

PAUL J. LESLIE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Psychology and Human Services Instructor (January 2008 – Present)

Psychology and Sociology Academic Program Coordinator (2008- 2014)

Aiken Technical College

Aiken, South Carolina

Responsibilities:

Prepared and maintained course syllabi/course outlines/classroom expectations for Psychology related courses, participated in instructional/college service/professional development committees, coordinated development of course schedules and in retention, placement and cooperative education activities, assisted in student orientation and recruitment, hired and supervised adjunct faculty, advised students in Human Services and Criminal Justice degree programs, designed and implemented Associates degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences. Advisory Board member for Human Services degree program, created and mentored Aiken Tech Psychology Club and taught undergraduate courses at a public, two-year community college. Courses were taught both on campus and online.

Supervisor: Father Gregory Rogers, Dean of General Education (803) 508-7272

Coach/Facilitator

Institute of Trauma-Informed Hypnotherapy

Chattanooga, Tennessee (March 2020 – Present)

Assisted in the introduction and implementation of 'Trauma-Informed Hypnotherapy' into Veteran Administration (VA) mental health facilities across the United States. Presented workshops and trainings to VA mental health and medical professionals in clinical hypnosis and brief therapy interventions.

Psychotherapist

Counseling Associates of Aiken

Aiken, South Carolina (June 2019 – April 2024)

Private therapy practice offering counseling to individuals and couples. Specialization in mind-body therapy, clinical hypnotherapy and resource-directed/strategic/systemic therapy applications. (803) 226-0190

Psychotherapist

Aiken Counseling Group and Psychiatry

Aiken, South Carolina (March 2012 – July 2017)

Group private practice offering individual, couples, and family therapy for all socio-economic levels. Specialization in mind-body therapy, clinical hypnotherapy and resource-directed/strategic/systemic therapy applications. Oversaw the supervision of

graduate counseling interns.

Adjunct Instructor

Florida Metropolitan University
Tampa, Florida (May – August 2007)

Responsibilities:

Taught undergraduate courses at a private University. The courses taught were *Strategies for Success*, a required intensive program which provided scholastic guidance, self-esteem building, degree advising and self-motivational skills to new students in order to ensure their ability to perform at expected levels or above during their college career, *General Psychology* and *Career Skills*, a required course that assisted students in preparing for job related interviews, enhancing their resume writing skills and increasing their overall marketability as a future employee.

Supervisor: Sharon Ochipinti, General Education Coordinator (813) 879-6000 Ext.125

Family Therapist / Behavioral Management

Mental Health Care, Inc.
Tampa, Florida (April 2006 – June 2007)

Responsibilities:

Provided intensive therapy to individuals and families, behavior assessments, served as a link between clients, service providers, treatment teams and community to ensure continuity of care and connected clients with resources needed to resolve specific problem areas.

Supervisor: Luana Rizo, LMHC (813) 707-7238

Adjunct Instructor

Polk Community College
Lakeland, Florida (September 2006 – May 2007)

Responsibilities:

Taught required courses in *Introduction to Psychology* and *Human Development* to undergraduate students at a two-year state university system college.

Supervisor: Dr. Marvin Pippert, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts, (863) 297-1010 X6245

Adjunct instructor

Art Institute of Tampa
Tampa, Florida (December 2006 – May 2007)

Responsibilities:

Taught required courses in *Introduction to Psychology* to undergraduate students at a private four-year college.

Supervisor: Mark Taylor, Education Coordinator (813) 393-5223

Intern Counselor

Family Counseling Center

Graduate Practicum

Macon, Georgia (September 2004 – September 2005)

Responsibilities:

Provided intake assessments, short-term counseling and assistance for clients from a wide range of ages, socio-economic and cultural backgrounds, utilized problem solving skills to assess client's individual or family treatment needs, and completed case files and consultation with Clinical Director to review counseling strategies.

Supervisor: Jerry Allums, Clinical Director (478) 745-2811

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Counseling Psychology

Argosy University, Sarasota, Florida, 2010

Master of Arts in Psychology

Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia, 2005

Bachelor of Arts in History

Armstrong Atlantic University, Savannah, Georgia, 1995

DISSERTATION RESEARCH

Leslie, P.J. (2010). *The impact of introductory psychology coursework on perceptions of psychotherapy*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Argosy University, Sarasota, FL.

PUBLICATIONS

Leslie, P.J. (2022). *Perceptions and Possibilities: Strategic and Solution-Oriented Approaches to Working with Depression*. London: Phoenix Publishing House.

Leslie, P.J. (2021). *Transforming Themes: Creative Perspectives on Therapeutic Interaction*. London: Phoenix Publishing House.

Leslie, P.J. (2021). Bringing the magic back: Two concepts for creating transformational experiences in therapy. *Science of Psychotherapy*. April edition.

Leslie, P.J. (2020). Natural resources: The importance of contexts in generating change. *Science of Psychotherapy*. April edition.

Leslie, P.J. (2019). *Shadows in the Session: The Presence of the Anomalous in Psychotherapy*. Path Notes Press.

Leslie, P.J. (2019). *The Art of Creating a Magical Session: Key Elements for Transformative Psychotherapy*. Routledge.

Leslie, P.J. (2017). *Unlimited Resources: Simple and Easy Ways to Find, Access and Utilize Client Strengths and Resources to Facilitate Change*. Path Notes Press.

Davis, W.L. & Leslie, P.J. (2017). Emotional intelligence in criminal justice students in experiential and didactic programs. *Asian Academic Research Journal of Social Science & Humanities*, 4(9), 18-25.

Leslie, P.J. (2016). *The Year of Living Magically: Practical ways to create a life of spirit, wonder and connection*. Path Notes Press.

Davis, W.L. & Leslie, P.J. (2015). A comparison of emotional intelligence levels between students in experiential and didactic college programs. *International Journal of Emotional Education*, 7(2).

Leslie, P.J. & Davis, W.L. (2015). Emotional intelligence of undergraduate human services students. *Journal of Human Services*, 35 (1).

Leslie, P.J. (2014). *Low Country Shamanism: Exploring the Magical and Healing Practices of the Coastal Carolinas and Georgia*. Path Notes Press.

Leslie, P.J. (2014). *Potential not Pathology: Helping Your Clients Transform Using Ericksonian Psychotherapy*. Karnac Books.

Davis, W.L. & Leslie, P.J. (2014). The effect of application based training on the emotional intelligence of criminal justice students. *Journal of Higher Education Theory and Practice*, 14(2).

Davis, W., Leslie, P.J. & Davis, J. (2014) *Critical Thinking: Totality of Circumstances*. Balboa Press

Leslie, P.J. (2013). [Review of Fundamentals of Case Management]. *Journal of Human Services*, 33 (1).

Cox, I. and Leslie, P.J. (2008). *Get out of your seat: An Average Passenger's Guide to Dealing with Airline Terror*. Xlibris

LICENSURE / MEMBERSHIPS

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), State of South Carolina (SC LIC# 6036)
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), State of Georgia (GA LIC# LPC6808)
Human Services-Board Certified Practitioner (HS-BCP)
Fellow, National Board of Certified Clinical Hypnotherapists
American Psychology Association

American Counseling Association
South Carolina Counseling Association
Milton H. Erickson Institute of the Bay Area

PRESENTATIONS

“Therapeutic Alchemy: Concepts for Generating Transformational Sessions”. South Carolina Counseling Association 55th Annual Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina. February 21, 2020.

“Psycho-Symbolic Healing: Using Therapeutic Rituals to Generate Change”. South Carolina Counseling Association 55th Annual Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina. February 21, 2020.

“The Art of Creating a Magical Session”. Ericksonian Congress: Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy, Phoenix, Arizona. December 12, 2019. Milton H. Erickson Foundation.

“Healing Psychotherapy” Panel Discussion. Ericksonian Congress: Approaches to Hypnosis and Psychotherapy, Phoenix, Arizona. December 14, 2019. Milton H. Erickson Foundation.

“Seven Key Elements for Transformative Psychotherapy”. South Carolina Counseling Association 55th Annual Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina. February 21, 2019.

“Shifting Contexts: How Moving Out of Pathology Focused Frames Initiates Generative Change”. South Carolina Counseling Association 55th Annual Conference. February 22, 2019.

“The Art of Creating a Magical Session”. Brief Therapy Conference, December 6, 2018, Burlingame, California. Milton H. Erickson Foundation.

Keynote Address: “Potential Not Pathology: Recognizing Strength and Resiliency in Our Clients”. South Carolina Counseling Association 54th Annual Conference, Hilton Head, South Carolina. February 23, 2018

“Unlimited Resources: Simple and Easy Ways to Find, Access, and Utilize Client Strengths and Resources”. Georgia Licensed Professional Counselors Association 29th Regional Conference, Savannah, Georgia, May 10, 2017.

“Hoodoo Therapy: What I Learned About Psychotherapy from Studying Low Country Root Doctors.” The 12th Annual Erickson Congress, Phoenix, Arizona, December 11, 2015.

“Hoodoo Therapy: What I Learned About Psychotherapy from Studying Low Country Root Doctors.” The 51st Annual Conference South Carolina Counseling Association, Hilton Head, South Carolina, February 27, 2015.