

Mei-Ju (Meryl) Ko, Ph.DE-mail: komeiju@gmail.com**EDUCATION**

- May 2010 **Ph. D, Child Development & Family Studies
(Specialization: Marriage and Family Therapy)**
Department of Child Development and Family Studies
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- June 2004 **M. Ed., Counseling, Family and Human Services**
University of Oregon
Eugene, OR
Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy
- June 2001 **B.S., Applied Psychology**
Fu-Jen Catholic University,
Taipei, Taiwan

PROFESSIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCES

Academic Position

- 2017- Present *Professor*
Department of Counseling, Daybreak University
Marriage and Family Therapy program
- 2009 - 2014 *Assistant Professor*
Department of Applied and Professional Studies, Texas Tech University
Marriage and Family Therapy graduate program.
Community, Family, and Addiction Services undergraduate program.

Teaching: Higher Education

- 2022- Present **CFT 9200: PhD Research Publication & Grant Writing**
Daybreak University, Anaheim, CA
Primary Instructor
- 2022 – Present **CFT 9000: Research Method I**
Daybreak University, Anaheim, CA
Primary Instructor
- 2019 – Present **CFT/IRT 9500: Research Colloquium**
Daybreak University, Anaheim, CA
Primary Instructor

- Fall 2019 **MFT/IRT6020: Advanced Marriage and Family Therapy**
Daybreak University, Anaheim, CA
Primary Instructor
- 2011- 2014 **CFAS 4390: Senior Seminar in CFAS-Grant Writing**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Primary Instructor
- 2010 - 2014 **MFT 7000; CFAS 4320: Research**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Primary Instructor
- 2010 - 2014 **MFT 6395: Practicum in MFT**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Primary Instructor
- 2009 - 2014 **MFT 6370: Diversity in Family Therapy**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Primary Instructor
- 2009 - 2014 **MFT 6342: Children and Adolescents in Family Therapy**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Primary Instructor
- Fall, Spring 2008 **CDFS 255: Introduction to Couple and Family Relationships**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Primary Instructor (Supervisor: Dr. Charles Calahan)
Created the course syllabus, developed and graded assignments. Led two weekly class lectures on family life, family theories, communication and conflict, gender, parenting, couple's relationship, human sexuality, and family transition.
- Spring 2006 **CDFS 301: Families in Multicultural Society**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Teaching Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Paula Goodwin)
Graded assignments, attended class lectures, entered grades on WebCT, and responded to student e-mails.
- Fall 2005 **CDFS 432: The Family Life Cycle**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Teaching Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Charles Calahan)
Graded assignments, attended class lectures, entered grades on WebCT, responded to student e-mails, and held office hours.
- Fall 2005 **CDFS 201: Introduction of Marriage and Families Theories**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Teaching Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Shawn Whiteman)
Attended class lectures, designed exam questions, and held weekly office hours.
- Spring 2005 **CDFS 430: Sexuality and Family Life**
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Teaching Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Shruti Poulsen)

Graded assignments, attended class lectures, designed exam questions, and led class discussion.

Clinical Experience

2010 - 2014

Clinical Supervisor

**Texas Tech University, Marriage and Family Therapy Program,
The Family Therapy Clinic, Lubbock, TX**

Providing clinical supervision for graduate students in a marriage and family therapy training program through weekly group and individual supervision.

2008 - 2009

Pre-Doctoral Internship

Clarian Arnett Cancer Care Center, Lafayette, IN

Family therapist intern (Supervisor: Dr. Cleveland Shields)

Provided therapy to cancer patients and their families.

Spring 2006

Supervisor-in-Training

Christian Theological Seminary Counseling Center, Indianapolis, IN

Student Supervisor (Supervisor: Dr. Volker Thomas)

Provided clinical supervision to six master's students in a marriage and family therapy training program through weekly group and individual supervision.

2004 - 2007

Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy (Purdue University)

Purdue Individual, Couples and Family Therapy Clinic, West Lafayette, IN

Therapist intern (Supervisor: Dr. Volker Thomas and Dr. Shruti Poulsen)

Provided therapy to individuals, couples, and families. Provided non-directive play therapy to families as part of a research project. Co-therapist for couple relationship enhancement workshops. Co-facilitated workshops on play for parents and children.

2003 - 2004

**Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy (University of Oregon)
Center for Family Therapy, Eugene, OR**

Therapist intern (Supervisor: Dr. John Millers and Dr. Jason Platt)

Provided therapy to individuals, couples, and families.

2003 - 2004

The Child Center, Springfield, OR

Therapist intern

Provided therapy to outpatient children and their families.

2003 - 2004

Kennedy Middle School, Eugene, OR

Co-facilitator for two social skills training groups for eighth grade girls.

2003

Head Start at Whiteacker Elementary School, Eugene, OR

Co-facilitator for play therapy group with 5 year old children who experienced trauma or who have developmental disabilities.

2000 - 2001

Tai-Shan Junior High School - Student Counseling Center, Taipei, Taiwan
Counselor intern; provided individual counseling for students.

2000

China Medical College Hospital - Mental Health Center, Taichung, Taiwan
Clinical psychologist intern; provided psychological assessments (including MSE, Bender-Gestalt Test, Rorschach, TAT, and WISC-III) to day treatment patients.

Research

2013 - 2014

Body Image, Eating Behavior, and Clothing Selection Among College Students
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Co- Principle Investigator

Collaborating with Dr. Hyo Jung (Julie) Chang, Department of Nutrition, Hospitality and Retailing. Conducted an online survey to investigate the influence of the media (e.g., a thin model vs. a plus size model) on college students' body image, eating behavior, and clothing selection.

2013 - 2016

International MFT Student Supervision Experience Project

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Principle Investigator.

Collaborating with a group of international students in the MFT program. Conducted a qualitative study that interviewed MFT international students in the U.S. regarding their supervision experiences.

2012 - 2020

Differentiation and Healthy Family Functioning: A Cross National Project

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Principle Investigator.

Collaborating with Dr. Hye-Jin Kim, along with university faculties in China, Taiwan, and South Korea. Examined whether Bowen's differentiation concept is applicable in Asian culture. Tested the reliability and validity of the differentiation scale and FACES scale with Asian populations.

2011 - 2014

Couples' Adjustment in Cancer Project

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Principle Investigator.

Collaborating with Dr. Cleveland Shields, and Dr. Cezanne Elias, Purdue University on examining couples' coping strategies and adjustment throughout cancer treatment.

2009 - 2013

Congruence Couple Therapy for Problem Gambling Project

University of Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

Serving as a research associate and statistics consultant for Dr. Bonnie Lee at Department of Health Science, Addictions Counseling Program on an intervention study examining the effectiveness of a 12-session therapy for couples with a pathological gambling partner.

2008 - Present

Quality of Life in Younger Breast Cancer Survivors Project

Purdue University, West Lafayette and IUPIU

Participant researcher (Supervisor: Dr. Cleveland Shields and Dr. Vickie Champion)

Working on dyad data analysis with 300 breast cancer survivor couples. Examining couples' concerns about reoccurrence impact on couples' depressive symptoms. Also examining couples' communication impact on couples' adjustment to cancer treatment.

2007 - 2012

Coparenting, Parenting, and Socio-Emotional Development in Toddlers

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Participant researcher

Working with Dr. Kwon Ah Kwon in the Department of Early Childhood Education. Involved with data collection and coding video data of 67 families. Currently working on data management and analysis.

Nov 2007 - July 2008

Doctoral Dissertation

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Participant researcher (Supervisor: Dr. Doug Sprenkle and Dr. Dan Mroczek)

Worked on Eli Karen, Ph. D. Candidate's doctoral dissertation:

"The Alliance-Outcome Relationship Revisited: A Session-by-Session Perspective."

The project involved monitoring client change and therapeutic alliance throughout the course of therapy. I was involved in data analysis, using multilevel modeling analysis with 296 clients in an average of 30 sessions.

Apr 2007 - May 2008

Parenting Program Development for Asian International Graduate Student Families Project

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Primary Investigator

Led a research team in developing a family resource inventory. Implemented a series of parenting workshop for Asian international graduate student parents. Presented in national-wide conferences. Developed a parenting program manual.

Aug 2006 - 2012

Asian International Student Project

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Participant Researcher (Supervisor: Dr. Judith Myers-Walls)

Conducting a qualitative research on adjustment and parenting among Asian international graduate students and their spouses. Currently writing a manuscript, presenting in national-wide conferences, and developing and distributing a family resource inventory.

May 2006 - Sept
2008**Infant Toddler Specialists of Indiana (ITSI) Project**

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Jim Elicker and Dr. Mary McMullen)

Developed a project website and organized web-based resources. Planned and organized annual conferences. Attended and steered committee meetings. Built a professional network. Developed and managed a member list. Helped propose Indiana State Infant-Toddler Credential System. Developed professional development needs scan. Edited research briefs. Mentored other graduate research assistants. Searched and interviewed web developers (See <http://www.cfs.purdue.edu/itsi/>)

2006 - 2007

War and Peace Project

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Participant Researcher (Supervisor: Dr. Judith Myers-Walls)

Worked on a qualitative study on Attitudes and Teaching Methods of Several Cohorts of Parents About War and Peace project. Collaborated with Taiwan's research data collection, analyzed Korean interview data, translated relevant website resource articles to Chinese, and presented in a national-wide conference.

2005 - 2006

Children's Interaction with Robotic Dog AIBO Project

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Gail Melson)

Analyzed pre-existing data and composed the results paper.

2004 - 2007

Military Family Research Institute Project

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Doug Sprenkle and Dr. Shelley MacDermid)

Worked on program evaluation on services for military families. Planned the research project, attended focus groups, collected and analyzed, and managed administrative duties.

2003 - 2004

Doctoral Dissertation

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Participant researcher

Worked on Karris Adams, Ph. D. Candidate's doctoral dissertation: "University Counseling Center Clients' Perspectives of their In-Session Covert Reaction Between-Session Reactions: A Qualitative Study." Utilized the Consensual Qualitative Research (CQR) method to analyze the data..

2003 - 2004

Kids First: Safe Alternative Center, Program Evaluation Project

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR

Research Assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Jeff Todahl)

Input data of the interviews of both visiting parent and custodial parent in domestic violence families.

2001 - 2002

Multi-Media and Web-Based Constructive Mathematics Learning System for Children with Disabilities Project (funded by Taiwan National Science Council)

Chang Gung University, Taoyuan, Taiwan

Project Manager (Supervisor: Dr. Thu-Hua Liu)

Planned the research project, collected and analyzed data, managed administrative duties, and supervised students who worked on the project.

2002

Disaster Mental Rehabilitation: Development of a School-Based Intervention Program Project (funded by Taiwan National Science Council)

Chang Gung University, Taoyuan, Taiwan

Research assistant (Supervisor: Dr. Chia-Chen Chao)

Interviewed child survivors of 1999 Taiwan earthquake, assessed their PTSD symptoms, and developed an intervention program.

PUBLICATION & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- *Simonson, C., *Mann, T., & **Ko, M. J.** (2025). An exploration of black couples' experience with perinatal loss. *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*, 24(2), 197-214.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15332691.2024.2430790>
- *Wahrman, O., & **Ko, M. J.** (2025). Communologue in family therapy, *The Family Journal*, 33(3), 321-330.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10664807241275029>
- *Lee, M., **Ko, M. J.**, Kim, H., & Oh, J. (2022). Impact of family-of-origin experience on therapist's couple relationship. *Journal of Couples and Family Counseling Studies*, 3(1), 15-27.
- Kim, H., **Ko, M. J.**, & Oh, J. (2021). Differentiation of self and family functioning in Asian countries. *Journal of Couples and Family Counseling Studies*. 2(2), 69-89.
- Karam, E., **Ko, M. J.**, Mroczek, D., & Pinsof, W. (2015). The multisystemic and multilevel investigation of the expanded therapeutic alliance-psychological functioning relationship in individual therapy. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 41(4), 401-414. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12094>.
- Kim, H., Prouty, A. M., Smith, D., **Ko, M. J.**, Wetchler, J. L., & Oh, J. (2015). Differentiation and Healthy Family Functioning of Koreans in South Korea, South Koreans in the United States, and White Americans. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 41(1), 72-85.
- Kim, H., Prouty, A. M., Smith, D., **Ko, M. J.**, Wetchler, J. L., & Oh, J. (2014). Differentiation of self and its relationship with family functioning in South Koreans. *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 42, 257-265.
- *Sung, J., Mayo, N., **Ko, M. J.**, & Lasley, C. (2013). Characteristics of collaborative care in increasing access to mental health service in the Asian community. *Families, Systems, & Health*, 3, 307-318.
- Myers-Walls, J., Frias, L., Kwon, K., **Ko, M. J.**, & Lu, T. (2011). Living life in two worlds: Acculturative stress among Asian international graduate student parents and spouses. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 42, 455-478.

Manuscript Under Review

- *Greenberg, J., *Rea, T., *Williams, N., & **Ko, M. J.** (Revision). Does reading the contemporary romance genre impact readers' ability to communicate about intimacy and sex with their partner. *Journal of Positive Sexuality*.

Other Publications

- Sprenkle, D. H., MacDermid, S. M., & **Ko, M. J.** (2005). First Armored Division pilot counseling program. Report to Department of Defense.
- Sprenkle, D. H., MacDermid, S. M., & **Ko, M. J.** (2005). Military OneSource: Its use, impact, and effectiveness. Report to Department of Defense.
- Chang, H. K., Ma, C.M., Hsu, F. J. & **Ko, M. J.** (2001). Construction and experimentation of a web-based

mathematics learning system for children with disability. *Taiwan National Computer Symposium, Spatial Information & Computer Education*.

Presentations

- Ko, M. J.** (2024, November 5). *Application of couples and family therapy theories and techniques in helping Profession*. Workshop presented in Graduate School of Social Work, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Kim, H., Sung, J., Yang, I., **Ko, M. J.**, & Oh, J. (2016). *MFT supervision experiences of international trainees*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Ko, M. J.**, Kim, H., & Lasley, C. (2014). *Differentiation and family functioning in Asian countries*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Ko, M. J.**, Bhakta, K., & Miller, A. (2014). *The experience and needs of couples coping with cancer*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Sung, J., & **Ko, M. J.** (2013). *Meaning in illness, medical concerns, and care of cancer survivors*. Poster presented American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Ko, M. J.**, Bhakta, K., & Miller, A. (2014). *Couples coping with cancer*. Poster accepted in the International Family Therapy World Congress, Panama City, Panama.
- Yang, I., **Ko, M. J.**, & Prouty, A. (October, 2013). *Exploring coparenting relationship between same-sex couples*. Poster presented in 2013 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Portland, Oregon.
- Ko, M. J.**, & Yang, I. (February, 2013). *Supervising and teaching international student therapists in the United States*. Workshop presentation in the International Family Therapy World Congress, Orlando, Florida.
- Yang, I., & **Ko, M. J.** (February, 2013). *We Are a Family: Exploring coparenting relationship between same-sex couples*. Poster presented in IFTA 21World Family Therapy Congress, Orlando, Florida.
- Ko, M. J.** (November, 2012). *Tools for breaking bad news to patients*. One day workshop presented in International Faculty Development Fellowship in Family Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.
- Kim, H., Oh, J., & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2012). *Psychosocial development in South Korean couples and its effects on marital relationships*. Poster presented in American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- Prouty, A., Bermudez, M., Helmeke, K. B. & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2012). *Intersections of human diversity with MFT supervision*. Workshop session presented in American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- Prouty, A., Kadieva, V., Bedard, C., & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2012). *Family resiliency during breast cancer treatment*. Poster presented in American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- Kim, H., Prouty, A., & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2012). *Empirical analysis of family functioning and differentiation differences of different generation in South Koreans*. Poster presented in American

Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Charlotte, NC.

- Ko, M. J.**, Shields, C., & Champion, V. (April, 2012). *Response to cancer stress and depressive symptoms in breast cancer survivors and their significant others*. Poster presented in 33rd Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, LA.
- Sung, J., & **Ko, M. J.** (2014). *Meaning in illness, medical concerns, and care of cancer survivors*. Cutting edge research poster presented at 2014 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Sung, J., Mayo, N., & **Ko, M. J.** (October, 2011). *School adjustment and protective factors according to the severity of school violence*. Poster presented at College of Human Sciences Poster Presentation Week, Lubbock, TX.
- Sung, J., **Ko, M. J.** & Clemmer, N. (October, 2011). *Characteristics of collaborative care in increasing access to mental health service in the Asian population*. Poster presented at Collaborative Family HealthCare Association 13th Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kose, O., Karakurt, G., & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2011). *Attachment styles and substance abuse in a high-risk sample*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Bradshaw, S., Bean, R., & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2011). *Stress, depression, and parental psychological control*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Prouty, A., Bermudez, M., Helmeke, K. B. & **Ko, M. J.** (September, 2011). *Intersections of human diversity with MFT supervision*. Invited workshop at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Ko, M. J.**, Kwon, K., & Spruill, A. (September, 2010). *Associations among coparenting, parenting, and child outcome*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Kwon, K., **Ko, M. J.**, Frias, L., Myers-Walls, J., & Lu, T. (April, 2009). *Developing evidenced-based and culturally sensitive parenting programs for international graduate-student parents*. Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Denver, CO.
- Kwon, K., **Ko, M. J.**, Frias, L., Myers-Walls, J., & Lu, T. (November, 2007). *Suggestions for developing a parenting program for Asian international student families*. Poster presented at National Council of Family Relation Conference, Pittsburg, PA.
- Kim, S., Kwon, K., **Ko, M. J.**, Frias, L., & Myers-Walls, J. (November, 2007). *Living on the outskirts of U.S. life: Asian graduate student mothers*. Poster presented at National Council of Family Relation Conference, Pittsburg, PA.
- Ko, M. J.**, Kwon, K., Frias, L., Myers-Walls, J., & Lu, T. (October, 2007). *Adjustment in Asian international students and their spouses*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Long Beach, CA.

- Kwon, Y., Hong, S., & Myers-Walls, J., & **Ko, M. J.** (March, 2007). *Understanding war and peace: South Korean children's views and their parents' attitudes*. Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Boston, MA.
- Kwon, K., **Ko, M. J.**, Frias, L., Myers-Walls, J., & Lu, T. (March, 2007). *Advantages and challenges in parenting of Asian international students and their spouses*. Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Boston, MA.
- Kwon, K., Frias, L., **Ko, M. J.**, & Myers-Walls, J. (November, 2006). *The acculturative experience and parenting among Asian international students and their spouses*. National Conference on Family Relations Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Ma, C. M., Xia, M. S., & **Ko, M. J.** (March, 2001). *Multi-media and web-based constructive mathematics learning system for children with disabilities*. Chung Shan Elementary School, Taipei, Taiwan.
- Liu, T. H., Ma, C. M., Xia, M. S., & **Ko, M. J.** (November, 2001). *Multi-media and web-based constructive mathematics learning system for children with disabilities*. National Science Counsel, Taipei, Taiwan.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES & SERVICES

- 2026- Present ***Director of Marriage and Family Therapy Program in Chinese Cohort***, Daybreak University, Anaheim, CA
- 2017- Present ***Director of Ph.D in Counseling Program***, Daybreak University, Anaheim, CA
- 2013 - 2014 ***Technology Users Committee***, College of Human Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 2012 - 2014 ***Faculty Partner Committee***, Institute for Child and Family Studies in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 2011 - 2014 ***Graduate Dean's Representative***, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 2011 - 2013 ***Ad-Hoc Reviewer***, *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*
- 2010 - 2013 ***Abstract Reviewer***, *Society for Research in Child Development Conference*
- 2009, 2013 ***Faculty Search Committee***, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 2007 - 2008 ***Program Coordinator for a Series of Parenting Workshops for Asian International Graduate Student Parents***
Department of Child Development and Family Studies, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- Jan 4, 2008 ***Guest Speaker***
Office of International Students and Scholars, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.
Give talk for 2007 Spring Semester International Students and Scholars Orientation. The topic is on "English Language opportunities and other resources for students, spouses and family members".

- Aug 23-25, 2006 ***Conference Coordinator***
2006 Infant-Toddler Specialist of Indiana Annual Conference, West Lafayette, IN
- 2003 - 2004 *Volunteer visiting supervisor of visiting parent and child visits on a weekly basis.*
Kids First: Safe Alternative Center, Eugene, OR
- 1999 - 2000 ***Vice President***
The Ark Social Service Organization, Taipei, Taiwan
My duties were to supervise college students doing community service work in a variety of settings including primary schools, foster care centers, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers and to conduct training workshops on campus.
- 1998 - 1999 ***Program Administrator***
The Ark Social Service Organization-Children Department, Taipei, Taiwan
Conducted college student service activities at foster homes on weekly basis.
- July 1999 ***Director of an elementary school children's summer camp***
Pu-Zi Catholic Church, Chiai, Taiwan
Led 27 college students in conducting outdoor activities for 100 primary school age children

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2004 - Present ***National Council on Family Relations***
2003 – Present ***American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy***
2011 - 2014 ***Society of Behavioral Medicine***
2006 - 2009 ***Infant-Toddler Specialist of Indiana***
2003 - 2004 ***Oregon Association for Marriage and Family Therapy***
2001 - 2002 ***Chinese Psychological Association, Taiwan***

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2023 **Excellence in Teaching Award**, Daybreak University
- 2011 - 2013 **Faculty Seed Grant, Texas Tech University**, “Couple’s Coping to Cancer”, \$10,000.
- 2010 - 2011 **Faculty Seed Grant, Texas Tech University**, “Family Adjustment to Childhood Cancer”, \$5,000.
- 2009 - 2011 **New Faculty Start-up Funding**, Texas Tech University, \$30,350.
- 2007 - 2008 **Bilsland Strategic Initiative Fellowship** (Award: \$ 43,233).
Proposal: Parenting Program Development for Asian International Graduate Student Families (Supervisor: Dr. Judith Myers-Walls)
Graduate School, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

2007

Graduate Student Travel Fellowship, Purdue University Department of Child Development and Family Studies, 2008 (\$500 to present at National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference)

DIRECTED STUDENT LEARNING

Doctoral Student Dissertation Committee (Daybreak University)

- Committee Chair, Orli Wahrman, *A phenomenological qualitative study of couples' perceptions of Imago Relationship Therapy and its influence on parent-child relationships*. Defended, Spring 2026.
- Committee Co-Chair, Thomas Rea, *Body image, relationship satisfaction, and sexual satisfaction in aging partnered gay men*. Defended, Summer 2025.
- Committee Co-Chair, Nadia Williams, *Exploring the impact of Catholic school environments on sexual development: A qualitative study of shame, sexuality and sexual health in former students*. Defended, Winter 2024.
- Committee Co-Chair, Jennifer H. Greenberg, *Reading romance: Examining the impact of reading romance with partners on intimacy and communication*. Defended, Summer 2024.
- Committee Chair, John Hjarsø Mortensen, *A qualitative study of international Imago trainer's perceptions of Imago therapeutic stance and training methods*. Defended, Fall 2023.
- Committee Chair, Maya Kollman, *An international qualitative study of Imago supervisor's experience in supervising couples therapists*. Defended, Fall 2023.
- Committee Chair, Caroline Bernhardt-Lanier, Kathy Malcolm Hall, & Rebecca Sears, *A phenomenological study of couples' experiences of Imago Relationship Therapy: A cross-cultural study of couples from Estonia, France, Korea, and the United States*. Defended, Fall 2023.
- Committee Chair, Thea Smith, Edelweiss Bester Scheepers, & Estelle Baily, *The influence of Imago Relationship Therapy on depression, empathy, emotional intimacy and dyadic adjustment in Southern Africa*. Defended, Fall 2022.
- Committee Chair, Wendy Patterson, *Defining the core concepts and skills of Imago Relationship Theory through use of a cross cultural study*. Defended, Fall 2022.
- Committee Co-Chair, Monica Lee, *Impact of a systemic perspective and family of origin experience on therapist's couple relationship*. Defended, Spring 2022.

(Texas Tech University)

- Committee Co-Chair, Jeehee Sung, *Meaning in illness, patient satisfaction with care, use of care, and health outcomes with cancer survivors*. Defended, Winter 2014.
- Committee Co-Chair, I-Shan Yang. Defended, Summer 2014.