

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide the following information for the key personnel in the order listed for Form Page 2.
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NAME		POSITION TITLE	
Yeates Conwell, M.D.		Professor of Psychiatry	
EDUCATION/TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, and include postdoctoral training.)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	A.B.	1976	Biology
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH	M.D.	1980	Medicine
Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT	Residency	1984	Psychiatry
Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT	Fellowship	1985	Mood Disorders

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A. Positions and Honors**Professional Experience**

1985 - 1991 Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Rochester (UR) School of Medicine, Rochester, NY
 1985 - Attending Psychiatrist, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY
 1988 - 1999 Director, Laboratory of Suicide Studies, UR School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry
 1990 - 1993 Clinical Director, Neuropsychiatry Unit, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY
 1991 - 2000 Associate Professor of Psychiatry, UR School of Medicine
 1993 - 1999 Director, Residency Education Program, Department of Psychiatry, UR School of Medicine
 1994 - 2000 Associate Professor of Oncology (Secondary Appointment) UR School of Medicine
 1999 - Co-Director, Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide, UR School of Medicine
 1999 - Associate Chair for Academic Affairs, UR School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry
 2000 - Professor of Psychiatry, UR School of Medicine

Awards and Other Professional Activities

1984 National Psychiatric Endowment Fund - Laughlin Award
 1994 American Association of Suicidology, Edwin A. Shneidman Award
 1995 Fellow, American Psychiatric Association
 1995 - Consulting Editor - Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior
 1997 Elected member, Academy for Suicide Research
 1997 - 1999 Member, Mental Disorders of Aging Initial Review Group, NIMH
 1997 - Editorial Board - International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry
 1998 - Editorial Board - American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry
 1998 - 1999 Member, Advisory Committee to the Workgroup on Assisted Suicide and End of Life Decisions, American Psychological Association
 1998 - Member, National Advisory Committee, University of Nevada School of Medicine Suicide Prevention Research Center
 1999 Reviewer, Health Behavior and Prevention Initial Review Group, NIMH/NIH
 1999 - Member, Social Sciences, Nursing, Epidemiology, and Methods Initial Review Group, Center for Scientific Review (CSR)/NIH
 2001- Member, American Psychiatric Association Practice Guidelines Workgroup on Suicidal Behavior
 2002 Faculty Academic Mentoring Award, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

B. Selected Peer-Reviewed Publications

Conner KR, Duberstein PR, Conwell Y. Age-related patterns of factors associated with completed suicide in men with alcohol dependence. American Journal on Addictions 8: 132-138, 1999.
 Duberstein PR, Conwell Y, Seidlitz L, Denning DG, Cox C, Caine ED: Personality traits and suicidal behavior and ideation in psychiatric inpatients 50 years of age and older. Journal of Gerontology - Psychological Sciences 55:19-26, 2000.

- Conwell Y, Lyness JM, Duberstein PR, Cox C, Seidlitz L, DiGiorgio A, Caine ED: Completed suicide among older patients in primary care practices: A controlled study. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society 48: 23-29, 2000.
- Conner K, Duberstein PR, Conwell Y, Herrmann J, Cox C, Barrington DS, Caine ED: After the drinking stops: Completed suicide in individuals with remitted alcohol use disorders. Journal of Psychoactive Drugs 32:333-337, 2000.
- Gill DI, Conwell Y, King D, Cox C: Method choice, intent and gender in completed suicide. Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior 30:282-288, 2000.
- Duberstein PR, Conwell Y, Seidlitz L, Denning DG, Cox C, Caine ED: Personality traits and suicidal behavior and ideation in psychiatric inpatients 50 years of age and older. Journal of Gerontology-Psychological Sciences 55: 19-26, 2000.
- Lyness JM, King DA, Conwell Y, Cox C, Caine ED: Cerebrovascular risk factors and 1-year depression outcome in older primary care patients. American Journal of Psychiatry 157:1499-1501, 2000.
- Nisbet PA, Duberstein PR, Conwell Y, Seidlitz L: The effect of participation in religious activities on suicide versus natural death in adults 50 and older. Journal of Nervous & Mental Disease 188(8):543-6, 2000.
- Rubio A, Vestner AL, Stewart JM, Forbes NT, Conwell Y, Cox C: Suicide and Alzheimer's pathology in the elderly: a case-control study. Biological Psychiatry 49(2):137-145, 2001.
- Covington TM, Morphy M, Conwell Y, Schohn M, Ossip-Klein D, Sprafkin RP, Lantinga L: Suicidal behavior: is documentation accurate? Federal Practitioner 18:10-18, 2001.
- Duberstein PR, Conner KR, Conwell Y, Cox C. Personality correlates of hopelessness in depressed inpatients 50 years of age and older. Journal of Personality Assessment 77(2):380-390, 2001.
- Conwell Y: Suicide in later life: A review and recommendations for prevention. Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior 31 (Spec. suppl.):32-47, 2001.
- Conner K, Conwell Y, Duberstein PR: Domestic violence, separation, and suicide in young men with early onset of alcoholism: re-analyses of Murphy's data. Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior 30:354-359, 2001.
- Conner KR, Duberstein PR, Conwell Y: The validity of proxy-based data in suicide research: A study of patients 50 years of age and older who attempted suicide. I. Psychiatric diagnoses. Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica 104:2040209, 2001.
- King DA, Conwell Y, Kim S: Family matters - a social systems perspective on physician-assisted suicide and the older adult. Psychology, Public Policy, and Law 6:434-451, 2001.
- Conwell Y, Duberstein PR: Suicide in elders. Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences 932:132-150, 2001.
- Seidlitz L, Conwell Y, Duberstein PR, Cox C, Denning D: Emotion traits in older suicide attempters and nonattempters. Journal of Affective Disorders 66:123-131, 2001.
- Seidlitz L, Lyness JM, Conwell Y, Duberstein PR, Cox C: Profile of discrete emotions in affective disorders in older primary care patients. The Gerontologist 41:643-651, 2001.
- Conwell Y, Duberstein PR, Conner K, Eberly S, Cox C, Caine ED: Access to firearms and risk for suicide in middle-aged and older adults. American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry 10(4): 407-416, 2002.
- Conner KR, Conwell Y, Duberstein PR: The validity of proxy-based data in suicide research: A study of patients 50 years of age and older who attempted suicide. II. Life events, social support, and suicidal behavior. Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica, 104:452-457, 2001.
- Turvey CL, Conwell Y, Jones MP, Phillips C, Simonsick E, Pearson JL, Wallace R: Risk factors for late-life suicide. American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry 10(4):398-406, 2002.
- Conwell Y, Duberstein PR, Caine ED: Risk factors for suicide in later life. Biological Psychiatry 52:193-204, 2002.
- Zhang J, Wiczorek WF, Jiang C, Zhou L, Jia, S, Sun Y, Jin, S, Conwell Y. Studying suicide with psychological autopsy: Social and cultural feasibilities of the methodology in China. Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior 32(4): 370-379, 2002.
- Conwell Y, Duberstein PR, Caine ED: Risk factors for suicide in later life. Biological Psychiatry 52:1930-204, 2002.
- Lyness JM, Caine ED, King DA, Conwell Y, Duberstein PR, Cox C: Depressive disorders and symptoms in older primary care patients: One-year outcomes. American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry 10(3):275-282, 2002.
- *Conner KR, Li Y, Meldrum S, Duberstein PR, Conwell Y. The role of drinking in suicidal ideation: Analyses of Project MATCH data. Journal of Studies on Alcohol, in press.
- Zhang J, Conwell Y, Wiczorek WF, Jiang C, Jia S, and Zhou L. Studying Chinese Suicide with Proxy-Based Data: Reliability and Validity of the Methodology and Instruments in China. Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, in press.
- *Conner KR, Langley J, Tomaszewski KJ, Conwell Y. Injury hospitalization and risks for subsequent self-injury and suicide: A national study in New Zealand. American Journal of Public Health, in press.

C. Research Support. List selected ongoing or completed (during the last three years) research projects (federal and non-federal support). Begin with the projects that are most relevant to the research proposed in this application. Briefly indicate the overall goals of the projects and your role (e.g. PI, Co-Investigator, Consultant) in the research project. Do not list award amounts or percent effort in projects.

Suicide Prevention: Research and Research Training

09/01/99-08/31/04

This level 2 career development award is designed to support further development of Dr. Conwell's program of research in suicide prevention, and to support his mentorship of more junior investigators in that area.

Principal Investigator: Yeates Conwell, M.D.

Funding: NIMH K24 MH01759

Postdoctoral Training in Suicide Prevention Research

09/17/01-07/31/06

This T32 grant supports a collaborative, multi-site postdoctoral training program in suicide prevention research (Institutional National Research Service Award).

Principal Investigator: Yeates Conwell, M.D.

Funding: NIMH T32MH20061-01

National Research Service Award: Institutional Training Grant

07/1/88 -06/30/03

This grant provides fellowship training in the areas of geriatric and neuropsychiatry.

Principal Investigator: Eric D. Caine, M.D.

Role: Faculty

Funding: NIMH T32 MH18911

ICOHRTA: China-Rochester Suicide Research Center

09/26/01-04/30/06

This postdoctoral research training program is designed to develop, along with colleagues from Hong Kong and China, the China-Rochester Suicide Research Center (CRSRC). In addition to the University of Rochester, collaborating institutions include the Chinese University of Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, and the Dalian Medical University.

Principal Investigator: Eric D. Caine, M.D.

Role: Co-Director

Funding: NIMH D43 TW05814

Preventing Suicide: A Scientific Consensus Process

08/15/00 -0 7/31/05

The goal of this Conference grant is to review the strength of evidence for suicide prevention strategies across the life course. It consists of five annual conferences, and aims to derive and disseminate consensus best practices.

Principal Investigator: Eric D. Caine, M.D.

Role: Co-Investigator

Funding: NIMH R13 MH62073-01

Adult Depression, suicidal ideation, and personality

09/15/00-06/30/04

Based on our previous research, we developed a "symptom recognition" model to explain the relationship between personality traits and suicide risk. This project was designed to test aspects of this model in a sample of 350 depressed psychiatric inpatients 50 years of age and older.

Principal Investigator: Paul R. Duberstein, Ph.D.

Role: Co-Investigator

Funding: NIMH R01 MH60285-01

Detecting Depressive Symptoms in Older Adults

07/1/02 - 06/30/05

This project will collect data from informants who are members of the social networks of elderly primary care patients in order to examine informant detection of depressive disorders and symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Principal Investigator: Duberstein

Role: Co-investigator

Funding: NIMH 1R01MH/AG64579

Past Research Awards

Geriatric Mental Health Academic Award.

08/1/88 - 07/31/93

The career development award enabled the development of skills and methodologies for studying suicidal behaviors in older adults.

Principal Investigator: Yeates Conwell, M.D.

Funding: NIMH K07 MH00748

Attempted Suicide in Late Life Major Depression

09/1/93 - 08/31/99

The purpose of this study was to examine the risk for suicidal behaviors associated with factors in four domains among older adults with major depression – psychopathology, personality traits, physical health and functioning, social supports and life stressors.

Principal Investigator: Yeates Conwell, M.D.

Funding: NIMH R01 MH51201

Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide

10/1/97 - 09/30/00

The CSPS was established to investigate the characteristics of suicidal behavior among patients in the Veteran's Healthcare Network 2. Support provided the infrastructure for pilot studies and educational initiatives.

Principal Investigator: Theresa Covington, Ph.D.

Role: Consultant

Funding: VISN 2 – Veterans' Health Administration

Oral Health Intervention Trial in Older Adults

09/1/99-08/31/02

The study is to investigate the effectiveness of a health promotion nurse intervention on oral health in frail older adults.

Dr. Conwell's role was to examine depression and anxiety.

Principal Investigator: Mark Moss, Ph.D.

Role: Co-Investigator

Funding: AHCPR

Suicide in Later Life: A Psychological Autopsy Study

04/1/96 – 9/30/02

The goal of this study, which uses the psychological autopsy method and a case control design, is to establish risk factors for suicide among people over age 50 years living in the community.

Principal Investigator: Yeates Conwell, M.D.

Funding: NIMH R01 MH54682

Alcoholism and Suicide

04/1/02-03/31/03

The goal of this project is to identify major risk factors for suicide in individuals with alcohol dependence through secondary analyses of the Canterbury Suicide Project data set.

Principal Investigator: Kenneth Conner, Psy.D.

Role: Co-Investigator

Funding: NIAAA R03 AA13300-01A1