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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D** , Human Development and Family Science, 12/2013
Marriage and Family Therapy specialization, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- **M.ED.**, Counseling Psychology and Human Services 07/2004
Couples and Family Therapy specialization, the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- **B.ED.**, Educational Psychology and Counseling, 07/1997
National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan

Current Academic Position

Nova Southeastern University

- Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Family Therapy, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (07/2022-Present)
- Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Family Therapy, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (07/2020-06/2022)
- Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Family Therapy, College of Arts, Humanity and Social Sciences (08/2014-06/2020)

University of Saint Joseph (08/2013- 07/2014)

- Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy, Department of Counseling and Family Therapy

Clinical/Research Specialty

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Florida, #MT3939
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Connecticut, #1696
- American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Approved Supervisor.

Research interests include intercultural experiences of international students; acculturation of immigrant families; dyadic analyses of couple's dynamics and relationship quality; Solution Focus Brief Therapy intervention with parents of children with Autism; and application of MFT models in Eastern cultures.

Manuscripts & Publications

Published

- Li, P., & Wickrama, K.A.S.** (2014). Stressful life events, marital satisfaction and marital management skills of Taiwanese couples. *Family Relations*, 63(2), 193-205.
- Li, P., & Johnson, L.** (2018). Couples' depression and relationship satisfaction: Examining the moderating effects of demand/withdraw communication behaviors. *Journal of Family Therapy*, 40, S63–S85.
doi:10.1111/1467-6427.12124
- Li, P., & Gale, J.** (2018). Reentry experiences and professional developments of MFT international graduates in Taiwan. *Contemporary Family Therapy*. 40 (4), 380-393.
doi.org/10.1007/s10591-018-9464-z

- Li, P.**, & Wickrama, K.A.S., Worch, S. M., & Muruthi, B. (2019). Marital enqing and depression in Taiwanese couples: The mediating role of active and passive sacrifice. *Marriage and Family Review*, 55 (3), 199-215. doi: 10.1080/01494929.2018.1458009
- Su-H, H.F., L, L., **Li, P.**, Ho, M., & Chiu, Y. (2020). Using project MIND-math is not difficult strategies to help children with Autism improve mathematics skills. *International Journal of Educational and Pedagogical Sciences*, 14 (6), 483-486.
- Li, P.**, Chou, L., Yang, I., Kim, J., & Chang, W. (2020). Supervision with East Asian international supervisees: Unfolding unspoken complexities. *Journal of Systemic Therapies*, 39 (4), 72-88.

In writing progress

- Perez, N. & **Li, P.** (Rewrite & Resubmit). Exploring the acculturation experiences of Cuban refugee doctors and their families in Miami: A phenomenological study.
- Tseng, Chi-Fang & **Li, P.** (Submit to the chief editor for review) *Taiwanese Couples and Families: Current Treatment Perspectives* in a book titled *International Handbook of Couple and Family Therapy*.
- Li, P.**, L, L., Ho, M., & Chiu, Y (in writing). *Brief Therapy: Solution talk with parents of children with Autism in Taiwan*.
- Reiter, M., **Li, P.**, & Klee, S. (In writing). The impacts of singing-songs intervention on undergraduates' emotional wellbeing, autonomy, goal attainment and resiliency.
- Bodoe, A., & **Li, P.** (in writing). Clinical implications and treatment of online infidelity through a natural system perspective: A critical literature review.
- Quan, X., & **Li, P.** (in revision). The impacts of perceived discrimination and family cohesion on educational Aspiration and social economic attainments among Hispanic Immigrant Adolescents. Submitted to *American Journal of Family Therapy*.
- Chang, W., **Li, P.**, Chou, L., & Ynag, I. (In preparation). Systemic review on treating couples' infidelity.

Conference Presentation

- Li, P.** & Smith, Kaitlin (2021, April 6- 9). *Coping with pandemic: Solution talk with parents raising a child of Autism* [Paper presentation]. 2022 World Family Therapy Congress. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Perez, N. & **Li, P.** (2022, January 19-21). *Acculturation Experiences of Cuban Refugee Doctors and their Families in Miami: A Phenomenological Study* [Paper presentation]. The Qualitative Report 13 th Annual Virtual Conference.
- Li, P.**, Smith, K., & Rodriguez, E. (2021, August 6). *Solution talk with parents of children With Autism during the pandemic* [Poster presentation]. AAMFT Networks Annual Conference: Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy. <https://networks.aamft.org>
- Bodoe, A., & **Li, P.** (2021, August 6). *Clinical implications and treatment of online infidelity through a natural system perspective: A critical literature review*. [Poster presentation]. AAMFT Networks Annual Conference: Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy. <https://networks.aamft.org>
- Quan, X., Perez, N., & **Li, P.** (2021, August 6). *Acculturation Adaption of Cuban Immigrant Adolescents and Families* [Poster presentation]. AAMFT Networks Annual Conference: Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy. <https://networks.aamft.org>
- Quan, X., Perez, N., & **Li, P.** (2021, March 26- June 24). *Acculturation Stress and Educational Aspiration among Cuban Immigrant Adolescents* [Paper presentation]. 2021 World Family Therapy Congress. <https://www.ifta-congress.org/index.php>
- Li, P.**, Chou, L., Yang, I., & Chang, W. (2020, November 12-15). *Multicultural Supervision with international trainees* [Accepted Research session]. 2020 American Association of Marriage and

- Family Therapy Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida. www.aamft.org (Session canceled due to COVID)
- Quan, X., Perez, N., & Li, P. (2020, November 12-15). *Acculturation Adaption of Cuban Immigrant Adolescents and Families* [Accepted Research session]. 2020 American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida. www.aamft.org (Session canceled due to COVID)
- Quan, X., Perez, N., & Li, P. (2020, March 12-14). *Acculturation Stress and Educational Aspiration among Cuban Immigrant Adolescents* [Accepted Conference session]. 2020 World Family Therapy Congress, Basel, Switzerland. www.ifta-congress.org (Conference canceled due to COVID)
- Li, P., Lai, L., Chiu³, Y. & Ho³, M. (2019, August). *Solution talk with parents of children with Autism in Chinese culture*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Austin, Texas.
- Li, P., Lai, L., Chiu³, Y. & Ho³, M. (2018, November). *Brief Therapy: Solution talk with parents of children with Autism in Taiwan*. Poster presented at Solution Focused Brief Therapy Association Conference. Boulder, Colorado.
- Lai, L., Li, P. F., Su, H.F., Ho, M.W., Chen, P. S. & Chiu, Y.W. (2018, November). *Assessing Systematic Mathematics Intervention to Children with Autism*. Workshop conducted at 2018 Special Education Conference, Wisconsin, U.S.A.
- Li, P., Lai, L., Chiu³, Y. & Ho³, M. (2018, July). Brief Therapy: Solution talk with parents of children with Autism in Taiwan. In Li, P. (Chair), *The application of Solution Focused Brief Therapy across different cultural contexts*. Symposium conducted at the 4th MFT International Forum, Hangzhou, China.
- Tseng, C. F., Edwards, A., Li, P. F., & Wetchler, J. (2017, November). *The Impact of Acculturation and Gender Role Attitudes on Marital Enqing and Marital Satisfaction Among Chinese Individuals in the United States*. Paper presented at the 4th Annual Conference of the Asian Academy of Family Therapy, Tokyo, Japan.
- Li, P. & Shin, J. (2016, July). *MFT practice in Eastern cultures: Lessons learned from Taiwan and Korea*. Workshop presented at the 3rd MFT International Forum, Tianjin, China.
- Li, P. & Wickrama, K.A.S. (2015, November). *Marital quality and depression: Examining its relationships to active and passive sacrifice*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of National Council on Family Relations. Vancouver, Canada.
- Li, P. & Gale, J. (2015, September). *MFT Practice in Taiwan: Challenges and Transformation*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Austin, Texas.
- Li, P. (2014, November). *Reentry experiences and clinical transformation of MFT graduates in Taiwan*. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of National Council on Family Relations in 2014.
- Li, P. & Gale, J. (2014, October). *Multicultural training in MFT: International students' reflections*. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Kim, J., Li, P., Chou, L., Yang, I., & Chang, W., & Gale, J. (2013, November). *Supervision in cross-cultural context with Asian international supervisees*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of National Council on Family Relations. San Antonio, Texas.

- Li, P., Johnson, L., & Abrams, B.** (2013, October). *Depression, demand/withdraw behaviors and relationship satisfaction*. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. Portland, Oregon.
- Li, P., Chou, L., Huang, I., & Chang, W.** (2013, February). *Enhancing therapy services to diverse families through multicultural supervision*. Panel discussion at the 21th World Family Therapy Congress at Orlando, Florida.
- Li, P. & Wickrama, K.A.S.** (2013, February). *Managing the influence of stressful life events on Taiwanese couples' marital satisfaction*. Poster presentation at the 21th World Family Therapy Congress at Orlando, Florida.
- Li, P. & Wickrama, K.A.S.** (2012, November). *Stressful life events, marital satisfaction and cultural marital management of Taiwanese couples*. Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of National Council on Family Relations. Phoenix, Arizona.
- Li, P.** (2012, March). *Couple and Family Therapy in Taiwan: Challenges and Transformation*. Brief report at the 20th World Family Therapy Congress at Vancouver, Canada.
- Gale, J., Johnson, L.N., & Bermudez, M.** (2010, September). *Frameworks for effective supervision: Pre-conference institute. Student Panel*, presented at the annual conference of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Atlanta, GA.
- Li, P., Lee, B., Chen, H. & Gale, J.** (2010, May). *Exploring Undergraduates' Understanding of Cultural Stories*. Poster presentation at the 6th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Conference, Champaign, Illinois.
- Li, P. & Gale, J.** (2010, March). *Cross-Cultural Experiences of International Graduate Student Couples: A Phenomenology Study*. Poster presentation at the 20th International Academy of Family Psychology Annual Conference, Pine Mountains, Georgia.
- Li, P., Lee, B., & Chen, H.** (2010, March). *Cultural prisms: Understanding family and gender diversity through the Mu-Lan and Cinderella's stories*. Workshop presented at 20th International Academy of Family Psychology Annual Conference, Pine Mountains, Georgia.
- Shu, H.¹ & Li, P.¹** (2008, March). *Taiwanese Mothers' Speech to 2-Month-Old Infants: Effects of Prematurity and Social Context*. Poster presentation at the XVI International Conference on Infant Studies, Vancouver, Canada.

Funded Grants, Scholarship and Assistantship

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| 2019 | Solution Talk with Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Pilot Study, Research Funded by Quality of Life Grant at Nova Southeastern University (\$14,606) |
| 2017 | Systemic Interventions of Project MIND (Math Is Not Difficult) and Solution Focused Brief Therapy for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Their Families: A Pilot Study, Research Funded Grant by Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (\$ 14,969) |
| 2014 | Evidence Based Practice Faculty Fellowship, Wheeler Clinic, Plainville, CT (\$5,000) |
| 2013 | University of Georgia, the Annual Marriage and Family Therapy Certificate Program Scholarship (\$ 500) |
| 2007-2012 | University of Georgia, Child & Family Development Department assistantship |

(\$10,080/year)

2010-2011 Study-Abroad Scholarship, Ministry of Education , R.O.C. (\$ 16,000/year)

**2002-2003 International Chapter P.E.O. Sisterhood,
P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (\$ 6,000)**

**1993-1997 National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei, Taiwan
College School Scholarship (\$ 2,500/year)**

Teaching Experience

**Marriage and Family Therapy Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
08/2014 to Current**

SFTM 5350 Research Methods in Marital and Family Therapy

SFTM 6340/5300 Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues

SFTM 5321 Theories of Marital and Family Therapy

SFTM 6550 International Perspectives in Counseling and Therapy

STFM 6300 External Practicum

SFTD/DMFT 6200 Internal Practicum

SFTD 5010 Systemic Family Therapy I

SFTD 5410 Quantitative Research I

SFTD 6410 Quantitative Research II

SFTD/DMFT 6325 Fundamentals of Supervision

SFTD/DMFT 6321 Fundamentals of Teaching

DMFT 5130 Crisis Management

DMFT 5340 Grant Writing

DMFT 6400 Evidence Based Research Methods

Marriage and Family Therapy Program, University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT

MFTH 564 Evidence Based Practice in Family Therapy 05-07/2014

MFTH 573 MFT Clinical Practicum

MFTH 597 Research Methods 01-05/2014

MFTH 582 Gender Issues and Diversity

MFTH 572 MFT Clinical Practicum

MFTH 545 Treating Addiction in the Family 08-12/2013

MFTH 562 Family Therapy II: Postmodern Intervention Methods

MFTH 571 MFT Clinical Practicum

Guest Lecturer, Child and Family Development, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

• CHFD 5100: Family Intervention, Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Gonyea

• Topic: Narrative Therapy. 09/2009, 2010, 2012

• Topic: Contextual Therapy. 10/2012

• CHFD 4330: Diversity in Human Development, Instructor: Dr. Jerry Gale

• Topic: Being an international student in the U.S. 10/2012

• Topic: The Mu-Lan ballad and facilitated class discussions on cross-cultural stories. 10/2010

Guest Lecturer, Athens Institute of Technology, Athens, GA

- Topic: Adoption in foster care.

03/2009

Primary Instructor, Child and Family Development, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

- CHFD 3920: Issues in Family Systems

01-05/2010

Teaching Assistant, Child and Family Development, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Instructor: Dr. Melissa Landers-Potts

08/2010-12/2010

- CHFD 2200: Lifespan Development
- CHFD 3700: Adolescent Development

Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Gonyea

08/2008-12/2010

- CHFD 3920: Issues in Family Systems
- CHFD 3930: Developments of Interpersonal Relationship
- CHFD 5100: Family Intervention

Teaching Assistant, Counseling Psychology, the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Instructor: Karen Paez, M.S

02/2003-05/2003

- CPSY 510: Crisis Intervention

Primary Instructor, Continuing Education, Kao Yuan Technical University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

- Personal psychology and life course adjustment

09/2004 - 07/2007

Teacher, Nan-Tzu Junior High School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan

- Chinese language

08/1997 -06/2001

[Research Experience](#)

Researcher, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

12/2013

- Dissertation Title: Reentry experiences and professional developments of MFT graduates in Taiwan.
- Supervisor: Dr. Jerry Gale

Research Assistant, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

08/2012-05/2013

- Conducted and wrote qualitative analyses of competition strategies of Reality Dating shows (the Bachelor/The Bachelorette).
- Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Gonyea

Research Assistant, University of Georgia

08/2011-05/2012

- Explored the Development of Mindfulness and Self-Compassion strategies through Meditation.
- Supervisor: Dr. Jerry Gale

Researcher, University of Georgia

08/2009-08/2010

- Master Thesis Title: Exploring Undergraduates' Understanding of Cultural Stories: The Mu-Lan Ballad.
- Supervisor: Dr. Jerry Gale

- Research Assistant, University of Georgia** 08/2007-05/2008
- Conducted coding infants and mothers' interaction behaviors (infant body movements, infant facial expression, and mothers' speech).
 - Supervisor: Dr. Hui-Chin Hsu

- Research Assistant, University of Oregon** 09/2003-04/2004
- Analyzed interview data with the Consensual Qualitative Research (CQR) method.
 - Supervisor: Karissa Adams, M.A for her Doctoral Dissertation: "University Counseling Center Clients' Perspectives of their In-session Covert Reaction and Between-session Reactions: A Qualitative Study".

Clinical Experience

- AAMFT approved supervisor**, Nova southeastern university, Fort Lauderdale, FL 01/2017-present
- Provide group live supervision with doctoral -level MFT students

- Clinical supervisor in training**, Nova southeastern university, Fort Lauderdale, FL 08/2014-present
- Provide dyadic supervision with masters -level MFT students

- Clinical supervisor in training**, the University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, CT 08/2013- present
- Provided individual and group supervision with masters-level MFT students.

Student Family Therapist, Aspire Clinic, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA
01/2009-12/2012

Doctoral Intern therapist, Samaritan Counseling Center, Athens, GA 03/2011-12/2011

- Student Family Therapist**, McPhaul Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic, UGA 10/2007-12/2008
- Provided individual, couple and family therapy.
 - Participated in dyadic and group supervision.
 - Participated in staff meetings.

- Supervisor in training**, Family Clinic of Mercer University, Mercer, GA 01/2010-04/2010
- Provided dyadic, group and live supervision with masters-level MFT students.
 - Participated in monthly clinic meetings.

- In-Home Therapist**, In-Home Therapy Project, Athens, GA 10/2008-03/2009
- Visited client's residences and provided individual, couple and family therapy.

- Group Therapist**, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Athens, GA 10/2007-05/2008
- Visited community churches and provided group therapy with homeless residents.

School Counselor, Kaohsiung Student Counseling Center, Education Bureau,
08/2005-05/2007

Kaohsiung City Government, Taiwan

- Provided individual, couple and family therapy.
- Participated in group supervision.

Counseling Coordinator, Nan-Tzu Junior High School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan 08/2004-07/2007

- Developed and executed extracurricular school activities to enhance students' well-being.
- Managed annual budget and made official reports to the Education Bureau, Kaohsiung City Government.
- Facilitated administrative affairs of counseling programs (e.g. case management, organized supervision groups).
- Provided consultation for school teachers and parents.

Master Intern Therapist, Center for Family Therapy, U of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon 05/2003-06/2004

Master Intern Therapist, Center for Family Development, Eugene, Oregon

Master Intern Therapist, Department of Youth Services Detention Program, Eugene, Oregon

- Provided individual, couple and family therapy.
- Participated in dyadic and group supervision.
- Participated in staff meetings.

Family Visit Supervisor, Kids First, Eugene, Oregon

- Co-supervised family visits.
- Participated in legal issue trainings.

Crisis Counselor, the University of Oregon Crisis Line, Eugene, Oregon 09/2003-05/2004

- Provided phone crisis intervention.
- Participated in crisis intervention trainings and weekly supervision groups.

School counselor, Nan-Tzu Junior High School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 08/1997-07/2001

Intern School Counselor, Tien-Moun Junior High School, Taipei, Taiwan. 09/1996-05/1997

- Developed, designed and taught courses (e.g. effective learning strategies, developments of friendships, gender education, career planning).
- Provided counseling for students, teachers and parents.
- Designed and led emotional-behavioral management group therapy for students.

Service Work and Training

College Representative of Institutional Review Board, Nova Southeastern University 8/2016-12/2017

Review students and faculty's research protocol at College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and assist the IRB relevant affairs to facilitate students' and faculty's IRB submission

Evidence Based Practice Faculty Training Program, Wheeler Clinic, Plainville, CT 01-07/2014

Participate in a faculty training program on evidence based practice in-home therapy service models in Connecticut and receive ongoing consultation in delivering a graduate curriculum on EBP.

EMDR trainee (Eye Movement, Reprocessing and Desensitization) 04, 07/2012

Phase I and Phase II training completed. Aspire Clinic, the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Treasurer, Graduate Student Organization (GSO) 08/2008-05/2009

Department of Child and Family Development, UGA, Athens, GA.

Volunteer, American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Annual Conference, 10/2008
Memphis, TN.

Volunteer, American Association for Marriage & Family Therapy Annual Conference, 10/2003
Long Beach, CA.

Career education curriculum trainee, Kaohsiung Municipal Kaohsiung Vocational High School of Commerce, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 11/2000-08/2001

Gender education curriculum trainee, Tso-Ying Senior High School, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 02/1999

Bowen family therapy trainee, Xavier Cultural Center, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 09/1998-05/1999

Member, Civic Research Group in Puli, Nan-Tou, Taiwan. 07/1994

Member, Mountain Service Club, National Taiwan Normal University 08/1993-07/1997

Professional Organization Membership

Clinical Supervisor, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy 01/2017-present

Clinical Member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy 11/2014-present

Clinical Member, Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy 11/2014-Present

Student Member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy 08/2007-2014

Student Member, Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy 08/2007-2014

Member, Kaohsiung Teacher Organization, Kaohsiung, Taiwan 08/2004-07/2007

Student Member, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy 8/2002-07/2004

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Systemic Therapies

Journal of Marital and Family Therapy

Journal of Family Issues

Contemporary Family Therapy

Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy

Family Process

Psychological Report