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EDUCATION

College of The Holy Cross, Worcester MA

James Healy Post-Doc in Teaching and Research Fellowship - 2015-2017

Completed under the supervision of Dr. Mark Freeman

University of West Georgia, Carrollton GA

Doctor of Philosophy, Psychology – Consciousness and Society; December 2014

Dissertation: *The Experiential Effects of Combat Zone Deployment, on Veterans During the Reintegration Process*

University of West Georgia, Carrollton GA

Masters of Arts, Psychology; December 2013

Thesis: *Post Deployment Effects on Military Service Members: Reintegration to the Civilian World*

University of West Georgia, Carrollton GA

Bachelors of Arts, Psychology with minor in Sociology; December 2008

Lee University, Cleveland TN

Minister's Internship Program, Theology; June 1996

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

August 2020 – present	University of West Georgia - <i>Lecturer</i>
August 2017 – 2020	University of West Georgia - <i>Faculty Instructor</i>
August 2015 – May 2017	College of The Holy Cross - <i>Post Doc Teaching Fellowship</i>
August 2014 – May 2015	University of West Georgia – <i>Limited Term Instructor</i>
August 2013 – May 2014	West Georgia Technical College - <i>Adjunct Instructor</i>
August 2011 – May 2014	University of West Georgia - <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>



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COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

SP 2024	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884
	Personality Theories	PSYC 3900
	Psychology as a Human Science	PSYC 2010
FA 2023	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884
	Psychology as a Human Science	PSYC 2010
	Career and Job Search Strategies	PSYC 1040
	Introduction to General Psychology	PSYC 1101
	Introduction to General Psychology	PSYC 1101(USG)
SU 2023	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884
	Introduction to General Psychology	PSYC 1101
SP 2023	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884
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FA 2021	Integrative Seminar Psychology as a Human Science Introduction to General Psychology Career and Job Search Strategies	PSYC 4884 PSYC 2010 PSYC 1101 PSYC 1040
SP 2021	Human Growth and Development Integrative Seminar Psychology as a Human Science APA Workshop Introduction to General Psychology Human Sexuality	PSYC 3010 PSYC 4884 PSYC 2010 PSYC 4085A PSYC 1101 PSYC 3110
FA 2020	Human Growth and Development Integrative Seminar Introduction to General Psychology Psychology as a Human Science	PSYC 3010 PSYC 4884 PSYC 1101 (2 sections) PSYC 2010
SU 2020	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884 (2 sections)
SP 2020	Behavior and Finance Human Growth and Development Psychology as a Human Science Social Horticultural Therapy	PSYC 6881 (IS) PSYC 3010 PSYC 2010 PSYC 4085
FA 2019	Integrative Seminar Introduction to General Psychology Psychology as a Human Science Human Growth and Development Values, Meaning and Spirituality Psychology of Emotions Psychology of The Walking Dead	PSYC 4884 PSYC 1101 (2 sections) PSYC 2010 PSYC 3010 PSYC 4670 PSYC 4881 (IS) XIDS 2002
SU 2019	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884



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SP 2019	Integrative Seminar Introduction to General Psychology Psychology as a Human Science Human Growth and Development Social Horticultural Therapy Narrative of Sports Psychology	PSYC 4884 (2 sections) PSYC 1101 PSYC 2010 PSYC 3010 PSYC 4085 PSYC 4881 (IS)
FA 2018	Introduction to Psychology Integrative Seminar Human Growth and Development Veterans and Society	PSYC 1101 PSYC 4884 PSYC 3010 PSYC 4085
SU 2018	Integrative Seminar	PSYC 4884
SP 2018	Integrative Seminar Personality Theories Garden Therapy Theories of Psychology	PSYC 4884 (3 sections) PSYC 3900 PSYC 4881 PSYC 4010 (2 sections)
FA 2017	Human Growth and Development	PSYC 3010 (2 sections)
SP 2017	Introduction to Psychology Life Span Development	PSYC 100 PSYC 214
FA 2016	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 100
SP 2016	Trauma and Social Reintegration Life Span Development	PSYC 300 PSYC 214
FA 2015	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 100
SP 2015	Abnormal Psychology Human Growth and Development	PSYC 3150 (2 sections) PSYC 3010 (2 sections)
FA 2014	Abnormal Psychology Human Growth and Development	PSYC 3150 (2 sections) PSYC 3010 (2 sections)
SP 2014	Basic Psychology Psychology's Discourse of the Military	PSYC 1010 PSYC 4085



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FA 2013	Basic Psychology	PSYC 1010
	Abnormal Psychology	PSYC 3150
	Personality Theories	PSYC 3900
	Research Methods	PSYC 2220
SP 2013	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 1101 (2 sections)
FA 2012	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 1101 (2 sections)
SP 2012	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 1101 (2 sections)
FA 2011	Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 1101 (2 sections)

Graduate

FA 2021	Phenomenology of Social Existence	PSYC 7490
SP 2020	Phenomenology of Social Existence	PSYC 7490

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS - DIRECTED AND MENTORED

Undergraduate

Megan Searfoss (UWG)	Present
Sarah Newman (UWG)	2023
Jay Dunston (North Central University)	2021
Jessica Coleman (UWG)	2021
Justus Bowland-Gleason (UWG)	2019
Brianna Clay (UWG)	2019
Valery Jones (UWG)	2019
Taylor Williams (UWG)	2019
Puis Asomoah (UWG)	2018

Graduate

Joseph Puente (UWG) Dissertation Chair	Present
Janee Morris (Troy University)	Present
Zachary Bias (UWG) Thesis Chair	2023
Allison Sullivan (UWG) Committee Member	2019



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AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 UWG College of Social Sciences - Summer course redesign stipend
- 2017 BIAL Foundation - Research and design of the Neuroscience Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. D. Rice, and Dr. C. Simmons-Moore by the award of a \$60,000 grant.
- 2016 Principal Investigator: *The Phenomenological Assessment of the Social Reintegration of Combat Veterans into American Society*, in collaboration with Dr. MaryCatherine McDonald, Dr. Charles Coey and Dr. Gary Senecal by the award of \$5450 grant from The College of The Holy Cross, with and full IRB approval.
- 2010-2013 UWG College of Social Sciences - Teaching Fellowship: Psychology
- 2009-2010 UWG College of Social Sciences – Graduate Research Assistantship: Psychology

PUBLISHED WORKS

La Fleur, R. (2023). Psychology as human science. Kendall Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA

La Fleur, R. (In progress – anticipated 2024). Moral injury and the American veteran. Rowan & Littlefield, Des Moines, IA

La Fleur, R. (under review – anticipated 2024). Religious cults: Why they exist. Why they are joined, and counseling ex-members. In the book of: *Wounded in the Manger: Black Theological Essays on Church Hurt*. Edited by Dr. DeWayne R. Stallworth & Mr. Kevaghn Mattis. Wipf & Stock Publishing

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

La Fleur, R. (2022). The Effects of Moral Injury: Invisible Wounds of Healthcare Workers and the Challenges of Mattering Post Pandemic. *Medical Research Archives*, 10(11). doi:10.18103/mra.v10i11.3295

Senecal, G., Lopez Adorno, R., **La Fleur, R.**, & McNamara, K. A. (2022). Autoethnographic Family Case Study: Combat Veteran PTSD and its Effects on Familial Dynamics, Parenting, and Marriage. *Journal of Veterans Studies*, 8(3), 140–150. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.21061/jvs.v8i3.309>



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La Fleur, R. (2021). Disruption of Moral Reasoning and Moral Judgment: Moral Injury and Healing Through Forgiveness. *J Mental Health Soc Behavior* 3(1):139. DOI: 10.33790/jmhbsb1100139

Senecal, G., McDonald, M., **LaFleur, R.**, & Coey, C. (2021). The formation of antisocial tendencies in veterans via combat excitement. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 27(4), 654–657. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pac0000566>

La Fleur, R., (2020). The crisis of loss and moral injury – Lasting effects of COVID-19 on teenagers and healthcare workers, *Journal of Child & Youth Services*, 41, 3. doi 10.1080/0145935X.2020.1835165

La Fleur, R., McDonald, M., Senecal, G., & Coey, C. (2020). The Impact of Moral Injury and Disclosure of Military Experiences on Veterans. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022167820972214>

Senecal, G., McDonald, M., **LaFleur, R.**, & Coey, C. (2021). The formation of antisocial tendencies in veterans via combat excitement. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, 27(4), 654–657. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pac0000566>

Senecal G., McDonald, M., **La Fleur, R.**, & Coey, C., (2019) Examining the effect of combat excitement & diminished civilian solidarity on life satisfaction for American veterans. [New Ideas in Psychology](#), [Volume 52](#), Pages 12-17

Senecal G., McDonald, M., **La Fleur, R.**, Coey, C. (2018). The Social Vacuum & the Loss of Solidarity for Veterans Experienced in Civilian Reintegration. *New Male Studies*, 8.

La Fleur, R. E., (2019) Mattering: A case for the returning veteran. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*. (Accepted with revisions).

PODCASTS

La Fleur, R., E. (2022) Mentorship 101. <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/mentorship-101>

La Fleur, R., E. (2022) Discovering your destiny. <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/discovering-your-destiny>

La Fleur, R., E. (2022) American Veteran: If not me, then who? <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/american-veteran-if-not-me-the-who>



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La Fleur, R., E. (2021) Relationships. <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/american-veteran-if-not-me-the-who>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) Challenges of raising a teenager today.

<https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/challenges-of-raising-teenagers-today-dr-richard-la-fleur>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) Gender - emotions. <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/gender-emotions>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) Gender – Identity. <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/gender-identity>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) Biology of sex and gender. <https://rlafleur.libsyn.com/biology-of-sex-and-gender>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) How healing gardens work – Interview.

<https://mcplants.com/podcast/the-garden-question-podcast/how-healing-gardens-work-dr-richard-la-fleur-024/>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) Narrative psychology interview -

https://youtu.be/ONGddO4OJO4?si=IfjXEL5BjD_Q9UMN

La Fleur, R., E. (2017) A cure for PTSD – Interview. <https://youtu.be/FFGTtQ9aYh0?si=TI1jU-euJP-LZ7oe>

COURSE VIDEOS

La Fleur, R., E. (2022) – 4884 Significant life events example. <https://youtu.be/S5GDRW2khTs>

La Fleur, R., E. (2022) – Mentorship – Interview with Megan Searfoss.

<https://youtu.be/naAGihtpRsg>

La Fleur, R., E. (2021) – What you’re really meant to do – Overview.

<https://youtu.be/DR467egPEH8>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

La Fleur, R. E., (2019). Into my heart. Self-published.

La Fleur, R.E., (2019). My pages: A spiritual guide for coping with loss. Self-published

La Fleur, R.E., (2018). Rediscovering the best you. Derek Press, TN

SELECTED PAPER, PANEL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

La Fleur, R., Westwood, M., Charles, G., & Müller, J. (October 2022). The long shadows of war. International Association of Counselors, 2022 Conference presentation.



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La Fleur, R., Boynton, L., (June 2022). Intersubjectivity, personhood and the body: Bridging the gap between research, healing and the practice of psychotherapy to develop personal flourishing. International Human Subject Research Conference, NY, New York. Conference presentation.

La Fleur, R., (February 2022). Rogerian approach to course Design and instruction. Meaningful Life in a Digital World Conference. Savannah GA. Conference presentation.

La Fleur, R., (February 2021). Coaching and mentoring distance learners. Meaningful Life in a Digital World Conference. Savannah GA. Conference presentation.

La Fleur, R. E., (May 2020). The crisis of loss and moral injury. Psychology of Global Crisis. The American University of Paris. Paper presented online.

La Fleur, R. E., Kurle, A., (February 2019). Teaching online through minimalism and simplicity, while maintaining rigor. Meaningful Life in a Digital World Conference. Savannah GA. Conference presentation.

La Fleur, R. E., Boynton, L., (June 2019). Narrative of Joy: How mattering brings joy and psychological life that flourishes. International Human Science Research Conference. Molde University, Norway. Paper presented.

La Fleur, R.E., (2018). Phenomenological Inquiry: Moral Injury in an emerging culture of psychology. Paper presentation, University of The West Indies

La Fleur, R.E., Boynton, L., (2018). *Intersectionality of Mattering and Flourishing*. Paper presented at the International Human Science Research Conference, Spartanburg, SC (Wofford College).

La Fleur, R.E., Okeke, K., (2018). *Reframing The Mind And Embracing The Cultures Of Integrity And Equity*. Paper accepted at The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.

La Fleur, R.E., Okeke, K., (2018). *Compassion; Care and Neoliberalism During Political and Economic Turmoil*. Paper accepted at The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Pittsburgh, PA.

La Fleur, R. E., Tsudaka, G., (May 2017) *Stories of Returning Soldiers: Thematic Analysis*. Paper presented at Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology (Div. 5 of the American Psychological Association), New York, NY.



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La Fleur, R. E., McDonald, M. C., Senecal, G., (2017, March) *Moral Injury, solidarity, cultural empathy - Difficulties faced in the social reintegration of veterans*. Paper presented at Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (Div. 32 of the American Psychological Association), Pittsburgh, PA.

La Fleur, R. E., Tsudaka, G., (March 2017) *Mattering as a psychological science*. Paper presented at Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (Div. 24 of the American Psychological Association), Richmond, VA.

La Fleur, R. E., McDonald, M. C., Senecal, G., (2017, March) *Moral Injury, solidarity, cultural empathy - Difficulties faced in the social reintegration of veterans*. Paper presented at Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (Div. 24 of the American Psychological Association), Richmond, VA.

La Fleur, R. E., (2016, May) *Moral Injury: Inquisition of the unseen trauma of 'invisible wounds*. Paper accepted at Twelfth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

La Fleur, R. E., (2016, May) *Phenomenological inquisition within the phenomenon of reintegration*. Paper accepted at Twelfth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

La Fleur, R. E., McDonald, M. C., Senecal, G., (2016, March) *The phenomenological assessment of the social reintegration of combat veterans into American society*. Paper presented at Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (Div. 24 of the American Psychological Association), Salt Lake City, UT.

La Fleur, R. E., (2015, May) *Authenticity: Veterans existential guilt and shame*. Paper presented at Eleventh International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

La Fleur R. E., (2015, October) *Veterans existential shame and guilt*. Poster presented at Psychology and the Other Conference, Division 36, Lesley University, Boston, MA

La Fleur, R. E., Wright, C. L., (2014, October) *Historical critiques and current re-emergences of symbolic interactionism*. Paper presented at Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology (Div. 24 of the American Psychological Association), Atlanta, GA.



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Okeke, K. N. C., **La Fleur, R. E.**, Jackson, A. J., (2013, October) *Psychology of authenticity: An anastomosis of the pertinent thoughts of Heidegger and Lonergan toward the authentic human life*. Poster presented at Psychology and the Other Conference, Division 36, Lesley University, Boston, MA

La Fleur, R. E., Whitehead, P., Wareu, P., Senecal, G. (Spring 2013). *What we have learned while teaching*. Panel Presented at the Student Annual Research Conference, Carrollton, GA

Ibaoglu Vaughn, B., **La Fleur, R. E.**, Garcia, L.(March, 2012). *Restorative Circles: An Approach to Community Conflict*. Presentation for the Annual Conference of the Society for Humanistic Psychology conference, Division 32, Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA

La Fleur, R. E., (2011, April). *Mattering and Spirituality*. Poster presented at the 9th Annual Mid-Year Research Conference, Division 36, Baltimore, MD.

Skalski, J. E., **La Fleur, R. E.**, Gibson, J. E., (2011, October) *On the Role of the Other in Sudden Life-Altering Transformation*. Poster presented at Psychology and the Other Conference, Division 36, Lesley University, Boston, MA

La Fleur, R. E., (2011, April). *Concept of Mattering*. Presented at the Student Annual Research Conference, Carrollton, GA

INVITED GUEST/KEYNOTE SPEAKER

La Fleur, R. (March 2023) Keynote Speaker: Therapeutic Enactment: An Integrative Intervention Towards a New Narrative that Facilitates the Healing of Trauma. Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro TN.

La Fleur, R. (March 2023) Keynote Speaker: Just Listening: An Introduction to Peer Led Dialogues for Veterans. Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro TN.

La Fleur, R. (August 2023) Keynote Speaker: Mindfulness in the workplace. Savannah State University Faculty Luncheon, Savannah, GA.

La Fleur, R. (March 2022) Keynote Speaker: Rediscovering the best you. *Women's Conference*, Atlanta, GA.



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La Fleur, R. (November 2022) Keynote Speaker: Youth Mental Health. *Atlanta Mashujaa Day Celebration*. Atlanta GA.

La Fleur, R. (November 2022) Keynote Speaker: Supporting mental health in a post pandemic workplace. *Atlanta Mental Health in The Workplace Summit*. Atlanta GA.

La Fleur, R. (November 2021) Keynote Speaker: Supporting mental health in a post pandemic workplace. *Atlanta Mental Health in The Workplace Summit*. Atlanta GA.

La Fleur, R. E., (June 2021) Keynote Speaker: The intersection of narrative, moral injury and culture. Newport Academy, Atlanta GA.

La Fleur, R. E., (November, 2020) Guest Speaker: Journey Through Psychology: Virtual student meeting, University of West Georgia.

La Fleur, R. E., (2020, April) Guest Lecturer – African American Male Initiative: *Power of the Subconscious*, University of West Georgia.

La Fleur, R. E., (2019, April). Keynote Speaker: [What is Mattering? Implications for Narrative Practice](#). Center for the Study of Narrative, Mercer University, Atlanta Georgia.

La Fleur, R. E., (2018, April). Keynote Speaker: *Phenomenology and Moral Injury*, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago.

La Fleur, R. E., (2018, October). Public Lecture: *Narrative Inquiry and Mattering*. St Thomas University, New Brunswick Canada.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Moral Injury has been my focus for the last few years. As I complete my manuscript, *Moral Injury and the American veteran* (2024 anticipated publishing), it highlights my research interest as a derivative from my dissertation, *The Experiential Effects of Combat Zone Deployment, on Veterans During the Reintegration Process*. Working with veterans and other marginalized populations grants me the opportunity to approach my research through phenomenology and narrative (the stories of our lives) methods and to illuminate the need for social justice culturally. Additionally, the concepts of Mattering and Soul Care (spirituality) are foundational to my personal philosophy of life as it is strongly connected to our identity and *who we are in the world* and *how do we find our place*. These ideologies also fuel my teaching and my desire to impact students through my scholarship. Central to my work is the role trauma plays in our lives daily, thereby giving students a humanistic purview of their world and how they too can identify their place in the world. Helping students navigate the complexities of life and theoretical learning along with praxis is at the core of why I teach.



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La Fleur, R. Mattering: A case for the returning veteran. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*. (Accepted with revisions).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Therapeutic Enactment Workshop – Middle Tennessee State University 2023 – Murfreesboro, TN

Introduction to Therapeutic Enactment – graduate students

Mindfulness Workshops – Savannah State University 2023 – Savannah Georgia

Workshop 1 - How to Operationalize Mindfulness: Practical Skills and Tools for Engagement

Workshop 2 - Holistic Approach to Workplace Engagement during Change and Transformation.

Workshop 3 - Theory and Praxis of Meditation: This workshop takes a closer look at theories associated to meditation and then translates it into praxis.

Workshop 4 - Psychology of the Mind and Body: The unique connection between the mind and body will be highlighted in this workshop

Therapeutic Enactment Training (2020-Present)

Completed certification for Therapeutic Enactment Therapy (through The University of British Columbia) and I am the only certified US facilitator, who trains therapists and facilitators globally to use this intervention with their clients. Therapeutic Enactment Therapy was developed by Dr. Marvin Westwood and together we are continuing to expand the intervention for use with different and diverse populations.



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The Long Shadows of War – intergenerational Trauma and the Legacies of Conquest (2019-Present).

Interdisciplinary research with Dr. Marvin Westwood, Professor Emeritus and Founder & Senior Advisor for the **Centre for Group Counseling and Trauma**, at the University of British Columbia, Dr. Grant Charles, (University of British Columbia), Dr. Jurgen & Ingeborg Muller-Hohagen (Psychologist and Director of Dachau Memorial Site, Germany), David Savill (Artistic Director, Age Exchange – UK) and Simon Purins (Artist and Film Maker, UK) bringing different perspectives to this timely matter.

American Psychological Association – Division 1 – Early Career Representative (2019-Present)

Facilitated a dialogue at APA 2022 (Minneapolis, MN): “Publishing at academic and sub-cultural levels” for convention attendees.

Co-Chair - Narrative Matters 2022 – Atlanta Georgia

Narrative Matters is a bi-annual conference on the study of narrative, which brings together scholars from different disciplines. I co-chaired along with Dr. Don Redmond of Mercer University, the sponsoring institution of the conference, guided by the founder of Narrative Matters, Dr. William Randall of St. Thomas University in New Brunswick, Canada.

International Human Science Research Conference – May 2020

Pace University, New York
Planning Committee Member

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

USG: eCore Course Content Designer – Psychology	2023-present
USG: Course Reviewer eCore – Psychology	2022-present
Psychology Program Undergraduate Committee Member	2017-present
General Education Redesign Committee Member	2020-present
College of Social Sciences Service Day	2017-2019



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COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Continuing Education – University of West Georgia

Provide various training and workshops for Greystone Power Company, on topics such as “Memory and Retention” and “How to handle stress in the workplace”. These sessions are scheduled for 3-4 hours and are a combination of lectures based and interactive workshops with employees.

Mount Paran Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Mount Paran is a 12,000-member church with a mission dedicated to caring and serving those who attend and those outside the walls of the church. It is a place of community, discipleship, and compassion for people seeking more out of their lives and I serve as part of the clergy.

Parent Roadmap

Over time, I have developed several [public talks](#) and podcasts for parents struggling to understand the changes their children are going through. These talks are based on cultural relevance and the stages of development as purported by theorists and uses practical applications to aide parents in their duties and responsibilities.

Health, Harmony and Happiness

In conjunction with, [Dr. Louis Boyton](#), we filmed and produced over 60 episodes of Health, Harmony and Happiness television broadcast segments, that are currently aired on TV 18 in Auburn, AL. These segments are designed to translate deeper psychological and philosophical issues as they relate to current culture and society.

Just Listening, Carrollton. GA

UWG’s College of Social Sciences has partnered with Veterans Heart Georgia, an Atlanta-based non-profit organization, for a veteran-focused “Just Listening” circle in Carrollton Georgia. The community-based initiative brings local veterans and community members together to “just listen” to veterans share their stories as a way to better understand the experience of veterans processing through the reintegration process. Due to COVID-19, our time meetings are suspended. We are planning on returning when it is safe to do so.

Veterans in the Classroom

As a continuation for my dissertation, I partnered with Douglas County School System and brought 7 veterans to the classroom to teach students about their military experience. Students learned about the Vietnam War as well as life on an aircraft carrier and living in other countries and they were given the opportunity to ask questions to the speaker.



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Cobb County Veterans Accountability Court System

Cobb County Veterans Court is a minimum 18-month long program focusing on rehabilitating veterans by diverting them from the traditional criminal justice system and providing them with the tools they need to lead a productive, law-abiding lifestyle. Research suggests many veterans suffer from adjustment issues when they come back into civilian life, such as post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injuries.

Coping with Loss

Loss is a difficult and tender time in a person's life. Coping with Loss is a journaling and group therapeutic process, to help those experiencing pain and grief learn a few tools to guide their process.

Learning to Love (L2L)

I developed a pre-marital workshop for couples engaged and getting ready to take the next step of getting married. This study is a 5-part series teaching covering topics such as Foundation of Marriage, Conflict Resolution and External Relationships.

Missions to the Amazon

Fundraising support for projects such as village bakeries, rice factories and clean water filtration systems, for villages along the Amazon River in Peru. In addition to fundraising, actively being a part of the installation and labor team to implement projects in person.

TEACHING HONORS

Departmental Nominee, College of Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award (2018 & 2019)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association

Division 1 – Society for General Psychology (Executive Committee Member)

Division 19- Society for Military Psychology

Division 24- Society for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology

Division 32 – Society for Humanistic Psychology



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Division 36- Society for the Psychology of Spirituality and Religion
American Association of Christian Counselors

ONLINE TEACHING TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- University of West Georgia, Semester-long Online Teacher Training
 - University of West Georgia, Online Teacher Certification
 - University of West Georgia, Online Course Development Certification
 - State of Georgia, eCore Online Teaching Certification
 - Experience with Blackboard Platforms, WebCT, Desire2Learn and Moodle
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PROFICIENCIES

- Microsoft Word, Office, PowerPoint, Outlook, Teams, Zoom, Google Meet and Psychology Today Sessions.
- NVIVO Qualitative Research Software