
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION, LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS

Psy.D. Argosy University, Clinical Psychology, Chicago

M.Div. Duke University, Pastoral Care & Counseling

High Honors B.A., Philosophy, University of Florida

Licensed Psychologist, Florida

Licensed Psychologist, Wisconsin

Licensed Psychologist, North Carolina

Certified Food Over Medicine Instructor, Wellness Forum Institute of Health Studies

North Carolina Health Service Psychologist Certification

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Founder/President/Clinical Director/Psychologist-Consultant, Centre for Human Flourishing LLC, Milwaukee & Hartland, WI 8/2014 - present. Independent, private agent of a wide array of mental and emotional healthcare and health & wellness coaching services to individuals, couples, & families. www.centreforhumanflourishing.com
- ❖ Lecturer in Psychology, Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin, 9/2019 - 12/2019. Designed an undergraduate abnormal psychology course offering a scientific / critical overview of the field of abnormal psychology to include history, theoretical models, assessment, diagnosis and treatment, and legal & ethical issues with an emphasis on understanding psychopathology on a continuum of human health/illness, and increasing empathy for human suffering; delivered in a traditional lecture format with class discussion and video clips/ DVD material to a class of 30 students.

- ❖ Founder/President/Clinical Director/Psychologist-Consultant, Centre for Human Flourishing, PLLC, Andrews & Murphy, NC 9/2004 - 5/2014. Established PLLC as an officially designated National Health Service Corp. (NHSC) agency; Independent provider of generalist, forensic, consultation, and industrial-organizational psychology services to individuals, families, couples, and, public as well as private entities in the community, including criminal responsibility assessments for attorneys, expert witness services in Superior and District courts; police candidate fitness for duty assessments for 2 law enforcement agencies; capacity to parent evaluations for social service agencies; bariatric surgery evaluations for individuals; and a wide array of leadership-organizational services to a contract manufacturing company — including executive leadership coaching, supervisor training, team building, conflict resolution leadership, leadership selection planning & evaluations, and employee assistance services.

SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Psychologist, Meridian Behavioral Health Center, Marble, NC 8/2004 - 11/2005
Postdoc; Performed all the responsibilities and duties of a generalist psychologist to include psychological assessment, testing, analysis, report writing, individual, couple, family, and group psychotherapy, and clinical documentation / record keeping.
- ❖ Psychologist, Elgin Mental Health Center, Elgin, IL, 6/2003 - 6/2004
Internship; Provided forensic psychological services to a population of individuals adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity and Unfit to Stand Trial in a medium security State Forensic facility — psychological assessment, testing, analysis, case conceptualization, report writing, individual, couple, family, & group psychotherapy; clinical documentation / record keeping; attendance at educational seminars; completed writing doctoral dissertation, and presented a synopsis of dissertation to the faculty and staff of the unit.
- ❖ Psychologist, Central Dupage Pastoral Counseling Center, Carol Stream, IL 6/2002 - 6/2003
Therapy Externship; Provided spiritually informed and sensitive psychology services to individuals, couples, and families; assessment, testing, psychotherapy; created and presented a seminar for member of the community on the spirituality of marriage.

- ❖ Psychologist, Midwest Counseling Center, Orland Park, IL 6/2001 - 6/2002
Diagnostic Externship; Provided neuropsychological testing & assessments focused on the diagnosis of attention-deficit and other neuropsychological disorders; analysis & integration of data; wrote psychological reports; provided psychotherapy to individuals and families; conducted forensic investigative research.
- ❖ Clergy, British Methodist Church, Glasgow, Scotland, 5/1999 - 8/1999
Field Education; Provided all functions of a Methodist minister/pastor as an extern within the Glasgow Circuit of the British Methodist Church to include pastoral care and counseling, preparation and delivery of sermons, participation in baptisms and funerals, collaboration and coordination of ecumenical events within the Glasgow circuit; exploration & cultivation of cultural knowledge, customs, & mores of the Scottish people.
- ❖ Chaplain, Major Surgery and Trauma Unit, Department of Pastoral Care, Duke University Medical Center, 5/1998 - 8/1998
Clinical Pastoral Education; As a critical part of the medical team, I attended to the spiritual and emotional needs of individuals admitted to the Major Surgery & Trauma unit – the majority of which were involved in motor vehicle accidents, and organ transplant patients, and staff; provided spiritual/emotional assessments; prepared and delivered sermons in the hospital chapel occasionally; performed baptisms upon request; provided pastoral care leadership presence at every death on the unit in accord with hospital policy; participated in family meetings involving patients on the unit; attended Dept. seminars, daily morning meetings; & provided regular on-call duties for the entire hospital.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- ❖ American Council on Exercise Certified Personal Trainer/Coach, Independent Contractor, Chicago Suburbs, 9/2000- 9/2004
Provided physical health services to individuals and couples at health club facilities; performed fitness assessments; designed and implemented physical fitness programs & plans; trained/coached individuals & couples toward achievement of their health goals.

- ❖ Chaplain, *Partners in Caring, AIDS/Infectious Diseases*, Duke University Medical Center, 8/1998 - 6/2000

Worked on a team of chaplains with one intern to provide spiritual and emotional health assessments and care to individuals diagnosed with HIV AIDS, and their families; participated in strategic planning meeting relative to the mission of *Partners in Caring*; provided on-call services to Duke University Medical Center as needed.

- ❖ Columnist, *Human Flourishing*, Cherokee Scout, Murphy, NC 2004-2014

Health and human flourishing: perspectives on health & wellness, health care policy, mental health & illness, and psychotropic medication use/abuse

- ❖ Membership Director, *Duval County Medical Society*, Jacksonville, FL 10/1987-6/1993

Responsible for leadership, planning, & coordination of all the activities of six committees to include scheduling & attending meetings, planning and hosting new member orientations, developing agendas, organizing events, coordinating volunteers, communicating with committee members and the public, and, in collaboration with the committee Chairs, drafting official correspondence for the following committees: Judicial, Bylaws, Peer & Insurance Review, Grievance, Sports Medicine, and the Membership Committee. In addition, I was responsible for credentialing physicians applying for membership, and all administrative duties of the Judicial, Grievance, & Peer and Insurance Review committees including investigating & reviewing complaints from the public & physicians' colleagues, and legal actions taken by the State against members, and composing letters for the committees to the complainants.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- ❖ Guest on live talk radio show, *The Dr. Peter Breggin Hour*. February 1, 2017
- ❖ Who's Who in America, 2010 -
- ❖ Who's Who of American Women, 2006
- ❖ Teaching Assistantship, Psychological Assessment (Rorschach)
- ❖ Native American Scholarship, George Fox University, 2000
- ❖ John Lane Memorial Scholarship (Chaplaincy & Counseling), Duke University
- ❖ United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division, 1999

- ❖ Trinity United Methodist Church (Gainesville) Seminarian Scholarship
- ❖ Wesley United Methodist Church (Gainesville) Seminarian Scholarship
- ❖ Palma Ceia United Methodist Church (Tampa) Seminarian Scholarship
- ❖ Southside United Methodist Church (Jacksonville) Seminarian Scholarship
- ❖ University of Florida Women's Club Academic Scholarship, 1996
- ❖ American Academy of Distinguished Students, 1996
- ❖ Dean's List, Central Florida Community College, 1993
- ❖ President's List, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, 1990 - 1993

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- ❖ Center for the Study of Empathic Therapy, Education, & Living (Founding member - present)
- ❖ International Association for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry (2014 - present)
- ❖ MindFreedom International (2014 - present)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ❖ Board of Trustees, Hartland Pubic Library, 2021 -
- ❖ Tour of America's Dairyland, Hartland 2021
- ❖ Milwaukee Community Sailing Center, 2018 - 2019
- ❖ Volunteer, Jewish Home and Care Center, & Chai Point Senior Living, 2015
- ❖ Volunteer, Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, 2014
- ❖ Board Director, Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House/Homeless Shelter (NC), 2013-2014
- ❖ Provider Liaison to the Board, Potters Touch (Asheville, NC), 2013-2014
- ❖ Provider, Potters Touch (Blue Ridge & Smoky Mountain Districts of WUMC Conference *counseling and spiritual direction services*) 2010 - 2014
- ❖ Cherokee County Crime Prevention Council (NC), 2010 - 2014
- ❖ Education Committee, North Carolina Psychology Association, 2004 - 2010
- ❖ Nominated by the North Carolina Psychology Association for Mountain Representative to the Board of Directors, North Carolina Psychology Board
- ❖ Board of Trustees, First United Methodist Church (Elgin, IL) 2002 - 2004

- ❖ Education Committee, First UMC Elgin 2002 - 2004
- ❖ Usher, First UMC Elgin 2002 - 2004
- ❖ Usher, First UMC Chicago Temple 2001
- ❖ Curriculum Committee, Duke University Divinity School 1999 - 2000
- ❖ Communion Steward, Duke Chapel (Duke University), 1997 - 1998
- ❖ Women's Retreat Planning Committee, Trinity UMC (Gainesville FL), 1997
- ❖ President, United Methodist Women, (Reddick FL), 1993

INTERESTS

Human Excellence: Health, Happiness, Human Flourishing

Holistic, Integrative Psychotherapies: Mind/Body/Spirit