

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2018 Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, WI  
D.A.T. Art Therapy  
Dissertation title: *Art therapy with refugee girls: 'My soul was dancing'*  
Doctoral committee members: Bruce Moon, Chris Belkofer, Lynn Kapitan, Bibhuti Sar, and Jenni Burnet
- 2003 University of Louisville, Louisville, KY  
Master of Arts, Expressive Therapies  
Thesis Title: *From pictures to words: Art therapy as a vocabulary-building tool*
- 1991 University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia  
Bachelor of Arts, College of Journalism and Mass Communication

### LICENSING AND CREDENTIALS

- National Board Certification Art Therapy Credentials Board, 2007- present
- Licensure Licensed Professional Art Therapist, Kentucky, 2010-present

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Adjunct Professor, Graduate Art Therapy**

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY (2009-2012, 2019-present)

- Graduate art therapy adjunct faculty
- Courses taught: Research in Art Therapy and Counseling; Multicultural Issues in Counseling

#### **Instructor, Graduate Art Therapy**

Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, WI (2007-2014)

- Intensive weekend elective course taught: Special Issues in Child Art Therapy

#### **Adjunct Faculty, Undergraduate Art and Humanities**

Jefferson Community and Technical Colleges, Louisville, KY (2007-2011)

- Courses taught: Introduction to Art Education, Workshop in Design Education

## **Guest Lectures**

- 2016 *Working with New Americans*, guest speaker for Multicultural Art Therapy course, Mount Mary University Graduate Art Therapy Program, Milwaukee, WI
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- 2009 *An Introduction to Somali Bantu Culture: Working with Somali Bantu Clients*, invited presentation, University of Louisville Medical School, OB-GYN residents, Louisville, KY
- 2007 *An Introduction to Art Therapy with Refugee Children*, guest speaker, Graduate Art Therapy Program, Adler Institute, Chicago, IL

## **APPLIED EDUCATION AND ART THERAPY EXPERIENCE**

### **Education and Outreach Specialist**, 2022 to present, full time

The Compassionate Schools Project, University of Virginia, Louisville, KY

- Serve as lead implementation support for twenty schools implementing a mindfulness-based health and wellness curriculum for elementary school
- Contributing author for the Flourish curriculum's student workbooks
- Plan and provide professional development, training, and ongoing coaching for elementary school teachers delivering the CSP curriculum
- Provide professional development, curriculum consultation and program coordination to additional educators within local schools and partnering organizations
- Conceptualize, develop, and facilitate new offerings and programs, in alignment with overall strategic vision of the organization
- Conceptualize and develop new outreach initiatives, retreats, and events that serve the organization's target audiences
- Design marketing materials and plan promotional activities related to course offerings
- Provide tech support as needed for educators with SIS platforms (Schoology, PowerSchool)
- Plan resources to meet organizational aims
- Procure course materials and supplies, setting and maintaining appropriate budget documentation
- Assist with quality control on an assessment for the CSP research study (Alexis Harris)

### **Mental Health Practitioner**, 2019-2022, full time

Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, KY

- Provided evidence-based mental health interventions addressing moderate to severe mental health needs based on identified risk factors, and universal screenings
- Promoted student physical, mental, psychosocial health and well-being
- Provided therapeutic supports and preventative care for students and families in person and through telehealth
- Served on District-wide crisis support team
- Provided acute crisis support for students and staff
- Facilitated professional development workshops on art therapy, trauma, mindfulness, and self-care for District-wide staff
- Designed marketing materials to promote events
- Served as lead support for Trauma Informed Care with staff in the building

- Collaborated with coworkers, District staff, families, and community agencies
- Crafted a staff self-care workshop that served as model for other schools
- Wrote, distributed staff newsletter on trauma, emotional regulation

**School Counselor**, 2017-2019, full time

Saint Leonard Community School, Louisville, KY

- Provided evidence-based mental health interventions addressing moderate to severe mental health needs
- Primary support for students and staff with conflict resolution, crisis management
- Provided leadership in school's transition to self-directed learning model
- Supported staff, students, and families in crisis across the Archdiocese
- Mentor and leader in the innovative *20% Time* course for middle school students
- Developed proficiency with G-Suite, Sycamore and utilized Google Classroom
- Created participatory art installations to build community
- Provided engaging instruction on social skills, conflict management
- Developed therapeutic groups in response to students' needs
- Created, implemented and evaluated programming to build empathy, leadership skills, and family engagement
- Offered teachers and staff instruction on trauma-sensitive education methods
- Managed volunteer staff for special events

**Therapist and consultant**, December 2014 - present, 2-5 hours per week

Private practice, Louisville, KY

- Offer therapeutic interventions for clients of all ages in private practice and as a consultant in medical, education and community settings
- Past clients include Norton Hospital, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville Metro Parks, Jefferson County Public Schools

**Senior Therapist**, January 2016 -July 2017 full time, 40 hours per week

June 2015 - January 2016 part time, 20 hours per week

Centerstone/Seven Counties Services, LaGrange, KY

- Provided clinical services, including psychosocial assessments, crisis intervention and group, individual and family therapy
- Assessed new patients across functional domains to determine diagnoses and plan treatment
- Independently planned, developed, implemented, and evaluated comprehensive treatment for individual patients
- Served on multi-disciplinary treatment team
- Experienced in conflict resolution, linkage to community services and crisis intervention
- Appeared in county court to advocate for children and their families in custody hearings
- Developed proficiency with Avatar, an electronic medical records system
- Helped clients recognize and build upon personal strengths to meet current challenges
- Collaborated with court systems, medical professionals, schools, community agencies and families for the greater good of clients

**Art Therapist Doctoral Intern**, 2015- 2017, unpaid, 5 hours per week

Newcomer Academy, Jefferson County Public Schools, Louisville, KY

- Facilitated therapeutic groups for newly arrived middle, high school students
- Created arts and humanities lessons based on social-emotional learning for middle, high school students
- Collaborated with teachers, school counselor to support immigrant, refugee youth

- Provided instruction to support the grant-funded project, *Anne Frank: Bearing Witness Project*
- Conducted research on the benefits of art therapy with refugee and immigrant youth

**Youth Program Manager**, July 2011- December 2014, 40 hours per week

March 2011-July 2011, 8 hours per month

September 2010-2011, 4 hours per month

Gilda's Club Louisville, Louisville, KY

- Planned, developed and implemented comprehensive programming for children affected by cancer
- Facilitated group, family and individual therapy sessions for children and adults
- Conducted assessments to plan comprehensive support for adults
- Created, planned and implemented a state-wide essay contest
- Performed planning, assessment, analysis, and budgeting of programming
- Offered outreach and programming for local schools
- Utilized Raiser's Edge, Microsoft Office Suite
- Assisted with grant reporting, represented the organization in television and radio
- Assessed clients of all ages and connected them with appropriate resources
- Collaborated with hospitals, schools and nonprofits to support clients
- Offered school-based and center-based group therapy for youth connected to cancer
- Managed, supervised and trained interns and volunteers working with youth
- Facilitated groups, individual and family sessions for youth and adults
- Supported families via crisis intervention, home and hospital visits

**Art Therapist**, Pro-bono,

September - November 2014, 2 hours per week

Survivors of Torture Recovery Center, Louisville, KY

- Facilitated a 10-week art group for women who had survived torture

**Art therapist**, Pro-bono

April - June 2013, 2 hours per week

Hope Academy, Louisville, KY

- Led classroom-based art therapy sessions for adolescent boys from Burma at risk of school failure

**Contractor**, 2007 - 2011

Newcomer Academy, Louisville, KY

- Provided art therapy to refugee and immigrant middle/high school students
- Led therapy groups for clients from Iraq, Burma, Somalia, Mexico, Cuba

**Contract Art Therapist**,

June 2004-2007

Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Louisville, KY

- Provided group, individual therapy sessions for refugee children
- Care included center-based groups, school and home visits, work with parents
- Created art installations for the agency; facilitated art exhibitions with community partners
- Helped develop the KRM Family Center
- Collaborated with JCPS, Seven Counties Services, and other nonprofits to apply for funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

## **CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIA PRESENTATIONS**

- Daod, E., Kapitan, L., Beasley, J., Bardot, H., Feen-Calligan, H. (2019), *Master class: Art therapy with refugee and migrant populations* [Panel presentation], American Art Therapy Association 2019 Conference, Kansas City, MO, United States.
- Welsh, E. & Beasley, J. (2016), *Hooping for wholeness* [Juried experiential workshop], 2016 Buckeye Art Therapy Association Symposium, Columbus, OH, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2014), *Cancer in the classroom* [Juried presentation], 2014 Conference of the Kentucky School Counselor Association, Lexington, KY, United States.
- Beasley, J. & Welsh, E. (2013), *The sum of our beautiful parts* [Juried experiential workshop], Buckeye Art Therapy Association 2013 Symposium, Columbus, OH, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2009), *Refilling the well: Self-care tools for resettlement agency staff* [Invited experiential workshop], 2009 Tri-Agency Conference, Detroit, MI, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2008), *Expressive activities with immigrant and refugee children* [Invited presentation], Warren County Public Schools, Bowling Green, KY, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2008), *Working with refugees and immigrants: Issues for mental health professionals* [Juried presentation], Kentucky Art Therapy Association, Louisville, KY, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2008, November 20), *Creating mandalas for self-care: An introduction to art therapy for resettlement agency staff* [Invited experiential workshop], Episcopal Migration Ministries, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2007), *Art therapy with refugee youth in a resettlement agency setting*, [Juried presentation], 2007 National Immigrant and Refugee Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2007), *Art therapy with refugee youth in a resettlement agency setting* [Juried presentation], 2007 National Immigrant and Refugee Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Beasley, J. (2007), *Art therapy with refugee children*, [Juried presentation], 2007 Buckeye Art Therapy Association Symposium, Columbus, OH.
- Beasley, J. (2006), *Art therapy with refugee children* [Invited presentation], 2006 Network of American Torture Treatment Providers, Center for Victims of Torture, Louisville, KY, United States.

## **JURIED AND INVITATIONAL ART EXHIBITS**

- 2012 *Dia de Los Muertos* Exhibit, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, (Invited group show); mixed media
- 2011 Colorfest, Bernheim Arboretum, (Group show); mixed media

2010 New Leaves for New Lives Exhibition, University of Louisville Kain Rare Book Gallery, Center for Women and Families (Invited group show); mixed media

### **PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

2020 Fran P. Mainella Play Conference Scholarship, U.S. Play Coalition  
2010 Faculty Favorite Nominee, University of Louisville

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **American Art Therapy Association (AATA)**

2020, 2021 Proposal Reviewer for AATA's Annual Conference

#### **Jefferson County Public Schools**

2020-2021 Technology/Backpack of Success Committee, Cochran Elementary

2019-2021 Student Success Team, Cochran Elementary

- Collaborated with multi-disciplinary team to support student well-being
- Offered student-specific trauma-sensitive strategies for de-escalation
- Mentored seasoned and new teachers in support of students who have survived trauma

2019-2021 Crisis Support Team

- Member of District-wide response team
- Offered crisis intervention virtually and in-person
- Provided individual, small group, and large group supports for grief, loss and trauma

2019-2020 Culture and Climate Committee, Cochran Elementary

#### **Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB)**

##### Appointments

2019 Continuing Education Sub-committee

- Reviewed policies and made recommendations for process to approve continuing education providers

#### **Kentucky Art Therapy Association (KYATA)**

##### State Elected Offices

2016-2017 Treasurer

- Managed finances and created monthly balance sheets
- Planned continuing education offerings and applied for CEUs through NBCC
- Assisted board president as needed when president-elect resigned

##### Appointments

2008-2009 Newsletter Editor

2006-2007 Co-Chair, Nominating Committee

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Beasley, J. (March 2010). Review of Lark Books' *Pretty little book* series, *KYATA Clarion*, 4(1), 3.

Beasley, J. (March 2010). Coloring outside the lines: Lani Gerrity's e-courses, *KYATA Clarion*, 4, (1), 3.

Beasley, J. (March 2010). Dr. Myra Levick returns to Louisville, *KYATA Clarion*, 4(1), 3.

Beasley, J. (May 2009). Book review: *Art as a way of knowing* by Pat Allen, *KYATA Clarion*, 3(2), 3-4.

Beasley, J. (June 2008). Coloring outside the lines: Cathy Malchiodi and Melissa Solorzano, *KYATA Clarion*, 1(2), 7.

Beasley-Jost, J. (1996, Aug./Sept.). From landscapes to portraits: An art journey. *Momentum*, 27 (3), 12-14.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2015-2022 Crescent Hill Community Council, Louisville, KY
  - Volunteer
  
- 2019 Congress for New Urbanism, 27th Annual Conference, Louisville, KY
  - Volunteer
  
- 2019 Kentucky Solar Energy Society
  - Assisted with planning of annual state conference
  - Wrote articles for state newsletter
  
- 2008-2019 Brown School
  - Quick Recall reader (2016-2019)
  - Sculpture instructor with after-school enrichment program (2014)
  - Provided art instruction in elementary classrooms (2008-2009)
  
- 2013-2014 Turner's Circus
  - Costume maker for annual community circus
  
- 2013-14 Enchanted Arts
  - Open Studio volunteer
  
- 2013 Lily Yeh Workshop
  - Assisted Yeh with community-based art workshops designed to increase racial equity through the arts
  
- 2009-2012 15,000 Farmers
  - Newsletter Editor (2011)
  - Member (2009-2012)
  
- 2005-2006 Safe Harbor Committee
  - Collaborated with staff from local school system, community mental health agency, and other nonprofits to eliminate systemic barriers to mental health care for refugees