

Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION:

2007-2011 Ph.D., Family Therapy
Nova Southeastern University, Graduate School of Humanities and Social
Sciences, Department Family Therapy, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dissertation: *Exploring competency and the rule of the mental health
professional in interdisciplinary collaborative family law: What do 'they'
do?*

1988 Master of Education, Guidance and Counseling,
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

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1983 Bachelor of Arts, Exceptional Student Education,
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2014 - Present Adjunct Professor, *Collaborative Divorce for MFTs*, Department of
Family Therapy, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

2011 - Present Adjunct Professor, Internal Practicum Supervisor, Department of Family
Therapy, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nova
Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

TEACHING EXPERIENCE CONT'D:

- 2010 Teaching Assistant, *Language Systems*, Department of Family Therapy, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, *Thinking Systems*, Department of Family Therapy, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 2009 Teaching Assistant, Theories of Personality and Psychopathology, Department of Family Therapy, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Teaching Assistant, Assessment in Marital and Family Therapy, Department of Family Therapy, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 1980 –1989 Exceptional Student Education Teacher/ Specialist/Counselor/Department Chair, Cooper City High School, Davie, Florida

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- 2010 - Present Board of Directors, Collaborative Family Law Professionals of South Florida
- 2012 – Present Board of Directors, Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida
- 2014 – Present Board of Directors, Collaborative Family Law Institute
- 2008 - Present Research Committee Co-chair, Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida
- 2008- Present Certification Committee Co-chair, Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida
- 1994 - Present Founder/Director, The Family Network Counseling Center, Plantation/Davie, Florida
- 1984 -1994 Exceptional Student Education Department Chair, Cooper City High School, Davie, Florida

1980 –1989 Exceptional Student Education Specialist/ Counselor/Department Chair,
Cooper City High School, Davie, Florida

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

2009 – Present Qualified Parenting Coordinator, The Family Network, Plantation/Davie,
Florida

2007 – Present Collaborative Mental Health Professional, The Family Network,
Plantation/Davie, Florida

2006 –Present Certified Family Mediator, The Family Network, Plantation/Davie,
Florida

1994 –Present Psychotherapist, The Family Network Inc., Plantation/Davie, Florida

PRIOR ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL POSITIONS:

1989 –1994 Family Counselor, Family Counseling Center, Cooper City High School,
Davie, Florida, Broward County School Board

1980 –1989 Exceptional Student Education Teacher/ Specialist/ Counselor/Department
Chair, Cooper City High School, Davie, Florida

RESEARCH, GRANT, AND CONTRACT EXPERIENCE:

2009- Present Co-Chair of research Committee for the Florida Academy of
Collaborative Professionals.

2015 - 2017 Co-writer, recipient, and facilitator of a grant program to train
professionals to work with Veteran families providing Pro Bono
Collaborative Divorce Services in a Community Mental Health Clinic in
conjunction with Mission United/Legal Aide.

2009 Lead author and Chair of the committee to develop Protocols of Practice
for the Mental Health Professional in the Collaborative Process for the

RESEARCH, GRANT, AND CONTRACT EXPERIENCE CONT'D:

State of Florida. Presented the Protocols to the Collaborative Council at the Florida Bar Association Conference in Orlando, Florida, July, 2009.

2009-Present

Member of research committee for the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Co-authored articles comparing research results on Collaborative Practice for International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, presented at the IACP Forum, Minneapolis Minnesota, October, 2009.

1996 –2000

Site Coach for Florida Atlantic University. Facilitated the implementation of a grant designed to encourage significant Parent Involvement in the education of their children as well as the development of "Family Friendly Schools"

1992 – 1993

Co-writer and facilitator of a grant program to work with parents on implementation of the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting program for South Area Schools

MANUSCRIPTS AND PUBLICATIONS:

Heller, R. (2017) Family Systems Theory: Achieving one goal through a kaleidoscope of perspectives. *The Divorce Puzzle, Connecting the Pieces Collaboratively*. Joryn Jenkins, Open Palm Press.

Georgakopoulos, A. (In Press). Boyd, T., & Heller, R. Mediation and collaboration with multiple disciplines: The implementation of systemic theory in alternative dispute resolution, *Handbook of Mediation*.

In Rambo, A., West, C., Schooley, A., & Boyd, T. (2012). *Family Therapy Review: Contrasting contemporary models*. New York: Routledge.

Heller, R., (2012). Using research to explore competency and the role of the mental health professional in collaborative practice. *The Collaborative Review: Volume 12 (1)*, 25-29

Heller, R., Gilliam, L., Chenail, R. & Hall, T., (2010). Three authors, one client: A qualitative description of marriage and family therapy initial case documentation. *Contemporary Family Therapy: Volume 32(4)*, 363

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS:

Heller, R.J. (2018). Providing Pro Bono Collaborative Services to Veteran Families. Workshop presented at the IACP Forum. Seattle, Washington.

Heller, R.J. (2018). Staying in Your Own Lane: Arriving at the same destination while coming from different places. Workshop presented at the Advanced Collaborative Family Law Training. Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.

Heller, R.J. (2017). Development of the Wise Mind: Achievement of one goal through a kaleidoscope of perspectives. Workshop presented at the Advanced Collaborative Family Law Training. Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.

Heller, R.J. (2017). Development of the Wise Mind: Achievement of one goal through a kaleidoscope of perspectives. Workshop presented at the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Annual Forum, Lake Las Vegas, Nevada.

Heller, R.J. (2016). Domestic violence and Collaborative practice: A systemic perspective. Workshop presented at the 4th annual Collaborative Family Law Conference, Tampa, Florida

Cameron, N., Heller, R.J., Jenkyns, J. (2015). Anatomy of a Modest means Collaborative Case. Workshop presented at the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Annual Forum, Lake Las Vegas, Nevada.

Heller R.J. (2014) Fifty shades of grey: Ethical guidelines for collaborative practitioners. Workshop presented at the 2nd annual Collaborative Family Law Conference, Orlando, Florida

- Heller, R.J. (2014) Rewiring your brain for success: Mindfulness and its application toward positive outcomes in collaborative practice. Workshop presented at the 2nd annual Collaborative Family Law Conference, Orlando, Florida
- Heller R.J., Mazza, C.A. & Faila, J. (2014, May) Collaborative practice: An interdisciplinary approach. Workshop presented to the Eppy Group, Certified Financial Planners, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Heller, R.J., (2014, March). On the path to private practice. Workshop presented for the Brief Therapy Institute workshop series. Nova Southeastern University, Davie Florida.
- Heller, R.J. (2014, February), Fifty shades of grey: Ethical considerations for the mental health professional in collaborative practice. Workshop presented at the seminar for MHPs in Collaborative Practice in Miami, Florida.
- Heller, R. J., Solomon, L. (2013, May). Exploring research and developing competency of the MHP in collaborative family law: Successful integration on the team. Workshop presented at the Inaugural Collaborative Family Law Conference in Tampa, Florida
- Heller, R.J., Gilliam, L., (2013, February). On the path to private practice. Workshop presented for the BAMFT workshop series. Nova Southeastern University, Davie Florida.
- Heller, R. J., Barlow, L. (2012, June). MFTs and the Law. Workshop presented at the FAMFT State Conference in Orlando, Florida
- Heller, R. J. (2012, May). Competent participation of the mental health professional in collaborative divorce. Workshop presented at the BAMFT local Conference in Davie, Florida
- Heller, R. J. (2012, April). An introduction to collaborative practice. Workshop presented at CFLI local Conference in Miami, Florida
- Heller, R. J. (2011, September). Competent participation of the mental health professional in collaborative divorce. Workshop presented at the AAMFT National Conference in Fort Worth, Texas
- Heller, R. J. & MillerPonn, E. (2010, September). The role of the mental health professional in collaborative divorce. Workshop presented at the AAMFT National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia

Heller, R.J., Merlin, R., MillerPonn, E., Mobley-Corral, L. (2010, May) The role of the mental health Professional in collaborative divorce. Workshop presented at the FAMFT State Conference in Deerfield Beach, Florida

Heller, R.J., Merlin, R., MillerPonn, E., Mobley-Corral. (2009, December). The role of the mental health professional in collaborative divorce. Workshop presented at the FAMFT State Conference in Orlando, Florida

Heller, R.J, Gilliam, L., Chenail, R. & Hall, T. (2009). Master's therapists' initial case documentation. Poster session presented at AAMFT National Conference in Sacramento, California

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 2012-2014 Presentation to Collaborative Family Law Workshop Class, Nova Southeastern University Law School, *Essentials of Effective Team Building in Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice*, Davie, Florida
- 2013 Presentation to The Broward Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Pre-Licensure Workshop, Nova Southeastern University, *The Benefits of Collaborative Practice Personally and Professionally*, Davie, Florida
- 2012 Presentation to the Collaborative Family Law Institute, *Essentials of Effective Team Building in Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice: An Equine Assisted Approach*. Miami, Florida
- 2011 Presentation to the Collaborative Family Law Professionals of South Florida, *Essentials of Effective Team Building in Interdisciplinary collaborative Practice: An Equine Assisted Approach*. Weston, Florida
- 2009 Presentation to the Clergy, *Understanding Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce*. Presented November, 2009, Plantation, Florida

INVITED LECTURER/TRAINER:

- 2014 Guest Lecturer, Couple's Therapy, . The Marriage and Family Therapist Working with Families in Divorce, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.
- 2014 Guest Lecturer, Ethics, Ethical Considerations for The Marriage and Family Therapist Working with Families in Divorce, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.
- 2012- Present Guest Lecturer, Collaborative Family Law Workshop Class, Nova Southeastern University Law School, *Essentials of Effective Team Building and the Role of the Mental Health Professional in Interdisciplinary Collaborative Practice*, Davie, Florida
- 2012-2013 Guest Lecturer, Collaborative Family Law Workshop, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, Doctoral Seminar. The Marriage and Family Therapist in Collaborative Divorce. Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, Human Growth and Development. *Understanding the Potential Benefits of Collaborative Divorce for the Future Growth of Children and Families*. Barry University, Miami, Florida
- 2010 – 2011 Guest Lecturer, Ethics. *Consideration of Ethical Dilemmas in Interdisciplinary Collaborative Divorce*. Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida.
- 2010 Guest Lecturer, Family Systems, *Multiple Applications of Family Therapy*. Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, Florida
- 2010 - 2011 Graduate Assistant, Nova Southeastern University, Supervise master's external practicum students at North Side Elementary School, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

- 2009 – Present Florida State Approved MFT and MHC Supervisor –Provide ongoing supervision to registered interns, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida and The Family Network, Plantation Florida
- 2009 – Present External Practicum Site Supervisor Intern - Nova Southeastern University, Supervise external practicum students, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale Florida
- 2009 – 2011 AAMFT Supervisor Candidate – Brief Therapy Institute – Nova Southeastern University. Supervise practicum students, Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 2009 – Present Supervisor – Brief Therapy Institute – Nova Southeastern University. Supervise practicum students, Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

CERTIFICATIONS:

- 2009 –Present State of Florida Qualified Parenting Coordinator
- 2006 – Present Florida Supreme Court Family Mediator
- 2000 – Present State of Florida Approved Hypnotherapist
- 1999 – Present State of Florida Approved Provider of Hypnotherapy

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- 2009 – 2011 Volunteer Practicum Supervisor, Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 2008 – 2011 Volunteer Family Therapist, Brief Therapy Institute, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

- 1992 – 1997 Facilitator of "Parents, Children, and Divorce" for the Broward County Courts, a program mandated for divorcing parents, Broward County, Florida
- 1990 – 1999 Facilitator of parenting seminars for Broward County School's PTA's Head Start Program and CHADD Parent Groups, Broward County, Florida

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

Outstanding Contributions to Exceptional Children, Broward Council for Exceptional Children, 1982-1995 Outstanding Contributions to Project H.E.L.P., 1986-1994

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND MEMBERSHIPS:

- 2006-Present Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, State of Florida
- 1995-Present Licensed Mental Health Counselor, State of Florida
- Member of the American Counseling Association
- Clinical Fellow of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
- Member of the Broward County Mental Health Association
- Member of the Guild of Hypnotists
- Member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- Member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
- Board Member of the Collaborative Family Law Institute
- Board Member of the Collaborative Family Law Professionals of Florida
- Board Member of the Collaborative Family Law Council of Florida