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2008-present	Adjunct Professor of Psychology, St. Leo University, Distance Learning, St. Leo, FL
1998-present	Courtesy appointment Associate in Research, Department of Mental Health and Law, College of Behavioral and Community Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
1995-1998	Private Consultant on Program Evaluation, Lutz, FL
1990-1995	Research Assistant Professor, Department of Child and Family Studies, Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
1990-1990	Instructor in Psychology, Psychology Department, University of South Florida and Polk Community College, Lakeland, FL
1987-1988	Project Coordinator, International Survey Research Corporation, Chicago, IL
1982-1987	Research Assistant, Social Science Research Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

PUBLICATIONS

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- Hills, H. and Rugs, D. (2001). Engaging Women in Treatment. Presented at the 25th Annual conference of Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association. Inc., Orlando, FL.
- Rugs, D. and Peters, R.H. (2001). SPARC Formal Needs Assessment. Presented at CSAT Grantee Meeting of New Orleans: Practice Research Collaborative Forging Partnerships.
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OTHER

- Reviewer for the Journal Program Planning Evaluation
- Reviewer for American Evaluation Association Groups, Government and Multi-Site/Multi-Methods
- Reviewer for Abstracts for 2013, 13th Annual Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference In Orlando, FL, March.
- Reviewer for Abstracts for 2014, 14th Annual Safe Patient Handling and Movement Conference In Orlando, FL, March.
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