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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of Pittsburgh**
Counseling Psychology (APA Accredited)
Minor: Research Methodology
May, 1990
- M.S.** **Southern Illinois University**
Rehabilitation: Behavior Modification
Honors: Phi Kappa Phi
November, 1979
- B.A.** **Illinois Wesleyan University**
Psychology
Honors: Magna Cum Laude
May, 1976

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2007 – Present **Professor**
Counseling Psychology Program (APA accredited)
Morgridge College of Education
University of Denver
- 1999 - 2007 **Associate Professor**
Counseling Psychology Program (APA accredited)
Morgridge College of Education
University of Denver
- 2004 - Present **Training Director**
Counseling Psychology Program
College of Education
University of Denver

2000-2004 2007-2008	<p>Program Director Counseling Psychology College of Education University of Denver</p>
1990-1999	<p>Assistant Professor (tenure-track, 1993-1999) Assistant Professor (non-tenure track, 1990-1993) Counseling Psychology Program College of Education University of Denver</p>
1991-1995	<p>Staff Psychologist Counseling Center University of Denver</p>
1990	<p>Clinical Supervisor, Psychologist Johnson Mental Health Center Chattanooga, TN.</p>
1988-1989	<p>Predoctoral Psychology Intern Cumberland Psychology Internship Consortium Nashville, TN (APA accredited)</p>
1985-1988	<p>Graduate Research Assistant Alcoholism and Family Interaction Study Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic University of Pittsburgh PI: Theodore Jacob, Ph.D.</p>
1984 to 1986	<p>Instructor Graduate Level Counseling Skills Course Masters Program in Rehabilitation University of Pittsburgh</p>
1984 to 1985	<p>Graduate Research Associate Cognitive Neuropsychology Project Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic PI: Harold Gordon, Ph.D.</p>
1981 to 1984	<p>Staff Counselor Family and Children's Service McKeesport, PA</p>
1980 to 1981	<p>Research Associate Special Education University of Illinois PI: Frank R. Rusch, Ph.D.</p>

1979 to 1980

Staff Counselor

Champaign County Mental Health Center
Child & Adolescent Program
Champaign, IL

SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

- President, Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW), Division of ACA, 2006-2007
- Chair, University of Denver Internal Review Board for Human Participants, 2003-2006
- Associate Editor, *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 2001-2005
- Editorial Board Member, *Group Dynamics: Theory, Research, and Practice* 2005-present
- Editorial Board Member, *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 1996-2001
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*; and *Professional Psychology, Research and Practice*, both 2006 to present
- Co-Editor, Special Issue on Groups in Education for *Group Dynamics: Theory, Research, and Practice*, in press
- Co-Editor, Special Issue on Group Research: Encouraging a collaboration between practitioners and researchers for *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 1997

OTHER NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

American Counseling Association, Group Facilitator for the ACA Emerging Leaders' Workshop at the National Convention, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005.

Association for Specialists in Group Work, President-Elect 2005-2006, Member, Professional Development Committee, 2000-2003, Co-Chair, ASGW Branches Committees, 1997-2000, Area Coordinator, 1995-1997, Member, Social Committee for 1995 National Conference, Member, Research Committee, 1991-1993.

Society of Counseling Psychology, Division 17, Member, Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP), 2004-present; Membership Committee, Member Resources Committee, 2006-2007, Awards Committee, 1998-2001; 1992-1994, Division 17 Special Interest Group on Children and Adolescents Newsletter Editor, 1997-1998, Hospitality Suite Committee, 1996; Program Reviewer, 1995-1998.

Group Psychology & Group Psychotherapy, Division 49, Member, Research Committee, 2006-present, Chair, Research Committee, 1999-2000.

PUBLICATIONS: Books and Chapters

Smith, R.A., Riva, M.T., & Rings, J. (2007). Group counseling: Activities for termination. In D. Viers *The Group Therapist Notebook: Homework, Handouts, and Activities*. Blacksburg, VA: Haworth.

Riva, M.T. & Wachtel, M. (2005). Field studies: A focus on group research. In S. Wheelan (Ed.). *Handbook of group research and practice*, (pp. 241-250). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

- DeLucia-Waack, J., Gerrity, D., Kalodner, C., & Riva, M.T. (2004) (Eds.). *Handbook of Group Counseling and Psychotherapy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Riva, M.T., & Haub, A. (2004). Group counseling in the schools. In J. DeLucia-Waack, D. Gerrity C. Kalodner, & M.T. Riva (Eds.). *Handbook of Group Counseling and Psychotherapy*. (309-321). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Riva, M.T., Wachtel, M., & Lasky, G. (2004). Effective group leadership: Research and practice. In J.DeLucia-Waack, D. Gerrity, C. Kalodner, & M.T. Riva (Eds.). *Handbook of Group Counseling and Psychotherapy*. (37-48). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Riva, M.T. (1990). Group treatment with sexually abused children and adolescents. In M. Seligman & L.A. Marshak (Eds.), *Group Psychotherapy: A practitioner's guide to interventions with special populations* (174-194), Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

PUBLICATIONS: Journal Articles

- Riva, M.T., & Cornish, J.A.E. (in press, February, 2008). Group Supervision Practices at Psychology Predoctoral Internship Programs: 15 Years Later. *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*.
- Lasky, G.B., & Riva, M.T. (2006). Confidentiality considerations in group psychotherapy, *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, 56, 455-476.
- Cornish, J.A.E., & Riva, M.T. (2005). A broad view of education and training, *The Counseling Psychologist*, 33, 692-700.
- Riva, M.T., & Korinek, L. (2004). Teaching group work: Modeling group leader and member behaviors in the classroom to demonstrate group theory. [Special Issue on Teaching Group Work], *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 29, 55-63.
- Riva, M.T., Lippert, L., & Tackett, M.J. (2000). Selection practices of group leaders: A national survey. *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 25, 157-169.
- Cornish, J.A.E., Riva, M.T., Henderson, M.C., Kominars, K.D., & McIntosh, S. (2000). Perceived distress in university counseling center clients over a six-year time span. *Journal of College Student Development*, 41, 104-109.
- Riva, M.T., & Kalodner, C. R. (Eds.). (1997). Group research: Encouraging collaboration between practitioners and researchers. Introductory Remarks [Special Issue]. *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 22, 226-227.
- Riva, M.T., & Smith, R.A. (1997). Looking into the future of group research: Where do we go from here? *Journal for Specialists in Group Work*, 22, 266-276.
- Kaczmarek, P.G., & Riva, M.T. (1996). Facilitating adolescent optimal development: Training considerations for counseling psychologists. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 24, 400-432.

Riva, M.T., & Cornish, J.A.E. (1995). Group supervision practices at psychology predoctoral internship programs: A national survey. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 26, 523-525.

Rusch, F. R., Morgan, T. K., Martin, J. E., Riva, M., & Agran, M. (1985). Competitive employment: Teaching mentally retarded employees self-instructional strategies. *Applied Research in Mental Retardation*, 6, 389-407.

Chadsey-Rusch, J., Karlan, G.R., Riva, M.T., & Rusch, F.R. (1984). Competitive employment: Teaching conversational skills to adults who are mentally retarded. *Mental Retardation*, 22, 218-225.

Rusch, F.R., Menchetti, B.M., Crouch, K., Riva, M., Morgan, T.K., & Agran, M. (1984). Competitive employment: Assessing employee reactivity to naturalistic observation. *Applied Research in Mental Retardation*, 5, 339-351.

Cuvo, A.J., & Riva, M.T.* (1980). Generalization and transfer between comprehension and production: A comparison of retarded and nonretarded persons. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*, 13, 315-331. (*Partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Masters Degree).

PUBLICATIONS: Other Articles

Riva, M.T (2003). Contemporary Issues in Group Work. *Ethical Issues in Professional Counseling*, 6, 13-21, Long Island, NY: Hatherleigh Press.

Riva, M.T., & Smith, R.D. (1995, March). Group counseling: Considerations in the termination process, *Colorado Association for Specialists in Group Work*, 2-3.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Riva, M.T. (August, 2006). Training competent and ethical group leaders: Critical issues. In M. Riva & L. Rapin (Co-Chairs). Training competent and ethical group leaders--Critical issues. Symposium presented at the APA Convention, New Orleans, LA

Riva, M.T. (August, 2006). Group Supervision: Current practices and results of a national survey. In M. Riva (Chair) Taking a closer look at group supervision—Ethics, training, and research. Symposium presented at the APA Convention, New Orleans, LA

Riva, M.T. (2003, August). Modeling group leader and member behavior in the classroom. In R.K. Conyne (Chair), Teaching group work in group psychology and psychotherapy. Symposium presented at the APA Convention, Toronto.

Riva, M.T. (March, 2003). ASGW Fellows Symposium. *Problems and Promise: Group Work in the 21st century*. Presented at the American Counseling Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.

- Lasky, G., Gafford, J., Bryon, D., Cook, A., Hinterstoisser, T., Haub, A., Owen, J. & Riva, M.T., (2002) *Effects of the Self-administered Process Questionnaire (SAP-Q) on group leaders' thinking*. Poster session at the American Psychological Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Leddick, G., Stockton, R., DeLucia-Waack, J., Riva, M.T. (2001). *The process of successful research groups*. Presented at the American Counseling Association Conference.
- Riva, M.T., Wachtel, M., & Butcher, G. (2000). *Understanding group co-therapy relationships: A developmental approach*. Presentation at the American Counseling Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Riva, M.T. (1999). Researcher and practitioner collaboration in group process and outcome studies. In K. Chwalisz & Kalodner, C.R. (Co-Chairs), *A multifaceted look at group process and outcome research*. Symposium presented at the American Psychological Association, Boston.
- Delucia-Waack, J.L., & Riva, M.T. (1999, January). *Turning experience with groups into publication*. Presented at the Association for Specialists in Group Work Group-a-Rama, Albuquerque, NM.
- Clay, D., Kaczmarek, P.G., Riva, M.T., & Burnett, J.W. (August, 1998). Current and future directions for counseling psychologists working with children and adolescents. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, San Francisco.
- Riva, M.T., Kalodner, C., & Duncan, D. (1998, February). *Conducting group research in an applied setting: Implications and Recommendations*. Paper presented at the Sixth Association for Specialists in Group Work National Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Bley, G.R., & Riva, M.T. (August, 1997). *Coping Responses and Social Adjustment of Adult Sexual Abuse Survivors*, Paper presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, Chicago.
- Riva, M.T., & Sayasane, M. (1997). *Working with the young pregnant teen*. Colorado Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prevention Conference, Arvada, CO.
- Riva, M.T., & Mortz, M. (October, 1996). *Exploring new options: Science, engineering, and mathematics careers for middle school girls*. Presented at the Colorado Mathematics, Science, and Engineering Conference, Denver, CO.
- Riva, M.T., & Kaczmarek, P.G. (April, 1996). *Identifying competencies to work with adolescents: Implications for counselor training*. Round Table at the American Counseling Association Convention, Pittsburgh, PA.
- DeLucia-Waack, J., & Riva, M.T. (January, 1996). *Generating and Developing Research Designs in Group Research*. Seminar presented at the Fourth National Conference of the Association for Specialists in Group Work, Athens, Georgia
- Riva, M.T., Lyon, M.A., & Heefner, A. (1995). *Internalizing and externalizing behaviors for children with and without identified learning problems*. Presentation at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boulder, CO.

- Riva, M.T., Erickson Cornish, J.A., Gidney, M., Ferguson, D., & Belin, K. (1995). *Referral policies for group and individual counseling: A national survey of counseling centers*. Paper at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boulder, CO.
- Sherry, P., Riva, M.T., Morris, P., Sobocinski, M., Gomez, M., & Winchell, L. (1995). *Examining models of adolescent alcohol use*, Symposium presentation at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boulder, CO.
- Erickson Cornish, J.A., Riva, M.T., McIntosh, S., Kominars, K.D, & Carbaugh, R. (1995). *Severity of distress in university counseling center clients: A five-year comparison*. Presentation at Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Boulder, CO.
- DeLucia-Waack, J., Riva, M.T., Forrester-Miller, H., & Horne, A. (January, 1995). *Research Think Tank: Generating and Developing Research Designs in Group Counseling*. Seminar (4 ½ hours) presented at the Third National Conference of the Association for Specialists in Group Work, Athens, Georgia.
- Lyon, M.A., & Riva, M.T. (March, 1995). *Assessment and treatment of adolescent internalizing disorders*. Presentation at the Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference on Special Education, Colorado Springs, CO.
- Riva, M.T., & Erickson Cornish, J.A. (1993). *Assessment and counseling for suicidal ideology*. Round Table at the American Psychological Association conference, Toronto.
- Riva, M.T., Cornish, J.E., & Carbaugh, R. (March, 1993). *Reasons for seeking help at a college counseling center: The role of developmental theory*. Presented at the American Counseling Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Cornish, J.E., & Riva, M.T. (March, 1993). *The effects of a videotaped presentation on university students' attitudes toward group counseling*. Presented at the American Counseling Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Garst, L., Riva, M.T., & McMahan, M. (1993). *Long-term educational concerns of psychiatrically hospitalized adolescents*. Paper presented at the Courage to Risk Collaborative Conference on Special Education, Colorado Springs.
- Bley, G., Garst, L., & Riva, M.T. (1992). *Educational functioning and self-esteem of psychiatrically hospitalized adolescents*. Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Balog, S., Holland, J., Riva, M.T., & Sherry, P. (1992). *Factors Affecting Adolescent Alcohol Use: Family, Personality, and Peer Clusters*. Presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Conference, Boise.
- Riva, M. (1990) Invited Presentation, *Adolescent Cognitive & Physical Development* as part of a cooperative program between West High School, Denver, CO and the University of Denver. The purpose of the joint program is to encourage high school students to enter college.

Riva, M., & Chandler, L. (1989). *Developmental aspects of coping responses used by children*.
Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, New Orleans.

AWARDS

2000-2001 University of Denver Distinguished Teaching Award
2008 Apple Award, from The College of Education Student Association, "For making a difference in the lives of students at the University of Denver"
2002-present Fellow, Association for Specialists in Group Work, Division of American Counseling Association

GRANT PROPOSALS AWARDED

University of Denver Center for Multicultural Excellence (2006). "Enhancing awareness, sensitivity, and knowledge of multicultural group counseling" \$2,875

University of Denver College of Education Flow Back Funds (2006), CO-PI with Karen Riley, Ph.D.,
Exploratory study of relationships between siblings with and without a neurodevelopmental disorder"
\$3,255

Internationalization Small Grant (2001). Assessment of International Student Competencies of Faculty and Staff at the University of Denver. \$400

National Science Foundation (1995-1997), \$89,573 CO-PI with Margaret Mortz, Ph.D., "Exploring new options: Science, engineering, and math careers--Program for middle school girls and parents."

University of Denver Sponsored Academic Research Council (1994), \$3000, "Stress, coping, and social support of international students" (PI)

University of Denver Sponsored Academic Research Council (1993) \$2885, "School achievement: helping psychiatrically hospitalized adolescents attain academic success". (PI)

Association for Specialists in Group Work, a Division of the American Counseling Association,
Professional Research Grant (Co-Investigator with Jennifer Erickson Cornish), \$500, 1992, "The effects of a videotaped presentation on university students' expectations of group counseling".

Kempe Foundation, Children's Hospital of Denver (Co-Investigator with Lynn Garst, M.Ed.). \$2,000
1991, "Comparing cognitive functioning, attributional style, and self-esteem in two groups of psychiatrically hospitalized adolescents".

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association (ACA), 1991 to Present
ACA Division of Association for Specialist in Group Work, 1990 to Present
Licensed Psychologist in Colorado, 1993 to Present
American Psychological Association (APA), 1990 to Present

APA Division of Counseling Psychology (Division 17), 1990 to Present
APA Division of Group Psychology and Psychotherapy (Division 49), 1997 to Present

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Adolescent Development
Group Counseling Theory
Advanced Group Theory
Advanced Doctoral Practicum
Counseling Psychology Supervision
Empirical Research Methods
Beginning Practicum
Basic Counseling Techniques
Intermediate Counseling Techniques
Learning Theory

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Member, College of Education Dean Search, 2008
Member, Internal Review Board for Human Participants, 1993-2000
Member, Committee for the Development of new University College Undergraduate Degree, 2005
Member, Search Committee for Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research, 2004
Member, Committee for Bridges to the Future 2003-2004
Member, UPAC Task Force Committee on Learning, 2002
Member, Selection Committee for Associate Provost for Planning and Budget, 2001
Member, Curriculum, Scholarship, and Research Committee for the North Central Association accreditation, 2001
University Mentor for first year students, 1993 to 1998
Member, William T. Driscoll Master Educator Award Selection Committee, 1993

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2006
Chair, Tenure & Promotion Appeal Committee, 2003
Member, Financial Aid Task Force member, 2002 to Present
Co-Chair, Diversity Committee 2005 to Present
Faculty and Staff Search Committees: Member, Educational Administration, 2008, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002; Co-Chair, Counseling Psychology, 2006; Member, Counseling Psychology, 2005; Chair, Higher Education, 2003; Member, Higher Education, 1997; Member, Educational Psychology, 1998; Co-Chair, Program Assistant, Educational & Counseling Psychology 2002; Member, School Psychology, 1995; Member, Curriculum and Instruction, 1994; Member, Director of University High School, 1994.
Chair, College of Education Research and Scholarship Committee, 1993-2002
Member, College of Education Human Subjects Committee, 1991-1993

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Chair, Counseling Psychology Doctoral Selection Committee: 2006, 2004, 2002

Chair, Counseling Psychology Masters Selection Committee: 2008, 2005, 2003, 2001

Acting Training Director, 2003-2004

Coordinator, Masters Level Practica and Internships for the Counseling Psychology, 1996 to 2000

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR (20 Chair, 4 Co-Chair)

- Jeffrey Rings, Quality of friendship as a predictor of complicated grief and suicidality for young adults whose friend committed suicide (dissertation proposal, October, 2007; Chair)
 - Mary-Ashley Angelo, Attributions and coping in children's medical procedures (dissertation proposal summer, 2008; Chair)
 - Jennifer Gafford, The effects of a suicidal group member on psychotherapy groups (Dissertation Proposal, July, 2007; Chair)
 - Jacqueline Moreno, Multicultural events within group supervision: Minority experiences and supervision satisfaction (passed proposal October, 2006; Chair)
 - Misty Hall, An examination of the transformational leadership behaviors of female head coaches and team performance in Division I intercollegiate women's sport teams: The mediating role of cohesion (dissertation defense, July, 2007, Chair)
- 2007 Meredith Albert, An investigation into the exchange of positive and corrective feedback in child and adolescent counseling groups (dissertation defense, July 12, 2007, Chair)
- 2007** James Nguyen, Predictability of quality of life and self-concept in adolescent males based on body satisfaction (dissertation defense, July 18, 2007; Co-Chair)
- 2006 Michael Maley, The relationship between relational health and depression and social anxiety in college students (Chair)
- 2005 Gina Butcher Lasky, Confidentiality in groups: Rate of violations, the consent process, and group leader level of experience (Chair)
- 2005 Alaina Haub, Paternal incarceration: Experiences of children and their mothers (Co-Chair)
- 2005 John Crumlin, Aging and the influence of emotion on judgment (Chair)
- 2003 Andrea Pusavat Secondo, Multiethnic identity development and collective memory in Chinese/European American adults (Co-Chair)
- 2002 Laurie Tonelli, The relationship between working models and the communication behaviors of individuals in conflict with their romantic attachment figures (Chair)
- 2001 Maxamillian Wachtel, Exploring group co-therapist relationship development and the impact of training on the relationship (Chair)
- 2001 Barbara Palmer, Coparenting relationship and parenting styles after divorce or separation: Factors predicting adolescents' adjustment (Chair)
- 2000 Randy Smith, Using Object Relations to Predict Outcome for Adolescents in Residential Treatment (Chair)
- 2000 Phanhmaly Sayasane, Correlates of gang membership: Southeast Asian gang and non-gang youth (Chair)
- 2000 Joan Simeo-Munson, Differences among peer status groups on level of loneliness, social competence, and empathy (Chair)
- 2000 Susan Shamos, Childhood sexual abuse: Mediators of adolescent adjustment in a psychiatric sample and comparisons among abuse-status groups (Co-Chair)

- 1999 Carrie Dimson, Presenting problems and coping styles of university counseling center clients (Chair)
- 1998 M. Jan Tackett, Therapists and Researchers: Communication Breakdown (Chair)
- 1996 Georganne Bley, Coping responses and social adjustment of adults sexually abused as children (Chair)
- 1995 Tow Yee Yau, The level of acculturation, self-esteem, and self-efficacy of Southeast Asian refugee adolescents (Chair)
- 1995 Sheila Balog, Personality characteristics in children witnessing domestic violence: externalizing behavior, internalizing behavior, social competence, and self-concept (Chair)
- 1995 Daniel Trathen, A comparison of the effects of two Christian premarital counseling programs (skill and information-based) utilized by evangelical protestant churches (Chair)
- 1994 Vicki Tomlin, A mentor program for improving the academic attainment of Black adolescent males (Chair)
- 1993 Marian Craig, The use of short-term group therapy with adult female survivors of childhood incest (Co-Chair)
- 1993 Mark Rush, The role of self-efficacy, sensation seeking, health locus of control, self-esteem, and non-peer social environmental risk factors in peer tobacco use social environment and adolescent tobacco use (Chair)