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Education

M.S.W., Master of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	2008-2009
B.A., Psychology, <i>summa cum laude</i> , University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	2004-2008

Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Texas #59560 Exp. 8/31/2027	2014-
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Board Certification

Supervisor for Clinical Licensure of LMSW	2015-
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Academic Faculty Appointments

Assistant Professor of Practice UT Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin	2019-
Health Professional Specialist Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin	2023-

Employment and Clinical Activities

Assistant Director of Dementia Care Transformation Department of Neurology, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin	2020-
Manager, Comprehensive Memory Center Department of Neurology, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin	2017-2020
Senior Administrative Program Coordinator Department of Neurology, Dell Medical School, The University of Texas at Austin	2016-2017
Aging and Counseling Services Owner	2012-2016
Palliative Care Social Worker University Medical Center Brackenridge, Austin, TX	2014-2016
Clinical Services Manager Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota, Minneapolis, MN	2010-2014
Care Consultant Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota, Minneapolis, MN	2010

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Poster- 1 st Place Shine Academy Innovations in Health Science Education Conference	2026
NIA IMPACT Collaboratory, Faculty Scholar	2023
Cambia Foundation, Sojourn Scholar Leadership Award	2023
Age-Friendly Participant, Comprehensive Memory Center, John A. Hartford Foundation	2021
Innovators in Aging Award, Comprehensive Memory Center, Texas Health and Human Services	2018
Hartford Scholar, University of Michigan	2009
Alumnae Council Scholarship, University of Michigan	2009
MI Scholar, University of Michigan	2008
Mortensen Academic Scholarship, University of Minnesota	2007
Lucky Waller Scholarship, University of Minnesota	2007

Professional Memberships

Gerontological Society of America	2024-
ISTAART, Alzheimer's Association	2019-
Member, National Association of Social Workers	2014-
Member, American Society on Aging	2010-
Sigma Phi Omega National Gerontological Society	2008-2009
Vice-President, National Honor Society of Psychology	2006-2008

Educational Activities

Teaching Activities

Aguirre, A. <i>Working with Older Adults & Caregivers: Clinical and Research</i> . Guest Lecturer. UT Social Work. Austin, TX	2025
Aguirre, A. <i>Social Work Research Methods: Examples from Clinical Practice</i> . Guest Lecturer. UT Social Work. Austin, TX	2024
Aguirre, A. <i>Understanding Dementia for Diverse Populations</i> . Guest Lecturer. UT School of Nursing. Austin, TX	2023
Aguirre, A. <i>Counseling and Clinical Practice with Older Adults and Individuals Living with Dementia</i> . Guest Lecturer. UT Social Work. Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A. <i>Role of Social Work in an IPU Setting</i> , Guest Lecturer, Neurology Residents, Dell Medical School. Austin, TX	2020
Aguirre, A., <i>Dementia Capable Social Worker</i> , Guest Lecturer, UT Social Work. Austin, TX	2020

Aguirre, A., <i>Older Adults and Safety</i> . Guest Lecturer. UT Social Work. Austin, TX	2019
Foundations for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice, Faculty Facilitator, Dell Medical School Austin, TX	2018-
Aguirre, A., <i>Aging and Older Adults</i> . Guest Lecturer. Dell Medical School Integrated Behavioral Health Program. Austin, TX	2018
Aguirre, A., Finger, A. <i>Alzheimer's and the New Standard of Care</i> . Guest Lecturer. Liberal Arts and Science Academy. Austin, TX	2018
Aguirre, A., <i>Dementia Capable Social Worker</i> , Guest Lecturer. UT Social Work. Austin, TX	2017
Aguirre, A., <i>Dementia Capable Social Worker</i> , Guest Lecturer. UT Social Work. Austin, TX	2015

Development of Curricula and Educational Materials

Interprofessional Curriculum Approach to AD/DRD, Co-Creator	2024-
Dementia Caregiver Roadmap, Creator	2024
Roon Health Inc, Content Creator and Strategic Advisor	2023
GamePlan4Care REACH II Adaptation, External Advisory Committee Member, Baylor Scott & White	2019
Texas Alzheimer's State Plan, Collaborator, Department of Health and Human Services	2014-
New York University Caregiver Intervention Online Training, Collaborator	2014-2016
Dementia Friendly America Care Coordination Toolkit, Collaborator, Act on Alzheimer's Minneapolis, MN	2013-2014
Patient Crisis Safety Manual, St. Joseph Mercy Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital Ann Arbor, MI	2008

Advising and Mentoring

Student Intern

Andrew Samson, UT Biology, Manager	2024
Allie Williams, UT School of Social Work, Field Instructor	2023
Kcie Driggers, UT School of Social Work, Field Instructor	2018

Clinical Supervisees

Bonnie Bigalke, LMSW, MN Board of Social Work, Clinical Supervisor	2013
Faith Clark, LMSW, MN Board of Social Work, Clinical Supervisor	2011

Grants

Current

Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) Jonathan Singer, PI	2026-
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Leveraging technology to meet the needs of rural family caregivers in Texas
Total Amount: \$329,860
Time period: January 2026- November 2027
Role: Co-I (13% Effort)

Texas Department of State Health Services, Alyssa Aguirre Co-PI 2024-2027
Interprofessional Curriculum Approach to Alzheimer's and Other Dementias
Total Amount: \$1,450,000
Time Period: June 2024-August 2027
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (20% effort)

Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) Jared Benge, PI 2025-
Refining iADL Assessments for the Modern ADRD Clinical and Research Environment
Total Amount: \$474,138
Time period: January 2025-December 2026
Role: Co-I (10% Effort)

Completed

Cambia Foundation Sojourn Scholar, Alyssa Aguirre PI 2023-2025
Health Care Transformation Caregiver Support Project
Total Amount: \$180,000
Role: Principal Investigator (50% effort)

National Institute on Aging, NIH (R56 AG075770-01) Daqing He & Bo Xie, PI 2022
Tailoring Responses to ADRD Caregivers' Information wants (TRACO) through
human-machine collaboration.
Total amount: \$561,417
Role: Co-Investigator (20% effort)

Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium, Robin Hilsabeck, PI 2019-2024
Longitudinal continuation of TARCC Hispanic Cohort
Total Amount: \$228,661
Role: Research Coordinator (15% effort)

The Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease 2020-2022
Community Collaborations and Outreach Partnerships
Role: Research & Community Outreach (37% effort)

Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium, Robin Hilsabeck, PI 2019
Assessing the Utility and Effectiveness of Dementia Patient Monitoring Technology
Total Amount: \$50,000
Role: Research Coordinator (12.5% effort)

Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium, David Paydarfar, PI 2017-2018
Genetic and Biomarker Study of Alzheimer's Disease
Total Amount: \$942,157
Role: Research Coordinator (100% effort)

Other Active Research Activities and Clinical and Quality Improvements Projects

Ad-hoc Reviewer for the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) 2023

Ad-hoc Reviewer for the Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) 2023

Abstract Reviewer

Center for Health Interprofessional Education Interprofessional Health Showcase 2019

Publications**Peer-reviewed publications**

1. **Aguirre A**, Andrew S., Tindaan, R., Bengé, J. Assessing needs and goals of dementia caregivers: Development of the COPE-ING measure. *BMC Palliative Care*. 2026
2. Bengé, J., Werry, Amy., Hromas, G., **Aguirre, A.**, Zuniga, C., Hilsabeck, R.C, González, D. The Lawton and Brody a Half Century Later: A Case for Contemporary Revision. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*. 2026
3. Kashyap, B., Crouse, B., Fields, B., **Aguirre, A.**, Ali, T., Hays, R., Li, X., Shapiro, L., Tao, M., Vaughn, I., & Hanson, L. How do researchers identify and recruit dementia caregivers? A scoping review. *The Gerontologist*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnae189> 2024
4. Smith, M. L., Wilson, A. D., Knebl, J., Hilsabeck, R. C., Reuter, K., **Aguirre, A.**, Harty, B., Kew, C. L., Lee, S., & Ory, M. G. Utilization and perceived usefulness of monitoring technology for family caregivers of people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*. <https://doi.org/10.3233/JAD-230078> 2024
5. Zou, N., Xie, B., He, D., Hilsabeck, R., & **Aguirre, A.** mHealth apps for dementia caregivers: Systematic examination of mobile apps. *JMIR Aging*, 7, e58517. <https://doi.org/10.2196/58517> 2024
6. **Aguirre A**, Hilsabeck R, Smith T, Xie B, He D, Wang Z, Zou N. Assessing the Quality of ChatGPT Responses to Dementia Caregivers' Questions: Qualitative Analysis. *JMIR Aging*;7:e53019. doi: [10.2196/53019](https://doi.org/10.2196/53019) 2024
7. **Aguirre, A.**, Bengé, J.F., Finger, A., Ambiee, J., Runnels, I., Hilsabeck, R. The Caregiver Outcomes of Psychotherapy Evaluation (COPE): Development of a Social Work Assessment Tool. *Clinical Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-024-00925-2> 2024
8. Bengé, J.F., **Aguirre, A.**, Scullin, M.K., Kiselica, A.K., Hilsabeck, R.C., Paydarfar, D., Thomaz, E., & Douglas, M. Digital methods for performing daily tasks among older adults: An initial report of frequency of use and perceived utility. *Experimental Aging Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0361073X.2023.2172950> 2024
9. Bengé, J.F., Kiselica, A.M., **Aguirre, A.**, Hilsabeck, R.C, Douglas, M., Paydarfar, D., & Scullin, M.K. Technology use and subjective cognitive concerns in older adults. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics* 106. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.archger.2022.104877> 2023
10. Bengé, J., **Aguirre, A.**, Scullin, M., Kiselica, A., Hilsabeck, R., Paydarfar, D., Douglas, M. Internet-Enabled Behaviors in Older Adults During the Pandemic: Patterns of Use, Psychosocial Impacts, and Plans for Continued Utilization. *Work, Aging and Retirement*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/workar/waac026> 2022
11. **Aguirre*, A.**, Hilsabeck*, R.C., O' Mahar, K., Carberry, K., Ayers, G., Bertelson, J., Rousseau, J., Paydarfar, D. Designing an Interprofessional Dementia Specialty Clinic: Conceptualization And Evaluation of a Patient-Centered Model. *Journal of Interprofessional Care* (37) 2. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13561820.2022.2060194> *joint first authors 2022
12. Xie B., Tao C., Li J, Hilsabeck R.H, **Aguirre A.** Artificial Intelligence for Caregivers Of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: A Systematic Literature Review. *JMIR Medical Informatics*. 21/06/2020:18189. DOI: [10.2196/18189](https://doi.org/10.2196/18189) 2020
13. Beckes, L., Simpson, J. A., & **Erickson, A.** Of Snakes and Succor: Learning Secure 2010

Attachment Associations With Novel Faces via Negative Stimulus Pairings. *Psychological Science* 21(5), 721–728

Non-peer-reviewed publications

14. Wang, Z., Zou, N., Xie, B., He, D., Luo, Z., Hilsabeck, R. C., & **Aguirre, A.** 2021
Characterizing dementia caregivers' information exchange on social media: exploring an expert-machine co-development. In *Proceedings of the 2021 iConference*.
March 17-21, 2021, Beijing, China (changed to online due to COVID-19).

Posters, Abstracts, Podium Presentations

- Aguirre, A.** Kwak, J. Built for Adoption and Dissemination: A Scalable Interprofessional Dementia Curriculum for Health Professions Education. *Texas IPE Consortium Annual Conference*. Oral Presentation. Tyler, TX. April 2026. 2026
- Aguirre, A.**, Young, V., El-Assad, L., Oppong, K.D. Kwak, J., Silverman, S., Kwak, J. Building a Dementia-Capable Workforce: Outcomes of a Scalable Interprofessional Curriculum on AD/RD for Health Professions Students. Poster presented at the *Innovations in Health Science Education Annual Conference, Kenneth I. Shine, M.D. Academy of Health Science Innovation*. Austin, TX. February 2026. 2026
- Fernandez, D. A., Compton, S. E., Mis, R. E., Bengt, J. F., Kiselica, A., **Aguirre, A.** The Who, What and How of Real-World Technology Use by Caregivers of Older Adults with Dementia. Poster presented at the *International Neuropsychological Society Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA. February 2026. 2026
- Aguirre, A.**, Young, V., El-Assad, L., Oppong, K.D., Silverman, S., Kwak, J. Training Tomorrow's Dementia Care Teams: Outcomes of an Online Interprofessional Training Initiative. *Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium Scientific Symposium*. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX. January 2026. 2026
- Bengt, J. F., Werry-McFarlin, A., Hromas, G., Hilsabeck, R. C., Gonzalez, D. A., **Aguirre, A.**, & Zuniga, C. Revisiting the Lawton and Brody: A psychometric and pragmatic analysis. Poster presented at the *Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium Scientific Symposium*. Austin, TX. January 2026. 2026
- Fernandez, D. A., Compton, S. E., Mis, R. E., Bengt, J. F., Kiselica, A., **Aguirre, A.** The Who, What, and How of Real-World Technology Use by Caregivers of Older Adults with Dementia. Poster presented at the *Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium Scientific Symposium*. Austin, TX. January 2026. 2026
- Kwak, J., Young, V., El-Assad, L., Oppong, K.D., Silverman, S., **Aguirre, A.** Dementia-Capable Workforce: Outcomes of a Scalable IPE Dementia Curriculum for Health Profession Students'. Poster presented at the *Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting*. Boston, MA. November 2025. 2025
- Aguirre, A.**, Bengt, J., Tindaan, R. Laying the Groundwork for Dementia Service Innovations: Developing and Validating Measures of Dementia Caregiving. Oral Symposium at the *Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting*. Boston, MA. November 2025. 2025
- Aguirre, A.**, Kwak, J., Oppong, K.D., Silverman, S. Enhancing Interprofessional Competency and Dementia Knowledge through an Online Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Curriculum. Poster presented at *The Nexus Summit 2025* virtually in September 2025. 2025

Kwak, J., Aguirre, A. , Silverman, S., Oppong, K.D. Interprofessional Curriculum Approach to Alzheimer's and Other Dementias. Poster presented at the <i>10th Annual Healthcare Institute</i> . The University of Texas Health Science Center. San Antonio, TX. April 2025.	2025
Aguirre, A. Samson, A. Tindaan, R. Benge, J. Assessing the Individualized Needs and Goals of Dementia Caregivers: Development of the COPE-ING Measure. <i>Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium Scientific Symposium</i> . Oral Presentation. Austin, TX. January 2025.	2025
Aguirre, A. , Samson, A., Benge, J. Assessing the Individual Needs and Goals of Dementia Caregivers: Development of the COPE-ING Measure. Poster presented at the <i>Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting</i> . Seattle, WA. November 2024.	2024
Luo, Z., Zou, N., Xie, B., He, D., Hilsabeck, R. C., & Aguirre, A. Can large multimodal models interpret healthcare infographics in dementia caregiving materials? Poster presented at the <i>Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting</i> . Seattle, WA. November 2024.	2024
Li, Z., Luo, Z., Zou, N., He, D., Xie, B., Hilsabeck, R. C., & Aguirre, A. Using a large language model to classify dementia caregivers' health information wants. Poster presented at the <i>Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting</i> . Seattle, WA. November 2024.	2024
Peñate, E. Aguirre, A. Bemis, H., Brown, C., Byrne-Martelli, S., Fortier, M., Kavalieratos, D., McIlvennan, C., Ufere, N., Collins, E. The Interprofessional Model: Decentralizing and Building Cohesive Palliative Care Teams. Presented at: <i>Team Conference for Hospice and Palliative Care</i> . Baltimore, MA. September 2024.	2024
Li, Z., Xie, B., Hilsabeck, R., Aguirre, A. , Zou, N., Luo, Z., & He, D. Effects of Different Prompts on the Quality of GPT-4 Responses to Dementia Care Questions. Presented At the <i>12th Annual IEEE International Conference on Healthcare Informatics</i> . Orlando, FL. June 2024.	2024
Aguirre A. , Andrew S., Jared B. Assessing the Individualized Needs and Goals of Caregivers in the EHR: Development of the COPE-ING Measure. Poster presented at: <i>NIA IMPACT Collaboratory Scientific Conference</i> . Bethesda, MD. April 2024.	2024
Aguirre, A. , Hilsabeck R., Smith, T., Wang, Z., Zou, N., Xie, B., & He, D. Evaluation of ChatGPT Responses to Questions Posed by Dementia Caregivers. Podium Presentation at the <i>Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) Scientific Symposium</i> . Austin, TX. February 2024.	2024
Zou, N., Xie, B., Hilsabeck, R., Aguirre, A. , & He, D. Dementia care mHealth applications for caregivers' information needs: a systematic examination. Poster presented at the <i>Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium (TARCC) Scientific Symposium</i> . Austin, TX. February 2024.	2024
Wilsnack, C., Philips, F., Van Diest, H., Aguirre, A. , & Jones, B. L. The dual role for oncology social work clinician-researchers. Presented at the <i>40th Annual Association of Oncology Social Work Conference</i> , Virtual.	2024
Aguirre, A. , Hilsabeck., Smith, T., Wang, Z., Zou, W., Xie, B., He, D. Assessing the Quality of ChatGPT Responses to Dementia Caregivers' Questions Posted on Social Media. Oral Podium Presentation. <i>Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting</i> . Tampa, FL. November 2024.	2023
Smith, M. L., Knebl, J., Hilsabeck, R. C., Reuter, K., Aguirre, A. , Harty, B., Kew, C. L., & Ory, M. G. Utilization and perceived usefulness of monitoring technology for family	2023

caregivers of people living with dementia. Presented at the *Texas Alzheimer's Research and Care Consortium Symposium*. Austin, TX. January 2023.

Benge, J., **Aguirre, A.**, Scullin, M., Kiselica, A., Hilsabeck, R., Paydarfar, D., Douglas, M. 2021
Internet enabled behaviors in older adults during the pandemic: Patterns of use, psychosocial impacts, and plans for continued utilization. Abstract presented at the *Aging and Health Informatics Conference*, Austin, TX.

Zou, N.; Wang, Z., Luo, Z., Xie, B., He, D., Hilsabeck, R., **Aguirre, A.** Characterizing Machine Learning Studies on ADRD Caregivers' Social Media Posts: A Systematic Review. Poster presented at the *Alzheimer's Association International Conference* (changed to virtual meeting due to COVID-19). 2021

Xie, B.; Tao, C.; Li, J.; Hilsabeck, R.H, **Aguirre, A.** (2020) Artificial Intelligence (AI) for ADRD caregivers: a systemic literature review. *Innovation in Aging*, 4(Suppl 1) 775-776. 2020
Doi: [10.1093/geroni/igaa057.2804](https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa057.2804). Presented at the *Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting*. November 2020 (changed to virtual meeting due to COVID-19).

He, D., Wang, Z, Xie, B., Zou, N., Luo, Z., Hilsabeck, R., & **Aguirre, A.** (2020). Detecting ADRD caregivers' information wants in social media: a machine learning-aided approach. *Innovation in Aging* 4(Suppl 1) 656. Doi: [10.1093/geroni/igaa057.2261](https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa057.2261) Presented at the *Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting*. November 2020. (changed to virtual meeting due to COVID-19) 2020

Lee, S., Ory, M. G., Wilson, A. D., **Aguirre, A.**, Reuter, K., Geltman, J. N., Hilsabeck, R., & Smith. M. L. (2020). Coordinated approaches to protecting vulnerable populations in technology-driven dementia care research: Lessons learned from multi-site institutional review board compliance. Poster presented at the *Texas Alzheimer's Research Care Consortium Symposium*, January 30, 2020. Austin, TX. 2020

Aguirre, A.B., Bertelson, J., Paydarfar, D., Rousseau, J., Henry, M., Finger, A., Wineholt, L., Ayers, G., Cross, H., Copp, V., Ambiee, J., Karboski, S., O'Mahar, K., & Hilsabeck, R.C. Combining Value-Based and Collaborative Care Models in Dementia Care. *Alzheimer's and Dementia* 15 (7), P802-P803. Doi.org/10.1016/j.jalz.2019.06.2889. Poster presented at the *Alzheimer's Association International Conference*, Los Angeles, CA. 2019

Xie, B.; Tao, C.; Li, J.; Hilsabeck, R.H, **Aguirre, A.**; Artificial Intelligence for Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD): A Systematic Review of the Literature. Poster presented at the *Aging and Health Informatics Conference*, Austin, TX. 2019

Aguirre, A.; Finger, A. How would you spend \$50 million dollars to Re-Think Dementia Care. Oral Presentation. *Aging in America*. New Orleans, LA. March 2019. 2019

Aguirre, A., Ulack, C., Suarez, J., Carberry, K., Rousseau, J., Wallace, S., & Hilsabeck, R. Asking the People Who Matter the Most: Designing a Value-Based Dementia Specialty Clinic: *Innovation in Aging*, 3(Suppl 1), S118. doi:10.1093/geroni/igz038.434. Poster presented at the *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting*. Austin, TX. November 2019. 2019

Aguirre, A. Tucker, S. Mindfulness vs. Memory Club. Oral Presentation. *Aging in America* San Diego, CA. March 2014. 2014

Aguirre, A., Barclay, M., Clarys, M. Success of the Direct Connect Program. Oral Presentation. *Aging in America*. Chicago, IL. March 2013. 2013

Aguirre, A., Paone, D. NYUCI Program Evaluation Cost Analysis. Oral Presentation. *Aging in America*. Washington, D.C. March 2012. 2012

Online Materials

Sarin, Medha. *American Society on Aging hosts new summit with UT Specialists*. 4-2-2026. The Daily Texan. <https://thedailytexan.com/2026/04/02/american-society-on-aging-hosts-new-summit-with-ut-specialists/>

MacLeod, Catherine. *Texas agency extends funding for UT dementia care curriculum through 2027*. 3-11-2026. The Daily Texan. <https://thedailytexan.com/2026/03/11/texas-agency-extends-funding-for-ut-dementia-care-curriculum-through-2027/>

Villalpando, Nicole. *What's new in Alzheimer's research? See latest facts, potential breakthroughs in 2024 report*. 3-25-2024. Austin American Statesman. <https://www.statesman.com/story/news/healthcare/2024/03/25/alzheimers-disease-dementia-texas-facts-figures-report-2024-medication-treatments/73019075007/>

Sanders, Jennifer. *Women work to educate community on Alzheimer's*. 2-14-2022. KXAN Austin. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZzkt9IYH1M>

Hubbard, Paige. *Fathers Battle with Dementia Fuels Woman to Create Austin 1st Alzheimer's Support Group*. 2-17-2022. CBS Austin. <https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/fathers-battle-with-dementia-fuels-woman-to-create-e-austin-1st-alzheimers-support-group>

Hernandez, Sally. *Comprehensive Memory Center Recognized for Patient Care*. 6-1-2019. KXAN Austin. <https://uthealthaustin.org/blog/alzheimers-innovators-in-aging-video>

Sridhar, Sowmya. *UT Researchers analyze internet usage of older adults during pandemic*. 10-14-2022. <https://thedailytexan.com/2022/10/14/ut-researchers-analyze-internet-usage-of-older-adults-during-pandemic/>

Aguirre, A. Caregiving: Signs and Stages of Alzheimer's. *Good Age* (May, 2014)

Invited Oral Presentations

International

Aguirre, A.B., Hilsabeck, R.H., Paydarfar, D. Patients Calling the Shots: Dementia-Friendly Care. 2020 PanelPicker: *SXSW EDU 2020* (competitively selected, cancelled due to COVID-19)

National

Aguirre, A. Can ChatGPT answer the hard questions? Lessons learned from dementia care. 2026 *American Association of Service Coordinators Annual Conference*. Oral presentation. Austin, Texas.

Aguirre, A., Benavides, J., Van Diest, H. Demystifying Research for Frontline Practitioners. 2026 *Society of Social Work Leadership in Healthcare*. Virtual Presentation.

Aguirre, A. Graham, R., Young, A. Exploring Careers in Aging Panel. *American Society on Aging Virtual Student Summit*. Atlanta, GA. Virtual Presentation. 2026

Aguirre, A. Bemis, H., Fasolino, T., Gonzales, M., Kennard, C., Navigating Change, Fostering Innovation: Leadership Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Care *American Association of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Annual Assembly*. Sojourn Scholar Leadership Breakfast Panel. San Diego, CA. 2026

Aguirre, A. Artificial Intelligence and ADRD Management. *NIA IMPACT Collaboratory: Aging Research SIGS*. Virtual Presentation. 2025

Aguirre, A. The Daily Work of Grief: Reflections and Healing. <i>Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota Conference</i> . Keynote Virtual Presentation.	2024
Aguirre, A. Designing an interprofessional dementia specialty clinic: Conceptualization and evaluation of a patient-centered model. <i>UMass Geriatric Medicine Clinic</i> . Virtual Presentation.	2024
Aguirre, A. Designing an interprofessional dementia specialty clinic: Conceptualization and evaluation of a patient-centered model. <i>NIA IMPACT Collaboratory: Dementia SIGS</i> . Virtual Presentation.	2023
Aguirre, A. Maybe You Should Talk to Someone? Grief and Loss: Social Work Practice with Older Adults. Oral Presentation. <i>Grief and Loss Conference</i> . Austin, TX	2022
Aguirre, A., Understanding Communication and Behavior. Oral Presentation. <i>Alzheimer's Association National Webinar</i> .	2013
Aguirre, A., Caring for our most precious relationships. Oral Presentation <i>Meeting of the Minds: Mayo Clinic & Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota</i> St. Paul, MN.	2013
Aguirre, A., Shining a light on Younger-Onset Dementia. Oral Presentation <i>Meeting of the Minds: Mayo Clinic & Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota</i> St. Paul, MN.	2012
Aguirre, A., Gaugler, J. Taking Advantage of Technology (and Dementia). Oral Presentation <i>Meeting of the Minds: Mayo Clinic & Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota</i> St. Paul, MN.	2011
Regional	
Aguirre, A. Bridging Science and Care: Advancing Caregiver Support Through Research Practice. <i>GRACE Gerontology Symposium</i> . UT Social Work. Keynote Speaker. Austin, TX.	2025
Aguirre, A., Mullen, J. Temperly, A., Lane, F., Cornell, C., Brain Health Panel. <i>Aging is Living Conference</i> . Norris Conference Center. Austin, TX.	2024
Aguirre, A. Bertelson, J. Fireside Chat with Healthcare Experts. <i>A Day of Hope Caregiver Conference</i> . Jewish Community Center. Austin, TX.	2024
Aguirre, A. Bertelson, J. Ask the Doctor Q &A Session. <i>GPS Caregiver Conference</i> . Riverbend Church, Austin, TX.	2024
Aguirre, A. The Daily Work of Grief. Renew Retreat Conference. <i>Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Alliance Conference</i> . Oral Presentation. Georgetown, TX.	2023
Aguirre, A., Guzman, M., Ivatury, J., Shanor, D. Acute to Chronic: Models of Supporting Patient Lives to improve Clinical Outcomes. <i>Dell Medical School 2nd Annual Healthscape Symposium</i> . Virtual Panel Presentation.	2022
Aguirre, A., Understanding Dementia: Diagnosis, Communication and Underserved Populations. Oral Presentation. <i>UT Social Work</i> . Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A., Clinical Practice with Older Adults. Oral Presentation. <i>UT Social Work</i> . Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A., Innovative Model of Dementia Diagnosis. Texas Health and Human	2020

Services: *Quality in Long-Term Care Conference*. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.

- Aguirre, A., Delivering the Diagnosis. Oral Presentation. *Alzheimer's Association Healthcare Professional Conference*. San Marcos, TX. 2018
- Aguirre, A., Younger-Onset Dementia. Oral Presentation. *National Association of Social Workers Conference-TX Chapter*. Dallas, TX. 2016
- Aguirre, A., Dementia Capable Social Worker. Oral Presentation. *National Association of Social Workers-TX Chapter*. Galveston, TX. 2015
- Aguirre, A., Barclay, M., Clarys, M. Success of the Direct Connect Program. Oral Presentation. *Age Odyssey Conference*. Duluth, MN. 2013
- Aguirre, A., Rosenbloom, M. *Working with Physicians and Clinics*. Oral Presentation. *Age Odyssey Conference*. Rochester, MN. 2011

Local

- Aguirre, A., Brain Health Innovations in Practice and Research. Westminster Senior Living. Austin, TX. 2026
- Aguirre, A., Training Tomorrow's Dementia Care Teams: Outcomes of an Online Interprofessional Training Initiative. UT School of Social Work Inaugural Lightning Talk. Austin, TX. 2026
- Aguirre, A. Hope, Education & Resilience: Empowering Caregivers. Grace Covenant Church, Caregiver Group. Austin, TX. 2026
- Aguirre, A., Latest Advancements in Alzheimer's and Dementia. Westlake Rotary Club. Austin, TX. 2025
- Aguirre, A., Brain and Mental Health Conference. Hosted by Health Tech. Austin Public Library. Austin, TX. 2024
- Aguirre, A., Bertelson, J., Taurins, A., Rodriguez, K., Prescott, J., Live Panel: Brain Health Alzheimer's Association and BrainCheck. Austin, TX. 2024
- Aguirre, A. Guest Speaker. Caregiving. Brushy Creek Community Center Senior Adult Education Program. Austin, TX. 2024
- Aguirre, A. Guest Speaker. Brain Health and Dementia. Brushy Creek Community Center Senior Adult Education Program. Austin, TX. 2024
- Aguirre, A. Panelist: Expanding Career Pathways in Aging. UT Social Work. Austin, TX. 2024
- Aguirre, A. Social Work Research with Family Caregivers. UT Alzheimer's and Dementia Student Organization. Virtual. 2024
- Aguirre, A. The Daily Work of Grief. Grace Covenant Church, Caregiver Group. Austin, TX. 2024
- Aguirre, A. A New model of Neurology Care. The Village Triangle. Oral Presentation, Austin TX. 2023
- Aguirre, A., Smith, T., Bengt, J., Ayers, G., Interprofessional Teamwork in a Neurology (Dementia) Specialty Clinic. UT Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Moderator: Panel Presentation. Austin, TX. 2022

Aguirre A., Dementia and Counseling Services. Stephen Ministers. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2022
Aguirre, A.; Hamilton, L., Henry, M.; Hilsabeck, R.H., Paydarfar, D.; Keep your Neurons Firing. Panel Presentation, Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre A., Anna Finger. Dementia and Brain Health. UT Retired Faculty. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A., Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: Q & A with a Dementia Counselor AGE Williamson County Caregiver Conference. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A. Lindsey Wineholt, Jess Ambiee. Interprofessional dementia practice. Women in Neuroscience Group. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A., Counseling and Clinical Practice with Older Adults and Individuals Living with Dementia. Oral Presentation. Hospice Austin. Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A., Benge, J. Paydarfar, D. Dell Medical School Inaugural Healthscape Symposium. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2021
Aguirre, A. Virtual Education Event 'Ask an Expert' series Alzheimer's Texas. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2020
Aguirre, A., Sun City Survey Results, Oral Presentation. Town Hall, Georgetown, TX.	2020
Organizer and Moderator, Research and Care of Neurodegenerative Disease Town Hall Georgetown, TX.	2019
Aguirre, A.: Speaker, Alzheimer's Association Corporate Kick-Off Event. Oral Presentation. Austin, TX.	2019
Aguirre, A., The Grieving Family. Oral Presentation. Silverado Memory Care. Austin, TX.	2018
Aguirre, A., Dementia Capable Social Worker. Oral Presentation. Seton Behavioral Health Austin, TX.	2015
Aguirre, A., Dementia Capable Social Worker. Oral Presentation. Heart to Heart Hospice Austin, TX.	2015
Aguirre, A., Communication and Dementia. Oral Presentation. Amherst H. Wilder Foundation St. Paul, MN.	2014
Aguirre, A., Alzheimer's Association Programs and Services. Oral Presentation. Fairview Health Services. Minneapolis, MN.	2013
Aguirre, A., Communication and Dementia. Oral Presentation. Amherst H. Wilder Foundation St. Paul, MN.	2013

Academic Service

University

Department of Health Social Work Grand Rounds Committee, Member	2021-2023
UT Texas Aging and Longevity Center, Affiliate	2019-

UT Center for Health Interprofessional Practice and Education, Affiliate	2018-
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Dell Medical School

Comprehensive Memory Center, Executive Committee, Member	2019-2020
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Comprehensive Memory Center Annual Retreat Committee, Member	2017- 2023
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Community Service

Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Chair of the Board of Directors	2023-2025
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Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Board Member	2022
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Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas: Research Symposium Committee member	2021
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Georgetown Neurosciences Foundation Community Coordinator	2020-2022
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Aging Services Council Member, Austin, TX	2019
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Alzheimer's Association Capital of Texas Caregiver Conference Committee Member	2017
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State Facilitator, Minnesota NYUCI Family Memory Care Program	2011-2014
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Metropolitan Caregiver Services Collaborative, Member St. Paul, MN	2011-2014
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ACT on Alzheimer's Care Coordination Committee (Dementia Friendly America) Minneapolis, MN	2013-2014
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Meeting of the Minds Mayo Clinic Conference Planning Committee Member Minneapolis, MN	2011-2014
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Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota Walk Committee Minneapolis, MN	2011-2014
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Certifications

Supervisory Leaders in Aging Principles Certificate National Association of Social Workers	2024-
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Emotional Intelligence in Leadership Certificate LBJ School of Public Affairs, The University of Texas at Austin	2023-
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Interdisciplinary Teams and Healthcare Certificate Boston University	2021-
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Clinical Dementia Rater Washington University	2016-
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EssentiALZ Dementia CARES training certified	2012-2015
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NYUCI Caregiver Coach Certified New York University	2010-
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Specialist in Aging Certificate University of Michigan	2009-
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