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**Curriculum Vitae**

**Education**

MSW, Baylor University, 2003

M.Div., Truett Seminary, Baylor University, 2003

B.A, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 1997

Major: Human Development/Family Studies

**Certifications**

Childfirst Forensic Interview Training

Completed Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy training

**Related Work Experience**

**University Teaching**

Baylor University School of Social Work: Full time lecturer, August 2007-May 2009.

* Advised undergraduate and graduate student in their educational plans
* Served on various committees for the School of Social Work
* Co-led social work learning trip to Rwanda
* Taught the following Undergraduate courses:
  + Practice I: Generalist Practice
  + Practice II: Individuals, Families and Groups
  + Internship I
* Taught the following Graduate courses:
  + Practice I: Individuals, Families and Groups
  + Field Internship I
  + Policy (co-taught)
  + Advanced Internship
  + Advanced Practice: Children and Families
  + Summer Seminar for Incoming Advanced Standing Students

Baylor University School of Social Work: Online instructor, August 2010 – present.

* 2010: Research (Graduate)
* 2011-present: Advanced Practice Field Internship (Graduate)
* Present: Advanced Practice, Clinical Concentration (Graduate)

Baylor University, Garland School of Social Work: Associate Director of Online Field Education (as of May 2019)

**Practice Experience**

Private Practice, August 2016-present

* Obtained LLC to work with various clients in private practice

SAFE (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment) Seminar Creator and Facilitator, August 2015- present

* Travel to churches around the country and deliver an 8 hour sexual education seminar for caregivers

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center, Charleston, South Carolina, 2010 – January 2015.

Child and Family Therapist

* Conducted forensic interviews with children who may have experienced abuse/neglect
* Worked with parents in safety planning to regain custody of their children
* Provided trauma treatment to children and their families
* Led groups for children with Sexual Behavior Problems
* Completed LISW-CP Licensure in June 2014

One by One Ministries, San Antonio, Texas, August 2008 – June 2009.

Evaluation Consultant

* Served as evaluation consultant for non-profit program evaluation

Kathwood Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2006 – March 2007

Associate Pastor

* Led trainings for church educators
* Facilitated missions activities for the church at large
* Preached on a regular basis (approximately one time a month)
* Provided intergeneration pastoral care

Child Protective Services, Waco, Texas, February 2004 – December 2005

Caseworker

* Managed caseload of approximately 25-30 foster children
* Testified in the court system on behalf of children

Private Therapy Practice, North Charleston, SC beginning August 1, 2016

**Presentations**

\*September 2011, September 2012, and March 2013: *“Integrating Spirituality into Trauma Treatment”*

\*September and October 2015: *“Keeping Children Safe By Reclaiming the Narrative*”, Providence Baptist Church.

\*October 2015- present: Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment (SAFE)

\*June 2016- CBF General Assembly, SAFE Program (see leanngardner.com for full presentation schedule)

**Achievements**

\*Spirit of Social Work Award, 2003

\*Master of Social Work Licensure, January 2004

\*Ordained to the Gospel Ministry, May 2006

\*LISW-CP license, June 2014

**Continuing Education**

\*August 2009: Bereavement Counseling, Advanced Educational Training

\*August 2009: Sexual Abuse Prevention Training, Darkness to Light

\*October 2009: SoulCollage: An Experiential Workshop Using Imagery, Palmetto Behavioral Health

\*November 2009: Virginia Satir Workshop, Palmetto Behavioral Health

\*January 2010: National Child Protection Training Center, Childfirst Forensic Interview Training

\*February 2010: TF-CBT online training, Medical University of South Carolina

\*April 2010: Beyond Psychology: Awaking Spirituality, Palmetto Behavioral Health

\*April 2010: Sara Schuh Child Abuse Conference, Charleston, SC

\*July 2010: Normal and Abnormal Sexualized Behaviors in Children Teleconference Training, National Children’s Alliance

\*September 2010: Children and Domestic Violence,

\*October 2010: Sexual Behavior Problem School Aged Treatment Program Training- University of Oklahoma (lead therapist in school-aged sexual behavior problem group)

\*Monthly Peer Review (forensic interviewing): National Children’s Alliance

\*September 2010: Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children- The Battered Women’s Justice Project, Providence, Rhode Island, September 20 and 21

\*2010: Member of the Community Coordinated Response to Domestic Violence Task Force

\*October 2010: Fostering Family Engagement, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center

\*December 2010: Completed 35 hour Psychodiagnostics class through SC Social Work Consortium

\*January 7, 2011: “Feeling and Thinking” with Dr. Monty Knight, Palmetto Behavioral Health

\*March 15, 2011: National Peer Review Presenter (forensic interviewing)

\*April 7-8, 2011: Sara Schuh Child Abuse Conference, Charleston, SC

\*August 3-5, 2011: Sexual Behavior Problem School Aged Treatment Program Training and Pre-School training, University of Oklahoma (lead therapist in school-aged sexual behavior problem group and therapist for caregiver’s group for school-aged)

\*August 16, 2011: National Peer Review (forensic interviewing)

\*September 14, 2011: Presenter at Palmetto Clergy Group on integrating spirituality into trauma treatment

\*September 21, 2011: Co-presenter at Dee Norton Lowcountry Children’s Center Task Force on integrating spirituality into trauma treatment

\*December 2013: Advanced Forensic Interview Training, Children’s Law Center, Columbia, SC.

\*October 2015: Birth and Bereavement Doula Training with stillbirthday.com

\*August 2015: Created and implanted SAFE curriculum (Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment)

\*June 2016: Empowered to Connect Conference at Seacoast Church, Charleston, SC

\*March 2017: Cultivating Healthy Boundaries and Relationships, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

\*March 2018: NASW Presenter, “Living into the Squirm: Sexuality Education,” Columbia, SC.

\*September 2018: Medical University of SC Foster Care Clinic Presenter: “Living into the Squirm: Sexuality Education and Trauma,” Mt. Pleasant, SC.