

CURRICULUM VITAE
Christine Ajayi Beliard, Ph.D., LMFT

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EDUCATION

- 2011 Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.
Family and Child Sciences, Specialization: Marriage and Family Therapy
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy
- 2008 University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas.
Major: Marriage and Family Therapy
Degree: Master's of Arts
- 2005-2006 Purdue University Calumet, Hammond, Indiana.
Major: Marriage and Family Therapy
- 2004 Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia
Major: Sociology
Degree: Bachelor's of Arts

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 -Present Director of Doctoral Programs and Associate Professor. Responsible for the two doctoral programs
- (PhD – COAMFTE accredited - and Doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy) in the Department of Family Therapy at Nova Southeastern University.
 - Lead the PhD Advisory and the PhD/DMFT Curriculum Committees.
 - Attend to concerns related to student engagement, remediation, and professional development.
- 2011-2015 Nova Southeastern University Assistant Professor. Responsible for instruction and mentorship for students in the Marriage and Family Therapy Program. Assist with departmental activities. Courses: in Marital and Family Therapy, External Practicum, Group Psychotherapy, Couples Therapy, Diversity in Human and Family Development, Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy, Systemic Family Therapy II, Doctoral Seminar, Quantitative Research I, Quantitative

Research II, Teaching Practicum. Appointed to the President's Faculty Research and Development Review Committee. Dissertation chair and committee member.

2010 Live the Life Program Evaluator. Evaluated the Start Smart Pre-Marital Education program. Assessed program outcomes through standardized assessment measures and interviews.

2008-2011 Instructor. Department of Family and Child Sciences. Florida State University. Responsible for the adaptation of a face-to-face course to an online format. Courses: Family Relations 2230, Teaching Assistant (with direct instruction).

Research Assistant. The Family Institute. Florida State University. Analyzed data from a large dataset (Program for Strengthening African American Marriages) and conceptualized and submitted papers for publication from the findings.

2005-2006 Purdue Calumet Graduate Instructor of Sociology. Course: Introduction to Sociology. Responsible for the structure, test construction and format of the course.

Purdue Graduate Advisor of the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. Responsible for providing assistance to the department in overseeing program events and scholastic assistance to program participants.

2001-2004 Spelman College Psychology Departmental Intern. Assisted students with academic and departmental advising needs. Served as a faculty assistant for various departmental projects and research endeavors.

THERAPEUTIC EXPERIENCE

2011-Present Brief Therapy Institute (BTI). Serve as a faculty mentor and supervisor for Masters and Doctoral student therapist training. Provide clinical training and workshops for licensed professionals.

2010 New Mount Zion Church Counseling Services Director. Created and provide the counseling services offered to a congregation of over 2,000 members and the surrounding community under the supervision of AAMFT-Approved Supervisor, Christine F. Inger, Ph.D. as partial fulfillment of the doctoral internship requirement.

- 2008-2010 FSU Center for Couple and Family Therapy. Served as a doctoral student therapist to provide individual, couple and family therapy.
- 2007-2008 Depelchin Children's Center Foster Care Clinician. Responsible for managing a caseload of eight to ten clients and foster families, completed and implemented quarterly treatment plans for given client families. Clinical practice informed by Solution-Focused, Parent Child Interaction Therapy and Trauma-Focused CBT Therapies.
- 2007 Depelchin Children's Center Family Therapist Intern. Responsible for serving as a treatment team member with Post-Adoption Services and residential treatment center. Served as a coach and presenter for the Post-Adoptive PREP Marriage Retreats. Provided individual, group and family therapeutic services in the residential treatment center.
- 2006 University of Houston- Clear Lake Practicum Student. Provided family therapy services in the Psychological Services Clinic.
- 2005-2006 Purdue Calumet Couple and Family Therapy Center Therapist Intern. Responsible for the implementation of counseling services for a caseload of eight to ten client families, and the facilitation of the Solution-Focused Level-One Substance Abuse Counseling Group.

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Present **Faculty Advisor.** Doctoral Family Therapy Club. College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Nova Southeastern University.
- Present **Advisory Committee Member.** *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship Program.*
- Present **President-Elect.** Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Provide professional mentorship to statewide clinical professionals. Lobby and provide education for local and state representatives and clinicians.
- Present **Article Editor.** Sage Open Publications.
- Present **Reviewer,** *Contemporary Family Therapy Journal, Journal of Marital and Family Therapy, Journal of Feminist Family Therapy.*
- 2014 **Faculty Search Committee Member,** Department of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University.

- 2012-Present **Reviewer**, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference Reviewer.
- 2012-2014 **Faculty Advisor**. School of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Government Association
- 2012-Present **Faculty Advisor**. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Sigma Chi Chapter, Nova Southeastern University, Sistuhs, **Nova Southeastern University Chapter**.
- 2012-2015 **Supervisor**, Systemic Change in Schools. Provide live supervision to Master's and Doctoral Clinical Interns in Broward County Schools.
- 2012-Present **Committee Member**. Department of Family Therapy Accreditation Committee, Doctorate of Marriage and Family Therapy Committee, and the SHSS Faculty Luncheon Committee.
- 2012-2014 **Mentor**. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship Program*.
- Fall 2012 **External Reviewer**. Internal Review Committee. Nova Southeastern University School of Business. Bachelor of Marketing Program.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

Grants and Publications

- Beliard, C. & Gomez, A.** (Under Review). Deconstructing narratives: The influence of fathers on emerging adult women and their identity around breakups. *Emerging Adulthood*.
- Tichenor, K., **Beliard, C.**, & Cunningham, P. (Under Review). The influence of racial trauma on African American couples: Clinical implications. *Contemporary Family Therapy*.
- Beliard, C.** (Under Review). Quarrelsome love: The effects of interparental and parent-child relationships on romantic relationship conflict in emerging adulthood. *Journal of Family Psychology*.

- Beliard, C.** (Invited Book Chapter – 2017). A class between the sheets: Race, culture, Sex, and intimate partner violence. *Quickies*. Green & Flemons (eds.) W.W. Norton.
- Beliard, C.,** Apollon, J., & Mendel, D. (2016). Diversity and inclusion in family therapy. *In The marriage and family therapy career guide: Doing well while doing good*. Rambo, Boyd, Marquez (Eds.) Routledge: New York.
- Ajayi, C.** (2014) Nova Southeastern University President’s Research and Development Grant **Reviewer**.
- Ajayi, C. & Deng, L.** (2013) Awarded the Nova Southeastern University President’s Research and Development Grant. Title: A Cross-Cultural Study of Chinese and American College Students’ Relationship Conflict. **Award Amount: 10,000.**
- Ajayi, C.** (2013) Nova Southeastern University President’s Research and Development Grant **Reviewer**.
- Ajayi, C.,** Marquez, M., Nazario, A. (2012). Culture and Diversity: A Lifelong Journey. *In Family Therapy Review: Contrasting Contemporary Models*. (Eds.) Rambo, West, Schooley, & Boyd. Routledge.
- Fincham, F., **Ajayi, C.,** & Beach, S. (2011). Spirituality and Satisfaction in African American Couples. *Psychology of Spirituality and Religion*.
- Lambert, N., Fincham, F., Gwinn, M., & **Ajayi, C.** (2010). Positive relationship science: A new frontier in positive psychology? *In Designing Positive Psychology: Taking Stock and Moving Forward*. Sheldon, Kashdan, & Steger. (Eds.) Oxford Press.
- Ajayi, C.** (in preparation). It’s just some secret, scary thing: Black men’s perceptions of marriage and family therapy. *Contemporary Family Therapy*.
- Ajayi, C.,** Fincham, F. & Beach, S. (in preparation). The impact of marital satisfaction and ineffective arguing on levels of depression in African American couples.
- Ajayi, C.** (in preparation). The role of conflict between mothers and sons and later experiences of romantic relational conflict during emerging adulthood.

Professional Presentations

- Beliard, C.** (2017). Relationship Violence Training for Therapists. Brief Therapy Institute.
- Ajayi, C.** (2014). Relationship Violence Training for Therapists. Florida Association for

Marriage and Family Therapy Pre-Licensure Training. Orlando, Florida.

Ajayi, C. (2014). Hurt People Hurt People: Therapists' Assessment of Relationship Violence. Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. 2-hour workshop. Orlando, Florida.

Ajayi, C. (2014). Marriage and Family Therapists in Schools. (3 hour presentation). The 2nd International Forum on Marriage and Family Therapy: The Fusion of MFT in China and the World Hosts: Beijing Normal University, Nova Southeastern University, Tianjin Normal University. July 26th-27th, 2014. Venue: Beijing Normal University.

Ajayi, C., (2014). Muvingi, I., Nixon, D., Smiley, D. (February 2014). Perceptions of African American in the Media. Nova Southeastern University Library Speaker Series. Panelist. Davie, Florida.

Ajayi, C. (2013). Father Influence on Depression and Romantic Relationship Conflict in Emerging Adult Women. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Research Poster. Portland, Oregon.

Ajayi, C. (2013). Training culturally-responsive health professionals through the use of conversation and relationships. Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Research and Educational Symposium. Davie, Florida.

Nazario, A., **Ajayi, C.,** Marquez, M. (2013). An Experiential Exercise Leading to Conversations on Social Justice. Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Winter Conference. Boca Raton, Florida.

Nazarion, A., **Ajayi, C.,** Marquez, M. (2013). An Experiential Exercise Leading to Conversations on Social Justice. International Family Therapy Association Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida. (accepted.)

Marquez, M., **Ajayi, C.,** Nazario, A. (September 2012). Women: Conversations about Power and Privilege. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Workshop. Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ajayi, C. (September 2012). So Blue: Relationship Conflict and Depression in Young Adult Women. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Workshop. Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ajayi, C. (October 2011). Quarrelsome Love: A growth curve analysis of relationship conflict in emerging adulthood. Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood Conference. Paper Presentation. Providence, Rhode Island. (accepted.)

- Ajayi, C.** (September 2011). Quarrelsome Love: Relationship conflict in emerging adulthood. American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Ajayi, C., Taitt, T., & Diggles, K.** (May 2011). The heart of the matter: Minority Fellows and MFT Education. Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Workshop Presentation. Deerfield Beach, Florida.
- Ajayi, C.** (2009). It's just some secret, scary thing: Black men's perceptions of marriage and family therapy. McKnight Doctoral Annual Research Conference. Workshop Presentation. Tampa, Florida.
- Ajayi, C.** (2009). Psychology Roundtable Presentation. McKnight Doctoral Annual Research Conference. Discussant. Tampa, Florida.
- Ajayi, C. & Gordon, T.** (2008) The effects of father absence on Black male children. Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Poster Presentation. Galveston, Texas.

Community Presentations

- Beliard, C.** (2017). Dinner with the Doctors: A Community Discussion on Health. Urban League of West Palm Beach, Florida.
- Ajayi, C.** (2015). Career Connections. Nova Southeastern University's Middle School. Panelist. Davie, Florida.
- Ajayi, C.** (2010) Science of Romantic Relationships Forum. Paradigm Business and Mentoring Organization. Florida State University. Expert Panelist. Tallahassee, Florida.
- Fincham, F., **Ajayi, C.,** Brantley, C. (2009). National Association of Colored Women-Florida State Chapter's Relationship Forum. Panel Discussant. Tallahassee, Florida.

FELLOWSHIPS

- Fellow. *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Minority Fellowship Program*
Awarded for 2009-2010; Re-awarded for 2010-2011.
- Fellow. *McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program, Florida Education Fund*

Awarded 2008. Four year appointment

HONORS AND AWARDS

Legacy Magazine's 40 under 40 Black Leaders of Today and Tomorrow. (2016).

Spelman College South Florida Chapter's Distinguished Alumna Award (2016).

Norejane Hendrickson Scholar (2010). *College of Human Sciences- Florida State University.*

Cora Evans Scholar (2009). *Department of Family and Child Sciences- Florida State University.*

Kappa Omicron Nu Honors Society, (2006). *Purdue University Calumet Inductee.*

Best and Brightest Scholar, (2005). *Purdue University Calumet.*

Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society, (2004). *Department of Sociology-Spelman College .*

Most Outstanding English Composition Student Award. (2001). *North Lake College.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

January 2006 *Solution-Focused Therapy Team Therapy Training*
Jonathyn Piper and Sophia Treyger, Presenters
Three-day training on how to implement Solution-Focused Therapy.

September 2005 "*Effective Solution Focused Therapy to Hurricane Katrina Survivors*"
Dr. Terry Trepper and Yvonne Dolan, Trainers Intensive training to
prepare therapist interns to provide mental health services to Katrina
Survivors. Trainees then underwent a week-long effort to assist Katrina
Survivors using Solution Focused Therapy.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND CREDENTIALS

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, License Number 372, State of Alabama
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, Approved Supervisor (expires
July 31, 2020)

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Fellow
Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, President-Elect, Clinical Fellow
Society for the Student of Human Development, Member
Urban League of Broward County

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter Member