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**RESEARCH FOCUS:**

- Geriatric mental health
- Caregivers of persons with dementia
- Long-term care staff training
- Rural delivery systems

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**REPRESENTATIVE PUBLICATIONS:**

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