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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 05/2016 **Ph.D.** **Social Work, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work**
Dissertation Title: *A Comparison of Younger and Older Couples Coping with Breast Cancer: Examining the Relationship among Mutuality, Dyadic Coping, and Quality of Life of Patients and Partners*
- Chair: Karen Kayser, PhD, MSW
Committee Members: Drs. Wanda L. Collins, Eli Karam, Kristen Mark, and Heehyul Moon
- 05/2011 **M.S.W.** **Social Work, Boston College, Graduate School of Social Work**
Concentration in Health and Mental Health
- 12/2007 **M.Sc.** **Clinical Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Milan**
Department of Psychology
Specialization in Health, Family Relationships, and Community Interventions
- 07/2005 **B.A.** **Psychology, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart - Milan**
Department of Psychology
Specialization in Children and Families

LICENSES & CLINICAL TRAININGS

- Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners: LMSW; License Number 68403
- Sexual Health Certificate Program: Sex Therapy and Sexuality Education Track; University of Michigan, School of Social Work (2019 - 2020)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Stress and Coping
- Dyadic Coping
- Close Relationships and Caregiving in the context of Health and Illness
- Oncology Social Work
- Intervention Research
- Methods: Dyadic Data Analysis, Mixed Methods

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 09/2022 - **Associate Professor**, Graduate College of Social Work
present University of Houston
- 08/2016 - **Assistant Professor**, Graduate College of Social Work
08/2022 University of Houston
- 07/2018 - **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology
08/2018 Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan, Italy (*Summer 2018*)
- 02/2020 - **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, The UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
present Department of Health Disparities Research
- 07/2020 - **Faculty Affiliate**, Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program
present Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI
- 06/2021 - **Faculty Affiliate**, HEALTH Center for Addictions Research and Cancer
present Prevention, University of Houston, TX
- 12/2021 - **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Department of Clinical Sciences
present UH College of Medicine

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

- 10/2021 - **Principal Investigator**
present *Sexual Health Outcomes of Young Adult Cancer Survivors and Their Partners: Understanding the Role of Interpersonal Processes to Develop a Couple-Based Intervention*
SMSNA Foundation Research Grant
Sexual Medicine Society of North America (\$25,000)
- 09/2020 - **Principal Investigator**
present *The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Cancer Care and Health-Related Quality of Life of Racial and Ethnic Minority Women Diagnosed with Breast Cancer*
Administrative Supplement: 3P20CA221697-04S1
National Cancer Institute (\$153,000)
- 07/2020 - **Co-Investigator**
present *Supporting the Psychosocial Needs for Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors with Adverse Psychosocial Issues*
University of Michigan AYA Oncology Program (\$10,000)
Principal Investigator: Anao Zhang, PhD, LCSW

- 01/2020 - **Consultant**
present *Opening the Conversation for Couples with Reproductive Health Concerns after Cancer*
American Cancer Society
Research Scholar Grant, RSG-19-123-01-CPPB (\$792,000)
Principal Investigator: Jessica Gorman, PhD
- 11/2019 - **Principal Investigator**
present *Psychological Distress of Young Women with Breast Cancer and their Partners: Implications for the Development of a Psychosocial Intervention Promoting Symptoms Management*
University of Houston, Provost's 50-in-5 Award (\$5,000)
- 09/2019 - **Co-Investigator**
present *Establishing Academic-Clinical Partnerships with Federally Qualified Health Clinics*
Minority Health Research and Education Grant Program
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (\$500,000)
Principal Investigator: Jack M. Fletcher, PhD, ABPP (ABCN)
- 05/2019 - **PI/UH Team Lead (Acquati, Brohard, Bush, Kehinde, Reeve)**
05/2020 *InterProfessional Education Exchange (iPEX)*
Training grant to develop interprofessional education (IPE) in the context of palliative care and supportive oncology.
Funded by NIH R25CA203637 (\$10,000)
Principal Investigators: Barbara Head, PhD and Mark P. Pfeifer, M.D.
- 02/2017 - **Principal Investigator**
12/2019 *Younger Couples Coping with Breast Cancer-Related Stress: A Cross-Sectional Examination of Psychosocial Issues and Support Needs*
University of Houston, New Faculty Research Program Grant (\$6,000)
- 07/2014 - **Co-Investigator**
06/2016 *Couples Coping with Impaired Sexual Function during and after Treatment for Rectal Cancer*
University of Louisville, Intramural Grant Award (\$5,000)
Principal Investigator: Karen Kayser, PhD
- 07/2015 - **Principal Investigator**
06/2016 *Younger Couples Coping with Breast Cancer: Examining the Relationship among Mutuality, Dyadic Coping and Quality of Life of Patients and Partners*
Funded by the American Cancer Society Doctoral Training Grant in Oncology Social Work (DSWR-15-091-03-SW; \$20,000)
- 07/2013 - **Principal Investigator**
06/2015 *Dyadic Data Analysis of Distress Reported by Cancer Patients and*

Caregivers

Funded by the American Cancer Society Doctoral Training Grant in Oncology Social Work (DSW-13-278-01-SW; \$40,000)

02/2013-
02/2014 **Co-Investigator**
Testing the Fidelity and Feasibility of Distress Screening Implementation in Routine Clinical Care with Cancer Patients
Principal Investigator: Karen Kayser, PhD
Funded by the Association of Oncology Social Work/Millennium (\$27,591)

RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER REVIEW

01/2022 **Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT); High-Impact/High-Risk Research Awards**
Project: *Promoting Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention in Arab and Afghan Refugee Women in Houston, Texas*
Role: Co-PI
Budget: \$250,000 per year

06/2022 **National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, R01**
Project: *Understanding Refugee Health Disparities and Breast Cancer Risk Through a Psychological, Behavioral, And Biochemical Lens*
Role: Co-PI
Budget: \$3,681,785.00

07/2022 **PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building Award**
Project: *Partnering to Advance Psycho-oncology Services for Underrepresented Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer*
Role: Co-I
Budget: \$250,000

PUBLICATIONS

A. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

* indicates student author

1. Smith, G.L., Banegas, M.P., **Acquati, C.**, Chang, S., Chino, F., Conti, R.M., Greenup, R.A, Kroll, J.L., Liang, M.I., Pisu, M., Primm, K., Roth, M.E., Shankaran, V., Yabroff, K.R. (2022). Navigating financial toxicity in cancer patients: A multidisciplinary management approach. *CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians*. 10.3322/caac.21730. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.3322/caac.21730> (*Impact Factor: 508.702*)
2. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Molgora, S., Vagnini, D., Piccolo, E., Valenti, F., Stratta, V., & Grassi, M. (2022). Locally Advanced Breast Cancer (LABC) and delayed care: A qualitative analysis of psychosocial factors. *Psychology, Health & Medicine*, 1-11.

- Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13548506.2022.2073379> (*Impact Factor: 1.706*)
3. **Acquati, C.**, Goltz, H.H., Cotter Mena, K., & LaMarca-Lyon, A. (2022). Sexual health problems and their association with psychological distress: Investigating the role of dyadic coping behaviors among young adult breast cancer survivors and partners. *The Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 19(4), Supplement 1S1-S122. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsxm.2022.01.112> (*Impact Factor: 3.802*)
 4. Saita, E., Ferraris, G., **Acquati, C.**, Molgora, S., Sorge, A., Valenti, F., Grassi, M.M., & Vagnini, D. (2022). Dyadic profiles of couples coping with body image concerns after breast cancer: Results of a cluster analysis. *Frontiers in Psychology - Psycho-Oncology*, 13:869905. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2022.869905(*Impact Factor: 2.99*)
 5. Corrigan, K. L., Fu, S., Chen, Y. S., Kaiser, K., Roth, M., Peterson, S. K., Shih, Y. T., Jagsi, R., Giordano, S. H., Volk, R. J., Yabroff, K. R., Banegas, M. P., **Acquati, C.**, Conti, R. M., Ma, H. Y., Ku, K., You, Y. N., & Smith, G. L. (2022). Financial toxicity impact on younger versus older adults with cancer in the setting of care delivery. *Cancer*, 10.1002/cncr.34220. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cncr.34220> (*Impact Factor: 6.86*)
 6. **Acquati, C.**, Hendren, S., Wittmann, D., Reese, J., Karam, E., Duby, A., Dunn, K.B., & Kayser, K. (2022). Psychological and sexual distress of rectal cancer patients and partners. *Psycho-Oncology*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pon.5880> (*Impact Factor: 3.894*)
 7. Zhang, A.; Kamat, A.; **Acquati, C.**; Aratow, M.; Kim, J. S.; DuVall, A.S.; Walling, E. (2022). Evaluating the feasibility and acceptability of an Artificial-Intelligence- Enabled and speech-based distress screening mobile app for Adolescents and Young Adults diagnosed with cancer: A study protocol. *Cancers*, 14. <https://doi.org/10.3390> (*Impact Factor: 6.639*)
 8. Mogro-Wilson, C., Negi, N., **Acquati, C.**, Bright, C., Chang, D.F., Clark Goings, T., Greenfield, J.C., Gurrola, M., Hicks, T., Loomis, A., Parekh, R., Strolin-Goltzman, J., Valdovinos, M. G., Walton, Q.L., & Windsor, L. (2022) Reflections from academic mothers of young children on Social Work Research and Education, *Journal of Social Work Education*, doi: 10.1080/10437797.2021.2014726
 9. Gorman, J., Lyons, K., Reese, J.B., **Acquati, C.**, Smith, E., Drizin, J., Salsman, J., & Harvey, S.M. (2022). Adapting a theory-informed intervention to help young adult couples cope with reproductive and sexual health concerns after breast or gynecologic cancer. *Frontiers in Psychology - Psycho-Oncology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.813548> (*Impact Factor: 2.99*)
 10. **Acquati, C.**, Chen, T.A., Martinez Leal, I., Connors, S.K., Haq, A.A., Rogova, A., Ramirez*, S., Reitzel, L.R., & McNeill, L. H. (2022). The impact of the COVID-19

- pandemic on cancer care and health-related quality of life of racial and ethnic minority women diagnosed with breast cancer: A mixed-methods study protocol. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(24), 13084. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph182413084> (Impact Factor: 3.390)
11. Huang*, Y., **Acquati, C.**, & Cheung, M. (2021). Family communication and coping among ethnic minority cancer patients: A systematic review. *Health and Social Care in the Community*, 10.1111/hsc.13623. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13623>. (Impact Factor: 2.05)
 12. **Acquati, C.**, Hibbard, J., Miller-Sonet, E., Zhang, A., & Ionescu*, E. (2021). Patient activation and treatment decision-making in the context of cancer: Examining the contribution of informal caregiver's involvement. *Journal of Cancer Survivorship*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11764-021-01085-9>. (Impact Factor: 4.44)
 13. Agrawal, P., Chen, T.A., McNeill, L.H., **Acquati, C.**, Connors, S.K., Nitturi, V., Robinson, A.S., Martinez Leal, I., & Reitzel, L.R. (2021). Factors associated with breast cancer screening adherence among church-going African American women. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (Impact Factor: 3.390)
 14. Zhang, A., Zebrack, B., **Acquati, C.**, Roth, M., Jackson Levin*, N., Wang, K., Schwartz, S. (2021). Technology-assisted psychosocial interventions for childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer survivors: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology*. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jayao.2021.0012> (Impact Factor: 2.223)
 15. Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, & Saita, E. (2021). The role of dyadic coping for the individual and relational well-being of couples during the transition to parenthood. *Journal of Family Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X211022394> (Impact Factor: 2.072)
 16. Maldonado, F.A., Fu, S., Chen, Y.S., **Acquati, C.**, Yabroff, K.R., Banegas, M., Chang, S., Conti, R., Checka, C., Advani, P., Jagsi, R., Giordano, S. H., Volk, R.J., Shih, Y.C.T., Smith, G.L. (2021). Sensitivity of distress screening to identify cancer patients at risk for financial hardship during care delivery. *JPO Oncology Practice*, doi: 10.1200/OP.20.01009. (Impact Factor: 3.551)
 17. Connors, S. K., Martinez Leal, I., Nitturi, V., Iwundu, C. N., Maza, V., Reyes S., **Acquati, C.**, & Reitzel, L. R. (2021). Empowered choices: African American women's breast reconstruction decisions. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 45(2), 352-70. (Impact Factor: 1.970)
 18. Cheung, C.K., **Acquati, C.**, Smith, E., Katerere-Virima, T., Helbling, L., & Betz, G. (2020). The impact of a cancer diagnosis on siblings across the lifespan: A systematic review. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 23(4), 357-377, doi:10.1080/10522158.2020.1799897. (Impact Factor: 0.679)

19. **Acquati, C.**, Miyawaki, C.E. & Lu, Q. (2020). Post-traumatic Stress Symptoms and social constraints in the communication with family caregivers among Chinese-speaking breast cancer survivors. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 28, 4115 - 4122, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-019-05206-0>. (Impact Factor: 3.603)
20. Cho, D., Basen-Engquist, K., **Acquati, C.**, Pettaway, C., Ma, H., Markofski, M., Li, Y., Canfield, S.E., & McNeill, L. (2020). Cultural adaptation of evidence-based lifestyle interventions for African American prostate cancer survivors and their partners: The Watchful Living Program. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 14(6), <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557988320945449>. (Impact Factor: 2.804)
21. Cho, D., Basen-Engquist, K., **Acquati, C.**, Ma, H., Pettaway, C., Li, & McNeill, L.H. (2020). Study Protocol: A lifestyle intervention for African American and Hispanic prostate cancer survivors on active surveillance and their partners. *Pilot and Feasibility Studies*, 6(111). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40814-020-00653-7>
22. Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2020). Evaluating the Framed Portrait Experience as an intervention to enhance self-efficacy and self-esteem in a sample of adolescent and young adult cancer survivors: Results of a pilot study. *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1089/jayao.2019.0063> (Impact factor: 2.223). Drs. Saita and Acquati equally contributed to the article
23. **Acquati, C.**, & Kayser, K. (2019). Addressing the psychosocial needs of cancer patients: A retrospective analysis of a distress screening and management protocol in clinical care. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 37(3), 287-300, doi: 10.1080/07347332.2018.1523822. (Impact Factor: 2.029)
24. **Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2019). Dyadic coping across the lifespan: A comparison between younger and middle-aged couples with breast cancer. *Frontiers in Psychology - Psychology for Clinical Settings*. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00404. (Impact Factor: 2.99)
25. Kayser, K. & **Acquati, C.** (2019). The influence of relational mutuality on dyadic coping among couples facing breast cancer. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 37(2), 194-212, <https://doi.org/10.1080/07347332.2019.1566809>. (Impact Factor: 2.029)
26. Molgora, S., Fenaroli, V., **Acquati, C.**, DeDonno, A., & Saita, E. (2019). Examining the role of dyadic coping on the marital adjustment of couples undergoing Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). *Frontiers in Psychology - Psychology for Clinical Settings*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.00415>. (Impact factor: 2.99)
27. Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, Fenaroli, V., & Saita, E. (2018). Dyadic coping and marital adjustment during pregnancy: A cross-sectional study of Italian couples expecting their first child. *International Journal of Psychology*, 54(2), 277-285. (Impact Factor: 2.00)
28. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B, Freyer, D., & Cole, S. (2018). Sexual functioning among young adult cancer patients: A

- 2-year longitudinal study. *Cancer*, 124(2), 398-405. doi: 10.1002/cncr.31030. (Impact Factor: 6.860)
29. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Reese, J., Mark, K., Wittman, D., & Karam, E. (2018). A systematic review of dyadic studies examining relationship quality in couples facing colorectal cancer together. *Psycho-Oncology*, 27(1), 13-21. doi:10.1002/pon.4339. (Impact Factor: 3.894)
30. **Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2017). Predictors of psychological distress among cancer patients receiving care at safety-net cancer center: The role of younger age and psychosocial issues. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 25(7), 2305-2312. doi: 10.1007/s00520-017-3641-8. (Impact Factor: 3.603)
31. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Fenaroli, V., Zuliani, C., & Bonanno, G. (2017). A confirmatory factor analysis of the Perceived Ability to Cope with Trauma (PACT) Scale. *TPM-Testing, Psychometrics, Methodology in Applied Psychology*, 24(2), 255-268, doi: 10.4473/TPM24.2.5.
32. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, & Molgora, S. (2016). Promoting patient and caregiver engagement to care in cancer. *Frontiers in Psychology - Psychology for Clinical Settings*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2016.01660>. (Impact Factor: 2.99)
33. Zebrack, B., Kayser, K., Savas, S.A, Sundstrom, L., Henrickson, C, **Acquati, C.** & Tamas, R. (2015). Psychosocial distress screening implementation in cancer care: An analysis of adherence, responsiveness, and acceptability. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 33(10), 1165-1170 doi: <http://jco.ascopubs.org/content/early/2015/02/18/JCO.2014.57.4020.abstract>. (Impact Factor: 44.54)
34. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, & Kayser, K. (2015). Coping with early-stage breast cancer: Examining the influence of personality traits and interpersonal closeness. *Frontiers in Psychology - Psychology for Clinical Settings*, doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00088. (Impact Factor: 2.99)
35. Saita, E., De Luca, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2015). What is hope for breast cancer patients? A qualitative study. *Mediterranean Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 3(1), doi: <http://cab.unime.it/journals/index.php/MJCP/issue/view/89/showToc>.
36. Saita, E., Molgora, S., & **Acquati, C.** (2014). Development and evaluation of the Cancer Dyads Group Intervention: Preliminary findings. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 32(6), 647-664. doi:10.1080/07347332.2014.955242. (Impact Factor: 2.02)
37. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, & V. Tran, T. (2012). No patients left behind: A systematic review of the cultural equivalence of distress screening instruments. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology*, 30(6), 679-693. doi:10.1080/07347332.2012.721489. (Impact Factor: 2.02)

B. Under review

1. **Acquati, C.**, Schrader, P., McWilliams, L., McCarty, D., Angelov*, I., & Buck, D.S. Household-Centered Care: An interprofessional education program to promote health through community engagement during COVID-19. *Ethnicity & Disease (Impact Factor: 1.846)*
2. **Acquati, C.**, Miller-Sonet, E., Zhang, A., & Ionescu*, E. Social well-being in cancer survivorship: A cross-sectional analysis of self-reported relationship closeness and ambivalence from a national community sample. *Journal of Cancer Survivorship (Impact Factor: 4.44)*
3. Cohee, A.A., **Acquati, C.**, Head, K.J., Rand, K., Alwine, J.S., Champion, V.L., Miller, K., & Draucker, C.B. Experiences, challenges, and recommendations for psychosocial care among partners of breast cancer survivors. *Oncology Nursing Forum (Impact Factor: 1.728)*
4. Zhang, A., Wang, K., **Acquati, C.**, & Walling, E. Age as a moderator for the association between depression and self-rated health among cancer survivors: A U.S. based population study. *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology (Impact Factor: 2.52)*
5. **Acquati, C.**, Wittmann, D., Roth, M., Rosen, A., Carr, L.C., Gresham, Z., & Ionescu, E. Sexual health outcomes of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) colorectal cancer survivors and their partners: Study protocol of a couple-based investigation. *Pilot & Feasibility Studies (Impact Factor: 1.55)*

C. In preparation

1. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Roth, M., Zhang, A., LaMarca-Lyon, A., Gaines, L.E., Mena, K.C., & Ionescu, E. Informing psychosocial oncology care delivery for young women with breast cancer and their partners: A cross-sectional examination of unmet service needs and preferences for care among of younger couples in the first-year post-diagnosis. *Target Journal: Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology (Impact Factor: 2.23)*
2. **Acquati, C.**, Miller-Sonet, E., Zhang, A., & Ionescu*, E. Psychological distress and perceived change in self-reported quality of life during cancer survivorship: A Path Analysis. *Target Journal: Cancer (Impact Factor: 6.86)*
3. **Acquati, C.**, Ionescu, E., Yabroff, K.R., Conti, R.M., Chang, S., Banegas, M.P., & Smith, G. Identifying financial strain of informal cancer caregivers in the U.S.: Results from a national survey. *Tagert Journal: Journal of Psychosocial Oncology (Impact Factor: 2.02)*

INVITED ARTICLES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. **Acquati, C.** (2017). Should I engage in research? Twelve questions to assist oncology social workers. *AOSW Navigator*, 3(1).
2. Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2016). Future directions for the provision of person-centered psychological interventions for cancer patients and survivors: A review of three experiences. Introduction. *Ricerche di Psicologia*, 4, 559-563. doi: 10.3280/RIP2016-004005
3. Amsberg, D., & **Acquati, C.** (2021). October – These two awareness issues share more than a month. *Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council*.
https://www.hcdvcc.org/two-awareness-issues/?fbclid=IwAR3oa1Uj2hWVseUtUu1wkp_mXVRNymBc3V-HQoaM49uWUkbyHdl4QNOyfl0

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Books

Acquati, C. & Saita, E. (2017). *Affrontare insieme la malattia. Il coping diadico tra teoria e pratica (Coping Together with Illness. Theory and Practice of Dyadic Coping)*. Roma: Carocci Editore.

Book Chapters

1. Regan, T., **Acquati, C.**, & Zimmerman, T. (2018). Interpersonal Relationships. In M. Feuerstein and L. Nekhlyudov (eds.), *Handbook of Cancer Survivorship* (pp. 265-284). New York: Springer.
2. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Donato, S., & Pagani, A.F. (2018). Il Coping Diadico: Come la coppia affronta gli eventi stressanti (Dyadic coping: How couples cope with stressful events). In S. Donato & A.F. Pagani (eds.) *La relazione di coppia. Gestire insieme eventi positivi e negativi (The Couple Relationship. Coping with Negative and Positive Events)*. Roma: Carocci Editore.
3. Saita, E., Molgora, S., & **Acquati, C.** (2018). The idiographic science perspective applied to the treatment of younger women with BRCA mutation. In R. De Luca Picione, J. Nedergaard, M.F. Freda, & S. Salvatore (eds.) *Idiographic Approach to Health*. Charlotte: IAP.
4. Molgora, S., Fenaroli, V., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2018). Becoming parents: Examining the role of dyadic coping on the individual and relational adjustment of future mothers and their partners. In A. Bertoni, S. Donato & S. Molgora (eds.) *When "We" Are Stressed: A Dyadic Approach to Coping with Stressful Events*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova

Science Publishers.

5. Saita, E., Zanini, S., Minetti, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2016). Best practices to promote patient and donor engagement to care in living donor transplant. In G. Graffigna (ed.) *Transformative Healthcare Practice through Patient Engagement*. IGI-Global.
6. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E. & Costa, G. (2011). Coping diadico e relazione di caregiving nella sfida alla malattia oncologica (Dyadic coping and caregiving while facing cancer). In E. Saita, *Pensare alla salute e alla malattia: legami tra mente, corpo e contesto di appartenenza*. (pp. 89-116) (*Thinking of Health and Illness: Connections between Mind, Body and Cultural Context. Research and Intervention Pathways*). Milano: Educatt.
7. Kayser, K., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2011). Famiglie, fonti di stress e capacita' di fronteggiare gli eventi. Il caso della famiglia Americana (Families, stress and coping. The case of the American Family). In E. Saita, *Pensare alla salute e alla malattia: legami tra mente, corpo e contesto di appartenenza*. (pp. 69-88) (*Thinking of Health and Illness: Connections between Mind, Body and Cultural Context. Research and Intervention Pathways*). Milano: Educatt.
8. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.** & Saita, E. (2011). Coping e adattamento familiare: Il ruolo dei fattori culturali (Coping and family adjustment: The role of cultural factors). In E. Saita, *Pensare alla salute e alla malattia: legami tra mente, corpo e contesto di appartenenza*. (pp. 117-134) (*Thinking of Health and Illness: Connections between Mind, Body and Cultural Context. Research and Intervention Pathways*). Milano: Educatt.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

A. Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations

* indicates student author

1. **Acquati, C.**, Carr, L.C., Goltz, H.H., & Wittmann, D. (*under review*). *Dyadic approaches in oncosexology: Understanding the relationship between couples' coping and sexual satisfaction among young adult breast cancer patients and their partners*. 23rd Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of SMSNA and 23rd ISSM Scientific Meeting, October 27-30, Miami, FL, USA.
2. **Acquati, C.**, Chen, T.A., Martinez Leal, I., Connors, S.K., Rogova, A., Banegas, M., Smith, G., Reitzel, L.R. & McNeill, L. H. (*under review*). *Investigating financial toxicity among breast cancer patients diagnosed during the pandemic: The role of cancer care disruptions and social isolation*. San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, December 6-10, 2022, Sant Antonio, TX, USA
3. **Acquati, C.**, Chen, T.A., Connors, S.K., Martinez Leal, I., Rogova, A., Ionescu*, E., Jacobs*, N., McNeill, L. H., & Reitzel, L.R. (*under review*). *Cancer care disruption and health-related quality of life among a tri-ethnic sample of women diagnosed with breast*

cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic. Society for Social Work and Research, 27th Annual Conference, January 11-15, Phoenix, AZ, USA.

4. **Acquati, C.**, Ionescu*, E., Yabroff, K.R., Conti, R.M., Chang, S., Banegas, M.P., & Smith, G. (*under review*). *Characterizing financial strain of cancer informal caregivers: Results from the 2020 Caregiving in America Survey*. Society for Social Work and Research, 27th Annual Conference, January 11-15, Phoenix, AZ, USA.
5. **Acquati, C.**, McCarty, D., Briscoe, D., Buck, D.S., Civallero, L., Hernandez Becerra, B., Johnson, C., Joseph, B.R., McWilliams, L., & Schrader, P. (*accepted*). *Addressing social determinants of health through interprofessional education: The Household-Centered Care Program*. 68th Annual Program Meeting (APM), Council on Social Work Education, November 10-13, 2022, Anaheim, CA.
6. Saita, E., Vagnini, D., & **Acquati, C.** (*accepted*). *A technology-driven supportive intervention for informal cancer caregivers during the COVID19 pandemic: Lessons learned from four open access education modules*. International Psycho-Oncology Society World Congress, August 29 - September 1, 2022, Toronto, Canada.
7. **Acquati, C.**, Miller-Sonet, E., Zhang, A., & Ionescu*, E. (2022). *Social well-being during cancer survivorship: A cross-sectional examination of self-reported positive and negative effects of the illness in the context of close relationships*. Society for Social Work and Research, 26th Annual Conference, January 16-22, Washington DC, USA.
8. **Acquati, C.**, Miller-Sonet, E., Zhang, A., & Ionescu*, E. (2022). *Psychological distress and perceived change in self-reported quality of life during cancer survivorship: Exploring the role of sociodemographic, clinical, and relational factors*. Society for Social Work and Research, 26th Annual Conference, January 16-22, Washington DC, USA.
9. **Acquati, C.**, Goltz, H.H., Cotter-Mena, K., & LaMarca-Lyon (2021). *Sexual health problems and their association with psychological distress: Investigating the role of dyadic coping behaviors among Young Adult Breast Cancer Survivors (YABCS) and partners*. 22nd Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA), November 21-24, 2021.
10. **Acquati, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon, A., Gaines, L., Cotter Mena, K., & Wagner*, R. (2021). *Informational, supportive, and practical needs of young women with breast cancer and their partners: Implications for psychosocial services*. 36th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 9-11, 2021.
11. Gorman, J.R., Drizin, J.R., Smith, E., Lyons, K.S., Reese J.B., **Acquati, C.**, Salsman, J.M., Hayes-Lattin, B., Kashy, D., Harvey, S.M. (2021) *Adaptation of a dyadic coping and communication intervention for younger couples experiencing sexual and reproductive health concerns after cancer*. Society of Behavioral Medicine, Annual

Meeting & Scientific Sessions, April 12-16, 2021 (Virtual Conference).

12. **Acquati, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon A., Gaines, L., Bajic*, M., Cotter Mena, K., Huang*, Y., & Wagner*, R. (2021). *Informing psychosocial oncology care delivery for young women with breast cancer and their partners: A cross-sectional examination of unmet service needs in the first-year post-diagnosis*. Society for Social Work and Research, January 19-22, 25th Annual Conference (Virtual Conference).
13. **Acquati, C.**, Hendren, S., Wittmann, D., Reese, J., Karam, E., Duby, A., Dunn, K.B., & Kayser, K. (2020). *Facing cancer together: A longitudinal study of psychological distress, relationship satisfaction and sexual functioning among rectal cancer patients and their partners*. 21st Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA), November 9-15, 2020. (Virtual Conference).
14. **Acquati, C.**, Brohard, C., Bush, R., Kehinde, L., & Reeve, K. (2020). *Developing an IPE program in cancer care: Lessons, pitfalls, and future directions*. CSWE 66th Annual Program Meeting November 12-15, 2020. (Virtual Conference).
15. **Acquati, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon, A., Gaines, L., Bajic*, M., Cotter Mena, K., & Wagner*, R. (2020). *The role of dyadic coping on the quality of life of young women with breast cancer and their romantic partners*. 8th Dyadic Coping Conference “Couples Coping with Stress: State of the Art in Everyday Life and Illness”, University of Maryland, June 22-23, 2020, Washington D.C. Postponed to January 2021 as a virtual presentation of contributions.
16. **Acquati, C.**, Latini, D., & Goltz, H. (2020). *Communicating cancer-related concerns in bladder cancer survivorship: The role of social networks, anxiety, and avoidant coping style*. 36th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 10-12, 2020, Raleigh, NC. Cancelled because of COVID-19.
17. **Acquati, C.**, Miyawaki, C.E., & Lu, Q. (2020). *Cancer survivorship in racial and ethnic minority groups: Examining Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms among Chinese-speaking breast cancer survivors*. Society for Social Work and Research, 24th Annual Conference, January 15-19, Washington DC, USA.
18. Falk, D., Noel, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2020). *Depression, anxiety, and compliant breast cancer screening: Results from the Health Information National Trends Survey 5, Cycle 2*. Society for Social Work and Research, 24th Annual Conference, January 15-19, Washington DC, USA.
19. Noel, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2020) Symposium Organizers. *Reducing racial and economic inequality for all: The contribution of oncology social work research*. Society for Social Work and Research, 24th Annual Conference, January 15-19, Washington DC, USA.
20. **Acquati, C.** & Lucas, G. (2019). *Preparing online students for social work in health care settings: Lessons learned*. 65th Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work

Education, October 24-27, Denver, CO.

21. Huang*, Y. & **Acquati, C.** (2019). *Family communication and coping among racial and ethnic minority cancer patients: A systematic review*. International Conference on Change and Innovation for a Better World: The Future of Social Work Profession, June 27-28, Hong Kong, China.
22. Goltz, H.H., **Acquati, C.**, & Latini, D. (2019). *Practice-Informed Research for oncology social workers 101: From practice experience to scientific inquiry*. 35th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 5-7, Tucson AZ.
23. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Molgora, S., Valenti, F., Stratta, G., & Grassi, M.A. (2018). *Understanding the experience of women diagnosed with advanced breast cancer after delayed screening*. 20th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS), October 29-November 2, Hong Kong, China.
24. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Addressing the psychological distress of cancer patients receiving care at a safety-net institution: A retrospective analysis of the responsiveness of a distress screening protocol*. 22nd Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 11-14, Washington, DC.
25. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Collins, W.L., Karam, E., Mark, K., & Moon, H. (2017). *Couples coping with breast cancer across the lifespan: An examination of dyadic coping in younger and middle-aged dyads*. International Psycho-Oncology Society, 19th World Congress, August 14-18, Berlin, Germany.
26. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Addressing the psychological distress of cancer patients receiving care at a safety-net institution: Lessons learned from a retrospective analysis*. Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educator Association (APISWEA) Conference, June 21-22, Hong Kong, China.
27. **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E., Rossetti, A., & Jankovic, M. (2017). *Evaluating the Framed Portrait Experience in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer survivors: Results of a pilot study*. International Conference on Social Work Intervention Research, June 18-19, Shanghai, China.
28. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Responding to the psychological distress of cancer patients: An analysis of adherence and responsiveness of a distress screening protocol*. International Conference on Social Work Intervention Research, June 18-19, Shanghai, China.
29. Kayser, K., Wittman, D., Reese, J., **Acquati, C.**, Hendren, S., & Mark, K. (2017). *Couples' coping with impaired sexual functioning during and after treatment for rectal cancer*. 7th Dyadic Coping Conference. January 10-11, Milan, Italy.
30. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Collins, W., Karam, E., Mark, K., & Moon, H. (2017). *Understanding the experience of younger women with breast cancer and their partners:*

- A cross-sectional investigation.* 21st Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
31. Fenaroli, V., Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, & Saita, E. (2016). *The role of dyadic coping in the transition to parenthood.* 8th Congress of the European Society of Family Relations, August 31-September 3, Dortmund, Germany.
 32. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Moon, H., Mark, K., Karam, E., & Collins, W. (2016). *Mutuality, dyadic coping, and quality of life among middle-aged couples coping with breast cancer.* Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting, November 16-20, New Orleans, LA.
 33. Zebrack, B., Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Sundstrom, L., Savas, S.A., McCoy, M. & Tamas, R. (2014). *Testing adherence and feasibility of distress screening protocols: Implementing best practices in psychosocial care.* 11th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 13-15, Tampa, FL.
 34. Zebrack, Z., Henrickson, C., Kayser, K., & **Acquati, C.** (2014). *Distress screening implementation: What to do with the data?* 30th Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) Conference, May 28-30, Baltimore, MD.
 35. Kayser, K., & **Acquati, C.** (2013). *Testing the implementation of a distress screening protocol: A pilot study.* 29th Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW) Conference, June 5-7, San Diego, CA.
 36. **Acquati, C.** (2013). *Moving towards the future: Fresh perspectives in couples coping with cancer research.* 6th International Meeting on Stress & Coping “Couples Coping with Cancer-Related Stress: Translating Research to Practice”, June 21-22, Louisville, KY.
 37. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Meeske, K.A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B. & Cole, S. (2013) *Sex: A lost frontier for Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer patients.* International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) 15th World Congress, November 4-8, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
 38. Kayser, K., & **Acquati, C.** (2011). *Moderating factors in the relational outcomes of breast cancer patients in the Partners in Coping Program.* International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS) 13th World Congress, October 18-20, Antalya, Turkey.
 39. Kayser, K., Cigoli, V., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2010). *Women’s adaptation to early-stage breast cancer: The influence of personality traits and interpersonal closeness on the style of coping with cancer.* Paper presented at the “Stress and Coping in Close Relationships: New Theoretical and Empirical Insights” Meeting, February 18-19 Zurich, Switzerland.
 40. Kayser, K., Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2010). *Women coping with breast cancer: The*

impact of personality and close relationships on coping strategies. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 15th Conference, January 12-16, Tampa, FL.

B. Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

* indicates student author

1. Ionescu, E.* & **Acquati, C.** (2022). *Financial strain among informal cancer caregivers in the United States: Results of a national survey.* AOSW Annual Conference, June 15 - 17, 2022, Raleigh, North Carolina USA.
2. Aguilera, L., **Acquati, C.**, Cox, J.M., & Shepard, M. (2022). *Enhancing learners' capacity for reflective awareness in the context of palliative care: An interprofessional education experience.* Interprofessional Education 2022 Symposium & Workshop, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, April 29, 2022.
3. Martinez Leal, I.** , **Acquati, C.****, Rogova, A., Chen, T.A., Connors, S.K., Haq, A.A., Jacobs, N., Agrawal, P., McNeill, L.H., & Reitzel, L. R. (2022). *Negotiating cancer alone: a qualitative study exploring cancer care disruptions among racially and ethnically diverse women diagnosed with breast cancer during covid-19.* Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, Key Largo, FL. **Joint first authors.
4. **Acquati, C.**, Hibbard, J., Miller-Sonet, E., Zhang, A., & Ionescu*, E. (2021). *The moderating role of informal caregiver's involvement on the relationship between patient activation and adherence to treatment: Implications for self-management interventions in cancer care.* 2021 ASCO Annual Meeting, June 4-8, 2021.
5. **Acquati, C.**, Chen*, Q., LaMarca-Lyon A., Gaines, L., Cotter Mena, K., & Baijc*, M. (2021). *Congruence of stress communication and relationship satisfaction among young women with breast cancer and their partners: A dyadic analysis.* American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS), March 10-12, 18th Annual Conference (Virtual Conference).
6. Ramirez*, S., **Acquati, C.**, LaMarca-Lyon, A., Gaines, L., Bajic, M., Cotter Mena, K., & Wagner, R. (2020). *Young women with breast cancer: Preliminary results from a cross-sectional study of unmet needs.* University of Houston's 2020 Undergraduate Research Day, Houston, TX.
7. Falk, D., Weaver, KE, Noel, L, **Acquati, C** & Avis, NE. (2020). *Psychological distress and adherence to mammogram screening recommendations: Results from the 2018 Health Information National Trends Survey.* 44th American Society of Preventative Oncology Conference, March 22-24, Tucson, AZ.
8. **Acquati, C.**, Sampson, M., Smith, S., & Slusher, B. (2019). *Offering interprofessional education opportunities to social work students: building collaborations between disciplines.* 65th Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, October 24-27, Denver, CO.

9. **Acquati, C.**, Miyawaki, C.E., & Lu, Q. (2018). *Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms among Chinese-Speaking breast cancer survivors: Assessing the role of close relationships and social constraints*. 20th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS), October 29-November 2, Hong Kong, China.
10. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Ferraris, G., Valenti, F., Stratta, G., & Grassi, M.M. (2018). *Body image among women with breast cancer: Examining the role of psychological and relational factors*. 20th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS), October 29-November 2, Hong Kong, China.
11. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B., Freyer, & Cole, S. (2018). *Prevalence and risk factors for sexual dysfunction among young adults with cancer: A 2- year longitudinal analysis*. 8th Texas AYA Oncology Conference, March 3, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.
12. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B., Freyer, & Cole, S. (2017). *Sexual functioning among young adult cancer patients: A 2- year longitudinal study*. 2nd Global Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer Congress, December 5-7, Atlanta, GA.
13. Saita, E., Jankovic, M., Zuliani, C., Rossetti, A., & **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Addressing body image among AYA cancer survivors. Pilot testing of the Framed Portrait Experience*. 31st Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, August 29-September 2, Padova, Italy.
14. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Wittmann, D., Moon, H., Mark, K., Karam, E., & Collins, W. (2017). *Testing the Relational-Cultural Model of Dyadic Coping among couples coping with early-stage breast cancer*. 7th Dyadic Coping Conference, January 10-11, Milan, Italy.
15. **Acquati, C.**, Kayser, K., Collins, W., Karam, E., Mark, K., & Moon, H. (2017). *Couples coping with breast cancer across the developmental trajectory: Examining the role of mutuality in predicting dyadic coping of patients and partners in younger and older dyads*. 21st Annual Conference Society for Social Work and Research, January 11-15, New Orleans, LA.
16. Valenti, F., Baratelli, G.M., Molgora, S., **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E., & Grassi, M.M. (2015). *Il fallimento della diagnosi precoce. Analisi dell'esperienza di donne trattate per tumore alla mammella localmente avanzato*. AIS - Attualità in Senologia, November 4-6, Florence, Italy.
17. **Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2015). *Are we responding to the distress of cancer patients? An examination of psychosocial response after distress screening*. APOS-IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, July 28 - August 1, Washington, DC.
18. Saita E., **Acquati C.**, Molgora S., Valenti F., Grassi M. (2015). *The failure of early*

detection: The experience of women with advanced breast cancer. APOS-IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, July 28 - August 1, Washington, DC.

19. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.** & Irtelli, F. (2015). *The Cancer Dyads Group Intervention to promote breast cancer patients' adjustment, coping and perceived social support.* APOS-IPOS World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, July 28 - August 1, Washington, DC.
20. Saita, E., Jankovic, M., Rossetti, A., Zuliani, C. & **Acquati, C.** (2014). *Pictures of Me: The Framed Portrait Experience as a psychological intervention for Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) cancer survivors.* 11th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 13-15, Tampa, FL.
21. **Acquati, C.**, Zebrack, B., Faul, A., Meeske, K.A., Embry, L., Aguilar, C., Block, R., Hayes-Lattin, B. & Cole, S. (2014). *Sex - A lost frontier: Sexual functioning in adolescent and young adult (AYA) cancer patients in the two years following diagnosis.* Critical Mass, November, Denver, CO.
22. **Acquati, C.**, Saita, E., Kayser, K., Zuliani, C. & Zanchi, D. (2013). *Breast cancer pre-screening anxiety: Identifying psychological vulnerability among Italian women.* 10th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 14-16, Huntington Beach, CA.
23. **Acquati, C.** & Kayser, K. (2012). *Reproductive distress in female cancer survivors: A systematic review of current issues and future directions.* 9th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference, February 23-25, Miami, FL.
24. Kayser, K., **Acquati, C.**, Gragg, H., Williams, K., & Tamas, R. (2012). *Psychological and clinical predictors of self-reported distress among breast cancer patients: An exploratory analysis of distress screening scores.* Research!Louisville, September 18-20, Louisville, KY.
25. **Acquati, C.**, & Kayser, K. (2012). *Psychosocial care for young adult cancer patients and survivors: From the identification of needs to the development of interventions for cancer-related infertility & reproductive health.* Oncofertility Conference: Dialogues in Oncofertility, September 27-28, Chicago, IL.
26. Saita, E., Negrini, L., & **Acquati, C.** (2009). *Il diario diadico di pazienti oncologici e dei loro caregiver: Valutazione delle dinamiche relazionali (The dyadic diary of cancer patients and their caregivers: An evaluation of the relational dynamics.)* 23rd Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, September 23-26, Pisa, Italy.
27. Saita, E., Cigoli, V., Brognoli, S., & **Acquati, C.** (2008). *Il diario diadico come strumento di valutazione di un intervento clinico di gruppo rivolto a pazienti oncologici e caregiver (The dyadic diary as an evaluation tool of a group clinical intervention for cancer patients and their caregivers).* National Congress of Health Psychology, October 1-4, Rovigo, Italy.

INVITED AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Local

1. **Acquati, C.** (2020). *Online data collection within the COVID-19 context*. Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, October 23, Houston.
2. **Acquati, C.** (2019). *Examining stress and coping processes from a relational perspective to inform optimal psychosocial care: The case of young women with breast cancer and their partners*. UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, AYA Clinic. May 20, Houston, TX.
3. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *The impact of cancer on patients and partners: Addressing psychosocial issues of couples coping with prostate cancer in the context of a couple-based intervention*. UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Department of Health Disparities. August 10, Houston.
4. **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Coping Together: How to promote patient and caregiver's well-being*. Friendswood United Methodist Church, April 23, Friendswood, TX.
5. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Harnessing the power of close relationships in the context of cancer: How research can promote patient and caregiver's coping behaviors and well-being*. Graduate College of Social Work Research Conference, December 1, Houston, TX.
6. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Engaging in research: A crucial opportunity for oncology social workers' professional development and leadership*. UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Social Work Department. June 13th, Houston, TX.
7. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *Preparing for the Academic Job Market: What you should know before you start*. Brown Bag Presentation for the PhD Program, Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston, March 22nd, Houston, TX.

National

8. **Acquati, C.** (2021). *Take Home Messages in Mental Health*. 22nd Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA), November 21-24, 2021.
9. **Acquati, C., Griffin, D., & Wright, C.** (2021). *Online research: Design and review in a world of bots, hackers, and evolving technology*. 2021 Social, Behavioral and Educational Research Conference, November 16-19.
10. **Acquati, C.** (2021). *Psycho-oncology research in the time of COVID: Lessons learned from the year behind and planning for the years ahead*. Invited speaker for the AOSW Conference Special Meeting of the AOSW Research SIG in collaboration with the AOSW Research Committee

11. **Acquati, C., & Noel, L.** (2019). *Early-career oncology social work scholars: Building and cultivating a network of peers*. 35th Annual Conference Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW), June 5-7, 2019, Tucson, AZ.
12. Gray, T.F. & **Acquati, C.** (2019). *How to pick and design a research project*. 16th American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Annual Conference, February 28-March 2, Atlanta, GA.
13. Acquati, C. (2018). *Updates in mental health – Most noteworthy literature from 2017-2018*. 19th Annual Fall Scientific Meeting of the Sexual Medicine Society of North America, November 8-11, Miami

International

14. Saita, E., **Acquati, C.**, Vagnini, D. & Ferraris, G. (2021). *COVID-19 and Caregiving in the context of cancer*. Open Education Course for providers, learners, patients, and informal caregivers available at: https://openeducation.blackboard.com/mooc-catalog/courseDetails/view?course_id= 3326 1
15. Saita, E., & **Acquati, C.** (2018). *Psychosocial interventions with patients and caregivers in the context of health*. The Educational University of Hong Kong, China, October 30th.
16. **Acquati, C.** (2017). *The value of close relationships in the context of cancer: An intervention to promote patient and caregiver's coping behaviors and relational closeness*. International Academic Symposium on Social Work Education and Research, Northwest University, Xi'an, China, June 27th.

SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT AND MEDIA COVERAGE

1. “The Cougar” coverage about the Household Centered Care Program
<https://thedailycougar.com/2022/03/23/houshold-centered-care-program/>
2. UH GCSW coverage about the article *Sensitivity of Distress Screening to identify Cancer Patients at Risk for Financial Hardship during Care Delivery*.
<https://www.facebook.com/uhgcsw/photos/a.10152028132354847/10159256943919847/>
3. UHD coverage of the article *Empowered Choices: African American Women's Breast Reconstruction Decisions* examining Black cancer patients’ decision making about breast reconstructive surgery
<https://news.uhd.edu/research-explores-black-survivors-empowered-choices-following-breast-cancer/>
4. UHAND coverage about the NIH funded grant *The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Cancer Care and Health-Related Quality of Life of Racial and Ethnic Minority Women Diagnosed with Breast Cancer*
<https://www.uhandpartnership.com/acquati>

5. UH GCSW coverage about article authored with Dr. Miyawaki and Dr. Lu about *Post Traumatic Stress Symptoms in Chinese-Speaking Breast Cancer Survivors*
<https://www.facebook.com/uhgcsw/posts/10158752121184847>
6. University of Houston News Press Release, December 2, 2019 about *Therapeutic Photography and Young Adults with Cancer* <https://uh.edu/news-events/stories/2019/december-2019/12022019-fpe-study.php>
7. Science Daily coverage of the article about *Therapeutic Photography and Young Adults with Cancer*
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2019/12/191202140606.htm>
8. Medical Express coverage of the article about *Therapeutic Photography and Young Adults with Cancer*
<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2019-12-photos-young-cancer-survivors-regain.html>
9. UH GCSW coverage of Dr. Acquati and Dr. Sampson facilitating “*What’s Wrong with Warren?*” IPE Day at UTMB Health
<https://www.facebook.com/uhgcsw/posts/monday-motivationcongrats-to-gcsw-studentschezamethyst-obi-harriet-smith-heli-na/10156905456234847/>
10. EurekaAlert coverage of the article about *Therapeutic Photography and Young Adults with Cancer*
https://eurekaalert.org/pub_releases/2019-12/uoh-rop120219.php
11. Volunteer Ovation, *Dan’s House of Hope*; Houston-based nonprofit that offer housing and psychosocial programs to AYA cancer survivors and their family/caregivers
<https://danshouseofhope.org/volunteer-ovation-dr-chiara-acquati/>
12. UH GCSW coverage about *Training Grant from the IPEX Project*
<https://www.uh.edu/socialwork/news/news-releases/2019-faculty-member-leads-team-of-interprofessional-faculty-providers-from-university-of-houston-to-attend-national-training-on-enhancing-cancer-care-education/>
13. University of Houston News Press Release for the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors
<http://uh.edu/news-events/stories/2017/december/12202017Acquati.php>
14. Medical Research.com Interview for the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors
<https://medicalresearch.com/cancer- -oncology/cancer-diagnosis-and-treatment-leaves-young-adults-vulnerable-to-sexual-dysfunction/39453/>

15. Contemporary OB/GYN Interview about *sexual health outcomes among AYA cancer survivors*
<http://contemporaryobgyn.modernmedicine.com/contemporary-obgyn/news/cancer-adversely-affects-sexual-functioning-young-adults>
16. HemOnc Today Interview about *sexual health outcomes among AYA cancer survivors*
<https://www.healio.com/hematology-oncology/leukemia/news/in-the-journals/%7b34bffb3a-9632-4300-8661-e771f4dba0e2%7d/most-young-adults-report-sexual-dysfunction-following-cancer-diagnosis>
17. John Hopkins Breast Center- Artemis about *sexual health outcomes among AYA cancer survivors*
<http://www.hopkinsbreastcenter.org/artemis/201801/3.html>
18. India Today coverage of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors
<https://www.indiatoday.in/lifestyle/health/story/cancer-affects-sexual-functioning-dysfunction-how-health-diagnosis-lifest-1113410-2017-12-21>
19. Yahoo coverage of the of the article about *Therapeutic Photography and Young Adults with Cancer*
https://in.finance.yahoo.com/news/reflecting-photos-helps-young-cancer-survivors-regain-confidence-174117409.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAKoC6n-C_iu9BQeoY_LlvH5A-ZfvfZnjf_5cwTOpYdlh_Zogrr1aly8EaYNzuv0C31MeuNeXvQDhbd4nyjJneVKI0InrELIfOoo-knOEMTYWyUa0gQkeja6nSo7zp8HyI9ALxfjkOd78oMdAEzLWu_yol1T_gDGzFkq1Q02K-jMJ
20. Elle France coverage of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivor. Article in French. <https://www.elle.fr/Societe/News/A-l-annonce-d-un-cancer-une-femme-a-6-fois-plus-de-risques-d-etre-quittee-qu-un-homme-3594701>
21. BFM TV (France) coverage of the of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivor. Article in French https://www.bfmtv.com/sante/une-femme-a-6-fois-plus-de-risque-d-etre-quittee-a-l-annonce-d-un-cancer-qu-un-homme_AN-201712270022.html
22. Yahoo France coverage of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors. Article in French. https://fr.news.yahoo.com/femme-6-fois-risque-d-135320587.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8

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23. NEON Magazine coverage of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors. Article in French. <https://www.neonmag.fr/data-les-hommes-abandonnent-plus-facilement-leur-conjointe-malade-que-les-femmes-499591.html>
24. Kombini coverage of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors. Article in French. <https://www.kombini.com/fr/tendances-2/cancer-maladie-rupture-hommes-femmes-six-fois-plus-chances-inegalites>
25. AuFeminin coverage of the *Cancer* article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors <https://www.aufeminin.com/news-societe/cancer-enquete-couple-separation-femmes-s2462797.html>
26. Cancer Health coverage of the article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors <https://www.cancerhealth.com/article/young-adults-cancer-experience-sexual-dysfunction>
27. MD India coverage of the article about Therapeutic Photography and Young Adults with Cancer <https://www.medindia.net/news/retelling-cancer-story-through-photography-increases-self-esteem-191792-1.htm>
28. ABP Live coverage of the article examining Sexual Functioning over the first 2 years post-diagnosis in a sample of Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Survivors <https://news.abplive.com/world-news/cancer-how-it-affects-sexual-functioning-622211>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 - present
Associate Professor

Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

Courses taught:

- Research & Knowledge Building in Social Work Practice; face to face program
- Evaluation of Practice; online program
- Quantitative Research Methods; doctoral program

2016 - 2022
Assistant Professor

Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston

Courses taught:

- Research & Knowledge Building in Social Work Practice; face to face and hybrid program
- Evaluation of Practice; face to face, hybrid, and online program
- Social Work in Health Care Settings; online program
- Household-Centered Care Program, HCC social work seminar instructor, Field instructor; Preceptor of Medicine, Nursing, Social Work teams

2012 - 2016
Instructor

Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville

Courses taught:

- Psychosocial Practice in Oncology I: Interpersonal Practice; online program
- Psychosocial Practice in Oncology II: Community Approaches to Promote Health Equity; online program
- Mental Health Specialization Integrative Seminar I
- Mental Health Specialization Integrative Seminar II
- Advanced Social Work Practice

ACADEMIC MENTORING

UHAND (University of Houston/MD Anderson Cancer Center) Partnership

2020-2021 Ms. Stephanie Ramirez, UHAND (University of Houston/MD Anderson Cancer Center) Partnership to address Cancer Disparities

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

2021-present Mr. John Bickel, Dissertation Committee Member, UH GCSW Doctoral Program. Title: *Mentalization Processes among Children Exposed to Domestic Violence*

2021-present Ms. Caitlyn Mytelka. Dissertation Committee Member, UH GCSW Doctoral Program. Title: *Enhancing Youth Wellbeing through Coping: A Multilevel Analysis*

2020-present Ms. Miljana Bajic. Dissertation Committee Member. UH GCSW Doctoral Program. Title: *End-of-Life Decision-Making and Care Preferences Among Older Latinos and Whites with Advanced Cancer, and Older Latinos without Cancer*

2018-2019 Ms. Alexandra L. Snead. Dissertation Committee Member. Title: *Emotion Regulation as a Mediator of the Relationship between Alcohol Use and IPV Perpetration*

Doctoral and MSW Students

- 2021-2022 Ms. Laura Reid, MSW Student
Academic Mentor, Albert Schweitzer Fellows Program
Project: *Establishing a Peer-Educator Program to Increase Bystander Intervention Behaviors*
- Summer 2021 Ms. Anneke Wardlaw, MSW Student
Independent Study: *Social Work Practice in Healthcare: An Introduction to Pediatric Palliative Care*
- Summer 2020 Ms. Qi Chen. Social Work Doctoral Student
Independent Study: *Assuming a Dyadic Perspective in Psychosocial Oncology Research: Conceptual and Methodological Implications*
- Summer 2020 Ms. Tayler Duden, MSW Student
Independent Study: *Positive Psychology and Treatment Engagement in Clinical Social Work Practice*
- Fall 2019 Ms. Katherine Collier. MSW Student
Independent Study: *Social Work Practice in Healthcare*
- Fall 2017 Ms. Yu-Hu Huang. Social Work Doctoral Student
Independent study: *A systematic review of the role of family communication on the coping style of cancer patients from diverse ethnic groups*
- Fall 2016 Mr. Richard Wagner. Social Work Doctoral Student
Research Internship IV: *A study to evaluate psychosocial status of cancer patients and identify those at risk for heightened levels of distress*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2021 **Best of the Best Poster** (*Congruence of stress communication and relationship satisfaction among young women with breast cancer and their partners: A dyadic analysis*) American Psychosocial Oncology Society, 2021 APOS Virtual Conference
- 2020 **Honorable Mention Abstract** (*Facing cancer together: A longitudinal study of psychological distress, relationship satisfaction, and sexual functioning among rectal cancer patients and their partners*)
Sexual Medicine Society of North America, Mental Health Committee
2020 Fall Scientific Meeting
Shannon Wilkes “Heart of Hope” Award
Dan’s House of Hope, 10th Anniversary Gala
Houston, TX

- 2018 **Provost Faculty Travel Fund**
University of Houston
Best Poster Award
8th Annual Texas Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Conference
March 3, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX
- 2017 **Provost Faculty Travel Fund**
University of Houston
Massachusetts General Hospital
Competitively selected and funded to attend the Workshop on Research Methods
in Supportive Oncology (Funded by NCI 25 CA 181000)
- 2016 **Graduate Dean's Citation Award**
School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Louisville
Outstanding Part-Time Practicum Faculty Award
Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville
- 2014 **Faculty Favorite Award**
Delphi Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Louisville
- 2012 **Oncofertility Conference Award**
Oncofertility Conference, Northwestern University
AOSW Conference Scholarship
Association of Oncology Social Work
ExCEL in Social Work Scholarship
Competitively selected and funded to attend the Excellence in Cancer Education
& Leadership sponsored by NCI (CA138291) and City of Hope- Duarte, CA
- 2011 **Graduate Research Assistantship**
School of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Louisville
Academic Excellence Award
Graduate School of Social Work, Boston College

SERVICE

Graduate College of Social Work and University of Houston

- 2021 - present **UH Population Health Internal Advisory Board**
(UH GCSW representative, appointed, 2021-2023)
- 2021 - present **UH College of Medicine**
Household-Centered Care Clinical Coordinator Search Committee
Longitudinal Primary Care (LPC) course
- 2021 - present **UH Strategic Plan Goal 3 Implementation Subcommittee**
Social Responsibility: Serve as an Exemplar for Equitable and Inclusive

Community Engagement (UH GCSW representative, appointed)

- 2021 - present **UH College of Nursing Simulation Center**
Simulation and Clinical Learning Advisory Committee
- 2020 - present **Household-Centered Care Program, UH College of Medicine.** HCC IPE
Leadership Team (UH GCSW representative, appointed)
- 2020 - present **UH College of Medicine Center for Clinical Arts, Skills, and Experiential
Learning (CCASEL),** Advisory Board
- 2020 - present **UH Interprofessional Health Education and Training Collaborative**
- Spring 2022 **UH GCSW Grievance Committee, Chair**
- 2019 - present **Course Lead/Mentor for Research courses,** UH GCSW
- 2019 - present **Foundation Committee Member,** UH GCSW
- 2018 - 2019 **Clinical Concentration Committee Member,** UH GCSW
- 2016 - 2018 **MSW Admissions Committee Member,** UH GCSW
- 2018 - 2021 **Faculty facilitator “What’s Wrong with Warren?”** IPE case study in
collaboration with UTMB Health
- 2017 - 2018 **UH GCSW Research Conference Committee Member; GCSW Research
Poster Showcase Committee Member; Chair of the Abstract Review
Committee**

Social Work Profession

- 2022 **AOSW Task Force** for the selection of the Editor-in-Chief, Journal of
Psychosocial Oncology
- 2021 **Co-Editor,** Frontiers in Psychology, Psycho-Oncology. Special Issue: "*Facing
Cancer Together: Current Research and Future Perspectives on Psychosocial,
Relational, and Intervention Approaches for Couples*" with Dr. Linda Charvoz,
Dr. Aurélie Untas, and Dr. Tanja Zimmermann
- 2021 - present **Sexual Medicine Society of North America, Mental Health Committee** (by
invitation)
- 2020 - present **Associate Editor**
Frontiers in Psychology, Psycho-Oncology Section
(2-year term appointment, 2020-2022)

- 2017 - present **Editorial Board Member**
Journal of Psychosocial Oncology
- 2012 - present **Ad-hoc Reviewer**
Annals of Behavioral Medicine
Frontiers in Psychology
Frontiers in Public Health
Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology
Journal of Cancer Survivorship
Journal of Psychosocial Oncology
Journal of Sexual Medicine
Psycho-Oncology
Social Work in Health Care
Supportive Care in Cancer
- 2020 - present **Abstract Reviewer**, Association of Oncology Social Work Annual Conference
- 2021 - 2022 **AOSW Conference Committee**
- 2022 - present **AOSW Research Director and member of the AOSW Board of Directors**
- 2019 - present **AOSW Research and Knowledge Development Committee**
(3-year term appointment, 2019-2022)
- 2019 - present **Abstract Reviewer**, Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting
(Health Track)
- 2015 - present **Abstract Reviewer**, American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual
Conference
- 2015 - 2019 **Research Committee Member**, American Psychosocial Oncology Society
- 2017 **Chair of the Information and Supportive Care Needs Session**. International
Psycho-Oncology Society World Congress, August 14-18, Berlin, Germany

Community

- 2017 - present **Dan's House of Hope, Houston**
Volunteer, Research Collaborator
- 2016 - present **American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Texas**
Volunteer. 2017 ACS Cancer Action Network Day at the Capitol
Texas Cancer Policy Forum, 2018 Texas Research Breakfast
2021 ACS CAN Texas Cancer Action Week

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & SKILLS

Research

- 2017 **Write Winning Grant Proposals**
University of Houston
Psychosocial intervention research: Principles for Rigorous Design and Tips for Successful Conduct
International Psycho-Oncology Society, 19th World Congress, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 **Dyadic Data Analysis Workshop**
Michigan State University
- 2014 **Hierarchical Linear Modeling Workshop**
University of Pittsburgh School of Education
- 2013 **Achieving better insights from Psycho-Oncology Research: The Analysis of Longitudinal Data**
International Psycho-Oncology Society, 15th World Congress, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
- 2011 **Biosocial Methods for Social Work Research**
SSWR Summer Institute Workshop
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

Teaching

- 2015 **Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning Reading Circle**
Teaching for Critical Thinking: Tools and techniques to help students question their assumptions
i2a Institute
University of Louisville, Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning
- 2014 **iCOPE Interdisciplinary Curriculum for Oncology Palliative Care Education**
University of Louisville, School of Medicine
- 2013 **Graduate Teaching Assistant Academy**
University of Louisville, School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies & Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning
Delphi U: Principles of Online Course Design
University of Louisville, Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning
Delphi U: Level II
University of Louisville, Delphi Center for Teaching & Learning

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Oncology Social Work (AOSW)
International Psycho-Oncology Society (IPOS)
International Association for Relationship Research (IARR)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA)
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)