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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

PhD candidate, Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Anticipated May 2018
Dissertation proposal: *Biopsychosocial Recovery From Service-Related Genitourinary (GU) Injuries: Subsequent Attitudes on Family Development, Quality of Life, and Fertility Treatment*
Committee chair: James Martin
PhD Qualifying exam completed: March 2015

MSW, Boston College, Graduate School of Social Work, 2007

BA, Boston College, Lynch School of Education, 2006

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

2012-present *Shady Grove Fertility Center*, Washington DC metro area

- Provide comprehensive biopsychosocial assessments and psychoeducational consultations for third-party reproduction
- Provide individual, couple, and group counseling for ongoing support through reproductive health issues

2011- present *Covington and Hafkin & Associates*, Private Practice, Washington DC metro area

- Provide individual and couple therapy to adults dealing with a number of issues (e.g. life adjustment, marriage, reproductive health, etc.)

2017-present *Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Red Cross volunteer*, Bethesda, MD

- Researching service members' experience with infertility post-injury

PAST EMPLOYMENT

2013-2016 *National Institute of Health (NIH), Reproductive and Adult Endocrinology*, Bethesda, MD

- Researching patients' current medical and psychosocial needs around Primary Ovarian Insufficiency (POI)

2010-2014 *United Health Services, Inc. (UHS), First Home Care*, Washington, DC

- Provided individual ongoing therapy and comprehensive diagnostic assessments and treatment planning for children, adolescent, and adults receiving Medicaid

2011-2012 *Bethany House, Shelter for Domestic Violence*, Alexandria, VA

- Provided group therapy to children age six to eighteen residing in a domestic violence emergency shelter

2007-2010 *My Sister's Place, Emergency Services Center for Domestic Violence*, Washington, DC

- Provided individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, and case management services to adults and children who experienced trauma
- Provided education to local resources around domestic violence

PUBLICATIONS (Books)

Covington, L. (2016). Psychological Aspects of Infertility Post-War Injury. In: *Intimacy Post-Injury*, Ritchie, E.C., ED. Oxford University Press.

Mindes, E. & Covington, L. (2015). Counseling Known Participants in Third Party Reproduction. In: *Fertility Counseling: Clinical Guide and Case Studies*, Covington, S., ED. Cambridge University Press.

RESEARCH (Peer-reviewed Abstract Presentations)

Personal experiences and health promotion behaviors in chronic management of Primary Ovarian Insufficiency. Wallen, G., Brooks, A., **Covington, L.**, Miller-Davis, C., Sterling, E., Eads, C., Prodanov, T., Rafique, M., Davis, M. & Nelson, L. April 2014 (*Society for Behavioral Medicine*).

Waiting for pregnancy test results following in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer (IVF/ET) or intrauterine insemination (IUI): Will giving patients a card help them cope? **Covington, L.**, Toll, C., Sachs, P., Mindes, E., Deweese, M., & Richter, K. October 2012 (*Fertility and Sterility*, Volume 98, Issue 3, S46).

ARTICLES

IVF4Vets Legal Update and What Mental Health Professionals Should Know. Stephanie Caballero, Esq. and Laura Covington, MSW. ASRM MHPG Newsletter. Spring 2017.

Procreation or Recreation? Sex During Infertility. Shady Grove Fertility blog. February 2016.

It takes two "I"s to create intimacy during infertility. Shady Grove Fertility blog. February 2015.

PRESENTATIONS

Ethical aspects of Embryo Donation. American Society of Reproductive Medicine 2017 Scientific Congress: Clinical session. San Antonio, Texas. October 31, 2017.

Navigating the Emotional Minefield: Helping Veterans and Their Partners Cope with Combat-Injury Acquired Infertility. American Society of Reproductive Medicine 2016 Scientific Congress: Roundtable presentation. Salt Lake City, Utah. October 18, 2016.

Psychological Aspects of Combat-injury Acquired Infertility. Connections Group of the Mental Health Professional Group. Teleconference. October 10, 2016.

Psychological and Emotional Reaction to Infertility. Barker Adoption Foundation, Bethesda, MD. June 2016.

Introduction to Infertility. Maternal, Child, & Family Health at University of Maryland, School of Public Health, College Park, MD. February 2016.

Setting Boundaries and Limits with Patients: A Panel Discussion. Shady Grove University Course, Fairfax, VA. January 2016.

Introduction to Infertility. Maternal, Child, & Family Health at University of Maryland, School of Public Health, Rockville, MD. October 2015.

PCOS: Stress and Coping. Shady Grove Fertility, Rockville, MD. September 2013.

Domestic Violence/Crisis Intervention. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Washington, DC. November 2009.

Teen Dating Violence. DC Public School. Washington, DC. May 2009.

Domestic Violence and the Consequences. Department of Human Services, Washington, DC. Ongoing education trainer 2009-2010.

ASSOCIATIONS, HONORS, AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Support Group Oversight Committee (SGOC) Chair, *RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association*, 2016-present

Membership Committee, *Mental Health Professional Group*, The American Society for Reproductive, 2016-present

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), District of Columbia, October 2009-present

Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C), State of Maryland, January 2010-present

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), State of Virginia, January 2010-present

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), State of Pennsylvania, October 2012-present

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

Fertility Counseling Study Group, Shady Grove Fertility Center, Rockville, Maryland, September 2011-June 2012

Group Therapy Work, Washington School of Psychiatry, District of Columbia, March 2010

Certified Domestic Violence Advocate, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, District of Columbia, June 2008

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Safe Shores, District of Columbia, April 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS (current and past)

The American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)

European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)

The Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Workers (GWSCSW)

Mental Health Professional Group (MHPG) of ASRM

RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)