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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: Embodied Relationality in Virtual Space during COVID-19: A Focused Ethnography of Cultural Adaptation, Belonging and Meaning-Making in 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

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## Relevant Experience

### MELABEV Community Clubs for Eldercare

Jerusalem, Israel [www.melabev.org](http://www.melabev.org)

2004 to Present

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

### Validation Training Institute (VTI)

Executive Offices: The Hague, Netherlands [www.vvalidation.org](http://www.vvalidation.org)

2022-Present

- Deputy Director for Communications
- VTI representative to European Teachers Consortium (ETC)
- ETC 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)

[www.vfvalidation.org](http://www.vfvalidation.org)

- Certified Validation Teacher (CVT)
- Level 1 Worker Certification Course, Beijing, China
  - 32 students and supervised 2 co-teachers for CVT certification
- Co-Teacher, Level 1 Certification Course, Country Meadows Retirement Centres, Hershey, PA
- Co-Teacher, Level 1 Internet Course, Hybrid learning, Chateau Retirement Centres, Seattle
- 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 Levels 1, 2, and 3 Certification Courses
- Monthly online international Validation Support Group for families, professionals, and volunteers

### 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

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## Professional Affiliations

### Alzheimer's Association International

<https://action.alz.org/personifyebusiness/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 2025**

Immersive ½ day workshop: Connect and Communicate with Older Adults Living with or without Neurocognitive Decline

**July 2024**

Communication Training For Medical Professionals: Proof Of Concept

**July 2022**

Skill Building Blocks: Asynchronous Online Learning through Interactive Thematic Instruction

**July 2021**

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

**Alzheimer's Disease International: Alzheimer's Disease China (Xian, China)****October 2024**

Validation: An Evidenced-Based Method for Communicating with Older Adults

**Dementia World Congress****September 2024**

Cross the Street and Step into Their Shoes: Connect, Interact, and Communicate with Older Adults

**International Conference on Active Aging****November 2024**

The Validation Method: Attitude, Theory, and Techniques in Practice

**International Dementia Conference, Engaging Dementia, Dublin****May 2024**

Cross the Street and Step into Their Shoes: Naomi Feil, a Pioneer in Person-Centred Care (workshop)

**May 2023**

Presented: Validation Connects Heart to Heart: Individuals, Families, Communities

**UK Dementia Congress****November 2024**

Stop, Look, and Listen: The Validation Method in Practice

**November 2022**

No Place Like Home: Sharing Cultural Symbols on Zoom with Persons Living with Advanced Dementia;

Validation Method: Rethinking Person-Centred Care

**Validation World Congress****February 2024**

Panel participant: Connecting Heart to Heart with People Living with Cognitive Change

