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BA Psychology Duke University

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Prior to my current employment with the Medical University of South Carolina and VA, I was with National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) as the Chief of the Services Research and Clinical Epidemiology Branch as well as Director of the Office of Rural Mental Health Research. Before that, I was with Duke University as an Assistant/Associate Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Community and Family Medicine and with the Durham VA.

Qualifications Statement: I have worked in the field of trauma, stress and PTSD for the past 15 years. This includes achieving competitive funding for a number of large grants, numerous publications and presentations, organizing conferences and symposia, serving as an Associate Editor for the *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, serving as a peer reviewer for other journals, and serving as a reviewer on numerous study sections (including VA, NIH, and DoD). I am currently PI or co-PI on several large VA grants that focus on the epidemiology of PTSD in aging veterans. I have also collaborated with DoD researchers investigating Web-based therapy to extend treatment benefits in primary care, and new research will focus on dogs to improve functioning in patients with PTSD.

Using databases established with my grants on PTSD, I have mentored a number of students and young investigators to develop their own first-authored publications and get them started in the trauma world. I recently spent a sabbatical year as a Fulbright Scholar (Senior Researcher) in Turkey, where I had the opportunity to pursue work in trauma and stress with Turkish colleagues studying young students from Iraq and survivors of the devastating 2011 earthquake in Van. I also visited and lectured in other countries in the region which are either receiving Syrian refugees or recovering from their own wars. These experiences have given me a new appreciation of the global burden of traumatic stress and the pressing need to work with colleagues across international borders. As an ISTSS Board Member, I have consistently attended board meetings and conference calls and have been active in board activities, serving on the Finance Committee and liaising with the Student Research Grant Committee.

Candidacy Statement: One of the biggest challenges in our field is incorporating a public health approach. Public health has a wide umbrella, spanning treatment and prevention and incorporating interventions from the individual to the community level. It also means working with multiple disciplines, including researchers, clinicians, policy makers, and administrators at all levels. I look forward to working with ISTSS leadership and members to make progress in promulgating this approach, and thereby extend the influence of ISTSS. In addition, ISTSS

needs to work hard to encourage more involvement from international members. Because the events that create vulnerability for stress-related problems do not respect national borders, it is important that ISTSS attract and be responsive to our international constituents. We can do this by organizing symposia at the annual meeting that involve and are relevant to international members, encouraging submission of manuscripts to the *Journal of Traumatic Stress* that are authored by international members, and attending international meetings. If elected as a Board Member, I will work diligently with ISTSS leadership and members to accomplish these goals.