

EDUCATION

- 2013** **University of Tennessee**
Doctor of Philosophy
Dissertation: *A Study of Graduate Student Grief and Prolonged Grief Disorder*
Major: Educational Psychology and Research
Concentration: Applied Educational Psychology
Graduate Certificate in Evaluation, Statistics, and Measurement
Graduate Certificate in Qualitative Research Methods in Education
- 2008** **Western Carolina University**
Master of Education
Major: College Student Personnel
Concentrations: Adult Education and Community College Administration
- 2005** **Shenandoah University**
Bachelor of Science
Major: Biology
Concentration: Medical Microbiology and Immunology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – Present Associate Professor, Educational Research, University of West Georgia
- 2016 – Present Director, School Improvement Doctorate Program, University of West Georgia
- 2013 – 2017 Assistant Professor, Educational Research, University of West Georgia
- 2012 – 2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Educational Research, University of West Georgia
- 2009 – 2012 Graduate Research Assistant, Educational Psychology and Counseling, University of Tennessee
- 2009 – 2012 Graduate Research Assistant, Grief Outreach Initiative, University of Tennessee
- 2012 Graduate Research Assistant, Institute for Assessment and Evaluation, University of Tennessee
- 2012 Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Tennessee
- 2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Tennessee
- 2008-2009 Program Specialist, Undergraduate Admissions, University of Tennessee
- 2007-2008 Instructor, Arts and Sciences Division, Southwestern Community College
- 2007-2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Student Support Services, Western Carolina University

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- 2007-2008 Graduate Assistant, Student Support Services, Western Carolina University
- 2007 Intern, Catamount Academic Tutoring Center, Western Carolina University
- 2006-2007 Assistant Resident Director, Department of Residential Living, Western Carolina University
- 2006 Graduate Instructor, Academic Advising Center, Western Carolina University
- 2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Studies, Western Carolina University
- 2006 Intern, Academic Advising Center, Western Carolina University
- 2005-2006 Residential Housing Coordinator, Office of Residence Life, Shenandoah University

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Journals

- *Darden, P., **Varga, M. A.**, & Nixon, A. (Under review). Title I: Benefit or bust? *School Leadership and Management*.
- Varga, M. A.**, & Balk, D. E. (Under review). Development and validation of the Holistic Grief Effects Instrument. *Illness, Crisis, and Loss*.
- Varga, M. A.**, & Balk, D. E. (Under review). Psychometric properties of a death loss attachment scale. *Mortality*.
- Varga, M. A.**, Lanier, B. A., Biber, D., & Stewart, B. (Under review). Holistic grief effects, mental health, and counseling support in bereaved college students. *College Student Affairs Journal*.
- Dilling, J. L., **Varga, M. A.**, & Mandernach, B. J. (Under review). Comparing teaching presence and social presence in traditional and online learning environments. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*.
- Varga, M. A.**, Varga, M. D., *Balentyne, P., & Lanier, B. A. (Accepted for publication). Holistically understanding and supporting bereaved emerging adults. *Mortality*.
- Kimbrel, L., & **Varga, M. A.** (Accepted for publication). Predicting Ed.D. applicant potential using structured behavioral interviews during the application process. *Impacting Education: Journal on Transforming Professional Practice*.
- Green, K. B., Robbins, S. H., **Varga, M. A.**, Head, C. N., *Davis, E., & *Houze, W. (2019). Individualised professional development using the Pyramid Model with Head Start teachers. *International Journal of Disability, Development, and Education*.
doi: 10.1080.1034912X.2019.1681376

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- Robbins, S. H., Bucholz, J., **Varga, M. A.**, & Green, K. (2019). Promoting inclusion in preschool with program-wide positive behavior supports. *International Journal of Inclusive Education*. doi: 1080/13603116.2019.1666169
- Varga, M. A.** (2019). Reflections on grief research interview participation. *Death Studies*. Available online at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07481187.2019.1648334>
doi: [10.1080/07481187.2019.1648334](https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2019.1648334)
- Varga, M. A.**, & Varga, M. D. (2019). Grieving college students use of social media. *Illness, Crisis, and Loss*. doi: 10.1177/1054137319827426. Available online at <https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/2qjnh8uBr5BuQrwXU8b8/full>
- *Pollard, B. L., **Varga, M. A.**, Wheat, L. S., McClam, T., & *Balentyne, P. (2017). Characteristics of graduate counseling student grief experiences. *Illness, Crisis, and Loss*. Available online at <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1054137317730525>
- *Balentyne, P., & **Varga, M. A.** (2017). Attitudes and achievement in a self-paced blended learning mathematics course. *Journal of Online Learning Research*, 3(1), 55-72. Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE). Retrieved from <http://www.learntechlib.org/p/173313>.
- *Balentyne, P., & **Varga, M. A.** (2016). The effects of self-paced blended learning of mathematics. *Journal of Computers in Mathematics and Science Teaching*, 35(3), 201-223.
- Varga, M. D., & **Varga, M. A.** (2015). Prescription stimulant use by graduate students. *College Student Affairs Journal*, 33(1), 124-145. doi: 10.1353/csaj.2015.0004
- Paulus, T. M., & **Varga, M. A.** (2015). "Please know you are not alone with your pain": Responses to newcomer posts in an online grief support group. *Death Studies*, 39(10), 633-640. doi: 10.1080/07481187.2015.1047060
- Varga, M. A.** (2015). A quantitative study of graduate student grief experiences. *Illness, Crisis, & Loss*, 24(3).
doi: 10.1177/1054137315589700
- Varga, M. A.**, McClam, T. M., & Hassane, S. H. (2015). Grief experiences among female American and Arab college students. *OMEGA Journal of Death and Dying*, 72(2), 165-183. doi: 10.1177/0030222815574834
- McClam, T., & **Varga, M. A.** (2014). Grieving students in helping professions. *Journal of Human Service Education*, 34(1), 94-99.
- Davis, C. A., & **Varga, M. A.** (2014). Performing professor. *Polymath: Special Issue, On Being a Professor*, 1(14). Available at <https://ojcs.siue.edu/ojs/index.php/polymath/article/viewFile/2908/929>
- Varga, M. A.**, & Paulus, T. M. (2014). Grieving online: Newcomers' constructions of grief in an online support group. *Death Studies*, 38(7), 443-449. doi: 10.1080/07481187.2013.780112

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Paulus, T., Phipps, G., Harrison, J., & **Varga, M. A.** (2012). Re-envisioning instructional technology research in higher education environments: A content analysis of a grant program. *Journal of Computing in Higher Education*, 24(3), 164-181. doi: 10.1007/s12528-012-9062-2

Woodside, M., McClam, T., Diambra, J., & **Varga, M. A.** (2012). The meaning of time for human service professionals. *Journal of Human Service Education*, 32(1), 4-20.

Book Chapters

Varga, M. A. (Under review). The impact of grief on college students. *Exploring the opportunities and challenges of college students*.

Balk, D. E., & **Varga, M. A.** (2018). Attachment bonds and social media in the lives of bereaved college students. In D. Klass & E. Steffen (Eds.), *Continuing Bonds* (2nd ed., pp. 303-316) New York, NY: Routledge.

Paulus, T., & **Varga, M.A.** (2017). The construction of grief in an online support group: A case illustration of a discourse analysis study. In N. Woolf & C. Silver (Eds.) *Five-Level QDA: A method for harnessing CAQDAS powerfully*. London, UK: Sage Publications.

Varga, M. A. (2017). Grief Interactions Among Emerging Adults on College Campuses. In A. Copone & V. Parvaresh (Eds.), *The pragmeme of accommodation in connection with interaction around the event of death* (pp. 83-94). Springer Publications. Available at <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-55759-5/page/1>

Whisenhunt, J. L., & **Varga, M. A.** (2017). Methodological issues. In C. J. Sheperis, J. S. Young, & M. H. Daniels (Eds.), *Counseling Research: Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods* (2nd Ed., pp. 58-75). Boston, Ma: Pearson.

Varga, M. A., & Paletti, R. (2013). Life span issues and dying. In D. K. Meagher & D. E. Balk (Eds.), *Handbook of Thanatology: The Essential Body of Knowledge for the Study of Death, Dying, and Bereavement* (2nd Ed., pp. 25-31). New York, NY: Routledge.

Book Reviews

Varga, M. A. (2015). The Evolution of thanatology: Past, present, and future contributions to the field. *Death Studies*, 39(7), 451-452. doi: 10.1080/07481187.2015.1041843

Varga, M. A. (2015). Helping adolescents cope with loss: A comprehensive text. *Death Studies*, 39(4), 252-253, doi: . 10.1080/07481187.2014.944476

Varga, M. A. (2014). Helping the bereaved college student. 69(2), 217-218, doi: 10.2190/OM.69.2.g

Varga, M. A. (2014). Why funerals matter: Death rituals across cultures. *Death Studies*, 38(8), 546-547. doi: 10.1080/07481187.2013.869467

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Encyclopedia Entry

Varga, M. A. (2015). Death and dying, Psychology of. In: James D. Wright (Ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd edition, Vol 5. Oxford: Elsevier. pp. 860-864. Available at: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780080970868340090>

Non-referred Publications

Varga, M. A. (2015). The Nicholas effect: The boy who saved thousands of lives. *ADEC Forum: The quarterly publication of the Association for Death Education and Counseling*.

Varga, M. A. (2014). Bridging research and practice: DSM-5 and bereavement. *ADEC Forum: The quarterly publication of the Association for Death Education and Counseling*, 40(3), 10.

Varga, M. A. (2013). Helping children after traumatic loss. *ADEC Forum: The quarterly publication of the Association for Death Education and Counseling*, 39(3), 13.

Varga, M. A. (2012). Ethics and reflexivity in online research. *AERA Qualitative Research Special Interest Group Newsletter*, Summer, 2012.

McClam, T. & **Varga, M. A.** (2012). The grief outreach initiative: University students help grieving children in the community. *Community Works Journal*, April, 2012.

McClam, T. & **Varga, M. A.** (2011). Connecting college students and grieving children. *ADEC Forum: The quarterly publication of the Association for Death Education and Counseling*, 37(4), 31-33.

Conference Proceedings

Huett, K. C. & **Varga, M. A.** (2016). Building pre-service teacher interest in computer science education through mentoring experiences. In *Proceedings of Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education*, Memphis, Tennessee.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Presentations Professional Presentations (* denotes student co-presenter)

Varga, M. A., & Balk, D. E. (Accepted to present). Psychometric properties of two new grief instruments: Attachment scale and Holistic grief effects scale. Proposal submission under review to present at the 2020 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Columbus, Ohio.

Wong, T., Balk, J. R., Harris, D., **Varga, M. A.**, Cupit, I. N., & Balk, D. E. (Accepted to present). Teaching that Matters: Online thanatology education. Proposal submission under review to present at the 2020 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Columbus, Ohio.

Olaleye, C.*, & **Varga, M. A.** (2019). The role of gender on holistic grief effects experienced by college students. Presented at the 2019 University of West Georgia College of Education Research, Diversity, and Study Abroad Showcase.

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- Varga, M. A., & Olaleye, C*.** (2019). The role of gender on holistic grief effects experienced by college students. Presented at the 2019 Undergraduate Research Conference at the University of North Georgia.
- Kimbrel, L., & Varga, M. A.** (2019). Implementation of the Leadership Behavior Assessment for School Improvement Doctoral Students. Accepted to present at the 2019 University of West Georgia College of Education Research, Diversity, and Study Abroad Showcase.
- McGuire, D.*, Green, K. B., & Varga, M. A.** (2019). *Effects of a Head Start Family Day experience on undergraduate student perspectives.* Poster presented at the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Early Childhood Conference, Dallas, Texas.
- McGuire, D.*, Green, K. B., & Varga, M. A.** (2019). *Effects of a Head Start Family Day Experience on College Student Perspectives.* Poster presented at the 2019 University of West Georgia College of Education Research, Diversity, and Study Abroad Showcase.
- Cupit, I. N., Neimeyer, R., Harris, D., Balk, D. E., Varga, M. A., & Arnold, C.** (2019). Teaching that matters: The goals of death education circa 2019. Paper presented at the 2019 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Bordere, T. C., & Varga, M. A.** (2019). African American female youth and grief support. Paper presented at the 2019 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A., & Bordere, T. C.** (2018). Grieving Experiences of African American Female College Students: A Mixed Methods Study. Paper presented at the 2018 University of West Georgia College of Education Research, Diversity, and Study Abroad Showcase.
- Boettcher, M., Bourke, B., Kniess, D., & Varga, M. A.** (2018). Taking your research to a new direction: From Dissertation to Manuscript. Paper accepted to present at the 2018 Southern Association for College Student Affairs Annual Conference. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- Balk, D. B., Cupit, I. N., Servaty-Seib, H. L., Varga, M. A., & de St. Aubin, M.** (2018). Research that matters 2018: College student bereavement. Panel discussion presented at the 2018 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Bordere, T. C., & Varga, M. A.** (2018). Grief and coping among African American female college students. Paper presented at the 2018 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Cupit, I. N., Servaty-Seib, H. L., Wheat, L., & Varga, M. A.** (2018). Teaching that matters. Paper presented at the 2018 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Varga, M. A., Wheat, L.S., & Pollard, B. L.** (2017). The grief experiences of graduate counseling students. Paper presented at the 2017 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Portland, Oregon.

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- Varga, M. A.,** & Balk, D. E. (2017). The bereavement and social media use continuum. Poster presented at the 2017 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- Balk, D. E., **Varga, M. A.,** Sofka, C., & Cupit, I. (2016). Research that matters: Social media and bereavement. Paper presented at the 2016 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Varga, M. A.** (2016). Conducting ethical grief research in the online world. Paper presented at the 2016 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Green, K. B., Robbins, S. H., Bucholz, J., & **Varga, M. A.** (2016). Managing challenging behaviors in Head Start inclusive and diverse classrooms: A professional development model for The Teaching Pyramid. Poster presented at the Second Annual COE Diversity Research Symposium, University of West Georgia. Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.,** & Paulus, T. M. (2015). "Welcome to the club nobody wanted to join": Understanding online grief support forums. Poster presented at the 2015 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. San Antonio, Texas.
- Varga, M. A.,** & Bordere, T. C. (2015). The grief experiences of African American female college students. Paper presented at the 2015 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. San Antonio, Texas.
- Cupit, I. N., Bordere, T. C., **Varga, M. A.,** de St. Aubin, M., & Thompson, K. E. (2015). Teaching that matters: Pedagogical approaches to issues of diversity. Paper presented at the 2015 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. San Antonio, Texas.
- Carney, J., Kawulich, B., Miller, M., Packard, A., Ross, M., Smith, M. C., & **Varga, M. A.** (2015). Writing for publication: Tips for academic publishing. Panel presentation at the 2015 Annual Eastern Educational Research Association Conference. Sarasota, Florida.
- Varga, M. A.,** & Kawulich, B. B. (2014). Interviews as validation. Paper presented at the 13th Annual Advances in Qualitative Methods Conference. Alberta, Canada.
- Kawulich, B. B., & **Varga, M. A.** (2014). Qualitative research leading to social change. Poster presented at the 13th Annual Advances in Qualitative Methods Conference. Alberta, Canada.
- Green, K. B., Wingate, K. O., **Varga, M. A.,** & Lu, M. D. (2014). Effects of early childhood family education for at risk preschoolers and their families. Poster presented at the Institute Designed for Educating All Students (IDEAS) Conference, St. Simon's Island, Georgia.
- Balk, D. E., Harris, D. L., Papa, A., & **Varga, M. A.** (2014). Research that matters 2014: Non-death losses. Paper presented at the 2014 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.
- Varga, M. A.,** McClam, T. M., & Hassane, S. H. (2014). Grief experiences among American and Arab college students. Poster presented at the 2014 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.

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- Varga, M. A.** & McClam, T. M. (2014). Boundary issues in grief work: A case study analysis. Poster presented at the 2014 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.
- *Pollard, B., **Varga, M. A.**, & McClam, T. M. (2014). Grief experiences of graduate counseling students and mentors. Poster presented at the 2014 Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.
- McClam, T., & **Varga, M. A.** (2013). Assessing the development of grief mentors. Paper presented at the 2013 Association for Death Education and Counseling Annual Conference. Hollywood, California.
- Varga, M. A.**, & McClam, T. (2014). Evaluating mentor development in grief work. Paper presented at the 2014 Australian Grief and Bereavement Conference. Melbourne, Victoria.
- Paulus, T. M., & **Varga, M. A.** (2013). Online groups as research context: Ethical dilemmas. Paper presented at the 4th Annual Qualitative Report Conference. Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- McClam, T., & **Varga, M. A.** (2012). Enhancing service-learning and character development using case studies. Paper presented at the 2012 International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement Annual Conference. Baltimore, Maryland.
- Varga, M. A.**, & Mynatt, B. S. (2012). How online grief support forum research impacts practice. Paper presented at the 2012 Association for Death Education and Counseling Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.**, (2012). College students becoming grief mentors: A study of motivational factors. Paper presented at the 2012 College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences Graduate Student Colloquium at The University of Tennessee. Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Varga, M. A.**, & McClam, T. (2012). Using focus groups to enhance the grief volunteer experience. Paper presented at the 2012 Association for Death Education and Counseling Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Catalana, M., **Varga, M. A.**, & McClam, T. (2011). Aiding mentors in shaping the futures of grieving at-risk youth. Paper presented at the 2011 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference. Nashville, Tennessee.
- Woodside, M., McClam, T., Diambra, J., & **Varga, M.A.** (2011). The meaning of time for professional counselors. Paper presented at the 2011 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference. Nashville, Tennessee.
- McClam, T., & **Varga, M. A.** (2011). Connecting college students and grieving kids. Paper presented at the 2011 International Conference on Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society and the Association for Death Education and Counseling Conference. Miami, Florida.
- Varga, M. A.** (2011). Developing multimedia applications to engage grieving children. Paper presented at the 2011 Teachers College Educational Technology Conference. Columbia University, New York City, New York.

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- Sands, T.L., Raucci, M., & **Varga, M. A.** (2011). I am not who you think: Identity of first-generation white women. Paper presented at the 2011 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Varga, M. A.**, & Adams, A. (2010). CEA: Helping students learn for the future. Paper presented at the 2010 Southern Association for College Student Affairs Annual Conference. Panama City, Florida.
- Woodside, M., McClam, T., Diambra, J., & **Varga, M. A.** (2010). The meaning of time in human services. Paper presented at the 2010 National Organization for Human Services Annual Conference. Portland, Maine.
- Taylor, A., & **Varga, M. A.** (2007). Early alert system: Catching at-risk students before they slip through the cracks. Paper presented at the Regional 3 National Academic Advising Association Conference. Asheville, North Carolina.
- Boyer, B., & **Varga, M. A.** (2007). Diamonds in the rough: A unique approach to unearthing students with leadership potential. Paper presented at the 2007 Western Carolina University Faculty Enrichment and Education Conference. Cullowhee, North Carolina.

Invited Presentations

- Varga, M. A.** (2019). Introduction to Mendeley reference management. Presented at the 2019 Doctoral Studies Orientation to doctoral students enrolled at the College of Education at the University of West Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2019). Introduction to Mendeley reference management. Presented through the Research and Dissertation Development Series to doctoral students enrolled at the College of Education at the University of West Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2018). Pathway to successful promotion and tenure. Invited to present to faculty in the College of Education at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2017). Pathway to successful promotion and tenure. Presented to faculty in the Department of Leadership, Research, and School Improvement at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2017). Grief in the workplace. Presented for the Continuing Education Department at the University of West Georgia, Newnan, Georgia.
- Varga, M. D., & Varga, M. A.** (2017). Values Congruence. Presented to employees of Grey Stone in Douglasville, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2016). The fundamentals of survey research. Presented to doctoral students enrolled in the School Improvement program at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2015). Establishing and advancing your research agenda. Presented to faculty in the College of Education at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.

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- Varga, M. A.** (2015). The fundamentals of survey research. Presented to doctoral students enrolled in the School Improvement program at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2015). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to the Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Varga, M. A.** (2015). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students enrolled in Instructional Technology Digital Tools Course at the University of Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2014). Understanding and supporting the grieving college student: A holistic approach. Presented to attendants of the 2014 National Conference on College Student Grief in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Varga, M. A.** (2014). Building a comprehensive research agenda. Presented as a panel member to faculty in the College of Education at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2014). Survey design. Presented to doctoral students enrolled in the School Improvement program at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2014). Mixed methods research designs. Presented to doctoral students enrolled in the School Improvement program at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2014). Qualitative research designs. Presented to doctoral students enrolled in the School Improvement program at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2014). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students enrolled in a Strategies for Educational Inquiry course at Indiana University.
- Varga, M. A.** (2013). Introduction to quantitative analysis in survey research. Presented to graduate students enrolled in a Research Program Evaluation course at the University of West Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2013). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students enrolled in a Strategies for Educational Inquiry course at Indiana University.
- Varga, M. A.** (2013). Survey design. Presented to doctoral students enrolled in the School Improvement program at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Georgia.
- Varga, M. A.** (2013). College and the grieving student: Recent Research. Presented to attendants of the 2013 National Conference on College Student Grief in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Varga, M. A.** (2013). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students enrolled in Instructional Technology Digital Tools Course at the University of Tennessee.
- Varga, M. A.** (2012). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students in Educational Psychology at Washington State University.
- Varga, M. A.** (2012). College students and grief. Presented to graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in a Counselor Education course at the University of Tennessee.

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- Varga, M. A.** (2012). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students enrolled in Instructional Technology Digital Tools Course at the University of Tennessee.
- Varga, M. A.** (2011). The Grief outreach initiative at the University of Tennessee. Presented to graduate students enrolled in Counselor Education Cross-Cultural Theory and Research Course at the University of Tennessee.
- Varga, M. A.** (2011). Introduction to Mendeley research management. Presented to graduate students enrolled in Instructional Technology Digital Tools Course at the University of Tennessee.
- Varga, M. A.** (2008). Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility. Presented at the 2008 Western Carolina University Women's Center Reception. Cullowhee, North Carolina.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Level

- CEPD 8156 Designing Effective Programs (Spring 2020)
- *EDSI 9964 Advanced Research Seminar (Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2019)
- *CEPD 8194 Mixed Methods Analysis, University of West Georgia (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
- *CEPD 8184 Quantitative Data Analysis, University of West Georgia (Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- *CEPD 7185 Quantitative Analysis, University of West Georgia (Fall 2015)
- MEDT 8480 Program Evaluation, University of West Georgia (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- CEPD 8184 Research Seminar I in Counseling, University of West Georgia (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
- CEPD 8194 Research Seminar II in Counseling, University of West Georgia (Spring 2014)
- SPLA 6784 Research Seminar I in Speech Language Pathology, University of West Georgia (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
- EDSI 9962 Qualitative Research Methods, University of West Georgia (Summer, 2014)
- EDRS 6342 School and Classroom Assessment, University of West Georgia (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
- *EDSI 9960 Research Design, University of West Georgia (Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2019)
- EDSI 9960 School Improvement Through Data Driven Decision-Making, University of West Georgia (Summer 2013)
- EDRS 6301 Research in Education, University of West Georgia (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)
- EDPY 582 Educational Research Fundamentals, University of Tennessee (Fall 2011)

*Redesigned courses

Undergraduate Level

- The First Year Experience, University of West Georgia (Fall 2013, Fall 2014)
- Career and Personal Development, University of Tennessee (Summer 2012)
- First Year Studies, Southwestern Community College (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

New Courses Designed – Undergraduate Level

- CWED 3110 Program Evaluation for Community Settings

New Courses Designed – Graduate Level

- EDSI 9901 Doctoral Seminar (Summer 2018)

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EDSI 9964 Advanced Research Design (Summer 2017)
EDRS 7101/9101 Program Evaluation I: Introduction to Program Evaluation (Fall 2016)
CEPD 8194 Mixed Methods Analysis, University of West Georgia (Spring 2016)
CEPD 7185 Quantitative Analysis, University of West Georgia (Fall 2015)
EDSI 9960 Research Design, University of West Georgia (Summer 2014)

New Program of Study Design

Doctor of School Improvement Degree (beginning 2019-2020)

GRANTS

Varga, M. A. (2019). *Measuring student grief experiences*. UWG Student Research Assistant Program Award. (Funded - \$1,570)

Varga, M. A. (2016). *The unique grieving experiences of female African-American Students*. UWG Faculty Research Grant. (Funded - \$1,800)

Green, K. B., Robbins, S., Bucholz, J., & **Varga, M. A.** (2015). *iCARE: Instruction of children at risk and with exceptionalities (2014-2015)*. YMCA Early Childhood Development Co, LLC Head Start and Early Head Start (Funded - \$75,077.50).

Green, K. B., Robbins, S., Bucholz, J., & **Varga, M. A.** (2015). *iCARE: Instruction of children at risk and with exceptionalities (2015-2016)*. YMCA Early Childhood Development Co, LLC Head Start and Early Head Start (Funded - \$63,569.60). Complete.

Huett, K. C., & **Varga, M. A.** (2015). *Building pre-service teacher and SLP interest in STEM-C through mentoring experiences in EDUC 2110*. University of West Georgia Institutional STEM Excellence Mini-grant Program (Funded -\$5,309).

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McClam, T. M., & **Varga, M. A.** (2010). *Research to successfully expand services provided to children in the community coping with grief, loss or trauma*. University of Tennessee, Academic Outreach and Engagement Incentive Grant. Funded (\$2,000).

McClam, T. M., & **Varga, M. A.** (2010). *Grief Outreach Initiative Community Programs*. University of Tennessee, Alliance of Women Philanthropists Giving Circle. Declined (\$13,000).

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EVALUATION WORK

Available upon request

STUDENT COMMITTEE WORK

Available upon request

SERVICE

University System

2019 Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant Committee, Reviewer

University

2019-Present Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant Presentations for Faculty Recruitment, Presenter

2019-Present Graduate Programs Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member & Graduate School Liaison

2018-2019 ORSP Faculty Research Grant Committee, University of West Georgia, Reviewer

2016-Present Graduate School Advisory Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member

2016 Students of AMF Grief Support Group, University of West Georgia, Faculty Advisor

2016 Online Advisory Group, University of West Georgia, Committee Member

2016-2018 Rules Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member

2014-2018 Engage West Survey Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member

2013–2015 Academic Policies Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member

2011 Academic Outreach and Engagement Council, University of Tennessee, Grant Reviewer

College

2020 Mixed Methods 101, College of Education, Presenter

2019 Research Design Speed Center, College of Education, Facilitator

2019 Promotion & Tenure Third Year Review Committee, Department of Communication Sciences and Professional Counseling

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2018	Post-Tenure Review Committee, College of Education, University of West Georgia
2018	FDMR Ice Cream Social – Writing, Publishing, and Collaboration, Mentor
2016-2019	College of Education Faculty Governance Council, Committee Member
2015	College of Education Research Night Competition, University of West Georgia, Judge
2015-2016	School Improvement Orientation Planning Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2014-2016	School Improvement Admissions Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2013–2015	School Improvement Advisory Research Subcommittee, University of West Georgia, Chair
2013–2016	School Improvement Advisory Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2013	School Improvement Doctoral Program Orientation Faculty Panel, University of West Georgia, Panel Member
2013	College of Education Research Night Competition, University of West Georgia, Judge
2013	College of Education Strategic Planning Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2012-2014	College of Education Convocation Committee, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
Department	
2019	Promotion & Tenure Review Committee, Department of Leadership, Research, & School Improvement
2018	Promotion & Tenure Review Committee, Department of Leadership, Research, & School Improvement
2018	Educational Research Faculty Search, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2017	Departmental Associate Staff Search, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2017	Educational Research Faculty Search, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2016-2017	Educational Leadership Faculty Search, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
2014-2017	Program Evaluation Certificate Developer, University of West Georgia, Lead Developer

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- 2014 Educational Research Faculty Search, University of West Georgia, Chair
- 2012 Departmental Chair Search, University of West Georgia, Committee Member
- 2012 Educational Research Faculty Search, University of West Georgia, Committee Member

Professional

- 2020-Present *Illness, Crisis, and Loss*, Editorial Member
- 2015-Present *Death Studies*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2016-Present *College Student Affairs Journal*, Associate Editor
- 2019 *Journal of Adventure Education and Outdoor Learning*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2017-2018 Board of Directors, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Elected Board Member
- 2017- 2018 Research Grant Committee, National Association for Student Personnel Administrators Region III, Reviewer
- 2017-2018 Reference Task Committee, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Member
- 2016-2018 Awards Committee, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Chair
- 2014-2018 Distance Education Committee, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Member
- 2014-2015 Research & Assessment Committee, Southern Association for College Student Affairs, Chair
- 2015-2016 Conference Proposal Reviewer, Southern Association for College Student Affairs, Reviewer
- 2014-2016 Student Scholarship Committee, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Chair
- 2013-2016 Student Paper Award Reviewer, Eastern Educational Research Association, Reviewer
- 2016 *Journal of Research on Leadership Education*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2016 *Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy*, Manuscript Reviewer
- 2015 *Journal of Research in Education*, Eastern Educational Research Association, Co-Editor
- 2014 *The Forum*, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Co-editor
- 2014 Conference Proposal Reviewer, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Reviewer

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- 2014 Graduate Student Case Study Competition, Southern Association for College Student Affairs, Judge
- 2012-2014 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Research in Education*
- 2012-2014 *The Forum*, Association for Death Education and Counseling, New Professional Intern
- 2011-2012 *The Forum*, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Student Intern
- 2011-2013 Student Initiative Committee, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Co-chair
- 2010-Present Mendeley, Advisor & Advisor Task Force, Committee Member

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate
- 2015 College of Education Leadership Development Retreat
- 2015 Quality Matters Rubric Update
- 2014 Quality Matters Peer Review Course
- 2014 Quality Matters Applying the QM Rubric in Online Courses
- 2013 Quality Matters Designing Your Online Course
- 2013 College of Education Leadership Development Initiative, University of West Georgia
- 2013 Certified Online Instructor Training, University of West Georgia
- 2010 Writing Successful Grants, Part I. Office of Research, The University of Tennessee.
- 2010 Writing Successful Grants, Part II. Office of Research, The University of Tennessee.
- 2010 Finding Funding. Office of Research, The University of Tennessee.

AWARDS

- 2019 University of West Georgia College of Education Program of the Year Award
- 2018 Ron Barrett Award, Association for Death Education and Counseling
- 2016 University of West Georgia College of Education Outstanding Research Award
- 2013 Association of Death Education and Counseling Student Initiative Conference Scholarship
- 2012 Graduate Student Advisory Board Dean's Professional Development Award
- 2012 Association of Death Education and Counseling Student Initiative Conference Scholarship
- 2011 University of Tennessee Office of Research Summer Graduate Research Assistantship Award
- 2011 Association of Death Education and Counseling Student Initiative Conference Scholarship
- 2008 Western Carolina University Woman Inspiring Hope and Possibility Award
- 2007 National Academic Advising Association Region 3 Graduate Student Award

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC)
Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)
Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA)
Mendeley

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COMPUTER PROFICIENCIES

Microsoft Office (Outlook, Power Point, Excel, Access, Publisher, Word)

Adobe CS4 (Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Acrobat)

Banner, Datatel, AdvisorTrac, AS400

Mendeley Reference Manager

Blackboard, WebCT, CourseDen, Desire2Learn

CollegeNET

Qualtrics

SurveyMonkey

Centra

Atlas.ti

HTML/Source Code

SPSS

Recruit