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**EDUCATION**

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- 2012 University of Colorado School of Medicine  
Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health  
*Post-Doctoral Fellow*
- 2011 University of Denver  
Specialty Focus in Systems Theory & International Psychology  
*Psy.D in Clinical Psychology (APA accredited)*
- 2005 Pepperdine University, Malibu  
*M.A in Clinical Psychology with an Emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy*
- 2003 Loyola University of Chicago  
*B.S. in Psychology, Music*
- 2001 University of Brighton, England  
*Victorian Literature, Religion*

**LICENSURE & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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- Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Colorado (License # 3817)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Colorado (License # 871)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, California (License # 46295)
- Bilingual (Arabic)

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2012-Curr. **Clinical Psychologist**  
*Birch Psychology (private practice)*  
*(Denver, CO)*
- Early childhood and Infant Mental Health
  - Psychological Assessment
  - Pediatric Consultation

- 2011-2012 **Psychology Fellow**  
*Early Childhood Intensive Family Therapy, University of Colorado Hospital (Aurora, CO)*
- 0-5 population
  - With adherence to Intensive Family Therapy (IFT) and Multi-systemic Therapy (MST)
  - In-home systems-based therapy
- 2011-2012 **Psychology Fellow**  
*Young Child Clinic, University of Colorado Hospital (Aurora, CO)*
- 0-5 population
  - Specific site experience within an outpatient setting providing dyadic play therapy with the early childhood and infant population
  - Treatment approach allowed for the use of video replay
  - Utilization of the Crowell Procedure in assessing parent-child dynamics
  - Utilization of specific infant mental health tools (e.g., parent-child interaction therapy, parent-child psychotherapy)
- 2011-2012 **Psychology Fellow/Consultant**  
*Assuring Better Child Development, Children's Hospital Colorado (Aurora, CO)*
- 0-5 population
  - Specific site experience at a pediatric care clinic providing consultation and liaison services to medical professionals (Step by Step Pediatrics)
  - Conducting developmental screening using the Ages & Stages Questionnaire as well as brief observational assessment
- 2010-2011 **Psychology Intern**  
*University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology Internship Consortium (Mental Health Center of Denver, Child & Family; Denver, CO)*
- Psychotherapy with children, adolescents and families in a community mental health setting
  - Psychological assessment with children & adults
  - Play therapy, conjoint & family therapy and initial evaluations
  - Trauma focused psychotherapy related to loss, family trauma, and abuse
  - Experience providing clinical supervision to an extern level student
  - Research rotation focused on the developing and conducting a program evaluation project that considers family therapy effectiveness
  - Behavioral Medicine seminar with training in providing interventions to medical patients
- 2009-2010 **Psychology Extern**  
*University of Colorado Hospital, Outpatient Psychiatry (Aurora, Colorado)*
- Psychotherapy with refugee & immigrant adults in a hospital setting
  - Trauma focused brief psychotherapy related to issues of war trauma, grief and loss
  - Experience coordinating treatment with medical professionals
- 2008-2010 **Psychology Extern**  
*Families First Children's Treatment Center (Denver, Colorado)*
- Psychotherapy with children in a residential treatment center (4 to 10 yrs. old)
  - Psychological assessment with children and family members

- Attachment-based play therapy focused on severe attachment and behavioral disorders as a result of previous trauma (e.g., child abuse, family separation and loss)

2008-2010

**Psychology Extern**

*Jewish Family Services, International KidSuccess (Denver, Colorado)*

- Psychotherapy with refugee children and adolescents in school settings
- Trauma focused group therapy related to issues of war trauma, grief, loss and cultural adjustment
- Experience with program design and development within elementary, middle and high schools

2009

**Psychology Extern**

*Rocky Mountain Survivor's Center (Denver, Colorado)*

- Psychotherapy with refugee adults in a mental health clinic setting (therapy conducted in Arabic)
- Trauma focused psychotherapy related to issues of war trauma, grief & loss

2007-2009

**Psychology Extern**

*Edison Public School (Denver, Colorado)*

- Psychotherapy with children in a elementary school setting
- Psychological assessment and evaluation w/ children
- Group therapy related to issues of depression, anxiety, grief/loss, behavioral problems, autism
- Experience working with KG-5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and family members

2007-2010

**Psychology Extern**

*Professional Psychology Clinic (Denver, Colorado)*

- Psychotherapy with adults, couples and families
- Psychological assessment and evaluation w/ children, adolescents and adults
- Issues related to depression, relational problems, and anxiety

2005-2007

**Outpatient Psychotherapist**

*Penny Lane Clinic (Los Angeles, California)*

- Psychotherapy with children, adolescents and families in a community mental health setting
- Trauma focused therapy as a related child abuse, loss & separation
- Issues included depression, anxiety, grief, addiction, trauma (sexual, physical abuse) and acculturation
- Experience with the county mental health, foster care and child protection agencies

2005-2007

**Educational/Mental Health Consultant**

*Franklin Educational Services (Santa Monica, California)*

- Working with children presenting with mental health barriers to academic success.

2003-2005

**Therapist Extern**

*Airport Marina Counseling Center (Los Angeles, California)*

- Psychotherapy with adults, couples and families
- Individual, family and group therapy with children and adults
- Issues related to depression, anxiety, grief, addiction, personality disorders

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2013-Curr.      **Adjunct Professor**  
University of Denver, Therapeutic Interventions (Denver, Colorado)  
• *Graduate School of Professional Psychology*  
• *International Disaster Psychology Program*
- 2012              **Guest Lecturer**  
University of Denver, Clinical Theories and Practicum I (Denver, Colorado)  
• *Lectured on the topic of attachment theory in practice*
- 2005              **Teaching Assistant**  
Pepperdine University, Research Methods & Statistics (Malibu, California)  
• *Teaching Assistant for Dr. Kathleen Eldridge*

## SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

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- 2013-Curr.      **Supervisor**  
Professional Psychology Center, University of Denver (Denver, Colorado)  
• *Supervising masters level student therapists on a number of trauma related cases, through the "Trauma and Disaster Recovery Clinic."*
- 2010-2011      **Supervisor**  
Mental Health Center of Denver (Denver, Colorado)  
• *Supervising doctoral level practicum therapists on a number of child & family therapy cases.*
- 2009-2010      **Supervisor**  
Professional Psychology Center, University of Denver (Denver, Colorado)  
• *Supervising doctoral level practicum therapists on a number of integrated primary care cases.*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2011              **Principal Author**  
"Community Mental Health: An Evaluation of Systems Based Interventions".  
Doctoral Project at the University of Denver, Graduate School of Professional Psychology.  
• *Committee comprised of Drs Thomas Barrett, Antonio Olmos-Gallo & Laura Meyer*
- 2001-2003      **Research Assistant**  
Dr. Maryse Richards (2001-2002, 2003): "Watch Study": A project funded by the National Institute of Mental Health analyzing the effect of violence on inner city youth.
- 2002              **Research Assistant**  
Dr. Russell (2002): A project analyzing the relationship between personality characteristics and empathic ability.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Olujic, M., Ranova, R., Badwan, O. "*R.E.S.P.E.C.T Guide*": *Refugee Education & Schools Promoting Empowerment & Culture of Tolerance*. Jewish Family Service of Colorado, 2012. Print/Electronic.

Twitty, H., Badwan, O., Baker, A., Brugman, N., Carlson, G., Cornish, C., Garrido, S., Ginsberg, S., Mathews, J., Rohlfs, T., Szucs, E., & Wawrek, E. (2011). Doctoral psychology student indebtedness: Current status and resources. *Psychotherapy Bulletin*, 46(3), 21-27.

### Doctoral Project/Research Paper

Badwan, O. (2011) *Community Mental Health: An Evaluation of Systems Based Interventions*. (Doctoral Paper), University of Denver.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference Presentations

Williams, T., Richards, M.H., Ragsdale, B.L., Badwan, O.H., Oliver, M. (2002). Perceptions of father involvement and intimacy among urban black youth and its relationship to exposure to community violence. Poster session presented at the annual APA convention, Chicago, IL.

### Trainings and Workshops

"Supporting standardized developmental screening in pediatric primary care: Integrated mental health clinicians make a difference" - poster presentation to the Developmental Psychobiology Research Group at the biennial retreat and at the Children's Hospital of Colorado's pediatric research poster session. (Morrison, 2012 & Aurora, 2012)

"Arab Culture and Psychotherapy" - in service presentation to the University of Colorado at Boulder's Counseling and Psychological Services staff. (Denver, 2012)

"Community Mental Health: An Evaluation of Systems Based Interventions" - doctoral project research presented at the University of Denver Research Symposium (Denver, 2011)

Cultural Adjustment (and the impact of depression) - presented to the Family Literacy Program at the Cherry Creek School District (Denver, 2010)

Grief In Therapy - training presented at a seminar to Penny Lane clinic employees (Los Angeles, 2007).

## SCHOLARLY HONARS AND AWARDS

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2012

New Writers Initiative Fellowship Award, The Family Process Institute

- 2007 Merit Scholarship, University of Denver
- 2005 Psi Chi Honors, Pepperdine University
- 2003 Dean's List Award, Loyola University Chicago

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health

- *President 2018-2020*
- *Active Board Member 2016-2022*
- *The work of CoAIMH is to support infant and early childhood mental health.*

Building Bridges

- *Active Board Member*
- *Programming Team Member*
- *The Mission of Building Bridges is: "To equip young people with the communication and leadership skills necessary to address the root cause of hate, discrimination, and violent conflict. We create a safe space for young people to meet face to face with those they have been taught to fear. Together, they develop personal connections based on empathy and respect and the confidence to transform divisive attitudes in their communities.*

Colorado Psychological Association

Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health

Colorado Assessment Society

Psychology National Honor's Society (Loyola University of Chicago)

International Psychology Club (University of Denver)

- *Active leadership role developing the group and its mission*
- *The mission of this group is to increase the services provided to refugee and asylum seekers, organize presentations by community experts, and increase the involvement of the graduate school on an international level.*

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity

- *Founding father of the Loyola University of Chicago chapter.*
- *Philanthropy chair*

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS ATTENDED

- 2012 Crowell Parent Child Interaction Procedure/Working Model of the Child Interview
- 2011 Diagnostic Classification 0-3R (DC 0-3) Training and Intensive Case Discussion
- 2011 Rosenberry Conference, Family Therapy
- 2011 University of Denver Diversity Summit
- 2011 Translational Neuroscience Conference

- 2011 Colorado Psychological Association Ethics Conference
- 2011 The Neurobiology of Traumatic Brain Injury
- 2011 A Community Response to the Torture Survivor Experience
- 2006 Play Therapy and Beyond: Treatment Techniques and Strategies
- 2006 Enhanced Specialized Foster Care
- 2005 California Psychological Association 59<sup>th</sup> annual convention
- 2005 Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference

## **REFERENCES**

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- Dr. Karen Frankel, Supervisor/Director (CU/Harris Program), (303) 724-3725
- Dr. Ayelet Talmi, Co-Director (CU/Harris Program) (720) 777-6670
- Dr. Melissa Buchholz, Faculty (CU Harris Program) (720) 777-4920
- Dr. Claire Poole, Supervisor (Children's Treatment Center), (303) 745-0327
- Dr. John McNeil, Supervisor (University of Denver), (303) 871-3876
- Dr. Tom Barrett, Doctoral Project Chair/Professor (U. of Denver), (303) 871-3873
- Dr. Will Menaker, Supervisor (Private Practice), (303) 877-4407