Wilmoth. 2000. "Measuring Morbidity: Disease Counts, Binary Variables, and Statistical Power" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 55B:S173-S189.
- Ferraro, K. F. & J. Kelley-Moore. 2001. "Religious Seeking Among Affiliates and Non-Affiliates: Do Mental and Physical Health Problems Spur Religious Coping?" *Review of Religious Research* 42:229-251.
- Ferraro, K. F., & J. A. Kelley-Moore. 2001. "Self-Rated Health and Mortality Among Black and White Adults: Examining the Dynamic Evaluation Thesis." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 56B:S195-S205.
- Kelley-Moore, J. A. & K. F. Ferraro. 2001. "Functional Limitations and Religious Service Attendance: Barrier and Benefit Mechanisms." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 56B:S365-S373.
- Ferraro, K. F. & K. B. Holland. 2002. "Physician Evaluation of Obesity in Health Surveys: 'Who Are You Calling Fat?'" *Social Science and Medicine* 55:1401-1413.
- Ferraro, K. F., Y. Su, R. Gretebeck, D. R. Black, & S. Badylak. 2002. "Body Mass Index and Disability in Adulthood: 20-Year Panel Study." *American Journal of Public Health* 92:834-840.
- Ferraro, K. F., R. J. Thorpe & J. A. Wilkinson. 2003. "The Life Course of Severe Obesity: Does Childhood Overweight Matter?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 58B:S110-S119.
- Ferraro, K. F. & J. A. Kelley-Moore. 2003. "A Half-Century of Longitudinal Methods in Social Gerontology: Evidence of Change in the Journal." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 58B:S264-S270.
- Ferraro, K. F. & J. A. Kelley-Moore. 2003. "Cumulative Disadvantage and Health: Long-Term Consequences of Obesity?" *American Sociological Review* 68:707-729.
- Kelley-Moore, J. A. & K. F. Ferraro. 2004. "The Black/White Disability Gap: Persistent Inequality in Later Life?" *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 59B:S34-S43.
- Thorpe, R. M. & K. F. Ferraro. 2004. "Aging, Obesity, and Mortality: Misplaced Concern About Obese Older People?" *Research on Aging* 26:108-129.
- Farmer, M. M. & K. F. Ferraro. 2005. "Are Racial Disparities in Health Conditional on Socioeconomic Status?" *Social Science and Medicine* 60:191-204.
- Li, Y. & K. F. Ferraro. 2005. "Volunteering and Depression in Later Life: Social Benefit or Selection Processes?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 46:68-84.
- Kelley-Moore, J. A. & K. F. Ferraro. 2005. "A 3-D Model of Health Decline: Disease, Disability, and Depression Among Black and White Older Adults." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 46:in press.
- Cline, K. M. C. & K. F. Ferraro. 2006. "Does Religion Increase the Prevalence and Incidence of Obesity in Adulthood?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45: in press.
- Ferraro, K. F. & T. A. Nuriddin. 2006. "Psychological Distress and Mortality: Are Women More Vulnerable?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 47: in press.
- Irving, S. M. & K. F. Ferraro. 2006. "Reports of Abusive Experiences during Childhood and Adult Health Ratings: Personal Control as a Pathway?" *Journal of Aging and Health* 18: in press.
- Li, Y. & K. F. Ferraro. 2006. "Volunteering in Middle and Later Life: Is Health a Benefit, Barrier, or Both?" *Social Forces* 85: in press.

## **C. Research Support**

### Ongoing Research Support

PI: Ferraro (K07 AG01055) 3/1/01-2/28/07

National Institute on Aging, NIH

Interdisciplinary Research on Life Course Inequality

The overall aim of this project is to strengthen Purdue University research and training on aging and life course inequality. The project is designed to build upon the recent institutional development by focusing research on life course analysis, especially inequality and cumulative disadvantage across the life course.

### Pending Research Support

PI: Ferraro (R01 AG023669-A2) 7/1/06-6/30/10

National Institute on Aging, NIH

Health and 20-Year Survival in Three Hispanic Groups

The overall goal of this study is to compare the antecedents of mortality risk among Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, and Puerto Ricans living in the United States over a 20-year period. Respondents are from the Hispanic Health and Nutrition Examination Survey; mortality is identified by a link to the National Death Index Plus.

PI: Ferraro (T32 AG025671) 6/1/06-5/31/11

National Institute on Aging, NIH

Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and the Life Course

The overall goal of this National Research Service Award is to train pre-doctoral students to be productive members of interdisciplinary research teams on aging and the life course. The program is designed to foster integration of the gerontological imagination with the trainees' disciplinary expertise while applying the theories and methods of life course analysis.

### Completed Research Support (Last Three Years)

PI: Ferraro (R01 AG11705) 9/1/01-8/31/05

National Institute on Aging and National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH

Aging and Health Trajectories Among Black and White Adults

The overall goal of this study is to examine the health trajectories of Black and White adults over a 20-year period with special attention given to the role of hospital episodes.