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EDUCATION

- 2004 Doctorate of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.), Widener University, Chester, PA
 APA accredited
 Dissertation: *An Interpersonal Perspective on Self -Concept Development in Blind Adolescents*
 Chair: Linda Knauss Ph.D.
- 2002 M.A. Clinical Psychology, Widener University, Chester, PA
- 1998 B.S. Psychology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
 Major: Psychology
 Minors: Africana Studies and Spanish

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2007 Licensed psychologist in Pennsylvania
- 2011 Certificate in psychoanalytic psychotherapy, Philadelphia School of
 Psychoanalysis
- Pending Certification in Psychoanalysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Psychologist

Omni Health Services, Upper Darby, PA

2016–present

- Conduct comprehensive psychological evaluations for children and families facing behavioral, emotional, developmental, social, and financial challenges.
- Make recommendations for mental health services, community resources, and educational supports.
- Service as a consultant to behavioral specialist consultants, mobile therapists, and therapeutic staff support workers.

Psychotherapist/Psychologist

Private Practice, Philadelphia/Upper Darby, PA
2001–present

- Conduct individual short- and long-term therapy with patients dealing with various DSM diagnoses, chronic mental health issues, adjustment disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and relationship problems.
- Supervise interns and practicum students.
- Deliver child, family, and couples' psychotherapy with diverse and underserved populations.
- Facilitate adjustment to blindness groups for blind adolescence with the Overbrook School for the Blind.

Psychologist Advisor

Community Behavioral Health, Philadelphia, PA
2012–2016

- Advised mental health providers on the quality of behavioral health rehabilitation services (BHRS) delivered to children and families in Philadelphia.
- Conducted first level, second level, and fair hearing grievances pertaining to BHRS.
- Provided supervision, consultation, and clinical oversight to the organization regarding best practices for mental health treatment for Medicaid customers.
- Collaborated with professionals across disciplines to establish practice guidelines for treatment for children with autistic spectrum disorder.
- Served as the lead psychologist for clinical meetings for care managers.

Outpatient Therapist/School-Based Clinician

Crozer Hospital, Children and Family Services
2004–2008

- Conducted outpatient psychotherapy for children and families.
- Provided services to children and families with issues surrounding neglect, abuse, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, behavioral intervention, family problems, and emotional support.
- Conducted psychotherapy with at-risk children ages 5–17.
- Provided parenting instruction to parents of aggressive and depressed children.
- Delivered behavior support, in-class intervention, and consultation to staff in an emotional support classroom setting
- Overall 65 percent utilization; met standards for patient retention and attendance

Outpatient Therapist, APA accredited
Family Support Line, Media, PA
2003–2004

- Provided individual, couples, and family psychotherapy with victims of sexual and domestic abuse.
- Facilitated healthy sexuality workshops to children ages 11–13.
- Supervisor: Anthony Goldsmith, M.A., licensed psychologist

Clinical Coordinator, APA accredited
Elwyn Institute, Philadelphia, PA
2002–2003

- Conducted individual, group, and family psychotherapy sessions to adolescent girls in an inpatient setting.
- Conducted service planning meetings.
- Served as a consultant for outside child welfare agencies, schools, and program staff regarding treatment planning and interventions.
- Supervisor: Dr. Carol Gillus, Ph.D., licensed psychologist

Psychotherapist/Practicum Student
Delco Blind Sight Center, Chester, PA
1999-2003

- Conducted individual and group psychotherapy with visually impaired and blind clients coping with issues surrounding Adjustment to blindness.
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary rehabilitation team for the adjustment to blindness of clients.
- Made clinical recommendations for rehabilitative, psychological, and vocational aspects of adjustment to blindness.
- Provided individual and group counseling during summer rehabilitation program for blind adolescents.

Practicum Student
New Directions Academy
2000-2001

- Provided counseling in an alternative school with children with social and emotional difficulties.
- Collaborated with school staff on behavioral interventions and treatment planning.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty

University of Phoenix, Philadelphia, PA
2007–present

- Plan lessons in accordance with curriculum standards and organizational goals.
- Assess student work and performance, providing timely feedback and grades.
- Develop classes that engage students and encourage learning.
- Courses include Essentials of Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Psychology of Personality Human Motivation in the Workplace, Psychology of Men and Masculinity, Critical Thinking, and American Contemporary Society.

PUBLICATIONS

Watson, A. (2016). *Vision in the Dark: How Living in the Dark Taught Me to See the Light*. Philadelphia, PA.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 Presenter, *Family Dynamics and Its Role in the Life of the Person with Vision Impairment*, Teleconference, Pennsylvania Council of the Blind
- 2017 Speaker, *Having a Vision for Your Life*, Eastern University Academy Charter School.
- 2016 Presenter, *The Misconceptions of Blindness*, State Convention, Pennsylvania Council of the Blind
- 2016 Speaker, Teachers and School Staff Opening Day, Overbrook School for the Blind
- 2015 Speaker, Teachers and School Staff Opening Day, Eastern University Academy Charter School.
- 2015 Speaker, Adjustment to Blindness and Blind Veterans, Veterans Administration.
- 2014 Speaker, Adjustment to Blindness and Blind Veterans, Veterans Administration.
- 2012–present Speaker, Summer Transition Training, Overbrook School for the Blind
- 2012 Presenter, *Psychotherapy with Men and Masculinity*, Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 Speaker, *Adjustment to Blindness, The Martial Arts, and Self-Defense*, Delco Blind Site Center, Chester, Pa.
- 1999 Baccalaureate Speaker, Overbrook School for the Blind
- 1995 Keynote Speaker, Sports Banquet, Overbrook School for the Blind

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2004 Excellence in Empathy, Widener University
- 2002 Dr. James Wolfe Award, Widener University
- 1996 Athlete-Scholar Award, University of Pittsburgh
- 1994 Sportsman of the Year, Central High School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2013–2016 Founder, Audio Dart Club of Delaware Valley
2008–2009 Board member, Delaware County Association of the Blind
1995–present Member, United States Association of Blind Athletes

ATHLETICS

2009–2010 Athlete Representative, Blind Sports Organization
2008 Athlete, Judo, Summer Paralympics, Beijing, China
2002–2003 Athlete, Goalball National Team, United States Association of Blind Athletes

VOLUNTEERING

2012 Blind Sports Organization, Philadelphia, PA
1998 Inglis House, Philadelphia, PA
1997 Associated Services for the Blind, Philadelphia, PA
1996 Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, Darby, PA
1995 Elwyn Institute, Media, PA

REFERENCES

Available upon request.