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### EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Ph.D., clinical psychology, awarded December 1988 at Arizona State University.

M.A., clinical psychology, awarded May 1983 at Arizona State University.

B.A., psychology, awarded May 1979 at Purdue University.

Associate Degree, electronics engineering technology, awarded September 1972 at I.T.T. Technical Institute, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

\*Board certified in Rehabilitation Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology awarded August 25, 2001 (diploma number 5428).

Florida Licensed Psychologist, January 27, 2000 to present (PS 6137).

Michigan Licensed Psychologist, November 8, 1991 to November 8, 2000.

Michigan Limited License Psychologist, October 1990 to November 7, 1991.

Missouri Licensed Psychologist, July 1989 to January 1990.

### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers.

Member of the American Psychological Association, Division 12 (Clinical), 22 (Rehabilitation), and 38 (Health).

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING HISTORY

September 20, 1999 to Present: Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology (C&HP), College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida, Gainesville. I serve the Health Psychology Area as Area Head, acting as program coordinator and liaison between the health psychology faculty, graduate students, interns and post-doctoral fellows as they coordinate with our Department. I also represent the clinical faculty on the Executive Committee of our Department. I am responsible for the provision of psychological services for the various solid organ and bone marrow transplant programs throughout Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. In addition, I continue to provide consultation and liaison services to hospital inpatients. I am the point psychologist for the Spinal Cord Injury Neurotrauma Service. Referrals come from every hospital unit including the Burn Unit, general surgical units, and the Psychiatric Unit. I have served as lead co-instructor for the graduate course Introduction to Psychological Interventions, required of all C&HP graduate students. Clinical teaching/case supervision is provided to graduate students, interns and postdoctoral fellows.

- ◆ Health Psychology Area Head.
- ◆ Director of Inpatient Consultation and Liaison Services.
- ◆ Director of Transplant Psychology.
- ◆ Associate chair of the APA Rehabilitation Psychology Division (22) Committee for Social and Ethical Responsibility, September 2000 to September 2001.
- ◆ Member of the Shands at UF Ethics Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Member of the University of Florida Health Science Center Institutional Review Board (IRB-01), September 2002 to July 2005.

Supervisor: Rus Bauer, Ph.D., ABPP, Prof. and Chair, Clinical & Health Psychology ((352) 273-6033).

September 1990 to September 14, 1999: Staff psychologist, Department of Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology, Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM), the Detroit Medical Center. Activities include provision of full range of psychological services to inpatients admitted to Spinal Cord/Orthopedic/Amputee unit. Diagnostic groups include spinal cord injuries, traumatic head injuries, limb amputations, total joint arthroplasty, multiple sclerosis, Lupus, cerebrovascular accidents, chronic pain, severe orthopedic injuries, arthritic conditions, burns, and conversion disorders. Services provided include: initial emotional status, personality, and neuropsychological evaluations; ongoing psychological treatment for difficulties with adjustment process; behavior management; consultation to the rehabilitation team regarding patient management issues and program development. Additional responsibilities and accomplishments include:

- ◆ Chairperson of the RIM Ethics Committee, member DMC Ethics Steering Committee.
- ◆ Leadership role in bringing RIM into compliance with the patient rights and organizational ethics standards of JCAHO and CARF, 1995 and 1999.
- ◆ Assistant professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Wayne State University School of Medicine; Assistant adjunct professor, Department of Psychology, Wayne State University.
- ◆ Primary peer reviewer of manuscripts for the *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

Supervisor: Scott Millis, Ph.D., ABPP ((313) 993-8085).

September 1989 to August 1990: Postdoctoral fellowship with the Rusk Rehabilitation Center, University of Missouri - Columbia, School of Medicine. Emphasis of training upon provision of services to patients on the inpatient rehabilitation units with diagnoses of traumatic brain injuries, cerebrovascular accidents, spinal cord injuries, cerebral aneurysms, cancer, electrocutions, burns, and other disabling conditions. Responsible for: initial neuropsychological screening; ongoing team consultation; TBI program coordination regarding neuropsychological issues; full neuropsychological evaluations; individual and

family psychotherapy; behavior management; assessment of post-discharge need for supervision, ability to return to work, and likely level of long-term functioning; supervision of psychology interns. Psychologist to the Cardiac Transplantation Team, providing psychological evaluations of patients being considered for heart transplantation.

Inpatient services supervisor: Stephanie Hanson, Ph.D., ABPP ((352) 273-6214).

Transplant evaluation supervisor: Robert Frank, Ph.D., ABPP ((330) 672-2220).

September 1988 to August 1989: Clinical psychology internship, general/medical psychology program, Baylor College of Medicine. Provided consultation/liaison services to general medical, neurology, and psychiatry inpatients throughout The Methodist Hospital complex, Texas Medical Center. Responsible for: neuropsychological, behavioral, and personality evaluations in consultation with physicians and multidisciplinary treatment teams treating neurology/neurosurgery, psychosomatic medicine, orthopedic, general surgery, and psychiatry inpatients; consultant and therapist to the psychiatry inpatient group psychotherapy program; long-term outpatient psychotherapy through the Baylor Psychiatry Clinic. General/medical psychology program supervisor: Robert Harper, Ph.D. ((713) 798-6379).

### **AREAS OF CLINICAL SPECIALIZATION**

- ◆ Initial psychological evaluations and treatment of organ donor candidates, organ recipient candidates, and post-operative transplant recipients.
- ◆ Inpatient general adult consultation and liaison services
- ◆ Rehabilitation psychology.
- ◆ Behavioral, neuropsychological and personality assessment.
- ◆ The treatment of anxiety disorders and phobias.
- ◆ Sexual dysfunction and marital therapy.
- ◆ Family therapy.
- ◆ Goal-oriented group therapy (divorce adjustment, stress management).
- ◆ Process-oriented group therapy (adult inpatient groups, interpersonal process outpatient groups).
- ◆ Strategic short-term psychotherapy.

### **AWARDS, HONORS, AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITY**

Awarded the Danforth Graduate Fellowship, 1979.

Student editor for the *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 1982.

Former editor of the APA Division of Rehabilitation Psychology (Division 22) newsletter, *Rehabilitation Psychology News* from September 1991 to September 1993.

### **MANUSCRIPTS, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

Guenther, R. (1992). Spinal Cord Injuries: Psychological, Social, and Vocational Rehabilitation, Second Edition by Roberta B. Trieschmann - A Book Review. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 2(1), 81-82.

Guenther, R. (Sept. 1993). *Interpersonal Empowerment of Persons with Spinal Cord Injuries: Interpersonal Influence Strategies for the Disabled*. Paper presented at the 1993 Annual Convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.

- Guenther, R. (1993). Interpersonal Empowerment of Persons with SCI: Interpersonal Influence Strategies for the Disabled. Abstract published in *SCI Psychosocial Process*, 6(4), 173.
- Guenther, R. (1994). Empowerment of persons with SCI: Interpersonal influence strategies for the disabled. *SCI Psychosocial Process*, 7(2), 75-80.
- Guenther, R. (Aug. 1997). *Ethical decisionmaking in health care -- respect for autonomy: Decisionmaking surrogacy as a potential violation of patient autonomy*. Paper presented at the 1997 Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago.
- Guenther, R. (Sept. 1999). *Development and application of a microprocessor-based pressure relief monitor*. Paper presented at the 1999 annual convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Guenther, R. (Sept. 2005). *Ethical issues from an individual and organizational perspective*. Paper presented at the 2005 Annual Convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Guenther, R., & Chartier, G. (1992). *The Strong Prediction of Learned Helplessness*. Poster session presented at the 1992 Centennial Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.
- Guenther, R., Dijkers, M., & Gans, B. (Sept. 1995). *Rehabilitation College: Results of a Pilot Study*. Poster session presented at the 1995 Annual Convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Guenther, R., Dijkers, M., & Gans, B. (1996). Rehabilitation College: Results of a Pilot Study. *SCI Psychosocial Process*, 9(2), 64-65.
- Guenther, R., Drew, J., & Lakey, B. (Sept. 1997). Social competence as a mediator between distress and diagnostic status. Poster presented at the 1997 Annual Convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Guenther, R., Frank, R., & McAdam, C. (1993). Management of behavior on a spinal cord injury unit. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 3(2), 50-59.
- Guenther, R., & Hanson S. (September 1994). *Dangers of heuristic errors in ethical practice*. Paper presented at the 1994 Annual Convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Guenther, R., & Hanson S. (1994). Dangers of heuristic errors in ethical practice. Abstract published in *SCI Psychosocial Process*, 7(4), 192-193.
- Guenther, R., & O'Leary, J. (1992). *Promoting Treatment Adherence: Rehabilitation of the Rehabilitation Process*. Symposium presented at the 1992 Centennial Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.

- Guenther, R., & Tubbs, J. (Winter/Spring 1998). Decision-making surrogacy as a potential violation of patient autonomy. *Rehabilitation Psychology News*, 25(2), 11.
- Guenther, R., & Weber, L. (1996). The role of an ethics committee in a rehabilitation setting. *NeuroRehabilitation*, 6, 133-43.
- Guenther, R., & Weber, L. (1996). Life-sustaining treatment decisions by rehabilitation patients: The uncontested high ground. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 41(1), 110-139.
- Hansen, N., Merbitz, C., Mazzoni, M., & Guenther, R. (Oct. 1999). *Customer-ized rehabilitation outcomes: Single subject designs and frequency measurement for clinical practice and research*. Poster accepted for the 1999 annual convention of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Orlando, Florida.
- Hanson, S., Frank, R. & Guenther, R. (Aug. 1991). *Complexities of Ethical Practice with Traumatic Brain Injured Patients*. Panel discussion presented at the 1991 Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, California.
- Hanson, S.; Guenther, R. Kerkhoff, T., & Liss, M. (2000). Chapter 31 – Ethics: Historical foundations, basic principles, and contemporary issues. In Robert G. Frank & Timothy Elliot (Eds.), *Handbook of Rehabilitation Psychology* (pp. 629-643). Washington DC: American Psychological Association.
- Kerkhoff, T., Hanson, S., Guenther, R., & Ashkanazi, G. (Spring 1997). The foundation and application of ethical principles in rehabilitation psychology. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 42(1), 17-30.
- Kerkhoff, T., & Guenther, R. (April 2001). Adjustment: Date-Based Models. Paper presented at the conference, *Rehab 2001: From Discovery to Recovery*, Gainesville, Florida.
- Merbitz, C., Hansen, N., & Guenther, R. (Sept. 1999). *Behavior frequencies for process and outcome measures in spinal cord injury rehabilitation: Unraveling a problem and weaving a solution*. Panel presentation at the 1999 annual convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Nieshoff, E., Cressy, J., & Guenther, R. (April 1999). *Ethical Dilemmas in SCI Prevention Programs*. Moderator for panel discussion at the 1999 Silver Anniversary of the American Spinal Injury Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Rodrigue, J.R., Cross, N.J., Newman, R.C., Widows, M.R., Guenther, R., Howard, R.J., Kaplan, B., & Morgan, M.A. (May, 2005). *Patient-reported outcomes for open vs. laparoscopic living donation nephrectomy*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Transplant Congress, Seattle, WA.
- Rodrigue, J.R., Cross, N.J., Newman, R.C., Widows, M.R., Guenther, R., Howard, R.J., Kaplan, B., & Morgan, M.A. (June 2006). Patient-reported outcomes for open vs. laparoscopic living donation nephrectomy. *Progress in Transplantation*, Vol 16 (2), 162-169.
- Rodrigue, J.R., & Guenther, R.T. (June 2006). Psychosocial evaluation of live donors. *Current Opinion in Organ Transplantation*, 11(3), 234–240.

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- Rodrigue, J.R., Widows M.R., Guenther, R., Newman, R.C., Howard, R.J., Kaplan, B., & Morgan, M.A. (May, 2005). *Expectations about the living kidney donation experience: Do they differ as a function of relational status or gender?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Transplant Congress, Seattle, WA.
- Rodrigue, J.R., Widows M.R., Guenther, R., Newman, R.C., Howard, R.J., Kaplan, B., & Morgan, M.A. (June 2006). Expectations about the living kidney donation experience: Do they differ as a function of relational status or gender? *Nephrology Dialysis Transplantation*, *21*(6), 1682-1688.
- Sandler, I., & Guenther, R. (1983). Chapter 15: Assessment of life stress events. In Paul Karoly (Ed.), *Measurement Strategies in Health Psychology* (pp. 555-600). New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
- Squyres, J., Hansen, H., Guenther, R., & Lusk, T. (Sept. 2002). *Boundary issues in clinical work with individuals with spinal cord injuries*. Workshop presented at the 2002 annual convention of the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, Las Vegas.
- Zautra, A., Guenther, R. & Chartier, G. (1985). Attributions for real and hypothetical life events: Their relationship to self-esteem and depression. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, *94*(4), 530-540.
- Zautra, A., Young, D. & Guenther, R. (1981). Blaming - A sign of psychosocial tensions in the community: Findings from two surveys. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *9*(2), 209-224.
- Zich, J., Guenther, R. & Zautra, A. (Fall, 1979). *Implications and Models of Blaming*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Tucson, Arizona.

### **GRANT-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

“Quality of Life Therapy for HCV Adults Awaiting Liver Transplant (QOL-HCV Trial).” Submitted January 2006 by James Rodrigue Ph.D., PI, The Transplant Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University School of Medicine, in response to PAR-04-082, “Small Clinical Grants in Digestive Diseases, Nutrition, and Obesity (R03).” R. Guenther was to serve as local PI for that component of the project to be completed within the UF Liver Transplant Program. Application was not funded, will be revised and resubmitted.

“Randomized Controlled Clinical Trial to Improve QOL in Patients Awaiting Lung Transplant.” Submitted May 2005 by James Rodrigue, Ph.D., PI, The Transplant Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University School of Medicine. R. Guenther was to serve as Local PI on NIH R01 clinical trial application, Application was not funded.

Local PI on Greewall Foundation grant application, "Public Solicitation of Organ Donors: A Survey of Attitudes among Transplant Professionals, Transplant Patients, and the Public." National PI: Dr. James

Rodrigue, Ph.D., The Transplant Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University School of Medicine. Application was not funded.

Co-investigator on the IRB-approved unfunded study, "The Relationship Between Psychological Adjustment, Cytokines, and Clinical and Immunological Outcomes." Michelle M. Bishop, Ph.D. PI, Deidre Pereira, Ph.D. (co-PI), and co-investigators Vijay Reddy, M.D. and John R. Wingard, M.D. This project is ongoing.

Guenther, R. *No pain, no gain: A novel approach to pressure sore prevention*. Submitted to and funded by the American Association of Spinal Cord Injury Psychologists and Social Workers, to the amount of \$19,685 awarded September 1995, project completed April 1, 1999. Project resulted in development of a commercially available microprocessor-based battery powered monitor for pressure relief behavior among wheelchair users with neurologic conditions (technical description available upon request).

Guenther, R., Dijkers, M., Cushman, L., & Lakey, B. *Handicap and quality of life after spinal cord injury: A longitudinal study*. Subgrant under the South-Eastern Michigan Spinal Cord Injury Model System Grant, submitted to US Department of Education, National Institute for Disability Rehabilitation and Research, November 25, 1994, funded for five year cycle beginning September 1996. This particular project component was subsequently discontinued due to decreased funding.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Guest appearance on *Health Matters – Spinal Injuries: Recovery of Function*. A production of WTVS-TV and Medstar Communications Inc., 1994. Aired periodically on Channel 56 WDET, a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) television station, Detroit.

Guest appearance on *Science Frontiers: Car Crash - The Driver*. A Darlow Smithson Production for Channel 4 Television and The Learning Channel, 1998. Aired periodically on The Learning Channel.

Principal planner for the national ethics conference, *Ethics, Managed Care and the Rehabilitation Patient: Utilizing Resources to Optimize Patient Outcomes*. November 7, 1997, Dearborn, Michigan.

### REFERENCES

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