

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

PhD – Social Work – *University of Denver, September 2007 to June 2013* (dissertation successfully defended May 2013).

2-Year, Post-Graduate Training Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy – *Denver Family Institute, September 2002 to May 2005* (all work completed December 2004).

Masters of Social Work – *Colorado State University, August 2001 to August 2003* (all work completed May 2003).

Bachelors of Arts – Psychology, Sociology, Minor in Business Administration – *Adams State University, August 1992 to May 1997.*

DOCTORIAL DISSERTATION

Dissertation Title: “Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment: Does Family Systems Therapy Improve Family Functioning and Decrease Drug Use?” Dissertation Defense: May 3, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor: *University of Denver (DU) – Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW)*, September 2007 to present, teaching 4-5 courses per academic year. **Classes Taught:** Theory and Practice of Family Systems Therapy (SOWK 4320); Strategies and Techniques of Family Systems Therapy (SOWK 4420); Clinical Theories & Practice Skills I (SOWK 4002); Clinical Theories & Practice Skills II (SOWK 4003); and Prevention & Treatment of Adolescent Substance Abuse (SOWK 4410).

Faculty Instructor: *Denver Family Institute (DFI)*, September 2009 to present. **Classes Taught:** Family Studies I (for DU students – SOWK 4820) - a 20-hour post-graduate level class covering Structural, MRI Brief Strategic, Haley/Madanes Strategic, and Bowenian Family Therapy Models; Family Studies III – a 30-hour post-graduate level class covering Milan Systemic, Symbolic Experiential (Carl Whitaker), Communication Systems (Virginia Satir), and Family Resilience (Froma Walsh).

AAMFT 30-Hour Fundamentals of MFT Supervision Course (Approved Supervisor Course) – **Lead Instructor:** *DFI*, November 2013 to present. This 30-hour course involves the systemic training of new supervisors of MFT students/licensure candidates. This is a required course for all supervisors hoping to achieve the designation of being an AAMFT Approved

Supervisor.

AAMFT 5-Hour Supervision Refresher Course (Approved Supervisor Refresher Course) –

Sole Instructor: *DFI*, December 2013 to present. This is a refresher course to the 30-hour required course for systemic supervision of MFT students/licensure candidates. To continue to have the AAMFT Approved Supervisor designation, all Approved Supervisors must take this required course every 5 years.

Academic Advisor: *DU – GSSW*, September 2010 to June 2011. Served for one year as an Academic Advisor to 20 Family Track students, covering for Professor Lynn Parker while she was on sabbatical.

Guest Lecturer: *DU – GSSW*, September 2004 to present. **Classes Taught:** Sections of various graduate-level student tracks, including family therapy theory, family therapy strategies & techniques, couples therapy, clinical social work skills, working with adolescents abusing substances, and working with families dealing with substance abuse. These teaching assignments are 3-hour lessons that occur 2-4 times per academic quarter.

Guest Lecturer: *DFI*, November 2005 to present. **Classes Taught:** A post-graduate level section on clinical licensure, supervision requirements, balance between work and post-graduate training, and professional opportunities for beginning therapists. These teaching assignments are a 2-hour lecture and discussion class for all first-year post-graduate students.

Guest Lecturer: *Metro State College of Denver*, October 2011, January 2014. **Classes Taught:** An undergraduate level section on Structural Family Therapy and Circumplex Diagnosing, and how these can be used as assessment tools and practiced with systemic/relational family therapy.

ACCREDITATION EXPERIENCE

Commission on Accreditation for Marriage & Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE)

Accreditation Process and Site Visit: *DFI*, throughout 2012 and early 2013. Assisted and collaborated with fellow faculty members on numerous accreditation efforts to prepare *DFI* for their site visit from COAMFTE in 2006, including a 5-year long revamping of both *DFI*'s curriculum and *DFI*'s standards for measuring therapeutic competencies.

COAMFTE Accreditation Process and Site Visit: *DFI*, throughout 2005 and early 2006. Assisted and collaborated with fellow faculty members on numerous accreditation efforts to prepare *DFI* for their site visit from COAMFTE in 2006.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Program Evaluation Self-Study: *Joint effort between DFTC and DU – GSSW (with Marian*

Bussey, PhD), January 2005. **Research Objective:** To evaluate the effectiveness and long-lasting effect of substance abuse treatment with a family therapy/systemic approach.

Research

Endeavors: Literature review, data collection, data coding, SPSS data input, results, implications, and discussion.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Laser, J.A. & Wallis, D.J. (2014). Outpatient family systems therapy as the treatment modality for adolescent substance abuse. *Addiction, Recovery, & Aftercare*, 1(1), 69-84.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING PUBLICATION

“President’s Letter” published quarterly in the *Colorado Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Newsletter*, January 2013 to present.

“Culture, Social Justice, and Therapy: Getting to Know Kenneth Hardy” published in the *Colorado Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Newsletter*, Summer 2012.

“In Review: The 2012 AAMFT Annual Leadership Conference” published in the *Colorado Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Newsletter*, Spring 2012.

“COAMFT Shines at Annual Leadership Conference” published in the *Colorado Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Newsletter*, Spring 2011.

“A Return to Systemic Roots: Dr. Salvador Minuchin’s Two-Day Conference in Lakewood” published in *Outlook: Colorado Association for Marriage & Family Therapy*, June/July 2007, 19 (2).

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC AWARDS/HONORS

Elected to be the Chair of the Council of Division Presidents 2015-2016 with the American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy (AAMFT)

Elected to the Board of AAMFT 2015-2016.

Elected to the State Board of Directors for the Colorado Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (COAMFT): Secretary 2007-2009; President Elect, President, & Past President 2011-2015

Turning Point Center Employee of the Month, March 1999

Graduated Cum Laude (Adams State University, May 1997)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) – 2001 to present
Colorado Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) – Active 2003 to present
COAMFT – Active 2003 to present

PROFESSIONAL BOARD POSITIONS

Chair, Council of Division Presidents at AAMFT 2015-2016
Board Member at AAMFT, 2015-2016
COAMFT – State Board of Directors: Office of President-elect 2011-2012; President 2013-2014;
Past President 2015
COAMFT – State Board of Directors: Office of Secretary 2007-2009

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW): CSW – 426 (7/19/05-8/31/15)
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT): MFT – 750 (3/26/06-8/31/15)
Certified Addictions Counselor Level III (CAC III): ACC – 6033 (7/9/03-8/31/15)
AAMFT Clinical Fellow (March 2006 to present)
AAMFT Approved Supervisor (March 2008 to present)

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

American Home Assurance Company. 95 Broadway Amityville, NY 11701 (February 2004 to present).

CLINICAL/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Private Practice Therapist/Contracted Mental Health Provider: *Denver Family Therapy Center (DFTC)*, October 2006 to present. **Population:** individuals, couples, and families of various backgrounds experiencing a variety of mental health problems, relational troubles, and/or substance abuse issues.

Therapist/Coordinator: *DFTC – Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)*, June 2003 to September 2007 (part-time September 2007 – June 2009). **Population:** Families of various ethnic/cultural backgrounds dealing with a child with a drug/alcohol, mental health, and/or behavioral problem. **Duties:** assessment, therapy, and consultation to families/professionals, and supervision of graduate interns.

Faculty Member/Clinical Supervisor: *Denver Family Institute (DFI), formerly the “Family Therapy Training Center of Colorado,”* September 2005 to present. **Population:** Clinical supervision of post-graduate students seeking individual/group supervision of their individual, group, couples, and/or family therapy cases. Each supervisee is working towards licensure as an LCSW, LMFT, LPC, and/or CAC.

Consultant/Clinical Instructor: *The Everest Program at Mount View Youth Services*, December 2006 to April 2007. **Population:** Training clinicians at a youth detention center on how to conduct

multi-family therapy groups using systemic techniques. Training methods included live demonstration, live observation, and co-therapy.

Therapist: *DFI*, May 2003 to December 2004. **Population:** Individuals, families, and couples of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds dealing with a variety of mental health, relationship, or substance abuse problems. This is a 2-year post-graduate training program for marital and family therapy.

Casemanager II/Therapist: *Mental Health Corporation of Denver (MHCD)*, July 2003 to February 2004. **Population:** Adult clients of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds dealing with chronic issues related to a mental illness/schizophrenia.

Boy's Residential Case Manager: *Turning Point Center (TPC)*, September 2000 to June 2003 (part-time as of August 2001 to June 2003). **Population:** Residential treatment for Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) and Department of Human Services (DHS) male adolescents ages 14-19.

Sports Coordinator/Counselor: *The Bridge Project at Columbine in Denver*, May 2002 to August 2002 (seasonal). **Population:** Children living in an inner-city housing project ranging in age from 5 to 12 years old, along with their families.

Independent Living Specialist: *TPC*, June 1999 to September 2000. **Population:** Independent living supervision/training of Youthful Offender System (YOS) & DYC male/female parolees, ages 16-23.

Boy's Residential Counselor: *TPC*, March 1998 to June 1999. **Population:** Residential treatment of DYC and DHS male adolescents ages 14-19.

Homeless Shelter Staff/Counselor: *Adelante Transitional Program and LaPuente Home Program* (sister agencies), January 1996 to May 1997. **Population:** Homeless or emancipating individuals and/or families.

PUBLIC SPEAKING/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator – AAMFT Membership Recruitment and Retention Panel: *presented to the leadership attendees at the 2014 AAMFT Annual Leadership Conference*, March 15, 2014. **Activity:** Moderated and facilitated discussion between the leadership panel and the audience on innovative efforts to amplify Marriage & Family Therapy awareness and increase AAMFT membership.

Professional Representative of MFTs: *to the US Congressional Offices of Representative Cody Gardner and Representative Diane DeGette*, March 14, 2014. **Activity:** Lobbied for the inclusion of Marriage & Family Therapists to become compensated providers for all Medicare clients with Senate (S 562) and House of Representatives (HB 3662).

Advisory Board: *Regis University, Masters of Marriage & Family Therapy*, December 2013, December 2014. **Activity:** Panel/Board member advising the newly COAMFTE-Approved Marriage & Family Therapy Program at Regis University.

Guest Speaker – 2013 AAMFT Annual Conference: *presented to the AAMFT Leadership attendees (Division Presidents/AAMFT Administration) at the 2013 AAMFT Annual Conference*, October, 2013. **Activity:** Gave a brief lecture on the philosophy of working systemically in all areas concerning MFT work, including collaborating with other professions (e.g., LCSWs, LPCs, Licensed Psychologists, etc.) from a strength-based, systemic way vs. viewing and interacting with other professionals antagonistically.

Community/Professional Speaker: *to the Colorado State Judicial Committee – House Bill-1104*, February 2013. **Activity:** Spoke to a State Judicial Committee meeting about House Bill-1104 to amend the bill so that mental health professionals would not have to redundantly verbally and in writing disclose licensure requirements to client.

Community/Professional Speaker: *to the Colorado State Judicial Committee – Senate Bill-187*, February 2011. **Activity:** Spoke to a State Judicial Committee meeting about House Bill-187 to amend the bill so that mental health professionals would not have to pay up to \$5000 for mental health statute violations, but the max would be a \$500 fine.

Professional Speaker – “Connecting Classroom Theory to Field Practice: A Process of Supervision”: *DU – GSSW*, February 9, 2011. Facilitated a “live” family therapy session for a group of about 75 clinical supervisors of MSW students through GSSW, providing commentary of the session and supervision (via a live internet feed), answering questions, and directing attention towards supervisory interventions.

Good Enough Rocks Radio: *castlerockradio.com*, May 29, 2010 and July 31, 2010. Guest personality on a nationally broadcast internet radio show focusing on various aspects of mental health and relational therapy.

Professional Speaker – “Clinical Supervision of Supervision”: *DU – GSSW*, April 21, 2010. Facilitated a “live” couples therapy session for a group of about 60 clinical supervisors of MSW students through GSSW, providing commentary of the session and supervision (via a live internet feed), answering questions, and directing attention towards supervisory interventions.

Board of Marriage & Family Therapy Continuing Professional Development Committee: *Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)*, April 13, May 11, & June 8, 2010. Served as a committee member developing “Continuing Competencies/Continuing Professional Development” guidelines for all LMFT’s in the State of Colorado.

Community/Professional Speaker: *to the Colorado State Judicial Committee – House Bill-1086*, March 2009. **Activity:** Spoke to a State Judicial Committee meeting about HB-1086, which requires several mental health professions, including Marriage & Family Therapists, to engage in a Continuing Competency/Continuing Professional Development program as part of licensure.

“Options to Change” Team Member: *Jefferson County Department of Human Services*, April 2006 to September 2007. **Duties:** Provide DHS caseworkers “options” for cases being considered for out-of-home or residential treatment placement from both a family systems and substance abuse perspective. This is a voluntary position that I serve every 6-8 weeks, rotating with other DFTC clinical staff.

Guest Lecturer: *Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Conference (CBHC) – 2006 State Conference*, September 18, 2006. Co-facilitation of a 3-hour section at the State Conference on implementing family therapy practice with substance abuse treatment for adolescents.

Community/Professional Speaker: *to the Colorado State Judicial Committee – House Bill-1318*, February 2006. **Activity:** Spoke to a State Judicial Committee meeting about House Bill-1318 to amend the bill so that Marriage and Family Therapist licensure candidates are required to have 1,500 face-to-face hours (vs. 1,000) and have at least 100 hours of clinical supervision (vs. 50). My speech helped sway the senatorial vote to get HB-1318 approved for the next level of the judicial process and the bill was eventually passed.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Program Co-developer – “Family Therapy and Substance Abuse”: *DFI*, Summer 2007 to September 2009. **Objective:** Development of a curriculum for a 10-week (20-hour) post-graduate course covering substance abuse treatment using a family therapy/systemic model. **Program Development Endeavors:** Literature review, organization of how the class will be taught, and the development of the class manual and syllabus.

Program Co-developer – “Co-parenting After Divorce”: *Joint effort between DFI and Divorce Solutions of Denver*, June 2005 to October 2005. **Program Objective:** Curriculum development and eventual facilitation of a co-parenting class for divorcing parents. **Program Development Endeavors:** Literature review, organization of class presentation, presentation of materials to funding source, and the development of both the class and instructor manuals.

PROFESSIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Richard Schwartz “Internal Family Systems Therapy”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 19th, 2014. Leading role in the organization and facilitation of the conference, including contracting with the speaker, vendors, sponsors, the Arvada Convention Center, food and beverage vendors, as well as marketing and collection fees.

“Private Practice Enhancement”: COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 29, 2014. Organized and assisted in the facilitation of a panel discussion on enhancing private practice strategies.

David Schnarch and Ruth Morehouse “Sexual Desire, Interpersonal Neurobiology, and Marriage and Family Therapy”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 20th, 2013. Leading role in the organization and facilitation of the conference, including contracting with the

speaker,

vendors, sponsors, the Arvada Convention Center, food and beverage vendors, as well as marketing and collection fees.

“Healthcare Horizon: The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act’s Impact on Your Profession”: COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 23, 2013. Organized and assisted in the facilitation of a panel discussion on how MFTs can be prepared for upcoming changes in the profession due to Obama Care and joining with established medical entities.

Keneth Hardy “Working with the Traumatized Family”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 28th, 2012. Leading role in the organization and facilitation of the conference, including contracting with the speaker, vendors, sponsors, the Arvada Convention Center, food and beverage vendors, as well as marketing and collection fees.

COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 31, 2012. Organized and assisted in the facilitation of a panel discussion on coordinating MFT education with requirements from the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).

John and Julie Gottman “Level-One Training – Bridging the Couple Chasm”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 16th and 17th, 2011. Leading role in the organization and facilitation of the Gottman conference, including contracting with the speaker, vendors, sponsors, the Colorado Convention Center, food and beverage vendors, as well as marketing and collection fees.

“Techie Therapist Panel”: COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March, 2011. Organized and assisted in the facilitation of a panel discussion on enhancing MFT marketing strategies through the use of technology.

Monica McGoldrick “Context and Connections, Transforming Life Narratives using Genograms”: COAMFT Annual Conference, October 1, 2010. Supporting role in the organization and facilitation of the McGoldrick conference presentation, including contracting with the speaker, booksellers, food and beverage vendors, conference sponsors, and the presentation site, as well as marketing and collecting fees.

“Risk Prevention: Best Practices for Compliance with Legal and Ethical Standards for MFTs”: COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 27, 2010. Organized and assisted in the facilitation of a panel discussion on current legislative work, as well as new mental health standards affect MFTs in Colorado.

Michele Weiner-Davis “One Foot Out the Door”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 25, 2009. Supporting role in the organization and facilitation of the Weiner-Davis conference presentation, including contracting with the speaker, booksellers, food and beverage vendors, conference sponsors, and the presentation site, as well as marketing and collecting fees.

“House Bill – 1086”: CAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 21, 2009. Assisted in the

facilitation and marketing for the Annual Meeting, which highlighted the upcoming HB-1086 bill,

which would mandate that MFTs participate in a Continuing Competency/Continuing Professional Development Program.

Cloe Madanes “Strategic Marriage and Family Therapy”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 19, 2008. Supporting role in the organization and facilitation of the Madanes conference presentation, including contracting with the speaker, booksellers, food and beverage vendors, conference sponsors, and the presentation site, as well as marketing and collecting fees.

“Sexual Addiction: Featuring Dr. Jill Manning”: COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 15, 2008. Assisted in the facilitation and marketing of the Annual Meeting, which featured Denis Lane and Dr. Jill Manning.

Terry Levy and Michael Orlans “Healing the Traumatized Family: Concepts and Skills”: COAMFT Annual Conference, September 21, 2007. Supporting role in the organization and facilitation of the Levy/Orlans conference presentation, including contracting the speakers, booksellers, food and beverage vendors, conference sponsors, and the presentation site, as well as marketing and collecting fees.

“What Smart Couples Know: The Secret to a Happy Relationship”: COAMFT Annual Membership Meeting, March 17, 2007. Assisted in the facilitation and marketing of the Annual Meeting, which featured author Dr. Pat Covalt.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP & INTERSHIPS

Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant: *DU – GSSW*, September 2007 to September 2009. Assisting Professor Lynn Parker, PhD, with her various professional research projects, including data gathering (qualitative interviews).

Student Therapist/Graduate Intern: *DFI*, September 2002 to May 2003 (MSW Internship). **Population:** Medically indigent individuals, couples and families. At Sacred Heart House of Denver, all clients are single, homeless women with their children.

Case Coordinator/Student Therapist: *Adams Community Mental Health Center - CASASTART Program*, January 2002 to May 2002 (MSW Internship). **Population:** Elementary and middle school-aged children and their families.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIPS

Volunteer Worker/Undergraduate Intern: *Adelante Transitional Program and LaPuente Home Program* (sister agencies), January 1996 to May 1997. **Population:** Homeless or emancipating individuals and/or families.

Undergraduate Intern: *San Luis Valley Comprehensive Mental Health Center*, January 1997 to

May 1997. **Population:** Clients were of various ethnicity, age, and gender experiencing some level of mental distress.

THEORETICAL ORIENTATION

Due to my educational, practical, and clinical experience, I have an integrative Family Systems theoretical orientation (Structural, MRI Brief-Strategic, Haley-Madanes Strategic, Solution-Focused, and Bowenian) as well as a Cognitive-Behavioral approach, with some influence from Narrative Family Therapy.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC REFERENCES

*Available upon request.