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EDUCATION

- 2006-2008** **Children’s Hospital Los Angeles**
University of Southern California University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities (USC UCEDD) Center for Mental Health
Los Angeles, California
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Trauma Psychology (APA-accredited);
Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND)
Fellowship
- 2005-2006** **Saint John’s Child and Family Development Center**
Santa Monica, California
Predoctoral Internship, Child and Adolescent Psychology
(APA-accredited)
- 2001-2006** **Fuller Theological Seminary**
Graduate School of Psychology
Pasadena, California
Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (PsyD)
(APA-accredited)
Dissertation: Social support among foster and adoptive parents
(Qualitative)
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
- 2001-2003** **Fuller Theological Seminary**
Pasadena, California
Master of Arts in Theology
- 1994-1998** **University of California, San Diego**
La Jolla, California
Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Psychology
Minor in Classical Studies

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Licensed Psychologist in California (PSY 21990)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-Present** **Director of the Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology Program (APA-accredited)**
Azusa Pacific University
- 2012-Present** **Assistant Professor**
Department of Clinical Psychology, Azusa Pacific University
- 2011-2012** **Clinical Director**
Community Counseling Center, Azusa Pacific University
- 2011-2012** **Adjunct Faculty**
School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2003-2005** **Adjunct Faculty**
Undergraduate Department of Psychology, Azusa Pacific University

ACADEMIC ROLES AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012-Present** **Azusa Pacific University**
Azusa, CA
Director of the Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) in Clinical Psychology program
Assistant Professor

Responsibilities include: Overall operations of the PsyD program, including maintaining program accreditation by the American Psychological Association (APA); Oversight of the PsyD curriculum, including core faculty course assignment, adjunct faculty hiring, schedule, etc.; Ongoing training/support of adjunct faculty; Facilitation of recruitment and retention of students; Participation in department and university-wide leadership activities, such as Doctoral Studies Council and the APU Leadership Summit; Teaching courses in the PsyD program, such as Child/Adolescent Psychology, Psychology and Systems Theory, Advanced Trauma Assessment/Intervention; Chairing doctoral student dissertations; Research on topics related to child/adolescent psychology and trauma

- 2014-Present** **Private Practice**
Clinical Psychologist specializing in the assessment and treatment of trauma

Individual and family psychotherapy for children/adolescents impacted by traumatic stress; Psychological assessment of trauma exposure/impact on individuals seeking refugee/asylum status and individuals detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

2011-2012 **Azusa Pacific University**
Azusa, CA
Administrative Faculty
Clinical Director of the Community Counseling Center

Responsibilities included: Oversight of the day to day operations of the community mental health clinic and training clinic associated with Azusa Pacific University's Department of Graduate Psychology; Oversight and clinical supervision/training of Clinical Psychology students, MFT students, MSW students, and Predoctoral Psychology Interns (accredited by the California Association of Psychology Internship Council; CAPIC); Quality assurance of clinical work and documentation of student therapists; Assistance with clinical competency examinations, student dissertations, and other matters related to Azusa Pacific University's Department of Graduate Psychology

2011-2012 **Fuller Graduate School of Psychology**
Pasadena, CA
Adjunct Faculty

Taught doctorate-level coursework on Child and Adolescent Clinical Interventions

2009-2015 **Fuller Psychological and Family Services (FPFS)**
Pasadena, CA
Clinical Consultant

Provided weekly group consultation to advanced unlicensed trainees and post-doctoral fellows focused on cognitive behavioral therapy and trauma-focused therapy

2008-2011 **Children's Hospital Los Angeles**
University of Southern California University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities (USC UCEDD) Center for Mental Health
Los Angeles, California
Licensed Clinical Psychologist specializing in the treatment of
traumatized children/youth and their families;
Clinical Service Coordinator for services provided to Good Shepherd
Center for Homeless Women and Children

Offered trauma-focused psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and families impacted by trauma in a Department of Mental Health contracted community mental health outpatient clinic (CHLA USC UCEDD); Participated in CHLA's APA-accredited predoctoral internship and postdoctoral fellowship training program through individual/group supervision, didactic presentations, and other training roles; Rendered clinical supervision to unlicensed trainees in CHLA's APA-accredited predoctoral internship, APA-accredited postdoctoral fellowship, and social work fellowship; Presented annual Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral eight-hour training seminars to new clinicians and trainees at CHLA as well as other didactic seminars (e.g., Child Abuse Reporting, Limits of Confidentiality, etc.); Coordinated contract, supervised clinicians working under the contract, and provided on-site clinical services to Good Shepherd Center for Homeless

Women and Children (Los Angeles, CA), including individual, group, and/or family trauma focused therapy, and mental health consultation to Good Shepherd staff; Provided psychological assessment to children and adolescents in the areas of cognitive, academic, and socio-emotional functioning with particular focus on the impact of trauma on these areas of functioning; Participated in mental health assessments of children detained by Dept of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as part of CHLA's foster care hub and provide summary and treatment recommendations to DCFS; Facilitated group psychotherapy to children with developmental disabilities and their caregivers focused on abuse risk reduction; Facilitated group psychotherapy to children and parents utilizing the evidenced-based practice, The Incredible Years

2006-2008 **Children's Hospital Los Angeles**
University of Southern California University Center for Excellence in
Developmental Disabilities (USC UCEDD) Center for Mental Health
Los Angeles, California
Postdoctoral Fellow in Trauma Psychology

Under clinical supervision, offered trauma-focused psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and families impacted by trauma in a Department of Mental Health contracted community mental health outpatient clinic (CHLA USC UCEDD); Under clinical supervision, provided on-site clinical services to Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children (Los Angeles, CA), including individual, group, and/or family trauma focused therapy, and mental health consultation to Good Shepherd staff; Under clinical supervision, provided psychological assessment to children and adolescents in a Department of Mental Health contracted community mental health outpatient clinic (CHLA USC UCEDD); Participated in and completed the APA-accredited two year postdoctoral fellowship, including clinical services, clinical supervision, and didactic training; Participated in and completed the two-year Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Fellowship

2003-2005 **Azusa Pacific University**
Azusa, California
Adjunct Faculty in Undergraduate Department of Psychology

Taught the following undergraduate courses on multiple occasions: Cognition; Human Growth and Development; Personal and Social Adjustment

PUBLICATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Lehmann, C.S., Leung, C.A., Miller, I, and Girguis, S.M. (2021). An Action Research Framework for Religion and the Stigma of Suicide. *Religions*. 12:802.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12100802>

Page, C., Jones, H., Girguis, S., Wang, D., Seegobin, W., & Ripley, J.S. (2021, March). *Engaging students in Black Lives Matter and civil rights: A panel discussion*. Presented at Christian Association for Psychological Studies National conference, virtually.

- Chang, J., Blair, R.D., Tran, M., Meckes, S., Jun, A., Girguis, S., & Putman, K. (2020). Perspectives of Cambodian (Khmer) youth victims of sex trafficking on trauma symptomatology and healing: A qualitative study. *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Methods*.
- Barnes, M., Chege, C., Bustrum, J., & Girguis, S. (2018). Kenyan Street Boys: The effect of individual experiences on psychological well-being. *African Journal of Clinical Psychology*.
- Girguis, S. (2018, November, December). *Evidence-based Trauma-informed Psychotherapy for Syrian Children and Adolescents Impacted by War*. Invited 20-hour training for Psychologists and Psychiatrists from Syria, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Girguis, S. (2018, November). *Sexual Behaviors in Children with Developmental Disabilities*. Invited seminar for staff at the Beirut Baptist School, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Girguis, S. (2018, October, November). *Externalizing Behavior in Children/Adolescents; Termination with Children/Adolescents; Selective Mutism in Children/Adolescents; Eating Disorders in Children/Adolescents; Medical Trauma and Chronic Illness in Children/Adolescents; Internet and Gaming Overuse in Children/Adolescents; Coping Strategies for Traumatized Children/Adolescents with Developmental Disabilities*. Invited lecture series for the Lebanese Society for Educational Social Development, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Parke, J., Wheeler, H., & Girguis, S. (2018). *Child/adolescent refugee mental health: Clinical considerations for serving refugee youth resettling in the United States*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the National Conference in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology, Kansas City, MO.
- Blair, R., Chang, J., Putman, K., Girguis, S., & Jun, A. (2017). A review of sexual trauma and treatment in Cambodia. *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*.
- Girguis, S. (2017, November). *Trauma-informed Parenting*. Invited presentation at the Aka Para Sa Bata 2017 Child Protection Network Conference, Manila, Philippines.
- Girguis, S., Putman, K. (2017, November). *Evidence-based Trauma-informed Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescent in the Philippines*. Fifth of a multi-year grant-funded training of Philippine mental health professionals working with child/adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation and child abuse, Manila, Philippines.
- Girguis, S., Putman, K., Blair, R., & Chang, J. (2016, November). *Evidence-based Trauma-informed Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescent in the Philippines*. Fourth of a multi-year grant-funded training of Philippine mental health professionals working with child/adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation and child abuse, Baguio City, Philippines.

- Girguis, S. (2015, November). *Evidence-based Trauma-informed Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescent in the Philippines*. Third of a multi-year grant-funded training of Philippine mental health professionals working with child/adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation and child abuse, Cebu City, Philippines.
- Girguis, S., Putman, K., Blair, R., Chang, J. & Jun, A. (2015, March). *Evidence-based Trauma-informed Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescent in the Philippines*. Second of a multi-year grant-funded training of Philippine mental health professionals working with child/adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation and child abuse, Baguio City, Philippines.
- Girguis, S., Putman, K., Blair, R., Chang, J. & Jun, A. (2014, July). *Evidence-based Trauma-informed Psychotherapy for Children and Adolescent in the Philippines*. Grant-funded 40-hour training of Philippine mental health professionals working with child/adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation and child abuse, Baguio City, Philippines.
- Girguis, S. (2010, September). *The Impact of Trauma on Children/Youth and their Families*. Invited presentation to Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Los Angeles, CA.
- Girguis, S. (2010, February). *Providing Comprehensive, Family-Centered Services to Homeless and Traumatized Children*. Invited presentation at the Institute for Children and Poverty Conference; Philadelphia, PA

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Bouz, N., Tilton M, and Girguis, S (2021, October). *The Loss of Identity Among Syrian Children and Adolescents Displaced in Lebanon*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association (WPA) 100 Anniversary Convention, virtually.
- Howard, A., Girguis, S., & Martin, L. (2021, August). *Transgenerational Effects of Trauma Through Epigenetic Mechanisms: A Hopeful Perspective on Stress Vulnerability and Resilience*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, virtually.
- Howard, A., & Girguis, S (2021, April). *Incorporating Creative Art and Play Therapies into Evidenced-Based Intervention for Child and Adolescent Sexual Trauma: Evidence from Neuroscience*. Poster presented at the Midwest Neuropsychology Group Conference, virtually.
- Barrozo, D., Girguis, S., Putman, K., Chang, J., (2020, November). *Examining the understanding and practices of self-care among Philippine mental health workers*. Poster presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, virtually.

- Hilliard, A., Graham-Howard, M. G., Girguis, S., & Eaton, H. (2020, January). *Developing Global Commitment Through Social Activism, Curricular, and Research Efforts*. Poster presented at the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology Mid-Winter Conference, Carlsbad, CA.
- Girguis, S. (2016, March). *Incorporating Meaning Making into Trauma Therapy: An Integrative Adaptation to Evidence-Based Practice*. Presentation at the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS), Pasadena, CA.
- Blair, R., Chang, J., Girguis, S., Jun, A. & Putman, K.M. (2015, January). *Lessons from Cross-Cultural Research Informed by a Comprehensive Literature Review on Cambodian Survivors of Sex Trafficking and a Subsequent Visit to a Cambodian Agency that Serves this Population*. Paper presented at the National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Atlanta, GA.
- Shrier, P., Koch, W., Girguis, S., Swinton, J., Brock, B., & Young, A. (2015, June). *Healing Social Stigmas and Exclusionary Practices of Person's with Disabilities in Faith Communities*. Paper presented at the Society for Pastoral Theology, Denver, CO.
- Shrier, P., Girguis, S., & Shrier, C. (2015, July). *A Wesleyan Theological Response to Trauma for the 21st Century*. Paper presented at the Wesleyan Theology Society 50th Anniversary Meeting, Mt. Vernon, OH.
- Girguis, S., Chege, C., Scott, S., & Bustrum, J. (2014, January). *Engaging Students in Social Justice through International Clinical Training: Azusa Pacific University's Clinical Practicum in Nairobi, Kenya*. Presentation at the National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology (NCSPP) Mid-Winter Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Vaudrey, B., Ziesel, J., Girguis, S., & Chege, C. (2012, November). *Implementing Principles of Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy with Trauma-Exposed Children/Adolescents in Nairobi, Kenya*. Poster presented at the 29th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Los Angeles, CA.
- Girguis, S., MacLean, G., Scott, S., & Cheung, S. (2012, August). *Clinical Necessity of Assessing Child Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse for Dissociation Early in Treatment*. Poster presented at the 120th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
- Putman, K.M., Girguis, S., Quagliana, H., Foy, D.W. (2011, June). Motivators, Stressors and Sources of Support for Foster/Adoptive Parents in a Large Urban Area. In S. Walling (Chair), *Focus on Urban Families: Promoting Well-Being through Research and Education*. Symposium presented at the 2011 Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research in Action, Chicago, IL.

- Girguis, S. & Orellana, B. (2008, September). *Applying Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Group Therapy with Homeless Children*. Workshop presentation at the 13th Annual International Conference of Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT), San Diego, CA.
- Havens, L., Girguis, S., & Ayres, J. (2007, September). *Providing Comprehensive, Family-Centered Services to Homeless Trauma Survivors*. Keynote Address at the 12th Annual International Conference of Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT), San Diego, CA.
- Rogers, K., Shuman, T., Chavez, V., & Girguis, S. (2007, August). *Culturally Sensitive Abuse Prevention for Children with Developmental Disabilities*. Symposium presentation at the 115th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2018-2020** Awarded \$8,625 from the APU Faculty Research Council to conduct qualitative interviews in Lebanon focused on the experience of Syrian refugees in Lebanon and the experience of the Lebanese aid workers who are serving the Syrian refugees in Lebanon.
- 2017-2018** Awarded \$10,000 from the APU Faculty Research Council to collect qualitative data to assist in developing a culturally based model of supervision for the Trauma-Informed Philippine Psychosocial Processing developed by our research team in July 2014.
- 2015-2016** Awarded \$7,650 from the APU Faculty Research Council to collect qualitative data to monitor fidelity to the Culturally Adapted Trauma-Informed Philippine Psychosocial Processing developed by our research team in July 2014.
- 2014-2015** Awarded \$5,941 from the APU Faculty Research Council to conduct qualitative interviews with lay counselors who work with youth rescued from sex trafficking and commercial exploitation in the Philippines in collaboration with the International Justice Mission.
- 2013-2014** Awarded \$10,000 grant from the APU Faculty Research Council to conduct qualitative research project in Cambodia equipping caregivers to work with youth rescued from sex trafficking in a culturally sensitive way.

HONORS

- 2018-2019** **Faculty of the Year Award**
Azusa Pacific University School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences
- 2016-2017** **Outstanding Contribution to the Department**
Azusa Pacific University Department of Graduate Psychology
- 2008** **Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Leadership Award**
University of Southern California and Children’s Hospital Los Angeles,
University Center for Excellence and Developmental Disabilities
(UCEDD)

PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS

Girguis, S. & Graham-Howard, M. (2015). *Doctor of Psychology self-study for the Commission on Accreditation*, American Psychological Association

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2017-Present** **American Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African Psychological Association (AMENA-Psy)**
Founding Member
- 2006-Present** **International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS)**
- 2003-Present** **American Psychological Association (APA)**
Division 52: International Psychology
Division 56: Trauma Psychology

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020 –Present** **Mosaic Education Initiative**
Non-profit organization focused on “equipping future leaders through mentorship, resources, and educational opportunities
- 2019-Present** **Matthew 25 / Mateo 25 So Cal**
Faith-rooted organizing non-profit focused on immigration justice
- 2019-Present** **Speak up for the Poor**
International non-governmental organization focused on justice, education, and empowerment for impoverished girls in Bangladesh and elsewhere