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Experience

College Teaching

- 9/1996 – Present Adjunct Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. Conducts graduate and undergraduate classroom lectures and discussions. Performs independent research and writing. On leave.
- 1991 – 1995 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. Conducted graduate and undergraduate classroom lectures and discussions. Performed independent research and writing.
- 1978 – 1990 Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. Conducted graduate and undergraduate classroom lectures and discussions; supervised graduate students in counseling. Performed independent research, grant procurement, and writing. Handled diverse administrative duties.
- 1974 – 1975 Counselor Supervisor, the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. Supervised graduate students in counseling.
- 1972 – 1973 Lecturer in Psychology, College of Continuing Education, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii. Taught psychology.
- Spring, 1972 Teaching Assistant, Department of Counselor Education, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. Taught statistics.

Clinical

- 12/1979 – Present Psychologist, Private Practice. Performs psychoanalytic psychotherapy and counseling of individuals.
- 1976 Psychologist, Department of Psychotherapy, Southampton and Southwest Hampshire Health District, Southampton, England. Performed individual and group psychotherapy.
- 1973 – 1976 and
1971 Rehabilitation Counselor, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Quincy, Massachusetts. Performed evaluation and psychological counseling of psychiatrically and/or physically disabled individuals. Pioneered the use of group counseling in agency. Extensive work with psychiatric inpatients at Medfield State Hospital.
- 1972 – 1973 Psychotherapist, Makiki Mental Health Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Summer, 1970 Social Worker, Castle Square Day Care Center, Boston, Massachusetts.

1969 – 1970 Career Counselor, Fordham University, Bronx, New York.
Summer, 1969 Psychiatric Aide, Suffolk State Hospital, Melville, New York.
Summer, 1968 Social Worker Aide, Department of Welfare, New York, New York.

Education

1979 Sc.D., Boston University, Counseling.
1972 Ed.M., Boston University, Rehabilitation Counseling.
1969 – 1970 24 Credits toward Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, Fordham University.
1969 A.B., *cum laude*, Vassar College. Major: Psychology.

Clinical Training

9/1985 – 5/1990 The Advanced Training Program in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, Boston, Massachusetts.
1983 – 1985 and 1973 – 1974 Courses, The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, Boston, Massachusetts.
1974 – 1976 Internship, The South Shore Mental Health Center, Quincy, Massachusetts.
1973 – 1975 Internship, The Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Quincy, Massachusetts.
1972 Practicum, The Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts.

Awards

1969 Scholarship for advanced study awarded by Vassar College for excellence in psychology.
1966 – 1969 Dean's list, Vassar College.

Licenses And Certifications

- Massachusetts Board of Registration of Psychologists License #2357 awarded 12/4/1979

Community Service

- 1996 – 1999 Advisory Board, Resources for Human Development, Inc.
- 1990 – 1994 Advisory Board, The Boston Center for Independent Living.

Editorial Boards

1982 – 1984 The Associate Editorial Board of the *Journal of Rehabilitation*.

Professional Societies And Organizations

- The International Association for Relational Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy
- The American Psychological Association
- The Massachusetts Association for Psychoanalytic Psychology

Publications

Thurer, S. Gender studies. In John Hawley (ed.) *LGBTQ America Today*, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, (in press).

Thurer, S. *When the Body Is the Target: A review. Psychologist-Psychoanalyst* , (in press).

Thurer, S. Feminism meets post-feminism: A Review of *Featuring Females*, *The American Journal of Psychology*, 2007 (in press).

Thurer, S. *The End of Gender: A Psychological Autopsy*. New York: Routledge, 2005.

Thurer, S. Fall from grace: Twentieth century mom. In Lucinda Peach (ed.) *Women in Culture A Women's Studies Anthology*, Malden, MA; Blackwell, 1998.

Thurer, S. The impossibly good mother. In C. Warloe (Ed.) *I've Always Meant to Tell You: Letters to My Mother*. NY: Pocket Press, 1997.

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Thurer, S. Changing conceptions of the good mother in psychoanalysis. *The Psychoanalytic Review*, Winter 1993, 80(4)

Thurer, S. Handicap et difformite. *Pro Infirmis*, 1991, 50(3), 31 – 36.

Thurer, S. Rebel with a cause: The disabled beggar. *The Journal of Medical Humanities and Bioethics*, Fall/Winter 1988, 9(2), 153 – 163.

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Farkas, M., Rogers, E.S., and Thurer, S. Rehabilitation outcome of long-term hospital patients left behind by deinstitutionalization. *Hospital and Community Psychiatry*, 1987, 38(8), 864 – 871.

Rehab. Brief. Mental health needs of people with severe disabilities, 1987, 10(7), 1 – 4. Summarizes research of Thurer, Rogers, and Pelletier (see below).

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Rogers, E.S, Thurer, S., and Pelletier, J. Mental health needs of individuals with severe physical disability: Perspectives of rehabilitation counselors and administrators. *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, 1986, 29(4), 240 – 251.

Thurer, S. Rehabilitation counseling: A psychodynamic perspective. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 1985, 16(3), 4 – 7. Also published in: T.F. Riggan, D. Maki, and A. Wolf, (Eds.), *Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, New York: Springer, 1986.

Pelletier, J., Rogers, E.S., and Thurer, S. Mental health needs of individuals with severe physical disability: A consumer advocate perspective. *Rehabilitation Literature*, 1985, 46(7 – 8), 186 – 193.

Thurer, S. Sweet suffering: A book review. *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal*, 1985, 8(3), 68 – 69.

Thurer, S., and Rogers, E.S. The mental health needs of physically disabled persons: Their perspective. *Rehabilitation Psychology*, 1984, 29(4), 239 – 249.

Thurer, S. When bad things happen to good people: A book review. *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal*, 1984, 7(4), 78 – 79.

Thurer, S. Deinstitutionalization and women: Where the buck stops. *Hospital and Community Psychiatry*, 1983, 34(12), 1162 – 1163.

Thurer, S. When clients become counselors. *Rehabilitation Literature*, 1983, 44(5 – 6), 145 – 149.

Thurer, S., and Thurer, R. The sexual adjustment of coronary bypass surgery patients: Four year follow-up. *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, 1983, 27(2), 108 – 112.

Thurer, S. Neuropsychiatric features of medical disorders: A book review. *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Journal*, 1983, 6, 32 – 33.

Thurer, S. Long-term sexual response to coronary bypass surgery: Some preliminary findings. *Sexuality and Disability Journal*, 1982, 5(4), 208 – 212.

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Thurer, S. Vocational rehabilitation following coronary bypass surgery: The need for counseling the newly well. *Journal of Applied Rehabilitation Counseling*, 1980, 11(2), 94 – 99.

Thurer, S. The Surgical Experience: The Psychosocial Response to Coronary Bypass Surgery at Four-Month Follow-up. Doctoral Dissertation, Boston University, 1979.

Professional Presentations

"Postmodern Gender Theory for Psychoanalytic Therapists," *American Psychological Association Annual Convention*, August 11, 2006, New Orleans, LA.

"Meet the Author: The End of Gender," *The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute*, April, 2006, Boston, MA.

"The End of Gender: A Psychological Autopsy," *The Rhode Island Association for Psychoanalytic Psychologies*, March 2, 2005, Providence RI.

"Homosexual Panic in the Postmodern Age," *American Psychological Association, Division 39*, 19th Annual Spring Meeting, April 15, 1999, New York, NY.

"The Myths of Motherhood," *Women's Consortium*, Central Missouri State University, March 11, 1998, Warrensburg, MO.

"Late Motherhood: The Myths and the Magic," *Wide Horizons for Children, Inc.*, October 19, 1996, Waltham, MA.

"Mothering," *Harrington Memorial Hospital*, Health Education Resource Center Lecture, May 9, 1996, Southbridge, MA.

"The Psychology of Mothering," *The North Shore Medical Center*, Psychiatric Service Teaching Conference, April 26, 1996, Salem, MA.

"Mothering," *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Family Resource Center. April 12, 1996.

Interview on *Growing Up on Fast Forward*, NBC's Channel 5. Friday, March 29, 1996.

"Psychological Aspects of Mothering," *Bunker Hill Community College*, Family Forum. March 16, 1996.

"Perspectives on Motherhood: Myths and Realities," *The Hildegard Berliner Lecture* (Keynote address) San Francisco Institute for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, October 28, 1995, Mills College, Oakland, CA.

"Myths of Motherhood," *Cambridge Hospital/Harvard Medical School, Annual Women's Course*, May 5 & 6, 1995, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, MA.

"Mothering," *The Ethical Society of Boston*. April 2, 1995, Cambridge, MA.

"How Culture Reinvents the Good Mother," *Women's History Week*, March 8, 1995, at William Rainey Harper College, Palantine, IL.

"The Good Mother," Keynote address at *Just for Us: A Day for Women*, March 5, 1995, Sisterhood Beth Am, Framingham, MA.

"Portnoy's Mother's Complaint," *Food for Thought Program* at Marsh Chapel, February 7, 1995, Boston University, Boston, MA.

"The Maternal Mystique: Liberating Motherhood," *The 14th Annual Jewish Book Fair*, Sun., November 6, 1994, sponsored by The Dave & Mary Alper Jewish Community Center, Miami, FL.

"Changing Conceptions of the Good Mother in Psychoanalysis," *The Annual Fall Symposium*, Sat., October 22, 1994, sponsored by *The Boston Psychoanalytic Society & Institute, and The Graduate & Student Organization of the Advanced Training Program in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy*, Boston, MA.

"The Myths of Motherhood," *The Department of Women's Studies*, September 26, 1994, sponsored by Kathy Manton, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.

"Women in Science & Medicine," *The 1994 Women's Leadership Conference*, August 28, 1994, sponsored by the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

"Dilemmas in Treating a Sadomasochistic Male Patient: Feminist Perspectives," *The Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute*, May 18, 1991, Boston, MA.

"Changing Conceptions of the Good Mother in Psychoanalysis and Culture," *The American Psychological Association Convention*, August 14, 1989, New Orleans, LA.

"The Good Mother: Her Changing Image in Psychoanalysis and Culture," *The 9th Annual Spring Meeting of Division 39 (Psychoanalysis), The American Psychological Association*, April 9, 1989, Boston, MA.

"The Psychological Needs of the Severely Physically Disabled," Co-authored by Sally Rogers, Sc.D. *The American Psychological Association Convention*, August 22, 1986, Washington, D.C.

The Mental Health Needs of Physically Disabled Persons,” Co-authored by E. Sally Rogers, Sc.D. *The American Association for Counseling and Development 1985 Annual Convention*, April 2 – 5, 1985, New York, NY.

“Caretaking Dependent Relatives,” *Women and Poverty Conference*, sponsored by the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council, April 14, 1984, Concord, NH.

“Chronic Mental Patients After Deinstitutionalization: Trends in Living Independence and Vocational Status,” Co-authored by Sally Rogers, Sc.D. and Marianne Farkas, Sc.D. *The American Psychological Association Convention*, August 26 – 30, 1983, Anaheim, CA.

“The Psychological Adjustment of Coronary Bypass Surgery Patients,” *The Interdisciplinary Cardiac Rehabilitation Conference*, January 1983, The Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA.

“Feminist Perspectives on Rehabilitation,” *The National Rehabilitation Association National Conference*, September 19 – 22, 1982, Anaheim, CA. Read in absentia.

“Psychosocial Adjustment Following Coronary Bypass Surgery,” *The Coronary Artery Surgical Study Symposium*, October 5 – 7, 1981, Seattle, WA.

“How People Feel and Behave After Heart Surgery,” *The Mended Hearts, Inc.*, November 3, 1981, Stoughton, MA.

“Long-term Sexual Adjustment Following Coronary Bypass Surgery: Preliminary Findings,” *Third Annual National Symposium on Sexuality and Disability*, New York University, June 19 – 21, 1981, New York, NY.

“The Sexual Politics of Rehabilitation and Disability,” *Eighth Annual National Conference on Feminist Psychology*, *The Association for Women in Psychology*, March 5 – 8, 1981, Boston, MA.

“The Psychosocial Response to Coronary Bypass Surgery,” *The Second International Symposium in Psychopathological and Neurological Dysfunctions Following Open Heart Surgery*, March 5 – 7, 1980, Milwaukee, WI.

“Vocational Rehabilitation Following Coronary Bypass Surgery: The Need for Counseling The Newly Well,” *The American Personnel and Guidance Association 1980 Annual Convention*, Atlanta, GA.

“The Number One Vocational Choice of Many Disabled Clients — Counseling: Implications for Counselors,” *The American Personnel and Guidance Association 1980 Annual Convention*, Atlanta, GA.

“Family, Social, and Sex Life Before and Coronary Bypass Surgery: Implications for Counselors,” *The American Personnel and Guidance Association 1980 Annual Convention*, Atlanta, GA.

“Monstrosity and Disability: A Counselor Looks at Literary Associations to Physical Handicap,” *The American Personnel and Guidance Association 1980 Annual Convention*, Atlanta, GA.

Grants

1980 – 1983

The Mental Health Needs of Physically Disabled Individuals—awarded by the Center for Rehabilitation Research and Training in Mental Health, Boston University.

1980 – 1982

The Long-term Psychosocial Response to Coronary Bypass Surgery—awarded by the Center for Rehabilitation Research and Training in Mental Health, Boston University.

Personal

Born October 9, 1947. Married, one child.