

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Work Settings:

1987 to Present

Established private practice, working with adults, adolescents, couples and families. Specialty areas include: anxiety disorders, sexuality, and posttraumatic stress. Intensive experience working with male and female survivors of sexual abuse, war trauma, genocide trauma and other trauma in both inpatient and outpatient settings in the U.S, Rwanda, Japan, and Kuwait. Currently providing trainings and consultations to institutions and individuals. Presently working on a systematic literature review and meta-analysis of RCTs conducted in low and middle income countries that utilize professionally trained lay-counselors to facilitate mental health interventions.

1992-1993

Served as a professional consultant to Mingus Mountain Residential Treatment Center, a residential treatment center for girls in Prescott Valley, AZ. Was hired for a 10 month period to create and implement a treatment program for abused adolescent girls in order for the treatment center qualify for approval by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). The program was approved by JCAHO in 1993.

Supervision and Teaching Experience:

September, 2014

Taught a group of 21 Psychotherapists, at the Herzog Hospital-Israel Center for the Treatment of Psychotrauma in both and beginning and advanced levels of Thought Field Therapy. Continued supervision through 2015.

2008- 2009

Adjunct ASU professor, teaching Holistic Social Work to students attending the graduate social work at Arizona State University and Scottsdale Health Center.

1996-present

Presenting Thought Field Therapy trainings worldwide. To date have presented over 200 Thought Field Therapy trainings, training psychologists, M.D.'s, R.N.'s, social workers, marriage & family therapists, registered nurses, and counselors to use Thought Field Therapy in their clinical work. Have conducted TFT trainings in Paris, Kuwait, Mexico, Rwanda, Montreal, Japan and throughout the United States.

Partial List of Professional Presentations:

May, 2018

Presented an invited presentation *Addressing the Global Mental-Health Gap: How To Help Democratize the Delivery of Mental-Health Services Globally.*

2016-2017

Headed team that made a total of three visits to Las Vegas, Nevada. During that time lead the facilitation of two full TFT trainings for veterans and those who work with veterans in the Las Vegas Nevada Community. Over 50 veterans and professionals and para professionals were trained in the two-day training. Several brief introductory self-help VT trainings were presented to veterans and those who work with veterans in the larger Las Vegas Community, including presentations at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas Veteran Student Center,

May, 2016

Presented the presentation *Training the Trainer: The Tried and True Protocol to Change the World* at the 18th annual ACEP Conference. Presented how posttraumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD, is a global public health problem and how training lay-counselors in low and middle income countries can help close the mental health gap.

December, 2010

Presented, by invitation *The Diabetes Connection to Stress and Anxiety: What you can do*, at the Alaskan Native Medical Center Annual Diabetes Conference; Growing Our Knowledge of Diabetes Care, Prevention and Treatment among Alaska Native People.

July, 2010

In Tokyo, Japan, presented a one-day workshop on TFT clinical skills to professional medical and mental health practitioners working in the aftermath of the Tsunami and earthquake. Also presented a Marriage and Family communication class,

January, 2010

Presented a TFT algorithm training and an advanced training in Kuwait.

July-August, 2009

Presented several trainings in Thought Field Therapy to various groups throughout Rwanda. Supervised the treatment of over 600 community members by newly trained Rwandan therapists and conducted research. Supervised the new Rwandan trainees, treating community members.

April, 2008

Presented a two-day TFT training to graduate students at the Arizona State University School of Social Work by invitation.

December, 2007

Presented *A Brief Therapy Approach to Trauma* at 10th International Congress on Ericksonian Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy.

October, 2004

Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy to address negative self-assumptions and dysfunctional beliefs* at Second International Association of Thought Field Therapy Conference.

October 2004

Presented Thought Field Therapy training in Kuwait to Muslim women working with trauma..

October, 2002

Presented the workshop, *Complex Marital and Sexual Issues: Combining Thought Field Therapy with Traditional Sex Therapy Approaches and Traditional Couples Therapy* at the First Annual Conference for the Association of Thought Field Therapy.

January, 2002

Presented two- day training on Levels one and two Thought Field Therapy in Paris, France. Training focused on the treatment of anxiety, phobias, anger, past trauma, grief, and other psychological problems and was sponsored by the Institut Sakti D'Hypnose Cininque.

December, 2001

Presented *Combining Ericksonian Approaches and Thought Field Therapy to Challenge Negative Self-Assumptions* at the Eighth International Congress on Ericksonian Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy.

November, 2000

Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy in the treatment of Sexual Problems* at the AASECT sponsored conference, Sexuality, Intimacy and Spirituality in the 21st Century Conference.

June, 2000

Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy to Treat Victims of Trauma* at the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services Conference.

November, 1999

Presented two day workshop in Littleton Colorado on using Thought Field Therapy with trauma victims at invitation of Columbine Connections, a group federally funded to work with students and others affected by the tragedy which occurred at Columbine High School.

September, 1999

Presented a five-hour introduction to Thought Field Therapy Workshop by invitation, at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry as part of their Master Therapist Series.

March, 1999

Presented workshop by invitation entitled *Sex for Prostrate Surgery Survivors* for the American Cancer Society Prostate Health Committee.

November, 1998

Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy in the Treatment of Sexual Problems* at the 1998 Annual Joint Meeting of AASECT and SSSS.

September, 1997

Presented workshop *Using Thought Field Therapy in the Treatment of Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse* at the Seventh International Interdisciplinary Conference on Male Sexual Victimization.

October, 1997

Presented *Thought Field Therapy: Truth or Placebo?* at the Washington State Counselors' WCA Fall Conference.

April, 1993

Presented workshop entitled *Group Therapy for Adolescent Survivors* at 1993 Conference *Clinical Consequences of Childhood Sexual Abuse*. Talk included criteria for diagnosing PTSD and Dissociative Disorders and physiology of PTSD and Dissociative Disorders.

Awards:

June 2013

Awarded Harvey Baker Research Award, at 2013 ACEP Conference.

May 2013

Awarded Humanitarian of the Year, National Association of Women Business Owners, Northern AZ Chapter.

Publications:

June, 2013

Connolly, Roe-Sepowitz, Sakai, & Edwards (2013) Utilizing community resources to treat PTSD: Utilizing community resources to treat PTSD: A randomized controlled study using Thought Field Therapy. *African Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 3(1), 82-90.

Winter, 2011

Connolly, S.M., & Sakai, C.E. (2011) Brief trauma symptom intervention with Rwandan genocide survivors using Thought Field Therapy. *International Journal of Emergency Mental Health*, 13(3), 161-172.

Winter, 2010

Sakai, C., Connolly, S., & Oas, P. (2010). Treatment of PTSD in Rwanda genocide survivors using Thought Field Therapy. *International Journal of Emergency Mental Health*, 12(1), 41-49.

July, 2004

Connolly, S. *Thought Field Therapy: Clinical Applications* (2004) George Tyrell Press
(Translated into and published in Japanese, July, 2011).

Professional Training and Development Highlights:

July 2005

Completed five- day Intermediate Intensive Training in Ericksonian Approaches to Brief Hypnotic Therapy

September, 1996

Completed four- day training in TIR (Trauma Incident Reduction)

January 1996

Trained and Certified at Diagnostic level, TFT (Thought Field Therapy) by Roger Callahan, Ph.D

June 1994

Trained in Levels II EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) by Francine Shapiro, Ph.D.

January 1994

Trained in Level I EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) by Francine Shapiro, Ph.D.

March 1992 – February 1993

Completed 100 hours, plus, of sex therapy supervision to satisfy requirements to become certified by AASECT as a sex therapist. Dr. Ellen Cole, who has previously studied under Drs. Masters and Johnson, supervised 50 hours of this. Kathleen Todd, ACSW, supervised 50 hours.

April 1990 – January 1992

Completed 180 hours of face-to-face supervision with Dr. Malcolm Gray to meet certification requirements of American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)

Graduate Research:

Graduate research paper/thesis demonstrated that the minority influence on the majority was stronger than majority influence on the minority, presumably due to salience of minority opinion or behavior.

Credentials and Academic Degrees:

May 1987

Earned graduate degree in Social Work from Arizona State University School of Social Work. Awarded full academic scholarship, based on academic merit for second year of study.

May 1994

Earned undergraduate degree in Psychology from Northern Arizona. Graduated with honors and Magna Cum Laude. Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society.

Professional Licenses:

Licensed by Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners as an Independent Social Worker, a Marriage and Family Therapist and a Substance Abuse Counselor.

Programs offered for CE's:

Suzanne's live and online two-day TFT trainings are certified for 13 Continuing Education credits for LMFT's, LCSWs, LPCCs and LEPs through the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT, Provider # 051033); for Registered Nurses through the California Board of Registered Nurses (Provider # CEP 13320); for social workers through National Association of Social Workers, AZ Chapter (Provider # 3192).

Community Service:

2006-2013

Facilitated seven two-day trauma relief training for community workers in Rwanda sponsored by El Shadai Orphanage and ATFT Trauma Relief Committee, US Aide and Catholic Relief Services.

2013

Facilitated a basic level and advanced level TFT training for Kuwaiti men and women who conduct volunteer work with trauma in Kuwait City. Conducted previous trainings in Kuwait in 2002, 2006, and 2010.

2006

Treated trauma victims in New Orleans. Facilitated a two-day trauma relief training for medical professionals, sponsored by Charity Hospital, in New Orleans, LA. Subsequently was asked by

Oshner Hospital to conduct a second training at their facility in New Orleans, LA, and then a third trip to New Orleans to conduct a training at a branch of Charity Hospital in Lafayette, Louisiana.

1999

Presented a two-day workshop in Littleton Colorado on using Thought Field Therapy with trauma victims at the invitation of Columbine Connections, a federally funded group formed to address the aftermath of the tragedy at Columbine High School.

1993

Facilitated trauma-debriefing groups for flood victims of Arizona Floods at Request of American Red Cross,

1993

Served on Board of Verde Valley Family Network Group.