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Degrees

2003	Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario MA in Religious Studies: Focus Religion and Psychology
1981	State University of New York, Plattsburgh, N.Y. MA in Applied Psychology – School Specialization
1979	Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana BS in Psychology

Career Highlights

- Published *The Fifth Position: A Guide for Developing Intercultural Resiliency and Pluralism*, Dec. 2016
- Registered Psychologist in Alberta since 1985; Clinical Supervisor for 12 years
- 40 years therapeutic experience working in public and private schools and mental health counselling agencies
- Psycho-educational and cognitive assessments of children and youth
- Developed and presented workshops on resiliency, play and child related therapies
- Specialized training in narrative and solution focused therapy, family violence, sexual abuse, trauma, and hypnosis
- Ongoing professional development in narrative therapy and hypnosis
- Approved therapist for working with the Indigenous population in Canada

Employment

Registered Psychologist

Sundancer Psychological Services (Private Practice),
Calgary/Cochrane, AB.

Sept. 1986 – June 1988

Sept. 1995 – June 2001

Sept. 2016-Present

- ❖ Psychological private practice including:
 - Counselling adults, adolescents, children, couples, and families including play therapy and hypnosis.
 - Contract with Indigenous Services Canada offering counselling at the Stoney Nakoda First Nation, Morley, AB.
 - Contract with Indigenous Services Canada offering counselling to Aboriginal clients in the Calgary area.
 - Development and presentation of training seminars for professionals in collaboration with Jade Counselling Services, Calgary, AB.
 - Supervision of provisional psychologists for College of Alberta Psychologists
 - Psychoeducational assessments of school age children and adults

- Development of training seminars for professionals on developing intercultural resiliency
- Development of adult play therapy group, *Laughing Matters*.
- Management and development of home programs with high functioning preschool children with autism. Individual play and group therapy with children with autism.

CityUSeattle, Calgary Campus
Calgary AB

Sept. 2017-Present

- ❖ Part time faculty in the master's level psychology program. Courses include Culture and Diversity; Practicum Courses: Case Conceptualization & Counselling Psychology Treatment and Ethics; Brief Therapy Models; Group Therapy; Introduction to Counselling Skills; Grief and Loss; Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy

Lethbridge Family Services
Lethbridge, AB

Sept. 2017- May 2018

- ❖ Clinical supervisor for counselling staff team including registered therapists and provisional psychologists; clinical supervisor for group program; community liaison for family violence programming; development and facilitation for a general bereavement group; individual counselling with adults, children, couples, and families.

The Calgary Counseling Centre
Calgary AB

Sept. 1993 – June 2001

Jan. 2014-Oct. 2017

- ❖ Individual, couple, and family counseling. Counseling adults and children with a variety of therapeutic needs. Play therapy with children; group facilitator in the Prevention of Family Violence Program; supervision of residents for CAP, master's level student interns, staff; supervisor for the BICS program partnership with CFS; clinical supervisor for women's and children's programs; training and consultation to staff interns and residents on play therapy techniques; facilitation and development of training seminars to interns and residents; consultation to staff and residents on hypnosis; presentation to the media on mental health or current issues; counselling manager (2015-2017).

Family Psychology Place,
Calgary, AB

Aug. 2013-Aug. 2016

- ❖ Psycho-educational assessment and clinical diagnosis of children, youth, and adults; Psychological treatment for anxiety, ADHD, depression, parenting, and related clinical concerns.

New Heights Early Learning Services
Calgary, AB

Sept. 1999 – June 2001

- ❖ Behavior consultation to classroom staff and families of preschoolers with autism; parent support groups; member of multidisciplinary therapy team.

Renfrew Early Childhood Services School
Calgary, Alberta

Jan. 1988 – June 1993

- ❖ Behavior consultation to classroom staff and families; assessment of mildly to severely delayed preschoolers. Development and implementation of peer training; individual program and integration of special needs children; member of multidisciplinary therapy team. Development and facilitation of parent support groups.

Clinical Consultant

Limestone School Board, Kingston ON

Sept. 2008- Aug. 2013

- ❖ Psycho-educational assessment of school age and children and adolescents; Clinical assessment for suicide and risk assessments; Participation on school teams identifying and supporting children through a pyramid model of service.

Senior Counselor

Children's Mental Health of Leeds and Grenville, Brockville, ON

Sept. 2006 – July 2013

- ❖ Mental health interventions for children, youth, and their families through variety of therapeutic interventions: trauma focused CBT; Solution-focused therapy; play therapy and family therapy; participation on treatment teams; development and facilitation of Asperger's parent support group; consultation to colleagues and families on ASD; participation on training team for Level 1 VTRA.

Professional Organizations

American Psychological Association-Associate Member

2015-Present

Canadian Psychologists Association

2008 – Present

American Academy of Religion

2004 – 2006

President and Administrative Director of the International Society of Child and Play Therapy
– Play Therapy International (PTI)

2000 – 2002

President of the Alberta Play Therapy Association

2000 - 2001

Alberta Play Therapy Association Member of the Executive

1999 – 2001

Canadian Association of Clinical Hypnosis (Alberta Division)

1999 – 2001

Play Therapy International – Certified Child Psychotherapist and Play Therapist, Supervisor,

Professor with International Board of Examiners in Play Therapy

1996 – 2006, 2016

College of Alberta Psychologists (Certified/Registered)

1985 – Present

National Association of School Psychologists

1982 – 1996

Workshops/Papers Presented

“Integrating Celtic Wisdom to Foster Resiliency in Psychotherapy”; Workshop presented at the 2022 Expressive Therapies Summit, East coast, Novembre 2022, (online)

“Hope and Healing for Therapists in Difficult Times”; Workshop presented at the 2022 Expressive Therapies Summit, West coast, April 2022 (online), and East coast, November 2022 (online).

“Spirituality and Creative Expression for Enhancing Resiliency in Psychotherapy”; Workshop presented at the 2021 Expressive Therapies Summit, East coast, Nov. 2021 and West coast, April 2022. (online)

“Expanding Pluralism in the Age of Covid”; Workshop presented at the 2021 InPACT online conference, April 24, 2021.

“Developing Intercultural Resiliency through Pluralism in the Time of COVID”; Workshop Presented at the Psychiatrists and Psychotherapy Online Conference, April 2021.

“Developing Intercultural Resiliency with Children, Youth and Families through Nature and Culture”; Workshop presented online at the 2021 Expressive Therapies Summit, LA, May 2, 2021.

“Honoring Story to Promote Resiliency in Therapy”; Workshop presented with E. McIver at the Indigenous Health Online Conference, U. of Toronto, Dec. 2020.

“Developing Intercultural Resiliency and Healing Narratives through Nature and Culture”; Workshop presented at the 2020 Canadian Psychological Association online conference.

“Cultivating a More Diversified Relationship with Religion and Culture in Therapy through the Development of Intercultural Resiliency”; Workshop presented at the Erickson Congress, Phoenix, AZ, Dec. 12, 2019.

“Building Bridges of Understanding with Religion and Culture through Intercultural Resiliency”; Workshop presented at the 2018 Brief Therapy Conference, Burlingame, CA, Dec. 6-9, 2018.

“Developing Intercultural Resiliency”; Workshop promoted through Sundancer Psychological Services, presented in Calgary, AB., Feb. 3, 2018, and Kingston, ON., Oct. 10, 2018.

“Intercultural Resiliency and Pluralism: Building Bridges of Understanding and Healing”; Guest speaker at Emmanuel College, Toronto, ON, Oct. 11, 2018.

“Intercultural Resiliency and Pluralism: Building Bridges of Understanding and Healing”; Presented at the 29th World Summit on Positive Psychology, Mindfulness and Psychotherapy, NY, NY, May 28-29, 2018.

“Resilient Family Stories”; Workshop presented at the 2016 Play Therapy United Kingdom Conference, New Windsor, UK, June 2016.

“Facilitating Change in Family Violence through a Collaborative Model”; Workshop presented at Canadian Domestic Violence Conference 3, Toronto, ON, Feb. 2013.

“Developing Pluralist Therapy”; Workshop presented at Canadian Psychological Association Convention, Halifax, NS, June 2012.

“Building Resilient Stories: Working Briefly with Trauma”; Workshop presented at Catching the Winds of Change 4 Conference, Toronto, ON, March 2011.

“Resiliency and the Pluralist: Expanding the Therapist's Worldview”; Workshop presented at The Mental Health and Spirituality Conference, Calgary, AB, September 2009.

“Resiliency and the Pluralist: Expanding the Therapist's Worldview”; Workshop presented at The Spirituality and Mental Health Conference, Ottawa, ON, April 2009.

“Resiliency and Grief with a Pluralist Worldview”, Workshop presented conference, International Network of Personal Meaning, Toronto, ON, July 2008.

“Resiliency and the Pluralist: Building Bridges of Creative Meaning”; Workshop presented at the 2008 Canadian Psychological Association Convention, Halifax, NS, June 2008.

“Expanding the Therapist's Worldview: Creating New Meanings for Religion and Psychology” and “Resiliency and the Pluralist: Building Bridges of Creative Meaning”; Paper and poster presented at the 65th Conference of the International Council of Psychologists, San Diego, CA, August 2007.

“Facilitating Resiliency in Christian Sexual Abuse Survivors”; Paper read at the University of Montreal, Dept. of Religious Studies, Special interest study, Montreal, PQ, May 2006.

“Spiritual Journeys in the Visual Arts: Developing Healing Resiliency or Complacent Hero Worship”; Paper read at the Eastern International Region Conference of the AAR, Montreal, PQ, May 2005.

“Finding and Facilitating Resiliency in Christian Sexual Abuse Survivors”; Paper read at the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, Winnipeg, MN, June 2004.

“Resiliency in Religion: A Creative Meaning Making Process for Therapists”; Paper read at the Health and Spirituality Conference, Calgary, A.B., May 2004

“Developing Resiliency in Traumatized and Grieving Children: A Therapeutic Relationship for Religion”; Paper presented at the Eastern International Region Conference of the AAR, Ithaca, NY., April 2004.

“Resiliency among Sexual Abuse Survivors within the Christian Church”; Paper read at University of Toronto Religious Studies Graduate Conference, Toronto, ON, Spring, 2002.

Developed and presented training workshops on play therapy with children, adults, and families for Canadian Play Therapy Association across North America; Opening and Keynote presenter at Kingston Play Therapy Summer Training Institute, Kingston, Ontario. Guest faculty for PTUK at Fern Hill Center, Fairwarp, England. 1999- 2002

Continuing Education

2006 – Present

Evolution of Psychotherapy 2023, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Dec. 2023, Anaheim, CA.

2022 Expressive Therapies Summit, LA, April 2022, (online). Workshops on Trauma; Internal Family Systems

Evolution of Psychotherapy 2021, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Dec. 2021, (online).

2021 Expressive Therapies Summit, Atlantic City, NJ, November 2021, (online). Workshops on Grief and Loss; Culture and Privilege; Projective and Art Therapy Techniques; Therapist Burnout

2021 Expressive Therapies Summit, LA, May 2, 2021, (online). Workshops on Culture; Projective and Art Therapy Techniques; Narrative and Story interventions

Art of Psychotherapy (Evocative Communication), Milton H. Erickson Foundation, July 18-August 8, 2021 (once/week online)

Art of Psychotherapy (Trauma), Milton H. Erickson Foundation, April 18-May 9, 2021 (once/week online)

Art of Psychotherapy (Relationship Issues), Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Jan 31-Feb. 28, 2021 (once/week online)

Evolution of Psychotherapy 2020, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Dec. 2020, (online).

Phoenix Master Class (online), Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Oct. 24-27, 2020.

Interactive Master Class on Experiential Psychotherapy (Round 4), Milton H. Erickson Foundation, August 30 -September 20, 2020 (once/week online).

Masters of Psychotherapy Online 2020, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, July 17-Dec. 4, 2020 (1/month online).

Interactive Master Class on Experiential Psychotherapy (Round 2), Milton H. Erickson Foundation, June 21-July 12, 2020 (once/week online).

Interactive Master Class on Experiential Psychotherapy, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, May 17-June 7, 2020 (once/week online).

Spring Intensive Training, Level 2; Milton H. Erickson Foundation, March 9-13, 2020.

Erickson Congress and Pre-Conference, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Phoenix, AZ., Dec. 11-15, 2019.

Spring Intensive Training, Fundamental, Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Phoenix, AZ, March 11-15, 2019.

Brief Therapy Pre-Conference and Conference 2018, Milton Erickson Foundation, Burlingame, CA., December 5-9, 2018.

Evolution of Psychotherapy 2017, Milton Erickson Foundation, Anaheim, CA, December 13-17, 2017.

Ego State Therapy: Looking Through the Eyes of Trauma and Dissociation and Somatic Therapy: Toward an Embodied Self, Bainbridge Institute of Integrative Psychology, Lethbridge, AB., Nov. 21, 2017.

Couples Conference 2017, Milton Erickson Foundation, Manhattan Beach, CA, March 31-April 2, 2017.

Presentation on REACH, S. Miller, Calgary Counselling Centre, Calgary, AB. June 10, 2016.

The 12th International Erickson Congress 2015, Milton Erickson Foundation, Phoenix, AZ, December 10-13, 2015.

The Brief Therapy Conference 2014, Milton Erickson Foundation, Garden Grove, CA, December 11-14, 2014.

Treating Depression in Children and Adolescence, M. Yapko, Calgary, AB. November 2014.

When Good Men Behave Badly: Radical New Approaches for Helping Bring Out the Best of Men in Relationships, David B. Wexler, Calgary, AB, November 2014.

Autism Spectrum Disorder, ON Child Youth Tele-psychiatry, CMHLG, Nov. 2012.

Violence Threat Risk Assessment, Levels 1, 2, Systems, Family Assessment and Training the Trainer (VTRA, Level 1), Ontario training, 2008-2012,

Self-Regulation, Peel District School Board Annual Psychology Conference, May 2012.
Trauma Focused CBT Online training, CMHLG, Spring 2012.

First National VTRA Review Conference, Banff, ON, April 2012,
Solution Focus Interventions, CMHLG, Brockville, Winter 2012.

Topics on Child and Adolescent Assessment and Interventions, On-line training, Queen's University/Dept. of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Spring, 2011.

Narrative Therapy Training Certificate Program, HinksDellcrest Institute, Burlington, ON. Oct. 2010-April 2011.

Working with Impossible Clients, Yvonne Dolan, Toronto, ON, November 2008.

International Network on Personal Meaning, Conference, Toronto, ON, July 2008

Psychological Association, Conference, Halifax, NS, June 2008.

Lessons of Loss: Grief and Narrative Disruption, R. Niemeyer, Brockville, ON, Feb.2008.

Addressing the Consequences of Trauma: A Narrative Perspective, Michael White, Toronto, ON, March 2007.

ASIST Training, Brockville, ON, March 2007.

Triple P: Positive Parenting Practices, Standard and Group training and Certification, February, April 2007.

Therapeutic Spiral Model, Ottawa, ON, Oct. 2006.

2000-2005

Canadian Society of Clinical Hypnosis- Fall Conference, Calgary, AB.

Presentation and Attendance at Kingston Summer Training Institute, Kingston, ON

Canadian Society of Clinical Hypnosis, Spring Conference, Banff, Alberta.

Alberta Play Therapy Association conference, Dr. Mark Barnes, Calgary, AB.

World Congress on Child and Play Therapy, Dublin, Ireland.

Jan Lackstrom, "Eating Disorders", Calgary Counseling Centre, Calgary, AB.

1995-1999

Conferences on: Family Violence, Play Therapy, Eating Disorders in Children and Youth, Sexually Traumatized Children, Brief and Narrative Therapy, Formal training and supervision in Clinical Hypnosis (Detailed information available upon request).

1981-1989

Ongoing professional development

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