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EDUCATION

Loma Linda University

Doctor of Philosophy in Systems, Families and Couples
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Dissertation Title: The role of mattering to Couple/Marriage and Family Therapy Educators in Couple/Marriage and Family Therapy Students' Development (Qualitative)

Azusa Pacific University

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology with emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy
July 2002

Wheaton College

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude
May 1995

Licenses and Certifications

License Marriage and Family Therapist, LMFT45250, California **2007**
Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, LPC853, California **2013**

CAMFT Approved Supervisor, California Association Marriage and Family Therapy **2022**
Person of the Therapist Senior Trainer **2021**
AAMFT Approved Supervisor, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy **2018**
Certified Grief and Bereavement Counselor, American Academy of Grief Counseling **2016**

EMPLOYMENT

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego , CA **2024-Present**
Associate Professor, Founding Director of Online Master of Arts in Clinical Counseling Program
Interim Director, Master of Arts in On-ground Clinical Counseling Program (1/27-8/28)

Teaching: Group Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy,
Clinical Skills, Professional Community Development,
Pre-Practicum, Supervised Practicum I, Supervised Practicum II,
Supervised Practicum III

Administrative Duties: Responsible for the administration of academic requirements for licensure, course development, hiring faculty and staff, faculty development.

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

Assistant Professor **2017-2024**
Senior Adjunct Instructor **2017**
Adjunct Instructor **2011-2016**

Teaching: Clinical Consultation, Clinical Skills Lab, Clinical Placement I, Clinical Placement II, Family Therapy, Group Skills, Introduction to Clinical Practice: Basic Skills, Introduction to Clinical Practice: Advanced Skills, Psychological Assessment, Person of the Therapist Seminar: Using Self of the Therapist to Develop Attunement and Clinical Intuition
Administrative Duties: Recruitment and development of adjunct faculty

Kelly Duggan Shearer, LMFT, LPCC, Private Practice, Glendora, CA

Owner **2008-2023**
Psychotherapy services to couples, families, and individuals.
Clinical supervision of Marriage and Family Therapist Associates.

Greenhouse Therapy Center, Pasadena, CA

Training Director and Clinical Supervisor **2015-2017**
New staff orientation and quarterly staff trainings.
Clinical oversight of field supervisors and interdisciplinary direct care specialists.

Emmaus Road Christian Counseling, San Dimas, CA

Clinical Supervisor **2011-2012**
Clinical supervision to Marriage and Family Therapy Trainees in community based and college counseling centers.

Andrea Davis, PhD., Pasadena, CA

Floortime/DIR® Supervisor and Class Instructor **2006-2009**
Oversight of interdisciplinary specialists and taught parent training classes.

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

University Counseling Center, Pre-licensed Staff Therapist **2005 & 2007**
Counseling services for undergraduate students.

Professional Memberships

Clinical Fellow, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
Clinical Member, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
Professional Member, American Counseling Association
Professional Member, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

Publications

Shearer, K.D. (2026). Using the educator-student relationship in mental health education to teach relational processes. *Family Process,* (65)e70135.

Shearer, K. D., & Lister, Z. D. (2025). Relational Teaching in Mental Health Education: A 20-Year Narrative Review. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, *51*(2), e70010.

Shearer, K.D. (2024). Round-robin case conceptualization for theoretically grounded virtual supervision. In R. Cobb (Ed.), *The Therapist's Notebook for Teletherapy: Creative Interventions for Effective Online Therapy.* Routledge.

Shearer, K.D., & Ewing, V.C. (2020). I am not alone: Utilizing EMDR to promote resilience through positive spiritual cognitions. *The Therapist, 32*(6), 12-15.

Shearer, K. D. (2018, May/June). Learning ACT for group treatment [Review of the book Learning ACT for group treatment: An acceptance and commitment therapy training manual for therapists, by D. Westrup & M. J. Wright]. *The Therapist, 30*(3), 58-59.

Presentations

Shearer, K.D. (2026, October 16-18). *Teaching with compassion, training toward compassion: Shaping couple and family therapy students' development through mattering* [Poster presentation]. Toward a New Psychology of Women:50 Years of Connection, Courage and Change, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Shearer, K.D. (May 1, 2026). *Developing Supervisee's Clinical Judgment: Person of the Therapist Training (POTT) Strategies in Supervision* [Conference Session]. California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists Annual Conference, San Diego, California.

Shearer, K.D. (March 28, 2026). *Using the 4 R's of Relational Teaching to Promote CFT Students' Development* [Conference session]. International Family Therapy Association World Family Therapy Congress, Bergen, Norway.

Shearer, K.D., & Castaneda, R. (November 14, 2025). *Implementing Early Intervention Services: Engagement Considerations - Advanced Programing* [Webinar]. Los Angeles County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

Shearer, K.D., & Castaneda, R. (May 15, 2024) *Implementing Early Intervention Services: Engagement Considerations - Advanced Programing* [Webinar]. Los Angeles County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

Shearer, K.D., & Castaneda, R. (May 30, 2024). *Implementing Early Intervention Services: Engagement Considerations - Advanced Programing* [Webinar]. Los Angeles County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

Kenyon, R. & Shearer, K.D. (April 2024). *Reducing trainee's shame in gatekeeping and remediation: Applying Aponte's POTT framework* [Conference session]. International Family Therapy Association World Family Therapy Congress, Toyama, Japan.

Shearer, K.D. (April 2024). *The teacher-student relationship as a teaching tool: Isomorphism in educational settings* [Conference session]. International Family Therapy Association World Family Therapy Congress, Toyama, Japan.

Shearer, K.D., Bliss, N., Jiang, H., Silvers, J., Vance, N. & Wang, T. (October 15, 2023). *Using art and "Wounded Healer" narratives to enhance CITs' compassion and empathic attunement* [Conference session]. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference, Denver, CO, United States.

Kenyon, R. & Shearer, K.D. (September 23, 2023). *Using the POTT model philosophies in gatekeeping as MFT supervisors and educators* [Conference session]. Washington Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, Spokane, WA, United States.

Shearer, K.D. (April 1, 2023). *Using art and "Wounded Healer" narratives to enhance students' compassion and attunement* [Conference session]. International Family Therapy Association World Family Therapy Congress, Málaga, Spain.

Kenyon, R. & Shearer, K.D. (March 30, 2023). *Innovative adaptations of the Person of the Therapist model for training family therapists* [Conference session]. International Family Therapy Association World Family Therapy Congress, Málaga, Spain.

Castaneda, R. & Shearer, K.D., (April 13, 2023). *Engaging at-risk youth in early intervention services: Advanced Programing* [Webinar]. Los Angeles County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

Castaneda, R. & Shearer, K.D., (April 13, 2023). *Engaging at-risk youth in early intervention services: Advanced Programing* [Webinar]. Los Angeles County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

Shearer, K.D., & Kenyon, R. (October 14, 2022). *Referencing CIT's lived experience to strengthen empathic attunement: An integrated approach* [Conference session]. Western Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Regional Conference, Portland, OR, United States.

Shearer, K.D. (October 15, 2022). *Relationship centered graduate education: A twenty-year narrative review of relational pedagogy* [Poster presentation]. Western Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Regional Conference, Portland, OR, United States.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Loma Linda Department of Counseling and Family Sciences PhD in Systems, Families and Couples' Rising Star Alumna Award Recipient (2026)

Loma Linda School of Behavioral Health Excellence in Research Award Recipient (2025)

Loma Linda University Department of Counseling and Family Sciences Outstanding Doctoral Student, Ph.D. in Systems, Families and Couples (2025)

Family Process Institute's New Writers Fellowship Recipient (2024-2025)

GRANTS

Point Loma Nazarene University., "The Role of Mattering to Couple/Marriage and Family therapy (C/MFT) Educators in C/MFT Students' Development. $2000. March 2026-June 2027.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Leadership Team, *International Center for Growth in Connection: Education as a Relational Practice Affinity Group,* 2025-present
Ad-hoc reviewer, *Family Process*
Board of Trustees, Secretary, My Third Place (non-profit), 2000-2023
Community Outreach Workshops
Available upon request

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate and Extended Studies Committee, 2026-present
Evaluate and review curricular proposals, modifications, and updates for graduate, adult degree completion, and extended learning programs, ensuring that new and existing non-traditional academic offerings meet institutional standards, accreditation criteria, and professional learning outcomes.