

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC TRAINING

- August, 1990 Post-doctoral Fellowship in Couple and Family Therapy. Family Institute of Chicago, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.
- August, 1989 Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- July, 1984 Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.
- July, 1981 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, with Early Childhood Education Endorsement. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- September 2012 – present Dean, Professor, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- September 2010 –Sept. 2012 Associate Dean, Professor (June 2011), Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- September 2006 – present Director of Doctoral Program, Associate Professor (June 2004), Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- May 1997 – August 2006 Director of Training, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- Sept. 1992 – May 1997 Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Professional Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- Sept. 1990 – Sept. 1992 Research Coordinator, Senior Staff Clinician, Family Institute, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois.

Sept. 1989 – Sept. 1990	Post-doctoral Fellow, Family Institute, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.
Sept. 1988 – Aug. 1989	Psychology Resident, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.
Sept. 1987 – Aug. 1988	Psychology Trainee, Counseling Center, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
Sept. 1985 – Aug. 1987	Psychology Trainee and Administrative Assistant, Doyle Center for Children and Families, Chicago, Illinois.
May 1983 – Aug. 1983	Psychology Trainee, Substance Abuse Program, U.S. Army Fort Bliss, Texas.
Jan. 1991 – Aug. 1984	Elementary School Teacher, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

HONORS AND AWARDS

October 2009	Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Denver
March 2000	Faculty Research Fund Grant
May 1997	Teacher of the Year, Graduate School of Professional Psychology
September 1989	Family Institute Post-doctoral Fellowship
September 1987	Schmitt Foundation Fellowship
September 1984	National Institute of Mental Health Graduate Fellowship

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

January 1993 – present	Private practice, specialty in couples, families, and relationship issues
September 2003 – present	Writing and research group member, Couple specialty
May 2003 – present	Graduate Council Representative
May 2003-2008	Graduate Council Student Appeals Committee
May 1996 – present	Clinical consultation group member, Couple specialty
September 2001 – present	Research seminar co-leader, GSPP Consortium Internship

September 2002 – present	Iliff Joint Ph.D. Program Multidisciplinary Committee, Comprehensive Exam Reader
September 2011 – present Sept. 2002 – May 2005 Sept. 1994- May 1996	GSPP Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee
March 2002 – May 2009	Respecialization in Clinical Psychology Committee
Sept. 1994 – May 2003	Faculty Senate Representative, GSPP Nominations, Rules, and Credentials Committee
Sept. 1994 – July 1999	GSPP IRB Committee
Sept. 1994 – May 1995	Clinical Competency Exam Development Committee (Chair)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ADDRESSES

October 2017	“Community Engagement and Graduate Training: Partnering for the Public Good,” Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan (CUMU) Annual Conference: The Urban Advantage, Denver, Colorado.
August 2017	“The 3 Cs---Commitment, Care, and Collaboration in Building an International Exchange Program,” 125th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington DC.
August 2017	“Mentoring Across the Developmental Spectrum in the Context of Changing Demographics,” 125th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington DC.
August 2016	“Applying Couple and Family Psychology Interventions to Novel Settings and Populations,” 124 th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, Colorado.
August 2016	“Formation of the DU Graduate Sturm Specialty in Military Psychology,” Co-presentation at 124 th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, Colorado.
August 2016	“Making the Invisible Risible---Sketch Comedy As a Basis for Difficult Dialogues,” Co-presentation at 124 th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, Colorado.

- January 2016 “Developmental Approaches to Mentoring,” National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology, Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- January 2015 “Interdisciplinary and leadership competencies: Preparing students for diverse roles,” National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology, Annual Conference, San Diego, California.
- March 2014 “Our Own Worst Enemy: Women in the Workplace,” 19th Annual Women’s Conference, University of Denver, Colorado.
- January 2014 “Contemporary Perspectives on Leadership in Academic Settings,” National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology, Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- February 2013 “Couples Treatment in Medical Patients,” Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Denver, Colorado.
- April 2012 “Systemic Issues in Cancer Treatment,” Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Denver, Colorado.
- July/August 2011 “Current Perspectives on Couple and Family Therapy: Concepts and Interventions with Returning Veterans.” US Readjustment Counseling Service, Regional 4A Annual Training, Denver, Colorado.
- March 2011 “Treating Infidelity in Couple Therapy,” Metropolitan State University Counseling Center, Denver, Colorado
- February 2011 “Family Therapy for Cancer Patients,” Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Denver, Colorado.
- March 2010 “Walking the Talk: Female Faculty Address Gender Issues in a University Department,” 15th annual Women’s Conference, University of Denver.
- March 2010 “Using Systems Theory in Medical Settings,” Rocky Mountain Cancer Center, Denver, Colorado.
- February 2009 “Advanced Skills in Couples Treatment,” Metropolitan State University Counseling Center, Denver, Colorado.
- July 2008 “Overview to Couples Treatment,” Metropolitan State University Counseling Center, Denver, Colorado.

- January 2004 “Promoting Advocacy Training through Field Placements,” National Council of Schools of Professional Psychology, Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- March 2002 “Creating Community throughout the University,” Annual Women’s Conference, University of Denver.
- February 2001 “Ethical Issues in Couples’ Therapy,” Aurora Community Mental Health Center, Continuing Education, Denver. Colorado.
- August 2000 “A Healthy Beginning: Skills for Newlyweds,” Washington Park United Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado.
- May 1999 “Working with Post-Divorce Issues,” Colorado Psychologists in Private Practice Quarterly Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- October 1998 “Working with the Post-Divorce Family System,” University of Denver, Continuing Education Program.
- March 1998 “Training Psychologists for Interdisciplinary Practice,” Colorado Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, Colorado.
- May 1997 “Parenting Preschoolers – Love and Order,” Rocky Mountain United Methodist Conference, Denver, Colorado.
- January 1996 “Innovations in Professional Practice Training,” National Council of Schools of Professional Psychology, Annual Conference, Clearwater, Florida.
- March 1994 “Addressing Gender Issues in Couples’ Therapy,” Colorado Women Psychologists, Quarterly Meeting.
- July 1993 “Enhancing Intimacy through Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy,” Skokie Community Mental Health Center, Skokie, Illinois.
- November 1991 “Exploring children’s experiences of psychotherapy,” Society for Psychotherapy Research, Annual Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- July 1990 “Developing a psychotherapy process measure for children,” Society for Psychotherapy Research, Annual Conference, Wintergreen, Virginia.

INTERVIEW

June 2017

“Yes, It’s OK to Worry Sometimes—If You Do it Right. Here’s Why,” article in *Reader’s Digest* by Charlotte Hilton Andersen.

PUBLICATIONS

Smith-Acuña, S. (2011). *Systems Theory in action: Application to individual, couple, and family therapy*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.

Greene, H., Howard, R., Wade, K., Bartels, J., Farrington, T., Geva, A., Glazer, J., Heerman, M., Jacklin, E., Sackett, J., Smith-Acuña, S., Stein, M., & Ward, B. (2010) Factors influencing doctoral paper completion in a captive consortium *Psychotherapy Bulletin*, 45, 3, pp. 30-33.

Smith-Acuña, S., Hergenrother, C., Cassler, C., Doty, T., Fuchs, L., Ging, K., Merchant S., Pfaff, K., Riss, M., Rosenthal, R., Thompson, K., Tindall, B., & Wartenberg, O. (2010) Training in supervision during the pre-doctoral internship year Experiences and recommendations. *Psychotherapy Bulletin*, pp. 43-47.

Burgamy, S., Nadkarni, L., Smith-Acuña, S., & Cornish, J. (2009) Career issues for Graduate psychology students. *The Colorado Psychologist*, pp. 7-17

Ritchie-Goodline, J., and Smith-Acuña, S. (2008) Understanding women’s experience Of diagnosis and treatment of endometriosis: Implications for practice. *The Colorado Psychologist*, pp. 7-11.

Erickson Cornish, J., Smith-Acuña, S., & Nadkarni, L. (2005) Developing an exclusive affiliated psychology internship consortium: A novel approach to internship training. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 36, 1, pp. 9-15.

Smith-Acuña, S., Henderson-Metzger, L., & Watson, M. (2004). The paradox of the female batterer: exploring the link between gender, personality, and intimate violence. *Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, 20, 1, pp. 5-10.

Smith-Acuña, S., Durlak, J., & Kaspar, C. (1990). The development of a child Psychotherapy process measure. *Journal of Clinical Child Psychology*, 85, 22 227.

Smith-Acuña, (Tucker) S. (1986). Gifted children view their emotional needs. *The Creative Child and Adult Quarterly*, 5, 156-165.

Smith-Acuña, (Tucker), S. (1983). Review of The Testing Trap by Andrew J. Strenio, *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 5, 241-244.

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Sobesky, M., & Smith-Acuna, S. (2016). Parental influence on adolescent cannabis misuse in a climate of legalization. Submitted to *Family Process*.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association

- Division 43 – Society for Couple and Family Psychology
- Division of Feminist Psychology

Colorado Psychological Association

National Councils of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology