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**EDUCATION/LICENSURE**

University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D. Social Welfare May 1996

University of Wisconsin-Madison Masters of Science in Social Work 1989

Southern University at New Orleans B.S.W. Summa Cum Laude 1988

LCSW, credentialed by the State of Wisconsin (7/1994-6/1995)

LCSW, credentialed by the State of Oklahoma (2017-current) license # 6098

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Owner/Mental Health Therapist, Positive Outcomes Therapeutic Services, LLC.*

2500 Boardwalk Street, Suite 210, #16, Norman, OK 73069 (405) 857-8357.

Responsibilities include assessments, treatment planning, and therapeutic interventions for individuals and families needing counseling life adjustments or therapy for mental and/or substance use problems. July 15, 2020 to present.

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Therapist, COPE, Inc, 2701 N. Oklahoma Avenue, Oklahoma City OK 73115 (405) 528-8686.*

Responsibilities include assessments, treatment planning, and therapeutic interventions for individuals, families, and substance abuse groups. Extensive experience working with federal probation, state probation, and DHS mandated clients to address maladjustment challenges and co-occurring disorders. full-time, April 1, 2016 to July 14, 2020.

*Mental Health Therapist, Faith-Values Community Outreach and Counseling Services, Inc. 3945 S.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Del City, OK 73115*

Responsibilities include assessments, treatment planning, and therapeutic interventions for individuals, families, and groups. full-time, September 21, 2015 – March 2016.

*Mental Health Therapist, New Discoveries Youth & Family Services, 628 NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73104*

Responsibilities included assessments, treatment planning, and therapeutic interventions for individuals, families, and groups. full-time, May 2014 – September 19, 2015.

*Mental Health Therapist, Unified Dimensions, LLC/GPS Counseling Services, LLC, 1330 Classen Blvd., Ste #306, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.*

Responsibilities included assessments, treatment planning, and therapeutic interventions for individuals and families. Full-time January 2014 – May 2014.

*Associate Professor*, The University of Oklahoma/Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, Full-time. 700 Elm Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma 73069

Responsibilities include developing and implementing graduate and undergraduate college courses; performing researching and scholarly publications; and, various administrative responsibilities. For two years I was the Undergraduate Program Coordinator for the School of Social Work. This position required the on-going administrative management of the bachelor's program. August 1995 – December 2011.

*Clinical Specialist*, Dept of Human Services/Child Welfare, Oklahoma. Responsibilities included consultation with DHS Child Welfare supervisors regarding difficult cases facing their case workers. Clinical specialists were expected to address an array of issues (e.g. mental illness, culture) that could affect the case and the decision-making process and properly implementing the DHS practice model. 1997 – December 2011.

*Group Facilitator*, Family Enhancement Program/Interracial Families Support Network,,: Responsibilities included the facilitation of psychoeducational support groups for interracial families, transracial adoptive parents, and biracial individuals. The group's focus was to educate group members about the complexities of multiracial life in American society and to promote healthy strategies for successful adaptation to general life issues. Part-time, 1993-1995

*Group Facilitator*, Family Enhancement Program/Alternatives to Aggression, 128 E. Olin Avenue, Madison, WI 53713, (608) 252-1320:

Responsibility was to co-facilitate two 10 week cognitive treatment groups to reduce aggressive behavior in identified offenders. The first group consisted of male youth arrested for aggressive behavior, the second group consisted of men arrested for partner battery. Part-time, Summer 1992 and Fall 1993

*Treatment Team Coordinator*, Mental Health Center of Dane County/COMPASS, 625 W. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703, (608) 280-2707:

Responsibilities were to create, coordinate, and maintain treatment teams to provide comprehensive services for severely emotionally disturbed youth and their families. This position involved the networking and management of several agency professionals to develop and implement a treatment plan of multiple services in order to maintain the client in the least restrictive placement. Full-time position, March-Sept. 1991

*Youth Crisis Specialist*, Mental Health Center of Dane County/Youth Crisis Unit, 625 W. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI 53703 (608) 280-2707

Primary responsibility was community crisis intervention through a mobile crisis unit involving registered clients. My responsibilities included developing preventive crisis treatment plans, telephone interventions, community crisis interventions, assess client progress in inpatient settings, and to develop out-patient crisis treatment plans for youth deemed ready for release from institutional facilities. September 1990 - March 1991

*Clinical Specialist*, Mental Health Center of Dane County/Project UJIMA,  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2019 Fisher Street, Madison, WI 53713:  
Responsibilities included assisting in the development and implementation of this culturally specific mental health program for African American families living in Madison, Wisconsin. Other responsibilities included direct clinical services with individuals, families, groups, and some community organization. My primary client system was the adolescent population.  
August 1989 – September 1990

*Medical Service Specialist/Emergency Medical Technician*  
*Dental Laboratory Technician*,  
United States Air Force. 1974-1983 (Honorable Discharge at E5)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Pellebon, D. A. (2014). Guilty until proven innocent: When the defense must win. *The Warrior Magazine: Journal of the Trial Lawyer's College*, Fall 2014, 24-30.

Paat, Y., & Pellebon, D. A. (2012). Ethnic identity formation of immigrant children and implications for practice. *Child and Youth Services*, 33(2), 127-145.

Pellebon, D. A. (2012). African American Families. In R. Wright, C.H. Mindel, T. V. Tran, & R. W. Habenstein (Eds.), *Ethnic Families in America: Patterns and Variations* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.). Pearson Education, Inc.

Pellebon, D. A. (2011). Is Afrocentricity marginalized in social work education? A survey of HBSE instructors. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 22(1), 1-19.

Pellebon, D. A. (2011). The Asante-Based Afrocentricity Scale: Developing a scale to measure Asante's Afrocentricity paradigm. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 21(1), 73-81.

Pellebon, D. A. (2010). The exploitive political distraction: How President George W. Bush and his administration used oppression for political gain. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 21(1), 1-24.

Cross, S. L., Brown, E. F., Day, P. A., Limb, G. E., Pellebon, D. A., Proctor, E. C., & Weaver, H. N. (2009). *The Status of Native Americans in Social Work Higher Education* (Native American Task Force Final Report). Washington D.C.: Council on Social Work Education.

Pellebon, D. A., & Caselman, T. M. (2008) The perception gap: A study of Christian Confidence in social workers. *Social Work and Christianity: An International Journal*, 35(1), 33-47.

Pellebon, D. A. (2007). An analysis of Afrocentricity as theory for social work practice. *Advances in Social Work*, 8(1), 169-183.

Kim, S., & Pellebon, D. A. (2000). Identifying social support networks for the family caregivers of frail elderly in Oklahoma: A descriptive study. *The International Journal of Welfare for the Aged*, 1(1).

Pellebon, D. (2000). Influences of ethnicity, racial climate, and racial majority in school on adolescent ethnic identity. *Social Work in Education: A Journal for Social Workers in School*. 22(1), 9-20.

Pellebon, D. A. (2000). Perceptions of conflict between Christianity and social work: A preliminary study. *Social Work & Christianity: An International Journal*, 27(1), 30-39.

Pellebon, D., & Anderson, S. (1999). Understanding the life issues of spiritually-based clients. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Human Services*, 80(3), 229-238.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

National Assn. of Social Workers, Wisconsin Chapter, 20th Annual Spring Conference.  
"The Erosion of Cultural Values in the African American Community" May 20, 1994

Southwestern Social Science Association, 76th Annual Meeting.  
"Panel Presentation: Domestic violence: Innovations and legislative issues in addressing domestic violence." March 21, 1996

Council on Social Work Education 43rd APM, Chicago, Illinois, March 1997  
Clinical Practice Symposium: "Developing Cultural Awareness for Potential Conflict Issues When Working with Spiritually-Based Clients"

Council on Social Work Education 43rd APM, Chicago, Illinois, March 1997  
Minority Fellows Research Series: "The Effects of Ethnicity, School Interracial Climate, and Ethnic Majority/Minority Status on Adolescent Ethnic Identity"

Child Welfare & Family Preservation Conference: Preserving Children, Caregivers & Culture.  
Workshop: "Spirituality and Social Work Practice: Is there a conflict?" October 6, 2000.

Mental Health Association in Tulsa: 2000 Zarrow Mental Health Symposium. Panel Discussion:  
"Cultural Diversity and Mental Health Practice" November 16, 2000.

National Assn. of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter, 27th Annual State Conference.  
Session Title: "The Multi-dimensional Model of Oppression." April 6, 2003

O.U. Debate: "Should Government Ban Same-Sex Marriage" I debated O.U. Professor Michael Scaperlanda on this issue preceding the November 2004 vote on the Oklahoma State Question to amend the state constitution. The debate was sponsored by the Bridge and the O.U. School of Social Work.

Oxford Round Table on Diversity, Oxford University, UK. Session Title: "The Art of Political Distraction: Using Same-Sex Marriage for Political Gain." March, 2005.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Session Title: "The Art of Political Distraction: Using Same-Sex Marriage for Political Gain" February 28, 2005

NAMI Oklahoma 18th Annual Conference 2005. Workshop/Presenter: "Family Adjustment to Schizophrenia." May 5, 2005 Clarion Meridian Convention Center

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Session Title: "An Analysis of Afrocentrism as Theory in Social Work Practice." October 28, 2007

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Session Title: "Analysis of culture: Developing a scale to measure Asante's culture of Afrocentricity.." October 31, 2008

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Session Title: "Examining HBSE instructor's knowledge of Afrocentricity.." November, 2009

Igniting Sparks for Change: A Community Summit. University of Central Oklahoma. "Coalition Building for Social Change." September 20, 2018

National Assn. of Social Workers, Oklahoma Chapter, Social Work Elevate Conference. "Coalition Building for Social Change within a Generalist Practice Perspective." September 6-7, 2019

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Recipient, Human Rights Award*, Oklahoma Alliance for Human Rights and the United Nations Association, Oklahoma City Chapter. 2019.

*Member, Citizen's Advisory Board*, Cleveland County Detention Center. This is the first CAB for a detention center in Oklahoma. (August 2018 to present).

*Chairperson*, The Police and Community Trust Initiative Oklahoma (Summer 2014 to present).

*Co-Founder*, Ending Violence Everywhere (EVE) in Oklahoma Coalition (June 2014- present).

*Consultant*, The PEOPLE's Foundation, Oklahoma City, OK (January 2014 – present).

*Consultant*, The Education and Employment Ministry (TEEM), 14 NE 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK (December 2012 – October 2013).

Board of Directors, CASA of Cleveland County (2004-2011).

Consultant/Participant in Professional Focus Group to assist in the development of Culturally Competent Practice in Mental Health for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (May 25, 2005).

### **FREQUENTLY TAUGHT COURSES**

Cultural Diversity and Oppression/Undergraduate

Human Diversity and Societal Oppression/Graduate

Psychopathology of Adults/Graduate

Human Behavior and the Social Environment/Undergraduate and Graduate

### **ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Abstract reviewer for the CSWE 2007 APM on topics related to African Americans.

Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Session Chair: October 31, 2008

Council on Social Work Education/Native American Task Force (2007-2009)  
Council on Social Work Education/Council on Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Diversity (2009-2012)

**REFERENCES (contact numbers provided upon request)**

Nyla Ali Kahn, Ph.D. Rose State College, Midwest City, Oklahoma  
Leela Thomas, Ph.D., Delaware State University Social Work Department  
Yok Fong Paat, Ph.D., LCSW, University of Texas, El Paso, Social Work Department  
Keith Humphrey, Chief, Little Rock, Arkansas Police Department  
William Citty, Chief (retired), Oklahoma City Police Department  
Brandon Clabes, Chief, Midwest City  
Nate Tarver, Chief, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Police Department  
Darrell Wheeler, Ph.D., LCSW, former national president of the National Association of Social Workers  
Connie Johnson, former Oklahoma State Senator  
Sara Bana, co-founder of Ending Violence Everywhere  
Garland Pruitt, President, NAACP Oklahoma City Chapter  
Chericka Ashman, LCSW, Owner of Swell Sessions Bellingham, Washington  
Sharon Seward Link, LCSW, Private Practice in Laramie, Wyoming