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Education

The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
Master of Education in Community Counseling, August 2000
CACREP Accredited program
GPA 3.9 overall graduate

Hunter College of the City of New York
Bachelor of Arts in English, January 1973

Certification

National Certified Counselor (NCC), October 2000

License

Licensed Professional Counselor, State of Illinois #178-002962

Honors

Kappa Delta Pi, international honor society in education
Chi Sigma Iota, academic and professional counseling honor society

Experience

Florida Keys Community College, Key West, FL, Adjunct Instructor,
January 2008-present

~ Teach continuing education course on the grief process and the theory
of Transformative Bereavement

ShareGrief.com, Grief Specialist, May 2006-present

~ Provide online grief support, education, and resources via email to the
bereaved from all over the world

American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health volunteer, Hurricane
Katrina, Louisiana, September 2005

~ Counseled disaster survivors in shelters and Welcome Centers

~ Supported and counseled staff members

~ Assisted supervisor

~ Journal of my experiences published on front page of The National
Certified Counselor (the NBCC newsletter), Winter 2005

Liberal Religious Educators **Sophia Fahs Lecturer**, Unitarian

Universalist Association General Assembly, June 2005

~ Presented endowed lecture on *The Grief Spiral: Transformative
Bereavement and the Power of Loss*

~ Lecture to be published in the journal *Selected Essays*, published by
the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association

American Hospice Foundation Bereavement Teleconference,

Newport News, VA, April 2003

~ Participated on panel of local experts

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Co-founder, **Center for Transformative Counseling, Inc.**, May, 2002-present

- ~ Counsel clients dealing with issues of grief, loss, abuse, addictions and spirituality
- ~ Counsel clients online via email and chat
- ~ Lectured on the grief process at community groups such as Rotary Club, Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Park Forest, IL, and Heritage Humane Society
- ~ Trained staff members at community agencies such as South Suburban PADS and a Virginia juvenile detention center in the grief process and techniques for treating adults and adolescents
- ~ Facilitated a bereavement support group for the homeless at South Suburban PADS

Post-graduate Resident, **Addictions Clinic**, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, August 2000-May 2001 (360-hour residency)

- ~ Counseled clients dealing with issues such as alcoholism, co-dependency, grief, and sexual abuse
- ~ Prepared and presented cases for supervision by clinic director

Summer Intern, **Addictions Clinic**, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, June 2000-July 2000 (8-week internship)

- ~ Counseled clients dealing with issues such as alcoholism, co-dependency, grief, and sexual abuse
- ~ Prepared and presented cases for supervision by clinic director

Intern, **Riverside Hospice**, Newport News, VA, August 1999-May 2000 (600-hour internship)

- ~ Counseled clients on death and bereavement issues
- ~ Co-facilitated two adult bereavement support groups
- ~ Counseled families and children dealing with grief and impending death
- ~ Developed and presented a 3-hour session on grief and loss for Riverside Hospice Volunteer Training
- ~ Attended ADEC (Association for Death Education and Counseling) Conference, including a 2-day intensive course in Intermediate Grief Counseling
- ~ Participated in many training opportunities and inservices
- ~ Cases presented for individual and group supervision

Practicum student, **Riverside Hospice**, Newport News, VA, January 1999-May 1999 (185-hour practicum)

- ~ Counseled bereaved individuals
- ~ Completed 25 hours of formal training in aspects of death and dying and hospice volunteer training
- ~ Counseled college students with issues of transition, relationship, and racism, with cases presented for individual and group supervision

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Volunteer, **Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg**, June 1997

~ Completed 8 hours of training in bereavement care

Caring Ministry Bereavement Specialist, **Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists**, Williamsburg, VA, September 1996-June 1998

~ Created and facilitated Beyond the Horizon Bereavement Support Group

~ Developed and facilitated effective workshops on "Holiday Issues for the Bereaved" and "Issues of Loss"

Manuscript

Wrote *The Grief Spiral: The Transformative Power of Loss*, a full-length book on a theory of bereavement that expands on currently accepted theories (being offered to publishers)

Professional Associations

Member, National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)

Computer Skills

WordPerfect, Front Page Express, Internet, Chat, OCR

Languages

Proficient in French, some knowledge of Spanish

Interests

Traveled extensively in the United States, Europe, the Caribbean; published poet and former literary magazine editor; American history and politics; spirituality; music; movies

References

Available upon request