

## **Venetia L. Bennett, Ph.D., LMFT, MedFT**

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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Marriage and Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL (December 2020)  
Dissertation: Portrait of a Novice Medical Family Therapist, Working in a Medical Setting with Head and Neck Cancer Patients Observed Through a Bowen Family Systems Theory's Lens
- Certification/Medical Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL (2016)
- Master of Science Student (Marriage and Family Therapy), Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 2010)
- Bachelor of Science (Business Management) University of Phoenix, Fort Lauderdale, FL (July 2008)

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Nova Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine**

- ***Assistant Professor*** (June 1, 2023 – Present)
  - Teaching MFT student's clinical studies, theoretical application, clinical etiquette, and supervising clinical experience for graduation requirements.
  - Teaching didactics as requested by leadership. Engaging with students
  - Serving on ACP and Dissertations in multiple capacities with the doctoral students.
  - Providing Annual Reviews for a select group of Doctoral and DMFT students.
  - Serving on committees as requested or assigned.
- ***Adjunct Faculty*** (January 3, 2022 – May 31, 2023)
  - Teaching MFT student's clinical studies, theoretical application, clinical etiquette, and supervising for clinical experience for graduation requirements.
  - Teaching didactics as requested by leadership. Engaging students

#### **Chrysalis Health**

- ***Clinical Director of the PSR Program*** (October 1, 2022 – Present)
  - Managing the psychosocial program
  - Working with clients with moderate-severe mental health issues, some with co-occurring substance abuse issues
  - Supervising a team of therapists and counselors
  - Completing assessments when necessary
  - Working with community partners and referral sources for the program.
  - Provide Supervision to Registered MFT employees seeking an LMFT.

- **Outpatient therapist** (October 25, 2021 – September 30, 2022)
  - Working with children, adults, couples, and families. Providing psychoeducation and therapeutic services based on their diagnosis.
  - Creating appropriate treatment plans and service documents as necessary or required
  - Clinical Supervisor
  - Supervising employees and interns within the guidelines for the state of Florida MFT licensure guidelines and within the ethical boundaries of AAMFT requirements

### **Self-Employed**

- **(Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist** (January 2013 – Present)
  - Working with individuals, couples, and families. Helping them navigate through difficult times and find their best selves and meet their therapeutic goals.

### **College of Dental Medicine, Nova Southeastern University**

- **Dental Implant Coordinator** (July 2010 – November 9, 2021)
  - Manage the Centralized Implant Purchasing and Distribution Center for the College of Dental Medicine. Dispense implant parts, order implant parts, and generate reports for finance.
  - Educate pre-doctoral students and post-graduate residents on the proper protocols pertaining to dental implant materials and procedures
  - Guest lecture for the entering pre-doctoral students and introduce medical family therapy, collaborative healthcare, and self-awareness
  - Maintaining accurate records. Coordinate guest speakers, and hands-on events.
- **Administrative Assistant** (August 2008- June 2010)
  - Manage postgraduate program in the section of Prosthodontics. Providing support for the postgraduate residents, faculty and other administrative staff.

### **The Institute for Essential Change**

- **Part-Time Marriage and Family Therapist** (July 2010 – August 2014)

### **iPayment, Inc.**

- **Banking Relationship Manager** (February 2005 –July 2008)
  - Manage a portfolio of 22 Agent Banks
  - Training banks' sales representatives and agent banks
  - Ensure proper understanding of merchant processing program
  - Act as a liaison between First Data Commercial Services, MasterCard, Visa, and Discover Card
  - Respond to and resolve escalations in a timely manner
  - Educate and motivate bank reps to help them grow their merchant services portfolios

### **First Data Merchant Services**

- **Agent Bank Relationship Manager** (2004-January 2005)
  - Manage portfolio of 18 Agent Banks
  - Provide training to banks' sales representatives
  - Prepare monthly reporting for senior management
  - Assist with Association Compliance
- **Jr. Relationship Manager** (2003-2004)
  - Maintain a portfolio of 76 mid-market merchants

- Renegotiate contracts as necessary
- Set-up new merchant locations as necessary
- Provide positive leads to cross sales team
- Update and maintain databases associated clients
- Prepare annual reports and present them to clients
- Provide training to clients
- **Human Resources** (1990-2003)
  - Recruiting, Benefits, HRIS, New Hire Education, and Payroll
  - Administrative Assistant

## **HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- SFTM 5311 Substance Abuse and Critical Issues in Systems Theories (3 credit hours) – This course addresses the application of modern and postmodern ideas to substance abuse/addiction research, theories, practice, and treatment. Also included are other critical issues such as gender, race, religion, and violence.
- SFTM 5400 Internal Practicum (3 credit hours)- This course provides students with the ability to initiate and exhibit the process of therapy as it is conducted at the Brief Therapy Institute and demonstrates competence with required documentation, conduct sessions across the course of a case including case planning and management, formulate theories of the client's presenting problem, design interventions, and explain how these relate to the student's clinical theory, by ethical standards. *Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Winter 2022, Summer 2022, Winter 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2023)*
- DMFT 6300 External Practicum (3 credit hours)- This course provides advanced clinical training and supervision to enhance the practice of systemic therapy from strength-based, solution-oriented models of therapy that can be incorporated in a wide variety of community settings. Faculty approval is required. *Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Winter 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)*
- SFTM 5335 Human Development Across the Life Cycle (3 credit hours) – This course covers the stages of the individual life cycle, and of the family life cycle, in cultural context. The interplay of individual development, unique individual difference, culture, socioeconomic context, and family context will be considered and integrated with major models of family therapy. Therapy techniques appropriate for each stage of development will be explored. *Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Fall 2022)*
- SFTD 6320 Supervision Practicum – Providing extensive live supervision and case consultation experience with clinicians in learning systemic therapies. *Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Summer 2022, Fall 2022)*
- DMFT 6320 Supervision Practicum – Providing extensive live supervision and case consultation experience with clinicians in learning systemic therapies. *Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Summer 2022, Fall 2022)*

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

- *Thinking Systems*. Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Fall 2014 - In addition to co-teaching the course I was responsible for the on-line component of the course.
- *Legal, Ethical, and Professional issues in Marriage and Family Therapy*. Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Fall

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- *Legal, Ethical, and Professional issues in Marriage and Family Therapy.* Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Summer 2013 - In addition to co-teaching the course I was responsible for the on-line component of the course.
- *Research in Marriage and Family Therapy.* Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Winter 2013 In addition to co-teaching the course I was responsible for the on-line component of the course.
- *Legal, Ethical, and Professional issues in Marriage and Family Therapy.* Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Fall 2012 - In addition to co-teaching the course I was responsible for the on-line component of the course.

## **PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE**

- Ph.D. Internal Practicum IV (May 2012 – July 2012) Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Supervisor: Chris Burnett, Psy.D.
- Ph.D. Internal Practicum III (January – April 2012) Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Supervisor: Yulia Watters, Ph.D.
- Ph.D. Internal Practicum II (August – December 2011) Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Supervisor: John Miller, Ph.D.
- Ph.D. Internal Practicum I (May – July 2011) Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Supervisor: Debra Nixon, Ph.D.
- Master's External Practicum I and II (August 2009 – May 2010). The Institute for Essential Change, working primarily with individuals, couples, and families dealing with addictive or co-dependent behavior. Site Supervisor: John Jamieson, LCSW, CST, CSAT, CSOTS. Faculty Supervisor: Patricia Cole, Ph.D., LMFT (Practicum I); Faculty Supervisor: Martha Marquez, Ph.D. (Practicum II)
- Master's Internal Practicum II (April – July 2009). Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Supervisor: Lee Shilts, Ph.D.
- Master's Internal Practicum I (January 2009 – April 2009). Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL. Supervisor: AnnaLynn Schooley, Ph.D., LMFT, LMHC

## **VOLUNTEER**

- *Deliver the Dream – (Camp Superstar 2023).* A camp held for children with craniofacial anomalies and their families. Act as an NSU volunteer and volunteer coordinator, bringing a team of MFT students and Alumni to earn hours for graduation and licensure.
- *Camp Superstar 2015 - 2021.* An annual camp held for children with craniofacial anomalies and their families. Onsite clinical supervisor for MFT interns/students. In recent years co-hosted with the camp director and successfully completed “Zoom” themed camps in an effort to keep up camp traditions while keeping the families and volunteers safe.
- *Camp Superstar 2010-2014.* A camp held for children with craniofacial anomalies and their families. Act as an NSU volunteer coordinator, bringing a team of MFT students to earn hours for graduation and licensure.
- *Mount Sinai Hospital.* Head and Neck Conferences (August – December 2012)

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, *Clinical Member*
- Florida MFT Interest Network, *Clinical Member*
- State of Florida, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- State of Florida, Approved Chapter 491 Supervisor
- *AAMFT Approved Supervisor*