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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a position at a major university, preferably a Christian one, in the field of counseling or psychology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 – Present **Texas A&M University Central Texas**
Killeen, TX
Adjunct Professor in Counseling & Psychology Department Graduate School

2014 - Present **Waco Counseling & Hypnosis Center, LLC**
Waco, TX
Owner & Family Therapist

I counsel with individuals, couples and families in areas related to marriage & family. Examples include: grief recovery, stress management, anxiety, divorce recovery, depression and parenting. I use hypnosis and essential oils in my practice for a variety of issues, including but not limited to: smoking cessation, test anxiety, relaxation, stress management, weight loss, insomnia, and general worry and anxiety. I also perform assessments of PTSD for veterans & write up reports for the DAV.

2008 to 2014 **Christian Counseling Associates**
Oklahoma City, OK
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

Counseled with individuals, couples, and families in a broad range of areas relating to marriage & family. Examples include: communication, parenting, grief recovery, anxiety, depression, stress management, divorce recovery and pre-marital counseling. Performed assessments of PTSD for combat veterans to be reviewed by the DAV. Also assessed for depression (BDI), helped college students narrow down fields of career interest (Strong Interest Inventory), led groups & taught seminars.

2008 to 2012 **Mid-America Christian University**
Oklahoma City, OK
Associate Professor in Behavioral Science Dept.

I was full time faculty at Mid-America Christian University for 3 years and taught as an adjunct for 1. I taught courses in the Behavioral Science Department. I prepared material for class (notes, power point, videos, etc.), gave lectures, administered and graded exams, advised students, served on faculty committees, and performed administrative duties. I taught Ethics, Abnormal Psychology, Stress Management, Introduction to Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Principles of Counseling, Personality Development, Psychology of Learning, and Pastoral Counseling.

EDUCATION

- 1995 **Texas Woman's University**
Denton, TX
Doctor of Philosophy Family Therapy
- 1983 **Houston Baptist University**
Houston, TX
Master of Education Counselor Education
- 1979 **Central State University**
Edmond, OK
B.S. in Education Early Childhood Education
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2009-PresentAmerican Association of Christian Counselors
2004-2005.....Treasurer Oklahoma Association of Marriage & Family Therapy
2004-2005.....President Oklahoma Christian Counseling Association
2003-2004.....President Elect Oklahoma Christian Counseling Association
2003-Present.....Oklahoma Counseling Association
2002-2004.....Board Member Oklahoma Association of Marriage & Family Therapy
1990-Present.....National Council of Family Relations
1989-2014.....Oklahoma Association of Marriage & Family Therapy
1988-Present.....American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy
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LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

- 1991-Present.....Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist in Oklahoma (now in inactive status
can be reactivated)
- 2011-Present.....Advanced Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist
- 2016-Present.....Certified Tobacco Cessation Treatment Specialist
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PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 Pushing Back the Darkness, by Melissa R. Rich, LMFT, Ph.D. Tate Publishing and Enterprises, LLC, Oklahoma City. A book on coping with depression from a Biblical perspective. ISBN: 978-1-63185-316-6
- 2015 A Year of Successful Living through Clear, Concise, Cooperative Communication, by Melissa R. Rich, Ph.D., Lulu Publishing. A book on improving Communication. ISBN 978-1-48364-2434-7.
- 2015 A Year of Successful Living with Soothing Stress Management, by Melissa R. Rich, Ph.D., Lulu Publishing. A book on managing stress and improving your quality of life. ISBN 978-1-4834-2436-1.

PERSONAL

Health.....Excellent
Marital Status.....Widowed
Birth Date.....May 17, 1957

REFERENCES

References available on request.