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Education

Certificate in Analytic Group Therapy
PostGraduate Center for Mental Health 2007

Certificates in Pastoral Psychotherapy,
Marriage and Family Therapy, Group Therapy
Blanton-Peale Graduate Institute, 2001

Master of Divinity
Union Theological Seminary, New York City, 1990
Concentration: Ethics and Psychology

Master of Health Science
The Johns Hopkins University
School of Hygiene and Public Health, 1983
Major: International Health
Special Emphasis: Education and Nutrition

Bachelor of Arts
Earlham College, 1981
Majors: Chemistry and Religion
Graduated with Honors

Licenses

Mental Health Counselor, 1469
Marriage and Family Therapist, 640

Current Position

Private Practice Sept. 1, 2001 - present

Work with individuals, couples, families, and groups doing intensive and supportive psychotherapy.

Teaching and Supervision

Co-Director June 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015
Group Training Program
Postgraduate Psychoanalytic Institute

Faculty member Sept. 1, 2011- June 30, 2019
Group Training Program
Postgraduate Psychoanalytic Institute

Faculty member Sept. 1, 2008 - June 30, 2011
Group Analytic Training Program
Post-Graduate Institute of Mental Health

Faculty member Sept. 1, 2010- June 30, 2012
Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society
Group Therapy Training Program

Counseling

Therapist August 1, 1998 - June 30, 2003
Blanton-Peale Counseling Center
5 W. 29th St.
New York, NY 10001

Work with individuals, couples, families, and groups doing intensive and supportive psychotherapy.

HIV Program Director, May 1, 1996 - June 30, 1998
Betances Health Unit, Inc.
280 Henry St.
New York, NY 10002

Coordinate a \$400,000 yearly Ryan White Title III Grant to work with a predominantly Hispanic and African-American population, in which the clinic provides pre- and post-HIV test counseling, on-going one-on-one counseling, assists clients with entitlements (Medicaid, Medicare, housing, food programs), and provides primary medical care. Do seminars in the community about HIV/AIDS, STDs, TB, or other health related subjects. Manage the data entry and analysis for the Title III Ryan White Grant, and other grant sources. Do outreach in the community to increase the presence of the clinic to attract more clients. Supervise 1-2 HIV Health Educators. Assist in grant writing and development for Family Centered Harm Reduction program funded by MHRA.

HIV Counselor, January 30, 1992-May 1, 1996
Betances Health Unit, Inc.
280 Henry St.
New York, NY 10002

Do pre- and post- test counseling, on-going one-on-one counseling, help clients with entitlements, making referrals when appropriate. Do seminars in the community about HIV/AIDS, STD's, TB, and other health related subjects.

HIV Coordinator, Sept. 1, 1990- January 30, 1992
Phoenix House Foundation
164 W. 74th St.
New York, NY 10023

Lead seminars on all aspects of AIDS, safer-sex, sexuality and general health issues for residents of Phoenix House, a long-term drug treatment center. Facilitate pre- and post-HIV antibody testing groups, as well as on-going support groups for the HIV+ residents. Also do one-on-one counseling with non-resident clients.

Pastoral Counselor, Oct. 1, 1989- Sept. 1, 1990
Community Health Project
208 W. 13th St.
New York, NY 10011

Visited AIDS patients in hospital, did phone visits with shut-ins, conducted walk-in counseling at the clinic, and helped facilitate an HIV+ support group.

Clinical Pastoral Education Intern, July 1, 1989 - August 30, 1989
Mendota Mental Health Hospital
Madison, Wisconsin

Worked in the Adult Assessment and Treatment Services of the hospital. I worked with persons with a variety of emotional illnesses, primarily depression and schizophrenia, with some bipolar disorders and drug related psychosis.

Health Education

As part of a Masters of Health Science in International Health at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Hygiene and Public Health I was required to do an internship. For this I worked for three years in rural Brazil (1983-1986) training village health workers in disease prevention, first aid, nutrition, midwifery, and sanitation. I speak fluent Portuguese.

Professional Associations

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists - Clinical Member
American Association of Pastoral Counselors - Fellow
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education - Fellow
Eastern Group Psychotherapy Society - Member of the Board, 2009 - present

- Website Task Force 2020-present
- Co-chair Plenary Subcommittee of the annual conference 2018-2019
- Immediate Past President 2017 - 2018
- President 2015 - 2017
- President Elect 2014-2015
- Secretary 2011 - 2013
- co-chair Annual Conference committee 2008 - 2011
- co-chair Collegiality committee 2007 - 2009
- member Community Outreach Taskforce 2006 - 2009

American Group Psychotherapy Association - Member
Group Therapy Alumni Association - Member of the Board 2008 - present

- Treasurer 2010 - present

Articles

"Book Review: *Psychodynamic Group Psychotherapy*, 5th edition. By J. Scott Rutan, Walter N. Stone, and Joseph J. Shay. New York: Guilford Press, 2014." *Group*, 40(4), pp. 361 - 363

"Thinking About the False Self in Group Therapy: Thoughts Inspired by Walter Stone's "Thinking About our Work." *Group*, 38(3), pp. 249 -250

"Thinking About "Thinking About Our Work: Case Presentations" *Group*, 38(2), pp.157-158

"Desire and Work Inhibition in Group Treatment." *GROUP*, 32(2), pp147-155

"The "Outing" of the Therapist: Issues of Self-Disclosure Around Sexual

Orientation." *GROUP*, 29(3), 321-336

Presentations

Challenges to Same-Sex and Inter-racial Intimacy, with Judith White, LCSW, and Beverly Greene, PhD, workshop at the 2024 EGPS Annual Conference, Nov. 15, 2024

Can We Talk: Discussing Sexuality in Group Therapy, with Judith White LCSW, workshop at the 2016 EGPS Annual Conference, Nov. 18, 2016

Can We Talk: Discussing Sexuality in Group Therapy, with Judith White, LCSW, workshop at the 2015 EGPS Annual Conference, Nov. 23, 2015

Sexuality in Group Therapy, with Judith White, LCSW, workshop sponsored by The Post Graduate Institute, March 15, 2015

Cultural Diversity in Group Therapy, workshop, with Kevin Gillette, PhD, at the 2008 EGPS Annual Conference, Nov. 22, 2008

Cultural Diversity in Group Therapy, workshop at the 2007 EGPS Annual Conference, Nov. 17, 2007

Object Relations/Self-Psychology and Group Therapy, CUNY, April 27, 2017

Group Psychotherapy, CUNY Graduate Center, March 17, 2017

Self-Psychology and Group Therapy, Touro College, March 18, 2012

Self-Psychology and Group Therapy, Touro College, June 13, 2010

Doreen Boerner-Gage is a devoted Quaker, currently emersed in a spiritual program through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. I am an active member of Yardley Friends Meeting, serving on a variety of committees through the years, currently co-clerk of the Worship and Care committee, YFM Flea Market committee member, and property-related task group member. I am skilled at using Quaker practice to effectively implement education and training programs, most recently co-leading and guiding YFM through spiritual state of the meeting discussions. In addition to my Quaker commitments, I spend time caring for family members, pursuing the completion of my associates degrees in business management and social work -- some recent application of that work has been focused on lifelong learning for seniors both in-community and otherwise. My diverse professional experience includes being house manager in a community rehabilitation program for head injured persons; product quality analyst for the pharmaceutical sector; and operations manager for a family construction business -- all contributing to the continued honing of my supervisory, analytical, and people skills. I raised a beautiful and brilliant daughter and continue to help family and friends in health care advocacy. On election day you will find me at the polls as a machine inspector and in the fall, I help organize the YFM annual flea market. I enjoy yoga and walking, dabbling in eBay and marketplace, and you will sometimes find me at a flea market on either side of the table.

I am initiative-taking, forthright, dependable, and compassionate. I give my all to my commitments and in balancing them; I am adept at seeing the big picture as well as the details.

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Patricia “Patti” M Nesbitt
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Registered Nurse, 2007- present; certified in palliative care and hospice 2010-2018

Author, with Kristin Zimet, *A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life*, Sandy Spring, MD: Baltimore Yearly Meeting, 2024

Pendle Hill programs – Monday Night Lecture, with Kristin Zimet, January 6, 2025
Hand in Hand: Aging Together in the Spirit, co-leader, September 2024
Friends General Conference, workshop leader, July 2024

Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, Sandy Spring Maryland, member 2014-present
Co-clerk, Ministry and Counsel, 2018-2023
Spirituality and Aging program, teacher, 2023
End of Life Working Group, member 2023-present

Traveling Minister in the Religious Society of Friends, minuted in 2016, renewed 2018 and 2024
Visited and ministered to Friends in 6 countries and extensively in Baltimore YM

Northern Monthly Meeting, Mt Eden, Auckland, New Zealand
Resident Friend, March 2016-May 2017, and February 2019
Provided workshops on end of life issues

Silver Wattle Quaker Centre, Lake George, NSW, Australia
Spirituality and Aging study and retreat, March-April 2017

Friends House Retirement Community, Sandy Spring Maryland, Board of Trustees, 2012-2015
Skill Nursing Facility Quality Committee, clerk, 2013-2015

Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Sandy Spring Maryland, contributions:
Clerk, End of Life Working Group, 2019-present
Plenary speaker at annual sessions, 2019
Clerk, Intervisitation Working Group, 2017-2019
Clerk, Camp Property Management Committee, 1997-1999, and 2002-03
Provided many workshops on end of life issues, forgiveness, healing, traveling ministry

Hopewell Centre Friends Meeting, Clearbrook Virginia, attender/member 1984-2014
Assistant Clerk, 1998-2000
Ministry and Counsel, 1993 to 2002; clerk 1995-2000

School of the Spirit, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, PA
“On Becoming a Spiritual Nurturer” class of 1998-2000
Co-coordinator of Retreat on “Prophetic Ministry,” 2004

Other relevant experience:

Geriatrics training for nurses, at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center, Olney MD
Caregiver for elderly Friend with early dementia
Caregiver for elderly mother-in-law for 5 years
Support committee and clearness committee participant for several Friends over past 20 years
Published author for works on water and wastewater management and organic agriculture
Environmental consultant and organizer
Adjunct Professor in a Virginia community college

Beth HK summary:

FFA Board Prospective Member Summary
May 2025

Doreen Boerner-Gage
Morrisville, PA
Recommended by Tyler

- Member of Yardley Friends Meeting; active on various committees with leadership positions
- Current caregiver for her partner with brain injury and other family members
- Work experience includes managing community rehab program for brain injured persons; product quality analyst for pharmaceutical sector; operations manager for family construction business
- Doreen met in person with Susan, Tyler & Beth; thoughtful, careful thinker; wants to be sure she understands time commitment of board membership
- After a period of discernment, Doreen let us know she is very interested in joining the FFA Board

Edward Elder
Brooklyn, NYC
Recommended by Joan

- Member of Morningside Meeting; life-long Quaker
- Working full-time as a psychotherapist in private practice
- Past experience includes directing HIV/AIDS programs in NYC; public health service in Brazil
- Graduated from Earlham College; has Master of Health Science and Master of Divinity
- Past board service includes housing project for HIV/AIDS patients; professional associations
- Edward met with Susan, Lisa and Beth on zoom; asked thoughtful questions; engaging
- Expressed genuine interest in serving on FFA Board

Patti Nesbitt
Sandy Spring, MD
Recommended by Susan

- Member of Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting; active on many committees over the years and has held many leadership positions
- Retired palliative care nurse with hospice experience
- Met with Susan, Joan & Beth via zoom; thoughtful comments; careful listener
- Very interested in spirituality in aging; co-authored A Tender Time: Quaker Voices on the End of Life
- Facilitated programs at Pendle Hill; traveling minister to Friends in 6 countries and for Baltimore Yearly Meeting
- Current caregiver for her husband with early cognitive decline
- Carefully discerns meaningful use of her time; expressed enthusiasm about joining FFA board