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EDUCATION

Advanced Clinical Mental Health Counseling Coursework (50 credits). 2021-2023. Walden University.

Foundations for Graduate Study in Counseling	Multicultural Counseling
Introduction to Mental Health Counseling	Assessment in Counseling and Education
Techniques in Counseling	Lifespan Development
Counseling and Psychotherapy Theories	Diagnosis and Assessment
Ethics and Legal Issues in Counseling	Group Process and Dynamics

Master's in Liberal Studies, 2004. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Master of Arts in Professional Writing, 2003. Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 1992. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Additional Graduate Coursework: Accounting and Marketing (Keller Institute of Management onsite); Medical Law, Health Care Ethics, Ethics of Psychiatry, and Ethics of Long-term Care (Medical College of Wisconsin).

TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Professional Writer/Artist/Document Designer from August 2017-Present. Jim Stoner Artistry/ALT-PsyHealth. As the founder of ALT-PsyHealth, I am a mental health writer, author, and creative professional with expertise in education, wellness, and advocacy. I have authored practical mental health workbooks, including *Mastering Borderline Personality Disorder* and *Mastering Bipolar Disorder*, as well as the forthcoming guide *How to Support a Person Who Has a Mental Illness*. My upcoming poetry and art collection, *Iterations of the Boy*, is slated for publication in early 2026, further highlighting my creative versatility. I have authored countless blogs, paintings, poems, and other deliverables. My body of work represents my passionate interest in mental health and wellness, social justice, ethics, suicide, and issues affecting marginalized communities.

- Published poet and artist with 30+ works in 21 literary journals.
- Skilled in translating complex concepts into accessible formats through writing and visual media.
- Technically proficient with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop).

Senior Lecturer of English from Sept 2004 to June 2016. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM), Department of English and the Academic Opportunity Center (AOC).

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- Taught composition courses (English 095, 100, 101, 102) for first-generation and disadvantaged students, fostering academic success through research-based strategies.
- Researched, synthesized, and presented complex material to colleagues and at conferences, improving instructional outcomes—simplified technical concepts for diverse learners.
- Secured funding to assess the efficacy of a stretch program model, demonstrating measurable impact.
- Mentored students and peers to achieve tangible results. Recognized with the 2013 "Student Success" Award for dedication to equitable education.
- Conducted primary/secondary research and translated findings into actionable solutions.
- Co-chaired and coordinated cross-functional teams to deliver academic enrichment programming in the Opportunity Center's Summer Bridge Program, serving 120-200 underprepared freshmen annually.
- Developed college readiness initiatives to support disadvantaged students' transition to university life.

Faculty in Liberal Arts during Fall 2004, Spring 2005, and Fall 2005 at Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI. Within the Liberal Arts and Sciences division, I proficiently taught adult courses such as English II, Written and Oral Communications, Communication Skills II, and Business Writing.

Curriculum Developer, Professional Writer, Document Designer, and Instructor from April 1997 to February 2002 at Facilitative Learning Services, Inc. in Oconomowoc, WI. Certified students for work in community-based residential facilities, logging several thousand teaching hours. I developed, designed, wrote, and published a state-approved training curriculum aligned with Wisconsin statutory requirements. This curriculum covers essential Community-Based Residential Staff credentialing training, offering 72 hours of CEUs in various subject areas.

Research Assistant from Fall 2001 to Spring 2002. Assisted with coordinating the Contemporary Writers and Literature Conference, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA.

Program Director from July 1992 to May 2000. Oconomowoc Developmental Training Center. Oconomowoc, WI.

- Acted as the department administrator and director, overseeing over 80 staff at a 90-bed, state-licensed residential treatment facility for children with both developmental and psychiatric disorders.
- From July 1992 to September 1993, I served as the residential program director for Homes for Independent Living, a sister organization.
- Played a key role in researching and developing comprehensive policies and procedures and creating professional development and training programs.
- Provided leadership for the department by directing service delivery and managing a multi-million-dollar staffing budget, fostering a team-oriented environment where we conducted regular program evaluations to assess our success.

Project Coordinator from August 1991 to August 1992 at the Interfaith Program for the Elderly in the Greater Milwaukee Area. I managed the limited-term Volunteer Interfaith Partners Project,

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which involved researching, investigating, developing, and implementing comprehensive volunteer recruitment and retention strategies. Additionally, I published and distributed a quarterly newsletter and established a resource and training bureau for speakers focusing on issues affecting older adults.

Program Supervisor from February 1990 to September 1991. Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. I was responsible for operating and administering a CARF-certified personal and social adjustment day program that supported institutionalized individuals diagnosed with psychiatric and developmental disabilities in the Greater Milwaukee area.

Residential Coordinator from May 1987 to November 1989. Systems Unlimited, Iowa City, IA. I managed the operation of a residential facility supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Psychiatric Specialist in the United States Army from September 1982 to September 1986, working as a “counselor” on an inpatient acute psychiatric and substance abuse unit. Additionally, I served in the honor guard and received the Good Conduct Medal. After completing my contract, I was ultimately honorably discharged after four years. I continued my service through the Army National Guard in Iowa City, Iowa, and was honorably discharged in 1988.

AWARDS

Student Success Award for demonstrating continuous dedication to the success of learners, as recognized by the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee students, 2013.

Collaborative Research Project Award on Stretch Course Design, 2014.

Good Conduct Medal U.S. Army, 1985.

A more detailed CV is available upon request.