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**MENTAL HEALTH  
CURRICULUM VITAE  
of  
LISA TAYLOR-AUSTIN**

**EDUCATION**

SUNY Brockport - Brockport, New York Brockport, New York

Master of Science in Education-1988  
Major: Counseling

Bachelor of Science-1985  
Major: Developmental & Behavioral  
Disabilities/Health  
Minor: African-American Studies

Post Graduate Work: SUNY Brockport, California State University at Los Angeles, Indiana Wesleyan University, Loyola Marymount University, University of New England.

**LICENSURE**

Licensed Professional Counselor, Issued by State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, #001282 (Issued 2001)

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Issued by the State of New York, Office of the Professions, #01661 (Issued 2006)

Licensed Mental Health Counselor Out-of-State Telehealth Provider. Florida Health, #TPMC898 (Issued 2021).

Clinical Professional Counselor. Board of Counseling Professional Licensure. State of Maine, #CC6265 (2021-2023).

**BOARD CERTIFICATION**

Certified Forensic Behavioral Analyst, #005 (Issued 2016)  
National Board of Forensic Evaluators

Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator, Diplomate, #0023 (Issued 2007)  
National Board of Forensic Evaluators

National Certified Counselor, # 23147 (Issued 2001)  
National Board of Certified Counselors

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

School Counselor K-12, Professional: Issued by State of Connecticut. (Issued 1999)  
School Counselor K-12, Permanent: Issued by the State of New York (Issued 2014)  
Community College Counselor, Status: Life. Issued by State of California. (Issued 1990)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Board of Directors, Forensic Social Services Association, 2014-Present  
American Counseling Association, Professional Member, 2002 - Present  
American Mental Health Counselors Association, Member, 2021-Present  
Florida Gang Investigators Association, Associate Member, 2016-Present

## **CASE HISTORY**

Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, South Carolina

Licensed Professional Counselor Expert: medical malpractice case  
Name Withheld, as Special Representative of the Estate of Name Withheld, Deceased v. Mental Health Agency Name Withheld, et. al.; Madison County Circuit Court, Illinois.  
Hired by: Evans & Dixon, St. Louis, Missouri  
July 2021

Licensed Professional Counselor Expert: criminal sentencing case  
USA v Name Withheld  
Federal Court: United States District Court, Hartford, Connecticut  
Hired by: Sheehan & Reeve, Kara Moreau  
February 2020 - March 2020

Licensed Professional Counselor Expert: medical malpractice case  
Name withheld v. Name Withheld  
Civil Court: Charleston, South Carolina  
Hired by: Ben Traywick Law  
February 2019-August 2020

Licensed Mental Health Counselor Expert: medical malpractice case  
Name withheld v. Name Withheld  
Civil Court: Norfolk Superior Court, Dedham, Massachusetts  
Hired by: Fogelman & Fogelman, LLC  
February 2019

Licensed Professional Counselor Expert: medical malpractice case  
Name withheld v. Name Withheld  
Civil Court: New London, CT  
Hired by: Conway, Londregan, Sheehan & Monaco, PC  
January 2019

Mental Health Expert: medical malpractice case  
Name Withheld v. Agency  
Superior Court New Jersey  
January 2018  
Hired by: Sachetta & Baldino Law Office

Mental Health Expert: attempted suicide case  
Name undisclosed  
New Jersey  
2013  
Hired by: Medical Review Associates

Mental Health Expert: medical malpractice case  
Keogh, Estate of Sottosanti v. State of Connecticut - FBT-CV11-6018468-S  
Civil Court: Bridgeport, CT  
March 2011- March 2012  
Hired by Connecticut Attorney General's Office

*(for criminal cases testified in, please refer to Gang CV on Gang Expert page of website)*

### **CERTIFICATES and RECOGNITION**

Recognition from State Representative Kim Rose, "[Community Hero](#)", Honored for Covid19 response to mental health community needs.  
April 22, 2020

LGBTQ Counseling Competencies: College and Career Readiness  
American Counseling Association  
January 29, 2018  
Signed By: Richard Yep, Chief Executive Officer

Certificate of Appreciation  
American Counseling Association  
Virginia Tech Pro-Bono Counseling Initiative  
September 12, 2007  
Signed by Brian Canfield, Ed. D., LPC

Certificate of Appreciation  
New York State Office of Family Children and Families  
November 15, 2005  
Commitment and dedication to eliminate youth gangs and violence in NYS Signed by John Johnson, Commissioner

### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

ACA Virginia Tech Pro-Bono Counseling Initiative  
Served as pro-bono therapist for students involved in the Virginia Tech shooting  
Milford, CT - May-September 2007

New Haven County, Connecticut  
Served as Pro-Bono therapist for individuals displaced due to Hurricane Katrina  
Milford, CT - 2006

New York State Gang Summit

New York State Office of Children and Family Services  
Received recognition for professional commitment and dedication to the work necessary to reduce the need for youth gangs and violence in New York State  
Albany, NY – November 2005

New Haven, Connecticut  
Served as therapist for emergency responders in New York City affected after 9/11  
Milford, CT – 2002-2003

### **CLINICAL EXPERTISE**

Psychological Testing and Evaluation – I am trained and qualified to administer, score, and interpret both objective and projective testing instruments, including, but not limited to the Personality Assessment Inventory, Minnesota Multiphase Personality Inventory (MMPI), Thematic Apperception Test, and a host of other testing Instruments.

Clinical skills include brief and long-term psychotherapy (individual and family) for adults, adolescents, and children involving depression, relationship issues, criminal street gang involvement, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and other diagnoses. Evaluations, assessments and diagnosis performed. Highest professional level of “3” received from Pearson Assessments.

EAP experience with employees of all levels. Effective interface and liaison between employees and outpatient services, families, insurers, and the employer.

Expert witness consultation and testimony – Counseling: standard of care. Criminal street gangs: psychological issues, organizational structure, culture & co morbidity with mental health issues.

Forensic evaluations in criminal justice housing issues – adult & juvenile, gang membership, employment matters.

Communicated and worked successfully with attorneys in death penalty, RICO, state and federal cases and psychological evaluations. Worked collaboratively with the Jerome Frank Legal Services - School of Law, Yale University. Selected as Gang Expert Panel Member, Harvard University School of Public Health, Education Development Center, Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative.

Clinical and court experience with people of various ethnic backgrounds (African-American, Latino/a, Native American), varied socio economic levels (urban, suburban and rural), clients and patients incarcerated (adult and juvenile), clients and patients on parole and inmates serving life without parole and living on death row.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
Health Department – Adjunct Faculty

Taught courses in Alcohol Use and Abuse, HIV Issues, HIV Testing, Illegal Drugs.  
Instructed drug and alcohol course for students disciplined for using illegal substances on campus.

Yale University, New Haven, CT  
Department of Psychiatry -Instructor (Pier Diem)  
Taught Maximizing Academic Adolescent Excellence (MAAX) to first generation middle school students in an urban setting with the goal of encouraging college pursuit.

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
Department of Professional Studies – Adjunct Faculty  
Taught courses in Gang Recognition and Behavior, Recognizing Cults and Gangs,  
Understanding Gang Graffiti (course written/not instructed).

**PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS/COURSES TAUGHT**

“Therapeutic Interventions with Gang Members,” Sponsored by McIntosh Trail, Butts County Sheriff Department, iClub, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (Atlanta, GA), Jackson, Georgia. October 27, 2016.

“Counseling Gang Members,” Florida Gang Investigator’s Association (FGIA) Prevention and Intervention Summit, Daytona Beach, Florida, June 2016.

Presenter, “Gangs 101,” New York State Office of Mental Health, Nursing Annual Conference, Callicoon, New York, October 2012.

Keynote Speaker, “2000 Gang Members and Counting,” Canada’s first Gang Summit, St. Lawrence Theatre, Toronto, Canada, March 2010.

Keynote Speaker, “Counseling Gang Members,” Demystifying Gangs Conference, Asheville, North Carolina, 2009.

Presenter, “Gangs 101” and “Counseling Gang Members,” for professionals in corrections, education and social services. Milford, CT, July 2008.

Keynote Speaker, “Counseling Gang Members/New Jersey Laws,” Coastal Learning Center, PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ, October 2007.

Presenter, “Bridgeport Gangs/Gang Laws,” Casey Family Services, Bridgeport, CT August 2007.

Keynote Speaker, “Counseling Gang Members: Therapeutic Approaches,” Coastal Learning Center, Tuckerton, NJ, March 2007.

Presenter, “Counseling Gang Members,” Monroe County Probation Officer’s Association Annual Training, Rochester, New York, May 2006.

Presenter, “Counseling Gang Members: Therapeutic Approaches,” Gangs 103, South Hampton Youth Bureau Gang Seminar, Wading River, NY, April 6, 2006.

Presenter, “Counseling Gang Members,” Bridgeport Board of Education Guidance Staff, Bridgeport, CT, March 15, 2006.

Presenter, “Gangs 101,” Bridgeport Board of Education Guidance Staff, Bridgeport, CT, February 15, 2005.

Presenter and Panelist, “Counseling Gang Members,” New York State Gang Summit, Albany, NY, November 15, 2005.

Presenter, Legal Case Presentation on Gang Issues. Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Yale University Law School, March 1, 2004.

Trainer, "Gang Liaison Training," Bridgeport Board of Education, Bridgeport, CT, February – March 2004.

Presenter, "Managing Difficult Students," Yale University, Department of Psychiatry, February 2002.

Co Instructor, "Gang Recognition and Behavior," Loyola Marymount University, 2001-2002.

Co Instructor, "Gangs, Cults, and Mediation," Loyola Marymount University, Fall 2002.

Instructor, "Maximizing Adolescent Academic Excellence", Yale University Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine. New Haven, CT, October 2000-April 2002.

Keynote Speaker • Teleconference Speaker • Presenter, National Teleconference.

- "Gangs: Intervention and Rehabilitation"

- "Today's Youth: Part of the Solution Not Part of the Problem"

Staying Safe and Smart. Greenville County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Greenville, South Carolina, October 1999.

Presenter, Understanding Street Gangs, GV BOCES, Batavia, New York, January 1999.

Presenter, Understanding Urban Street Gangs. Rochester Info. Courses, November 1998.

Presenter, Gangs: Crips and Bloods: SUNY Brockport, Spring 1996.

Faculty, CEL100: Community Service/Monroe Community College

Faculty, SPT 101: Public Speaking/Monroe Community College

Faculty, PUAD 463: Principles of Health Education/University of Southern California

Faculty, PUAD 464: Issues in Health Education/University of Southern California

Presenter, Health Issues: drug and alcohol use, HIV transmission/prevention, mental health, etc., University of Southern California

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author – "The Role of a Gang Expert in Court," Chapter 8, Textbook of Forensic Psychology & Sociology, Springer Publishing, 2013.

Author – "A Counselor Talks About her Work with Gang Members," Social Issues Firsthand: Gangs. Published by Gale Cengage Learning, October 2008, pages 88-91.

Acknowledged – Tag 18.3 Graffiti and Its Vandalism Characteristics. By Ken Davis, 2006.

Book Jacket Review – Invited. Left for Dead: Faith, Family and the Mob. by R.K. Jensen, Aaron Communications, 2005.

Referenced – Family Abuse, Causes, Consequences and Responses, by Sylvia Mignon, Carl Larson and William Holmes. Allyn & Bacon, 2001.

Contributor, "Important Information About Street Gangs," for NY State Senator John Sampson, 1999.

Book Reviewer, Homegirls, Enslow Publishing, July 1999.

Author, Understanding Gang Graffiti, graduate course written for the University of the Pacific, 1998.

Author, Multicultural Issues, graduate course written for the University of the Pacific, 1997.

### **PROFESSIONAL FORENSIC/MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE**

#### **Psychotherapist/Expert Witness/Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator**

Clinical-Legal Private Practice, Milford, CT; 2/02 – Present

**Psychiatric Clinician** – Education Connection: special education school serving emotionally disturbed children. Danbury, CT, 8/13 – 6/14

**School Counselor/Social Worker** – New Haven Board of Education, Dixwell-New Light Alternative School & High School Summer School, New Haven, CT; 4/12 - 8/13

**School Counselor** – Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School, Hamden, CT; 3/07- 4/12

**Adjunct Faculty** – Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
9/01 – 12/01

**Instructor (Per Diem)** – Yale University, Department of Psychiatry  
New Haven, CT; 7/01 - 4/03.

**School Counselor** – Bridgeport Board of Education, City of Bridgeport.  
Bridgeport, CT; 10/99- 3/07

**School Counselor (Therapeutic)** – Genesee Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Batavia, NY; 2/98 -7/99

**Director of College Placement and Guidance**, The Aquinas Institute,  
Rochester, NY; 8/96-1/98

**Assistant to the Director/Project Director/Adjunct Faculty**, Monroe Community College,  
Rochester, NY; 10/94-8/96 (Grant Funded Project)

**Health Educator/Adjunct Faculty**, University of Southern California,  
Los Angeles, CA; 7/92-7/93 (Grant Funded Project)

**Counselor**, Rolling Hills High School, Palos Verdes Estates, CA  
Culver City High School, Culver City, CA  
Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, CA  
Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, NY  
7/87-7/91

**Social Worker**, Hillside Children's Center, Rochester, NY; 3/86-7/87

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Mentor, The Bridgeport Mentoring Program - "CATCH". Bridgeport, CT. 1999-2001.  
Youth Counselor, Los Angeles, CA and Rochester, NY, 1988-1999.  
Event Coordinator, Voice of the Future Inc., (Youth Day), Rochester, NY,  
1995-1997.

## **POST MASTERS TRAINING**

TeleMental Health: The New Standard  
Zur Institute, Inc.  
December 9, 2018  
Clock Hours: 12.0

TeleMental Health Clinical Skills  
Telehealth Certification Institute, Inc.  
August 2, 2020  
Clock Hour: 4.0

Psychosocial Response to Mass Violence  
University of Albany  
April 27, 2018  
Clock Hours: 5.5

Disarming the Suicidal Mind  
Vyne Education  
Presenter: Dr Timony Spruill  
April 23, 2018  
Clock Hours: 6.0

Forensic Behavioral Analysis  
Dr Gregory Vecchi  
June 16-18, 2016  
Hours: 24

*For an extensive list of post masters training please refer to continuing education list*