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Personal facts

Married 6/11/66
Children: Melissa, b. 2/5/68
Rachel, b. 5/17/71
Brendan, b. 12/28/78

EDUCATION

Georgetown University

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1965

Scholarship: Navy Nurse Candidate Corps

Catholic University

Degree: Master of Science in Nursing, 1971

Major: Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing

Traineeship: National Institutes of Mental Health

George Washington University

Degree: Masters in Sociology, 1976

ABD Doctorate in Sociology

Fellowship: Graduate Fellowship from GWU 76-78

Georgetown Family Center, Postgraduate Course in Family Theory and Psychotherapy,
completed two years, 70-71, and 73-74

POST-MASTERS WORK EXPERIENCE

- 11/71 - 4/73 Lake County Mental Health Center, Waukegan IL. First psychiatric nurse on staff; intake, therapy, consultation and visiting with Public Health Nurses and Home Health Nurses, liaison to local hospitals for aftercare.
- 10/73 - 4/78 Family Life Bureau, Washington, DC. Therapist for individuals and couples.
- 5/74 - 5/77 Family Life Center, Columbia, MD. Therapist for individuals and couples.
- 11/75 - present Private practice of psychotherapy.
- 7/78 - 4/2012 Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, teaching and supervising clinical work of mental health professional trainees in postgraduate programs in family theory and psychotherapy.
- 11/97 - 10/00 Clinical Specialist, Crisis Management Service, Emergency Department, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, MD. Psychiatric evaluation and disposition planning with patients referred by Emergency Department Physicians.

- 7/98 – 7/2003 Fairfax County, VA. Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. Ran demonstration multiple family therapy which provided therapy for participating families and training for observing staff.
- 9/04 – 9/2009 Director of Clinic at Georgetown Family Center/The Bowen Center for the Study of the Family
- 8/11 – present Therapist at Islesboro Health Center, Islesboro, ME.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- Howard University Hospital SICU, to Coordinator and nursing staff
- Georgetown University Hospital, to Infusion Unit Coordinator and nursing staff
- Washington Hospital Center to Coordinator and staff, Quality Review unit

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

- 1978 – 2003 Clinical Instructor, Department of Psychiatry, Georgetown University Medical School
- 1978 – 2012 Faculty, Bowen Center for the Study of the Family, Washington, DC

BOARD POSITIONS

- 2011 – present Founding Board member, treasurer, and webcasting coordinator of The Bowen Theory Academy

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 1992 – 2012 Member of the founding Editorial Board of journal, *Family Systems*
- 2012 – 2014 Editorial Consultant, journal, *Family Systems*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 1978 Research Assistant, John B. Calhoun, Ph.D. Ecologist, NIMH
- 1983-5 Research Assistant, Stephen J. Suomi, Ph.D. Psychologist, NICHD
- 1996 – 2016 Research Associate, Jane Goodall Center for Primate Studies, University of Minnesota, studying impact of family relations on functioning in chimpanzees

1999 – present Coordinator and Principal Investigator, Family History Database Project,
Bowen Theory Academy

2000 – 2012 Chairman, Research Committee, Bowen Center for the Study of the Family

CREDENTIALS

Licensed Advanced Practice Registered Nurse as Clinical Nurse Specialist in Maine, AS114002

ANA Certified Clinical Specialist in Adult Psych/MH Nursing #005856

PUBLICATIONS

"A Methodological Experiment with a Quasi Mother Child Relationship"
Family Systems, Vol. 7:1 (2004), pp. 67-82.

" Multiple Family Therapy." *Family Systems* Vol. 6:1, (Fall/Winter, 2001), pp. 77-96.

"The Projection Process in Health Care Systems." *Family Systems*, Vol. 5:1, 1999, pp. 71-80.

"The Press of Population." In *Bowen Theory and Practice*, Ruth Riley Sagar, Ed. Georgetown Family Center, Washington, DC, 1997, pp. 41-50.

"Leadership in Nonhuman Social Systems: The Chimpanzees of Gombe." In *The Emotional Side of Organizations*, Patricia A. Comella, et al, Eds. Georgetown Family Center, Washington, DC, 1996, pp. 191-199.

"Abuse as a Symptom of the Family System." *Family Systems*, Vol. 1:1, (Spring/Summer, 1994), pp. 67-80.

"An Overview of Bowen Theory and Organizations." In *Understanding Organizations: Application of Family Systems Theory*, Ruth Riley Sagar and Kathleen Klaus Wiseman Eds. Georgetown Family Center, Washington, DC, 1982, pp. 1-8.

"Issues in Aging from a Family Theory Perspective." *The Family*, Vol. 7:1, (winter 1979), pp. 3-10.