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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, June 1997

Master's in Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, May 2007

Doctorate in Education, University of Pittsburgh, May 2021

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

I have over twenty years of social work experience and thirteen years of post-MSW clinical practice with trauma survivors and clients with mental health diagnoses. I have seven years of teaching experience at the postsecondary and secondary levels with students diverse in age, ability, and cultural background. My research focuses on the effects of trauma on individuals and communities. My areas of teaching competence include Social Work, Trauma, Children, Groups, CBT, and various therapeutic treatment models. My training expertise range in subjects such as best practice and treatment methods for children and adolescents impacted by trauma, secondary trauma, and self-care.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh *June 2020-present*

- *Ethnicity and Social Welfare*
- *Social Work with Groups*
- *Social Work Practicum Seminar and Lab I and II*

Lecturer/Faculty, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh *August 2016-June 2020*

- *Social Work Practice and Traumatic Stress*
- *Models of Intervention*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*
- *Intro to Social Work*
- *Generalist Social Work Practice*
- *Ethnicity and Social Welfare*
- *Social Work with Groups*

Instruct undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Social Work, prepare curricula, engage students in learning through classroom activities, facilitate critical thinking through class discussion and experiential learning opportunities

Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh *August 2015-August 2016*

- *Social Work with Groups*
- *Models of Intervention*
- *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy*

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work

BASW Program Director/Assistant Professor, June 2020-present

- Instructor
- Advisor to undergraduate students
- Field supervisor and field liaison for field practicum students

Committee assignments - BASW chair, Teaching Team, Educational Policy, Dean's Leadership, Pathways Steering, CHURCH research team, Admissions, CEH Stakeholder Council, Marketing, CSWE Reaffirmation, Provost's Advisory Committee on Undergraduate Programs (PACUP), Provost's Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence (*ACIE*)

The University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work

Lecturer, August 2016-June 2020

- Instructor of four courses per semester, and one course during the summer
- Adviser to graduate students
- Liaison for field practicums
- Committee assignments – BASW, Direct Practice
- Serves on the Provost's Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence (*ACIE*) 2019-present

Freedom Indeed LLC, Pittsburgh, PA

President, June 2012- Present

- Professor and facilitator of CBT and trauma for therapist in South Asia
- Counsels and interviews juvenile and adult inmates and ex-offenders, crime victims and MHMR clients
- Interviews ex-offenders and inmates using therapeutic assessment tools, conducts reviews and trauma reports, co-facilitates crisis response groups and organizes community outreach initiatives
- Supervises trainings and educational courses for juveniles and adults
- Provides clinical consultation for clinics and agencies
- Conducts trainings and workshops
- Creates curricula for therapy groups and trainings with measurable outcomes

Vision Towards Peace Counseling Services, Wilkinsburg, PA

Therapist, March 2016- September 2020

- Conducted individual, group and family therapy for victims of crime and general mental health disorders

The Center for Victims, Pittsburgh PA

Child and Family Therapist, May 2008 - August 2016

- Conducted individual, group and family therapy for victims and those affected by crime
- Facilitated psycho-educational trainings for professionals and residents in the community

Supervisor, September 2004 - May 2008

- Supervised Juvenile Court advocates' daily operations; participated in meetings with Juvenile Court judges, attorneys, and probation officers; supervised off-sight advocate programs and victim awareness curriculums, assessed individual cases and evaluated files for audits, wrote quarterly reports for continued funding
- Trained probation officers and advocates in the Victim Awareness Curriculum

Victim Advocate – Juvenile and Adult Court, April 2000 - September 2004

- Advocated for victims of crime in juvenile and adult court systems

Auberle Girls Group Home, McKeesport PA

Counselor, - March 1997 – April 2000

- Facilitated individual and group counseling for adolescent girls

Facilitator/Instructor/Lecturer

- Lectured on topics of Victimization, Impact of Crime and PTSD, Department of Counseling, Psychology and Special Education, Duquesne University-Professor Lisa Lopez Levers Ph.D., 2009.
- Facilitated lectures on the Impact of Victimization, PTSD Symptoms, Unresolved Trauma and Methods of Treatment for Inmates and Staff at State Correctional Institutes in PA, 2012, 2013.
- Facilitated six-week curriculum, “Healthy Relationships,” for Gwen’s Girls Group Home, 2012
- Conducted training, “Impact of Crime on the Urban Community,” for members of Macedonia Baptist Church, 2012.
- Training for Area Agency on Aging staff, “Early Life Trauma and the Impacts Later in Life,” 2013
- Impact of Trauma on Children - CYF staff, 2009; The Pittsburgh Project, 2011.
- Guest lectured on topics of PTSD, CBT, Multicultural Practice, Creative Therapeutic Methods, at the University of Pittsburgh - Professors Lynn Coghill, Lovie Jackson, and Yodit Betru, 2012-2017.
- Co-facilitator (Lynn Coghill), "Using CBT and Expressive Arts in Trauma Treatment” NASW-PA, 2016
- Co-facilitator (Lynn Coghill), "Using CBT and Expressive Arts in Trauma Treatment” University of Pittsburgh, 2015-2019
- Facilitator, “Equipped to Respond to Crisis” Valley View Community and Outreach Team, 2017

- Facilitator, “Multicultural Competence in Counseling” the Annual Counseling Director Meeting University of Pittsburgh, University Counseling Services, 2017
- Facilitator, “Workplace Cohesion and Self-Care”, University of Pittsburgh, University Counseling Services, 2017

Trauma Workshops /Presentations /Expert Guest

- BCCAN – April, May 2014
- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Trauma story on the murder of local client's sons, June, 2014
- NSAC (National Sex Assault Conference) July, 2014
- Beaver County CYF: October, 2014
- Guest, "Bev Smith Syndicated Talk Show," WOL 1450 Washington, DC - Franklin Regional High School stabbings, Murrysville, Pa., 2014
- Guest, "The Lynne Hayes Freeland Show," - Center for Victims services, 2015
- Guest, KDKA-TV2 "The Morning Show" -Mass Killings in Wilksburg, Pa., April, 2016
- South Side Coalition for Peace, Trauma in the community, 2017
- Robert Morris University – Cultural Awareness for Practitioners
- UPMC - Member Engagement and Retention: Incorporating the Social Determinants of Health 2018-present
- 1Hood Media – Anxiety, Panic Disorder, Depression, and Trauma, 2018
- United States Federal Court Judges– Cognitive Impact of Violence on Offenders, 2018
- East Minster Church - Community Trauma and Christian Care, 2019
- Children’s Hospital of Greater Pittsburgh - Exploring the Impact and Healing of Trauma Through Ethical Practice, 2019
- United States Federal Court Probation Officers – Cognitive Impact of Violence on Inmates and ex-offenders, trauma-focused therapy and best practice interventions, 2019
- Guest panelist for FEM (Feminist Empowerment Movement) at the University of Pittsburgh annual Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental Health and Intersectionality Roundtable Discussion, 2019
- Panelist for Baker Fellowship students, Integrated Behavioral Health Care Program on Grief, Loss, and Spirituality, 2019
- Gwen’s Girls clinical coordinator 2020-present
- PASWE keynote speaker May 2020
- Andrew Best talk show presentation Baltimore Maryland covid, MH, and police brutality June 2020
- Mental health institute for k-12 teachers in Pittsburgh public school district June 2020
- Mayors office, Pitt and OCH&S planning committee June 2020
- Trauma-informed care in Allegheny county task force and initiative Aug 2020-present

ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION AND EXPERIENCE

- Professor of CBT and trauma in South Asia, 2021-present
- Federal Defense Attorney's Office – Expert Trauma Witness, 2017- present
- Certified EMDR Practitioner, 2016
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Pennsylvania, 2015
- Facilitator for Train the Trainer-victim awareness curriculum, Pathways Conference facilitator for TF-CBT and Expressive Therapies, 2005-2010
- Licensed Social Worker, State of Pennsylvania, 2009
- Trained Mediation Specialist, 2008
- Trained in Conflict Resolution, 2007
- TF-CBT trained, 2007
- Certified Victim Advocate, 2008
- NOVA Crisis trained, National Organization of Victim Assistance, 2008
- Bridges Community Impact Program, Community Impact Awardee, 2018
- Hammonds Initiative Non-Profit Organization – Board of Directors, 2018-present
- Melanin Mommies of Pittsburgh – Board of Directors, 2019-present
- Search committee for the CEWL Academic Coordinator, 2019-2020
- Provost's Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence committee member (ACIE) 2019- present
- Tri-State Area School Study Council Identifying and managing stress in the workplace during COVID-19, PSCA Pennsylvania school counselor's association

PUBLICATION

- Jones, Toya S. "Healing from Injustice" (2015) *The Mount Magazine*.
- Jones, Toya S. "Dirty Laundry"-African-Americans and Therapy (2016) *The Mount Magazine*.