

Rosemary Bakker / Age-Friendly Design

Curriculum Vitae

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Certified Interior Designer, Gerontologist, Dementia Specialist, Educator, and Author

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
-New School for Social Research	BA	1987	Environmental Design
-Hofstra University	MS	1996	Gerontology
-Geriatric Scholar Conferred by Columbia University, New York University and Beth Abraham Hospital of the New York Geriatric Education Center.	Certificate	1997	Rehabilitation
-National Council of Interior Design Qualification	NCIDQ NY Certified Interior Designer	1998	Interior Design

A. Positions and Honors

Positions and Employment

1984 - Present Owner of Environmental Design Consulting Firm
 1998 - 1999 Fellow in Gerontologic Design, Homecare Institute
 Hackensack University Medical Center
 1999 - 2013 Research Associate in Gerontologic Design in Medicine
 Weill Cornell Medical College
 2013 - Present Consultant, Furnished Living
 2013 - Present Consultant, Health Advocates for Older People

Honors

Sigma Phi Omega National Academy of Honors and Professional Society in Gerontology, 1996
 President of Family Council for Dementia Specific Assisted Living, 1999-2004
 Platinum Award, eHealthcare Leadership Awards, 2003
 Public Lives, Featured Article in New York Times, 2003
 Invited Participant, Evidence-Based Fall Prevention Conference, 2002-2004
 Author, Proposed Guidelines for Dementia Design in Assisted Living, Department of Health, NY, 2003
 Invited Resident Scholar, Ithaca University, 2005
 Presidential Award, American Geriatrics Society, 2005
 National Alzheimer's Caregiver Recognition Award, Met Life and the National Caregiver Alliance, 2010

Silver Mature Media Award, Author of *The AARP Guide to Revitalizing Your Home: Beautiful Living in the Second Half of Life* (Lark Books) 2010

B. Publications

- Bakker, R. (1997). *ElderDesign: Designing and furnishing a home for your later years*. New York: Penguin Books.
- Bakker, R. (1999, Winter). Elder Design: Home Modifications for Enhanced Safety and Self-Care. *Care Management Journals: Journal of Long Term Home Health Care*. 1 (1), 47- 54.
- Bakker, R. (2000, November). Facility Design: Getting It Right The First Time. *Nursing Homes Long Term Care Management*. pp. 68-71.
- Bakker, R. (2001, November-December). Navigating The Alzheimer's Journey: One Daughter's Story. *Aging Today*, American Society on Aging. pp. 5-6.
- Bakker, R. (2002). Consumer guide on choosing the right bathing equipment. Available online at: environmentalgeriatrics.org
- Bakker, R. (2003). Sensory Loss, Dementia and Environments. *Generations* 27 (1), 46-52.
- Bakker, R. (2003, Summer). Global Positioning Technology Falls Short for Locating Wandering Elders With Dementia, *Maximizing Human Potential*, 11(1), 2-4.
- Bakker, R., Ioffel, Y, Lachs, M. (2004). Lighting Levels In The Dwellings of Homebound Older Adults. *Journal of Housing for the Elderly*, 18 (2), 17-22.
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- Bakker, R. (2017). "Environmental Modifications: Home." In E. Capezuti, M. Malone, D. Gardner, A. Khan, S. Baumann (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Elder Care 4th Edition*. New York: Springer.

C. Trustee and Advisory Group Experience

2005 to 2009	Flushing House, Flushing, New York
2007 to Present	Health Advocates for Older People, New York
2017 to Present	Board of Trustees, Isaac H. Tuttle Fund, New York

D. Research and Direct Service Support at Weill Cornell Medical College 1999 to 2013

Alzheimer's Association, Helen Bader Foundation, Retirement Research Foundation

Research Project: The Alzheimer's Friendly Virtual Tool. The goal of this project is to develop and test an online caregiver educational tool that illustrates how assistive devices and design features can improve the function and safety of person's with dementia and reduce caregiver burden.

Donald W. Reynolds Foundation

PI of the Environmental Design Module. The goal of this grant was to educate medical students and practicing physicians on the role of Environmental Geriatrics in chronic disease management. Education consisted of: 1. didactic lectures on injury prevention and environmental design for patients with sensory, cognitive and physical impairments and; 2. an on-line animated virtual home for continuing medical education illustrating assistive devices and design features to improve patient function and safety. The grant also covered text handouts for patients on environmental design for dementia, low vision, mobility impairments, and auditory impairments, available over the internet.

National Institute of Health, Leadership Award through Mark Lachs, Co-PI.

Research Project: Lighting Levels in the Homes of Older Adults

The goal of this study was to document the lighting levels in the homes of homebound older adults and compare them with the industry standard minimum light levels for older adults set by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.

National Institute of Health, Leadership Award.

Nursing Homes Versus Assisted Living Facilities: Assessing Physicians' Understanding of the Differences.

The goal of this survey was to ascertain if the knowledge base of practicing physicians was sufficient to properly advise families about housing options for their older patients when frailty precludes independent living.

Isaac H. Tuttle Fund and the Ira Resnick Foundation

Project GEM: Gerontological Environmental Modifications

The goal of this project was to create a unique interior design and gerontologic safety and educational program to address the growing environmental demands on older adults, who, while undergoing the aging process, struggled to maintain daily living skills in dwellings designed for young active families.

GEM offered supportive services to case managers, health care professionals, and informal caregivers to help older adults retrofit their living spaces to support the aging process, reduce injuries, and promote wellness.

Langeloth Foundation

The goal of this project was to educate geriatric hospital patients on home safety and to conduct home assessments for discharged patients.