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Curriculum Vitae Summary

- Adept in providing psychotherapeutic treatment for children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families.
- Specialized in the treatment of psychological trauma, relationship concerns, and addiction.
- Experienced in performing clinical documentation, collaborating with social services professionals in providing multimodal treatments for clientele, and coordinating treatment with other professionals.
- Proficient in providing professional presentations for counseling education and professional development.
- Specialized in working with LGBTQ+, kink, and consensual non-monogamy communities.
- Experienced in program development in outpatient mental health and preventative services.
- Skilled in providing agency marketing and public relations for homeless shelter and counseling services.
- Extensive experience working with at risk youth in downtown Los Angeles, traumatized children and adolescents, Juvenile Justice Clients, Native American populations, adults, teenagers, and homeless adults.
- Skillful presentation skills for professional, university, lay, and community populations.
- Proficient organizational, administrative, writing, computer, and communication skills.

Education

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Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology
Graduate Certificate in Human Sexuality
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies

California Southern University
Southwestern College
Wheaton College
Vanguard University

Professional Licensure & Certifications

- New Mexico Licensed Professional Clinical Mental Health Counselor LPCC (# 0144871)
- AASECT Certified Sex Therapist
- Gottman Method Couples Therapy Level 3 Trained
- Certified QPR Gatekeeper by the QPR Institute
- Florida Registered telehealth provider (# TPMC24)
- Fully Trained EMDR Professional (Part 1 & 2)
- NAMA Certified Anger Management Specialist I
- Certified in the CYFD SAFE home study technique

Clinical Experience

1. Private Practice Psychotherapist and Owner (01.2012 - Present)

Families First Therapy - Albuquerque, NM

- Provided counseling in family, individual, and couples milieus, including intake assessment and all clinical documentation.
- Networked with schools, juvenile probation, child protective services, local courts, and other professionals.
- Marketed this practice through brochures, presentations, informal networking, social media, and website mediums.
- Created psychoeducational youtube resources for marketing and outreach.
- Performed all administrative, accounting, and billing services for the private practice.
- Provided additional referrals for co-occurring or aftercare services as needed.
- Prepared and presented contractual continuing education seminars for licensed professionals.
- Marketed presentations to professional and para-professional audience.
- Presented seminars to agencies and provided consultation on various topics including ethics and private practice.
- Recruit, manage, and train contract clinicians in mentorship model approach to clinical work and private practice.

2. Highlands University Contract Seminar Presenter (12.2011 - Present)

Highlands University - Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, and Las Vegas, NM

- Prepared and presented contractual continuing education seminars for licensed professionals.

3. Psychotherapist (11.2009 - 01.2013)

La Familia / Namaste - Albuquerque, Los Lunas, Santa Fe, and Gallup, NM Supervisor: Claire Barr (505) 803-7459

- Provided counseling in family, individual, couples, and group (e.g. boy's group and parenting group) milieus.
- Networked with schools, juvenile probation, child protective services, local courts, and other professionals.
- Provided case management services as requested by clients and as deemed appropriate.
- Perform clinical intake assessments for outpatient and treatment foster care programs.
- Provided adoption counseling with children in treatment foster care.
- Researched and presented didactic continuing education seminars for Treatment Foster Care Parents.
- Developed, marketed, and implemented an outpatient program in the Gallup and Zuni communities.

4. Community Behavioral Health Clinician (03.2012 - 11.2012)

CYFD: Juvenile Justice Division - Albuquerque, NM

- Provided clinical oversight, didactic trainings, and clinical supervision of over twenty probation officers for over 200 adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system.
- Provided crisis interventions and supportive counseling as needed with youth in the juvenile justice system.
- Monitored best-practice services provided to over 200 adolescents in the juvenile justice system.

5. Clinical Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Treatment Practicum (08.2008 - 06.2009)

Dupage County Psychological Services - Wheaton, IL

- Co-facilitated Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse therapy groups.
- Provided individual therapy and conducted intake evaluations for clients.
- Taught court-mandated cannabis education and risk education courses.
- Attended educational seminars on substance abuse, domestic violence, and dual-diagnosis group therapy.

6. In-home Health Care Provider (05.2007 - 08.2008)

Private Residence - Wheaton, IL

- Provided in-home aid to a multiply handicapped, nonverbal adult man. Duties included assisting with his use of the toilet, bathing him, assisting him in getting ready for bed, planning and implemented an exercise routine for him (including both cardio vascular and weight training exercises), assisting him at meal time by softening, mixing, cooling, and shredding his food, and teaching him new behavioral activities and anger management alternatives to his aggressive behaviors.

7. Anger Management Instructor (01.2007 - 11.2009)

JUST of Dupage program, Dupage County Jail - Wheaton and various other locations, IL

- Taught weekly classes on anger management for men and women incarcerated in the Dupage county jail.
- Collaborated with a team to design and refine a published anger management course curriculum.

8. Assistant Director of Youth and Family Programs (08.2003 - 01.2007)

Fred Jordan Missions - Los Angeles, CA

- Managed a bi-weekly after school program that involved tutoring, teaching modules, and planning curriculum for over 200 at risk youth and children in the downtown Los Angeles and east Los Angeles communities.
- Supervised a food pantry that distributed groceries for 150 families and underserved individuals and families.
- Facilitated the distribution of hygiene and clothing materials to 180 women each week.
- Networked with local service organizations to recruit and train volunteers.
- Planned and lead summer educational trips for over 100 at risk children and youth, and served as a camp counselor for over 50 at risk children and adolescents during summer camps.
- Taught a weekly computer training and career development class for Men in the residential addiction recovery program.
- Managed the planning and operation of major outreach events, providing the local underserved community with hot meals, school supplies, clothing, shoes, and hygiene items. These 5-6 annual events were attended by over 10,000 people.

Conference Presentations

(PENDING) (03.27.2020) [Cultural Competence in working with Consensually Nonmonogamous Clients](#). NMCA-NM Conference.

(06.21.2019) [A clinician's guide to ethics and safety in the use of technology](#). NM Synergy Conference.

(03.23.2019) [Staying Ethical and Safe while using Technology](#). NMCA-NM Conference.

(03.06.2019) [Staying](#)

Professional Presentations

(PENDING) (05.06.2020) [Staying Ethical and Safe while using Technology](#). Highlands University.

(PENDING) (04.08.2020) [Cultural Sensitivity in working with sexual and gender minority clients](#). Highlands University.

(PENDING) (02.07.2020) [Starting a Private Practice](#). Highlands University.

(12.13.2019) [Psychotherapy Ethics](#). Highlands University.

(10.18.2019) [Cultural Competence in working with Consensually Nonmonogamous Clients](#). Couples Therapy Consultation Group.

(09.20.2019) [Clinician Burnout Prevention Round Table Discussion](#). Couples Therapy Consultation Group.

(05.24.2019) [Psychotherapy Ethics](#). Highlands University.

(03.27.2019) [Cultural Competence in Clinical Work with Sexual and Gender Minority Clients](#). Highlands University

(03.01.2019) [Starting a Private Practice](#). Highlands University.

(08.17.2018) [Psychotherapy Ethics](#). Couples Therapy Consultation Group.

(06.01.2018) [Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all](#). Highlands University

(02.08.2018) [Starting a Private Practice](#). Highlands University

(01.16.2018) [HIPAA Compliance and Updates](#). Health Families.

(12.08.2017) [Starting a Private Practice](#). Highlands University

(10.20.2017) [Treating Relationship Betrayals](#). Couples Consult Group.

(10.17.2017) [Ethical and Legal Compliance](#). Healthy Families, Inc.

(07.07.2016) [Sex Positive Psychology](#). Highlands University.

(03.10.2017) [Introduction to Gottman's research and LGBTQ treatment implications](#). LGBTQ Consultation Group

(02.24.2017) Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all. Highlands University

(11.11.2016) Starting a Private Practice. Highlands University.

(04.22.2016) Mindfulness based interventions for helpers. Turning Point Recovery.

(04.08.2016) Culturally sensitive work with non-traditional couples and individuals. Highlands University.

(02.26.2016) Starting a Private Practice. Highlands University.

(07.24.2015) Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all. Turning Point Recovery

(06.26.2015) Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all. Highlands University

(06.05.2015) Suicide prevention for the LGBTQ community. LGBTQ Consultation Group

(05.01.2015) Suicide prevention, early intervention, and treatment. Turning Point Recovery

(03.27.2015) Suicide prevention, early intervention, and treatment. Highlands University

(01.30.2015) Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all. Turning Point Recovery

(09.06.2014) "Starting your own private practice." Families First Therapy

(08.04.2014) "Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all." Families First Therapy.

(06.02.2014) "Developmental impact of psychological trauma." Families First Therapy.

(05.02.2014) "Suicide prevention, early intervention, and treatment." Families First Therapy.

(04.12.2014) "QPR Suicide Triage Technique and Self-Harm." Open Skies Healthcare.

(03.21.2014) "Starting your own private practice." Highlands University.

(02.10.2014) "Interventions for Community Support Workers to utilize in helping clients who are addicted." Open Skies Healthcare.

(02.03.2014) "Introduction to Addictions." McKinley County Schools.

(11.07.2013) "Introduction to Addictions and DSM 5." Juvenile Probation.

(02.15.2013) "Developmental Impact of Psychological Trauma for Children and Adolescents." Highlands University.

(11.13.2012) "Update on substance abuse drugs of abuse." CYFD Juvenile Probation Presentation.

(11.02.2012) "Update on substance abuse drugs of abuse." CYFD Juvenile Probation Presentation.

(08.10.2012) "Suicide Risk and Protective Factors." CYFD Juvenile Probation Presentation.

(01.13.2012) "Working with oppositional and defiant children." La Familia.

(12.14.2011) "Play as communication." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(12.09.2011) "The developmental impact of psychological trauma." Highlands University.

(09.15.2011) "Suicide triage and risk factors." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(09.10.2011) "Self care & burnout avoidance / Confidentiality / Ethics / Risk / Protective factors and mental health across the lifespan." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(08.17.2011) "Practical interventions and TFC focused behaviors." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(07.27.2011) "Psychotropic medication overview." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(05.06.2011) "Stress-Diathesis Model." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(12.03.2010, 12.18.2010, 03.11.2011, 04.02.2011, 04.03.2011, 06.04.2011, & 06.05.2011) "CYFD trauma training module." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(02.05.2011) "Bullying and empathy development." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(02.03.2011) "Attachment Model & Child Development." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(01.21.2011) "Stress-disease model." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(01.07.2011) "Self-care and burnout avoidance." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(12.17.2010) "Trauma-based pathology and interventions." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(12.03.2010) "Practical Interventions in working with children." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(10.22.2010) "Neurosequential treatment model." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(09.25.2010 & 11.18.2010) "Karin Purvis model." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(09.25.2010) "Attachment-focused treatment with adolescents diagnosed with co-morbid addiction and trauma." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(09.24.2010) "Using the attachment model with adolescents." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(09.02.2010) "Working with adolescents with dual-diagnosis." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(08.06.2011 & 08.13.2011) "Introduction to Addiction." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

(07.30.2010) "Neurosequential treatment model." Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

Ethical and Safe while using Technology. NASW-NM Conference.

Publications

Ratcliff, S. (2019). Rediscovering a love for psychotherapy through doctoral work. American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Ratcliff, S. (2016). Clients getting worse in counseling. American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Ratcliff, S. (2014). Stuck in that blasted family of origin role. American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Ratcliff, S. (2013). Teachable Moments. American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Ratcliff, S. (2013). And the media traumatizes another. American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Ratcliff, S. (2012). A lesson in unconditional positive regard. American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Ratcliff, S. (2012). Where will the horror end? American Counseling Association Member Blog.

Swanson, K., and Ratcliff, B., and Ratcliff, S. (2009). Anger Management Curriculum: A 12 week program designed for use in a correctional setting. Billy Graham Center: Institute for Prison Ministries.

Professional Memberships and Associations

- American Counseling Association (ACA)
- The International Center for Clinical Excellence
- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- New Mexico Counseling Association (NMCA)
- American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT)
- The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSF)

Conferences Attended

- (PENDING) 06.2020 American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists Conference (Palm Springs)
- (PENDING) 04.2020 Southwest Love Fest Conference (Tucson)
- (PENDING) 03.2020 New Mexico Counseling Association Conference (Albuquerque)
- 03.2019 American Counseling Association Conference (New Orleans)
- 03.2019 New Mexico Counseling Association Conference (Albuquerque)
- 03.2019 National Association of Social Workers – New Mexico Conference (Albuquerque)
- 09.2018 Dialogues on Pornography Symposium (Santa Fe)
- 06.2018 American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists Conference (Denver)
- 04.2018 American Counseling Association Conference (Atlanta)
- 04.2017 New Mexico's 4th Annual Sexuality and Gender Diversity Health Summit (Albuquerque)
- 04.2017 New Mexico Counseling Association Conference (Albuquerque)
- 03.2017 National Center on Responsible Gaming Conference (Albuquerque – Sandia Resort and Casino)
- 03.2017 American Counseling Association Conference (San Francisco)
- 03.2016 American Counseling Association Conference (Montreal)
- 03.2014 American Counseling Association Conference (Honolulu)
- 06.2011 2nd Annual Navajo Adolescent Health Conference (Farmington)
- 04.2011 New Mexico Mental Health Counselors Association: Trauma and Treatment in the 21st Century (Albuquerque)

Additional Cross-Cultural and Volunteer Work

- Co-facilitated couples counseling monthly consultation & education group (08/2017 - Present)
- Road Runner Food Bank Warehouse Volunteer (11 / 2011)
- Adoption Exchange Advisory Board Member (12/2014 - 2/2016)
- CASA of Mckinley county program development volunteer (7/2011 - 3/2012)
- Volunteer for thanksgiving food box program at *Road Runner Food Bank* (2011)
- Big brother / big sister of New Mexico mentor (7/2010 - 7/2011)
- Counseling center volunteer: *Turning Point Counseling* La Mirada, CA (10/2006 - 1/2007)
- Designed and maintain webpage for social justice nonprofit "The Community for Justice and Mercy" (2005)
- Renovating community and religious facilities in Nizhnii Novgorod, Russia (1/2004-4/2004)
- 2 Weeks in the Dominican Republic volunteering with a hurricane relief construction crew (1999)
- Assisted with various community programs such as meals on wheels and community beautification projects (1999)
- 3 Months as a volunteer YMCA day camp counselor working with urban children and adolescents (1998)

Professional Blogs

- <https://www.counseling.org/news/aca-blogs/aca-member-blogs/aca-member-bloggers/stephen-ratcliff>

References available upon request

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