

1997-2002 University of Texas at Austin, Human Development and Family Sciences:
Assistant Instructor

Courses taught:

Introduction to Child Development (Summer 2000 and 2001)

Child Development Laboratory (Summer 2000 and 2001)

Teaching Assistant

Development of the Young Child through Creative Activities: Music &
Literature (Spring 2002)

Family Relationships (Fall 2001)

Personal and Family Finance (Summer 2001)

Graduate Research Methods (Fall 2000)

Theories of Child Development & Family Relationships (Spring 2000)

Introduction to Child Development (Fall 1999)

Parent-Child Relationships (Spring 1999)

Teaching Assistant, University of Texas Child and Family Laboratory (Preschool)

Infant Classroom (2001 - 2002)

Toddler I Classroom (2001 - 2002)

Three-year-old Classroom (1999 - 2000)

Toddler III Classroom (1998-1999)

Four-year-old Classroom (Fall 1998)

Committees

Messiah College

Teacher Education Committee (Fall 2003 – present)

Teacher Education Committee Task Force (2006)

Bookstore Task Force (Fall 2003 – Fall 2004)

Messiah College Institutional Review Board (Fall 2004 - present)

Community of Educators Senate (Fall 2005 – Spring 2008)

Sociology Search Committee (Fall 2006 – Spring 2007)

Alumni Research on Divorce Project (Fall 2005 – present)

HDFS Search Committee (Fall 2007 – present)

Nursing Search Committee (Fall 2007 – Spring 2008)

Scholarship and Development Committee (Fall 2008 – present)

Other

Building Strong Families Conference Planning Committee

Co-Chair Conference Planning Committee (2007-2008)

Subcommittee: Student Posters (2005, 2006)

Subcommittee: Student Volunteers (2007)

Professional Experience

1996 – 1997 *Counselor I*, Adelphoi Village Residential Treatment Facility, Latrobe, PA.

Supervisors: Stephanie Banko and Douglas Clarke. Responsibilities: Facilitating individual and family discussion sessions.

Research Interest and Experience

2005-present Understanding breastfeeding from family systems and ecological perspectives

2007- present Using family folklore as a teaching tool

2004-2007 Research consultant, Weed and Seed grant at Messiah College.

1999-2002 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Human Development and Family Sciences. Supervisors: Nancy Hazen-Swann and Deborah Jacobvitz. Research topic: Parent-child attachment relationships, emotions, and parenting.

2000-2001 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Psychology. Supervisor: William Swann. Research topic: Interpersonal responsiveness in adult relationships.

1997-1999 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Human Development and Family Sciences. Supervisor: Theodore Dix. Research Topic: Maternal depression and joint attention with their children

1995 Undergraduate Research Assistant, University of Pittsburgh, Psychology. Supervisor: Celia Brownell and Sue Kelley. Research topic: Children's mastery motivation and maternal control

Publications

Boyd-Soisson, E. (2005). Introduction to Interpersonal Relationships (syllabus). In. M. Walcheski, & N. Gonzalez (Eds.), *Teaching Family Life Education: A Syllabus Collection* (pp. 73 – 82). Minneapolis: National Council on Family Relations.

Boyd-Soisson, E. & Hamon, R. R. (2007, September). Helping Family Science Students Make Themselves More Marketable: Identifying and Developing the Skills Employers Want. *National Council on Family Relations Report, 52* (3), 15-16.

Hamon, R. R., & Boyd-Soisson, E. (Winter, 2008). 10 ways to strengthen family relationships. *The Bridge, 99* (3), 14-15.

Manuscripts: Under Review

Shaffer, E., Hwang, A., & Boyd-Soisson, E. (Under Review, Fall 2007). Factors Affecting Third Culture Kids Adjustment to College. *Journal of College Student Development*.

Manuscripts: Revise and Resubmit

McFarland, L., Hazen, N., Jacobvitz, D., & Boyd-Soisson, E. The Intergenerational Transmission of Fathering: The Role of Father's Adult Attachment Representations and Childhood Experiences. Revise and resubmit to: *Attachment and Human Development*.

Manuscripts: In Progress

Boyd-Soisson, E. *Supporting Mothers in their Decision to Breastfeed: A Family Systems Approach*.

Boyd-Soisson, E., Hamon, R., & Hollinger, M. A. *Using Family Folklore Albums as Teaching Tools*.

Professional Presentations (Peer-reviewed)

Berke, D., Miller, A., Reininga, E., & Boyd-Soisson, E. (November 2008). *Advocacy as Service Learning*, paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations: Little Rock, AR.

Boyd-Soisson, E. (November, 2007). *Multiple Means for Teaching about Family Vulnerabilities and Diversity*. Symposium Chair, presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations: Pittsburgh, PA.

Boyd-Soisson, E. & Hollinger, M. A. (November, 2007). *Using Family Folklore to Examine Family Identity, Strengths, and Diversity*, paper presented in *Multiple Means for Teaching about Family Vulnerabilities and Diversity Symposium* at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations: Pittsburgh, PA.

Boyd-Soisson, E. (October, 2007). *Supporting Mothers in their Decision to Breastfeed: An Ecological Approach*. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Mid Atlantic Council on Family Relationships Building Strong Families Conference: Grantham, PA.

Boyd-Soisson, E. F., Hazen, N., McFarland, L. D., & Jacobvitz, D. B. (March, 2007). *A longitudinal study of emotional sensitivity in the family*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development: Boston, MA.

Berke, D. L., Hwang, A., Boyd-Soisson, E. F. & Fetzer, D. (November, 2006). *Using older adolescents as mentors in sexuality education: An urban case study*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations: Minneapolis, MN.

Boyd-Soisson, E. (October, 2005). *The transition to parenthood: The intergenerational transmission of parenting through parents' mental representations of attachment*. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the Mid Atlantic Council on Family Relationships Building Strong Families Conference: Grantham, PA.

Boyd-Soisson, E., Hazen-Swann, N., & Jacobvitz, D. (November, 2004). *Parents' socialization of children's emotions: The role of adult attachment*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations: Orlando, Florida.

Feldman, A., Curran, M., Jacobvitz, D., Boyd-Soisson, E., & Kyoung Jin, M. (April, 2003). *The intergenerational transmission of parent-child relationships: Links with children's peer relationships*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development: Tampa, Florida

Boyd-Soisson, E., Hazen-Swann, N., & Jacobvitz, D. (March, 2002). *Parents' responses to their children's emotions: The role of adults' mental representations of attachment*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Southwestern Society for Research in Human Development: Austin, Texas.

Boyd-Soisson, E., McFarland, L. D., & Hazen, N. (April, 2001). *Predicting children's emotional regulation at 24-months from the emotional quality of the parent-child dyads at 8-months*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development: Minneapolis, Minnesota.

McFarland, L. D., Hazen, N., Jacobvitz, D. J., & Boyd, E. (April, 2000). *The relationship between adult attachment classification and various aspects of caregiving for mothers and fathers*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Southwest Society for Research in Human Development: Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Community (Workshops)

Boyd-Soisson, E. (July 2004). *Adolescent Development*. Workshop presented to employees of Project Forward Leap at Messiah College: Grantham, Pennsylvania

Student Committees and Mentorship

Committees Chaired

- 2007 – 2008 Kathryn Nesterwitz, Departmental Honor's Project: *The Use of Instant Messaging in Intimate Relationships*
- 2006 – 2007 Sarah Weaver, Departmental Honor's Project: *Maternal Perspectives on Childcare Quality*

Committee Membership

- 2007 – 2008 Amanda Schoeneberger, Departmental Honor's Project: *Analyzing Pre-Marital Education for Military Couples*
- 2007 (Fall) Renee Polen, Departmental Honor's Project: *An Assessment of the Effectiveness of Childbirth Education*
- 2004 – 2005 Ellen Ferris, Departmental Honor's Project: *Factors Affecting Third Culture Kid Adjustment to College*

HDFS Practica Supervised

Spring 2006 Elisia Bidwell

Internal Grants

- 2007-2008 Course Development Grant (\$1500), Messiah College - Play & Human Development
- Fall 2008 Smith Scholar Internship (\$550), Messiah College – Brittany Kappuf
- Spring 2008 Smith Scholar Internship (\$550), Messiah College – Arelis Perez
- Spring 2007 Smith Scholar Internship (\$550), Co-granted (Debra Berke), Messiah College- Tawny Smay
- Fall 2006 Smith Scholar Internship (\$550), Co-granted (Debra Berke), Messiah College - Brenda Pritts
- 2005 – 2006 Smith Scholar Internship (\$1100) Co-granted (Debra Berke) Messiah College - Brenda Pritts

Fellowships/Scholarships

Fall 2001 David Bruton, Jr. Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.
Summer 2001 University of Texas Summer Tuition Scholarship
Spring 2001 University of Texas Travel Award
Summer 2000 University of Texas Summer Tuition Scholarship
Spring 2000 University of Texas Travel Award
1997 - 1998 Research Apprenticeship Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

Honors/Awards

1996 University Scholar, University of Pittsburgh

Professional Memberships

Capital Area Association for the Education of Young Children (CAAEYC) (2007 – present)
Family Science Association (Spring 2007 – present)
Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relationships (MACFR) (2002 – present)
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) (2007 – present)
National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) (2002 – present)
Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC) (2007 – present)
Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) (2000- present)
Southwestern Society for Research in Human Development (2000-2002)