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Published Article:

Brown N, Cedar T, Tziraki C. Psychodrama with persons with dementia on zoom: Proof of concept. *Dementia: The International Journal for Social Research and Practice*. March 2022. doi:10.1177/14713012221074484.

Education

University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, Scotland, UK)

PhD Candidate, School of Health in Social Science (2019-Present)

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/profile/nancy-thomas-brown>

- Dissertation: *An Ethnographic Study of Language and Music as Cultural Tools to Enhance the Social Connectivity in a Virtual Community of Persons with Moderate to Advanced Dementia*
- Finalist, International 3-Minute Thesis Competition: "These are my friends": *From Isolation to to Engagement—Zooming from Home in the Later Stages of Dementia*.

University of Colorado (Boulder, Colorado)

Modern European History, ABD: 1998-2003

Projecting Frenchness: The Business of Filmmaking during Vichy and the Occupation

Pepperdine University (Malibu, California)

M.A. 1997 Religion and Culture (Alpha Chi Honorary; Golden Key International Honour Society)

B.A. 1992 Religious Studies (Magna cum laude)

University of Denver (Denver, Colorado)

1985 Certificate in Business Management and Public Relations

Relevant Experience

MELABEV Community Clubs for Eldercare

Jerusalem, Israel www.melabev.org

2004 to Present

- Senior Group Coordinator, Talpiot English-speaking Day Centre
- Design, organise, and implement person-centred, psychosocial activities for older adults living with advanced cognitive impairment
- Develop and organise training programs for staff, volunteers, and National Service participants
- Coordinator, special projects: Music & Memory, Memory Garden, Beatubes
- Validation method trainer and coach
- Design and present family caregiver workshops (ex): "Activities to Engage, Communicate, and Connect"

Validation Training Institute (VTI)

Executive Offices: The Hague, Netherlands www.vfvalidation.org

2022-Present

- Deputy Director for Communications
- VTI representative to EVA (European Validation Association)
- EVA representative to the VTI Board of Directors
- Marketing and social media team
- Validation international research committee



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Validation Training Institute (VTI) (con't)

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- Certified Validation Teacher
 - Co-Teacher, Level 1 Certification Course, Country Meadows Retirement Centres, Hershey, PA
 - Co-Teacher, Level 1 Internet Course, Hybrid learning, Chateau Retirement Centres, Seattle
 - Member, European Validation Association (EVA)
- Trainer:
 - How to Teach Validation Online (certification course for Validation teachers and presenters)
 - Practical Validation Training (20-hr online course for professionals and caregivers)
 - International Internet-Supported Level 1 Certification Course
- Lead monthly online international Validation Support Group for families, professionals, and volunteers
- Produced How-to-video for VTI's YouTube Channel
- Produced various videos as part of a 10-video series for NCCAP/VTI blended learning course

NCCAP (National Certification Council for Activity Professionals)

<https://www.nccapacademy.org/validationmemorycare>

2020 to Present

- Certified Instructor
- NCCAP and Validation Training Institute certification course
- "Memory Care: Validation for Activity Professionals"
- Conduct ongoing 12-week online, blended learning format offered for continuing education credit

Hands-On Dementia

www.hands-ondementia.com

- Partnering with a colleague to teach touch and communication skills to connect and understand people experiencing memory loss.
- Workshops, webinars, e-book, and blogs.
- Training designed to relate on a deeper level with people living with dementia.
- Changing mindset and stigma associated with memory loss.

Professional Affiliations

Alzheimer's Association International

<https://action.alz.org/personifybusiness/default.aspx?tabid=1516>

Member: ISTAART (International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research and Treatment)

Member: Partnering with Research Participants

Member: Executive Committee, Communications Chair

Non-Pharmacological Interventions Professional Interest Area

ECRED (Edinburgh Center for Research on the Experience of Dementia)

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/health/research/centres/ecred>

Reviewer: *Dementia: The International Journal for Social Research and Practice*

<https://journals.sagepub.com/home/dem>



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Recent Conference Presentations

Alzheimer's Association International Conference

July 2022

Presented: Skill Building Blocks: Asynchronous Online Learning through Interactive Thematic Instruction

UK Dementia Congress

November 2022

There's No Place Like Home: Sharing Cultural Symbols on Zoom with Persons Living with Advanced Dementia

Validation Method: Rethinking Person-Centred Care

International Dementia Conference, Dublin

November 2022

Validation Method: Rethinking Person-Centred Care

Validation First World Congress

February 2022

Presented: Skill Building Blocks: Asynchronous Online Learning through Interactive Thematic Instruction

International Academic Forum Barcelona Conference on Arts, Media, and Culture

December 2021

Presented: "Music Gives Me Words": Enhancing Dementia Care through Zoom— Cultural Engagement with Music during the Corona Pandemic"

Alzheimer's Europe

November 2021

Presented: "Enhancing Dementia Care during the Corona Pandemic: Zooming from Home"

International Federation on Aging

November 2021

Presented: "Narrowing the Digital Divide during the Corona Pandemic: Creating a Zoom Virtual Community from Home"

Alzheimer's Association International Conference

July 2021

Presented: "Enhancing Dementia Care during the Corona Pandemic: Creating a Zoom Virtual Community from Home"

Alzheimer's Disease International Conference

December 2020

Presented: "Moving Research Online: Creating Engagement in a Virtual Club Environment for Persons with Moderate to Advanced Cognitive Impairment"

Israel Gerontological Conference

February 2020

Poster Presentation: Rethinking Person-Centred Care: The Pathway to Validation





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Additional Experience

University of Colorado at Boulder, 1999-2003

State Coordinator, National History Day in Colorado

- Nationwide social studies and literacy program for grades 6-12 (9 districts & 183 schools in Colorado)
- Raised funds from public entities and private foundations
 - Increased annual budget from \$1,000 in 1998 to \$75,000 annually
- Conducted student and teacher workshops throughout the state
- Targeted participation in the inner city, rural Colorado, and Native American communities
- Accompanied Colorado students to annual national competition at University of Maryland
- Initiated and supervised Undergraduate Public History Internship Program: recruited 2 interns yearly
- Managed daily operations, including budget development, allocation, and reconciliation
- Recruited volunteer participation for local and state competitions
- Marketed and promoted humanities education outreach within the university and the greater community
- Proposed legislation to Colorado State Assembly to fund "National History Day in Colorado." Passed in 2003 allocating annual funding to the program.

United Airlines (1979-1989)

Inflight Services Supervisor (Seattle and Denver)

- Supervised 300+ union flight attendants in an absentee workforce
- Responsible for monitoring sick leave usage; evaluating on-the-job performance through check-rides and displacement; and benefits counselling
- Prepared, presented, and presided over disciplinary hearings
- Assisted terminal operations to ensure inflight/flight attendant product delivery and on-time performance

Coordinator, UAL's Denver United Way Campaign, 1987-1989

- Coordinated charity fundraising and employee participation, involving over 7,000 Denver employees
- Received award for largest employee participation and monies raised for system-wide, national campaign

Denver Inflight Coordinator, United's "Let's Make It Happen"

- Employee suggestion and recognition program
- Received corporate-wide award for the largest participation of any United employee group (Denver flight attendants) and most innovative ideas for corporate money-saving projects

Women United

- Seminar program coordinator for management women
- Organised quarterly workshops for all employees on topics such as zero-base budgeting and job performance; mentoring; counselling; managing benefits and other human resource issues

Customer Service (Tucson, AZ)

Flight Attendant (Washington, DC)



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ABOUT ME . . .

As a practitioner and researcher, my ethnographic research is inspired by my 18-year experiential perspective and personal relationship with my extraordinary clients in an English-speaking memory day centre in Jerusalem for older adults living with moderate to severe cognitive impairment.

My research interests lie in the importance of the day centre, its built environment (physical and cultural) and the key roles both play in the areas of agency, social cohesion, social connectivity, engagement, and ageing in place among an immigrant population living with advanced dementia. Since COVID-19, my research has expanded to the use of technology and the development of virtual communities to engage persons with dementia in activities to alleviate social isolation.