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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Marriage and Family Therapy
Ph.D., May 2006
Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY

Marriage and Family Therapy
M.A., May 2001
Syracuse University
Syracuse, NY

Psychology and Family Studies
B.S., Magna Cum Laude, May 1997
Central Michigan University
Mt. Pleasant, MI

Professional Affiliations

New York State Education Department
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
License #000523

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy
Clinical Fellow
Approved Supervisor

World Professional Association for Transgender Health
Member

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Professional Experience

8/12 – present

Assistant Professor

8/08 – 8/12

Adjunct Faculty

Syracuse University

Marriage and Family Therapy Program

Syracuse, NY

Responsibilities

Designing and teaching graduate courses, engaging in research and scholarship, supervising the clinical work of Master’s students, developing and supervising the Transgender Treatment Team, serving on Dissertation Committees, engaging in University service

Courses Taught

Introduction to Family Therapy Practice, Diversity in MFT, Relationship Therapy with LGBTQ Clients, Family Life Cycles

7/07 – 8/12

Assistant Professor

Empire State College

State University of New York (SUNY)

Community and Human Services

East Syracuse, NY

Responsibilities

Mentoring adult learners from diverse backgrounds, advising students in the development of individualized learning programs, developing and instructing individual and group studies in a broad range of community and human services topics

Undergraduate
Courses Taught

Core Counseling Skills, Family Therapy Theory, Diversity and Oppression in Relationships and Families Human Services Ethics, Survey of Social Science Research Methods ,Play Therapy, Human Services with GLBT Communities, Working with LGBT Youth, Substance Abuse and LGBTQ Communities, Transgender and Intersex Identities, Human Services with Latino Communities, Educational Planning, Family Violence and Abuse, Families and Society, Substance Abuse in Families, Child Development, Community Health, , Human Sexuality, Introduction to Psychology, Homophobia and its Intersection with Race and

Gender, Introduction to Human Services, Human Services Delivery, Program Planning and Development, Counseling Theory, Adolescents and Addictions, Social Policy, Animal-Assisted Therapy, Integrated Healthcare

Graduate Course
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The Queer/Intersex/Transgender Body

Professional Experience (continued)

2/01 – present

Individual, Couple, and Family Therapist

Private Practice
Fayetteville, NY

9/05 – 7/07

Research Health Science Specialist

Principal Investigator: Dr. Paige Ouimette
Center for Integrated Healthcare
VA Medical Center
Syracuse, NY

Responsibilities

Reviewing literature, preparing and editing grant proposals and manuscripts, and collecting and analyzing data for multiple quantitative and qualitative research projects on topics pertaining to PTSD, the integration of behavioral health and primary care, and substance abuse/dependence

3/01 – 8/05

Co-Facilitator and Individual Therapist

Gay, Straight, and Questioning Youth Group
Aids Community Resources
Syracuse, NY

Responsibilities

Facilitating interactions between youth in the group, creating activities for the group, providing pro bono individual therapy

5/03 – 1/05

Family Therapist

The Salvation Army
Foster Care and Adoption Department
Syracuse, NY

Responsibilities

Providing in-home and office therapy for individuals, couples, and families, facilitating groups for children and parents, working as part of a team in a research-based intervention program (Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care), providing training to

both staff and parents

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Professional Experience (continued)

8/98 – 5/03	Graduate Assistant/Lecturer Professors Assisted: Ken Hardy, Linda Stone Fish, Joseph Fanelli Syracuse University Syracuse, NY
Courses Taught	Undergraduate: Peers Eliminating Oppression and Prejudice by Learning and Educating, Introduction to Human Sexuality; Graduate: Introduction to Cultural Diversity in MFT 1/99 – 1/00
8/00 – 12/02	Marriage and Family Therapy Intern Goldberg Couple and Family Therapy Clinic Syracuse, NY
Responsibilities	Providing therapy for individuals, couples, and families
7/99 – 6/00	Marriage and Family Therapy Intern Elmcrest Children's Center Syracuse, NY
Responsibilities	Providing in-home and office therapy for individuals, couples, and families, facilitating family groups, providing case management
7/99 – 6/00	Marriage and Family Therapy Intern Aids Community Resources Syracuse, NY
Responsibilities	Providing therapy for gay and questioning men and couples
5/97 – 8/98	Learning Enhancement Program Clinician/Supervisor Maple Tree Counseling Center

Livonia, MI

Responsibilities Testing and treatment with children, training and supervising clinicians, communicating with parents, presenting the program, and organizing components of the program

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Professional Experience (continued)

5/97 – 8/98 **Mental Health Child Care Worker**
Safestay Emergency Nursery and Family Respite Center
Westland, MI

Responsibilities Intervening therapeutically and caring directly for children, providing referrals for parents, and completing intake and discharge procedures

Publications

Coolhart, D., Baker, A., Farmer, S., Melhaney, M., & Shipman, D. (2013). Therapy with Transsexual Youth and Their Families: A Clinical Tool for Assessing Youth's Readiness for Gender Transition. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 39(2), 223-243.

Torres Bernal, A., & Coolhart., D. (2012). Treatment and Ethical Considerations with Transgender Children and Youth in Family Therapy. *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*, 23, 287-303.

Coolhart, D. (2012). Supporting Transgender Youth and Their Families in Therapy: Facing Challenges and Harnessing Strengths. In J. Bigner & J. Wetchler's (Eds.), *Handbook of LGBT-Affirmative Couple and Family Therapy*. New York: Routledge Press. (Invited chapter.)

Funderburk, J. S., Sugarman, D. E., Maisto, S. A., Ouimette, P., Schohn, M., Lantinga, L., Wray, L., Batki, S., Nelson, B., Coolhart, D., & Strutynski, K. (2010). The description and evaluation of the implementation of an Integrated Healthcare Model. *Families, Systems, and Health*, 28(2), 146-160.

Ouimette, P., Wade, M., Coolhart, D., Tirone, V., Goodwin, E., & Semenec, S. (2010). Measuring PTSD course among substance use disorder patients: A pilot study of interrater reliability and validity of the Longitudinal Interval Follow-up Evaluation (LIFE). *Traumatology*.

Addison, S., & Coolhart, D. (2008). Integrating socially segregated identities: Queer couples and the question of race. In M. Rastogi & V. Thomas (Eds.), *Couple therapy with ethnic minorities*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications. (Invited chapter.)

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Publicaitons (continued)

Coolhart, D., Provancher, N., Hager, A., & Wang, M. (2008). Recommending transsexual clients for gender transition: A therapeutic tool for assessing readiness. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 4(3), 301-324.

Ouimette, P., Coolhart, D., Funderburk, J., & Sugarman, D. (2008). A pilot study of posttraumatic stress and associated functioning of Army National Guard following exposure to Iraq warzone trauma. *Traumatology*, 14(3), 51-56.

Coolhart, D. (2008). Book review: Helping abused and traumatized children (Gil, E.). *Journal of Psychological Trauma*, 7(3) 198-201. (Invited review.)

Coolhart, D., & Torres Bernal, A. (2007). Clinical update: Transgender issues in family therapy. *Family Therapy Magazine*, 6(3), 36-42. (Invited paper.)

Ouimette, P., Coolhart, D., Funderburk, J. Wade, M., & Brown, P. (2007). Precipitants of first substance use in recently abstinent substance use disorder patients with PTSD. *Addictive Behaviors*, 32, 1719-1727.

Coolhart, D. (2006). Out of the closet and into the therapy room: Therapist self-disclosure of sexual identity. *Guidance and Counselling*, 21(1), 3-13.

Torres Bernal, A., & Coolhart, D. (2005). Learning from sexual minorities: Adolescents and the coming out process. *Guidance and Counselling*, 20(3/4), 128-138.

Professional Presentations

Coolhart, D., & Shipman, D. "Working with Transgender Youth and Their Families: Expanding Family Attunement and Exploring Gender Transition Options." Workshop presented at National American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA) Conference, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Coolhart, D. "Therapy with transgender clients: Assessment of readiness for gender transition treatments." Workshop presented at conference, Having the Conversation: Clinical Practice with LGBTQ Clients, Syracuse University, August 2012.

Coolhart, D. "Working Sensitively With Transgendered Clients." Workshop presented for clinicians at the Goldberg Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, Syracuse, NY, annually 2004-2013.

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Professional Presentations (continued)

Coolhart, D. "Dynamics of Diversity in Clinical Practice." Invited workshop at Fairfield University, CT, 2009.

Coolhart, D. "Clinical Practice with LGBT Clients." Invited workshop at Fairfield University, CT, 2009.

Coolhart, D., & Torres Bernal, A. "Ethical Considerations with Transgender Youth." Workshop presented at the National AAMFT Conference, Memphis, TN, 2008.

Coolhart, D. "Update on PTSD." Invited lecture at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Syracuse Educational Conference, Syracuse, NY, 2008.

Maisto, S., Funderburk, J., Ouimette, P., Schohn, M., Lantinga, L., Batki, S., Wray, L., Sugarman, D., Coolhart, D., & Strutynski, K. "Primary Care Providers' Familiarity and Use of Mental Health Clinical Guidelines." Poster presented at the VA Mental Health Best Practices Conference, Washington, DC, 2008.

Sills, I., & Coolhart, D. "Transgender Youth." Invited lecture at the Syracuse Teacher Center, Syracuse, NY, 2008.

Coolhart, D., Ouimette, P., Strutynski, K., Swezey, A., Schohn, M., Lantinga, L., Wade, M., & Prins, A. "PTSD Veterans in Primary Care: Specialty Mental (MH) and

Integrated Behavioral Health Care (IBH) Use.” Poster presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Baltimore, MD, 2007.

Ouimette, P., Coolhart, D., Funderburk, J., Maisto, S., Sugarman, D., & Strutynski, K. “Primary care (PC) and behavioral health (BH) providers’ perceptions of evidence-based PTSD practices.” Poster presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Baltimore, MD, 2007.

Coolhart, D., Hager, A., Provancher, N., & Wang, M. “Transgender in Family Therapy: Towards Sensitive Treatment.” Workshop presented at the National AAMFT Conference, Long Beach, CA, 2007.

Coolhart, D., Ouimette, P., Schohn, M., Lantinga, L., Batki, S., Wray, L., Funderburk, J., & Maisto, S. “Integrated Healthcare: Use of Clinical Guidelines.” Poster presented at the Transforming VHA Mental Health Care Conference, Washington DC, 2007.

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Professional Presentations (continued)

Funderburk, J., Maisto, S., Ouimette, P., Wray, L., Schohn, M., Lantinga, L., Sugarman, D., Strutynski, K., Coolhart, D., & Batki, S. “What do Providers Think?” Presentation at the Transforming VHA Mental Health Care Conference, Washington DC, 2007.

Coolhart, D. “PTSD and substance use disorders: The intersection of race, ethnicity, and gender.” Workshop presented for clinicians at Commonwealth Place, Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Clinic, Syracuse, NY, 2007.

Ouimette, P., Coolhart, D., Funderburk, J., Sugarman, D., Strutynski, K., Dornau, C., Zelman, R., & Prins, A. “Evaluating the Validity of the PTSD Primary Care Screening Measure Among National Guard Soldiers.” Poster at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Conference, Hollywood, CA, 2006.

Coolhart, D. “LGBT Youth and Coming Out.” Invited guest lecture for MFT 673: Child Development and Family Therapy Interventions, Syracuse University, 2006.

Coolhart, D. “Transgendered Identities: An Introduction for Helping Professionals.” Invited lecture at Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY, 2006.

Coolhart, D., Wang, M., & Hager, A. "Transgendered Issues in Therapy: Clinical Applications." Workshop presented for Central New York clinicians and MFT students at the Goldberg Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, Syracuse, NY, 2006.

Coolhart, D. "Transracial/Transcultural Adoption and Foster Care: Why Race Matters." Workshop presented for the Adoption and Foster Care Department at The Salvation Army, Syracuse, NY, 2003.

Coolhart, D. "Issues in Transracial/Trancultural Adoptive and Foster Families." Workshop presented for foster and adoptive families of Central New York at The Salvation Army, Syracuse, NY, 2003.

Stone Fish, L. & Coole, D. "Difficult Dialogues: Coming Out In Family Therapy." Workshop presented at the National AAMFT Conference, Cincinnati, OH, 2002.

Coole, D. & Sweeney, M. "Interracial Couples: Developing Therapeutic Sensitivity." Workshop presented at the National AAMFT Conference, Nashville, TN, 2001.

Coole, D. "Interracial Couples: Family and Broader Community Networks." Poster presented at the National AAMFT Conference, Chicago, IL, 1999.

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Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journals:

Journal of Marital and Family Therapy

Traumatology

International Journal of Transgenderism

Health Expectations

Michigan Family Review

Text:

Counseling 21st Century Constellations, Pearson Publishing

Conference Proposals:

AAMFT Annual Conference

Professional Development

- 10/04 – present **Transgender Treatment Team Founder, Trainer, and Supervisor**
Syracuse University
Couple and Family Therapy Clinic
- 1/04 – 11/08 **SUNY Upstate Medical University Gender Dysphoria Team**
Therapist and Coordinator
Syracuse, NY
- 8/02 – 12/02 **Senate Subcommittee Member for LGBT Concerns**
Syracuse University

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Professional Honors/Awards

- 2013 **99 Top Professors in Counseling, Psychology, & Therapy**
Featured on list by MastersinCounseling.org
<http://www.mastersincounseling.org/counseling-profs.html>
- 2011 **Outstanding Citizen Award**
Syracuse University
LGBT Resource Center
- 2006 **Chancellor’s Award for Public Service**
Syracuse University
Transgender Treatment Team

2004

Social Justice Award

Syracuse University

Department of Marriage and Family Therapy