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EDUCATION

- 1997-99 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship**
Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Anxiety Disorders Service/Psychological Services Center
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 1997 **Doctor of Philosophy**, Psychology Department
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Concentration: Clinical Psychology (APA accredited)
- Clinical Internship:** (8/96-8/97) Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Hines, IL
(APA accredited) Rotations: substance abuse treatment, neuropsychology, outpatient clinic
- 1993 **Master of Arts**, Psychology Department
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 1983 **Bachelor of Arts**
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Major: Psychology

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS

Illinois - Clinical Psychologist, #071-005917

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association - Member

APA Division 36 – The Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

APA Division 44 - Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

8/11 – present Associate Professor of Psychology
9/12 – 8/18 Coordinator – MA Psychology Program
8/08 – 9/12 Clinical Training Coordinator - Psychology
8/06 – 7/11 Assistant Professor of Psychology
Governors State University
University Park, IL

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Abnormal Psychology; Lab in Personal Stress Management; Learning & Cognition; Principles of Learning and Behavior; Principles of Psychology; Psychological Issues and Social Values; Psychology of Spiritual Development; Research Methods; Theories of Personality

Graduate Courses Taught:

Advanced Research Seminar; Clinical Practicum; Clinical Internship; Counseling LGBTQ Persons; Group Psychotherapy; Special Topics in Psychology-The Psychology of Spiritual Development; Theories of Psychotherapy; Thesis direction

Service:

Division Personnel Committee (2011-2013 & 2017-pres. Chair, AY '18-'19); PsyD Program Development Committee (co-chair, 2018-pres.); Graduate Psychology Admissions Committee (2006-pres., Chairperson 2012-2018); GSU SafeZone program (presenter, 2015-2018; chair 2018-pres.); University Sanction and Termination Committee (2017-pres.); Gender and Sexuality Studies Steering Committee (2014-2018); Counseling Services – Licensed Counselor Search Committee (Summer 2017, Fall 2018); Health Services Director Search Committee (2017); Sabbatical Leave Committee (2017); Graduate Psychology Program Reviews (2012, 2018); Graduate Psychology Curriculum Revisions (2008, 2013, 2017); Psychology Faculty Search Committees (2008, chair 2010, 2013); Undergraduate Psychology Curriculum Revision (2006); College of Education Budget Committee (2006-2008); HLC subcommittee - criterion 4 (2008-09); Faculty Development Advisory Committee (2009-2014, Vice-Chairperson 2011-2014); Academic Program Elimination Review Committee (2014-2016); Associate Provost Search Committee (2011).

7/05 – 7/06 Associate Professor of Psychology & Director of Counseling Services
7/03 – 7/05 Assistant Professor of Psychology
Crown College
St. Bonifacius, MN

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Abnormal Psychology; Counseling Psychology; Faith Integration Seminar; Psychology of Addiction; Psychology of Spiritual Development; Research Methods; Theories of Learning and Memory; Theories of Personality; Academic advising.

Clinical Responsibilities:

Supervision of Masters level therapist and counseling interns, case triage, crisis intervention, and interdisciplinary staff meetings.

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Service:

Promotion & Tenure Committee ('04 – '06), Scholarship Committee ('04 – '06), President's Advisory Board on Cultural Diversity ('04), Sexuality & Relationships Committee ('03).

7/02 – 7/03

Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology
Institute for the Psychological Sciences
Arlington, VA

Graduate Courses Taught:

Professional Ethics, Psychopathology, Adult Psychotherapy, Biological Bases of Behavior, Clinical Practicum, Thesis and dissertation direction, Graduate student advising.

Service:

Director, Master of Science Program (4/03-7/03); Chairperson, Institutional Research Review Board; Vice-Chairperson, Faculty Council; Institutional Effectiveness Committee

9/02 – 7/03

Clinical Psychologist (Independent Practitioner)
Catholic Family Clinicians Network,
Alpha-Omega Clinic and Consultation Services
Vienna, VA

Clinical Experience: Quality Assurance Manager (11/02 – 7/03); Provided individual and marital therapies integrating spirituality and psychology; Specialization in treatment of addictions, anxiety disorders, and mood disorders

4/01 – 5/02

Adjunct Clinical Faculty
Department of Psychology
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Graduate Courses: Psychotherapy Practicum; Served on student thesis and dissertation committees.

9/99 – 6/02

Research Associate
Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Healthy Families Illinois program evaluation

- Managed all aspects of data collection process for a 1.2 million-dollar grant-funded study of the effectiveness of parent training methods.

Effects of Assault History on Long-term Readiness of Naval Recruits

- Supervised all aspects of implementing a multi-million-dollar longitudinal study of the effectiveness of sexual assault intervention training programs for U.S. Navy personnel.

9/99 – 6/02

Clinical Psychologist (Independent Practitioner)
Crossroads Counseling Center
DeKalb, IL

Clinical Experience: Served on Board of Directors (9/01-6/02); Provided psychological evaluations and conducted therapy for individuals and couples; Provided clinical supervision for master's

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level therapists; Specialized in integration of spirituality with psychological interventions for addictions, anxiety disorders, and mood disorders.

9/97 – 9/99

Post-Doctoral Fellow

Center for the Study of Family Violence and Sexual Assault
Anxiety Disorders Service/Psychological Services Center
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Clinical Experience: Conducted structured clinical interviews; Implemented empirically-validated group and individual therapy for anxiety disorders; Supervised graduate students in a university clinic setting; Provided emergency on-call services and crisis management consultation.

Research Experience: Participated in development of a psychoeducational intervention to reduce incidents of sexual assault among Naval recruits; Supervised implementation of primary prevention sexual assault intervention; Managed all aspects of a large (N=11,000) database

RESEARCH PROGRAM

Spiritual/Faith Development among LGBTQ Persons. In my previously published research, I explored the concept of religious faith development and the relationship between religious beliefs and various behaviors. More recently, I have become interested in exploring how spiritual development among sexual and gender minorities may be affected by religious doctrine and beliefs, generation, and racial/ethnic culture, and I have been working on an autoethnographic manuscript relating my experiences as a sexual and gender minority with my role as a psychologist of religion. In the longer term I plan to engage in scholarly work exploring other LGBTQ narratives as they pertain to faith experience and spirituality, and possibly initiate a qualitative research study in this area.

Political targeting of sexual and gender minorities. I am also interested in how religious beliefs and political patriarchy are related to the targeting of transgender women, for example in the issue of the so-called “bathroom wars” of very recent years.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Dyslin, C. Things are seldom what they seem: A crisis of faith and experience of developing spirituality for a transgender woman. Manuscript in preparation.

Dyslin, C. Out of the fold: The fight for “freedom of religion” and the political targeting of sexual and gender minorities. Manuscript in preparation.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Dyslin, C.W. & Thomsen, C. J. (2011). Religiosity of young adults: Does childhood maltreatment make a difference? *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, 14(7), 625-631.

Dyslin, C.W. (2008). The power of powerlessness: The role of spiritual surrender and interpersonal confession in addiction treatment. *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 27(1), 41-55.

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Dyslin, C.W. & Thomsen, C. J. (2005). Religiosity and risk of perpetrating child physical abuse: An empirical investigation. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 33, 291-298.

Dyslin, C.W. (1998). Perceptual control theory: A model of volitional behavior in accord with the ideas of Alfred Adler. *Individual Psychology*, 54, 24-40.

Merrill, L.L, Stander, V., Rau, T.J., Thomsen, C. J., Dyslin, C. W., Crouch, J.L., Rabenhorst, M.M. & Milner, J.S. (2010). Development and evaluation of a manualized sexual assault education/prevention program for male U.S. Navy personnel. *Military Medicine*, 175(6), 429-434.

Milner, J. S., Thomsen, C. J., Crouch, J. L., Rabenhorst, M. M., Martens, P. M., Dyslin, C. W., Guimond, J. M., Stander, V. A., & Merrill, L. L. (2010). Do trauma symptoms mediate the relationship between childhood physical abuse and adult abuse risk? *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 34, 332-344.

Rau, T.J., Merrill, L.L, McWhorter, S.K., Stander, V., Thomsen, C. J., Dyslin, C. W., Crouch, J.L., Rabenhorst, M.M. & Milner, J.S. (2011). Evaluation of a sexual assault education/prevention program for female U.S. Navy personnel. *Military Medicine*, 176(10), 1178-1183.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Dyslin, C. (2019, September). Working sensitively with transgender and gender-nonconforming clients. Invited guest lecture given to Masters Occupational Therapy students in OCCT 7760 course. Governors State University, University Park, IL.

Dyslin, C. (2018, November). Supporting transgender students and colleagues during political attacks. Presentation for GSU SafeZone Advanced Topics training session.

Dyslin, C., Vasser, K. L. & Jones, Q'A. (2018, October). Love wins. Lecture & Symposium for LGBT History Month at Governors State University, University Park, IL.

Dyslin, C. (2018, March). Transgender women: Issues & Identities. Invited guest lecture given to undergraduate students in Psychology of Women course. Governors State University, University Park, IL.

Dermer, S. (Producer) & Dyslin C. (2015). Social and cultural diversity: Counseling transgender clients. CACREP: Essential Skills for Counseling Practice. Alexander Street Press, Alexandria Virginia.

Dyslin C. (2015, October). Transgender in the USA: How are we *really* doing on the “next civil rights frontier?” Presentation given for LGBT History Month at Governors State University, University Park, IL.

Dyslin, C. W. & Thomsen, C. J. (2010, May). *Religiosity and alcohol use among college students*. Poster presented at the 81st annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Dyslin, C. W., & Thomsen, C.J. (2009, August). *The influence of child maltreatment on subsequent religiosity*. Poster presented at the 117th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

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- Dyslin, C.W. (2005, April). *Alcohol abuse: An overview of Social, Psychological, and Spiritual factors*. Radio interview broadcast (4/05/05, 6:30 p.m., EST) on the program "Healthy Minds, Healthy Souls," WUST 1120-AM, Washington, DC.
- Dyslin, C.W. (2005, April). *Alcohol abuse: Family and relationship issues*. Radio interview broadcast (4/06/05, 6:30 p.m., EST) on the program "Healthy Minds, Healthy Souls," WUST 1120-AM, Washington, DC.
- Dyslin, C.W., Hershberger, W.A., & Thurman, D.L. (1996, May). *Using a computer-modeled infant to measure the caregiving behavior of a high-risk caregiver*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Dyslin, C.W., & Hershberger, W.A. (1994, May). *Child care and the potential for abuse*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Rabenhorst, M. M., Milner, J. S., Thomsen, C. T., Crouch, J. L., Martens, P. M., Dyslin, C. W., Guimond, J. M., Stander, V. A., & Merrill, L. L. (2010, November). *Do trauma symptoms mediate the relationship between childhood physical abuse and adult child abuse risk?* Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, CA.
- Tuskenis, A., Johnson, E. J., Dyslin, C., Blount, C. & Covic, M. (2011, May). *Teaching Ethics and Values in Undergraduate Psychology*. Symposium presented at the 82nd annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Tuskenis, A. Johnson, J., Dyslin, C., & Blount, C. (2011, March). *Teaching ethics and values in undergraduate psychology*. Symposium presented at the 18th annual Midwest Institute of Students and Teachers of Psychology, Glen Elyn, IL.