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Education

Master of Science in Nursing – September 2020-June 2022.

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Program, College of Nursing, **University of California San Francisco**, San Francisco, CA.

Comprehensive Exam: Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy for the Treatment of End-of-Life Anxiety, Depression, and Existential Distress in Patients with Cancer and Other Life-Threatening Illnesses

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (magna cum laude) – June 2008-August 2009.

Accelerated Partnership Program, College of Nursing, **University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ.

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology – August 1998-August 2004.

School of Life Sciences, **Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ. (Advisor: Dr. Stanley H. Faeth)

Dissertation: Costs and benefits of myrmecochory between ants and *Datura* in the Sonoran Desert

Bachelor of Arts in Biology – August 1994-May 1998.

Department of Biology, **Vassar College**, Poughkeepsie, NY. (Advisor: Dr. Robert S. Fritz)

Thesis: Does plant taxon affect beetle susceptibility to predators?

Therapist Trainings

Hakomi Comprehensive Training Levels 1 and 2 – March 2018-December 2019. **Hakomi Institute of California**. Intensive 2-year training in Somatic Mindfulness Psychotherapy. Berkeley, CA.

Certificate Program in Psychedelic Therapy and Research (CPTR) – March 2017-December 2017. **California Institute for Integral Studies (CIIS)**, San Francisco, CA.

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) informed psychedelic therapist training retreat – October 2019. **Mindfulness Training LTD**. Weert, The Netherlands.

Licenses and Certifications

Nurse Practitioner, California Board of Nursing. (License #NP95021941) Issued: 7/21/2022.

Nurse Practitioner Furnishing, California Board of Nursing. (License #NPF95021941) Issued: 7/22/2022

RN, California Board of Nursing. (License #95083578) Expires: 7/31/2023.

RN, Arizona Board of Nursing. (License #160090) First Issued: 10/5/2009, Expires: 4/1/2025.

Oncology Certified Nurse (OCN). Oncology Nursing Society, 2011 - present.

Blood and Marrow Transplant Certified Nurse (BMTCN). Oncology Nursing Society, 2016 - present.

ONS/ONCC Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Provider Card. 2016 - present.

BLS for Healthcare Providers. American Heart Association. 2008 - present.

Clinical Experiences in Psychiatry

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Intern (652.5hrs), **Langley Porter Psychiatric Hospital and Clinics**,

Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP), **San Francisco, CA**. August 2021-June 2022. Completed extensive psychiatric intakes and frequent

follow-up appointments for patients in the PHP and IOP under the supervision of psychiatrists.

Gained extensive experience in diagnosis, treatment planning, medication management, and safety

planning. Also attended and assisted with DBT skills groups alongside therapists and patients.

(Preceptors: Dr. Eric Woodard, MD & Dr. Alla Spivak, MD)

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Intern (170hrs), **Crestwood Behavioral Health, Sacramento and**

Redding, CA. December 2020-June 2021. Met weekly 1:1 via Zoom with 3 clients in 2 residential

facilities to work on social isolation, rapport-building, reality-based conversation, and psychomedical

education. Diagnoses included schizophrenia and bipolar disorders. Attended weekly didactics on

psychotherapy techniques and psychopharmacology. Also worked several shifts with psychiatric

emergency service. (Preceptors: Dr. Cindy Mataraso, PsyD & Lauren Baker, PMHNP)

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Intern (40hrs), San Francisco General Hospital Psychiatric Emergency Department, San Francisco, CA. March 2021. Worked 5 overnight shifts 1:1 with a psychiatrist to assess patients for safety, conduct full psychosocial and medical histories, provide psychiatric consults, admit patients, and develop treatment plans. (Preceptor: Dr. Rajkumar Kalapatapu, MD)

Nursing Positions

RN, Clinical Nurse II, Malignant Hematology/BMT Unit (11/12L), University of California Medical Center, Parnassus Campus, San Francisco, CA. April 2016-present. Floor/charge RN. 66-bed unit providing specialized care to complex hematology, oncology, and blood and marrow transplant patients. Treatment modalities include chemotherapy, immunotherapy, research therapy, and stem cell/bone marrow transplants. Provide education, symptom management and compassionate, supportive care to patients through all stages of treatment, recovery, and end-of-life.

RN, Staff Nurse III, Hematology/Oncology/BMT Unit (3NW), Banner University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ. October 2009-July 2015. Floor/charge RN. 29-bed unit providing specialized care to complex hematology, oncology, and blood and marrow transplant patients. Treatments include chemotherapy, high dose IL-2 immunotherapy, and autologous/allogeneic stem cell transplants, along with supportive care and symptom management. Transitioned patients to hospice/palliative care. Frequent preceptor to nursing students, new grad RNs, and experienced RNs.

RN, Education Coordinator, Hematology/Oncology/BMT Unit (3NW), Banner University Medical Center, Tucson, AZ. May 2014-July 2015. Designed and supervised training of preceptors and new hires, interviewed potential new hires, served on multiple hospital-wide infection prevention and clinical practice committees, organized in-services and skills days, designed and taught hospital-wide courses on various topics in oncology, hematology, BMT, and taught/ran the chemotherapy certification program. Worked with EPIC developers to design and implement several oncology-specific flowsheets during EHR conversion from Sunrise Clinical Manager (SCM) to EPIC.

Research Positions

NIH-funded Postdoctoral Fellow, Postdoctoral Excellence in Research and Teaching (PERT) Fellowship Program, Center for Insect Science & Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, **University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ, August 2004-March 2008. (Mentor: Dr. Carlos Machado) Conducted research on ecology and molecular evolutionary genetics of pollinating and non-pollinating fig wasps from Panama and Mexico. Supervised/mentored students in molecular techniques, experimental design, data analysis. Published and presented at national/international conferences.

NSF-funded Research Associate, Central Arizona/Phoenix Long-Term Ecological Research Project, **Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ, January 2001-July 2004. (Mentor: Dr. Stan Faeth) Designed and conducted a large-scale multisite experiment on effects of urbanization on plant, insect, and bird communities. Supervised 3 technicians. Published results and presented at national conferences.

Teaching Positions

Teaching Assistant, Hakomi Institute of California. Berkeley, CA. Hakomi Comprehensive Therapist Training, Level 1 and Level 2. Somatic Mindfulness Psychotherapy. March 2020-January 2022.

Lecturer, Banner University Medical Center, Department of Staff Development, Tucson, AZ. Hospital-wide nursing staff education programs, 2011-2015. Courses taught include: Oncology, Administration of Chemotherapy/Biotherapy, Chemotherapy for Non-Oncology Nurses, Introduction to BMT, and Hematology/Oncology Basics for Critical Care Nurses.

Adjunct Faculty, Pima Community College West, Department of Biology, Tucson, AZ. Fall 2005.

- Environmental Biology (BIO 105)

Graduate Teaching Associate, Arizona State University, Department of Biology, Tempe, AZ. 1998-2001

- Introductory Biology (BIO 100; 5 semesters); Field Ecology (BIO 321; 2 semesters)

Volunteer/Service Positions

Co-Founder, Organization of Psychedelic and Entheogenic Nurses (OPENurses). Founded a professional nursing organization to establish best practices, clearly define appropriate care in psychedelic sessions, elucidate a code of ethics and conduct, advocate for the full inclusion of nurses in psychedelic therapy and research, provide continuing education related to psychedelic therapy, and provide a place for professional networking. (www.openurses.org) 2019-present.

Medical triage/Sitter, Zendo Project. Provide medical assessments, peer support, and harm reduction education to persons undergoing difficult emotional and/or psychedelic experiences at large festivals and events such as Burning Man (~80,000 attendees). 2017-present.

Shift Lead, Sanctuary Department. Run a team of volunteers providing medical assessments, peer support, and harm reduction education to persons undergoing intense or difficult emotional and/or psychedelic experiences. Afrikaburn Festival (~14,000 attendees), Tankwa Town, South Africa. April-May 2019.

Ranger/Sitter, Take 3 Productions. Mobile health/safety support and emotional/psychedelic peer support staff at immersive art festivals (~2000 attendees). Saratoga Springs & Tahoe, CA. 2019-present.

Festival Medical Volunteer. Provide assessments, consultations, and basic first aid at multiple burning man-sponsored and private art/music festivals throughout Arizona. (~200-1500 attendees). 2010-present.

Publications

Marussich, W.A. and S.H. Faeth. 2009. Effects of urbanization on trophic dynamics of arthropod communities on a common desert host plant. Urban Ecosystems, 12, 265-286.

Marussich, W.A. and C.A. Machado. 2007. Host-specificity and coevolution among pollinating and non-pollinating New World fig wasps. Molecular Ecology, 6, 1925–1946.

Marussich, W.A. 2006. Testing myrmecochory from the ant's perspective: The effects of *Datura wrightii* and *D. discolor* on queen survival and brood production in *Pogonomyrmex californicus*. Insectes Sociaux, 53, 403-411.

Jenerette, G.D., **W.A. Marussich** and J.P. Newell. 2006. Linking ecological footprints with ecosystem valuation in provisioning of urban freshwater. Ecological Economics, 59, 38-47.

Jenerette, G.D., W. Wu, S. Goldsmith, **W.A. Marussich** and W.J. Roach. 2006. Contrasting water footprints of cities in China and the United States. Ecological Economics, 57, 346-358.

Faeth S.H., P.S. Warren, E. Shochat, and **W.A. Marussich**. 2005. Trophic dynamics in urban communities. Bioscience, 55, 399-407.