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Dr. Patsy Kraeger (Assistant Professor, Department of Public and Nonprofit Studies) has completed the International Society for Quality of Life Studies certification in quality of life research, with a focus on community indicators program. This certificate is facilitated by the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (isqols.org), a global organization that promotes and encourages research in the field of quality-of-life (QOL); and the Management Institute for Quality-of-Life Studies (miqols.org), which conducts quality-of-life management-related research for business, nonprofit, and government organizations. This course focuses on the process of planning, developing, and implementing community QOL indicators in the context of a town, county, city, rural area, or a metropolitan region. The program is designed to help Quality Of-Life (QOL) researchers specializing in community indicators projects, obtain additional training, and become officially certified in the field.

Dr. Kraeger’s primary research interests are focused on the social economy, social enterprise and innovation, performance management and governance in the public and nonprofit sectors, and the study of philanthropy vis-à-vis democracy. She also researches in the area of quality of life studies. Her research has been presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, the International Society for Third Sector Research, the International Society for Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS), and the Western Social Science Association conferences. She serves on the ISQOLS Board of Directors Member and also serves on the ISQOLS Executive Committee as the Co-Vice President of Publicity/Membership. She is the co-chair for the Public Administration Section of the Western Social Science Association. She has research and other academic writings appearing in the Journal of Public Affairs Education, Public Administration Review, the International Journal of Public Administration, NVSQ, and Voluntas.