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Medical Education

State University of Haiti, Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. August 1976, M.D.

Professional Experience

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| 2007-Present | President, Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad, New York Chapter |
| 2003 to 3/2005 N.Y. | Vice President, Medical Affairs, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| 2003 to 3/2005 | Medical Director, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. |
| 2003 to Present Foundation on Minority Health and Health Disparities. | Mental Health Division Chair and Board Director, Brooklyn Research |
| 1992 to Present Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. | Associate Director, Geriatric Psychiatry Program, SUNY Healthy Science |
| 1992 to Present Center/Memory Disorders Cli SUNY Health Science Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Associate Clinical Director, Brooklyn Alzheimer Disease Assistance |
| 1992 to Present Science Ctr, Brooklyn | Associate Director, Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program, SUNY Health |
| 2000 to 2003 Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Medical Director, Kingsbrook Sleep Center at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical |
| 1997 to Present: | Attending Psychiatrist, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. Brooklyn, NY. |
| 1993 to 1998 | Attending Psychiatrist, Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY. |
| 1991 to 2005 | Associate Attending Psychiatrist, Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. |

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| 1985 to Present Brooklyn, NY. | Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, SUNY Health Science Ctr, |
| 1998 to 2002 | Attending Psychiatrist, New York Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, NY. |
| 1997 to 2002 | Attending Psychiatrist, The Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY. |
| 1997 to 2000 Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Chief of Outpatient Mental Health Services, Kingsbrook Jewish Medical |
| 1996 to 1997 | Adjunct Professor, SUNY College at Old Westbury, Old Westbury, NY. |
| 1994 to 1996 | Director, Geriatric Service, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, Brooklyn, NY. |
| 1994 to 1996 N.Y. | Chairman, Institutional Review Board, Kingsboro Psychiatric Ctr, Brooklyn, |
| 1993 to 1996 Psychiatric Ctr, Brooklyn, N | Chairman, Quality Assessment and Improvement Council, Kingsboro |
| 1991 to 1996 | Attending Psychiatrist, Brooklyn, V.A. Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY. |
| 1989 to 1995 | Medical Director, Elder/Family Services, Brooklyn, NY (Office of Mental Health -OMH certified, mental health clinic). |
| 1987 to 1992 Community Mental Health Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Chief Psychiatrist, Outpatient Geriatric Services, Maimonides Medical Center, |
| 1986 to 1992 Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Chairman, Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Kingsboro Psychiatric |
| 1985 to 1989 Branch American Psychia Association (APA). | Chairman, Membership Committee, Brooklyn Psychiatric Society, Local |
| 1985 to 1995 Brooklyn, N.Y. | Chief Psychiatrist, Geriatric / Med-Surg Service, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, |
| 1985 to 1992 Associates, SUNY Healt Science Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Assistant Director, Memory Disorders Clinic, Downstate Mental Hygiene |
| 1985 to 1992 Brooklyn, NY. | Assistant Director, Geriatric Psychiatry Program, SUNY Health Science Center, |
| 1985 to 1992 Science Center, Brooklyn, NY. | Assistant Director, Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship Program, SUNY Health |
| 1984 to 1985 NY. | Fellow in Geriatric Psychiatry, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, |

1980 to 1984 Resident in Psychiatry, Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, Chief Resident (1983-1984).

Certifications

2003 Diplomate of the American Society of Addiction Medicine.

1999 Diplomate of the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology.

1998 Diplomate in Forensic Psychiatry.

1997 Diplomate in Addiction Psychiatry.

1991 Diplomate in Psychiatry with added qualification in Geriatric Psychiatry. Re-certification in 2001.

1988 Diplomate in Psychiatry.

Teaching Experience

Coordinator and/or Instructor of courses in **Cross Cultural Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychopharmacology, Neuropsychopharmacology, Interviewing Techniques, Clinical Psychiatry** to medical students, residents in psychiatry and in practice, to geriatric psychiatry fellows at different teaching hospitals in the New York metropolitan area such as: **Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, Kings County Hospital and Medical Center, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, St. John's Episcopal Hospital and Maimonides Medical Center** over the last twenty years.

Other Teaching Related Activities

Numerous presentations at conferences or grand rounds at The American College of Healthcare Executives; American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, NY; Gerontological Society of America; US House of Representatives Select Committee on Aging SUNY Downstate Medical Center; Cabrini Hospital, NY; Montefiore Hospital, NY; Kingsboro Psychiatric Center, NY; St. Vince Hospital, Staten Island, NY; North Shore VA Medical Center at Long Island, NY; Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad; Maimonides Medical Center, NY; Annual Convention of Black Psychiatrists of America; Brooklyn VA Medical Center, Brooklyn NY; Jamaica Hospital, NY; Fordham University, NY; Mayor's Conference on Alzheimer's Disease, NY; New York City Department of Aging; Jewish Home and Hospital, NY; Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, NY; St. John Episcopal Hospital, NY; Woodhull Hospital and Medical Center, NY; Interfaith Medical Center, NY; St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, NY, etc...

Presentations to various lay organizations, nursing homes, senior centers, church groups; write-ups of activities appearing in New York Daily News, Amsterdam News, Clinical Psychiatry News, New York Post, Boston Globe, Miami Herald. Appearances and presentations at different television and radio stations in New York and Miami areas.

Coordinator of different geriatric psychiatry courses and seminars addressed to internists, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, psychologists and rehabilitation staff.

Consultation/Treatment Services

During the last twenty years, provision of consultation and/or treatment services to various nursing homes, adult day care programs for the elderly, proprietary homes for adults, community residences.

Consultant with the group Physicians Without Borders and the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad for the Pentagon in providing mental health services to Haitian Refugees in Guantanamo, to people diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other severe anxiety disorders after their arrival to the United States.

Group leader of a mental health team dispatched to Kennedy Airport in the aftermath of the TWA Flight 800 crash to assist the relatives and families of crash victims.

Consultant to primary care centers providing services to HIV+ immigrants and to victims of political torture and oppression. Consultant to community mental health programs offering services to Latino, African American and Afro-Caribbean populations. **Clinical and Research Experience/Interests**

Geriatric Psychiatry and Psychopharmacology. Ethnicity and Aging.

Cross Cultural Issues in Mental Health and Long Term Care. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Minority Health and Healthcare Disparities.

Sleep Medicine with Focus on Minorities and Women. Co-Principal Investigator of major research projects:

1- Mood, Psychosis and Agitation Among Afro-Americans, Afro-Caribbean and Caucasian Dementia Patients. This was a

\$250,000 research project funded by the New York State Department of Mental Health. This project was sponsored by the

SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn and a number of nursing homes in Brooklyn.

2- The Socio-cultural Context of Mental health in Aging Ethnic Minorities: Within-Group Comparisons of African Americans

Project sponsored by SUNY HSCAB with consortium agreements with Hofstra University and Long Island University.

3- Depression and Anxiety Disorders in older African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans. This was a \$1.5 Million 5-year project

(1995-2000) funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

4- Coping and Adaptation in Older Adults. This was a \$960,395.00 study (1996-1999) funded by the Bio-Medical Research Support (BMRS).

5- Broad Effectiveness Trial with Aripiprazole (BETA), Bristol-Myers Squibb 2002.

6- Co-Director Bureau of Health Professions Training Grant at SUNY Downstate. This is a \$2,000,000 5-year grant (November 2003 to June 2008) awarded to SUNY Downstate by HRSA to train fellows in academic geriatric specialties (Psychiatry, Medicine, and Dentistry).

7- Teaching cross-cultural competence in nursing homes. This is a \$850,000 - two-year grant from the New York State Department of Health (2007-2009).

Advisory Board/Speaker Bureau

Advisory Board: Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; Pfizer Inc.; National Coalition of Haitian Refugees; Brooklyn Alzheimer Disease Assistance Center; Caribbean Community Mental Health Program at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.

Speakers Bureau: Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; Astra Zeneca; Pfizer, Inc; Jansen Pharmaceutica.
Consultant: Pfizer, Inc; Jansen Pharmaceutica; Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Publications

Casimir G., Dementia In African Americans. Journal of the Association des Medecins Haitiens a l'Etranger (JAMHE) Vol. I, 1; April 1997.

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Casimir G., Psychiatric Practice in Haiti and in the U.S. Haitian Diaspora, Commonalities, Differences, Common Problems and Solutions. Paper presented at the XXV Annual Meeting of the Black Psychiatrists of America, New York, New York April 1994.

Casimir G., Morrison B., Rethinking Work with Minorities, Community Mental Health Journal, Dec 1993.

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Casimir G., Mental Health Needs of the Elderly in New York State, US Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 1988.

Casimir G., Mental Health Needs of Minority Elderly in New York State. Paper presented at a Hearing before the Select Committee on Aging of the U.S. House of Representatives. Long Island City, NY 1988.

Casimir G., Factors Contributing to Increasing Hospital Stay by Elderly in an Urban State Psychiatric Hospital. Paper presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, San Francisco, California, November 1986.

Casimir G., Haitian Elders: Cultural Competence and the Haitian Patient. Workshop presentation at the 1998 American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting.

Bibb, A., **Casimir G.**, Substance Abuse in West Indian Families in Bridges to Recovery: Addiction, Family Therapy and Multicultural Treatment. Krestan J. Ed. 2000.

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Consideration of Ethnic Differences. Sleep 2001;24.

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Among Older Americans: A Community-Based Study. J. Gerontology: Medical Sciences: 2002.

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J Hum. Hypertens. 2005, 19:485-490

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