

**EILEEN O'NEILL ESTES, PH.D, ATR-BC, LPAT, LPCA**

Assistant Professor, Counseling and Human Development  
Director, Art Therapy Program  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY 40292

Doctor of Philosophy  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY  
December, 2002  
Major: Counselor Education and Student Personnel Services  
Dissertation: The Relationship Between Hopelessness and Parenting Stress Among Mothers  
Diagnosed with Breast Cancer

Masters of Arts  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY  
May, 1991  
Major: Expressive Therapies  
Concentration: Medical and Grief Counseling  
Master's Paper: Understanding the Psychosocial Needs of the Adolescent Cancer Patient Through  
Art

Bachelor of Science  
University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI  
August, 1986  
Major: Art  
Second Major: Art History

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Assistant Chair**

Department of Counseling and Human Development  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

Monitor and advise the Department Chairperson concerning all program changes, including curriculum reviews, revisions, and additions. Monitor course schedules during registration period and work with Department Chairperson and EASS to add or eliminate course sections. Work with Department Chairperson to hire and assign high quality teachers (full and part-time) to all program courses and Build and sustain relationships with faculty members from other departments who collaborate with the program. Serve as a program liaison to appropriate University (*e.g.*, SIGS Graduate Program Directors), community, and/or P-12 school district partners. Oversee the content, continuous review, and implementation of web-based content for advising and program marketing. Assist graduating students with faculty recommendations and other information required for placement in advanced educational programs or employment. Represent and effectively advocate for the program within the department, CEHD, University, and community. Comply with all University and CEHD policies and established practices. Perform any other program work to help accomplish University and CEHD strategic plan priorities, goals, and initiatives.

**Director/Assistant Professor**

May, 2006 to Present

Art Therapy Program, Department of Counseling and Human Development

University of Louisville

Louisville, KY

Educational leadership responsibilities include: course schedules, book orders, hire adjunct faculty and assign courses, complete annual program reports for AATA, complete re-approval portfolio for AATA, attend departmental meetings and participate on school-wide committees, plan and host the Art Therapy Forum, review applications and interview prospective students, collaborate with community agencies to provide a variety of practicum sites and meet with site supervisors per semester. Advising activities include the following: advise both first and second year graduate students regarding academic plans and meeting ATR and LPCA requirements. Instructional activities include: teach nine to twelve credits per semester; develop course content to meet AATA and LPCC standards. Courses taught include: ECPY 650 Group Counseling, ECPY 653 Medical and Grief Counseling, ECPY 655 Art Therapy for Children with Special Needs, ECPY 676 Practicum, ECPY 677 Research in Art Therapy, ECPY 730 Social, Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling.

**Clinical Supervisor/Interim Program Coordinator**

August, 2005 to May, 2006

Expressive Therapies Program

University of Louisville

Louisville, KY

Responsibilities include educational leadership (course schedules, book orders, hiring adjunct faculty and assigning courses), attend departmental meetings, plan and implement the Art Therapy Forum, advise current students, review applications and interview prospective students, teach six credits per semester, oversee practicum sites and meet with site supervisors as needed. Courses taught include ECPY 680 Practicum (Fall and Spring semesters), ECPY 653 Medical and Grief Counseling, and ECPY 696 Research in Art Therapy.

**Assistant Professor/Program Coordinator**

Promoted to Associate Professor May, 2006 May, 2003 to Present

Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education Jefferson Community and Technical College

Louisville, KY

Responsibilities include educational leadership (course schedules, book orders, transfer programs with four-year institutions, Perkins funding proposals, Institutional Effectiveness Plans and Operational Reports, hiring adjunct faculty and assigning courses to both full time and adjunct faculty), teaching a minimum of nine credits per semester, advising, committee membership, committee chair, and community service, develop and teach online courses. Courses taught include IECE 140 Guidance of Young Children, IECE 235 Introduction to Inclusive Education, ED 201 Introduction to American Education, IECE 101 Orientation to Early Childhood Education, IECE 291 Practicum, IECE 180 Approaches to Curriculum, IECE 221 Creative Expression, IECE 246 Life Sciences. Courses developed and taught online: IECE 101 Orientation to Early Childhood Education, IECE 140 Guidance of Young Children, IECE 180 Approaches to Early Childhood Education Curriculum, IECE 235 Introduction to Inclusive Education

**Instructor**

August, 2001 to May, 2003  
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education  
Jefferson Community College  
Louisville, KY

Responsibilities included coordinating semester course schedules for the AAS degree, Hire adjunct faculty and assign courses to both adjunct and full time instructors, advise students pursuing IECE certificates, associate degree, and transfer degrees, review applications for program admissions, review graduate applications, serve as committee member and chair on campus-wide committees, teach a minimum of nine credits per semester. Courses taught include ECE Introduction to Early Childhood Education, ECE 105 Early Childhood Development, ECE 155 Approaches to Discipline, ECE 160 Infant/Toddler Care, ECE 270 Guiding Young Children's Routines, and ECE 290 Practicum in Early Childhood Education

**Clinical Instructor**

January, 1999 to December, 2001 Expressive Therapies  
University of Louisville Louisville, KY

Courses taught include: ET 653 Grief Counseling, and ET 617 Field Studies

**Clinical Supervisor**

August, 1996 to May, 1999 Expressive Therapies University of Louisville Louisville, KY

Provide clinical supervision to second-year graduate students, provide direct evaluation of supervisee's clinical performance, assist students with research and clinical writing, establish and maintain contact with on-site supervisors throughout the semester, support and evaluate students in researching and writing master's papers, participate in monthly faculty meetings.

**Adjunct Instructor**

August, 1998 to May, 2001  
Department of Early and Middle Childhood Education  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

Courses taught include EDEM 637 Building Classroom Community, EDUC 502 Pre-Teacher Education Core II, EDEM 507 Child and Families Studies Seminar, EDUC Pre-Teacher Education Core I, EDEM 637 Infant Toddler Education, and EDEM Theories of Child Development.

**Graduate Assistant**

January to July, 1999  
Department of Early and Middle Childhood Education  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

Assist professors in research for professional publications, provide clerical and instructional support for faculty.

### **Graduate Assistant**

January, 1997 to January, 1999  
Dean's Office-School of Education  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

Managed graduate assistantships: Assess eligibility for positions, track applications, and conduct intake interviews. Provide clerical support for dean staff and faculty.

### **Departmental Service Assistant**

August, 1990 to May, 1991  
Department of Family Therapy  
University of Louisville  
Louisville, KY

Assisted faculty with research, coordinated monthly community-based Family Therapy Forum presentations, and responded to program inquiries from prospective students.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - CLINICAL**

Behavioral Health Professional  
March, 2015 to Present  
Transformations, LLC  
Louisville, KY

Specialize in grief and trauma. Provide emotional, social, mental, and behavioral support to children/adolescents/adults and their families. Conduct initial assessment. Plan and implement treatment plans. Document therapeutic services via MyClientsPlus. Provide intensive home, school, and community based services. Maintain client hours/supervision hours as required by the KY Board for Licensed Professional Counselors.

### **Art Therapist**

January, 1993 to May, 2015  
Norton Healthcare Cancer Resource and Prevention Center  
Louisville, KY

Specialize in grief and loss issues related to medical illness for pediatric and adult cancer patients and family members, provide individual and group art therapy interventions  
Contract with community agencies (Norton Healthcare Cancer Resource and Prevention Center), set appointments and manage billing records.

Represented clients in court appearances and Child Protective Service investigations

Designed and implemented pre-bone marrow transplant Art Therapy assessments to pediatric oncology patients and sibling donors.

Member of Wonders Team, a program funded by the Crusade to address the needs of children born addicted to tobacco, drugs and alcohol. Conducted home visits to assess the needs of the family, provided individual and group counseling.

### **Early Interventionist**

August, 2000 to December, 2001  
Community Coordinated Child Care (4C's)  
Louisville, KY

Responded to calls from parents, teachers and directors of childcare and preschool programs

regarding concerns related to child's behavior and development (birth to five years of age); observe, assess and make recommendations to address these concerns. Conducted workshops on topics related to developmental milestones, effective discipline strategies, and the effects of prenatal exposure to tobacco, drugs, and alcohol. Submitted monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to Seven Counties Services and WHAS Crusade for Children.

### **Child Life Specialist**

April, 1991 to December, 1997

Kosair Children's Hospital

Louisville, KY

Responsibilities included planning and implementing therapeutic art activities to pediatric inpatients. Supervised University of Louisville practicum students enrolled in Counseling Psychology and Expressive Therapies graduate programs and undergraduate students from the University of Louisville, Murray University and Centre College; adhered to practicum requirements set by university program; maintained record of clinical hours; conducted weekly supervision meetings; completed midterm and final evaluations. Rotated responsibilities as a member of the Child Life self-managed work team in the areas of finance, budget, purchasing, human resources, education, safety management, and team leader. Developed and instructed continuing education courses to hospital medical and ancillary staff. Designed and implemented a school re-entry program for pediatric oncology patients. Developed and implemented a Kids Activity Group and monthly support group for pediatric oncology patients. Participated as a member of the pediatric oncology team by attending weekly oncology rounds and monthly tumor board meetings. Planned and implemented therapeutic art activities for pediatric burn and trauma patients. Worked closely with medical staff to determine patient's needs.

### **Expressive Therapist**

May to December, 1990

Seven Counties Services

Louisville, KY

Planned and implemented therapeutic art activities for developmentally disabled children and adults. Maintained client therapy records and managed billing for services.

## **INTERNSHIP/PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES**

### **Teaching Internship:** ECPY 680 Practicum

Educational and Counseling Psychology

University of Louisville May to August, 1998

Grade received: A

Collaborated with senior professor on course content and requirements, maintained students' files to ensure completion of the Practicum Supervisor/Student Agreement, midterm and final site supervisor evaluations, designed and deliberated course syllabus, conducted weekly lectures to cover topics such as the therapeutic relationship, safety considerations for the therapist, confidentiality and ethical issues in counseling, provided direct evaluation of course assignments, facilitated group discussions regarding students' practicum placements and clientele experiences.

### **Psychology Testing Practicum:** Norton's Psychiatric Hospital

January – May, 1998

Grade received: A

Conducted clinical interviews with adolescent, adult and geriatric inpatient psychiatric patients, administered psychological test batteries to adolescent, adult and geriatric patients (Shipley

Institute of Living Scale (SILS), Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI-2 and MMPI-A), Millon Clinical Multi-axial Inventory (MCMI-3), Symptom Check List-90-Revised (SCI-90-R), The Neurobehavioral Cognitive Status Examination (COGNISTAT), Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test- Revised (PPVT-R), The Beck Hopelessness Scale (BHS), The Beck Depression Inventory (BDI); scored and evaluated psychological tests via manual and computer programs.

**Counseling Psychology Practicum:** Bingham Child Guidance Center

University of Louisville

August to December, 1996

Grade received: A

Collaborated with Psychology Consult Team in the development of the Koping Koach: A training manual for students and interns working with pediatric burn patients. Developed and implemented therapeutic interventions for pediatric burn patients, participated as a member of the pediatric burn unit multidisciplinary team.

**Expressive Therapies Practicum:** Kosair Children's Hospital

August, 1990 to April, 1991

Grade received for both semesters: A

Developed and implemented art therapy interventions for pediatric oncology, burn/trauma, cystic fibrosis and diabetes patients; co-facilitated support group for parents of children with cancer; facilitated support group for children with cancer; participated in multidisciplinary team meetings. **Expressive Therapies Pre-Practicum:** Kosair Children's Hospital

January to April, 1990

Grade received: A

Designed and implemented expressive therapy interventions with pediatric cystic fibrosis patients; facilitated a monthly support group for cystic fibrosis patients (6-12 years old).

## RESEARCH

Ronald, A., Hooper, L., Head, B., Evans-Andris, M., & Estes, E. (under review). Insights of Chaplain Interns and Social Work Interns on Palliative Care Teams: Where are the Counselors? *Death Studies*

“The Relationship Between Hopelessness and Parenting Stress Among Mothers Diagnosed with Breast Cancer” A dissertation study in collaboration with Norton Healthcare's Cancer Resource Center.

Completed: December, 2002.

“Understanding the Psychological Needs of the Adolescent Cancer Patient Through Art”

Master's paper : Single case-study design

Completed: April, 1991

## SERVICE

American Art Therapy Association

- Member, Education Program Approval Board (EPAB) July, 2014 to Present
- Member, Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) February, 2016 to Present

## University of Louisville

- Curriculum Committee July, 2011-Present
- Admissions Committee July, 2005-Present
- School of Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies (SIGS) Committee July, 2010- June, 2012

## Kentucky Art Therapy Association

- Past- President  
January, 2012 to December , 2014
- President  
January, 2010 through December, 2011
- Chair of Programs  
January, 2008 to present

## Kentucky Community and Technical College System-Jefferson Community and Technical College

- Chair, Rules Committee 2004-2006
- Early Childhood Education Advisory Board 2000-2006 Member
- Women's Information Network (WIN) Committee 2000-2003

## Spalding University

- Dissertation Chair, School of Education  
May, 2005 to 2006

## Wesley Manor Nursing Home

### Art Therapist

Co-lead a monthly art therapy support group for Alzheimer patients

January, 2004 to December, 2006

## Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education (KAECE) Board

Vice President for Communication

January – December, 2004

## **BOOK REVIEWER**

*Guiding Young Children, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*

McGraw Hill Publishing

## **Licensures and Certifications**

Licensed Professional Counseling Associate (LPCA), KY Board of Licensure for Counselors

Licensed Professional Art Therapist (LPAT) Supervisor, KY Board of Licensure for Professional Art Therapists

Licensed Professional Art Therapist (LPAT), KY Board of Licensure for Professional Art Therapists

Board Certified Art Therapist, Art Therapy Credential Board (ATCB) American Art Therapy Association

## **PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS**

### **Grief Counseling with School-Aged Children**

Seven Counties Services

Louisville, KY

August 3, 2016

### **Ethics and Competence: Knowing Your Limits**

KYATA/Seven Counties Services

Louisville, KY

January 31, 2014

### **Self Exploration through Art**

Salvation Army

New Albany, Indiana

June 5/ 12/ 19/ 26, 2012

### **Ethical Decision Making in the Face of Diversity**

Kentucky Art Therapy Association

Louisville, KY

May, 2012

### **But Is It Ethical?**

Buckeye Art Therapy Association

Florence, KY

May, 2012

### **Complimentary Therapies in the Treatment of Breast Cancer** Panel Presentation

Celebrating Women Conference

Louisville, KY

September, 2005

### **Understanding the EQ Factor**

Professional Development Conference: Archdiocese of Louisville Louisville, KY

June, 2005

### **Understanding the Child Who is Rejected**

Professional Development Conference: Archdiocese of Louisville Louisville, KY

June, 2005

### **Developmental Reactions to Grief**

Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA) conference

LaCrosse, WI

October, 2004

### **Developmental Reactions to Grief and Trauma**

Kentucky Early Childhood Education Association (KAECE) conference Lexington, KY

October, 2004

### **The Very Young Child's Reaction to Trauma and Grief**

Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education (KAECE) conference Lexington, KY

October, 2001

### **Understanding the Child Prenatally Exposed to Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol** Louisville

Association for Early Childhood Education (LAECE) conference Louisville, KY

August, 2001

## **HONORS**

Faculty Favorite



Fall, 2016 and Fall, 2012  
University of Louisville

Special Recognition Award, 2002-2003/2005-2006 Jefferson Community and Technical College

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Art Therapy Association (AATA)  
Kentucky Art Therapy Association (KYATA)

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request