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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Licensed marriage and family therapist and forensic expert in family law, criminal, and civil matters. Retained by petitioners and respondents, plaintiffs and defendants, in state and federal courts in several jurisdictions. Services include case consultation and record review, forensic evaluations and written reports, review and rebuttal of opposing experts' reports, and deposition and trial testimony. A less common part of the practice is the evaluation of sexual behavior in legal matters. Assessments draw on interviews with the parties and secondary sources, review of discovery materials, and research-supported self-report surveys.

AREAS OF FORENSIC EXPERTISE

Child custody; domestic and intimate partner violence; child abuse; sexual assault and sexual harassment; compulsive sexual behavior and pornography use; loss of consortium; immigration; manslaughter; medical malpractice; matters involving transgender and gender-diverse individuals.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Pennsylvania
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, New Jersey
- Approved Supervisor, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
- Certified Sex Therapist Supervisor, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)
- Certified Sex Therapist, AASECT

EDUCATION AND POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Ph.D., Human Development (Concentration: Marriage and Family Therapy)	2011
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA	
M.A., Marital and Family Therapy	2006
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA	
B.S., Psychology	1994
Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA	
Advanced Training in Transgender Mental Health	2018
Widener University, Chester, PA	
Certificate Program in Sex Therapy	2014
Council for Relationships, Philadelphia, PA	

REGULATORY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors 2018–2022

Appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the state legislature. Licensure standards, regulatory rulemaking, telehealth and telesupervision regulation, and disciplinary adjudication. Delegate to the AMFTRB Annual Meeting, 2019–2022.

Commissioner, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE) 2019–2022

Elected by the national AAMFT membership to the body that sets accreditation policy for graduate programs across North America.

Site Visitor, COAMFTE 2015–present

Member, Job Task Analysis Task Force, MFT National Examination 2024–2025

Subject Matter Expert, Standard Setting Workshop, MFT National Examination 2026

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clinical Professor, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Drexel University 2026–present

Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Counseling and Family Therapy 2016–2026

Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Counseling and Family Therapy 2012–2016

Director, Master of Family Therapy Program (COAMFTE-accredited) 2017–present

Chair, Department of Counseling and Family Therapy 2019–2026

Graduate School Dissertation Chair, Northcentral University 2012

Chaired approximately 25 doctoral dissertation committees.

Visiting Instructor, Couples and Family Therapy Master's Program, University of Oregon 2010–2011

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Relationship, LLC, Philadelphia, PA 2015–present

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, RegroupTherapy.com (virtual) 2014

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Centra Associates, Philadelphia, PA 2013–2014

Prior supervised clinical training: Center for Family Therapy, University of Oregon (2010–2011); Marriage and Family Counseling Service, Rock Island, IL (2009–2010); Family Therapy Center of Virginia Tech (2006–2008); Pediatric & Adolescent Medicine, UC San Diego Medical Center (2005–2006); San Diego Health & Faith Alliance (2004–2005).

TEACHING

Courses taught and developed at Drexel University (graduate, post-master's, and doctoral):

- Sex Therapy; Couple and Sex Therapy (CTFP 578, developed)
- Legal and Ethical Implications in Couple and Family Therapy (CTFP 522, developed)
- Clinical Readiness Seminar (CTFP 539, developed), including simulation-based assessment with standardized patients
- Clinical practicum and group supervision; couples therapy; Person of the Therapist; gender and sexual orientation

PUBLICATIONS

Allen, K. R., Husser, E. K., Stone, D. J., & Jordal, C. (2008). Agency and error in young adults' stories of sexual decision-making. *Family Relations*, 57, 517–529.

Ashton, D., & Jordal, C. (2019). Revisioning gender. In M. McGoldrick & K. V. Hardy (Eds.), *Re-Visioning Family Therapy: Race, Culture, and Gender in Clinical Practice*. New York: Guilford Press.

Chou, J., Lynch, L., Brooks, S., Krauthamer-Ewing, E. S., Jordal, C., Herbert, D., & James, A. V. (2022). Couple/marriage and family therapist extent of training for working with families impacted by substance use. *Family Relations*, 71(4), 1658–1678.

Jordal, C., Carneiro, R., & Russon, J. (2016). The hows and whys of journaling as a course assignment. In H. Aponte & K. Kissil (Eds.), *Training the Person-of-the-Therapist: Theory and Implementation*. New York: Routledge.

Editor, *Journal of Family Psychotherapy / International Journal of Systemic Therapy*, the official journal of the International Family Therapy Association (2017–2020).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Jordal, C. (2021). Wellness: Mindset and Actions. Pennsylvania Bar Association Wellness and Well-Being Meeting, Harrisburg, PA (virtual).

Jordal, C. (2022–2025). Invited instructor, clinical supervision curriculum. Sino-American Family Therapy Institute, Shanghai, China.

Chou, J., Patton, R., Katafiasz, H., Dang, Y., Jordal, C., & Zaarur, A. (2020). Bridging the Gap: Substance Use Training and C/MFTs. AAMFT Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Chou, J., Lynch, L., Ewing, S., Brooks, S., & Jordal, C. (2019). C/MFTs' Preparedness Working with Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorders. AAMFT Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Piercy, F., Crane, R., Jordal, C., Lerner, G., Lebow, J., & Sexton, T. (2017). Writing for Family Therapy Journals. International Family Therapy Association, Malaga, Spain.

Jordal, C. (2015). Queering Commitment: A Grounded Theory of Intact Bisexual-Heterosexual Marriages. AASECT Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Jordal, C. (2014). Queering Commitment: A Grounded Theory of Intact Bisexual-Heterosexual Marriages. National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Clinical Fellow, AAMFT | Professional Member, AASECT | Member, International Family Therapy Association | Member, Society for Sex Therapy and Research | Member, International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy

AWARDS AND MEDIA

Service Awards, International Family Therapy Association (2017–2020) and COAMFTE (2019–2021). Media: Washington Post (2015); NBC 10 Philadelphia (2020).

Testimony record and references available upon request.