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<b>Ph.D.</b>	<i>Krannert Graduate School of Management</i> <i>PURDUE UNIVERSITY (Specialization: Administrative Sciences)</i>	12/1980
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<b>B.A.</b>	<i>MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE</i> <i>(degree with Distinction)</i>	6/1969

## PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Founding Director, 6/2004-Present  
eResearch Collaboratory: Research on Organizational Systems

Visiting Expert, 5-6/2006  
WTO Studies School, Wuhan University

Visiting Expert, 9/2004-6/2005  
Department of Management  
School of Business, Wuhan University, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China

Professor of Management, 6/1993-12/2004  
Associate Professor, 6/88-5/93  
Assistant Professor, 1/85 -6/88  
Faculty of Administrative Sciences, Université Laval

Courses taught include:

Undergraduate

Organizational Behavior  
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Masters' Level

Organizational Behavior  
Theories of Power and Politics in Organizations  
Research Methodology for Management

Doctoral Level

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Assistant Professor of Management, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University. 1/81-12/84

Instructor in Management, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University. 9/80-12/80

Instructor in Management, Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University. 9/77-8/80

Research Assistant, Department of Administrative Sciences, Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University: Feasibility Study and Evaluation of Opportunities and Risks for Management of the *Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Development Program* funded by the United States Department of Energy. 9/77-8/80

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Academy of Management  
Association for Computing Machinery  
American Medical Informatics Association  
Indian Association for Medical Informatics (Life membership)  
Physicians for a National Health Plan (Associate membership)  
Purdue University Alumni Association

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

### **Virtual Health Care Infrastructures: Telecommunications, the Internet and Grid Computing**

*The objective of this research is to develop a framework for analyzing the future development of virtual infrastructures in ideologically diverse health care systems using a qualitative scenario methodology. Market dynamics and system control mechanisms define the logic of system structures, processes and ideologies. Ideology, defined as the integrated theories and values that constitute a coherent socio-political system, is expressed in patterns of stakeholders' participation in the financing, administration, and regulation of health care, including the roles of government, health care professionals, and patients. Four configurations describe how telecommunications technologies, the Internet, and grid computing shape virtual health care infrastructures in a context of ideological diversity. These configurations are motivated by professional, citizenship, consumer, and managerial values. The contributions of medical informatics and bioinformatics are discussed to show how they enhance evidence based health care service delivery and system management as well as the integration of genomic research in these health care models. Critical trends identified include (1) increasing focus on basic research, (2) interdisciplinary integration, (3) participation of patients in decision making and governance, (4) convergence of telecommunications networks and Internet, (5) open source software and health grids, and (6) commoditization of information technology. Preliminary analyses suggest that the powerful open source software movement may influence ideologies of health care systems, particularly through grid infrastructures.*

### **Decentralizing National Health Care Systems: The Role of Virtual Infrastructures in Developing Countries**

*In the last decade international development organizations including the World Bank and the World Health Organization have promoted decentralization of government institutions in developing countries as well as privatization of public services including health care. The objectives of this research are to describe national health care systems using a qualitative research methodology and to critically examine the roles of ICT's and virtual institutional infrastructures in health care system decentralization as well as in integration of diverse stakeholders in service delivery. Particular attention is focused on the process of restructuring public institutions and the role of virtual health care infrastructures in integration of diverse public and private system stakeholders in service delivery, education and research. Virtual institutional infrastructures contribute to*

*national system coordination and control as health care service delivery is decentralized through governance mechanisms for local community participation. International, regional, and local nongovernmental organizations contribute to health care service market dynamics by soliciting online and allocating financial contributions, human resources including volunteers, and corporate participation. Of critical importance is the effective management of public health priorities financed to a significant degree by diverse private donors. Case analyses serve as a basis to formulate recommendations for future research on health care systems and development policy.*

### **Qualitative Research Methodologies for Study of Virtual Infrastructures**

*Research in science policy, institutional economics, telecommunications, and organization theory has contributed to the growing literature on health care system performance, management and control. The premise of this program of research is that study of configurations of virtual institutional health care infrastructures is critical to understanding global and regional health care ideologies and market dynamics. Little research has considered the effects of telecommunications and internet infrastructures on these dynamics, largely because theory, methods and tools have not been adapted adequately to analysis of these structures and processes profoundly transformed by new technologies at every system level.*

*Such analysis requires qualitative research strategies because of increasing system complexity and high rates of social, cultural and technological change. First, case analysis facilitates validation of patterns identified in data collected from diverse sources and construction of comparative frameworks from grounded theory principles. Historical analysis exposes the logic of system evolution as in the phases of system creation through local unit design, control through centralization, and integration through horizontal coordination. Another promising approach is system mapping for sociometric analysis of virtual infrastructures and their contributions to health care services markets and hierarchies. System configurations reflect institutional patterns of information management and control in public and private sector activities, including free market and centralized social medicine dynamics. Institutional maps of virtual infrastructures also reveal how health care information and services are offered and what business and governance models motivate systems. Recently social networking services including Facebook and Twitter promote communication among citizens and health care service users across institutional and national boundaries. Extended maps of virtual infrastructures maintained online serve as live databases showing linkages within national health care systems as well as structures for governance and global integration.*

*Configurations may be interpreted as complex systems or as cases embedded in a broader context. Taken together, case analysis, grounded theory, historical analysis and system mapping offer strategies to approach study of the important coherence between underlying ideologies and virtual health care infrastructures. These methods may also serve to diagnose problems in complex systems, such as lack of integration between traditional and modern medical information and services.*

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Website: eResearch Collaboratory: <http://eresearchcollaboratory.blogspot.com/>

This blog addresses some policy issues, particularly regarding efforts in U.S. health care system reform such as adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs) as well as development of national institutions for health information exchange including regional health information organizations (RHIOs) and the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN).

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Li Yan-ping, Wu Huan-wei, Séror, A., [Strategic Human Resource Management and Social Capital: Evidence from People's Republic of China](#), [Proceedings of the 2006 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Management Science and Engineering](#), Lille, France, 2006, pp.1250-1255.\*

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Séror, A., I.Neuman, E-publishing in Science and Healthcare: Alternative Models for Development, [Electronic Journal on Information Systems in the Developing Countries](#), Special Issue on the the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) E-Commerce

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Séror, A., Telecommunications technologies, global healthcare management systems, and sustainable development : future scenarios, [Electronic Journal on Information Systems in the Developing Countries](#), Special Issue on Healthcare, Vol. 5, 2001.\*

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Séror, A., A comparative empirical analysis of managerial strategies for control: the United States and Japan. Advances in International Comparative Management, vol.4,1989,pp.19-24.\*

Séror, A., A study of individual boundary-spanning communication patterns in a research and development setting. Engineering Management International, vol. 5, 1988, pp. 279-290.\*

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Séror, A. A cultural contingency framework for the comparative analysis of Japanese and American organizations. Chapter in Management by Japanese Systems, S.M. Lee and G. Schwendiman, editors, Praeger, 1982, pp. 239-255.\*

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## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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Séror, A., Virtual Health Care Structures of Latin America, International Conference on Advanced Management Perspectives in Asia, Suzhou, China, 10/2010.

Séror, A., [Biomedical Informatics and Computing: A Paradigm Shift](#), American Medical Informatics Association Summit on Clinical Research Informatics, San Francisco, 3/2010.

Séror, A., Creating Scalable Health Information Infrastructures: The Latin American Region, Seventh International Conference on Medical Informatics, Indian Association for Medical Informatics, Hyderabad, India, 11/2009. (Talk given by audio-link)

Séror, A., [Public Health Informatics for a National Infrastructure: The Case of the U.S. Health Care System](#), American Medical Informatics Association Symposium, San Francisco, 11/2009.

Séror, A., Communities of Practice for Collaborative Health Information Systems: Uruguay and the Latin American Region, American Medical Informatics Association Spring Congress, Orlando, 5/2009.

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Séror, A., The Cuban National Health Care System, Fourth Conference of the Indian Association for Medical Informatics, Sri Guru Ram Dass Institute of Medical Sciences, Amritsar, Punjab State, India, 10/2005.

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Séror, A., [Modeling virtual healthcare systems: Methods for qualitative case analysis and sociometry of institutional infrastructures](#), American Medical Informatics Association Symposium- Biomedical and Health Informatics: From Foundations to Applications, Washington, D. C., 11/2003.

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Séror, A., Internet infrastructures and health care systems: networks and markets, Academy of Management National Meetings: Building Effective Networks, Technology and Innovation Management Division, Denver, 8/2002.

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