

Kathy Black, Ph.D.

Kathy Black holds the title of Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of South Florida at Sarasota/Manatee. Dr. Black obtained her Ph.D. from the University at Albany in New York in 2000. She also holds a B.S.W. from the University at Albany (1986), along with Master's Degrees in both Social Work and Gerontology from the University of Southern California (1988) and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of California at Los Angeles (1990). In 2004, Dr. Black was selected as a Hartford Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholar.

Dr. Black's interests are broadly in the area of health and aging. She has worked extensively in the area of advance care planning through her work as a nurse, social worker, and geriatric case manager for over 20 years. Dr. Black has worked in acute care, long term care, home, and community-based settings serving older adults and their families. She has been involved in numerous organizations promoting advance care planning in Florida, New York, and California.

Dr. Black has particular expertise in caring for people with dementia. Over the past decade, she has worked with the Alzheimer's Association in New York and Florida in several capacities. She has been involved in planning conferences, conducted training, and co-led support groups for caregivers. She chaired a dementia care committee in a large integrated health care system in New York and implemented dementia care map tracking throughout acute, home-based, nursing home and hospice levels of care. She provided dementia care orientation to nurses employed in an acute care setting and provided behavioral management training to staff throughout multiple levels of care. Since 2004, she has served as a reviewer for the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Curriculum Training program at the School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa.