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## EDUCATION

PhD	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Child, Youth, and Family Studies	2007
MSW	Arizona State University, College of Human Services	2004
BA	Arizona State University, Interdisciplinary Sciences, Major: Psychology	2001

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor, Arizona State University School of Social Work	2008 to Present
Title IVE Coordinator, Arizona State University Department of Social Work	2005-2008
Faculty Associate, Arizona State University Department of Social Work	2005-2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles in Refereed Journals

**Cacciatore, J. & Raffo, Z. (2009).** The Experiences of Lesbian Maternally Bereaved Parents. *Social Work*. Under review.

**Lietz, C., Lacasse, J., & Cacciatore, J. (2009).** The power of relationships: A narrative study exploring social support and successful child welfare reunification. *Journal of Family Social Work*. Under review.

**Cacciatore, J., Carlson, B., et al. (2009).** Crisis intervention by social workers. *Social Work*. In press.

**Cacciatore, J. (2009).** Unique stories of women and their families after the death of a baby. *Health and Social Work*. In press.

**Cacciatore, J., Schnebly, S., & Froen, F. (2009).** The effects of social support on maternal anxiety and depression after the death of a child. *Health and Social Care in the Community*, 17(2), 167-176.

**Cacciatore, J. (2009).** The silent birth: A commentary. *Social Work*, 54(1), 91-94.

**Cacciatore, J. (2009).** Appropriate bereavement practice after the death of a Native American child. *Families in Society*, 90 (1), 46-50.

**Cacciatore, J., DeFrain, J., Jones, K., Jones, H. (2008).** The couple and the death of a baby. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 11(4), 351-370.

**Cacciatore, J., DeFrain, J., & Jones, K. (2008).** Boundary ambiguity and the death of a child. *Marriage and Family Review*, 44(4), 439-454.

**Cacciatore, J., Froen, F., Radestad, I. (2008).** Effects of contact with their stillborn babies on maternal anxiety and depression. *Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care*, 35(4), 313-320.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Stillbirth: A sociopolitical issue: *Affilia*, 23(4), 378-387.

Barr, P., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Personal fear of death and grief in bereaved mothers. *Death Studies*, 32(5), 445-460.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). Effects of support groups on post traumatic stress responses in women experiencing stillbirth. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 55(1), 71-91.

Barr, P., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2007). Problematic emotions and maternal grief. *Omega Journal of Death and Dying*, 56 (4), 329-346.

**Cacciatore, J.**, & Bushfield, S. (2007). Stillbirth: The mother's experience and implications for improving care. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care*, 3(3), 59-79.

### Book Chapters and Reviews

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Olson, D. H., DeFrain, J., & Skogrand, L. (2008). *Marriages and families: Intimacy, diversity and strengths* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York: McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

DeFrain, J., **Cacciatore, J.**, & DeFrain, A. (2005). Death. *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*. Charles Scribner and Sons. Thomson Gale Publishing.

### Government and Foundation Reports

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). MISS Foundation Annual Report, presented to the Executive Board of Directors.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). Emergency Medical Technician and First Responder Guidelines: SIDS And Other Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths. Arizona Department of Health Services. Unexplained Infant Death Advisory Council.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). MISS Foundation. Annual Conference Report. Submitted to the Executive Board of Directors for end of year review.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). MISS Foundation. The Case for Elisabeth's House: A Community Needs Assessment. Presented to the Executive Finance Board of Directors for project review and approval.

**Cacciatore, Joanne.** (2003). Contributor: *A Phenomenological Approach to Child Death*. Manuscript submitted to the National Academies of Science, Institute of Medicine, 2002 as a report for *When Children Die: Improving Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Children and their Families*. Institute of Medicine: National Academies of Science Press. Washington D.C.

### Funded Research and Grants

**Cacciatore, J.** (2009). Principal investigator. TEAR (Traumatic Experiences and Resiliency) Study. Anne Larason Schneider Faculty Endowment for Community Research Award. Pending decision for \$2000.00.

**Shafer, M., Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Co-principal investigator. ADES Child Fatality Citizen's Review Panel. Grant proposal, pending decision for \$143,648.00.

**Carlson, B., Cacciatore, J., & Klimek, B.** (2008). Unaccompanied Refugee Minor in Foster Care: Needs, Coping, and Resilience. Silberman, Lois & Samuel Fund. \$38,423.00. Denied.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). Principal investigator. Effects of Social Support on Maternal Depression following Stillbirth. Daniel's Star Foundation. Award: \$12,000.00

**Cacciatore, J., Froen, J.F., et al.** (2005). Co-principal investigator. MOMStudy. Collected data on 5,000 women experiencing live or stillbirth. Norwegian Institute of Public Health, MISS Foundation. Award: \$10,000.00.

**Barr, P., & Cacciatore, J.** (2004-2005). Maternal Grief and Fear of Death Study. Collected data on 400 women who had experienced the death of a child. Award: \$7500.00.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2003). Post Traumatic Stress Responses and Social Support. Mixed- Collected data on 47 bereaved mothers. Award: \$2500.00

## SELECTED TEACHING

### Undergraduate

SWU420: Research

SWU 301: Human Behavior I

SWU 498: Death & Dying

SWU 402: Human Behavior II

SWU 291: Social Service Delivery

SWU 171: Introduction to Social Work

SWU 415: Field Seminar II

### Graduate

SWG502: Human Behavior I

SWG504: Human Behavior II

SWG690: Readings in Death Studies

SWG598: Trauma and Death

## SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

*Newsweek*, February 1, 2009

*Newsweek Syndicated Radio Show*, February 1, 2009

*Redbook*, pending

*Dr. Gloria Horsley Radio Show*, "When a Child Dies", 2008

*National Conference of State Legislatures*, September 17, 2007.

*New York Times*, May 22, 2007

*People Magazine*: December 11, 2006 and January 19, 2007 issues

*National Public Radio (NPR)*. May, 2007

*CNN American Morning*. April, 2007

Greenstone Media Network: *Women Aloud*, March, 2007

*San Francisco Chronicle* (cover story). January, 2007

Book, *What Happy Women Know*. Dan Baker, PhD

Book, *Practicing Conscious Living and Dying*, Annamaria Hemingway, PhD

Book, *Tea with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*. Rose Winters

*Final Lesson: Elisabeth Kubler-Ross*. Educational Television, Maki Kubochi, Producer, Culture and Welfare Programs, Japanese Broadcasting Corporation.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Keynote

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *When a Child Dies: Helping Families Facing the Death of a Child*. University of California at Davis Workshop. Grant from Children's Miracle Network.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *Beauty from Pain: A Franklian Approach to Transcending Loss*. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation International Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *When a Baby Dies*. Arizona Department of Economic Security Annual State Conference. Phoenix, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Psychosocial Intervention in Perinatal Death*. Arizona Perinatal Regional System Annual Meeting.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2004). *Grieving Children*. Tu Nidito Conference: Seasons of Grief. Tucson, Arizona.

### Grand Rounds

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Obstetrics Grand Rounds: *Perinatal Death: Social, Emotional, and Historic Considerations*. University of California at Davis.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Pediatrics Grand Rounds: *Helping Families When a Child is Dying*. University of California at Davis

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Perinatal Death: Intervention, Etiology, and Pathology*. Phoenix Children's Hospital. Pediatrics Unit.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Transcultural Responses in Mourning*. Grand Rounds, Orange County Children's Hospital.

### Refereed

Hill, T., Shreffler, K., & **Cacciatore, J.** (2009). *The Effect of Perinatal Loss on Marital Dissolution*. Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, California.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *Effects of Support Group Participation on Mothers after the Death of a Baby*. Paper at the International Conference of Social Stress Research, University of New Hampshire, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Froen, JF., **Cacciatore, J.**, Radestad, I. (2006). *Should stillbirth mothers see and hold their stillborn baby?* Poster presentation. National American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists meeting.

### Workshops and Conferences

**Cacciatore, J.** (2009). *Ethical and Spiritual Dilemmas in the Hospice End-of-Life-Care*. Arizona State University.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *When Children Die: Psychosocial Care in Pediatric ICU*. John C. Lincoln Hospital.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *Helping Families Facing Loss*. Phoenix Police Department, Homicide Unit.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). *Trauma and Loss in Child Protective Services Involved Families*. Presentation to family therapists, Tempe, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Hospital Social Work after Perinatal or Pediatric Death*. Flagstaff Memorial Hospital. Flagstaff, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Grief and Attachment in the Lives of Foster Children*. Sunshine Residential Homes. Phoenix, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Neonatal Intensive Care Units: Psychosocial Care in the NICU*. Phoenix Children's Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *The Grieving Family: Empirical Evidence for Psychosocial Intervention*. Prevent Child Abuse Arizona Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Stillbirth: The Symbiotic Nature of Love and Traumatic Grief*. Los Angeles Children's Hospital's Third Annual Grief Symposium.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Reproductive Losses in the Hospital Setting: Providing Non-Intrusive Care for Women*. Sun Health Hospital, Women's Center.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2007). *Facilitator Training: Culturally Sensitive Bereavement Interventions*. Phoenix, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). Presentation. *Remembering the Dead*. When a Child Dies. MISS Foundation and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation Annual International Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). Presentation. *Transcending Loss by Using Kindness to Heal Grief*. When a Child Dies. MISS Foundation and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation Annual International Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). Presentation. *When a Child Dies: Understanding and Facilitating Familial Mourning*. Healthy Families Arizona Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). Presentation. *Stillbirth and Early Infant Death: Working Compassionately with Families*. Phoenix Baptist Hospital.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). *Trauma in Children and Adolescents*. Free Arts Day at Sunshine Residential Homes.

**Cacciatore, J. & Farone, D.** (2006). Presentation. *Social Change and the Language of Grief*. When a Child Dies. MISS Foundation and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation Annual International Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2006). Presentation. *When a Baby Dies: The Symbiotic Nature of Love and Grief*. Prevent Child Abuse Arizona State Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Cultural Competency and Mourning*. National Association of Death Education and Counseling Annual Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The Microculture of the Grieving Family*. Prevent Child Abuse Arizona State Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Psychosocial Intervention: Post Traumatic Stress Responses in Women Experiencing Sudden Intrauterine Infant Death*. MISS Foundation International Conference.

DeFrain, J., **Cacciatore, J.**, Jones, K. (2005). Paper presentation. *When a Baby Dies: Ambiguity and Sudden Intrauterine Infant Death*. University of Minnesota: Ambiguous Loss and Boundary Ambiguity Symposium.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The Effects of Perinatal Death on the Family System*. University of Arizona Medical School.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The Effects of Support Group Participation on Women Experiencing Sudden Intrauterine Infant Death*. Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Women's and Children's Health, High Risk Perinatal Conference.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *Facilitating Familial Mourning*. Healthy Families Institute. Mesa, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2005). *The Dying Child: Helping Families Facing a Fatal Diagnosis*. Arizona Perinatal Trust. Phoenix, Arizona.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2004). *The Power of Compassion: A Phenomenological Approach to Perinatal Death*. National Perinatal Bereavement Conference.

## CURRENT RESEARCH STUDIES

Cacciatore, J., et al. (2009). Traumatic Experiences and Resiliency Study (TEARS).

Cacciatore, J. (2009). The Effects of Traumatic, Cumulative Child Death.

Cacciatore, J. (2009). *Historicual Examination of Ritual after a Child's Death: A Qualitative Study*.

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Editorial

**Cacciatore, J.** (2009). Content expert editor for Western Schools *Trauma, Loss, and Bereavement* course.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2008). Reviewer for *Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy*.

**Cacciatore, J.** (2009). Reviewer for *International Journal of Stress Management*.

### Philanthropic

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, MISS Foundation, 1996 to present.

*The MISS Foundation is a 501 (c) 3, volunteer based organization committed to providing crisis support and long term aid to families after the death of a child from any cause. MISS also participates in legislative and advocacy issues, community engagement and volunteerism, and culturally competent, multidisciplinary, education opportunities. There are currently 74 chapters around the world, including Romania, Mexico, and Canada.*

Founding member, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation, 2005.

Founding member, International Stillbirth Alliance, 2003.

Founding member, National Stillbirth Society, 2001.

### Academic and Community

Member, Arizona State University BSW Committee

Lead faculty, Arizona State University, Masters of Social Work Human Behavior in the Social Environment series

Coordinator, Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement Graduate Certificate Program, 2008 through current

Co-authored papers with students: Zulma Raffo, PhD student; Wendy Richard, MSW student; Elizabeth Michaelis, MSW student; Trish Hill, PhD student

Chair, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, Bereavement Center Planning Committee, 2008 to present.

Consultant expert, Chandler Regional Hospital Bereavement Program. Chandler, Arizona, 2008 to present.

Consultant, Daniel's STAR to the New York State Legislature, 2007 to present.

Consultant to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Health, 2007-2008.

MISS Foundation/ASU International Bereavement Conference, Chair, 2008.

Arizona State University. Development of new course: SWG598- Death, Dying, and Bereavement: Theory, Philosophy, and Intervention, 2005.

Development of proposal for graduate Certificate in Trauma and Bereavement Program at ASU, 2007.

Expert witness. Wisconsin Supreme Court. *Pierce v. Physicians Insurance Company of Wisconsin, Inc.* No. 01-2710, 2007.

### Legislative

Successfully lobbied the U.S. Congress for more than \$1 billion for stillbirth research, 2007.

Successfully lobbied the National Institute of Health for three million dollars reassigned to fund medical research on stillbirth, 2007.

HB2416; SB1003: Tax exemption Bill; SB1203: Unexplained Infant Death Advisory Council; and legislation in 24 other states.

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

1996-Present  
*Clinical Programs Director* MISS Foundation Peoria, AZ

Provided individual, group, and family grief counseling, program planning, facilitator training, facilitated groups, and developed and implemented professional education; Provided clinical supervision to master's level field intern students; Developed and implement crisis intervention training and postvention protocol services.

1998-2004  
*Family Liaison* Maricopa County Medical Examiner's Office Phoenix, AZ

Provided individual counseling services and debriefing to physicians, investigators, and families; Acted as liaison for death notification and postmortem contact; Provided inservice training on psychosocial care.

1995-1999  
*Director* Arizona SIDS Alliance Phoenix, AZ

Provided peer grief counseling and support to new families and children; Developed programs for family services; Provided crisis intervention training.

### SELECTED AWARDS

Hon Kachina Volunteer Award

*The Hon Kachina Volunteer Award is given by the Hon Kachina Council to honor people making significant volunteer contributions to the healthcare field. This program is an extension of the rich heritage of volunteerism provided by St. Luke's Medical Center in Phoenix for nearly 100 years. It is a highly prestigious and competitive award designed to both recognize the achievement of outstanding Arizona volunteers and to increase public awareness about volunteerism.*

2007

Hospice Compassionate Care Award

2007

Arizona Woman of Influence  
2004

St. Luke's Charitable Health Trust, Laurel Award  
2001

Finalist, Truman Scholarship Award

#### SELECT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Perinatal Social Workers  
ADHS Infant Death Advisory Council  
Association for Death Education and Counseling

#### LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

State of Arizona, Licensed Master of Social Work  
Association for Death Education and Counseling, Fellow in Thanatology