

Anna Shursen B.S., M.A., PhD., LPC, LSOTP
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy, Family Therapy (Family Sciences), December 2006

Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

Dissertation: An exploration of the levels of differentiation of self and the capacity for intimacy between sex offenders and their partners.

Advisor: Glen Jennings, Ed.D.

Master of Arts, Counseling and Psychotherapy; August 1998

Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas

Bachelor of Science, Geology; May 1981

Texas A&M West Texas, Canyon, Texas

AFFILIATIONS/LICENSE

American Academy of Forensic Examiners

American Counseling Association

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

Forensic Group SMU

Licensed Professional Counselor

Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (no re-new this year)

Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider

Certified Administrator of the Abel Assessment (evaluation tool that provides arousal and baseline information for sex offenders)

Certified Administrator of the DIANA Assessment (evaluation tool testing risk of pastors and priests for having molested a child).

De-Registration Evaluation Specialist (CSOT)

Each year I complete a minimum of 24 hours of Continuing Education Units, which are primarily focused on actuarial training, assessment training, sexually violent predator related presentations, court testimony for therapists, and treatment related presentations.

Salient Training:

PCL-R with Dr. Robert Hare and Dr. Adele Forth in Ottawa, Ontario Canada 1998

PCL-R update with Dr. Reid Meloy, Austin, TX 2010

Static 99 and Stable 2007 new update with Dr. Karl Hanson in Nashua, New Hampshire 2009.

Stable 2007 and Acute 2007 training with Dr. Andrew Harris, ATSA 2009

Interpreting Static-99R & Static-2002R with Dr David Thornton ATSA (pre-conf) Phoenix 2010

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AASI-3 Training (new software update from AASI-2) with Dr. Gene Abel Phoenix, AZ 2010
IITAP/CSAT training for sexual addictions with Dr Patrick Carnes Philadelphia 2010 (Module 1)
IITAP/CSAT training for sexual addictions with Dr Patrick Carnes Denton, TX 2010 (Module 2)
Applying Static-99R and Static-2002R: New Research ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Transformation of the Public Safety Agenda ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Deviant Sexual Interests and Attitudes: Recent Findings and Their Implications for Offender Assessment ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Individualizing Justice for Sexual Assault ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Transforming Prevention and Intervention: What Guidance Does Etiological Research on Rape Provide? ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Sexual Offender Assessment: DSM-5 Proposals Modifying Diagnostic Criteria for Paraphilias and Related Disorders ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Attitudes Tolerant of Sexual Offending. Do They Predict Recidivism? ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
A Theoretical Framework for Understanding Relationships Between Deviant Sexual Interest and Cognitive Distortions. ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Effect of Anger on Implicit and Explicit Evaluation of Rape. ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
High Risk Sexual Offenders in the Community ATSA Phoenix, AZ 2010
Structured Risk Assessment-Forensic Version (SRA-FV) with Dr. David Thornton Atascadero, CA January 2011
De-registration Specialist training with Dr. Matthew Ferrara Austin, TX June 2011
SRA-FV Need Assessment: Practical Training in Scoring with Dr. David Thornton Toronto, Ontario, Ca, November 2011.
SOTIPS Needs and Progress Scale with Robert McGrath Toronto, Ontario, Ca, November 2011.
SRA-FV: Inter-rater Reliability Predictive Validity and Norms with Dr. Deidre D'Orazio Toronto, Ontario, Ca, November 2011.
New Frameworks for Understanding and Assessing Sexual Interests with Dr. Ruth Mann Toronto, Ontario, Ca., November 2011.
Child Pornography Offenders with Dr. Michael Seto Toronto, Ontario, Ca, November 2011.
Brain Research and Pedophilia with Dr. James Cantor Toronto, Ontario, Ca., November 2011.
Science and Practice of Positive Psychology with Dr. Christopher Peterson Toronto, Ontario, Ca, November 2011.
Milestones in Sexual Offender Research and Treatment with Dr. Bill Marshall Toronto, Ontario, Ca., November 2011.
Juveniles Who Sexually Offend with Dr Elizabeth LeTourneau Toronto, Ontario, Ca., November 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Relationship dynamics of sex offenders and partners
- Intimacy deficits in sex offenders in relation to criminogenic needs
- Intimacy and relationship dynamics of sex offenders in relation to recidivism

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- Full-time counselor providing assessments, evaluations, case management, counseling, and educational services to a variety of county, state and federal agencies serving adult and juvenile sex offenders on probation and parole. My duties include conducting sex offender specific assessment, group and individual sessions with felony and misdemeanor convicted offenders who are mandated to treatment by Texas State or Counties and by

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Federal Probation.

- Developed and currently present the Chaperon training programs for CSCD in Collin County, Grayson County and Hunt County, Texas. This program trains family members and friends of sex offenders to be court-approved chaperones. I facilitate monthly continuing education groups for these Chaperons.
- Co-facilitated the Juvenile Sex Offender Program at Grayson County Detention Center Boot Camp in Sherman, Texas to 2010. I currently provide training for families of juvenile sex offenders at the Boot Camp.
- Evaluations for behavioral abnormality for the Texas State Council for Offenders in 23 cases for Civil Commitment.
- Expert witness testimony for approximately 14 civil commitment cases in Montgomery County, Texas.
- Expert witness in several cases to determine risk of re-offense in Ellis County, Johnson County, Hunt County and Dallas County. I have participated in revocation hearings for parole and probation in Hunt, Grayson, and Collin Counties.
- Pre-trial and pre-sentencing psychosexual risk evaluations in Dallas County and Collin County.

PRESENTATIONS

Collin County Criminal Attorney Association, December 2011 Subject: Deregistration

Film Presentation with McCalmon Group (attorneys) Tulsa, Oklahoma: February 2009 Subject: Training seminars for child safety.

Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners: Speaker at State Conference April 2008.
Subject : Sex Offenders 101

Federal Probation Plano District: Speaker at Seminar April, 2003 Subject: Construction and Administration of a Chaperon Program

Texas Youth Commission District Meeting: Speaker 2004 Subject: Impact of Community and Family on Juvenile Sex Offenders

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

January 1999- May 2007

Contract Therapist

Dallas, Texas

Employed on a contract basis with Texas Youth Commission to work with juveniles in aftercare for Chemical Dependency, Sexual Offense and Mental Health.

January 2000 - January 2001

Staff Therapist

Texas Serenity Dallas, Texas

Conducted 15 groups per week for individuals with schizophrenia in a partial hospital setting. My duties included facilitation of therapy groups, individual counseling to clients in the program, administration of crisis intervention support services, participation in staffing to develop/revise treatment services and the timely documentation of progress notes.

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August 1998-September 2000

Summit Counseling Richardson, Texas

Trained as an LSOTP in assessments, treatment and co-facilitation groups under Liles Arnold MS.Ed, LPC, LMFT, LSOTP. Mr. Arnold is head of 6 governor appointed members of the CSOT Board in Austin, Texas.

January 1998-September 1999

NEXUS Dallas, Texas

Group and individual counseling provided for chemically dependent women.

September 1999-September 2000

Homeward Bound Dallas, Texas

Group and Individual counseling provided for chemically dependent individuals. Utilization Review for facility for NorthStar Program.

January 1998 - January 2000

Staff Therapist

Charter Hospitals Plano, Texas

Lead therapist for Juvenile Chemical Dependency Unit, therapist for Adult Chemical Dependency Unit and therapist for Psychological Unit. Involved in Intake Evaluation, Psychosocial Assessment, Utilization Review, Outpatient Care, Case Management and Discharge Planning.

PUBLICATIONS

Shursen, A., Brock, L.J., & Jennings, G. (2007). Differentiation and intimacy in sex offender relationships. *Sexual Addiction and Compulsivity: The Journal of Treatment and Prevention*.

Shursen, A. (2006). An exploration of levels of differentiation of self and the capacity for intimacy between sex offenders and their partners: A quantitative study. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Texas Woman's University, Denton.