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Date of birth : 16.02.1966

Nationality : Swiss

Current position

University of Geneva : Research associate, Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability (CIGEV).

Current and Recent Projects

SCP: Implementation of Person-Centred Care for patients with dementia in a transition unit at the Hospital of Loëx (HUG). Position: Principal investigator.

PACE : Palliative Care for Older People in care and nursing homes in Europe and Switzerland. Position: Senior researcher (2015-2018).

AGE-NT : Cluster Dementia, User-Centric Technology in the Care of People with Dementia Project. Position: Research associate (2018).

VOLUNTEERS-MONTESSORI : Implementation of the Montessori personalized activities by volunteers for people with dementia living in nursing homes. Position: Principal investigator (2016-2018).

SHURP : Swiss Nursing Homes Human Resources Project. Position: Senior Researcher (2011-2013).

Education

2002-2008

PhD in Psychology.

Dissertation Research: « Structural analysis of nonverbal communication in Alzheimer disease patients in the context of animal assisted therapy ». Director: Professor Susanne Kaiser, *University of Geneva*.

1997-1998

MAS in Thanatology.

University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada

1994-1997

Master of Science in Psychology

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

1989-1990

One-year study abroad

American University in Cairo, Egypt

1990-1994

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

Academic Positions

2018-

Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability (CIGEV): Research associate.

2015-

Geneva University Hospital (HUG): Senior researcher in the PACE Project.

2006-2014

School of Health Sciences Fribourg, University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO)

Professor: Research and teaching in normal and pathological ageing. Current research project in collaboration with University of Basel (INS, SHURP): “Role of the Work Environment on the Emotion Regulation of the Care Workers in Swiss nursing homes”. The project was currently granted by the Swiss Alzheimer Society.

- 2004-2005 **Centre of Neuropsychology, University of Geneva and Geneva University Hospital**
Research assistant: Professor Nicole von Steinbüchel
 Research on the QoL of patients suffering from Alzheimer-type dementia. Tasks: recruitment, data collection, and data analysis
- 1998-2004 **Department of Human Ethology* and Psychology of Emotion**, University of Geneva**
Research and teaching assistant: Professor Jacques de Lannoy* et Professor Susanne Kaiser**
 Research projects and teaching in the domain of nonverbal communication, animal and human ethology, learning theories.
- 1999-2000 **Department of specialized pedagogy, University of Fribourg**
Senior lecturer : Responsible for a course in thanatology titled « Our relation to death »

Grant

- 2018 Research Project: Implementation of Person-Centred Care for patients with dementia in a transition unit at the Hospital of Loëx (HUG). Leenaards Foundation and Private Foundation of the Geneva University Hospital.
- 2016 Research Project: Pilot study Volunteers-Montessori, Direction générale de l'action sociale (DGAS - Genève).
- 2013 Research Project: The Role of Work Environment on Emotion Regulation of formal carers in Swiss Nursing Homes. Alzheimer Association Switzerland, Grant for research.
- 2007 University of Lausanne grant for postgraduate studies to University of Montreal in Quebec, Canada.

Reviewer

Aging & Mental Health Gerontology European Journal of Ageing
 Revue Internationale Enfances Familles Générations

Committees Member

- International French-speaking Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (AIFGG)
- Organization committee of the [CIFGG 2018 Congress](#).
- [Plateforme des Associations d'Aînés de Genève](#)

Last Publications & Communications

- Bassal, C., Kliegel, M., & Graf, C. (2019). Améliorer la qualité des soins des patients avec démence : l'approche centrée sur la personne. *Angewandte Gerontologie Appliquée*, 3(19), 18-20.
- Oosterveld-Vlug, M., et al. (2019). Evaluating the implementation of the PACE Steps to Success Programme in long-term care facilities in seven countries according to the RE-AIM framework. *Implement Science*, 14(1), 107.
- Smets, T., et al. (2018). Integrating palliative care in long-term care facilities across Europe (PACE): protocol of a cluster randomized controlled trial of the 'PACE Steps to Success' intervention in seven countries. [journal article]. *BMC Palliative Care*, 17(1), 47.
- Hirt, J., Bassal, C., Hering, A., Ballhausen, N., Kliegel, M., & Beer, T. (2018). *Person-centered robotics for people with dementia: a protocol for an integrative review*. Paper presented at the 11th International Scientific Conference. Inter-Professional Integration at Different Levels of Healthcare: Trends, Needs and Challenges, Bled, Slovenia.
- Bassal, C., & Erkes, J. (2017). Le projet "Bénévoles-Montessori": Une étude pilote réalisée à Genève. *Angewandte Gerontologie Appliquée*, 2(2), 35-36.
- Bassal, C. (2016). *Activités bénévoles et personnes avec démence en institution : Un programme innovant basé sur l'approche de type Montessori*. Oral presentation at the REIACTIS Conference 2016, 10-12 February 2016, University of Lausanne.
- Bassal, C. (2016). *Variables personnelles et de l'environnement de travail associées à la régulation émotionnelle des soignants de personnes avec démence*. Oral presentation at the SHURP Konferenz 2016, 3 February 2016, Bern, Switzerland.
- Bassal, C., Czellar, J., Kaiser, S., & Dan-Glauser, E. S. (2015). Relationship Between Emotions, Emotion Regulation, and Well-Being of Professional Caregivers of People With Dementia. *Research on Aging*, 38(4):477-503.
- Bassal, C., Schenkel, K., & Kaiser, S. (2012). Approche éthologique de la régulation émotionnelle. In M. Mikolajczak & M. Desseilles (Eds.), *Traité de régulation des émotions* (pp. 255-267). Bruxelles: De Boeck.