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ACADEMIC PREPARATION:

Doctorate of Philosophy, Human Development, December 2006
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

Dissertation: A Cybernetic analysis of the United States' relationship with Iraq
Advisor: Scott Johnson, Ph.D.

Master of Arts, Marital and Family Counseling, December 2002
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Concentrations: Marital and Family Therapy, Family Systems, Integration of Spirituality and Psychology, Theology

Research Project: *Efficacy of Communication-Enhancing Strategies on Task Completion in Adolescent Diagnosed with ADHD*

Bachelor of Science, Religion, May 2000
Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX

Concentrations: Theology, Psychology

AFFILIATIONS:

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy – 2003 to present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Faculty; Virginia Tech – Human Development

Summer I 2004 – Families and Children Under Stress
Fall 2004 – Family Law and Public Policy
Spring 2005 – Family Law and Public Policy

Teaching Assistant; Virginia Tech – Human Development
Spring 2004 – Family Relationship

Fall 2003 – Families and Children Under Stress

Teaching Course (2003) – *Teaching in Higher Education*, with apprenticeship
Virginia Tech

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Therapist; Sept. 2006 - current

New River Valley Community Services, Radford, VA

- Therapist for residential crisis stabilization unit
- facilitate group and individual therapy for a diverse population with a variety of mental health and substance abuse diagnoses
- complete admission and discharge psychosocial assessments

Emergency Services Clinician; Sept. 2003 – current

New River Valley Community Services, Blacksburg, VA

- Community based, state mental health agency. A wealth of training!*
- Conducted on-call emergency assessment in a variety of settings to determine the necessity of hospitalization
- Worked closely with medical professionals, mental health professionals, and law enforcement personnel
- Conducted independent evaluations for multiple Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts giving expert witness testimony
- Provided short-term crisis counseling for individuals, adolescents, and families
- Provided on-going mental health and substance abuse treatment
- Conducted an anger management group in a state correctional facility
- Conducted on-going group substance abuse treatment based on the Motivational Enhancement, Motivational Interview, and Stages of Change models.
- Served as a community liaison for a local law enforcement agencies
- Conduct mental health, substance abuse, mental retardation, and competency assessments commissioned by various community agencies
- Conducted various psychological appraisals using the MMPI-2, BDI, and SASSI
- Served as a member of the regional Disaster Mental Health and Critical Incident Stress Management teams

- Recent Trainings Attended
 - Bipolar Spectrum Disorders
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Critical Incident Stress Management

Counseling Intern; Jan. 2004 – current

Family Therapy Center of Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

- Conducted individual, couple, and family therapy for a variety of presenting issues including parenting, adolescence, sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance use, anxiety, depression, bipolar and other related problems.
- Completed the Supervision of Supervision course. I am pursuing AAMFT Approved Supervisor Status (currently Supervisor Candidate)

Counseling Intern; Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2002

Thomas E. Chambers Counseling Center, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, LA

Counseling Intern and Behavior Modification; Aug. 2001 - Dec. 2001

Enterprise Public School System and Freedom Counseling Services, Brookhaven, MS

- Designed and conducted social skill and behavior modification groups with at-risk adolescents

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- Qualitative Dissertation (Fall 2005 – Summer 2006)
- Graduate Research Assistant (Fall 2003 – Spring 2005): Community Building through Intergenerational Activities – Advisor: Shannon Jarrott
- Graduate Research Team Member:
 - Graduate Students' view of research – Team Leader: Fred Piercy
 - Family Business Research – Team Leader: Anna Beth Benningfield
- Graduate Research class and project, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2001 - Spring 2002

-Research Assistant Pharmacology laboratory, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Fall 1997

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Applying systems theories to large domestic and international systems
- Integration of Psychology and Spirituality: spiritual development in adolescents, use of spirituality in family therapy, multicultural spirituality
- Comparison of outcome studies for individual, family, and group therapy for particular disorders and issues
- Adolescence: resiliency, motivation, emotional development in clinical and non-clinical families, etiology of disorders, higher order conceptualization of abstract concepts
- The search for universal spiritual development in all cultures across the lifespan

RESEARCH SKILLS:

- Utilized SPSS statistical program extensively
- Utilized N6 (NUD*IST) extensively for qualitative analysis
- Competent in LISREL (Structural Equation Modeling)
- Experience with Test Administration, Data Collection, Rating, and Data Management

RESEARCH COURSES:

2005, Marriage and Family Therapy Research, Virginia Tech
2004, Structural Equation Modeling, Virginia Tech
2004, Regression Analysis, Virginia Tech
2004, Advanced Statistics in Education, Virginia Tech
2004, Measurement Theory in Education, Virginia Tech
2003, Qualitative Research with Families, Virginia Tech
2002, Scientific Research II, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
2001, Scientific Research I, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

PUBLICATIONS

Morris, M. (2006). *A cybernetic analysis of the US's relationship with Iraq*. Manuscript in preparation. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

Gigliotti, C. M., Morris, M., Smock, S. A., Jarrott, S. E., & Graham, B. (2005). Supporting community through an intergenerational summer program involving persons with dementia and pre-school children. *Educational Gerontology*, 31, 425-441.

Piercy, F.P., McWey, L.M., Tice, S.N., James, E.J., Morris, M., & Arthur, K. (2005). It was the best of times, it was the worst of times: doctoral students' experiences of family therapy research training through alternative forms of data representation. *Family Process*, 44 (3), 363-378.

PRESENTATIONS

Gigliotti, C. M., Jarrott, S. E., Morris, M., & Smock, S. A. (2004, November). Supporting community through an intergenerational summer program involving persons with dementia and pre-school children. Symposium presented at the meetings of the Gerontological Society of American, Washington, D. C.

Jarrott, S.E., Morris, M., Kemp, A.J., & Stremmel, A.S. (2004, November). Intergenerational cross-training partners: Collaboration at a shared site community. Symposium presented at the meetings of the Gerontological Society of America, Washington, D.C.

REFERENCES:

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