

**SUELI S. PETRY, Ph.D. – Curriculum Vitae**

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Licensed psychologist-NJ License # 4473, NY License #17124

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist: NJ License # 37F100160800

Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

- 06/06-Present Private Practice, Highland Park, NJ – psychotherapy for individuals, couples and families. Specializing in family systems perspective, and context of ethnicity, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, privilege and oppression in relation to the individual’s strengths and difficulties. Psychological assessments for children, adolescents and adults.
- 05/05-Present Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Outpatient Services, University Behavioral HealthCare-University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey. Neuro-psychological assessments; individual, family, and group therapy with children and adolescents; intake assessments; and parenting education. Faculty responsibilities include teaching and supervision of psychology interns.
- 06/04-05/05 Psychology Intern, St. Mary Hospital/Franciscan Systems, Hoboken, New Jersey. Doctoral internship program: individual and group therapy for children, adolescents, adults and geriatrics. Adult groups were conducted in Spanish in order to accommodate the largely Latino population in the community. Psychological assessment of children, adolescents and adults in the Children’s Crisis Intervention Unit and Adult Psychiatric Unit.
- 03/00–05/05 Coordinator of Project S.A.F.E. (Sexual Abuse Family Education), St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, NJ; provided psychological evaluations, forensic reports, psychotherapy, and clinical supervision to staff therapists of Project S.A.F.E., a program specifically designed to treat victims of child sexual abuse. Coordination with the Division of Youth & Family Services and multi-disciplinary team at the Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office.
- 09/00 – 05/04 Therapist-Intern, The Multicultural Family Institute, Highland Park, NJ -- Provided therapy for families, couples and children. Theoretical approach: multi-generational family systems, contextual and feminist in nature.
- 06/99 – 02/00 Therapist, St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, NJ

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 09/06-Present Faculty and Program Coordinator of Cultural Competence Training Center of Central New Jersey (CCTC). Collaborating in developing a comprehensive training curriculum to improve services to multicultural populations with a

particular emphasis on African American, Latino, and Asian consumers, and aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in mental health services. This project is funded through a grant from the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services of the Division of Mental Health, Office of Multicultural Services.

- 06/06-Present Faculty-APA Accredited Psychology Internship program, University Behavioral HealthCare-University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey, responsibilities include teaching weekly diversity class, seminars on family therapy, supervision of psychology interns, development of diversity training for supervisors, participation in search committee for recruitment of interns, interviewing candidates for internship.
- 09/02-Present Faculty, The Multicultural Family Institute, Highland Park, NJ – presentations and workshops on contextual family therapy.

### **EDUCATION**

- May 2005 Ph.D. in Psychology-Marriage and Family, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
- August 2002 Ed.S. in Marriage and Family (post-Masters degree), Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
- June 2002 Certification in Family Therapy, The Multicultural Family Institute, Highland Park, NJ, two-year intensive training program in family therapy.
- May 2000 MA in Educational/Clinical Psychology, Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ, graduated *summa cum laude*, clinical psychology program with a concentration for Spanish-English bi-linguals.
- May, 1997 BA Psychology, Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ, graduated *summa cum laude*, commencement speaker.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Petry, S.S. (2004). Bereavement customs of Brazil. In F. Walsh & M. McGoldrick (Eds.). *Living beyond loss: Death and the family* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). New York: W.W. Norton.

Petry, S.S. & McGoldrick, M. (2005). Genograms in assessment and therapy. In G.P. Koocher, J.C. Norcross & S.S. Hill (Eds.). *The psychologists' desk reference* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). New York: Oxford University Press.

Korin, E.C. & Petry, S.S. (2005). Brazilian Families. In M. McGoldrick, J. Giordano & N. Garcia-Preto (Eds.), *Ethnicity and family therapy* (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition). New York: Guilford Press.

Petry, S.S. & McGoldrick, M. (2005). Genogramas en terapia familiar. In Arturo Roizblatt (Ed.) *Terapia familiar y de pareja*. Santiago, Chile: Mediterraneo.

McGoldrick, M., Gerson, R. & Petry, S. (2008). *Genograms: Assessment and Intervention (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition)*. New York: W.W. Norton.

## **RESEARCH**

Research interests: resiliency, culture, gender and social justice related to mental health issues.

Impact on male therapists treating sex offenders: A phenomenological study with a focus on gender, race and ethnicity (Dissertation).

A qualitative study on the impact of listening to stories of abuse by therapists working with childhood sexual abuse cases (Pilot Study).

Countertransference, secondary traumatic stress and vicarious traumatization in the treatment of sex offenders.

Male identity and development: Different outcomes of healthy males vs. violent males.

Exploring Blackness as a site of resiliency (research team member).

A phenomenological study of interracial couples (research team member).

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

(2008). *Genograms: Assessment & Intervention*. Neumann Center, Piscataway, New Jersey.

(2008). Working with Latino Families. The Center for Family, Community and Social Justice, Princeton, NJ.

(2007). *Genograms for Assessment and Intervention with Latino Clients*, Annual Conference, Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey, Montclair, NJ.

(2007). Working with Latinos. Summer Learning Institute, UMDNJ, Piscataway, NJ.

(2007). New Immigrants: Cultural Parenting. Human Services Conference, Somerset Hills Hotel, Warren, New Jersey.

(2007). Cultural Issues in Treatment. Family Practice of Somerset Health Care. Somerville, New Jersey.

(2007). Cultural Assessment with Genograms. The St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway, New Jersey.

(2006). Brazilians: The other Latinos. Presidential Address, Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey Annual Conference, Upper Montclair, NJ.

(2006). Using genograms in family research: New developments. American Family Therapy Academy 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.

- (2006). Cultural Perspectives on Disability and The Impact of Culture when Interacting with Caregivers & Professionals. The Middlesex County Commission for Persons with Disabilities, New Brunswick, NJ.
- (2006). Male Therapists Treating Sex Offenders: A Phenomenological Study with a Focus on Gender, Race and Ethnicity. Roundtable at Columbia University, NY, NY.
- (2006). Latino legacies. Roundtable at Annual Culture Conference, The Multicultural Family Institute, Sayreville, NJ.
- (2005). Male Therapists Treating Sex Offenders: A Phenomenological Study with a Focus on Gender, Race and Ethnicity. Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey Annual Conference, Pomona, NJ.
- (2005). The trauma of sexual abuse: Healing and resiliency. The Multicultural Family Institute and Behavioral Research and Training Institute, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey University Behavioral HealthCare: The 14th Annual Culture Conference, Somerset, NJ
- (2005). Cultural diversity workshop: An Hispanic perspective. Veterans Administration Medical Center, Augusta, GA.
- (2005). Latino families: Examining the elephant in the room. Rutgers University, Camden, NJ.
- (2004). Multicultural approaches to counseling adolescents and their families. NJ Dept. of Human Services, Division of Family Development, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.
- (2004). Genograms in family practice: Exploring cultural and contextual issues. Co-sponsored by The Multicultural Family Institute and Seton Hall University, Highland Park, New Jersey.
- (2004). Caring for the Caregivers: Vicarious Traumatization in the Treatment of Sex Offenders. Special Treatment Unit, Avenel, New Jersey
- (2004). Child sexual abuse: A case presentation. The Center for Child Advocacy, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey.
- (2004). Child sexual abuse: Psychosocial Assessment. St. Mary Hospital/UMDNJ Residents in Family Practice, Hoboken, New Jersey.
- (2004). Bereavement across cultures. St. Mary Hospital/UMDNJ Residents in Family Practice, Hoboken, New Jersey.
- (2003). Culture and loss in Latino families: Case presentation. UMDNJ University Behavioral Healthcare, Piscataway, New Jersey.
- (2003). Bereavement across cultures: Brazilians. UMDNJ University Behavioral Healthcare, Piscataway, New Jersey.

(2003). Latino culture's attitudes toward: launching to college, class, family responsibility and education. College Counselors Diversity Training, Stockton College, Pomona, NJ.

(2002). Cultural spiritual perspectives: "*Espiritismo*" in the Puerto Rican community, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference Psychology & Spirituality, Seton Hall University, So. Orange, NJ.

(2002). Coping with stress: Special issues for immigrant women. Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

09/96-Present American Psychological Association  
 09/97-Present New Jersey Psychological Association  
 09/98-Present Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey (President 2007)  
 09/00-Present American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy  
 09/00-Present New Jersey Association of Marriage and Family Therapy  
 06/01-Present International Family Therapy Association  
 05/04-Present American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children-NJ Chapter  
 09/04-Present Board of Directors, The Multicultural Family Institute, NJ  
 01/06-Present American Family Therapy Academy

### **HONOR/AWARDS**

President, Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey  
 Award of Appreciation for Presentation, Veteran's Administration, Augusta, Georgia  
 Commencement Speaker, Bloomfield College  
 President's Scholarship for Behavioral Sciences  
 Lester H. Clee Scholarship for Leadership  
 Dean's Scholarship (Bloomfield College)  
 Psi Chi National Honor Society  
 Alpha Chi National Honor  
 President, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Bloomfield College  
 President, Evening and Weekend Student Council, Bloomfield College