

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Biographical Summary

I am a licensed mental health counselor and AASECT certified sex therapist in private practice in Portland, Oregon, serving Florida, Oregon, and New Mexico clients. I specialize in treating LGBTQ+, Kinky, and Consensually Nonmonogamous (CNM) clients. In addition to running my private practice, I present at conferences, for local agencies, and for local universities on a variety of topics.

I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies in 2006 and my Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology in 2009. In 2018, I began doctoral studies in Clinical Psychology. My doctoral studies are focusing on gender, sexual, and relationship diversity (GSRD). I plan to study kink and neurodivergence for my dissertation starting in late 2023.

In 2020, I became a lead research assistant on the international Kink Health Survey research team lead by Dr. Sprott and Dr. Randall. In 2022, I was appointed as a Research Scientist at The Alternative Sexuality and Research Alliance (TASHRA). I am currently involved in a number of research projects with TASHRA. My research interests include gender, sexual, and relationship diversity (GSRD).

In addition, I serve in a number of volunteer positions for the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT), The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom (NCSF), and The Alternative Sexualities Health Research Alliance (TASHRA).

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### Education: Academic Degrees

2024 ESTIMATED	Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology	California Southern University	4.000 GPA
2020	Graduate Certificate in Human Sexuality	Southwestern College	N/A
2009	Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology	Wheaton College	3.900 GPA
2006	Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies	Vanguard University	3.981 GPA

### Education: Professional Licensure, Certifications, & Trainings

- NM Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LPCC # 0144871)
- OR Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC # C6334)
- Florida Registered telehealth provider (# TPMC24)
- Board Certified Counselor (NCC) with NBCC
- AASECT Certified Sex Therapist
- CITI Human Subjects Research Basic Certificate
- Gottman Method Trained Level 1,2, & 3
- Fully Trained EMDR Professional (Part 1 & 2)
- Sexual Health Alliance Certification in CNM
- Certified Suicide Gatekeeper by the QPR Institute
- NAMA Certified Anger Management Specialist I
- CAMS Trained

Complete list of trainings completed on [www.steveratcliff.com](http://www.steveratcliff.com)

### Professional Experience

#### Private Practice Psychotherapist and Owner (06.2021 - Present)

Liberated Counseling - Oregon City, OR

- Provided mental health and sex therapy in individual and couples milieus via telehealth for patients in Oregon, New Mexico, & Florida.
- Completed all clinical documentation and revised forms as field norms evolved.
- Networked with other professionals and local minority groups in Oregon, New Mexico, and Florida.
- Marketed practice through online profiles and website.
- Performed all administrative, bookkeeping, clinical and billing services for the business.

#### Highlands University Contract Seminar Presenter (12.2011 - Present)

Highlands University - Rio Rancho, Albuquerque, and Las Vegas, NM

- Prepared and presented contractual continuing education seminars for licensed professionals. Presentations included topics such as:
  - Clinical Ethics, Social Work Ethics, and Technology Ethics
  - Cultural Competence in working with Gender, Sexual, and Relationship Diversity
  - Entrepreneurship / Starting a Private Practice
  - Suicide prevention, early intervention, and treatment
  - Psychological Trauma

### **Adjunct Professor (08.2022 - 12.2022)**

Lewis and Clark College - Portland, Oregon

- Prepare syllabus and lesson plans for Advanced Sex Therapy Graduate Course.
- Teach weekly 3-hour classes for 10 week, Advanced Sex Therapy Graduate Course.
- Assigned and grade student assignments including reflection papers, group assignments, and research papers.

### **Private Practice Psychotherapist and Owner (01.2012 - 04.2022)**

Families First Therapy - Albuquerque, NM

- Provided counseling in family, individual, and couples milieus, including completing all clinical documentation.
- Ongoing networking with schools, juvenile probation, child protective services, local courts, and other professionals.
- Designed, launched and maintained marketing the practice presentations, informal networking, social media, and website mediums.
- Performed all administrative, accounting, business, and billing services for the practice.
- Prepared and presented continuing education seminars for licensed professionals and local agencies.
- Presented professional consultation on various topics including ethics, sexuality, diversity, and private practice.

### **Psychotherapist (11.2009 - 01.2013)**

La Familia / Namaste - Albuquerque, Los Lunas, Santa Fe, and Gallup, NM

- Provided counseling in family, individual, couples, and group (examples - boy's group and parenting group) milieus.
- Networked with schools, juvenile probation, child protective services, local courts, and other professionals.
- Provided case management services as requested by clients and as deemed appropriate.
- Perform clinical intake assessments for outpatient and treatment foster care programs.
- Provided adoption counseling with children in treatment foster care.
- Researched and presented didactic continuing education seminars for Treatment Foster Care Parents.
- Developed, marketed, and implemented an outpatient program in the Gallup and Zuni communities.

### **Community Behavioral Health Clinician (03.2012 - 11.2012)**

Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD): Juvenile Justice Division - Albuquerque, NM

- Provided clinical oversight, didactic trainings, and clinical supervision of over twenty probation officers for over 500 adolescents involved with the juvenile justice system.
- Provided crisis interventions and supportive counseling as needed with youth in the juvenile justice system.
- Monitored clinical services provided to over 500 adolescents in the juvenile justice system to ensure best-practices and quality care.

### **Clinical Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Treatment Practicum (08.2008 - 06.2009)**

Dupage County Psychological Services - Wheaton, IL

- Co-facilitated Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse, Dual-Diagnosis, and Domestic Violence therapy groups.
- Provided individual therapy and conducted intake evaluations for clients.
- Taught court-mandated cannabis education and risk education courses.

### **In-home Health Care Provider (05.2007 - 08.2008)**

Private Residence - Wheaton, IL

- Provided in-home aid to a multiply handicapped, nonverbal adult man.

### **Anger Management Instructor (01.2007 - 11.2009)**

JUST of Dupage program, Dupage County Jail - Wheaton and various other locations, IL

- Taught weekly classes on anger management for men and women incarcerated in the Dupage county jail.
- Collaborated with a team to design and refine a published anger management course curriculum.

### **Assistant Director of Youth and Family Programs (08.2003 - 01.2007)**

Fred Jordan Missions - Los Angeles, CA

- Managed a bi-weekly after school program that involved tutoring, teaching modules, and planning curriculum for over 200 at risk youth.
- Supervised a food pantry that distributed groceries for 400 families and underserved individuals and families.
- Facilitated the distribution of hygiene and clothing materials to 250 women each week.
- Networked with local service organizations to recruit and train volunteers.
- Planed and lead summer educational trips for over 100 at risk children and adolescents.
- Served as a camp counselor for over 50 at risk children and adolescents during summer camps.
- Taught a weekly computer training and career development class for Men in the residential addiction recovery program.
- Managed the planning and operation of major outreach events, providing the local underserved community with hot meals, school supplies, clothing, shoes, and hygiene items. These 5-6 annual events were attended by over 10,000 people.

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## **Professional Engagement: Memberships and Associations**

- American Counseling Association
- International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health
- The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom
- American Association of Sexuality Ed., Counselors & Therapist

- International Academy of Sex Research
- The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- The Intl. Center for Clinical Excellence
- The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- Sexual Medicine Society of North America
- International Society for Sexual Medicine

## Professional Engagement: Conferences Attended

2023, 2021, 2020, 2018	AASECT: American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists - <i>Various</i>
2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014	ACA: American Counseling Association – <i>Various</i>
2021	Alt Sex NYC Conference
2022, 2021	CARAS-CLAW Conference
2024	International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health (ISSWSH)
2023	International Academy of Sex Research (IASR)
2021	Multiplicity of the Erotic (MOTE) Conference
2022, 2021, 2019	NASW-NM: National Association of Social Workers, New Mexico – <i>Albuquerque, NM</i>
2022, 2021, 2020, 2017	New Mexico Annual Sexuality and Gender Diversity Health Summit – <i>Albuquerque, NM</i>
2019, 2017, 2011	NMCA: New Mexico Counseling Association – <i>Albuquerque, NM</i>
2022	Oregon Counseling Association Conference – <i>Portland, OR</i>
2021	Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA)
2022, 2021	Southwest Love Fest – <i>Tucson, AZ</i>
2023, 2021	The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) Conference
2021	World Association for Sexual Health (WAS)
2022	Mental Health Academy - Suicide Prevention Summit
2022	Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists (ICNAP) XIII Conference
2021	4 <sup>th</sup> Non-monogamies and Contemporary Intimacies e-conference
2021	Virtual Cleveland Leather Annual Weekend (CLAW) Conference – <i>Online</i>
2020	Unraveling the Acronym: Understanding the LBTQIA2+ Experiences & Subcultures – <i>Online</i>
2018	Dialogues on Pornography Symposium – <i>Santa Fe, NM</i>
2017	National Center for Responsible Gaming Conference – <i>Albuquerque, NM</i>
2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Navajo Adolescent Health Conference – <i>Farmington, NM</i>

## Research Experience

- **2022 Dissertation Research on Kink and Neurodivergence - (ANTICIPATED 2023)**
- Volunteer on the Healing Experiences research conducted by TASHRA (06.2022 - Present)
- Volunteer on the Prep for Kink research conducted by TASHRA (04.2022 - Present)
- **Research Scientist** at The Alternative Sexuality Health Research Alliance (12.2021 - Present) - Currently working on a study examining phenomenological experiences of dominance and submission in consensual kink authority exchange relationships
- **International Kink Health Survey** (10.2020 - Present) - **Lead Research Associate** for this in progress research study
- **Variables that effect cell phone use while driving** (09.2007 - 12.2007) - **Co-lead** this unpublished research study as a part of MA degree
- **Anger Management Curriculum Pilot Testing** (01.2007 - 09.2009) - **Co-lead** this unpublished research study pilot testing this curriculum

## Publications

- Ratcliff, S.E. (2022). Deconstructing Kink Popularity Dynamics. NCSF Board Member Diversity Moment.
- Ratcliff, S.E. (2021). Unlearning Couple Centrism. NCSF Board Member Diversity Moment.
- Sprott, R.A., Randall, A., Wert, E., **Ratcliff, S. E.**, Nickeson, Z.L., Engel, K., & Jameson, C. (2021). Elemental kink readiness to advanced kink proficiencies for medical and mental health providers. <https://www.tashra.org>
- Swanson, K., and Ratcliff, B., and **Ratcliff, S.E.** (2009). Anger Management Curriculum: A 12-week program designed for use in a correctional setting. Billy Graham Center: Institute for Prison Ministries.

## Teaching Experience: Graduate Courses Taught

Fall 2022	Advanced Sex Therapy at Lewis and Clark College
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## Teaching Experience: Conference Presentations

<b>July 2023</b>	<b>Double Gifted: Kinky and Neurodiverse</b>	<b>AASECT Conference</b>
11.17.2022	Healing with Play: A survey of trauma-informed Kink healing methods	OR Counseling Association Conf.
06.24.2022	Providing Culturally Competent Care to Sexually and Relationally Diverse Clients	Mosaic of Relationships Seminar
04.29.2022	Professionals who serve and are members of the Kink Communities	CLAW Conference
04.16.2022	The Relationship Dance for ADHD Open Relationships	SWLF Conference
03.24.2022	Introducing TASHRA's Elemental Kink Readiness to Advanced Kink Proficiencies for Medical and Mental Health Providers	NASW-NM Conference
11.28.2021	TASHRA's Core Competencies: The development and introduction of Clinical Competencies for the Treatment of Kink Populations	CLAW-CARAS 2021 Conference
11.19.2021	TASHRA's Core Competencies: The development and introduction of Clinical Competencies for the Treatment of Kink Populations	The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) Conf.

10.22.2021	TASHRA's Core Competencies: The development and introduction of Clinical Competencies for the Treatment of Kink Populations	Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA) Fall Scientific
09.10.2021	TASHRA's Core Competencies: The development and introduction of Clinical Competencies for the Treatment of Kink Populations	World Association of Sexual Health (WAS) Conference
04.22.2021	<u>Cultural Competence in Clinical work with Consensually Nonmonogamous Clients</u>	NASW-NM Conference
06.21.2019	<u>A clinician's guide to ethics and safety in the use of technology</u>	NM Synergy Conference
03.23.2019	<u>Staying Ethical and Safe while using Technology</u>	NMCA-NM Conference
03.06.2019	<u>Staying Ethical and Safe while using Technology</u>	NASW-NM Conference

## Teaching Experience: Other Professional Presentations

<b>Private Practice Entrepreneurship</b>		
03.17.2023; 02.11.2022, 06.04.2021, 02.07.2020, 03.01.2019, 02.08.2018, 12.08.2017, 11.11.2016, 02.26.2016, & 03.21.2014	<u>How to Start a Private Practice</u>	Highlands University
04.08.2022	<u>Growing your Private Practice</u>	Highlands University
09.06.2014	<u>Starting your own private practice</u>	Families First Therapy Agency
<b>Clinical Psychotherapy Ethics</b>		
10.08.2021	<u>HIPAA and Misc. Ethics</u>	Healthy Families Agency
03.19.2021, 12.13.2019, 05.24.2019, 06.01.2018, 02.24.2017, & 06.26.2015	<u>Psychotherapy Ethics</u>	Highlands University
06.02.2020	<u>Technology Ethics during COVID-19</u>	Mindful Counseling Agency
05.06.2020	<u>Staying Ethical &amp; Safe while using Technology</u>	Highlands University
09.20.2019	<u>Clinician Burnout Prevention</u>	NMCCS Consultation Group
08.17.2018	<u>Psychotherapy Ethics</u>	NMCCS Consultation Group
01.16.2018	<u>HIPAA Compliance and Updates</u>	Healthy Families Agency
10.17.2017	<u>Ethical and Legal Compliance</u>	Healthy Families Agency
07.24.2015 & 01.30.2015	<u>Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all</u>	Turning Point Recovery Agency
08.04.2014	<u>Ethics, laws, and making sense of it all</u>	Families First Therapy Agency
09.10.2011	<u>Self-care / Confidentiality / Ethics / Risk / Protective factors and lifespan mental health</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
01.07.2011	<u>Self-care and burnout avoidance</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
<b>Cultural Competence</b>		
10.30.2020	<u>Cultural Competence in Clinical work with Consensually Nonomogamous Clients</u>	NMCA-NM CE Series
10.18.2019	<u>Cultural Competence in Clinical work with Consensually Nonomogamous Clients</u>	NMCCS Consultation Group
04.08.2020, 03.27.2019, & 04.08.2016	<u>Cultural Competence in Clinical Work with Sexual and Gender Minority Clients</u>	Highlands University
07.07.2016	<u>Sex Positive Psychology</u>	Highlands University
03.10.2017	<u>Introduction to Gottman's research and LGBTQ treatment implications</u>	LGBTQ+ Consultation Group
<b>Suicide Prevention &amp; Treatment</b>		
12.07.2021	<u>Black &amp; Blue: Suicide in our own leather, kink and queer communities</u>	TASHRA
06.05.2015	<u>Suicide prevention for the LGBTQ community</u>	LGBTQ+ Consultation Group
05.01.2015	<u>Suicide prevention, intervention, &amp; treatment</u>	Turning Point Recovery Agency
03.27.2015	<u>Suicide prevention, intervention, &amp; treatment</u>	Highlands University
05.02.2014	<u>Suicide prevention, intervention, &amp; treatment</u>	Families First Therapy Agency
04.12.2014	<u>QPR Suicide Triage Technique and Self-Harm</u>	Open Skies Agency
08.10.2012	<u>Suicide Risk and Protective Factors</u>	Bernalillo Co. Juv. Probation
09.15.2011	<u>Suicide triage and risk factors</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
<b>Psychological Trauma</b>		
06.02.2014	<u>Developmental impact of psychological trauma</u>	Families First Therapy Agency
02.15.2013	<u>Developmental Impact of Psychological Trauma for Children and Adolescents</u>	Highlands University
12.09.2011	<u>The developmental impact of psychological trauma</u>	Highlands University
12.03.2010, 12.18.2010, 03.11.2011, 04.02.2011, 04.03.2011, 06.04.2011, & 06.05.2011	<u>CYFD trauma training module</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
05.06.2011	<u>Stress-Diathesis Model</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
02.03.2011	<u>Attachment Model &amp; Child Development</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
01.21.2011	<u>Stress-disease model</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
12.17.2010	<u>Trauma-based pathology and interventions</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
10.22.2010	<u>Neurosequential treatment model</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
09.25.2010 & 11.18.2010	<u>Karin Purvis model</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
09.25.2010	<u>Attachment-focused treatment with adolescents diagnosed with co-morbid addiction and trauma</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
<b>Addiction</b>		

02.10.2014	<u>Interventions for CSWs to utilize in helping clients who are addicted</u>	Open Skies Agency
02.03.2014	<u>Introduction to Addictions</u>	McKinley County Schools
11.07.2013	<u>Introduction to Addictions and DSM 5</u>	Bernalillo Co. Juv. Probation
11.13.2012	<u>Update on substance abuse drugs of abuse</u>	Bernalillo Co. Juv. Probation
11.02.2012	<u>Update on substance abuse drugs of abuse</u>	Bernalillo Co. Juv. Probation
09.02.2010	<u>Working with adolescents with dual-diagnosis</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
08.06.2010 & 08.13.2010	<u>Introduction to Addiction</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency

### Child & Adolescent

01.13.2012	<u>Working with oppositional and defiant children</u>	La Familia Agency
12.14.2011	<u>Play as communication</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
08.17.2011	<u>Practical interventions and TFC focused behaviors</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
02.05.2011	<u>Bullying and empathy development</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency
12.03.2010	<u>Practical Interventions in working with children</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency

### Miscellaneous

03.10.2023	<u>Introduction to Gender, Sexual, and Relationship Diversity</u>	Clinical Assessment Group
07.16.2022; <b>November 2023</b>	<u>Doubly Gifted: Kinky and Neurodiversity</u>	TASHRA
04.14.2023	<u>Getting your Kinks in: Neurodiversity and BDSM</u>	KPACT
10.26.2021; Asynchronous Recording 2022	<u>Develop your KISS (Kink Inclusive Supervision Services): Supervising Clinicians working with Kinky Clients</u>	TASHRA
10.20.2017	<u>Treating Relationship Betrayals</u>	NMCCS Consultation Group
04.22.2016	<u>Mindfulness based interventions for helpers</u>	Turning Point Recovery Agency
07.27.2011	<u>Psychotropic medication overview</u>	Namaste Counseling Agency

## Community & Academic Volunteer Service

### CURRENT

03.2021 - Present	<u>NCSF Director Board Member</u>	Board Member for the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom. Participated on the Incident Review and Response (IRR), Education and Outreach Program (EOP), Kink Aware Professionals (KAP) Directory, and Research Committees. Chaired the fundraising committee.
12.2021 - Present	<u>TASHRA Research Scientist</u>	Conducted multiple administrative tasks for The Alternative Sexuality Health Research Alliance (TASHRA) including registration with federal grant programming. Participated on the grant committee, clinical training committee, team leader committee, and budget committee. Co-facilitated monthly consultation groups, co-taught courses, and co-presented at conferences on TASHRA research and clinical projects. Lead and participated on multiple other research projects facilitated by TASHRA. Appointed as a Scientist 12.2021. Appointed to the board 03.18.2022.
10.2020 - Present	<u>IKHS Lead Research Associate</u>	Participated on the International Kink Health Study (IKHS) team as one of three lead research assistants leading various activities related to survey design, outreach, networking, marketing, and publication.
09.2020 - Present	<u>AASECT Book Club Special Interest Group (SIG) Chair</u>	Found, lead, and managed this AASECT book club special interest group. Registered this SIG to be able to be an AASECT CE credit provider and managed this CE provision in accordance with AASECT standards and protocols.

### PAST

02.2021 - 12.2022	<u>CARAS Volunteer</u>	Mentored new career professionals and students through the CARAS mentorship program. Did blind reviews for the 2021 CARAS-CLAW Conference.
04.2022 - 10.2022	<u>SSSS Continuing Education Committee Volunteer</u>	Conducted reviews for the 2022 SSSS Conference proposals and reviewed and coded keynote presentations for AASECT learning areas as assigned by conference education committee chair.
06.2021 - 10.2022	<u>AASECT Volunteer</u>	Volunteered for DEI SPC Committee working group 3 and was the working group leader for 3 of the Strategic Planning Committee. These groups focused on increasing value to AASECT members. Also volunteered for the mentoring committee. This committee focused on brainstorming and building a free AASECT mentorship program separate from the certification supervision services.
09.2020 - 07.2022	<u>AASECT Continuing Education Committee Member</u>	Served as a certified committee member reviewing CE applications and helping with the development of the streamlined online application system.
06.2021 - 05.2022	<u>Sexual Diversity Support Group Leader</u>	Collaborated with other professionals and community leaders to create and provide administrative support for a support group for a sexual minority group.
07.2021 - 09.2021	<u>MOTE Conference Volunteer</u>	Helped with various administrative and website tasks for MOTE 2021 conference.
08.2017 - 06.2021	<u>NMCCS Co-Chair</u>	Co-facilitated the New Mexico Couples Counseling Support group, facilitated the CE credits for the group, and presented to the group on various topics.
12.2014 - 02.2016	<u>Adoption Exchange Advisory Board Member</u>	Helped the advisory board with planning outreach, fund raising, and community education tasks.
07.2011 - 03.2012	<u>CASA of McKinley County</u>	Program development volunteer helping to develop a CASA program.
11.2011	<u>Road Runner Food Bank</u>	Volunteer for thanksgiving food box program.

07.2010 - 07.2011	<u>Big Brother / Big Sister of NM</u>	Mentored a school-age child including homework help and outdoor activities.
10.2006 - 01.2007	<u>Turning Point Counseling</u>	Volunteered to help with database, filing, and various office management tasks.
11.2005	<u>Community for Justice and Mercy</u>	Designed and maintained the website.
01.2004 - 04.2004	<u>Nizhnii Novgorod, Russia</u>	Renovated community religious facilities
06.1999	<u>Dominican Republic</u>	Hurricane relief construction crew two week volunteer.
01.1998 - 12.2000	<u>Meals on Wheels</u>	Volunteered for this program and other community beautification projects.
05.1998 - 08.1998	<u>YMCA</u>	Day camp counselor / volunteer working with children and adolescents

***References available upon request***

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