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**EDUCATION**

📖 **PhD in Counselor Education & Supervision** (CACREP-Accredited) – *Capella University, 2020*  
📖 **MA in Counseling Psychology** – *National University, 2003*  
📖 **BA in Sociology, Minor in Ethnic Studies** – *California State University, Chico, 2001*  
📖 **AA in Natural Sciences & Math** – *Lake Tahoe Community College, 1995*

**ACADEMIC & PROGRAM LEADERSHIP**

**🔹 Associate Faculty – University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) | 2023 – Present**

* Teach **core counseling courses**, including **Methods in Counseling, Advanced Counseling Techniques, & Internship Supervision**.
* **Curriculum Developer** – Designing a **trauma-informed, intergenerational family therapy course** with Indigenous healing perspectives.
* **Researcher & Presenter** – Focus on **culturally adapted trauma treatment** for Native American populations.
* **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Chair** – Leading best practices for **recruiting diverse faculty, retaining Native students, and addressing micro/macro-aggressions** in the classroom.

**🔹 Associate Faculty & Practicum/Internship Director – Prescott College (CACREP Accredited) | 2017 – 2022**

* Designed curriculum for **Social Justice Counseling** with a focus on **Indigenous healing methodologies**.
* Directed **practicum & internship field placements**, ensuring compliance with CACREP standards.
* Managed **clinical site partnerships**, provided **faculty training**, and supported student **remediation & success initiatives**.

**🔹 Clinical Director & Lead Faculty Chair – University of Phoenix | 2010 – 2020**

* Supervised **student clinicians & faculty**, oversaw **clinical placements**, and provided **cultural competency coaching**.
* Developed **advanced clinical courses**, including **Family Interventions & Advanced Psychopathology**.
* Led **faculty development, media outreach, and accreditation compliance** efforts.

**🔹 Adjunct Faculty – California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) | 2020 – 2021**

* Taught **Child Therapy & Community Trauma and Healing**, integrating **Native perspectives on collective trauma**.

**CLINICAL & COMMUNITY-BASED WORK**

**🔹 Co-Founder & Clinical Supervisor – Bringing Medicine, Nevada City | 2022 – Present**

* Provide **clinical supervision & mentorship** for new therapists, with an emphasis on **culturally competent mental health care**.
* Offer **consultation & training** to behavioral health agencies to **develop culturally adapted treatment models for Native clients**.

**🔹 Clinical Supervisor & Consultant – Three Rivers Counseling Center | 2017 – 2020**

* Supervised **MFT interns**, guided **diagnostic assessment, treatment planning, & professional identity development**.

**🔹 Private Practice – Serving Native Communities | 2007 – Present**

* Specialize in **trauma, anxiety, depression, & Indigenous women’s mental health**.
* Led **women’s psychotherapy & substance use treatment groups with a Native cultural focus**.

**🔹 Behavioral Health Provider – Sierra Native Alliance & United Auburn Indian Community | 2009 – 2014**

* Provided **culturally adapted therapy** for Native women in recovery & youth at risk.
* Conducted **talking circles, drumming therapy, basket weaving, beading, & cultural identity restoration work**.

**🔹 Clinical Director – Riding High Equine-Assisted Therapy Program | 2009 – 2011**

* Designed & facilitated **equine-assisted therapy** for Native youth, addiction recovery, & trauma survivors.

**CULTURAL & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

✔ **Bringing Medicine Annual Native Women’s Drum Retreat (2024, Nov)** – *Cultural Perspectives on Healing Soul Wounds*  
✔ **Western Association for Counselor Education (2024, Oct)** – *Reevaluating Cultural Narratives in Counselor Education*  
✔ **International Center for Responsible Gaming (2024, Oct)** – *Healing the Spirit of Addiction in Native Communities*  
✔ **Inter-Tribal Council of California (2024, June)** – *Healing the Spirit of Trauma*  
✔ **California Indian Education Conference (2024, March)** – *Healing Collective Trauma through Drumming*  
✔ **Elk River Tribe Wellness Conference (2016)** – *The Healing Drum Workshop*  
✔ **Responsible Gaming Commission Annual Conference (2022, 2020)** – *Culturally Adapted Addiction Treatment for Native Americans*

**Workshops & Trainings:**  
✔ **Drum-Assisted Therapy**  
✔ **Therapeutic Pine Needle Basket Weaving**  
✔ **Understanding & Healing Historical Trauma**  
✔ **Somatic Archeology & Trauma Recovery**  
✔ **Cultural Competency for Mental Health Providers**

**PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL CONSULTATION**

* **Develop culturally responsive mental health programs** for **tribal communities & behavioral health agencies**.
* **Consult on integrating traditional healing methods** (e.g., ceremony, drumming, expressive arts) with **evidence-based therapy**.
* **Supervise & train new clinicians & interns** in culturally adapted therapeutic interventions.
* **Collaborate with tribal leaders** to establish **community-based, collective healing models**.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

✔ **Co-Chair, Sacramento Valley MFT Consortium (2015 – 2020)**  
✔ **Member, ACA, ACES, WACES, CAMFT (Since 2007)**  
✔ **American Indian Perspectives Gathering Group – Capitol Public Radio**

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

🏆 **Faculty of the Quarter, University of Phoenix (2014)**  
🏆 **Nominated Faculty of the Year (2022)**  
🏆 **Community Awards for Cultural Healing & Clinical Excellence**

**SPECIALIZED TRAININGS & CEU CERTIFICATIONS**

✔ **Somatic Experiencing & Somatic Archeology**

✔ **Culturally Adapted Mental Health & Addiction Treatment for Native Americans**  
✔ **EAGALA (Equine-Assisted Growth & Learning Association) Certified**  
✔ **Motivational Interviewing & Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)**

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**