

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION: **Rutgers University**, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology
Psy.D degree in January 2006, Psy.M degree in October 2002
Spelman College, B.A. degree May 1998, Major: Psychology

LICENSES: Licensed Psychologist #4832

DISSERTATION:

“High-Achieving, Professional, Single, African American Women and Their Quest for Education, Career, Marriage and Motherhood”

This qualitative study examines ideas and attitudes about whether professional success has come at the cost of personal happiness. It explores the unique circumstances that may augment this trend for African American women with advanced degrees. This study systematically investigates how these women perceive their own reality and why this phenomenon is occurring.

Dissertation chair: Nancy Boyd-Franklin, Ph.D.

CURRENTLY:

November 2014- present Dr. Edwin A. Rosenberg & Associates, Summit, NJ
Associate

Practices a dual specialty in clinical and forensic psychology. Conducts comprehensive psychological evaluations on adults, adolescents, and children primarily for custody cases. Custody, parental fitness, parenting time, impact of divorce/separation, and family assessments are primary areas of in-depth evaluation.

January 2014-present

Private Practice, Bridgewater, NJ

Evaluator/Clinician

Practices a dual specialty in clinical and forensic psychology. Conducts comprehensive psychological evaluations and risk assessments on adults, adolescents, and children to be used for mental health, medical, and judicial purposes. Skilled assessments are provided in the following areas: psychological functioning/impairment, pre-surgical fitness, custody, parental fitness, impact of divorce/separation, learning and behavioral issues, motivational assessments, diagnostic clarification (including determination of Axis I vs. Axis II disorders), family violence issues, and needs/services. Provides court-ordered & non-court-ordered evaluations, including DCPD evaluations, throughout New Jersey. Gives expert court testimony. Also maintains a psychotherapy practice oriented toward the cognitive-behavioral treatment of Anxiety and Mood disorders & Family and Interpersonal dysfunction. Sub-specialties in Wellness and Couples therapy.

PAST EXPERIENCE:

March 2011- December 2013

Group Practice, Somerville, NJ

Evaluator/Clinician

Perform psychological and bonding evaluations with individuals, families, adolescents, and children. Perform full range of cognitive and personality testing. Prepare comprehensive written reports communicating my findings to referral sources. Conduct psychotherapy with adults, couples, and children. Consult with attorneys, social service agencies, courts, parents, and guardians, as needed, in consultation for completion of evaluations and treatment. Provide expert testimony in pending litigations as necessary.

February 2007- May 2013

University of Medicine & Dentistry, Clinton, NJ

Clinical Psychologist

Work in conjunction with the NJ. Department of Corrections to assess and treat a diverse population with a broad spectrum of mental health needs in a forensic setting. Responsible for performing psychological competency evaluations, for the Dept. of Corrections, to determine appropriateness for reduced custody, parole, or community release. Perform cognitive/personality psychological testing assessments. Lead and managed the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) which provides higher frequency of individual and group treatment to patients identified with Axis I disorders co-morbid with behavioral issues. Provide specialized Inpatient individual and group treatment. Facilitate manualized "Beyond Trauma" group for patients with PTSD, a process-oriented, "Women's Wellness" group that discusses various women's mental health issues, a "Designing the Self" group that utilizes cognitive-behavioral treatment and coping strategies, and a MICA group for patients with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

August 2006-November 2006 UMDNJ, New Brunswick, NJ

Staff Psychologist

Provide direct clinical treatment to severely and persistently mentally ill population in an extended day treatment setting. Provide individual and group treatment to an ethnically and culturally diverse client population with diagnoses including, but not limited to, schizophrenia, schizoaffective, bipolar, substance abuse, and borderline disorders. Areas of specialty included women's wellness and cognitive-behavioral treatment for Anxiety Disorders, Depression, and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

March 2006-July 2006 University College Counseling Center, Rutgers University

Staff Psychologist

Provided short-term, focused, psychotherapy to a diverse undergraduate and graduate population. Additional responsibilities included academic and career advisement and all related administrative responsibilities.

July 2004-July 2005 University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ, Newark, NJ

Psychology Intern

Provided direct clinical services that address the behavioral health needs of adults, children, families, and groups from diverse backgrounds. This intensive program has a strong emphasis on multi-disciplinary training and the practice of culturally competent psychology. I was supervised on several rotations such as: Acute Partial day treatment in which I provided group therapy to patients with disorders such as: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Bipolar 1&2, Substance Abuse, anxiety disorders, and the full range of psychotic disorders. Child & Adult Outpatient in which I provided individual, couples, and family therapy for diverse clients with a full spectrum of moderate to severe disorders. Children of Violence rotation in which I provided individual and family therapy to children aged 5-16 who have experienced abuse and/or trauma. Behavioral Medicine/Health Psychology in which I provided individual therapy and pain management psycho education to patients with medically-based disorders often co-morbid with mental disorders. Psychological/Neuropsychological Assessment in which I administered full batteries to patients with potential psychiatric, psychological, neurological and/or cognitive disorders. Psychiatric Emergency Room Services in which I provided comprehensive mental status examinations and psychological needs consultations in conjunction with psychiatrists and physicians.

2000-2001 Anxiety Disorders Clinic of NJ- New Brunswick, NJ

Provided short and long-term cognitive behavioral therapy to clients with various anxiety disorders. Co-facilitated an Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) group for survivors and their loved ones that met

twice a month. Provided home-based psycho-education to parents of developmentally disadvantaged children weekly.

1999-2000 Rutgers Counseling Center-New Brunswick, NJ

Provided weekly short and long-term psychotherapy to a diverse undergraduate and graduate population. Additional experiences include group therapy co-leadership and the facilitation of outreach programs campus-wide.

1998-1999 Somerset Counseling Project-Somerset, NJ

Provided therapy and academic counseling to at-risk minority youths ages 11-13. Practicum involved weekly, school-based, counseling sessions with the children, in addition to weekly sessions at the home.

1998-2001 GSAPP Psychological Clinic at Rutgers-NJ

Provided individual therapy to diverse clients with predominantly adjustment disorders, interpersonal conflicts, and social phobias.

April 2008-July 2008 Raritan Valley Community College, Somerville, NJ

Adjunct Professor

Taught English as a Second Language (ESL) through the Continuing Education Dept. to predominantly Korean adults. Administered appropriate pre and post assessments, incorporated workbook materials into didactic teaching format.

Sept. 2006-Dec. 2006 Raritan Valley Community College, Somerville, NJ

Adjunct Professor

Taught Principles of Psychology to first and second year students. The course featured a broad appraisal of major themes in psychology including, but not limited to, research methodology, biological and social factors influencing behavior, development, learning, memory, personality, and abnormal psychology. The course emphasized the role of culture and ethnicity in psychology, introduced students to the diagnosis process, and required written critical analyses of major psychological topics.

Jan. 2006-May 2006 Raritan Valley Community College, Somerville, NJ

Adjunct Professor

Taught Basic Composition to new and continuing education students. Course emphasized the improvement of comprehensive reading, grammar, and editing skills. There was a special focus on the writing process and the development of critical analysis skills.

Sept. 2005-Dec. 2005 Raritan Valley Community College, Somerville, NJ

Adjunct Professor

Taught Principles of Psychology to first and second year students. The course featured a broad appraisal of major themes in psychology including, but not limited to, research methodology, biological and social factors influencing behavior, development, learning, memory, personality, and abnormal psychology. The course emphasized the role of culture and ethnicity in psychology, introduced students to the diagnosis process, and required written critical analyses of major psychological topics.

Sept. 2002-May2004 Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody, GA

Adjunct Professor

Taught several sections of Principles of Psychology to first and second year students. The course featured a broad survey of the major topics in psychology including, but not limited to, research methodology, biological and social factors influencing behavior, development, learning, memory, personality, and abnormal psychology. Applicability of theories and research findings across ethnically diverse cultures and the diagnosis process are considered.

Sept. 2002-June 2003 Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Adjunct Professor

Designed and taught four sections of Composition and Rhetoric entitled

“Understanding the Human Experience”. The course focused on the connection between literature and psychology and the embeddedness of psychosocial themes in written word. First and second year students participated in an in-depth analysis of the writing process and discussions of psychology and culture.

Jan. 2002- May 2002 Clayton College & State University, Morrow, GA

Adjunct Professor

Taught General Psychology during the spring semester to predominantly first and second year students. The course featured a broad survey of the major topics in psychology including, but not limited to, research methodology, biological and social factors influencing behavior, development, learning,

memory, personality, and abnormal psychology. Applicability of theories and research findings across contemporary cultures is considered.

Jan. 2002- June 2002 American Intercontinental University, Buckhead, GA

Adjunct Professor

Taught General Psychology to new and continuing education students. This course also focused on the major topics in psychology, the prominent theorists, and applicability of theories and research findings across contemporary cultures.

Jan. 2002- June 2002 American Intercontinental University, Buckhead, GA

Adjunct Professor

Taught Abnormal Psychology to upper level students during the winter term. This course introduced students to the basic concepts and topics in the field of abnormal behavior. Students studied the current paradigms in psychopathology (e.g. biological, psychoanalytical, learning and cognitive). This course covered such topics as: neuroses, psychoses, personality disorders, substance abuse and addictive disorders, sexual disorders, mood disorders and childhood disorders together with causation, diagnosis, prevention, treatments, and outcomes.

Jan. 2002- June 2002 American Intercontinental University, Buckhead, GA

Adjunct Professor

Taught two sections of Composition and Rhetoric as an introductory course in the English curriculum. The class focused on teaching students to communicate effectively through the written word, learn basic grammar and composition skills, understand the writing process, and work individually and collaboratively to apply critical thinking to texts, personal writings, and planned projects.

2001- 2002 Raritan Valley Community College, Somerville, NJ

Adjunct Professor

Taught Basic Composition and English I courses for three consecutive semesters to new and continuing education students. Courses emphasized the improvement of comprehensive reading, grammar, and editing skills. There was a special focus on the writing process and the development of critical analysis skills.

2001- 2002 Brookdale Community College, Lynchburg, NJ.

Adjunct Professor

Taught Basic Composition and English I courses to new and continuing education students. Courses were designed for improvement of grammar, comprehensive reading, and editing skills. Critical analysis skills were the primary focus of this class.

2000-2001

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Adjunct Professor

Taught two writing intensive women's studies courses at the undergraduate level. Classes consisted of guest speakers twice monthly, assigned readings related to women's issues, and weekly written assignments geared toward the sharpening of writing and critical analysis skills.

Assessment Experience

WISC-IV	MMPI-2
WAIS-III	PAI
WMS-III	Rorschach
COGNISTAT	Thematic Apperception Test
Beck Clinical Inventories	House-Tree-Person
Stroop Visual-Motor Test	Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test
Wisconsin Card Sort	Rotter Incomplete Sentences
Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test	Kinetic Family Drawing
Child Behavior Checklist	Strong Interest Inventory
Rey Complex Figure	Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
Structured Clinical Interview	MPACI/MACI/MCMI-III Inventories

Professional Trainings

Guardianship & Custody Evaluations- 2011 & 2012

Mental Health Risk Assessments: 2010

Co-Occurring Mental Health Disorders: 2008

Forensic Evaluations- 2009, 2010, & 2011

Psychological Evaluations- 2009

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Assessing Malingering- 2009

Complex PTSD- 2009

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for Bipolar Disorder- 11/2010

Suicide Prevention- 2007-2011

HIPAA Compliance- 2007-2011

Treating Anger Issues- 2008

Assessing Psychopathology- 2010

DSM Differential Diagnoses- 2009

Sex Offender Treatment- 2011

New Approaches to Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for OCD- 2010