

CURRICULUM VITAE
ELIZABETH ANNE RILEY
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HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ PhD candidate, Sydney University
- ❖ Experienced educator & supervisor
- ❖ Counsellor in Private Practice
- ❖ Extensive experience counselling in gender issues and sexuality
- ❖ Consultant & Counsellor in Ethical Intelligence & Good Decision-making at St James Ethics Centre
- ❖ Commitment to ongoing professional education
- ❖ Dedication to excellence in service and personal growth

WORK EXPERIENCE

- PhD Candidate at Sydney University (2007- present)
 - Research title: Gender Variant Children: Views of Professionals, Parents and Transgender Adults
 - Organized Sydney support group for parents of gender variant children in response to participant requests
 - Interviews on ABC radio national and Melbourne radio stations
 - Newspaper articles in Sun Herald and Sydney Star Observer
- Educator at Jansen Newman Institute (JNI) (2006- present), the Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)(2005-2008) and at College of Holistic Counselling (2004-2005)
 - Have written and currently teach 4-day *Human Sexuality: Myths & Realities* sexuality training for counsellors & psychotherapists (2008 -) As a consequence of which, a core lecture has been included in general training. (See appendix A for student feedback)
 - Post-Graduate educator in: Research methodology and practicum, Counselling Skills, Social, Legal & Ethical, Gender & Sexuality, Counselling in Loss, Family & Relationships and Human Development. (2005-2009)
 - Constructed *Professional Values & Ethics* for Counsellors, a 12 session module (36 hrs) (2004)
- Senior Educator: Australian College of Applied Psychology
 - Facilitating dialogue resolving issues/conflicts with students or educators
 - Professional Development organisation for Educators and where necessary, delivery.
 - Reviewing training programs/modules
 - Teaching Undergraduate, Post-graduate and Masters level
 - Marking assignment appeals

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- Counsellor at The St James Ethics Centre (2003 - present)
 - Volunteer counselling at St James Ethics Centre counselling in ethical decision-making in business or personal issues

- Consultant to St James Ethics Centre (2007 - present)
 - Facilitating the *Ethical Intelligent & Good Decision Making* (EI&GDM) program for business leaders & managers in corporate, public and not-for-profit organisations
 - Delivery of EI&GDM:
 - the Deaf Society of NSW (May, 2007)
 - the Smith Family (September, 2007)
 - Riverwood Community Centre (June, 2008)
 - CSIRO (August, 2008)

- Supervise professionals working with transgender/transsexual clients (2000 - present)

- Casual lecturer at Sydney University (2008 - present)
 - Tutor and Practicum teacher in Sexual Health Counselling as part of the *Masters in Sexual Health*, lecturing where required especially in specific areas of transgender issues and counselling skills

- Private Practice (2006 - present)
 - Counselling individuals, couples & youth, including DoCs referrals, issues include; domestic violence, sexuality issues, self-esteem, anxiety, childhood abuse, relationships, family, depression, HIV, gender, addictions and dissociative disorders
 - Counselling transgender clients and families, including DoCs referrals, dealing with concerns including transition, self-esteem, suicide, reassignment surgery, cross-dressing, discrimination, employment, illness, isolation, depression, finances, relationships, disclosure, career, sexuality and function, body image, families, grief & loss, death, divorce, drug & alcohol issues, sex work, cross-dressing, abuse & personal safety issues.
 - Supervisor of Counsellors

- Chair of Ethics Committee, Counsellors and Psychotherapists' Association CAPA and on CAPA executive (2003 - 2006)
 - Chaired Ethics Committee meetings facilitating; responses to member's ethical enquiries, ethical contributions to 'Counsellor' magazine, updating CAPA's Complaints procedure and Code of Ethics and processing complaints

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- Industry representative on External Review Panel for Nature Care College's accreditation of the Diploma of Holistic Counselling and Life Care. (2006)
- Counselling individuals, couples and families at the Gender Centre. (June '99 – Dec 2005)
 - Assessed clients supplying referrals, ran support groups, liaised with and supported/supervised other professionals and student placements, and case management for residents at Gender Centre.
 - Provided assessments of client capabilities and needs for other professionals including reports for MtF inmates to be transferred to the correction facility of their preferred gender.
 - Fostered relationships and network with a variety of organizations and other professionals including psychiatrists, GP's, psychologists, Sexual Health Clinics, social workers and case managers, counsellors and others who needed advice, supervision or support for their transgender clients
 - Provided supervision, training, guidance and reports for students of counselling and social work degrees on placement from a variety of educational institutions including Universities, Counselling colleges and TAFEs.
- Coached manager at NorthAIDS (2001 - 2002)
- Counselling, face to face and telephone, at the AIDS Council of NSW (ACON), individuals, couples and families. (1997 - 1999)
 - Worked within the Counselling team in the HIV Living Unit, ACON and contributing to team support for suicide, mental health, domestic violence, housing requirements etc.
 - Counselling Gay & HIV+ clients dealing with concerns about sexuality preferences and practices, employment, sexual abuse, disclosure, PTSD, Obsessive-compulsive disorders, D & A issues, depression, self-esteem, suicide & grief, providing referrals where appropriate.
- Support volunteer on team at Love, Intimacy & Sexuality workshops (1995-2000)
 - Group leader, team organiser, led reunions and trainings in a volunteer capacity for Human Awareness Australia in liaison with the Human Awareness Institute US.
- Previously a director & computer software specialist at Softlink Australia (1982-1984) and a programmer in *Natural & Adibas* at the NSW Liquor Licensing Bureau (1983-1985)

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PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, PAPERS, ETC

- 2 day Professional Development Training in Sexuality to Anglicare counsellors (2010)
- Professional Development Transgender training to LGBT therapists (March, 2010)
- Professional Development workshop to CAPA members (March, 2010)
- *Sexuality in Practice* 2-day workshop (2009)
- Workshop 'Ethics in Supervision' at ASCANZ conference (2009)
- Professional Development Training on the topic 'Gender-variant children in schools' to 50 school counsellors (2009)
- Interviews on ABC Radio National's *Life Matters*, March (2009) and Melbourne's Joy 94.9 program *Transition Time* (March, 2009) regarding PhD research
- Paper: Gender Variant Children: Views of Professionals, Parents and Transgender Adults.(preliminary results of research) at the World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH) Symposium in Norway (2009)
- Poster and oral presentation: The Banished Children at World Association for Sexual Health conference in Sweden (2009)
- Invited speaker on Gender Variant Children at Randwick Children's hospital to health professionals (2009)
- Paper: A Training Gap: The training of Counsellors and Psychotherapists in sexuality at the International Counselling and Social Work Symposium in Penang, Malaysia (2009)
- Workshop: Training Counsellors & Psychotherapists in Sexuality, Gender Variance and Sexual Therapies at *Society for Counsellor & Psychotherapy Educators* (SCAPE) conference in Canberra (2008)
- Workshop: A Missing Link: Training Counsellors & Psychotherapists in Sexuality at the *Counsellors & Psychotherapists Association of NSW* (CAPA) conference in Sydney (2008)
- Paper: Case Study at *World Association Sexology* (WAS) Conference Sydney (2007)

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- Facilitated group on 'Ethical Issues in Supervision' at *Association for Supervision, Coaching & Consultancy of Australia & New Zealand Inc.* (ASCANZ) conference in Sydney (2006)
- Workshop: 'How Fit is your Unconditional Positive Regard' at *Counsellors and Psychotherapists Association (CAPA)* conference in Sydney (2005)
- Provided training to *Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays* (PFLAG) regarding Male-to-Female and Female-to-Male transgender transition (2005)
- Member of panel for Transgender issues at the Psychiatric Convention in Sydney (2005)
- Provided Transgender awareness training to sexual health social workers in the Inner West Area Health Service (2005)
- Ethical Issues panel at Legal and Ethical seminar for CAPA (2004) Sydney
- Paper: 'Sexual Dysfunction in Clients with Gender Dysphoria' at World Association of Sexology, conference in Sydney. (2004)
- Speaker at the Seahorse Society to couples/partners regarding cross-dressing issues. (2003, 2004)
- Paper: 'Counselling Clients With Gender Dysphoria: An Ethical Approach' at Harry Benjamin Institute for Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA) Conference in Belgium (2003)

FORMAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training, 2004
- Masters In Counselling, University of Western Sydney, 2002
- Graduate Diploma in Counselling, Australian College of Applied Psychology, 1998
- Certificate in Counselling Skills, College of Holistic Counselling, 1996
- Diploma of Homoeopathy, Nature Care College of Naturopathic and Traditional Medicine, 1997

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- Bachelor of Science, Macquarie University, 1983

MEMBERSHIPS

- Clinical member of Counsellors and Psychotherapists Association of NSW (CMCAPA)
- Listed on Psychotherapists & Counsellors Federation of Australia (PACFA) register no. 020111
- Clinical member of the Australian Society of Sexuality Educators Researchers and Therapists (ASSERT)
- Professional Member of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association (HBIGDA), now World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH)
- Society of Counselling and Psychotherapy Educators (SCAPE)

OTHER TRAINING

Attended numerous conferences (including above under presentations etc), workshops, forums and Professional Development training including:

- Coercive Persuasion and Mind Control Conference (2010)
- Stephanie Burns on Adult Education (2009)
- Mental Health Issues and Assessment Tools for WorkCover Clients (2009)
- Understanding Normal Sexual Development in order to Understand Sexual Deviancy (2009)
- The Edge of the Psychotherapist meets the Edge of the Client (2009)
- Existential Masterclass with Emmy Van Duerzen (2008)
- Working with Male Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse with Mike Lew (2008)
- Genital Modification Forum, Macquarie University (2008)
- Ethical Intelligence & Good Decision Making Consultant Accreditation with St James Ethics Centre (2006/2007)
- Transactional Analysis (2006)
- Scott Miller Advanced Clinical 2-day intensive (2005)
- Couples in Conflict with Jeffrey Zeig (2005)
- Working With Addictions (2004)
- Supervision Training Certificate (2003)
- Toastmasters Speechcraft (2003)
- St James Ethics Centre Counselling Training (2002-03)
- David Schnarch Advanced Clinical Workshop (2002)
- Suicide Prevention Conference (2001)

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APPENDIX A: Student Testimonials

Student feedback at the Jansen Newman Institute after teaching the module Human Sexuality: Myths & Realities

Lecturer: Elizabeth Riley
Topic: Human Sexuality – elective
Date: 24 January 2008

Added comments:

- *“Eileen, please consider incorporating this module into mainstream. It was fantastic!”*
- *“Wouldn’t change anything!”*
- *“Elizabeth was informative, knowledgeable, respectful & sensitive in every aspect of the elective. She created a calm environment and safe environment for us all to work in.”*
- *“Subject was delivered with clarity and sensitivity from a very knowledgeable source. Hope this becomes a mainstream course at JNI- (however perhaps 3rd year only). Really enjoyed feeling safe to participate in class discussion. Elizabeth’s respectful & calm manner when dealing with intimate topics created a fabulous energy and thus enabled me to learn much. Thank you!”*
- *“A unique & wonderful experience. By challenging our assumptions of ‘normal’ behaviour, it opened my eyes to the fact that there is no such thing. Elizabeth’s grace and openness, & the amazing group have enlightened me, informed me & changed me. Best subject, best lecturer yet!”*
- *“Terrific, Thank you!”*