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SUMMARY

Board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner with a strong foundation in advanced clinical practice and many years of experience in cross-cultural relations, education, interprofessional collaboration, and service. Passionate about providing compassionate, holistic, equitable, and evidence-based care to patients, families, and communities.

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-BC), American Nurses Credentialing Center
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Registered Professional Nurse (RN), Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL), AACN Commission on Nurse Certification
Healthcare Provider RQI BLS Certification, American Heart Association

CLINICAL EXPERTISE AND CORE COMPETENCES

- Comprehensive primary care across the lifespan
- Complex symptom assessment, documentation, and management
- Patient and family education
- Preventive care and lifestyle medicine
- Interdisciplinary care coordination
- Palliative and end-of-life care and advance care planning
- Diagnostic reasoning and evidence-based clinical decision-making
- EHR documentation and coding
- Culturally responsive, patient-centered communication

EDUCATION

Post-Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certification, North Central College, Naperville, IL December 2025
MSN, with Clinical Nurse Leader Certification, Elmhurst University, Elmhurst, IL May 2023

- Linda K. Niedringhaus Clinical Leadership Award

PhD, Cultural Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill May 1998

- Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
- Polgar Award for Outstanding Work in Applied Anthropology

SELECTED WORK AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

BOLINGBROOK CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER, IL August 2026-Present
Volunteer Family Nurse Practitioner

- Deliver comprehensive primary care to patients across the lifespan who are uninsured or underinsured. team

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, Naperville, IL July 2026-Present
Associate Professor of Nursing

- Teach didactic and clinical graduate nursing courses in pre- and post-licensure graduate programs, using evidence-based strategies and technology-enhanced learning platforms.
- Develop and revise didactic and clinical curricula consistent with AACN Essentials, CCNE standards, and NONPF standards.
- Provide clinical oversight, including site approval and preceptor supervision.
- Provide academic and professional mentorship to graduate nursing students.
- Use current research findings and scholarly works in nursing to improve nursing education and practice.

ALC HEALTH CARE SERVICES, Elmhurst, IL April 2026-Present
PRN Primary and Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner

- Deliver comprehensive primary and palliative care to patients with complex, chronic, and life-limiting conditions in home and community settings.

- Perform advanced assessments and develop individualized, goal-concordant care plans emphasizing symptom management and quality of life.
- Manage complex symptoms and prescribe/adjust treatments in collaboration with an interdisciplinary team
- Lead advance care planning and goals-of-care discussions with patients and families, supporting informed, values-based decision-making.
- Coordinate care across providers and settings to ensure continuity, reduce hospitalizations, and support safe, patient-centered care at home.

PRODUCTIVE COOPERATIVES OF HAITI (pcH)

March 2026-Present

Executive Board Member

- Collaborate with other board members to oversee, promote, and fund the healthcare and literacy work conducted by the organization in rural Haiti.

DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Wheaton, IL

February 2026-Present

Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer

- Assist with activities such as vaccination clinics, health education, and surge staffing to strengthen local public health capacity.

RIVERWALK ADULT DAY SERVICES (RADS), Naperville, IL

December 2020-Present

Vice President, Board of Directors

- Work with other board members to oversee RADS's operations and to plan and implement initiatives aimed at improving the care RADS offers to seniors with dementia and young adults with serious physical and cognitive challenges.

ENDEAVOR HEALTH EDWARD HOSPITAL, Naperville, IL

Registered Nurse, Medical Oncology Unit

August 2023-April 2026

- Conducted and documented comprehensive nursing assessments.
- Developed and maintained therapeutic relationships with patients and families.
- Administered medications, intravenous fluids, and blood products following established protocols.
- Collaborated across hospital teams and systems to ensure high-quality care and protect patient safety.
- Educated patients and families on disease management, therapeutic lifestyle changes, and self-care.

Research and Evidence-Based Practice Council

August 2024-April 2026

- Worked with nursing colleagues at Edward and Elmhurst hospitals to promote scholarly nursing research and translate current research into evidence-based practice recommendations.

Registered Nurse Residency Program

August 2023-July 2024

- Gained knowledge and skills through instruction, simulation, and working with preceptors and mentors.

ENDEAVOR HEALTH EDWARD HOSPITAL, Naperville, IL

January 2023-May 2023

Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Residency

- Completed 380 hours of training in nursing practice in a cardiac telemetry unit, gradually assuming all responsibilities of an acute care staff nurse.
- Planned and implemented a quality-improvement synthesis project aimed at strengthening the unit's hospital-acquired conditions (HAC) prevention practices.
- Analyzed, documented, and publicized the results of the quality-improvement project.

DUPAGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Wheaton, IL

August 2022-December 2022

Population and Community Health Clinical Rotation

- Conducted extensive research on perinatal depression (PND) and PND screening tools.
- Worked with a fellow student to analyze and revise DCHD's PND screening protocols to align them with current best practice and make them more accessible to a culturally and linguistically diverse patient population.

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL, Knoxville, TN

January 2023 & January 2024

Co-organizer of the Elmhurst University MENP Student Volunteer Team

- Organized and led service-learning trips for students to a mobile medical clinic in Tennessee.
- Provided medical triage examinations for clients of the mobile clinics.

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE, Naperville, IL

2015-2017, 2020-2022

Half-Time and Adjunct Associate Professor of Anthropology & Academic Consultant

- Taught courses in Cultural Anthropology; Sociology; Gender & Women's Studies; and Leadership, Ethics, and Values.
- Developed an evidence-based Faculty Toolkit for Community Engaged Learning and established CEL protocols.

ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Asheville, NC

2018-2020

Adjunct Instructor of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Taught Critical Thinking and Cultural Anthropology courses.

LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY SERVICES, Naperville, IL

2015-2017

Volunteer Resource Specialist and Resource Team Leader

- Led a team of 15 resource specialists in helping clients move from food insecurity to self-sufficiency.
- Educated clients about healthy dietary choices and lifestyle modifications.

QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE, Charlotte, NC

2013-2015

Adjunct Professor of Anthropology & Engaged Learning Facilitator

- Taught courses in Cultural Anthropology and revised the college's service-based Study Abroad programming.
- Provided faculty with training and support in the areas of Service Learning and Community Engaged Learning.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY, Westerville, OH

2008-2010

Associate Professor of Anthropology & Academic Consultant

- Taught courses in Anthropology and mentored students in Anthropology and Sociology.
- Collaborated with colleagues to develop a Peace and Justice Studies program.

BERRY COLLEGE, Mt. Berry, GA

1998-2006

Associate Professor of Anthropology**Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology Department****Program Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

- Created a Cultural Anthropology curriculum; established the Cultural Anthropology major and minor; supervised Sociology and Anthropology faculty and staff; founded and directed the
- Founded and directed the Latin American and Caribbean Studies program.
- Taught courses in Cultural Anthropology, Sociology, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Global Studies, Women's Studies, Interdisciplinary Studies, Study Abroad, and Service-Learning.
- Was awarded the Gloria Shatto Service and Leadership Award (2004), the Heart of Berry Award (2004), and the Voice of Berry Award (2003).

AIDS SERVICE AGENCY (ALLIANCE OF AIDS SERVICES), Raleigh, NC

1993-1995

Hospice Caregiver

- Provided care to HIV+ clients at Hustead House, a residential hospice facility.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN MISSION TO HAITI (MICIVIH), Jérémie, Haiti

1993

Human Rights Observer and Unit Health Coordinator

- Investigated and reported human rights abuses to the international press and advocated for the rights of victims.
- Provided basic first aid services to victims and MICIVIH team members.

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, Bwadlorens, Haiti

1988-1991

Health Education and Women's Empowerment Program Coordinator

- Led a team of local peer educators in designing and teaching preventative health education courses to Haitian farmers using innovative pedagogical strategies.
- Worked with Haitian team members to develop and implement health initiatives such as spring capping; latrine building; domestic abuse prevention seminars; and workshops on making herbal remedies for dehydration, intestinal parasites, and communicable illness.
- Provided basic medical assistance to those unable to access needed healthcare services.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRESENTATION

Smith-Paríolá, J. (2022, November 5). *The impact of school nurses: Implications for practice in Illinois* [Poster presentation]. American Nurses Association of Illinois Professional Issues Conference, Lisle, IL.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Nurses Association (ANA) and ANA-Illinois Chapter
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
- Illinois Society for Advanced Practice Nursing (ISAPN)
- American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM)
- Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
- Council on Nursing and Anthropology (SfAA/CONAA)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Haitian Creole: Fluent

Spanish: Intermediate

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Smith-Paríolá, J. (in press). *Coming of age in rural Haiti: An anthropological memoir*. Lived Places Publishing.

Smith, J. M. (2001). *When the hands are many: Community organization and social change in rural Haiti*. Cornell University Press. (Republished 2003 by Arawak Publications).

Book Chapters

Góké-Paríolá, A., & Smith-Paríolá, J. (2005). Maintaining minority languages in the age of globalization: Theoretical and pragmatic issues. In L. R. N. Ashley & W. H. Finke (Eds.), *Language in the era of globalization* (pp. 67-76). Cummings and Hathaway.

Smith, J. M. (2005). The "Latinization" of Rome, Georgia: Undergraduate research and community activism. In J. L. Peacock, H. Watson, & C. Matthews (Eds.), *The American South in a global world* (pp. 223-234). University of North Carolina Press.

Smith, J. M. (2003). Mother Teresa. In L. Baines & D. McBrayer (Eds.), *How to get a life* (pp. 3-14). Humanics Publishing.

Articles

Smith-Paríolá, J., & Góké-Paríolá, A. (2006). Expanding the parameters of service-learning: A case study. *Journal of Studies in International Education*, 10(1), 71-86.

Smith, J. M. (2004). Singing back: The *chante pwen* of Haiti. *Ethnomusicology*, 48(1), 105-126.

Smith, J. M. (2002). Anthropology and anorexia: A proposal for further research. *Southern Anthropologist*, 28(2), 19-25.

Smith, J. M. (2000). "If only we'd had picket fences": The detainment of Haitian refugees at the Guantánamo Naval Base, 1991-1993. In *Selected Papers on Refugee and Immigrant Issues, Volume 8*. American Anthropological Association.

Smith, J. (2001, April 18-24). Keeping the faith: The story of a peasantry and a president. *The Haitian Times*.

Smith, J. (1998). *Family planning in Kalfounò, Haiti: What's going wrong?* (Occasional Paper No. 13). Institute of Haitian Studies Occasional Papers, University of Kansas.

Smith, J. (1994, November). Haiti beyond the news clips. *Prism Magazine*.

Smith, J. (1992, May-June). Sisters, brothers. *The Other Side Magazine*.

Smith, J. (1992, October-November). Haitian refugees tell their stories. *WITH Magazine*.

Smith, J. M. (1997). NGOs, development and democratization in Haiti since the return of Aristide. In *Gouverneur Haïti: La consolidation de l'Etat et le développement démocratique*. Canadian Foundation for the Americas (FOCAL).

Book Review

Smith-Paríolá, J. (2010). *Vodou nation: Haitian art music and cultural nationalism* by Michael Largey. [Book review]. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 16(2), 408–409.

Report

Crumley, C., Dunn, J., Dunbar, L., Flowerday, J., Parsons, R., Poncelet, E., Smith, J., Temkin, M., & Wise, A. (1992). *Historical approaches to the assessment of global climate change impacts*. Committee for the National Institutes for the Environment.

Blogs

Smith-Paríolá, J. (2021-present). *Online poetry box*. <https://onlinepoetrybox.com/>

Smith-Paríolá, J. (2011–2013). *Little bent creek farm: An experiment in small-scale homesteading*. <http://littlebentcreekfarm.blogspot.com/>