

CURRICULUM VITA

MERRILL T. REESE, Ph. D.

- EDUCATION:** Ph. D. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA
Major: Counselor Education and Supervision
December 08 graduation
- M.A. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA
Major: Community Counseling, CACREP accredited
July 2004 graduation
- B.S. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
Major: Psychology; Minor: Religious Studies
May 1996 graduated

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING

Center for Loss and Life Transition, Fort Collins, CO
Death and Grief Studies
January 26, 2006 completed 150 hours of accredited training through Colorado State University's Division of Educational Outreach and the Center for Loss and Life Transition.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSING/CERTIFICATION:

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) Certified
Death and Grief Studies Certification

POSITIONS:

- 2009- Assistant Professor. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. School of Psychology and Counseling. Master's Level Counseling Program.
- 2007 – Instructor. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. School of Psychology and Counseling Master's Level Counseling program.
- 2007 – Present, Resident Counselor, Hope Christian Counseling Service, Virginia Beach, VA. Provide individual, marriage and family, and group counseling.
- 2007 – Guest Lecturer, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Kingston, Jamaica. Guest lecturer for Master's Level Counseling Students.
- 2007 – Adjunct Instructor, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. School of Psychology and Counseling Master's Level Counseling Program.

- 2006 – 2006. Resident Counselor, Oasis Counseling, Virginia Beach, VA. Counselor in Residence under supervision of Eric Scalise, LPC., LMFT. Provide individual, marriage and family, group counseling.
- 2004 – 2007 Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Teaching Assistant for the School of Psychology and Counseling Master's Level Counseling Program.
- 2003 – 2004 DePaul Behavioral Medical Center, Bon Secours DePaul Hospital, Norfolk, VA Internship of 660 hours, August 2003 to April 2004. Conducted patient assessments; individual, group, and family therapy; case management; treatment planning; and grief and loss counseling.
- 2003 – 2003 Sentara CarePlex Hospital, Hampton VA. Practicum of 139 hours, January 2003 to May 2003. Crisis counseling, grief counseling, individual and group counseling. Emergency room and the Cancer Institute and other areas of hospital as needed.
- 1987 – 2002 Christian Counselors Training Center, Richmond, VA September 1987 – July 2002. Certified Biblical Counselor. Completed 5-year training program. Assisted in case work, supervised case work, lead and co-lead cases. Assessment, intake interviews, marriage and family counseling, individual counseling, court-ordered counseling.

PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

- Reese, M. (2009, April). *Compassion fatigue and spirituality with emergence health care Providers at a Level I Trauma Center*. Presented at the CAPS Hope and Healing Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Keyes, B., Suarez, E., Reese, M., & Flowers, J. (2009, April). *Developing a Christian trauma model in third world nations*. Presented at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference in Orlando, FL.
- Reese, M. (2007). *Compassion Fatigue, Faith & Therapy*, Vol. 2 (4).
- Reese, M. (2007, November). *Compassion Fatigue*. Presented at the Grand Rounds for Physicians and Other Healthcare Providers, Sentara Healthcare Physician Education Healthcare CME Program, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Reese, M. (2007, October). *Compassion fatigue: Professional liability of caring too much*. Presented at Beacon of Hope Conference, Hampton Roads Coalition for Depression Awareness & Suicide Prevention & I Need a Lighthouse, Inc., Virginia Beach, VA.
- Reese, M. (2007, January). *Counseling those who suffer from grief and loss*. Presented at the ARMS Women's Training, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Rehfuss, M., Parks-Savage, A., & Reese, M. (2006, November). *Developing multicultural*

competence through immersion into faith and culture. Presented at the Virginia Counselor Association Conference, Williamsburg, VA.

Pfeffer, J., Reese, M., & Lahey, S. (2006, September). *PhD programs online: Successfully Balancing academics, work, and personal lives.* Presented at the Southern Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Orlando, FL.

Rehfuss, M., Pfeffer, J., Reese, M., & Baker, J. (2005, October). *Integrating career counseling into an advanced counseling theories course online.* Presented at the National Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Pittsburg, PA.

Reese, M. (2002, April). *Nonverbal Communication and the Counseling Process.* Presented at the Christian Counselors Training Center, Richmond, VA.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

8/07- Present **Assistant Professor for Master's Level Counseling Students.**
Instructor for Skills and Techniques, Ethics, Academic
Advising, committee member for Library and Integration Committee.

5/07 – 5/07 **Guest Lecturer for Caribbean Graduate School of Theology,
Kingston, Jamaica.** Design Career Assessments Course for
Master's Level Counseling Students. Guest lecturer, on site
on campus of school in Kingston, Jamaica.

5/07 – 8/07 **Teaching Assistant for Internship Class for Master's Level
Counseling Students.** Instructor for Internship class . Evaluate
Student case reports, diagnosis, maintain contact with Internship
Supervisors to monitor student progress on Internship sites through
telephone contact and site visits.

1/07 -5/07 **Adjunct Instructor for Marriage and Family Development
Class for Master's Level Counseling Students.** Lead Instructor
for Marriage and Family Development Class. Prepare course,
course materials, instructor for class, grade papers, tests and lecture
for class.

1/07 -5/07 **Teaching Assistant for Group Counseling Class for Master's
Level Counseling Students.** Assist Professor Eric Scalise with
Instruction, lectures, grading tests and papers.

8/06-12/06 **Teaching Assistant for Helping Relationships Class and Theories
of Counseling Class for Master's Level Counseling Students.**
Assist Professor Eric Scalise and Dr. A. Sigler. Assist professor
with instruction, lectures, testing, grading tests and papers.

- 4/06-7/06 **Lead Instructor of Ethics for Master's Level Counseling Students**
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Lead Instructor for *Issues of Ethics in Helping Relationships* under supervision of Dr. Jacquelyn Gatewood.
- 1/06 – 4/06 **Lead Instructor for Master's Level Counseling Students**
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Lead instructor for *Introduction to Group Counseling* under supervision of Professor Eric Scalize.
- 8/05 – 12/05 **Teaching Assistant for Master's Level Counseling Students.**
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. TA for two classes under supervision of Dr. Lori Burkette: *Introduction to Group Counseling and Advanced Group Counseling*. Assisted professor with instruction and group facilitation for group counseling classes. TA for two *Counseling Practicum* classes under supervision of Dr. Mark Blagen and Dr. Anna Machik. Graded counseling videos, and verbatims and also tutor for students with counseling skills deficits.
- 5/05 – 7/05 **Teaching Assistant for Master's Level Counseling Students.**
TA for two *Multicultural Counseling* classes under supervision of Dr. Evelyn Biles. One classroom class and one online instruction class.
- 1/05 – 4/05 **Teaching Assistant for Master's Level Counseling Students**
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. TA for *Skills and Techniques Practicum Class* under supervision of Dr. George Jefferson. Group Leader for Master's level group counseling class, Dr. Lori Burkette. Also supervised Master's Level Counseling Practicum students. Provide instruction, grade counseling video tapes and verbatims. Tutor for students with counseling skills deficits.
- 8/04 – 12/04 **Teaching Assistant for Master's Level Counseling Students**
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. TA for *Skills and Techniques* class under supervision of Dr. George Jefferson. Group Leader for HSC Group Counseling Class under supervision of Dr. Ana Machik. Provide instruction, grade student video tapes and verbatims and tutor for students with counseling skills deficits.

HONORS

- Dean's List Scholarship Recipient. 9/94-5/96. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Cum Laude. 5/96. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Golden Key Honor Society. 5/95. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Psi Chi Honor Society. 5/95. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Dean's List. 5/92-8/94. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA

- Psi Beta Honor Society. 1/93. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. 1/93. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Counseling Association
 American Association of Counselor Education and Supervision
 Association for Death Education and Counseling

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2006 Trauma Practice: Tools for Stabilization & Recovery with Eric Gentry, LMHC. Norfolk, VA.
- 2006 Complicated Grief and Suicide with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2005 Adolescent and Child grief with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2005 Care for the Dying with Greg Yoder, Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2004 Grief Group Facilitation with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition, Fort Collins, CO.
- 2004 Comprehensive Bereavement and Grief and Loss with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2003 Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Training with CISD Institute. Newport News Airport Training Center. Newport News, VA.
- 2003 Regent University School of Psychology and Counseling Psycho-Theological Institute. Spiritual Tools for Counselors – Calling Forth Power, Presence, and Passion. Life Coaching. Alexandria, VA.