



## **INTERDEM MEMBERS – BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**PRESENT POSITION (e.g. Director of .....):** Programme Manager for CST-International

**HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION (e.g. PhD, MD etc.):** PhD

#### PROFILE OF MEMBER:

I am an early career dementia researcher with interests in psychometric theory, cognition, psychological and social therapies and the experience of dementia in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

As part of my UCL Grand Challenges PhD project supervised by Profs Aimee Spector and Martin Orrell, I developed and evaluated two outcome measures designed to capture important aspects of wellbeing for people with dementia. These were the Engagement and Independence in Dementia Questionnaire (EID-Q) and the Positive Psychology Outcome Measure (PPOM). These measures were highly related to both quality of life and to symptoms of depression. I also conducted an independent psychometric validation of the Control, Autonomy, Self-realisation and Pleasure (CASP-19) scale for people with dementia. Currently, both the PPOM and EID-Q are being further evaluated as part of a large Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) grant entitled Promoting Independence in Dementia (PRIDE), led by the University of Nottingham.

I currently manage a three-year Medical Research Council (MRC) funded research programme to implement Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) for people with dementia in Brazil, India and Tanzania. I am also partnering with academics in both Chile and China to develop their CST research programme.

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Psychometric theory including the development, adaptation and evaluation of outcome measures for people with dementia, with a particular focus on positive psychology measures. Other areas of expertise are psychosocial interventions including Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST), dementia in low- and middle-income countries and implementation research

#### KEY PUBLICATIONS (Max. 5):

- **Stoner, C. R.**, Orrell, M., & Spector, A. (2015). Review of positive psychology outcome measures for chronic illness, traumatic brain injury and older adults: Adaptability in dementia? *Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders*, 40(5-6), 340-357.
- **Stoner, C. R.**, Orrell, M. & Spector, A. (2018). Psychometric properties and factor analysis of the Engagement and Independence in Dementia Questionnaire (EID-Q). *Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders*, 46, 3-4, 119 – 127. DOI: 10.1159/000488484
- **Stoner, C. R.**, Orrell, M. & Spector, A. (2018). The Positive Psychology Outcome Measure (PPOM) for people with dementia: Psychometric properties and factor structure. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 76, 182-187. DOI: 10.1016/j.archger.2018.03.001.
- **Stoner, C. R.**, Orrell, M. & Spector, A. (2018). The psychometric properties of the Control, Autonomy, Self-realisation and Pleasure Scale (CASP-19) for older adults with dementia. *Aging & Mental Health*, Jan12, 1-7.
- **Stoner, C. R.** (2019). Positive psychiatry/ psychology for older adults: A new and important movement but robust methodology is essential. *International Psychogeriatrics*, 31(2), 163-165. DOI: 10.1017/S1041610218002223

#### RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITY:

Please indicate for past 5 years only (i) Grants Awarded: Names of investigators; Years; Title of Project; name of awarding agency (ii) PhD and other projects: Title, start or completed date.

**2019 – 2020. Award: £9,934.20. Role: Co-applicant. PI: Prof Aimee Spector, Co-applicants: Prof Huali Huang and Dr Gloria Wong. Peking University Strategic Partner Awards.** UCL Global Engagement award to develop partnership with Peking University and collaborate on CST research.

**2018 – 2021. Award: £725,607. Role: Named Programme Manager, PI: Prof Aimee Spector, Co-applicants: 10 including, Prof Martin Orrell, Prof Cleusa Ferri and Prof Richard Walker. *Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for dementia: International implementation in Brazil, India and Tanzania (CST-International).***

Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) award, funding provided by Medical Research Council (MRC) and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Three-year, implementation research programme.

**2018 – 2019. Award: £1,998. Role: Principle Investigator. Co-applicants: Dr Claudia Miranda and Prof Aimee Spector.**

***Implementing Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) for people with dementia in Chile (CST-Chile).***

UCL Global Engagement Fund. Awarded to develop international partnership between UCL and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile.

#### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS/ONGOING PROJECT TITLE:**

I currently manage a 3-year implementation project entitled Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for dementia: International implementation in Brazil, India and Tanzania (CST-International). My primary interests are in outcome measure development and psychometric theory and I currently supervise three trainee clinical psychologists whose projects all involve psychometric validations of positive psychology outcome measures for people with dementia and carers. My other interests include psychosocial interventions including Cognitive Stimulation Therapy and dementia in low- and middle-income countries. I am particularly interested in the cross-cultural adaptation and psychometric validation of outcome measures for people with dementia.

#### **HOW DO YOU INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERDEM:**

My interests and expertise lie in outcome measure development and psychometric theory. I am particularly interested in the cross-cultural adaptation and validation of outcome measures. I also have a background in positive psychology and, in particular, the development and evaluation of positive psychology outcome measures for people with dementia. I have previously worked with Professor Esme Moniz-Cook on her Joint Programme for Neurodegenerative Research (JPND) project 'Dementia Outcome Measures: Charting New Territory' examining potential measures of wellbeing for people with dementia and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to join the task force on methodology in psychosocial research led by Prof Moniz Cook and Prof Vernooij-Dassen. Positive psychology is an emerging area of research for people with dementia and, by empirically assessing the strengths that a person with dementia retains, important insights into wellbeing are garnered. I would welcome the opportunity to collaborate and assist colleagues at INTERDEM in selecting or evaluating psychometrically robust measures of wellbeing for their future studies.

In addition, and having been a member of the INTERDEM Academy, I would be very interested in contributing to future Academy Masterclasses. I have attended these masterclasses previously and found them to be an invaluable resource for developing as a professional and a rare opportunity to meet and network with international colleagues and peers at the same career level. I note that the next masterclass is entitled 'everything you want to know about career development' and, as an early career researcher, can impart my recent experience of completing a PhD, moving to a research fellow position and steps undertaken to establish myself as an independent researcher. I would also be particularly interested in developing or collaborating on future masterclasses regarding outcome measurement, psychometric theory or positive psychology.