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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D., Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, MA

 Dissertation: “Integrating Personal, Clinical and Academic Knowledge:
 Faculty Reflections on Training Trauma Survivors in Social Work
 and Psychology”
- 1973 M.S.W., Simmons College School of Social Work, Boston, MA

 Master’s Thesis: “Examination of Clinicians’ Attitudes toward Drug
 Offenders”
- 1968 BA, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio

EXPERIENCE

- Present Professor, Lesley University,
- 2010 – 2011 Interim Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences
- 2004-present Director, Division of Counseling and Psychology, Lesley University
- 2005-2010 Director, Institute for Body, Mind and Spirituality, Lesley University
- 2003- 2004 Acting Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences, Lesley
 University
- 2003 Senior Faculty, Associate to the Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Social
 Sciences, Lesley University
- 1999–2009 Community Crisis Response Team, Victims of Violence Program,
 Cambridge Health Alliance
- 1977-present Independent clinical practice: Individuals, couples, families, groups,
 supervision and consultation.

INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITY (2000 - 2012):

Courses Taught on Cambridge Campus, and for Cape Cod, Fall River and Lawrence Cohorts:

Clinical Skills and the Counseling Process
Psychopathology
Orientation to Professional Psychology
Professional Integrative Seminar
Counseling Young Children and Adolescents
Consultation Skills for Counselors and Mental Health
Professionals
Psychological Trauma and Post-Trauma Therapy

Independent Studies:

Counseling and Psychology
Expressive Therapies
Intercultural Relations

Doctoral Advising:

Committee Chair: Dee Genetti, Educational Studies
Committee member: Mary Knab, Educational Studies
Committee member: Grace Kwan, Expressive Therapies
Committee member: Yousef Al Ajarma, Expressive Therapies

Division Director:

Division of Counseling and Psychology

Consultation:

Lesley University Counseling Center

**SERVICE TO LESLEY UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
(2000-2012)**

Community Service:

Member: Community Crisis Response Team, Victims of Violence Program, Cambridge Health Alliance, (2000 - 2009)

Community Legal Services and Counseling Center
(Asylum Evaluations for undocumented immigrants)

Lesley University:

Associate Provost Search Committee (2012)
President's Cabinet (2010 – 2011)
Provost Search Committee (2010 – 2011)
Dean's Group (2010 – 2011)
Council on Enrollment (2010 – 2011)
TEAC/DESE Review Leadership Team (2010 – 2014)
Academic Advisory Committee (2008 – present)
NEASC Five Year Report Committee (2008-present)
Presidential Search Committee (2006-2007)
Lesley University Magazine Editorial Board (2006 – present)
Community Violence Prevention Committee (2003-2005)
University Workload Committee (2001-2004)
University Planning Council (2001-2002)
Advanced Graduate Council (2000-2002)

University Governance:

Chair, Faculty Assembly (2001-2002)
Vice-Chair, Faculty Assembly (2000-2001)
Faculty Assembly Steering Committee (2000-2003)
Budget and Planning Committee (2000-2001)
Chair, Ad Hoc Off-campus Faculty Committee (2004–2005)
Faculty Rank and Promotion Committee (2004-2006) (2014)
Faculty Retirement Committee (2003-2006)

Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences:

Academic Leadership Team (2003-present)
Chair, Associate Dean Search Committee, GSASS (2002)
Independent Studies Faculty Search Committee (2002)
Co-chair, GSASS Curriculum Committee (2002-2003)
GSASS Academic Affairs Committee (2002 – present)

(Co-chair 2002-2003, 2008 – 2010)

Division of Counseling and Psychology:

Chair, Evaluation Committee (2000 - 2002)
Chair, Faculty Search Committees (2014)

Leadership/Administrative:

Division of Counseling and Psychology:

Director, (2004-present)

Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences:

Interim Dean (2010 – 2011)
Director, Institute for Body, Mind and Spirituality (2005 - 2007) (2009-2010)
Acting Dean, (2003- 2004).
Senior Faculty, Associate to the Dean, (2002)

Chair, First Church Shelter Oversight Committee.

(Led a team that researched, developed, raised funds, designed and completed an extensive community based project to renovate a space for a homeless shelter in Cambridge. Worked with community groups and Cambridge City offices.) (2001-2004).

Community Consultations (providing pro bono training, organizational and case consultations 2000 – present):

Advocates, Framingham
Arlington/Cambridge area public and independent schools
Cambridge Hospital
CASCAP
Community Crisis Response Team Training
Fenway Health Center
Framingham Mental Health Advocates
Latino Community Service Agency
Lutheran Social Services of New England Refugee Services
Massachusetts Department of Youth Services
Mattapan Community Health Center
North Cambridge Health Center
Pathways to Wellness
Riverside Health Center
Womanspace, Brockton
Wheelock College Counseling Center

SCHOLARSHIP (2000-20011):

Publications:

Gere, S., Hoshmand, L.T. & Reinkraut, R. (2001) Constructing the sacred: Empathic engagement, aesthetic regard and discernment in clinical teaching. In: Morochnik, E. & Sherman, D. (Eds.) *Passion and pedagogy: Relation, creation and transformation in teaching*. New York: Peter Lang.

Gere, S. (2001). Homeless and refugee women: Recreating home. Proceedings of: V Taller Internacional Mujeres en al Siglo XXI Universidad de La Habana, Cuba.

Gere, S. (2003). Precious Ramotswe: The feminist heroine of Alexander McCall Smith. Proceedings of: VI Taller Internacional Mujeres en al Siglo XXI Universidad de La Habana, Cuba.

Gere, S. (2005). A woman's view of clinical trauma theory and therapy. In: Hoshmand, L. T. (Ed.) *Culture, psychotherapy and counseling: Critical and integrative perspectives*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Hoshmand, L. T., Gere, S. & Wong, Y. (2006). International adoption and the case of China: Implications of policy, theory, and research for psychoeducation and counseling. *Asian Journal of Counselling*, 13(1), 5-50.

Byers, J. & Gere, S. (2007). Expression in the service of humanity: Trauma and temporality. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*, 47(3), 384-391.

Gere, S. (Ed.). (2007). Body, mind and spirituality: History, theory and practice (Special Issue). *Journal of Pedagogy, Pluralism and Practice*, 12.

Gere, S., Dass-Brailsford, P., & Hoshmand, L. T. (2009). Issues in integrating trauma curriculum into a graduate counseling psychology program. In Gere, S. & Hoshmand, L.T. (Eds.) (2009). Issues of training in counseling psychology (Special Issue). *Asian Journal of Counselling*, [16\(1\), 67-87](#).

Gere, S. & Hoshmand, L.T. (Eds.) (2009). Issues of training in counseling psychology (Special Issue). *Asian Journal of Counselling*, [16\(1\)](#).

Gere, S. (2009). Home: A sense of place and belonging. In: Llera, D. Cathcart, D. & Roffman, E. (Eds.) (2009) *Crossing borders, making home: Stories of resilient women*. Frederick, Md.: Publish America.

Gere, S. (2009). Evidence-informed trauma treatment in an international context. Proceedings of: Promoting harmony and justice in a world of conflict. City University of Hong Kong.

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Presentations:

Regional:

Post-Sept. 11, 2001 debriefing seminars for the Lesley University community (2001-2002).

When disaster happens at your school.
(Moderated Panel for Massachusetts School Physicians and Nurses Conference, 2001)

Responding to families of adolescents in times of crisis.

(Invited presentation to “Positive Edge” adolescent outreach program, City of Cambridge, 2002).

The impact of trauma on social workers: Implications for personal and professional growth.

(Invited presentation at Beth Israel Hospital, Social Work Grand Rounds, 2002).

Training volunteers for intervening with at-risk adolescents.

(Invited presentation for Massachusetts Junior League, 2002)

Teaching and learning when students are in distress.

(Center for Teaching and Learning training for GSASS adjunct faculty, 2003)

Raising our daughters.

(Invited presentation for Jewish Family Services, 2004).

Clinicians as leaders in college counseling centers.

(Invited keynote presentation for Massachusetts College Counseling Center Directors, Annual Meeting, Wellesley College, 2005).

Facilitator for GSASS Center for Teaching and Learning Group.

(Facilitated semester long professional development group on the scholarship of teaching and learning for Lesley University core and adjunct faculty, 2005)

Finding our voices: Making a Difference.

(Created, designed and moderated two conferences at Lesley University 2004 and 2005).

Fostering resilience in students from Southeast Asia.

(Invited presentation for Massachusetts School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, 2005).

Lesley University Faculty Development Day: Contemplative practice and higher education.

(Designed and moderated the day, January 2006).

Responsibilities, boundaries and resources for caregivers.

(Presentation for Caring for the Caregivers conference, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and Lesley University, March 2008)

Phases of trauma recovery and national and international approaches to healing.

(Presentation for Scholarship Day, Lesley University, March 2009)

Creating the special issue of the Asian Journal of Counselling on: Training issues in Counseling and Psychology.

(Presentation for Scholarship Day, Lesley University, March 2010)

From teachers and learners to mentors and colleagues: The creation of a lifelong community at Lesley University.

(Presentation for Community of Scholars Day, Lesley University, March 2011)

Community interventions in trauma

(Presentation for Trauma and Neuroscience Conference, Lesley University, July 2011)

A conversation on child homelessness and child development

(Panel discussant on Immigration, Trauma and Homelessness in Massachusetts, Lesley University, November 2011)

From 9/11 to Global Justice

(Presentation for Community of Scholars Day, March 2012)

Trauma Theory, Supervision and Self-Care

(Series for Site Supervisors Sponsored by the Field Training Office, Division of Counseling and Psychology, Lesley University, October - November 2012)

National:

Healing from sexual abuse: Working class women.

(Presentation at the American Women in Psychology meeting in Los Angeles, CA, March 2001)

Interventions in community violence.

(Presentation for Feminist Therapy Conference, Lesley University, 2004).

Raising Cain: The emotional life of boys.

(In collaboration with the Raising Cain Project and PBS, designed, coordinated and moderated this national conference; presented a workshop on how to use “Raising Cain” training materials for educational, health and mental health professionals, Lesley University, November, 2006).

Conference on Love and Forgiveness.

(At Lesley University, the Institute for Body, Mind and Spirituality, in collaboration with the Campaign for Love and Forgiveness and the Fetzer Institute, designed, coordinated and moderated the first part of this national conference, “The Mystery of Love” Fall, 2006; the second part of the project on “Forgiveness” presented Spring 2007.)

Graduate Student Symposium

(Designed conference at Lesley University on: “Body, Mind and Spirit: Innovations in Research, Practice and Pedagogy” in

collaboration with IBMS, Lesley University Doctoral Programs in Expressive Therapies and Educational Studies, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Harvard Divinity School, March 30, 2007)

Imagine: Expression in the service of humanity. Moving towards forgiveness.

(The Institute for Body, Mind and Spirituality, in collaboration with the Campaign for Love and Forgiveness and the Fetzer Institute, designed, coordinated and moderated this conference, chaired international panel, at Lesley University, April 28, 29, 2007)

Uncovering the Heart of Higher Education: Integrative Learning for compassionate Action in and Interconnected World

(Presentation at conference given by the Fetzer Institute and California Institute of Integral Studies. Held in San Francisco, February 22 – 25, 2007)

Learning from our roots: The value of social activism in the professional world.

(Presentation given at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Association for Women in Psychology, San Diego, CA, March 2008)

Vicarious Trauma: The Ripple Effect of Community Violence on Social Workers.

(**Invited presentation** at the National Association of Social Workers, Committee on Ethnic Affairs Conference, Boston, MA, June, 2008)

Mindfulness in Education.

(**Coordinated conference** held at Lesley University in partnership with the Mindfulness in Education Network, the Dalai Lama Center and M.I.T. and Wellesley College, March 19-21, 2010; Co-chaired a session on Mindfulness in Higher Education in which we discussed best practices applications of Mindfulness in the courses we teach)

Interpersonal Healing: Differences Between Meditation and Psychotherapy

(Invited presentation for Harvard Conference on Meditation and Psychotherapy, May, 2011)

Panel of Experts, Curriculum Development for Training Community Professionals in Trauma Treatment

(Invited presentation for Minnesota State University, Mankato, January 2013)

Multiculturalism and Social Justice in Counselor Education: An Integrative Approach Across the Curriculum

(Symposium, 30th Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education, Columbia University, New York City, February 2013)

Mindfulness: Foundation for Teaching and Learning (sixth annual conference)

(Co-sponsored by Lesley University, the Mindfulness in Education Network, the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, the Friends Council on Education, and the Association for Mindfulness in Education.
Led symposium on “Mindful Counseling”, March 2013)

Unprotected Secrets: The Hidden Dilemma of Women with Invisible Disabilities

(Symposium, 31st Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education, Columbia University, New York City, February 2014)

Mindfulness, Education and Wellbeing

(Panel discussion with Alan Wallace, Jared Kass and Christopher Germer, Conference on ReThinking Mindfulness: Tradition (pop)Culture and Wellbeing, Prajnapaya Institute of Buddhist Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, May 23, 2014)

International:

Women’s creativity: Homelessness and the challenge to recreate home.

(Presentation at conference at the University of Havana, Havana, Cuba on “Narratives from Diaspora: New directions for feminism in the 21st century,” November 2001)

Feminist pedagogy.

(Presentation at the International Women's Conference, University of Havana, Havana, Cuba, November, 2003).

Traumatic grief: Coping strategies and narrative Meaning.

(Presentation for Imagine conference, Tel Aviv, Israel, April 2006)

Integrating trauma studies into a university mental health training curriculum.

(Presented at the World Congress of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 2006.)

Evidence-based trauma counseling in an international context.

(**Invited plenary keynote** presentation at the International Conference on Social Work and Counselling, Promoting harmony and justice in a world of conflict. June 2009, City University of Hong Kong)

International Symposia for Contemplative Studies

(**Chairperson:** Contemplative Self-Inquiry, Brain Science, and Mindfulness in Graduate Education: Multidisciplinary, Evidence-informed Applications to Personal and Professional Development. April 2012, Denver, Colorado)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Certified Social Workers
American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress
American Counseling Association
American Psychological Association
Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
National Association of Social Workers

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (MA #95-26862)