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VITA

EDUCATION

1986 Ph.D., Clinical Psychology
 Georgia State University

1977 M.A., General Psychology
 West Georgia College

1974 B.A., Liberal Arts
 Goddard College

AFFILIATIONS

Clinical Adjunct Faculty, Georgia State University
American Psychological Association
Georgia Psychological Association
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

CONSULTATION

1993- ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL CANCER SURVIVOR PROGRAM
present Atlanta, GA

 CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST. Training and consultation for cancer survivors who are offering counseling to current cancer patients and consultation for staff running support groups for cancer patients.

1989- ATLANTA VIETNAM ERA VETERAN'S OUTREACH CENTER
present Atlanta, GA

 CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST 1 hour/week. Responsible for clinical consultation with treatment staff and organizational consultation to program director.

1989- GEORGIA DIAGNOSTIC AND CLASSIFICATION CENTER

1997 Jackson, GA

CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST 8 hours/week. Responsible for assessment and treatment planning for mental health inmates, staff training and supervision, and general clinical consultation.

1993- ODYSSEY FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER
1994 Hapeville, GA

CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST. Case consultation for outpatient psychotherapy clinic.

EMPLOYMENT

2003- PINE RIVER PSYCHOTHERAPY TRAINING INSTITUTE

Present Atlanta, GA

FOUNDER, DIRECTOR AND CORE FACULTY for an independent psychotherapy training institute. Responsible for conceptualization of program, development of curriculum, development of marking plan and overall direction of overall program.

1986- PRIVATE PRACTICE of psychotherapy with individual
present adults, groups, couples, and specializing in the treatment of adolescents.

1986- SCHIZOPHRENIA TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, INC.
1988 Decatur, GA

CONSULTANT and Director of Psychotherapy, 12 hours/week, for a partial hospitalization program treating young adult, chronic schizophrenic patients. Responsible for developing and implementing psychotherapy program, and training and supervision of staff.

1985- INTERNSHIP in clinical psychology at the Seattle
1986 Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Full-time rotations in the Day Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatry and Family Therapy Clinic, as well as a year-long rotation in the outpatient Mental Health Center.

1984- PSYCHOTHERAPY AND BEHAVIOR THERAPY CLINIC
1985 Georgia State University

INTAKE WORKER for the psychology department's training clinic. Responsible for intake and psychological evaluation of potential patients, and involved in final disposition of cases.

1982- DEKALB EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
1984 Atlanta, GA

PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANT for the evaluation of crisis patients in the state mental hospital. Intake and evaluation for hospitalization or outpatient treatment.

1978 - INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH SERVICE DEVELOPMENT
1979 West Roxbury, MA

CONSULTANT, FUND-RAISER. Responsible for the development and funding of a national demonstration youth employment project with the Federal Department of Labor. Raised over \$200,000 in Federal and private funds. Also involved in training for youth workers and some management and program development consultation.

1977 - SOUTHWEST BOSTON COMMUNITY SERVICES
1979 Roslindale, MA

PROGRAM DIRECTOR of a community based youth service agency that includes counseling, a drop-in component, a youth employment unit, recreational programming, and an outreach counseling effort. Responsible for all management aspects of the program, supervision of counseling and programmatic staff, program development and evaluation, and fund-raising.

1974 - WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
1976 Montpelier, VT

DIRECTOR of youth services for Northfield, VT. Founder and Director of Northfield's youth center. Responsible for planning, implementation, and evaluation of the project. Duties included individual and group counseling, public relations, fund-raising and administration.

1974 STATE GOVERNMENT OF VERMONT
Montpelier, VT

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, for the planning division of the Agency of Human Services. Selected for position after placing first in state-wide competition for the Governor's Student Intern Program. Worked on developing survey methods and recommendations for legislative committee dealing with boarding homes as alternative care facilities for state hospital patients.

1973 WALDEN HOUSE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY

San Francisco, CA

CLINICAL STAFF. Duties included group and individual counseling, and family treatment. Was also responsible for crisis-intervention five nights weekly.

1973 CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
San Francisco, CA

RESEARCH ASSISTANT for the Division of Special Programs. Researched background and current information on Methadone Tapering. Also worked on a project identifying positive and negative reinforcers in the setting of a therapeutic community.

1972 NORTH ESSEX DRUG ADMINISTRATION
Montclair, N.J.

CLINICAL STAFF for two therapeutically oriented youth outreach centers, and responsible for the establishment of a third, satellite center. Duties included group counseling, supervised individual counseling, and work in two local high schools.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

1993- PINE RIVER PSYCHOTHERAPY TRAINING INSTITUTE
present

DIRECTOR of a private psychotherapy training institute. Serve as faculty for a number of annual workshop and training groups, as well as providing ongoing psychotherapy consultation groups.

1987- CLINICAL ADJUNCT FACULTY
Present Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.

Supervision of advanced doctoral students.

1990 ADJUNCT FACULTY
GEORGIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Course taught: History and Systems.

1987 PART-TIME FACULTY
West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA

Course taught: Introductory Psychology

- 1985 LECTURER
Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- Courses taught: Identity and Community: Group Psychotherapy.
- 1982- GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT
1984 Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
- Courses taught: Introductory psychology, Abnormal psychology, Leadership and group dynamics.
- 1979 PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR
Northfield High School, Northfield, VT
- Course taught: Substance abuse.
- 1976- GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT
1977 West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA
- Courses taught: Introductory psychology, Humanistic psychology, and Humanistic psychology for organizational development students.

PUBLICATIONS

- Weiss, A.G. (2002) The lost role of dependency in psychotherapy. Gestalt Review, 6, 1, 6-17.
- Weiss, A.G. (2001) Between a tabula rasa and the transparent self: The “therapist’s use of self revisited. Voices, 37, (1), pp. 4-12
- Weiss, A.G. (1999) Self disclosure and psychological privacy.
In A. Richards & T. Schumrum Invitations to Dialogue: the legacy of Sidney M. Jourard. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishers
- Clance, P., Thompson, M., Simerly, D. and Weiss, A.
(1994). The effects of the Gestalt approach on body image. The Gestalt Journal, 17, (1), 95-114.
- Felder, R. and Weiss, A. (1991). The therapist’s use of self. Pilgrimage, 17, (2), 11-25
- Felder, R. and Weiss, A. (1991) Experiential Psychotherapy: A Symphony of Selves. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America.
- Carrere, R. and Weiss, A. (1988) The relationship of the personal in graduate training to professional practice. The Journal of Phenomenological Psychology, 19, 2, 147-157.
- Weiss, A. (1987). Privacy and intimacy: Apart and a part. The Journal of Humanistic Psychology, 27, (1), 118-125.
- Weiss, A. and Kempler, B. (1986). The role of intent in psychological research. The Journal of Humanistic Psychology. 26, (1), 117-25.

OTHER RESEARCH

- Weiss, A. (1986). The patient's experience of privacy in psychotherapy. Doctoral dissertation.
- Weiss, A. (1984). The role of privacy in intimate relationships. Topic of comprehensive exams for doctoral candidacy.
- Weiss, A. (1974). Psychotherapy as a ritual and ceremonial process. Undergraduate thesis.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Experiential Psychotherapy: Now and Then, and Back Again. Workshop Presented at the annual institute and conference of the American Academy of Psychotherapists. Toronot, Canada. November 12, 2005.
- Changing Your Life: When to try Harder, and When to Stop Trying So Hard. Haygood Memorial Methodist Church. Atlanta, GA. October 20, 2005.
- The Role of Experience in the Process of Change. American Academy of Psychotherapists, South Carolina Chapter. Columbia, SC. September 30, 2005
- The Process of Change in Psychotherapy. In service presentation to the staff of Counselling Center of the University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC. Setember 30, 2005.
- Changing Your Life: When to Try Harder, and When to Stop Trying So Hard. Lunch n' Learn presentation to the Cancer Center of St. Joseph's Hospital, Atlanta, GA. September 16, 2005
- Understanding the Process of Change. Workshop presented at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association. Atlanta, GA. May 21, 2005
- Coping with the Emotional Challenges of Cancer Recurrence. Workshop presented at Sharing the Journey: Cancer Survivor's Conference. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Hopsital of Atlanta. April 16, 2005
- The Experiential Treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Seminar for the Psychology Interns, Atlanta Veterans Medical Center, Atlanta, GA. March 7, 2005.
- Priests Working with Families During an Era of Church Crisis. Workshop sponsored by the Archdiocesan Office of Family Concerns of Catholic Charities. Atlanta, GA. December 5, 2003.
- Marriage Counseling and Spirituality: Ethical Pitfalls and Possibilities. Workshop for the Archdiocesan Office of Family Concerns of Catholic Charities. Atlanta, GA. October 17, 2003.
- The Experience of Change in the Psychotherapy of Trauma. Workshop presented at the annual counselor training of the Southeastern Region of the Readjustment Counseling Service. Atlanta, GA. June 26, 2003.

The Experience of Change in the Psychotherapy of Trauma.
Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Team Leaders of the Southeastern Region of Readjustment Counseling Services. Atlanta, GA. April 10, 2003.

Waiting for the Next Miracle: The Experience of Change in Psychotherapy. Lecture at Riverwoods Southern Regional Psychiatric Center. Riverdale, GA. February 12, 2003

Trauma and the Witnessing Professional. Workshop for the staff of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA. October 31, 2001.

The therapist's use of self in experiential psychotherapy, with Richard Felder, M.D.
Workshop presented at the annual Institute and Conference of the American Academy of Psychotherapists, Atlanta, GA. October 25, 2001.

Coping with Trauma: As individuals, families and as a nation.
Teleconference nationally to Centers for Disease Control locations throughout the country. October 5, 2001

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In-service training for staff of Ridgeview Institute, Smyrna, GA. August 31, 2001.

Between the Tabula Rasa and the Transparent Self. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association. Atlanta, GA. April 27, 2001

Introduction to experiential psychotherapy. Lecture presented to students and faculty at the Georgia State University Psychotherapy and Research Clinic. Atlanta, GA. February 21, 2001.

Ethical Issues in Working with Couples. One day workshop sponsored by Office of Family Concerns, a division of Catholic Charities. Atlanta, GA. March 31, 2000.

Good Will Hunting: Ethical Considerations of Throttling the Patient in the First Interview. Half-day workshop sponsored by the Athens Area Psychological Association and the Mental Health Association of Northeast Georgia. Athens, GA. March 24, 2000.

Coloring Outside the Lines: De-constructing the role of the therapist. Half day workshop at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Division of licensed practitioners. Marietta, GA. January 15, 2000

Cancer support group facilitator training. One day workshop sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital Cancer Survivor Network. Atlanta, GA. October, 1999, November 2000, February 2001.

Good Will Hunting: Constructing a theoretical justification for throttling the patient in the first session. Half day workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association. Atlanta, GA. May 16, 1999.

Conjoint Psychotherapy. Half day workshop presented with Dr. Debbara Dingman at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Region of the American Academy of Psychotherapists. Dahlonega, GA. March 20, 1999

The lost role of dependency in psychotherapy. In Lee Kyser (chair) The place for dependency in psychotherapy. Panel presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Region of the American Academy of Psychotherapists. Atlanta, GA. May, 1996.

Humanizing the Counseling Relationship. lecture presented to Mental Health Directors, Georgia Department of Corrections State Training Center, Forsyth, GA. March 22, 1995.

Seeking an Understanding of Chronic PTSD: The Betrayal of "What's Right". One-day workshop. Readjustment Counseling Service of the Veterans Administration. Cocoa Beach, FL. June 16, 1994

The False Quest: Addictions and the Yearning for Wholeness. Half-day workshop presented at the Annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Division E Conference. January 15, 1994.

PTSD for Vets and Therapists. Workshop sponsored by the Atlanta Vet Center. Atlanta, GA. September 18, 1993.

Bringing the War Back Home: Vietnam Veterans 25 Years after the War. One-day workshop. Georgia CHEP/AHEC Education and Training Center. Dublin, GA. September 10, 1993.

Working with Interfaith Couples. Full day workshop presented with Gayanne Geurin Weiss, MA, LCSW. Catholic Social Services. Atlanta, GA. August 3, 1993.

Sitting with the Intolerable. Caring for the Care-giver: Healthy Vs Pathological Narcissism. Charter Peachford Hospital. Atlanta, GA. June 17, 1993.

Experiential Psychotherapy and Addictions. One-day workshop. Decatur Hospital. Decatur, GA. June 4, 1993.

Experiential Psychotherapy and Addictions: A Primer for the Clinician. One-day workshop. Staten Island Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Staten Island, NY. April 15, 1993.

Bridging Differences: Dynamics of Interfaith Couples. Emerson Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Marietta, GA. Presented with Gayanne Geurin Weiss, MA, LCSW. January 10, 1993.

Experiential Psychotherapy and the Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Half-day workshop. Team Leader Training, Readjustment Counseling Service. Orlando, FL. December 17, 1992.

Experiential Psychotherapy and the Treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Georgia CHEP/AHEC Education and Training Center. Dublin, GA. November 20, 1992.

Employee Stress: Caring for the Caregiver. Georgia Correctional Association, Annual Training Conference. Macon, GA. October 22, 1992.

Professionalism and Ethics for Nurses. Keynote speaker for the Probation/Detention Center Nurses Workshop, Georgia Department of Corrections. September 30, 1992.

Individual Psychotherapy with Vietnam Veterans. Southeast Region Readjustment Counseling Service, Team Leaders Meeting. September 22, 1992.

Levels of Intervention with Patients Who Are Dangerous to Self or Others. Half-day workshop. Georgia Women's Correctional Institution. Milledgeville, GA. August 4, 1992.

Individual Psychotherapy with Vietnam Veterans. Southeastern Region Readjustment Counseling Service, Annual Staff Training Conference. June 10, 1992.

Ethics and Psychotherapy with Vietnam Veterans. Southeastern Region Readjustment Counseling Service, Annual Staff Training Conference. June 10, 1992.

Professionalism and Ethics for Nurses. Keynote speaker for
The Lead Nurse Workshop, Georgia Department of Corrections. May 28, 1992.

An Introduction to Experiential Psychotherapy. Georgia Mental Health Counselors Association,
Annual Conference. May 9, 1992.

Experiential Psychotherapy: A Phenomenological Psychotherapy? Colloquium
presented to the Department of Psychology, West Georgia College. May 5, 1992.

Experiential Psychotherapy and the Addictions: A Primer for Clinicians. One-day
workshop. The Staten Island Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Staten
Island, NY. April 9, 1992

Experiential Psychotherapy: The Therapist's Use of Self. Paper presented at the
annual meeting of the Division of Licensed Psychologists, Georgia
Psychological Association, February 26, 1992. Hilton Head, SC.

Recognizing Symptoms of Mental Illness in the
Correctional Inmate. One-day workshop. Georgia Department of Corrections, Mental
Health Division. Al Burros Correctional Institute, Forsyth, GA. January 22, 1992.

Experiential psychotherapy. Co-presented with Richard Felder, M.D.. Workshop presented
at the Atlanta Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. Atlanta, GA. September
20, 1991.

Stress Management. Half-day workshop. Georgia
Department of Corrections, Central Office staff. Atlanta, GA. September 12, 1991.

On the Experience of Coauthoring: Across disciplines,
Across Generations, and Across Time. Co-presented with Richard Felder, M.D. Paper
presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, May 11,
1991, Atlanta, GA.

Psychotherapy with Interfaith/Intercultural Couples:
Reclaiming the Projected "Other." Invited workshop at the Annual Meeting of the
Georgia Psychological Association, May 9, 1991, Atlanta, GA.

Schizophrenia: Symptoms and Treatment. One half-day
workshop. Georgia Department of Corrections, Mental Health Division. Georgia
Corrections Academy, Forsyth, GA. February 7, 1991.

Experiential Psychotherapy, and Psychosis in Psychotherapy. Invited annual lectures to
pre-doctoral interns at the Georgia State University Counseling Center. 1990-1995.

Suicide Prevention in a Correctional Setting. One
half-day workshop. Georgia Correctional Association. Columbus, GA. October 7,
1990.

Is Psychotherapy with Adolescents an Oxymoron?: A
Group-Centered Reply. Co-presented with Ilene Schroeder. Paper presented at the
annual meeting of the Division of Licensed Psychologists, Georgia Psychological
Association, February 23, 1990. Asheville, NC.

Schizophrenia: Symptoms and Treatment. One half-day
workshop. Georgia Department of Corrections, Mental Health Division. Georgia
Corrections Academy, Forsyth, GA. February 14, 1990.

Group Psychotherapy: When, how, and why? Co-presented
with S. Gantt. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological
Association, June 3, 1989. Atlanta, GA.

Psychotherapy with Interfaith Couples. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, June 3, 1989.

Psychotherapy with Schizophrenic Patients. Invited presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Associations Hospitality Suite, Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, August 14, 1988.

Experiential Psychotherapy. Chair of a symposium at the Division of Humanistic Psychology's Hospitality Suite, Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, August 14, 1988.

The lost art of psychotherapy with schizophrenic patients: The bifurcation of mental illness. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Savannah, Georgia, May 13, 1988.

Reexamining issues related to self-disclosure in psychotherapy. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA. May 15, 1987.

Privacy and Self-Disclosure in Psychotherapy. One-day workshop. Southeastern Psychological Association. Atlanta, GA. March 28, 1987.

Psychotherapy with Schizophrenic Patients. Invited address to the Dekalb Alliance for the Mentally Ill, January 5, 1987.

Reexamining Issues Related to Self-Disclosure in Psychotherapy. One half-day workshop. The Hub Counseling Center. Atlanta, GA. November 11, 1986.

The patient's experience of privacy in psychotherapy. Paper presented at the fifth annual Human Science Research conference. Berkeley, CA. May, 1986.

Psychotherapy with Schizophrenic Patients. Invited lecture for graduate psychology students, Seattle University, December, 1985.

A Phenomenological Approach to Psychological Assessment. Videotaped lecture that is now used as a part of graduate assessment curriculum for Georgia State University Clinical Psychology program. May, 1985.

Privacy in Psychotherapy. Invited colloquium at Georgia State University, March, 1985.

The role of privacy and self-disclosure in psychotherapy. Paper presented at the third annual Human Science Research conference. Carrollton, GA. May, 1984.

Approaching psychology as a human science. Discussant on Symposium. Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA. March, 1984.

Introductory Training in Phenomenological Research. One-day workshop. Georgia State University Psychotherapy and Behavior Therapy Clinic. Atlanta, GA. February 21, 1984.

Introductory Training in Phenomenological Research. One-day workshop. Georgia State University Psychotherapy and Behavior Therapy Clinic. Atlanta, GA. April 7, 1983.

Privacy and intimacy: Apart and a part. In A. Weiss

(chair) Changing perspectives on psychic privacy and the value of not self-disclosing.
Symposium at the Southeastern Psychological Association. Atlanta, GA. March, 1983.

Privacy, Intimacy and Transcendence. Invited sermon,
First Existentialist Church. Atlanta, GA. March, 1983.

Psychotherapy as an interpersonal healing ritual.
Paper presented at Mid-Winter convention of the American Psychological Association's
Divisions 29 & 42. White Sulphur Springs, W.VA. February, 1983.

The Concept of Intent in Psychological Research.
Invited Colloquium. West Georgia College. November, 1982.

The relationship of personal factors in graduate
training to professional practice. Co-presented with R. Carrere at the American
Psychological Association, Division 32, Hospitality Suite. Washington, D.C. August,
1982.

Dialoging the intent of psychological research. Paper
presented at the Georgia Psychological Association. Augusta, GA. May, 1982.

A personalized study of the relationship between the
researcher's intent and his/her methodology. In A. Weiss (chair) Research methods for a
"Third Force" psychology. Symposium at the Southeastern Psychological Association.
New Orleans, LA. March, 1982.

Living what you preach? In A. Weiss (Chair) Alive and
well in graduate school. Symposium at the Southeastern Psychological Association.
New Orleans, LA. March, 1982.

Introductory Training in Phenomenological Research.
One-day workshop. Georgia State University Psychotherapy and Behavior Therapy
Clinic. Atlanta, GA. March 17, 1982.

Faith and Belief in Psychotherapy. Invited
presentation to "Gestalt in Action", (private practice psychotherapy group). Miami, FL.
June, 1978.

ADVANCED TRAINING

Three weeks of individualized training in the theory and practice of phenomenological research
with Amedeo Giorgi, Ph.D., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Advanced level training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing,with
Francine Shapiro, Ph.D.