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I have been involved in aging-related concerns as a student, intern, program coordinator, and social service provider in the last 13 years. Also, I had various employment experiences in both the micro and macro-practice levels serving diverse clients from children, to mentally distressed individuals, and public housing residents. I received funding for a social work geriatric internship from a national training program. I presented and accepted to present at conferences regarding research on a sample of minority workers and their perceived long-term care needs and retirement concerns. I have had research assistantships related to aging initiatives and a research internship in the mental health sector. On-going research involves the pathways to depression for a minority/majority sample using structural equation modeling and dissertation revolves around diabetes management among older adults utilizing panel data. My research interests include the following: physical, social, and mental health, older adults, minorities, workers and women's issues as well as third world development.