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Curriculum Vitae

Education:

- 1988 Ph.D. Clinical Psychology
California Graduate School of Family Psychology, San Rafael, CA
(Acquired by American School of Professional Psychology 7/99) Doctoral
Dissertation: "Brothers and Sisters of the Mentally Retarded: A
Retrospective Descriptive Study"
- 1973 M.S. Counseling Psychology
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1969 M.S. Elementary Education
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 1968 B.S. Social Studies (emphasis on Anthropology)
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Doctoral Internships:

- 1988 - 1990 Post-doctoral Intern at Redwood Psychological Services Center,
Petaluma, CA
- 1985 - 1986 Pre-doctoral Intern at Petaluma Valley Hospital, Phoenix Program
(inpatient treatment of chemical dependency), Petaluma, CA

Licenses and Credentials:

- 1991 Licensed Psychologist - PSY12188
- 1983 Marriage and Family Therapist - MEI8670
- 1976 Administrative Services Credential
- 1973 Pupil Personnel Credential (Lifetime)
- 1969 Standard Elementary Credential (Lifetime)

Specialty Certification:

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| 2010 | Certified Sex Addiction Therapist (1) |
| 2008 | Completed two-year training program in Emotional Transformation Therapy (ETT) with Steve Vazquez, Ph.D. |
| 2003 - present | National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists |
| 1999 | Level II Training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) |
| 1997 - present | Certified by the Board of Governors of the APA College of Professional Psychology in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders. |

Honors and Awards:

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| 2002 | Awarded the Lady Vera Scholarship by the Angeles Arrien Foundation for Cross-cultural Education and Research. This fund receives no applications, but scouts and awards scholarships as an unexpected blessing to those who have talent and promise and carry an altruistic spirit. |
| 2009 – present | By invitation to The National Women’s Leadership Forum for Women Treating Addiction |

Board Appointments:

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| 2010 | Check to Share Foundation (supporting victims of sexual abuse or rape) |
| 2005 –2009 | California Women’s Commission on Addictions |
| 2005 – present | National Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions – Bay Area Chapter |

Advisory Boards:

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| 2010 – present | Promises Treatment Centers (Malibu and West Los Angeles, CA) |
| 2010 – present | Spirit2Spirit (The Refuge, Ocklawaha, FL) |

Clinical Experience:

- 1980 - Present Private Practice, Novato, CA providing; brief and long-term outpatient psychotherapy to individual adults, adolescents, children as young as twelve years of age, seniors, couples and families; assessment and treatment of chemical dependency; consultation to churches, schools and school districts, physician groups, family businesses, private business and community organizations in the areas of team building, organizational behavior, conflict resolution and stress management; group psychotherapy, including three ongoing, long-term women's groups and two ongoing, long-term mixed groups.
- Providing psychological evaluations for adolescents and adults and including the Wechsler Intelligence Scales, Rorschach: Comprehensive System, MMPI-II, MCMI-III, MACI, MMPI-A, TAT, Bender-Gestalt and drawings. Assessments provided for City and County of San Francisco, Marin County Child Welfare Department, Child Protective Services of Marin and Sonoma Counties, Workers Compensation, State of California, Board of Registered Nursing and by referral from other mental health professionals, attorneys and insurers.
- 2006 - 2009 Director of Clinical Services for The Mayflower Center, San Rafael, CA Providing inpatient treatment for men who have relapsed subsequent to treatment for alcoholism or other chemical dependencies. Providing psychological assessment for every admitted patient.
- 2004 - 2005 Providing psychological assessments for over 135 patients at Bayside Marin, San Rafael, CA, an inpatient facility treating chemical dependency, patients with dual diagnoses, and chronic pain patients.
- 1985 - 1986 Phoenix Program at Petaluma Valley Hospital, Petaluma, CA, Clinical psychology internship at inpatient treatment facility for chemically dependent adults. Provided individual, group and couples therapy on inpatient ward; lectured; performed psychological evaluations; directed aftercare program for patients out of the hospital for 90 days or more.
- 1981 - 1982 Catholic Social Services, Santa Rosa, CA, Marriage, Family, Child Counselor internship. Provided outpatient treatment for wide variety of clientele.

Teaching and Consultation Experience:

- 2010 By invitation of The Ben Franklin Institute, national presentation of *The Use of Dreams in Individual and Group Psychotherapy*, Tucson, AZ.

- Taped for national distribution for continuing education for mental health professionals.
- 2010 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Promises Treatment Centers and Elements Behavioral Health, "Taking Flight," a one day retreat featuring Elena Avila, R.N., M.S.N., (curandera), Keith Arnold, and Dana Patterson.
- 2010 Producer and presenter with Dr. Ysaye Barnwell of *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, "Raise Your Voice Again: African American History in Oral Tradition." A one-day continuing education program, sponsored by Promises Treatment Centers and Sierra Tucson.
- 2010 *Love Addiction*, a taping for Fox News, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2010 Producer and presenter in conjunction with Promises Treatment Centers, "Spirit Journey II: Further Along the Good Red Road," a one-day retreat, featuring Keith Arnold, Dana Patterson, and Albert Sombrero.
- 2010 Producer and presenter in conjunction with Promises Treatment Centers, "Spirit Journey," a one-day retreat, featuring Keith Arnold, Dana Patterson, and Keith Arnold.
- 2010 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Sierra Tucson, "Waking From the Dream of Winter," a one-day retreat for women, with Luisah Teish and Dana Patterson.
- 2009 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Promises, Sierra Tucson and The Mayflower, "Raise Your Voice: Singing in the African American Tradition," a day dedicated to learning African American history in the oral tradition, featuring Dr. Ysaye Barnwell of *Sweet Honey in the Rock*.
- 2009 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Promises and Sierra Tucson, "Finding Balance," a three day, two night retreat, featuring Keith Arnold, Albert Sombrero, Dana Patterson, and Luisah Teish.
- 2009 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Sierra Tucson, "The Women's Medicine Wheel," a one-day retreat for women.
- 2009 - present Member of Advisory Board at Promises Treatment Center
- 2008 - present Member of the Continuing Education Committee for The Ben Franklin Institute, Cave Creek, AZ.

- 2008 - present Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee for Promises Treatment Centers, Malibu, CA.
- 2008 - present By invitation of Life Healing Center, Santa Fe, NM, to join a consultation team to develop a treatment protocol for women with issues related to sex and love addiction.
- 2008 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Sierra Tucson, of "Invoking the Dream", three day, two night retreat, featuring Keith Arnold, Joe MacDonald, Dana Patterson, Albert Sombrero, and Luisah Teish.
- 2008 Producer and presenter of "Sensing the Sacred" with Lench Archuleta of Wind Spirit Teachings, Arizona City, AZ.
- 2005 Team Building for staff at Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Arts, Stone Mountain, GA and producer of program for staff, students and their parents at the Center – "Singing in the African Tradition", with Ysaye Barnwell of "Sweet Honey in the Rock".
- 2007 Producer and presenter, in conjunction with Sierra Tucson of "A World of Wisdom", featuring Luisah Teish, Joe MacDonald, Albert Sombrero, Dana Patterson, and Keith Arnold.
- 2006 Featured workshop presenter at Sierra Tucson Alumnae Reunion
- 2006 Two day team building retreat for the staff of the Tupac Amaru Shakur Center for the Performing Arts in Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2006 Presentation on use of dreams in the spiritual practices of indigenous peoples of the Americas at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral of Little Rock, Arkansas (Seedwork Project).
- 2001 - 2007 Member Mandatory Continuing Education for Psychologists Accrediting Committee - One of three "Third Reviewers" in the state of California for California Psychological Association ruling on contested applications to provide continuing education for psychologists.
- 2001 - 2007 Featured presenter at Miraval Wellness Center, Tucson, AZ on Integration of Spirituality in Group Therapy, Lakota Medicine, Women's Sexuality and Body Image, and Interpretation of Dreams.
- 1999 - present Administrative Director of Continuing Education - Sierra Tucson, Tucson, AZ - Directing the delivery of continuing education for Registered Nurses, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists in the area of group psychotherapy, couples therapy, dream

interpretation, the integration of spiritual issues into psychotherapy and eating disorders, addiction, etc.

- 1999 - present Provider of Continuing Education for Licensed Psychologists, Registered Nurses, Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Clinical Social Workers on Group Psychotherapy as Transformational Experience, Integration of Spiritual Issues in Group Psychotherapy and Integration of Dream Interpretation in Group Psychotherapy.
- 1997 - present Owner of Sacred Calling Productions Presentation of workshops and retreats for individuals and couples to enhance spiritual development and psychological well-being. Providing training for Mental Health Clinicians in Group Psychotherapy as Transformational Experience. Yearly week-long training in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Special events in the past have been sponsored by Sierra Tucson Hospital, Tucson, AZ and have included "The Heroine's Journey", "Archetypes of Healing and Wholeness", "The Power of Two", and "The Medicine Wheel as Sacred Space".
- 2005 Featured presenter at The University of San Francisco High School Parent Night on Alcohol and Drug Use and Abuse Prevention for Adolescents.
- 2004 Retreat leader and facilitator for Employee Assistance Personnel, Chevron/Texaco
- 2002 Retreat leader for staff of Marin General Hospital Psychiatric Unit.
- 2000 Featured presenter of Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society - "An Evening with the Masters"
- 2000 Provider of Continuing Education for Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society - Women's Group Psychotherapy
- 2000 Featured presenter Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society Asilomar Conference
- 1999 - 2000 Provider of Continuing Education for Department of Psychiatry, Kaiser-Permanente, Santa Rosa, CA - Group Therapy and Clinical Interviewing.
- 1998 - 2000 Consultant to Marin County Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Program in Group Psychotherapy and Clinical Interviewing.
- 1998 Consultant to Family Law Judges and Mediators of Sonoma County in the use of psychological assessments received by the court.

- 1996, 1998, 2007 Contributor to feature articles on various topics related to mental health in The Quarterly magazine of Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity.
- 1996 - 2001 Board of Psychology - oral examination commissioner
- 1995 Instructor, Sonoma County Bar Association - Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency (continuing education provider)
- 1992 - 1996 Partner - *Lyle, Caro, Weedn, Inc.* Presenting psychotherapeutic and intensive psychotherapy programs- employing large and small group therapy, psychodrama, play therapy, milieu therapy, meditation instruction and practice, family genogram and art therapy.
- 1986 - 1987 California Graduate School of Family Psychology, Corte Madera, CA Taught the lab section of the psychological assessment class.
- 1983 - 1985 PCG Seminars, Pasadena, CA. Taught case presentation skills to MFT interns and seminars for professionals on child abuse: detection, reporting and treatment.

Forensic Experience:

- 2005 – present Appointed Special Master of the Sonoma County Superior Court.
- 1994 - present Custody Evaluator, Marin County, CA, Sonoma County, CA, Napa County, CA, Alameda County, CA, and Contra Costa County, CA Court stipulated evaluator in child custody cases requiring psychological assessment and recommendations.
- 1982 - present Admitted as expert witness in various jurisdictions, including Sonoma County, Marin County, Contra Costa County, Solano County and Sacramento County in areas of child abuse, child custody and dependency, reliability of child witnesses, and psychological assessment.
- 1982 - present Deposition taken and expert testimony given approximately forty times in variety of cases.
- 1993 - 2001 Consultant, Probation Department - Civil Custody Unit, Sonoma County, CA; Providing monthly consultation to Probation Officers regarding disposition of high conflict, complex child custody cases. Approximately 900 cases reviewed and decided.

Books and Articles:

- 2010 In press, *Female Sex and Love Addicts: Treatment Protocols*. Co-author of two chapters on diagnosis and group therapy with Cara Tripodi, LCSW. Edited by Marnie Ferree, MFT.
- 2010 Regular contributor to *Recovery View*, an online newsletter for mental health professionals specializing in the treatment of addiction.
- 2010 "Addressing the Complexities of Chronic Pain," with James Gagne, M.D., *Marin Medicine: The Magazine of the Marin Medical Society*. Volume 56, Number 4.
- 2010 In press, *Many Blessings: A Tapestry of African American Women*. This collection of the life stories of thirty-one contemporary, accomplished African American women, as told to Dr. Weedn, will inspire and challenge all readers.
- 2010 "Fear in the Midst of Plenty: The Effects of the Economic Downturn on Mental Health," *Marin Medicine: The Magazine of the Marin Medical Society*. Volume 56, Number 3.
- 2009 Feature article in *Afterwords: A Newsletter from Sierra Tucson*, "An Earth-Based Spirituality," Fall/Winter 2009.
- 2009 "A Warrior of Spirit," *Alpha Gamma Delta Newsletter* (Sonoma County, CA).

Professional Associations:

American Psychological Association
California Psychological Association
Marin County Psychological Association
Society for Personality Assessment
Northern California Group Psychotherapy Society
Women's Association for Addiction Treatment – Marin Chapter
Life Member - National Registry of Who's Who 2000

References Available upon Request