

Jennifer Gafford, PhD

Education

- Ph.D. August, 2008 University of Denver, Denver, CO
Major: Counseling Psychology (APA Accredited)
Dissertation: "The Impact of a Suicidal Individual on Group Therapy: A Phenomenological Study of Group Leaders' Experiences"
- M.A. May, 2000 University of Colorado-Denver, Denver, CO
Major: Counseling Psychology and Counselor Education (CACREP Accredited)
- B.A. May, 1997 Rhodes College, Memphis, TN
Major: Psychology

Work Experience

- August, 2017-Present *Clinical Assistant Professor*
University of Denver, Counseling Psychology Department, College of Education
Teaching Master's and Doctoral students. Training director for the Master's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program.
- October, 2015-July, 2017 *Director, Correctional Behavioral Health*
Denver Sheriff Department, Denver Health
Oversight of all mental health services for the Denver jails, including psychiatry, psychology, social work, psychiatric nurses, and case managers.
- March, 2012-October, 2015 *Psychologist Supervisor*
City and County of Denver, Denver Sheriff Department
Psychological services provided for incarcerated adults at two correctional facilities for the City and County of Denver.
Responsibilities: Supervision of licensed psychologists and diversion officers providing clinical services for incarcerated men and women. Both clinical and administrative duties. Individual, group, and brief therapy as needed. Weekly supervision of master's and doctoral level students. Participation in administrative multidisciplinary staff meetings and committees, including suicide prevention, Program Oversight Steering committee, and ADA committee.

- 2008-March, 2012 *Licensed Psychologist*
City and County of Denver, Denver County Jail
 Psychological services provided for incarcerated adults.
 Responsibilities: Individual and group therapy; brief psychological evaluations for individuals in segregated housing and special management; crisis intervention; weekly supervision of master's and doctoral level students; participation in multidisciplinary staff meetings.
 Committees have included: Transgender Inmate Policy and Program Oversight Steering Committee.
- 2005-2006 *Predoctoral Intern*
Sharp Behavioral Health Care, Mesa Vista, San Diego, CA
 Psychological services in inpatient and outpatient geropsychology, adult cognitive intensive outpatient, and adolescent outpatient rotations. Responsibilities: Administer cognitive, personality, and psychological brief and full battery assessments and evaluations; group and brief individual cognitive therapy; weekly intern trainings; participation in weekly treatment team meetings and staff development; case presentations.
- 2000-2001 *Coordinator, KIDS CONNECTION, Parenting Time and Safe Exchange Program*
Karlis Family Center, Denver, CO. Serves families with issues of substance abuse, high conflict divorce, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, child physical abuse, and mental illness in which one parent is ordered to receive supervision during his/her parenting time with the child(ren). Responsibilities: Evaluated and intervened with clients regarding their parenting skills. Extensive writing of court reports and often testified in court cases. Facilitated bonding, attachment, and relationships between parents and children (including infants and adolescents). Collaborated with attorneys, guardian ad litem, special advocates, and other mental health professionals. Supervised undergraduate interns weekly.

Other Teaching Experience

- January, 2007-2015 **Lecturer, University of Colorado-Denver and Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO.**
 Courses Taught: Introduction to Psychology I and II

Family Psychology
History of Psychology

2004-2005 **Part-Time Faculty, Metropolitan State College of Denver**, Denver, CO. Courses Taught: Introduction to Psychology

Courses Taught

University of Denver-Graduate Courses

CNP 4641 Adolescent Development
CNP 4720 Group Counseling Theory
CNP 4743 Fieldwork in Counseling
CNP 4753 Counseling Psychology Advanced Practicum II
CNP 4794 Trauma Informed Counseling
CNP 4795 Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling
CNP 4645 Lifespan Development

University of Colorado-Denver and Health Sciences Center-Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Psychology I and II
Family Psychology
History of Psychology

Leadership Experiences

July 2019-Present Board Member, Master's in Psychology and Counseling Accreditation Council (MPCAC)

February 2019-Present Board Member and Education and Training Chair. Council of Master's in Counseling Training Programs (CMCTP)

February 2018-Present Commissioner appointed by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock. Crime Prevention and Control Commission.

February 2018-Present Co-Moderator. Behavioral Health Subcommittee. Office of Behavioral Health Strategies.

2017-Present Community Advisory Board Member. Denver Adult Drug Court.

2010-2013 Treasurer, Board of Directors, **FosterSports**, Denver, CO. Board member for local start-up non-profit providing sports opportunities to kids involved in Social Services or the foster care system.

Publications

Gafford, J., Raines, T.C., Sinha, S., DeBlaere, C., Davis, D.E., Hook, J.N., & Owen, J. (2019). Cultural humility as a spiritually focused intervention in correctional settings: The role of therapists' multicultural orientation. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*.47(3), 187-201.

Glover, N., Gorgens, K., Lehto, M., Meyer, L., Dettmer, J., & Gafford, J. (2018). Sensitivity and specificity of the Ohio State University traumatic brain injury identification method to neuropsychological impairment. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 45(6), 885-901.

Wall, K. C., Gorgens, K., Dettmer, J., Davis, T. M., & Gafford, J. (2018). Violence related traumatic brain injury in justice-involved women. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 45(10), 1588-1605.

Presentations

Gafford, J. (2019). The Stories within: Working with Unspoken Experiences in Group. Panel Session at Four Corners Group Psychotherapy Society Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado

Motzny, C., Hudson, A. & Gafford, J. (2019). *Denver jail behavioral health service evaluation: Locking down on effective correctional treatment*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Chicago, IL

Gafford, J. & Riva, M.T. (2018). The impact of a suicidal individual on group therapy: A phenomenological study of leader experience. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.

Gafford, J. (2017). Homelessness to Incarceration (Discussant). Panel Session at National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Regional Conference. Denver, CO.

Wall, K., Gorgens, K., Davis, T. M., Gafford, J., & Dettmer, J. (2017, March). *Violence-related TBI in justice-involved women*. Presented at the International Brain Injury Association World Congress on Brain Injury, New Orleans, LA.

Gafford, J., McMillan, B., Gorgens, K, Dettmer, J., & Glover, N. (2015, June). A unique approach to traumatic brain injury in a county jail. Paper presented at the National Institute of Corrections 2015 Virtual Conference, New Directions in Corrections: Staff Wellness.

Glover, N., Gafford, J., Gorgens, K. A., & Dettmer, J. (2015, February). TBI, Mental Illness, Substance Abuse in a County Jail. Presented at the International Neuropsychological Society Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

- Gafford, J., McMillan, B., Gorgens, K. A., Dettmer, J., & Popovski, L. (2014, August). Identifying and Treating the Superfecta---TBI, Mental Illness, and Substance Abuse in a County Jail. Presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
- Gafford, J. & Gorgens, K. A., (2014, July). The Intersection of Traumatic Brain Injury, Substance Abuse, Mental Illness and Criminality. Presented at the 2014 National Commission of Correctional Mental Health Care Conference, Denver, CO.
- Gorgens, K. A., Gaines, K., Dettmer, J., Gafford, J., & McMillan, B. (2014, May). Brain Injury Screening in a Juvenile Population. Presented at the 2014 Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference, Colorado Judicial Branch, Westminster, CO.
- Gorgens, K., Popovski, L., McMillan, B., Gafford, J., & Dettmer, Judy (2014, March) *Neuropsychological Screening Pilot Program: A collaboration between the University of Denver, Denver County Jail and the Colorado Brain Injury Program*. Poster presented at the Rehabilitation Psychology Conference, San Antonio, Texas.
- Vollmer, B.M., Kirshenbaum, S., Banes, K., Gafford, J., Voyagers, V., Moreno, J., Fazio, E., Clark, J. (2004). *Stories of women who have ended emotionally abusive relationships: A constructivist approach*. Presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Honolulu, HI.
- Sherry, P., Owen, J., Stratton, J., & Gafford, J. (2003). *A Comparison of the Effects of Sleep Deprivation in Controlled and Uncontrolled Settings*. Oral presentation at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association national conference, Denver, CO
- Valdez, J., Gafford, J., Maley, M., & Bryon, D. (2002). *The Correlation of Mood Disorders with Ethnic Issues in University Counseling Center Clients*. Poster presentation at the University of Denver, College of Education Research Conference, Denver, CO, April. Accepted as a poster presentation for APA national conference in August 2002.
- Lasky, G., Gafford, J., Bryon, D., Cook, A., Hinterstoisser, T., Haub, A., Owen, J. & Riva, M.T. (2002). *Effects of the Self-administered Process Questionnaire (SAP-Q) on group leaders' thinking*. Presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Gafford, J. (2002). *Depression in Adolescents*. Presentation at University of Denver High School, Student Concerns Day. Denver, CO
- Gafford, J. (2000). *Suicide Assessment and Prevention*. Presentation at Karlis Family Center. Lakewood, CO.

Gafford, J., & Christensen, K. 2000). *Conflict Resolution in Couples Therapy*.
 Presentation for The Counseling and Family Therapy Center and the CU Denver
 Student Counseling Center practicum students. Denver, CO.

Professional Memberships

2001-present	American Psychological Association
2008-2017	International Association of Correctional and Forensic Psychology
1998-2009	American Counseling Association
2002-2009	Association for Specialists in Group Work
1998-2009	International Association for Marriage and Family Therapists

Licenses and Certifications

2008-Present	Licensed Psychologist PSY-3372 in Colorado
2013-Present	Certified Correctional Health Professional

Honors

2019	Career Champion Nominee, University of Denver
2018	Career Champion Nominee, University of Denver
2014	Denver Sheriff Health Services Employee of the Year
2011	Denver Sheriff Department Employee of the Quarter
February, 2010	Denver County Jail Employee of the Month