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**EDUCATION**

**M.A., Clinical Psychology, John F. Kennedy University, Orinda, CA, 1996.**

* Specialization and certificate in grief therapy
* Clinical focus in child and adolescent therapy

**B.A., Psychology, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, 1991**

* Strong minor in sociology
* Concentration in child psychology

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

**Lifeline of Ohio Champion of Hope Award: School/Community Educator** 2024

**Provost’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Lecturer** March 2017

**Outstanding Lecturer** 2015-2016 and 2019-2020

Sociology Department

**Provost Letter of recognition for being one of the most mentioned faculty members in the undergraduate student survey who had significant influence on student experience**. 2018-2019

Graduation survey through the Office of Student Life

**Certificate of Appreciation For providing educational opportunities for young adults with disabilities** April 2018

Nisonger Center OSU

**Certificate of Recognition for Service and Support to Students with Disabilities** April 2016

OSU Resident Life Disability Services

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Professor of Teaching, August 2024-Present**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Sociology Department

* SOC 2290: Sociology of Death and Dying
* SOC 1101: Introduction to Sociology
* SOC 3360: Medical Sociology

**Senior Lecturer, August 2022-2024**

**Lecturer September 2009-August 2022**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Sociology Department

* SOC 2290: Sociology of Death and Dying
* SOC 1101: Introduction to Sociology
* SOC 3434: Child and Society
* SOC 2370: Social Psychology from Sociological Perspective
* SOC 3360: Medical Sociology

**Adjunct Faculty, 2006-present**

Columbus State Community College, Psychology and Education Department

Columbus, OH

* PSY 1100: Introduction to Psychology
* PSY 2551: Adolescent Psychology
* PSY 299: Death: Education for Living
* PSY 2340: Human Growth and Development Over the Life Span

**Family Therapist, 1998 – August 2000**

Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA

* Provided in-home therapeutic services to families in conjunction with Family Foundations’ Early Head Start Program.
* Developed and implemented family narrative assessment to integrate infant mental health services into Family Foundations’ existing mental health services.

**Adjunct Faculty, August-December 1997**

Carlow College, Department of Social Science, Pittsburgh, PA

* SOC 251: Cross-Cultural Child-Rearing and Childcare

**Family Therapist, 1996 – 1998**

Irene Stacy Community Mental Health Center, Butler, PA

* Provided in-home therapy to families with at-risk children and adolescents.
* Provided on-call crisis intervention service.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**“Death: NOT the great equalizer”** August 2024

Upper Arlington Senior Center

**“Adverse Childhood Experiences”** November 2021

PenPals Student Organization (OSU)

**“Patient Discrimination”** March 2021

Buckeye Blood Club Student organization (OSU)

**Designing Mortality** Panel Discussion October 2020

Panelist

OSU Department of Design

**“Celebrating Death”** October 2019

Resident Life (OSU)

**“In the Moonlight: A film discussion about prejudice, discrimination and intersectionality”** November 2017

Resident Life (OSU)

**“Cultural Humility and Providing Hospice Care in Diverse Communities”** October 2016

ViaQuest 2016 Annual Conference

CEU for Hospice Workers

**“Death and Zombie Madness,”** March 2016

Resident Life (OSU)

**“How Will I Know I am Dead?”** October 2015

Resident Life (OSU)

**“Children and Violence,”** March 2015

Resident Life (OSU)

**“Dying and Grief: Individuals and Families Facing the End-of-Life Journey,”** February, October 2004

CEU hours for Social Workers

**“Positive Techniques for Dealing with Grief and Loss,”** April 2004

Columbus Chapter of Alzheimer’s Association

**“Grief and Loss: The Elderly and Their Professional Care Providers,”** October 2003

COGSWA (Columbus Geriatric Social Workers Association)

CEU hours for Social Workers

**“Good Grief, Here Come the Holidays! How To Make It Through When Living With Grief and Loss,”** December 2003

Vista Care Hospice In-service

**“How to Cope with Grief and Loss,”** July 2002.

Fitzgerald School District WIA Program, Warren, MI

Created and implemented half day interactive training for teens on grief and loss.

**“Good Grief: Supporting Children Who Experience Grief and Loss,”** June 2002.

Fitzgerald School District, LINKS Summer Program, Warren, MI

Created interactive training for summer program teaching staff on children’s grief experience.

**“Changing Paradigms in Loss and Grief,”** July 1999

University of California Berkeley Extension,Berkeley, CA

Team-taught three-day mini course on grief.

**“Cross-cultural Grief and Multicultural Activities,”** October 1998, 1999

Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center Head Start

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Converted two courses to GE status: SOC 3630 and SOC 2290

Letters of recommendation for undergraduate students 8-15 per semester

Presentations to Student Organizations

Faculty advisor to two student organizations

* + H.O.M.E Helping Others Mentally and Emotionally 2022
  + AMF Actively Moving Forward 2016

**COLLABORATION**

**Collaboration with OSU Palliative Care,** January 2021 to present.

Dr. Adam Ketner, Dr. Brittany Waterman, Dr. Brehany

Dr. Ketner had heard about my death and dying course and asked if we could collaborate as a part of a multi-university consortium project that OSU palliative care team that aims to introduce palliative medicine and how medical care functions at the end of life in the United States to undergraduate students.

**Celebrate One and Office of Minority Outreach** 2015 to present.

Columbus Public Health Amanda Zabala, Hibo Noor

I have developed relationships with both program directors and staff in the infant mortality reduction program, “Celebrate One” and in the Office of Minority Health to bring guest speakers to SOC 3630, Medical sociology. This has facilitated students’ in-class learning as well as opportunities for internship and employment within Columbus Public Health.

**Hilltop YMCA**

Collaborated with the Hilltop YMCA to engage student volunteers in service learning for Soc 3434: Child and Society. Students provided support for community programing for children during the semester. For a few students this extended into internships and employment.