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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Counselor Education and Supervision

(CACREP-accredited)

University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

2021 – 2025

Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

(CACREP-accredited)

University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

1997 – 2001

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

University of Tampa, Tampa, FL

1988 – 1992

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) – State of Missouri

License # **2002032346**

June 2002 – Present

National Certified Counselor (NCC)

National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)

May 2002 – Present

State of Missouri Approved Clinical Supervisor

May 2008 – Present

Clinical Supervisor and Approved Trainer

The Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy

July 2018 – Present

Advanced Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Certificate

Saint Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, St. Louis, MO

2015 – 2017

Brainspotting Certification

- Brainspotting Level I, Fairview Heights, Illinois — **2019**
- Brainspotting Level II, Saint Louis, Missouri — **2024**
- **Certified Brainspotting Practitioner — 2025 – Present**

HeartMath Certification

- *Resilient Heart: Trauma-Focused Training*, HeartMath Institute.
- **Certified HeartMath Practitioner — 2025 – Present**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Psychotherapist & Clinical Supervisor (Private Practice)

Clayton, Missouri

January 2017 – Present

- Provide individual, couples, and family psychotherapy for adults and adolescents, along with wellness coaching, clinical trainings, and professional development workshops.
- Offer clinical supervision and consultation to mental health professionals
- Develop and deliver continuing education workshops
- Provide individual and group coaching to executives and professionals focusing on leadership development, emotional intelligence, stress management, relational effectiveness, and performance optimization.
- Provide individual psychotherapy to Major League soccer athletes, supporting emotional well-being, performance demands, identity, and adjustment to the rigorous physical, psychological, and lifestyle challenges of high-performance professional sport.
- Provide trauma-informed psychological assessments and clinical consultation for immigration and personal injury attorneys, evaluating the emotional and psychological impact of trauma, injury, displacement, and significant life events in legal contexts.

International Clinical Training & Continuing Education

- Provided clinical training and continuing education workshops for therapists and social workers from Uganda, conducted in the United States

- Served for seven consecutive years as an approved trainer and presenter for continuing education workshops for clinicians from multiple European countries
- Approved Clinical Supervisor and Trainer through the Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy, delivering advanced training in trauma-informed, relational, and integrative psychotherapy approaches

Clinical Supervisor (Contract)

Queen of Peace Center, St. Louis, MO

November 2016 – June 2017

- Provided clinical supervision and professional development workshops for clinicians working with women experiencing addiction and substance use disorders
- Assisted with crisis intervention assessments and safety planning protocols

Clinical Director

Bi-Lingual International Assistance Agency, St. Louis, MO

April 2016 – March 2017

- Provided individual, child, family, and group psychotherapy for clients with PTSD, depression, anxiety, and comorbid disorders
- Delivered clinical supervision and staff training
- Supervised the Open Door Program and the Journey to Wellness Program
- Led program development, quality assurance, and Department of Mental Health certification processes
- Collaborated with community partners and assisted with psychological evaluations related to immigration and citizenship medical waivers

Clinical Supervisor

Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma, St. Louis, MO

December 2003 – April 2016

- Provided clinical supervision across individual, family, child, and group psychotherapy programs
- Delivered trauma-focused treatment to children, adolescents, and adults from war-affected regions
- Conducted clinical trainings and supervision for therapists

- Led quality assurance initiatives and Department of Mental Health certification processes
- Assisted in development of children’s programs and trauma support groups
- Collaborated with schools, hospitals, universities, social service agencies, and diverse mental health organizations to provide clinical consultation, interdisciplinary coordination, and program support.

Mental Health Therapist (Contract)

Saint Louis Center for Family Development, St. Louis, MO
 January 2013 – October 2015

- Provided individual and family therapy, including trauma treatment for adolescents
- Collaborated with courts and schools addressing truancy and behavioral concerns
- Received training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Motivational Interviewing

Bi-Lingual Psychotherapist

War Trauma Recovery Project, St. Louis, MO
 May 2000 – December 2003

- Provided individual, family, and group psychotherapy for immigrant and refugee populations
- Connected clients with community resources
- Collaborated with the University of Missouri and community partners
- Assisted the agency in obtaining Department of Mental Health certification

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-Instructor, Human Sexuality

Counselor Education Program, University of Missouri–St. Louis
 Spring 2024

- Co-taught graduate-level course integrating clinical, cultural, ethical, and relational perspectives

Invited Workshops, Lectures, and Guest Teaching

Washington University in St. Louis

2001 – 2020

- Served as an invited guest lecturer and workshop presenter for undergraduate, graduate, and professional development programs
- Delivered invited lectures, forums, and professional development workshops on trauma, refugee and immigrant mental health, parenting, attachment, and intergenerational trauma, including:
 - *Multi-Ethnic Forum on Violence Against Women* (2001)
 - *From Parent to Child: Addressing the Legacy of Traumatic Events within Families* (2015)
 - *Health Challenges of Refugees and Immigrants in St. Louis* (2015)
 - *Recognizing Ethnic and Cultural Variations in Parenting Styles* (2015)
 - *Addressing the Legacy of Trauma within Families* (2016)
 - *Global Health Conversations: Public Health Implications of Refugee Crises – The Case in Syria* (2017)
 - *Understanding and Addressing Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma – Professional Development Program* (2018)

Saint Louis University

2004 – 2020

- Invited guest lecturer and workshop presenter on trauma-informed care, refugee mental health, attachment, parenting, and clinical practice

University of Missouri–St. Louis

2002 – 2025

- Guest lecturer for counseling and related programs, presenting on trauma treatment, clinical supervision, culturally responsive care, and relational approaches

Saint Louis Psychoanalytic Institute

2015 – 2017

- Participated in bilingual case conferences and clinical case study presentations

Additional Invited Workshops and Lectures

- Places for People
- Family Resource Center
- Queen of Peace Center

CLINICAL SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

State of Missouri Approved Clinical Supervisor

May 2008 – Present

- Provided clinical supervision to pre-licensed clinicians (PLPCs) across community agencies and private practice

Graduate-Level Supervision:

- Supervised Master's and Doctoral students from:
 - Saint Louis University
 - Washington University in St. Louis
 - Webster University
 - University of Missouri–St. Louis
 - McKendree University

Agency-Based Supervision

- Queen of Peace Center
- Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma
- Bi-Lingual International Assistance Agency
- Behavioral Health Response
- St. Louis Public Schools (Nahed Chapman New American Academy)
- Preferred Family Healthcare – St. Louis

International Supervision and Training

- Approved Clinical Supervisor and Trainer, Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy (2018 – Present)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

IRB-Approved Research Projects

Principal Investigator (Doctoral Researcher)

University of Missouri–St. Louis

- **Mapping Life Events in Immigrants: Exploring Stories of Resilience and Protective Factors**
2024 – 2025
- **Impact of Attachment Styles on Resilience and Burnout in Mental Health Counselors**
2022 – 2025
- **A Narrative Inquiry into the Role of Relationships in the Immigrant Experience with Adjustment in the United States**
2024 – 2025

Research Collaborator

- **Exploring Countertransference Management Using Neurofeedback**
Principal Investigator: So Rin Kim, PhD
2023 – 2025
- **A Reflexive Comparison Between AI and Human Researchers on Qualitative Research Materials and Data Analysis**
2025 – Present

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2025

Immigrant Women in the U.S.: Challenges, Adaptation, and Integration
Saint Louis, Missouri

2024

Integrating Heart-Based and Brain-Based Techniques in Clinical Practice
University of Missouri–St. Louis

2023

Neurofeedback Intervention to Capture and Regulate Countertransference
American Counseling Association Conference; Toronto, Canada

2023

Advancing Empirical Research through Integration of Counseling and Neuroscience
Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling Conference; Nashville, Tennessee

2022

Human Sexuality and Spirituality – IAP Summer School
Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy; Lustica, Montenegro
Collaborative workshops with Dr. Snezana Milenkovic, PhD

2021

IAP Summer School: Collaborative Workshops
Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy; Rudno, Golija, Serbia
Collaborative workshops with Dr. Snezana Milenkovic, PhD, and Dr. Branimir Nestorovic,
MD

2019

Couples Therapy Training
Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy; Lustica, Montenegro
Collaborative workshop with Dr. Snezana Milenkovic, PhD

2018

Mindful Parenting
Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy; Lustica, Montenegro
Collaborative workshop with Dr. Snezana Milenkovic, PhD

2017

Professional Development Training for Clinicians: Treatment for Depression
Serbian Society for Integrative Art Therapy; Lustica, Montenegro
Collaborative workshop with Dr. Snezana Milenkovic, PhD

2017

Global Health Conversations: Public Health Implications of Refugee Crises: The Case in
Syria
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2017

Bilingual Case Conference: Presentation, Case Study – Part I & II
St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute; Saint Louis, Missouri

2017

Attachment and Parenting Styles
Queen of Peace Center; Saint Louis, Missouri

2017

Parenting Workshop
The Gathering; Clayton, Missouri

2017

Understanding and Treating Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma
Queen of Peace Center; Saint Louis, Missouri

2016

Addressing the Legacy of Trauma within Families
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2016

The Practical Neuroscience of Happiness, Love and Wisdom
Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy; Lustica, Montenegro
Collaborative workshop with Dr. Snezana Milenkovic, PhD

2016

Community Based Psychological Treatment for War Refugees
Saint Louis University; Saint Louis, Missouri

2016

Addressing Transgenerational Patterns: Attachment and Parenting Styles within Refugee
Families
Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma; Saint Louis, Missouri

2015

Recognizing Ethnic and Cultural Variations in Parenting Styles
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2015

Health Challenges of Refugees and Immigrants in St. Louis
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2015

Dealing with Transgenerational Trauma in Families
Family Resource Center; Saint Louis, Missouri

2015

Community Based Psychological Treatment for War Refugees
Saint Louis University; Saint Louis, Missouri

2015

From Parent to Child: Addressing the Legacy of Traumatic Events within Families
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2014

Trauma Treatment Training for Mental Health Providers from Uganda, Africa
Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma; Saint Louis, Missouri

2014

How Trauma-Informed Treatment Can Be Effective in Your Practice
Missouri Institute for Mental Health; Ozarks, Missouri

2012

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Training
St. Patrick's Center; Saint Louis, Missouri

2011

Cognitive Processing and Exposure Therapy
Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma; Saint Louis, Missouri

2010

Gutamba Memorial Conference: *Life, Healing and Hope after the Gutamba Massacre in Burundi*
Saint Louis University; St. Louis, Missouri

2008

Trauma-Informed Treatment
Saint Louis Hospital, Department of Psychiatry; Saint Louis, Missouri

2007

Working with Interpreters
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2006

Mental Health Treatment in Former Yugoslavia
Jewish Family and Children's Service; Saint Louis, Missouri

2005

Spring Training Institute: Providing Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment to New Americans
Missouri Institute of Mental Health; Ozarks, Missouri

2003

Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
St. Mary's Hospital; Saint Louis, Missouri

2003

Community Based Psychological Treatment for War Refugees
Forest Park Hospital; Saint Louis, Missouri

2002

Special Mental Health Needs of St. Louis' Refugees: The Impact of Widespread Trauma –
Individual and Environmental Considerations
Metropolitan St. Louis Psychiatric Hospital; Saint Louis, Missouri

2001

Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Refugee Population
Missouri Institute of Mental Health; Saint Louis, Missouri

2001

Multi-Ethnic Forum on Violence Against Women
Washington University in St. Louis; Saint Louis, Missouri

2001

Individual Treatment of a Female Refugee – A Case Study & Group Treatment of Refugee
Children
International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies – International Conference; New Orleans,
Louisiana

PUBLICATIONS

Marovic-Johnson, D., & Brown, E. C. (2024). Counseling refugees with posttraumatic stress disorder using emotion-focused individual therapy. *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, 46(2), 96–113.

Schultz, P. M., Marovic-Johnson, D., & Huber, L. C. (2006). Cognitive-behavioral treatment of rape- and war-related posttraumatic stress disorder with a female Bosnian refugee. *Clinical Case Studies*, 5(3), 191–208.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

2025

Fundamentals of Neuroscience, Part 1: The Electrical Properties of the Neuron
Harvard University

2024

Brainspotting – Level II

St. Louis, Missouri

2024

Resilient Heart: Trauma-Focused Training

HeartMath Institute

2023

Cognitive Processing Therapy Training

Medical University of South Carolina

2023

Psychological First Aid Training

The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

2020

Lifespan Integration Therapy – Level I

Seattle, Washington

2019

Brainspotting – Level I

Fairview Heights, Illinois

2019

Pranic Healing – Level I

St. Louis, Missouri

2019

Healthy Adolescent Sexuality

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, St. Louis, Missouri

2019

Child Development Conference

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, St. Louis, Missouri

2018

Neuroscience Certificate Course for Clinical Practice: Neuroscience for the Treatment of Trauma, Anxiety, and Stress Disorders

St. Louis, Missouri

2018

Integrating Sexual Interventions into Couples Therapy

Missouri Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (MOAMFT)
St. Louis, Missouri

2018

Mindful Parenting Conference

Jason Hilkey & Cecilia Hilkey

2018

Suicide Prevention Summit

Provident, St. Louis, Missouri

2018

Reiki Training – Level I

St. Louis, Missouri

2017

Emotion-Focused Therapy Training for Couples Therapy

Webster University, St. Louis, Missouri

2015

Families Learning About Recovery Strategies (FLARES) Training

University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

2014

Motivational Interviewing

Saint Louis Center for Family Development, St. Louis, Missouri

2013

Emotional Freedom Technique Training

St. Louis, Missouri

2012

Brain Change Therapy: Evidence-Based Strategies from Neuroscience for Anxiety, Depression, and Trauma

St. Louis, Missouri

2012

Child and Family Focused Torture Treatment Services

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

2012

Zero to Six: Understanding the Inner World of Young Children from Infancy to

Kindergarten

St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, St. Louis, Missouri

2011

Practicing Outcome Evaluation for Torture Survivor Program Training

Sarasota, Florida

2011

Working with Traumatized Children

Nancy Spargo, LCSW

Saint Louis Center for Family Development, St. Louis, Missouri

2010 & 2012

Dialectical Behavior Therapy: Making It Work in Our Communities

Ronda Oswald Reitz, PhD

St. Louis, Missouri

2010

Ericksonian Alternatives for Healing Trauma and PTSD: Hypnotherapy-Based Interventions

St. Louis, Missouri

2009

Clinical Supervision in Torture Treatment Programs

Sarasota, Florida

2008

Treatment of Traumatized Children and Adolescents

Matthew Kliethermes, PhD

Children's Advocacy Center, University of Missouri

St. Louis, Missouri

2006

Trauma Treatment for Refugee Survivors of Torture

Richard Mollica, MD, Harvard Medical School

San Diego, California

2006

Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Survivors of Trauma

Donald Meichenbaum, PhD

San Diego, California

2005 – 2006

Dementia Diagnosis

Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

- Participated in an Alzheimer's Association and Washington University collaborative project developing an educational video on memory loss and Alzheimer's disease for the Bosnian community

2000 – 2003

Advanced Clinical Training in Cognitive Processing Therapy

Center for Trauma Recovery; War Trauma Recovery Project

University of Missouri–St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Counseling Association
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
- The Serbian Society for Integrative Art Psychotherapy
- St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute
- Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis
- Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis

RELATED CLINICAL, SUPERVISION, AND CONSULTATION EXPERIENCE

- Provided consultation to hospitals and legal service agencies related to mental health treatment, cultural adjustment, and acculturation among diverse ethnic and immigrant populations
- Conducted comprehensive psychological evaluations and clinical consultations related to disability determination and immigration proceedings, including Citizenship Disability Waivers (N-648) and political asylum cases
- Conducted trauma assessments within correctional facilities and testified in court as an Expert Witness
- Provided integrative trauma treatment for survivors of domestic violence at AWARE, Barnes-Jewish Hospital

Community Advisory Board Service

- **Board Member**

Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences

Washington University in St. Louis

2014 – 2023

- **Board Member**

Institute for Public Health

Washington University in St. Louis

2014 – 2023