

Resume

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QUALIFICATIONS

My most recent adventure, writing a memoir called *The Fog of Faith: Surviving My Impotent God*, has taken more than 10 years of soul searching, a dedicated writing practice, re-traumatization, raw honesty, and frequent exhilaration. Reviewers are calling it an “important” book, one not to be missed, a work of art, and a riveting page-turner. As a result of writing this memoir, I’m devoting more time to speaking engagements and leading workshops.

For more than thirty years I’ve offered therapy services to individuals and groups. During these years I’ve also experienced graduate and postgraduate teaching, and founding a professional training institute.

After moving to Santa Fe in 1995, I established a therapeutic practice in a tight market, continued teaching and training therapists, taught graduate classes, and developed a consulting business. Since 2003, my pastoral counseling practice has been recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe as an associated or affiliated community ministry.

EXPERIENCE

- Author, *The Fog of Faith: Surviving My Impotent God* (5/17 to present)**
A Memoir of Trauma and Resilience
- Sole Proprietor and Owner, Therapist, Supervisor, Instructor (5/95 to present)**
Listening Sage Associates (Inc.)
- Private Practice Clinician (4/03 to present)**
Associated or affiliated with Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe (11/03 to present)
- Principal, Business Consultant (1/02 to 12/09)**
AndNow LLC
- Pastoral Psychotherapist, Supervisor, Trainer, Workshop Leader (5/95 to 4/03)**
Pastoral Counseling Center of Northern New Mexico
- Private Practice Clinician (7/94 to 5/95)**
Oklahoma City
- Founding Director, Southwest Institute for Religion and Psychotherapy (4/90 to 7/94)**
- Clinical Director (6/88 to 7/90)**
- Instructor (1/85 to 7/94)**
- Director, Midwest City Associate Office (1/85 to 6/88)**

Psychotherapist (8/81 to 1/85)
Center for Counseling and Psychotherapy
Adjunct Graduate Faculty (9/87 to 9/02)
Phillips Graduate Seminary
Adjunct Graduate Faculty (8/88 to 5/94)
University of Oklahoma
Adjunct Ministerial Staff (9/82 to 9/85)
First Christian Church of Midwest City
Educator/Consultant (5/81 to 12/82)
Red Rock Comprehensive Mental Health Center
Interim Pastor (6/78 to 3/81)
Grace Church United
Friedens United Church

EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Counseling (with honors) (6/85 to 5/88)
Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology
Residency Certificate (9/82 to 12/84)
Center for Counseling and Psychotherapy
Master of Arts (9/74 to 5/79)
Eden Theological Seminary
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Philosophy (summa cum laude) (9/71 to 8/74)
Boston College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Board of Directors
American Association of Pastoral Counselors
Vice President and President
Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC)
Clinical Member, Fellow and Diplomate
Member, National Committee on Training Resource and Development
Member, S.W. Region Membership Committee
Member, S.W. Region Professional Concerns Committee
American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)
Member, Object Relations Theory and Religious Experience Study Group
American Psychological Association
Member
UCC/AAPC Task Force
Consulting Editor
American Journal of Pastoral Counseling
State Chairperson
National Interfaith Coalition for Spirituality in Healthcare and Counseling

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, New Mexico (5/96 to present)
Ordained Minister, United Church of Christ (4/81 to 12/10)
Final Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist Association (12/09)
Member (11/84), **Fellow** (11/88), **Diplomate** (5/94), AAPC

PUBLICATIONS

The Fog of Faith: Surviving My Impotent God, Prairie World Press, NM, 2017

Review of “**Paternity as Function: Structuring the Religious Experience**” by Vassilis Saroglou, The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2002, Vol. 56, No. 2.

Review of: “**Erotic Justice: A Liberating Ethic of Sexuality**” by M. M. Ellison, The Journal of Pastoral Counseling, 1998, Vol. 1, No. 2.

“**The Impact of Male God Imagery on Female Identity Meaning**”, The Journal of Pastoral Care, Fall 1993, Vol. 47, No.2.

“**The Self Perpetuating Nature of Patriarchy**”, Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology, November 1988, Vol. 16, No. 2.

“**Ruth: The Dangers of the Heart**”, People of Faith, St. Louis, UCC Office for Church Life and Leadership, 1985.

GRADUATE AND POST-GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

“**Object Relations Theory and Pastoral Psychotherapy**”: This two semester course teaches the fundamentals of object relations and personality development theory. It focuses on clinical practices that address distorted relational patterns typically used by people diagnosed with personality disorders. It enhances basic clinical skills and the ability to build and track therapeutic relationships. It integrates a critique of psychotherapeutic practice from both theological and feminist perspectives.

“**Pastoral Care**”: Discusses the purpose and scope of pastoral care. It focuses on pastor’s and caregiver’s intervention skills. It addresses crisis situations for individual, families, and groups, and specific chronic dysfunctions that sometimes prevail in parishes and community groups. Students use case material and role plays to expand their response capacities. The course includes presentations about prevention planning and implementation, building healthy communities, and strategies to address problematic dynamics.

“**Pastor as Counselor**”: This course addresses the potential of pastoral relationships to heal characterological and relational wounds. It outlines basic theories of personality development and effective pastoral and therapeutic interventions with a variety of personality styles, gender issues, and relational dynamics. It also discusses interpersonal dynamics in parish communities and suggests ways to cultivate wholeness.

“**Dealing With Religious Themes in Therapy**”: Uses Rizzuto’s theory to discuss God representation development in the context of religious experience, transitional space, and intrapsychic dynamics. Offers practical insights for exploring clients’ religious lives and for understanding the intrapsychic interrelationship between religious experiences and personality development.

“**Women’s Issues in the Helping Professions**”: Focuses on recurrent themes that women confront in helping professions and the historical antecedents to these themes. Addresses the

meaning of mothering as it is redefined in these professions and uses the early mother-infant relationship to develop a methodology and techniques for helping professionals.

“The Mother Archetype”: Focuses on the impact of mothering and nurturing forces on the development of religious experience, morality, and the identity of males and females. Explores historical and current mythological presentations of Gods that belie mothering influences. Discusses the implications of this theory for therapists working clinically with ‘mother issues’. This course has been taught in numerous settings including at the **C. G. Jung Institute, Zurich Switzerland**, June 03.

LEADERSHIP OF SPECIALIZED GROUPS

Group supervision of students and therapists
Support group for family members of murder victims
Trauma recovery and reflection group after 9/11
Communication group in workplace environment