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EDUCATION

- 1993-1999 University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Social Work
Dissertation: *“Holy Ground, Common Ground: Perspectives of Christian Clergy on their Mental Health Role”*
- 1986-1988 University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore
Master of Social Work (MSW)
Clinical Concentration
- 1980-1982 Mt. St. Alphonsus, Esopus, New York
Master of Divinity (MDiv)
- 1978-1980 **Master of Religious Education (MRE)**
- 1973-1978 St. Alphonsus College, Suffield, Connecticut
Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Philosophy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- January 2000 – Present
Clinical Faculty, University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work
Master of Social Work Program. Courses taught: Human Behavior in the Social Environment I & II, Social Work Practice with Groups and Families, foundation courses for MSW students focusing on social theories, psychological theories, psychopathology, systems assessment, and interventions.
- January 2004 – 2006
Adjunct Faculty, Loyola College of Maryland, Graduate Program in Pastoral Counseling
Teach graduate foundation course in psychotherapy theory and practice focusing on theories of psychotherapy and integrated approaches to clinical work.
- September 2003 – 2006
Faculty, Clinical Social Work Institute, Washington DC
Teach graduate course in Family Therapy for third-year students in this clinically focused doctoral program. Serve on and chair doctoral dissertation committees.
- September 1988 – December 2003
Adjunct Faculty, Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk Campus
Chemical Dependency Counseling Program, Division of Science, Health, and Human Services.
Courses taught: Family Therapy, Advanced Individual Counseling.

September – December 2001

Adjunct Faculty, *Western Maryland College, Department of Social Work*

Taught Practice 2 course for undergraduates in BSW program focusing on generalist social work interventions with individuals, families, groups and communities.

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Religion and mental health, help-seeking behaviors, clergy attitudes toward mental health, grounded theory, family systems theory, psychoanalysis, theory development, and social work history.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

September 1996-May 1997

Doctoral Student, *University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work*

Participated in study of community dwelling elderly examining the long-term effects of childhood maltreatment and lifetime coping mechanisms. Recruited subjects, administered survey instruments, performed data entry and analysis, wrote and reported findings related to religion, coping, and mental health.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

1988-Present

Clinical Social Worker, *Pastoral Counseling Services of Maryland, Baltimore*

Provide psychotherapy services to a general outpatient caseload including long term psychodynamic work with individuals, and marital/family therapy from a systemic perspective. Provide clinical supervision in individual and group formats. Developed and led continuing professional education seminars for staff members and community mental health professionals. Participate in program development, and policy formation for this private non-profit agency.

1990-1993

Clinical Supervisor, *Community Counseling & Resource Center, Baltimore*

County Provided clinical group supervision for substance abuse counselors working in this outpatient clinic with drug and alcohol addicted persons.

1987-1988

Clinical Social Work Intern, *Counseling and Psychiatric Services (White House), Johns Hopkins University, Homewood Campus, Baltimore*

Provided psychoanalytic psychotherapy for members of the university community in an intensive outpatient setting. Developed and co-led group treatment for persons with substance abuse disorders.

1986-1987

Clinical Social Work Intern, *Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Service, Inpatient Unit (CAPS-IN), Franklin Square Hospital Center, Baltimore County*

Provided individual and family therapy, assisted in discharge planning for inpatient population. Co-led outpatient psychotherapy group.

1986-1988

Counselor, *First Step Youth Services Center, Baltimore County*

Provided individual and family therapy for at-risk adolescents and their families under substance abuse prevention and delinquency prevention grant funding.

1985-1986

Counselor, *Community Counseling & Resource Center, Baltimore County*

Provided ongoing clinical services to individuals, families, and groups. Conducted chemical dependency assessments for adolescents to determine eligibility for publicly funded inpatient treatment.

1982-1985

Associate Pastor, *Sts. James & John Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore*

Director of Religious Education for children and adults, staff member emergency food and clothing program, pastoral counseling, sacramental ministry, various pastoral responsibilities for this neighborhood church in a distressed urban environment.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

1999 **Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore**

Provided adult education, referral, and development of social support networking for adults of the parish and community effected by drug and alcohol addiction and collateral issues, in this distressed urban neighborhood.

2000 **Saint Benedict Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore**

Provided adult education, referral resources and support group formation for parishioners providing care for sick and disabled seniors.

2009-2018 **Saint Charles of Brazil, Catholic Apostolic Church, Baltimore**

Served as Pastor and parish priest for this independent Catholic, progressive, and socially active congregation. Work with parishioners on projects with West Side Men's Shelter, Lazarus Caucus, and Samaritan Women organizations serving people affected by homelessness and human trafficking.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1988 – Present

Member, National Association of Social Workers

1989 – 2013

Member, American Association of Pastoral Counselors

