

## CURRICULUM VITAE: 2006

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **2000**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

- Marriage and Family Therapy Specialization
- Doctor of Philosophy, Child & Family Studies

#### **1975**

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

- School of Social Work
- Masters in Psychiatric Social Work

#### **1969**

State University of New York at Cortland

- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

### **CERTIFICATION**

- American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy – Clinical Member (2001) AAMFT and approved Supervisor (2003)
- Registry of Marriage and Family Therapists in Canada #74429
- Certified Clinical Social Worker, State of New York, License #016984

### **HONORS**

- Kappa Omicron Nu, National Honor Society (1996-2001)

### **RESEARCH**

*Covision: A Quest of Inner Expertise.* A qualitative study with Action Research as methodology. An overview of supervision in Family Therapy and a study of the experience of narrative supervision by member of a cohort of therapists who worked with Gene Combs and Jill Freedman for one year. Defended successfully November 2000.

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### ARTICLES PUBLISHED

*The Men's Peace Project: A Narrative and Solution Focused Model for Working with Violent Men*, Journal of Systemic Therapy, Winter 2004

*An Invitation to Therapeutic Letter Writing*, Journal of Systemic Therapy, Volume 22, No.1 Spring 2003

*Werner and Me, A Marriage Survives Stroke*, Chapter in an edited book on strokes by neurologist Dr. William Hammesfahr (Ed.) to be published. March 2002.

*Therapeutic Letter Writing for Children*, with co-author David Pare, a chapter published in Therapist's Notebook for Children, (Ed.) Lorna Hecker & Kate Sori 2000

*Defiance on the Armchair: A Young Mother Claims Back Her Life from the Grips of Panic*, Journal of Family Psychotherapy, Vol. 10(1) 1999, pp.25-41.

*The Visible Web, Personal Theories of Therapy*, to be edited for publication 2006

*Covision: Toward Egalitarian Supervision*, an article summarizing the salient findings of my dissertation, planned for 2006.

### PRESENTATIONS

October 2005: Presented *The Challenge of Change*, 47th East Kootenay Area Conference of Hospital Auxiliaries, Invermere, B.C.

February 2003: Presented *Dialogue with the Problem of Depression*, Rural Women's Seminar, Fairmont Hot Springs, B.C.

March 2002: Presented *The Men's Peace Project* (see below) to Masters Practicum at Nova Southeastern University.

April 2001: Presented *A Marriage Survives Stroke*, to Support Group of Family Members at Florida Neurological Institute, Clearwater, Florida.

June 2000: Presented paper on *The Men's Peace Project* to International Family Therapy Conference in Oslo, Norway.

May 1999: Presentation to Purdue Faculty and Students: *My Theory of Therapy*.

Autumn and Spring 1997-98: Presentation to Professor and Students: *Narrative Therapy and Position Paper on Supervision*

Autumn 1997: Presentation to Professor and Students of MFT Purdue: *Developing Reflective Questions*.

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*Presentations continued.*

Summer 1997: Two Presentations to Professor and Students of MFT Purdue: *How to Write Therapeutic Letters.*

April 4-5 1997: IAMFT Poster Session: Presentation of *The Men's Peace Project.*

Spring Semester 1997: Presentation to Faculty and Students of MFT Purdue: *The Men's Peace Project, a narrative and solution oriented model to working with male violence.*

Spring 1995: Narrative and Solution training to Ktunaxa Staff at Columbia Lake Band Hall, Windermere BC.

February 1994: Introduction to Solution and Narrative interventions for a Multi-level Care Facility in conjunction with Invermere District Hospital.

Spring 1994: *Ktunaxa Solutions to Stress:* a workshop with the Ktunaxa people at the Columbia Lake Band Hall, Windermere, BC.

1990: Presented *Steps to Treating Sex Abuse in the Family* to Regional Mental Health Therapists, Cranbrook, BC.

### WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Training from 1989 to 1995 is included in attachment to this Vitae. Generally the focus is Narrative and Solution Based Workshops. These approaches represent my therapeutic orientation. In addition to workshops in the attachment, I have attended the following:

October 2005: Narrative 3-day Workshop with Maggie Carrie, Calgary, AB Sponsored by Fireweed, a narrative collective in Calgary.

November 2002-04: Participant in *Advanced Studies in Narrative Therapy*, Dulwich Center with Michael White, in Adelaide, Australia and Plymouth, England.

June 2000: *International Family Therapy Association Conference*, Norway. Tom Anderson, The Just Therapy Group, David Epston et al.

September 1998 & 2000: Narrative Therapy with Michael White, Calgary, AB

September 1999: *Humberto Maturana*, Calgary AB

September 1997: Narrative Track with Stephen Madigan, Victoria Dickerson, Jeff Zimmerman, Jill Freedman, Gene Combs, Bill Lax et.al. Working with Judges, AAMFT Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

April 4-5, 1997: David Selekman, *Solution Oriented Therapy with Children and Teens Narrative Therapy* with Tom Carlson, IAMFT Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana

October 11-12, 1996: Michael White and Steve DeShazer, *Contrasting and Comparing the Two Models: Narrative and Solution*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

2005 Nov-Dec: **Establishing Assiniboine Family Therapy Institute** with ultimate aim to train, educate, supervise new counselors interested in marriage and Family Therapy perspectives, while developing cutting edge clinical practice, research, publications, consultation staff development, education and training.

2004-2005: Preliminary work as **Founding Director of Assiniboine Family Therapy Institute (AFTI)** on Lake Windermere, BC. General Contractor to plan, build, equip and furnish the facility.

2001-2004: **Private clinical practice, consultation, supervision and education.** Calgary, AB and Radium Hot Springs, BC.

2003 Jan-April: **Faculty of Marriage and Family Therapy Program** at Col. Belcher Hospital, Calgary AB. Teaching foundations of Marriage and Family Therapy.

2002 Jan-April: **Adjunct Professor** for doctoral and masters practica (2) at Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida

Sept 98-June 99: **Supervising Clinician** at East and Westside Family Centers Internship, Calgary, AB

1999 April-June: **Team Collaborator** at Family Therapy Training Center at Col. Belcher Hospital in Calgary, AB. Narrative/reflecting team internship experience for 3 months.

*At sites above, I developed clinical teams, pursued expertise of student counselors, supervised teams and individuals, organized reflecting teams. Additionally, at East and Westside, I provided direct service for families and individuals.*

Sept 97-July 99: **Administrative Assistantship:** Purdue Family Therapy Clinic. Also provided clinical supervision.

Sept 96-May 97: **Research Assistantship** for Fred Piercy, Director MFT

1989-1996: Upper Columbia River Mental Health Center, Invermere and Golden, BC (see next page for achievements). **Clinical work, psychoeducation, consultation and supervision.** Ministry of Health/Mental Health, Province of British Columbia

1971-1977: Hutchings Psychiatric Center, Syracuse, New York (In attached CV). Clinical work, consultation, psycho education, **training coordinator.**

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### **Achievements at the Upper Columbia River Mental Health Center**

- Ran a single person Mental Health office for seven years in Invermere and Golden, British Columbia. Initially provided the only counseling services available there.
- Provided counseling to all age groups and all variety of mental health problems, although focus was mainly adults and teens.
- Provided individual, marital, family, group and consultative services.
- **Created two clinical teams** in Golden and Invermere, focusing on cutting edge therapeutic methods.
- **Coordinated Karl Tomm Workshops** in both towns. Karl is the Director of Family Therapy at the University of Calgary. These workshops took place from 1991-1995.
- **Co-created the first short term Narrative and Solution based treatment program** with convicted assaultive men in southeastern British Columbia.
- Worked collaboratively in a co-therapeutic effort with especially challenging cases, e.g. male violence, violent couples, families with entrenched habits of manic depression, obsessive compulsions, bipolar mood swings, etc.
- Worked extensively and promoted reflective teams from 1991 to present.
- **Created *The Upper Columbia Networker***, an in-house journal of therapeutic experiences and solution/narrative applications to clinical work.
- Worked as a consultant to Senior Home Care Services, David Thompson Secondary High School, the Ktunaxa and Shuswap Native Bands, and Social Services.
- Instituted therapeutic change in working with Native Bands. The culturally respectful models of Just Therapy founded with the Maori of New Zealand were applied to my work with the local Aboriginal Peoples.
- **Coordinated *Community Emergency Efforts*** to defuse a life-threatening suicide pact of local teens after the Kurt Colbain suicide.
- Advocate of utilizing accountability structures in systems where gender/culture sensitivity is needed.
- **Co-created** weekly in-service training for our therapeutic team in Invermere.

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## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Avid mountaineer:** backpacking, day hiking, winter cross country expeditions, snow shoeing, downhill skiing, competitive cross country and downhill racing. Wrote and published a regional hiking guide: *With Only the Goosebumps of Gladness Remaining, A Collection of Mountain Hikes in the Region of Lake Windermere.*

**Ocean sport:** swim/sail/surf... and plop on the beach.

## REFERENCES

### **Nova Southeastern University Network**

- Dr. Pat Cole, Director of Masters Program in Marriage and Family Therapy (954) 262-3022
- Dr. Chris Burnett, Director of Doctoral Program in Marriage and Family Therapy (954) 262-3010

### **Purdue Network**

- Dr. Fred Piercy, Director of Family Therapy, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia (613) 562-5800 ext.4039  
Email: piercy@vt.edu
- Dr. Doug Sprenkle, Director of Family Therapy, Purdue University (765) 494-2952
- Dawn Pratt, Ph.D. Candidate, Purdue Colleague and personal friend (765) 497-0583
- Chris Falley, MSW, former Purdue University Clinic Coordinator, Approved Supervisor of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (765) 742-0240
- Ms. Patricia daCosta, Masters Colleague & friend at Purdue University (215) 860-2683
- Dr. David Pare, University of Ottawa, member of my dissertation committee at Purdue (613) 562-5800 ext.4039

### **Calgary Network**

- Dr. Karl Tomm, Director of Family Therapy, University of Calgary (403) 270-7446
- Dr. Tom Strong, University of Calgary, Educational Psych. Dept. (403) 220-7770
- Dr. Margaret Oakander, M.D., Peter Lougheed Psychiatric Outpatient (403) 219-1543
- Loree Stout, Lori Limacher, Sara Munro, The narrative/collaborative team at Col. Belcher (403) 541 2141
- Maureen Leahy, Ph.D., Director of Family Therapy Program at Col. Belcher (403) 541-2141
- Ann Lawson, Eastside Family Centre, Woods Homes (403) 270-1737

### **Invermere Network, Colleagues and Friends**

- Ms. Cheryl Maybuck, B.A. Psych., summa Cum Laude, Maybuck Counseling and Consulting Services, Invermere, British Columbia. (250) 342-2048 Colleague and friend
- Ms. Janice Regnier, B.C. Mental Health (250) 342-4065 Colleague and friend
- Donna Madden, B.C. Mental Health, (250) 344-7560 Colleague
- Patti Mosher, Native Counselor, (250) 345-6156 Colleague and friend