

Kelly Stidham Kennedy
PhD, LMFT, RPT/S, AAMFT Approved Supervisor

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

2006-2011	PhD
2006-2012	The University of Georgia Child and Family Development Marriage and Family Therapy Specialization
2006-2008	MS The University of Georgia Child and Family Development
2002-2006	BA Clemson University Psychology Sociology Minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:

2020-present	Owner Modern Wellness Family Counseling, LLC Spartanburg, SC
2011-2020	Assistant Professor and Program Director Department of Education and Graduate Studies Marriage and Family Therapy Program Converse College
2012-2020	Clinical Faculty Emerge Therapy Clinic Spartanburg, SC
2011-2020	Therapist and Partner Magnolia Counseling Associates Spartanburg, SC
2012-2014	Facilitator Mind-Body Groups at Center for Health and Healing Spartanburg Regional Medical Center Spartanburg, SC
2011-2012	Adjunct Faculty Member Psychology Department University of South Carolina Upstate

2006-2011	Doctoral Research Assistant Department of Child and Family Development The University of Georgia Stephanie Burwell, PhD
2010-2011	Doctoral Intern and Therapist Westgate Training Clinic Spartanburg, SC
2007-2010	Student Therapist McPhaul Family Therapy Clinic Athens, Georgia
2008-2011	Student Therapist and Group Co-facilitator PREPARE Premarital Counseling Research Project Athens, Georgia
Summer 2009	Graduate Research Assistant Department of Social Work The University of Georgia Kimberly Clay, PhD
2007-August 2009	Student Therapist Life Skills Initiative In-home Therapy Project Athens, Georgia
2007	Student Athlete Tutor The University of Georgia
2008	Student Therapist Relational Financial Therapy Project Athens, Georgia
2006-2007	Cofacilitator: Parenting Class Interfaith Hospitality Network Athens, Georgia
2005-2006	Undergraduate Research Assistant Clemson University Psychology Department
January 2005-April 2005	Volunteer Developmental Center for Exceptional Children Anderson, South Carolina
2003-2004	Senior Staff/Copy Editor Clemson University <i>The Tiger</i> Newspaper

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

2010-present	Delta Kappa Honors Society Faculty Advisor
2008-2016	Clemson Alumni Association Alumni Mentor (2009-2016) Alumni Loyalty Board, Development Committee Chair (2010-2016)
2006-present	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Member
2010-2018	South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Board Member, Clinical Member
2006-2010	Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Student Member
2006-2010	Graduate Student Organization Treasurer (2007) Quint State Housing Committee (2009-2010)

CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSURE:

2018	Registered Play Therapist Registered Play Therapy Supervisor
2014	AAMFT Approved Supervisor Designation SC State Approved Supervisor
2012	Pre-professional Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy
2012	Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure
2006	PREPARE/ENRICH Counselor (Lifetime Certification)

HONORS AND AWARDS:

2011	Westgate Supervisor Training Fellowship
2010	Westgate Post-Degree Fellowship
2010	Dissertation Completion Award
2010	Endsley-Peifer Student Research Award
2010	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
2009	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Thesis Award

2009	Rosabelle Carr Koelsche Scholarship
2006-2007	Blue Key Honors Society for distinguished leaders
2004-2006	Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society
2004-2006	Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society
2002-2006	Palmetto Fellows Scholarship

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS:

***Note Name change from Stidham to Kennedy**

Burwell, S. R., Templeton, G. B., & Stidham, K. (2007). Dyadic Satisfaction among Younger Women with Breast Cancer. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Long Beach, CA.

Kennedy, K. & Burwell, S. R. (2009). Sexuality among Breast Cancer Patients in Current Treatment. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Sacramento, CA.

Kennedy, K., Burwell, S. R., Templeton, G. B., & Zak-Hunter, L. (2008). Sexual Function Among Younger Women with Breast Cancer. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Memphis, TN.

Kennedy, K.S., & Szarzynski, A. (2015). Solution Focused Therapy with Couples. South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Columbia, SC.

Langbehn, K., Szarzynski, A., Kennedy, K., & Keen, R. (2018). Impact of a Support Person on Therapeutic Outcomes. South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Conference. Spartanburg, SC.

Stidham, K. (2007). Parental Influences on Prepubertal Pediatric Bipolar Disorder. Georgia Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference. Athens, GA.

Stidham, K. (2007). Medical Family Therapy as a Treatment for Pediatric Bipolar Disorder. Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Spring Conference. St. Simons Island, GA.

Stinson, M., Kennedy, K., & Burwell, S. (2010). Characteristics of Men Coping with Breast Cancer in Women. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Atlanta, GA.

Szarzynski, A., Kennedy, K., & Dumouchel, C. (October 2017). Model of Military Spouses' Experiences and How MFTs Can Help; American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Atlanta, GA. Accepted for presentation.

Zak-Hunter, L., Templeton, G. B., Burwell, S. R., & Kennedy, K. (2008). Initiation of Relationship Discussions in Young Women with Breast Cancer. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Memphis, TN.

PUBLICATIONS:

Burwell, S. R., Templeton, G. B., Stidham, K., & Zak-Hunter, L. (2008). Feminist-informed medical family therapy principles and techniques across biopsychosocial systems levels for younger women with breast cancer and their partners. *The Journal of Feminist Family Therapy, 20*, 99-125.

Kennedy, K. S., Godlas, A., Gale, J., & Parker, M. L. (2010). Building bridges: Cross-disciplinary collaboration between family therapy and Islamic studies. *Muslim Mental Health, 5*(3), 350-367.

Kennedy, K. S., & Rollins, P. (2016). You do what you got to do: African American women's perspectives of managing breast cancer. *ABNF Journal*, fall, 92-98.

Kennedy, K. S., Szarzynski, A., & Bautista, I. (2018). Circular questioning in Milan Systemic Therapy. In J. L. Lebow et al.'s (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Couple and Family Therapy*.

Kennedy, K. (2013). Rural African American Families. *Family Therapy Magazine*.

GRANTS:

Chappell-McPhail, M., Kennedy, K. S., & Kimbrell, S. (2013). Postpartum's Voice. Spartanburg Regional Foundation Grant, \$7,785.00.

Kennedy, K. S., & Richardson, S. (2019). Voices of women experiencing postpartum: the unique coping experiences of young black women from the South. Faculty Development Grant, \$2200.00.

Kennedy, K. S. (2013). Factor's that Promote Endocrine Adherence among African American Women with Breast Cancer. Converse College Summer Faculty Research Grant, \$2200.00.

Langbehn, K., Szarzynski, A., Keen, R., & Kennedy, K. (2017). Involving a Support Person in Therapy with Individuals with a History of Trauma. SCICU Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program, \$4900.00.

Szarzynski, A., & Kennedy, K. S. (2017). Clinic Research Start Up. Faculty Development Grant, \$2200.00.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE:

2018-present	Chair-Department of Marriage and Family Studies
2018-present	Graduate Council-Marriage and Family Therapy
2016-2018	Faculty Representative-Converse Honor Board
2014-2017	SACSCOC Reaffirmation Leadership Team
2014	Ad hoc Committee-Service Animal Policy
2014-2018	LEAD Enrollment Committee
	Communications Subcommittee
2014	Head of Faculty Search Committee for Marriage and Family Therapy Assistant Professor
2014-present	Program Director of Marriage and Family Therapy

2013-2014	Program Clinical Director of Marriage and Family Therapy Program
2013-2016	Curricular Programs Committee
2013-present	Graduate Admissions Committee
2013-present	Director of COAMFTE Maintenance and Compliance at Converse College
2013-2017	Biannual MFT Licensure Application Tutorial
2013-present	Leader for Program Orientation for Marriage and Family Therapy Program
2013-present	Faculty Advisor, Delta Kappa Honors Society
2010-2012	MFT Exam Review Course

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2015	Provider of Continuing Education, Working with Challenging Supervisees, Middle Tyger Community Center, Spartanburg, SC
2014	Evaluator, Senior Project Seminar
2014	Panelist, Pregnancy Resource Forum, Converse College
2014	Guest Speaker, How to Conduct Semi-Structured Interviews, Birth Matters, Spartanburg, SC
2013	Guest Speaker, How to Communicate with Your Child When Trauma Strikes, Spartanburg Day School, Spartanburg, SC
2012	Presenter, Communication for Partners of Men with Prostate Cancer, Men's Sexual Health Symposium, Gibb's Cancer Center, Spartanburg, SC

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

2014-present	Cancer Association of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties
2014-2018	South Carolina Association for Marriage and Family Therapists, Member-at-Large

2013-2015

Clemson University Business and Behavioral
Science Alumni Loyalty Board, Chair of
Development Committee