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ACADEMIC PROFILE

Behavioral Health Clinician and U.S. Marine Corps veteran with interdisciplinary graduate training in Social Work and Public Health. Clinical specialization includes PTSD, traumatic brain injury (TBI), co-occurring substance use disorders, crisis intervention, and systems-based care coordination within federal healthcare environments serving veteran populations

Academic and clinical interests include moral injury, post-deployment reintegration, developmental and intergenerational trauma, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), with emphasis on how early adversity affects emotional regulation, identity formation, health outcomes, and adult functioning

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work (MSW), Mental Health Concentration

Loyola University Chicago, Graduate School of Social Work — Chicago, Illinois

Conferred: 2015

Certificate: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling

Master of Public Health (MPH)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Conferred: 2010

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Conferred: 2005

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) — State of Arizona

Certificate: Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling — Loyola University Chicago

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Behavioral Health / Mental Health Clinician

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System — West Los Angeles VA Medical Center

Provide clinical services within a large, complex Veterans Health Administration (VHA) system supporting veterans with acute psychiatric crises and chronic mental health conditions, including PTSD, traumatic brain injury (TBI), severe depression, suicidality, psychosis, and co-occurring substance use disorders

Clinical Settings Include:

- Inpatient Mental Health / Psychiatry Units
- Emergency Department psychiatric evaluations
- Residential, substance use, and outpatient mental health programs

Clinical Responsibilities:

- Conduct comprehensive assessments and high-acuity clinical support for veterans in psychiatric crisis, including suicide risk evaluation, stabilization, and safety planning
- Participate in crisis stabilization and inpatient psychiatric care, including coordination of admissions through the VA Emergency Department and inter-facility transfers when capacity is limited
- Collaborate with psychiatry, nursing, and interdisciplinary teams for medication stabilization, continuity of care, and ethical treatment planning
- Coordinate transitions across inpatient, residential, IOP, partial hospitalization, and community-authorized placements, supporting continuity and reducing fragmentation
- Apply trauma-informed, veteran-centered approaches acknowledging combat stress, moral injury, and reintegration challenges

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Marine Corps (USMC)

Active Duty: 1995 – 1999

Rank at Separation: Corporal (E-4)

Military Occupational Specialty: 3051 – Supply Chain Management

Primary Assignment: 1st Supply Battalion, 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, California

Character of Service: Honorable

Decorations and Awards:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (with one star)
- Good Conduct Medal
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Rifle Marksmanship Badge

CLINICAL ORIENTATION & AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Trauma-Informed Care
- PTSD and Combat-Related Trauma
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and behavioral health impacts
- Developmental Trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)

- Suicide Risk Assessment, Crisis Intervention, and Safety Planning
- Co-Occurring Disorders and Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
- Moral Injury and Reintegration Support
- Systems-Based Care Coordination across levels of care

Knowledgeable in entheogen-informed and psychedelic-assisted therapeutic models, including screening, preparation, harm reduction, ethical considerations, and post-session integration support

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

- Moral Injury and Veteran Reintegration
- PTSD, TBI, and complex trauma in veteran populations
- Developmental and Intergenerational Trauma
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and lifespan outcomes
- Behavioral Health and Public Health Systems Integration
- Substance Use and Community Recovery Models
- Trauma-Informed Systems and Workforce Development
- Emerging and Integrative Trauma Therapies

PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

My work integrates social work, public health, and military experience to examine trauma not solely as pathology, but as an adaptive survival response shaped by developmental experiences and systemic contexts. I emphasize trauma-informed, culturally responsive practice and continuity-of-care approaches that support veterans and communities in moving from crisis and survival-based coping toward stability, agency, and connection