

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Arizona State Licensed Clinical Social Worker,
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Work Settings:

May 1987 to Present - Counseling/Psychotherapy. Private practice working with individuals, couples and families. Specialty areas include: Anxiety Disorders, Sexuality, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Have intensive experience working with male and female survivors of sexual abuse and other trauma, in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Also providing trainings and consultations to institutions and individuals.

January 2010- Presented a two- day Thought Field Therapy training for Psychologists employed by the Northern California State Prison Juvenile Corrections Center.

December 2010 Presented by invitation at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Alaskan Area Diabetes Conference on the link between stress and Type II Diabetes.

July, 2010 Conducted follow up studies in Rwanda on two separate research studies initiated in Rwanda in 2008 and 2009. Trained over 50 additional Rwanda community leaders to deliver trauma relief services to their fellow country-men using Thought Field Therapy.

May, 2008- 2009 Served as Principle Investigator, of two randomized controlled studies testing a model of delivering trauma relief services following large-scale disasters. The model proposed training local community leaders in a trauma relief technique that could be used to help others overcome the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Objective measures included the Trauma Symptom Inventory (TSI) and Modified Post Traumatic Stress Inventory (MPSS). Trained over 100 Rwandan community leaders, who have since treated several thousand survivors of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. As adjunct ASU professor, taught Holistic Social Work and Trauma Treatment Tools at Arizona State University and Scottsdale Health Center.

April, 2007- Assisted Dr. Caroline Sakai doing one year follow up on research begun in April 2006 treating orphans who survived genocide Lead trainings for trauma relief for

over 100 Community leaders in Kigali, Rwanda. Lead a Trauma Relief training in Kigali jointly sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and U.S. AID. Study published in August, 2010 issue of the peer reviewed journal *International Journal of Emergency Mental Health*.

August, 2006- Treated staff of Charity Hospital in New Orleans and other Community members post- Katrina. Trained 60 professionals at Oschner Hospital in New Orleans, LA to use TFT to treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. .

April, 2006- Assisted with Trauma Relief in Rwanda. Trained 30 community leaders in Rwanda to use TFT to treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Treated children who survived 1994 genocide and other orphaned children at El Shadai Orphanage, Kigali, Rwanda sponsored by ATFT Trauma Relief Committee. Assisted Dr. Caroline Sakai in research with children who survived the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

February – December, 1993- Developed an inpatient program for treatment of sexually abused adolescent girls for the Mingus Mountain Residential Treatment Center in Dewey Arizona. Was contracted to work 20 hrs a week for ten months to prepare a treatment Center for JCAHO accreditation. The Center received accreditation.

September 1986 – September 1987 - One-year internship at Verde Valley Community Guidance Clinic, Cottonwood, Arizona. Worked with individuals, families, and couples.

September 1985 – September, 1986- Served a one-year internship as High School Social Worker at Mingus Union High School. Worked with groups, individuals and families.

Professional Training and Development:

July 2005- Completed five- day Intermediate Intensive Training in Ericksonian Approaches to Brief Hypnotic Therapy

September, 1996 – Completed four- day training in TIR (Trauma Incident Reduction)

January 1996 – Trained and Certified at Diagnostic level, TFT (Thought Field Therapy) by Roger Callahan, Ph.D

June 1994 – Trained in Levels I EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) by Francine Shapiro, Ph.D.

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March 1992 – February 1993 – Completed 100 hours, plus, of sex therapy supervision to satisfy requirements to become certified by AASECT as a sex therapist. Dr. Ellen Cole, who has previously studied under Drs. Masters and Johnson, supervised 50 hours of this. Kathleen Todd, ACSW, supervised 50 hours.

April 1990 – January 1992 – Completed 180 hours of face-to-face supervision with Dr. Malcolm Gray to meet certification requirements of American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)

Supervision and Teaching Experience:

Currently presenting Level I and Level II Trainings in Thought Field Therapy. To date have presented over 100 Thought Field Therapy workshops, training Psychologists, M.D.'s, R.N.'s, Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Counselors to use Thought Field Therapy in their clinical work. Have taught in Paris France, Kuwait, Rwanda, Montreal and throughout the United States. As adjunct ASU professor taught Holistic Social Work and Trauma Treatment Tools at Arizona State University and Scottsdale Health Center.

Past Field Instructor for ASU Social Work Program and teacher/mentor for Prescott College.

Publications: Author of *Thought Field Therapy: Clinical Applications* translated into and published in Japanese, July, 2011.

Co-author of Treatment of PTSD in Rwandan Child Genocide Survivors Using Thought Field Therapy. *International Journal of Emergency Mental Health* (12, 1) pp.41-51

Graduate Research:

Graduate research paper/thesis demonstrated that the minority influence on the majority was stronger than majority influence on the minority, presumably due to salience of minority opinion or behavior.

Professional Awards and Credentials and Academic Degrees:

Arizona State University (Social Work) M.S.W. May 1987. Awarded full academic scholarship, based on academic merit for second year of study.

Northern Arizona University (Psychology) B.S. May 1984. Graduated with honors and Magna Cum Laude. Elected to Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society.

Professional Memberships and Affiliations and Certifications:

Member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and family Therapy (AAMFT). Certified as a Diplomat of Sex Therapy by The American Association For Sex Educators Counselors and Therapists (AASECT). Certified by Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners as an Independent Social Worker, a Marriage and Family Therapist and a Substance Abuse Counselor.

Community Service:

In 2006, treated trauma victims in Rwanda and treated trauma victims in New Orleans. Facilitated a two-day trauma relief training for professionals sponsored by Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and LA and facilitated two day trauma relief training for community workers in Rwanda sponsored by El Shadai Orphanage and ATFT Trauma Relief Committee. Facilitated trauma-debriefing groups for flood victims of Arizona Floods at Request of American Red Cross, 1993. Served on Board of Verde Valley Family Network Group, 1993. In November 1999 presented a two-day workshop in Littleton Colorado on using Thought Field Therapy with trauma victims at the invitation of Columbine Connections, a federally funded group formed to address the aftermath of the tragedy at Columbine High School.

Professional Presentations:

July, 2010: Presented on Clinical skills and Marriage and Family communication in Tokyo, Japan.

January, 2010: Presented a TFT algorithm training and an advanced training in Kuwait.

August, 2009: Presented several trainings in Thought Field Therapy to various groups throughout Rwanda. Supervised the treatment of over 600 community members by newly trained Rwandan therapists.

July, 2009: Presented several trauma relief trainings using TFT to various groups in Rwanda. Supervised the new Rwandan trainees, treating community members.

December, 2007: Presented along with Dr. Caroline Sakai, *A Brief Therapy Approach to Trauma* at 10th International Congress on Ericksonian Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy.

October 2004 - Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy to address negative self-assumptions and dysfunctional beliefs* at Second International Association of Thought Field Therapy Conference.

October 2004, Presented Thought Field Therapy training in Kuwait to Muslim women working with trauma. Also treated numerous individuals for trauma.

October 26, 2002 Presented the workshop, *Complex Marital and Sexual Issues: Combining Thought Field Therapy with Traditional Sex Therapy Approaches and Traditional Couples Therapy* at the First Annual Conference for the Association of Thought Field Therapy.

January 2002 – Presented a two- day training on Levels one and two Thought Field Therapy in Paris, France. Training focused on the treatment of anxiety, phobias, anger, past trauma, grief, and other psychological problems and was sponsored by the Institut Sakti D’Hypnose Cininque.

December 6, 2001 – Presented *Combining Ericksonian Approaches and Thought Field Therapy to Challenge Negative Self-Assumptions* at the Eighth International Congress on Ericksonian Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy.

November 3, 2001 – Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy in the treatment of Sexual Problems* at the AASECT sponsored conference, *Sexuality, Intimacy and Spirituality in the 21st Century Conference*.

June 23, 2000 – Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy to Treat Victims of Trauma* at the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services Conference.

November 19 & 20, 1999 – Presented two day workshop in Littleton Colorado on using

Thought Field Therapy with trauma victims at invitation of Columbine Connections, a group federally funded to work with students and others affected by the tragedy which occurred at Columbine High School.

September 24, 1999 – Presented a five-hour introduction to Thought Field Therapy Workshop by invitation, at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Dept. of Psychiatry as part of their Master Therapist Series.

March 3, 1999 – Presented workshop by invitation entitled *Sex for Prostrate Surgery Survivors* for the American Cancer Society Prostate Health Committee.

November 15, 1998 – Presented *Using Thought Field Therapy in the Treatment of Sexual Problems* at the 1998 Annual Joint Meeting of AASECT and SSSS.

September 1997 – Presented workshop *Using Thought Field Therapy in the Treatment of Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse* at the *Seventh International Interdisciplinary Conference on Male Sexual Victimization*.

October 11, 1997 – Presented *Thought Field Therapy: Truth or Placebo?* at the Washington State Counselors WCA Fall Conference.

April 30, 1993 – Presented workshop entitled *Group Therapy for Adolescent Survivors* at 1993 Conference *"Clinical Consequences of Childhood Sexual Abuse."* Talk included criteria for diagnosing PTSD and Dissociative Disorders and physiology of PTSD and Dissociative Disorders.