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Associate Professor

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**EDUCATION**

**Doctorate of Philosophy** in Marriage and Family Therapy

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

May 2017

**Master of Arts** in Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

December 2011

**Bachelor of Arts** in Psychology

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

August 2005

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Associate Professor of Graduate Counseling**

**Indiana Wesleyan University 2017- present**

* Classes: Human Development; Foundations of Marriage and Family Therapy; Multicultural Counseling; Group Theories; Theories & Techniques in Helping Relationships; MFT Practicum & Internship; MFT I: Theory, Assessment & Application; Marriage and Family Therapy II: Theory Assessment & Applications; MFT III: Theory, Assessment & Application; Affairs, Divorce & Remarriage**;** Premarital & Conflict Strategies & Systemic Issues in Counseling

**Internship Coordinator**

**Indiana Wesleyan University 2022- present**

* Serve as a liaison between internship sites and Graduate Counseling programs.
* Assist in preparing students for the practicum and internship
* Provide services to sites for continued education and training (cultural competence, needs of a supervisor, etc.)
* Identify new/potential internship sites for students (include rural, urban and underserved communities)

**Graduate Instructor**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX 8/15-05/17

* CFAS 2360 - Diversity in Community, Family, and Addiction Sciences
* CFAS 2300 – Communications Civility & Ethics
  + Undergraduate course
  + Lead discussions, grade assignments and met with students about class concerns
  + Created course quizzes
  + Assisted in redesigning online course page

**Invited Guest Lecturer**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 09/16

* Presented on Gender/Power/Culture for MFT 5300, Introduction to MFT Practicum

**Guest Lecturer**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 02/16

* Substituted for COM 252, Interpersonal Communication, “Out and About: Exploring Nonverbal Communication in Our Lives

**Guest Lecturer**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 04/14

* Presented on Solution Focused Therapy interventions and process for master’s students at Texas Tech University

**Guest Lecturer**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 04/14

* Substituted for CFAS 2360 - Diversity in Community, Family, and Addiction Services course

**Guest Lecturer**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 08/13

* Substituted for CFAS 2300 instructors and discussed topics on diversity, ethical reasoning, and presentation skills

**Guest Lecturer**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 03/14

* Presented requirements and resources of Community Family & Addiction Serves & Marriage & Family Therapy program to PSI-CHI/ Psychology student organization

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Publications**

**Williams, D**., (2023, September) “Smile Through the Pain: The Complexities of Narratives about Mental Health

in the Black Community”: Family Therapy Magazine, 22(5), 20-24.

Kadieva, V., **N. Williams, D**.,. (2022). Finding the Supervision Key of Therapist’ Progress,

*The* *American Journal of Family Therapy. DOI 10.1080/01926187.2022.2124205*

Kadieva, V., **Nicholas Williams, D**., Hernandez, A & Aguon, N. (2021). Exploring Women’s Experiences

and Family Role Shifts Superseding a Breast Cancer Diagnosis, *The* *American Journal of Family Therapy 49(4)*

Armstrong, J. Thorpe, S. & **Williams, D**. (2020) *Sexual Attitudes, Religious Commitment, and*

*Sexual Risk Behaviors among College-Aged Women: A Feminist Theory Approach*, Journal of Gender Studies,

DOI: 10.1080/09589236.2020.1838888

**Williams, D**., (2020, July) “Academia was not created with me in mind”: Accessing how MFT programs are doing around Systemic Racism. Family Therapy Magazine, 19(4), 20-24.

Kadieva, V., **Nicholas Williams, D**., (2020). Building the Pyramid That Leads to Client’s Progress: Supervision, Therapists’ Work, and Client Alliance, *The* *American Journal of Family Therapy 1:22*

**Williams, D**., (2020). A Theoretical Framework for Supervising and Mentoring New Clinicians. In *(*Trent, M.A., Pardlow, D., & Stevenson Ratliff, M.P.(Eds.), *Transforming Students into Leaders through the Literary Arts*

*and the Social Sciences* (pp.158-166)*.* Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Méndez-Pounds, J., **Nicholas Williams, D**., Whiting, J., Gonzalez, N. (2018). "“I am just like everyone else, except

for a nine-digit number”: A phenomenological analysis of the experiences of DREAMers,” *The Qualitative Report*

**Nicholas Williams, D**., Smith, D.B., Sukach, T., & Minaiy, C., (2019) Expecting More in Relationships –

Implications of Relational Entitlement, *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 46:4, 321-34

**Presentations & Trainings**

**Williams, D**., (November 2023). *Reimagining Clinical Work with Individuals from Marginalized Communities*- A training presentation. MFP Training Institute, American Association for

Marriage and Family Therapy Research and Education Foundation., The Minority Fellowship Program San Diego, California.

**Williams, D. & Armstrong, J.** (March 2023). *Implications of the Pandemic on the Sustainability of Therapists in the Field of MFT***.** A workshop presentation at the 2022 International Family Therapy Association, Malaga Spain.

**Williams, D.** (February 2023**).** *Trauma Implications in our Communities.*A workshop presentation at Locked in Solidarity: Trauma & Trauma Care with Youth event at Real Community CovenantChurch, Marion, Indiana.

**Williams, D**., (August 2022). *Family -Based Treatment Program for Addiction Recovery* - A training presentation. MFP Training Institute, American Association for

Marriage and Family Therapy Research and Education Foundation., The Minority Fellowship Program Tampa, Florida.

Trent, M. A., & **Nicholas Williams, D**. (February 2021). *Intersectionality, Individuality, and Togetherness in a Christ-Centered Community*. A workshop presentation Day of Courageous Conversations 2021, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion Indiana.

Forman, C. & **Williams, D**. (November 2020). *Community Cultural Wealth – Experiences of Individuals of Color.* A research discussion at the 2020 American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual, Orlando, Florida. Conference (cancelled due to COVID 19)

Forman, C. & **Williams, D**. (October, 2019). Creating a Climate for Success Based on Community Cultural Wealth. A workshop presentation at the 2019 Diversity Conference, George Fox University, Newberg, OR.

Armstrong, J. & **Williams, D**. (November, 2018). *Women’s Sexual Behaviors Influenced Religion & Depression. A* workshop presentation at the 2018 American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky. IFTA 2023 Malaga, Spain World Family Therapy Congress

**Williams, D**., & Kadieva, V.( February, 2017). *How Relational Entitlement Could Be Destructive for Couple Relationships. A* workshop presentation at the 2017 Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Austin, Texas.

Kadieva, V., & **Williams, D**. (September, 2016). *Finding the Supervision Key Leading to Therapist and Client Progress*. A research discussion presentation at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Kadieva, V., & **Williams, D.** (February, 2016). *Finding the Supervision Key Leading to Therapist and Client Progress*. A poster presentation at the Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Austin, Texas.

Turns, B., Ivey, D. Heath, C. Chang, J & **Williams, D**. (September, 2015). Self of the Spiritual Therapist Among Sexual Topics. Workshop Presentation at the 2015 AAMFT Annual Conference, Austin, Texas.

Kadieva, V., & **Williams, D**. **(**March, 2015). *Parental Styles, Family Structure, Family SES, and Entitlement.* Poster presentation at the Texas Tech University the Graduate Research Poster Competition, Lubbock, Texas.

Mendez, J., **Williams, D**. & Whiting J., (October, 2014). Undocumented and uneducated: The insider’s experience of DREAMERs. Poster presentation at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Contracted Therapist**

Bridges of Hope Treatment Center, Anderson IN 05/21-present

* Developed Family Support Program

**Independent Therapist**

New Hope Christian Counseling Center, Lubbock TX 06/15-08/17

* Maintained a private practice through counseling individuals, families and couples on a variety of issues such as pre-marital counseling, infidelity, substance abuse, grief and loss and anxiety related concerns

**Contracted Therapist**

Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center, Lubbock TX 11/15-08/17

* Conducted home visits to adolescents and their families to provide counseling services
* Conducted school visits to adolescents on probation and provide individual counseling

**Research Assistant**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX 09/13-12/13

* Utilized ‘Qualtrics’ to create and upload survey information
* Conducted college presentations for both Texas Tech University and West Texas High Schools

**DUI Counselor**

Affordable Counseling, Bradenton FL 04/12 – 08/13

* Conducted clients’ pre-assessment session, bio-socials, discharge summaries and urine analysis assessments.
* Provided assessment information to treatment team
* Conducted individual and group counseling to DUI clients
* Maintained client records

**Undergraduate Adviser**

Department of Mass Communications, Tampa FL 05/06 – 08/13

* Advised students with course registration and completion of graduation requirements
* Advised for a student organization, Chi Phi Sigma 1st Caribbean Fraternity & Sorority, Inc. (with the goal to educate both males & males and females with ethnic backgrounds & social classes, the importance of attaining academic and social success regardless of race or creed)
* Coordinated several advising workshops for each departmental sequence in an effort to help faculty advisers become better acclimated with the SASS system as well as University policy changes
* Reached out to special populations such as students on probation to encourage advising sessions to review their academic standing and discuss ways to raise their GPA
* Collected, analyzed and reported data needed for school's accreditation process

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Campus Equity Response Team (CERT), Indiana Wesleyan University (2019 –

Intercultural Fellow, Indiana Wesleyan University (2018-2023)

Faculty Academy on Belonging Indiana Wesleyan University (2018-2019)

Academic Policies Committee Indiana Wesleyan University (2019- 2020)

Scholarship Council (2022-2023)

**Thesis Committees Chaired**

Forman, C. The Experience of Critical Consciousness and Community Cultural Wealth in Minoritized. Graduate Counseling, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN.

**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Ad-hoc Reviewer for the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy

Minority Fellowship Program Mentor. (2018 –present)

Personal Relationships Journal Reviewer (2018 – present)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Marriage and Family Therapy License**

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

(Issued May, 2018)

**AAMFT Approved Supervisor**

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy May 2017 – present

**Reginal Rep**

Indiana American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy May 2021 – December 2023

**Delta Kappa The International Marriage and Family Therapy Honor Society Xi Chapter Advisor**

**LEADERSHIP/AWARDS INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

2020-2021 – Emerging Scholars Award Indiana Wesleyan University

Spring 2020 Lilly Endowment Fieldtrip Grant - Multicultural Indiana Wesleyan