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## **EDUCATION**

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- Texas Tech University** Lubbock, TX  
Doctorate of Philosophy, Marriage and Family Therapy August 2017  
**Dissertation (3 article format):**  
Assessing the Effectiveness of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy for Couples Raising a Child with ASD: A Clinical Outcome Study  
Experiences of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy: A Case Study on Couples Raising a Child with Autism.  
Using Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Families Living with ASD
- Purdue University** Hammond, IN  
Masters of Science, Child Development and Family Studies: Dec 2013  
Specialization in Marriage and Family Therapy  
**Master's Thesis:** Marriage and Family Therapy Students' and Faculty Perceptions of Program Enhancers and Stressors
- University of Nevada—Las Vegas** Las Vegas, NV  
Bachelor of Science, Human Services Counseling May 2011  
Family Studies minor, College of Urban Affairs  
Graduated Cum Laude

## **CURRENT POSITION**

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- Fuller Theological Seminary**  
Assistant Professor, Grade level 2, tenure track  
Marital and Family Therapy Program Phoenix, AZ

## **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

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- AAMFT Foundation Dissertation Award** (October 2018). Awarded by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Louisville, Kentucky
- SFBTA Dissertation Research Award** (August 2016). Awarded by the Solution-Focused Brief Family Therapy Association. Nova Scotia, Canada

Award Value: \$2,200

**Texas Tech Dissertation Completion Fellowship** (August 2016-August 2017). Awarded by the Graduate School at Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX

Award Value: \$15,000

**College of Human Sciences Fellowship** (Yearly: August 2014-May 2017). Awarded by the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX

Award Value: \$45,000

**IAMT Graduate Student Research Award** (April 2013). Awarded by the Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference. Indianapolis, IN

Award Value: \$250

**Graduate Distinction Scholarship** (Yearly: August 2011-December 2013). Awarded by the Graduate School at Purdue University Calumet. Hammond, IN.

Award Value: \$6,000

**Deans Honor Roll** (August 2009-December 2010)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Golden Key Honor Society** (August 2009-December 2010)

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

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Turns, B., Smock Jordan, S., Callahan, K., Whiting, J. & Piland Springer, N. (in press). Assessing the effectiveness of solution-focused brief therapy for couples raising a child with autism: A clinical outcome study. *Journal of Couple and Relationship Therapy*.

Turns, B., Handley, V., Story, M. & Hertlein, K. (in press). Identifying and enhancing meaningful relationships for individuals with ASD: A socially playful genogram. *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health*.

Eddy, B. P. & Turns, B. (2019). Helping school counselors empower students with autism. *Canadian School Counseling Review*, 2(1).

Turns, B., Springer, P., & Sibley, D. S. (2018). Removing the “mystery” in therapy: Transparency as a continuous intervention in family psychotherapy. *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*. 30(1). doi:10.1080/08975353.2018.1488127

Turns, B., & Sibley, D. S. (2018). Does maternal spanking lead to bullying behaviors at school? A longitudinal study. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 27, 2824-2832. doi:10.1007/s10826-018-1129-x.

Dansby, R., Turns, B., Whiting, J., & Crane, J. (2018). A phenomenological content analysis of online support seeking by siblings of people with autism. *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*. 29(3), 181-200. doi:10.1080/08975353.2017.1395256.

Turns, B., Eddy, B. P., & Smock Jordan, S. (2016). Working with siblings of children with autism: A solution-focused approach. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy*, 37(4), 558-571.

- Smock Jordan, S., & Turns, B. (2016). Utilizing solution-focused brief therapy with families living with autism. *Journal of Family Psychotherapy*, 27(3), 155-170.
- \*Brockman, M., Hussain, K., Sanchez, B., & Turns, B. (2016). Managing child behavior problems in children with autism spectrum disorders: Utilizing structural and solution focused therapy with primary caregivers. *The American Journal of Family Therapy*, 44(1), 1-10.
- Turns, B., & Macey, P. (2015). Cinema-narrative-therapy: Utilizing family films to externalizing children's "problems." *Journal of Family Therapy*. 37, 590-606. doi: 10.1111/1467-6427.12098.
- \*Kellen, K., \*Schoenherr, A., \*Turns, B., Madhusudan, M., & Hecker, L. (2015). Ethical decision-making while using social networking sites: Potential ethical and clinical implications for marriage and family therapists. *The American Journal of Family Therapy*. 43(1). doi: 10.1080/01926187.2014.942203
- Turns, B., Nalbone, D., Hertlein, K., & Wetchler, J. (2014). Perceptions of program enhancers and stressors by marriage and family therapy students and faculty. *Contemporary Family Therapy* (36). 507-517. doi: 10.1007/s10591-014-9313-7.
- Turns, B., & Kimmes, J. (2014). "I'm NOT the problem!" Externalizing children's "problems" using play therapy and developmental considerations. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 36(1), 135-147. doi: 10.1007/s10591-013-9285-z
- Turns, B., Morris, S., & Lentz, N. (2013). The self of the Christian therapist doing sex therapy: A model for training Christian sex therapists. *Sexual and Relationship Therapy*, 28(3), 186-200. doi: 10.1080/14681994.2013.765557

\*Indicates equal authorship

## **BOOK**

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- Turns, B., Ramisch, J., and Whiting, J. (2019). *Systemically treating Autism: A clinician's guide for empowering families*. New York: Routledge.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW**

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- Sibley, D. S., Springer, P., Vennum, A., & Turns, B. (Under review). Investigating deciding factors of commitment through the transition of marriage: A qualitative inquiry.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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- Chelgren, E. & Turns, B. Invitation to a secure base: An experiential intervention utilizing photographs within EFT. Manuscript in preparation.
- Turns, B., & Eddy, B. Using the miracle question in a medical setting. Manuscript in preparation.
- Smock Jordan, S., & Turns, B. Solution-focused supervision relationships. Manuscript in preparation.

## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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Turns, B. & Springer, N. (2015, April/May). Families with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Family Therapy Magazine*. 12-16.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Turns, B., & Eddy, B. (in press). The spectrum of siblings' experiences. In R. Bedard & L. Hecker (Eds.). *Treating Autism*. (pp. TBD). New York: Routledge.

Dansby Olufowote, R., Turns, B., & Eddy, B. (2019). The sibling subsystem: The effects of being raised with an individual with ASD. In B. A. Turns, J. Ramisch, & J. Whiting (Eds.) *Systemically treating Autism: A clinician's guide for empowering families* (pp. 53-59). New York: Routledge.

Finlayson, B., Turns, B., & Smock Jordan, S. (2019). The use of solution-focused brief therapy. In B. A. Turns, J. Ramisch, & J. Whiting (Eds.) *Systemically treating Autism: A clinician's guide for empowering families* (pp. 79-85). New York: Routledge.

Bagley, L. & Turns, B. (2019). Arranging an appropriate therapeutic environment. In B. A. Turns, J. Ramisch, & J. Whiting (Eds.) *Systemically treating Autism: A clinician's guide for empowering families* (pp. 173-178). New York: Routledge.

Eddy, B., Turns, B., & Dansby Olufowote, R. (2019). Proving resources for neurotypical siblings of children with ASD. In B. A. Turns, J. Ramisch, & J. Whiting (Eds.) *Systemically treating Autism: A clinician's guide for empowering families* (pp. 60-67). New York: Routledge.

Turns, B., Goff, B., Masterson, M., Cless, J., & Cless, A. (2018). Intellectual and development disabilities. In B. N. Goff & N. P. Springer (Eds.) *Intellectual and developmental disabilities: A roadmap for families and professionals* (pp. 3-16). New York: Routledge.

Springer, N. P., Turns, B., & Masterson, M. (2018). A systemic and contextual lens of disability: Family stress, ambiguous loss, and meaning making. In B. N. Goff & N. P. Springer (Eds.) *Intellectual and developmental disabilities: A roadmap for families and professionals* (pp. 17-31). New York: Routledge.

Turns, B., & Eddy, B. P. (2018). The use of puppets to externalize a child's "problem." In A. A. Drewes & C. Schaefer (Eds.), *Puppets in play therapy: A practical guidebook* (pp. 121-125). New York, NY: Routledge.

Soloski, K., Turns, B., Schleiden, C., & Macey, P. (2017). Parentified child in family systems. In J. Lebow, A. Chambers, & D. Breunlin (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of couple and family therapy* (pp. TBD). New York, NY: Springer Publishing. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-15877-8\_479-1

## **REFEREED ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

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Huntley, M., Hudson, E., Rizkallah, N., Krestyn, A., & Turns, B. (2018, tentatively November). Using SFBT with adolescents in a social media world. Workshop presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Boulder, Colorado.

Turns, B., Eddy, B., & Saidleman, K. (2018, tentatively November). *The Miracle Question in Medical Settings*. Workshop presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Boulder, Colorado.

Turns, B. & Eddy, B. (2017, November). *Effectiveness of SFBT for couples raising children with ASD*. Workshop presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Santa Fe, NM.

Sibley, D. S. & Turns, B. (2017, November). *Generating new stories of commitment: Sliding versus deciding*. Workshop presented at the National Council for Family Relations Conference. Orlando, FL.

Turns, B., Eddy, B. P., Whiting, J., & Springer, N. (2017, February). *10 Tips for MFTs working with Families with Autism*. Workshop presented at the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference. Austin, Texas.

Turns, B. & Smock Jordan, S. (2016, November). *SFBT and families living with autism spectrum disorders*. Workshop presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Smock Jordan, S., Turns, B., Eddy, B. P., Finch, K., & Zielinski, M. (2016, November). *What works in learning SFBT*. Workshop presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Dansby, R., Turns, B., & Crane, J. (2016, September). *Giving a Voice to Non-Diagnosed Siblings Living with Autism*. Workshop at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Indianapolis, IN.

Turns, B. (2016, March). *Using Solution-Focused Brief Therapy with Families Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders*. Workshop presented at the International Family Therapy Association Congress. Kona, HI

Turns, B. (2016, March). *Cinema-Narrative-Therapy: Utilizing Family Films to Externalize Children's "Problems."* Workshop presented at the International Family Therapy Association Congress. Kona, HI

Turns, B., Ivey, D., Heath, C., Williams, D., & Chang, J. (2015, September). *Self-of-the-Spiritual Therapist Among Sexual Topics*. Workshop at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Austin, TX.

Turns, B. & Springer, N. (2015, September). *Families Living with ASD: Integrating MFT in Systems of Care*. Workshop at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Austin, TX.

Cohen, J., Lam, P., & Turns, B. (2014, October). *Effective interventions for individuals with Autism*. Common factors of effective interventions when working with individuals with Autism. Healthy Families Conference at Lubbock Christian University. Lubbock, TX.

### **REFEREED POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

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Handley, V., Story, M., & Turns, B. (2018, tentatively November). *How SFBT Works with Couples Raising a Child with Autism*. Poster presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Boulder, Colorado.

Turns, B., & Smock Jordan, S. (2016, November). *Solution building and Coping in Parents Raising a Child with ASD*. Poster presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Eddy, B. P., Turns, B., & Sock Jordan, S. (2016, November). *Solution focused interventions for helping strengthen the sibling relationships in families with ASD*. Poster presented at the Solution Focused Brief Family Therapy Association Conference. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Turns, B. (2016, March). *Utilizing SFBT and Play to Assess and Explain Divorce to a Child with ASD*. Poster presented at the International Family Therapy Association Congress. Kona, HI.

Turns, B., Nalbone, D., Hertlein, K., & Wetchler, J. (2014, September). *Perceptions of program enhancers and stressors by marriage and family therapy students and faculty*. Poster presented at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Turns, B., Morris, S., & Lentz, N. (2013, April). *The self of the Christian therapist doing sex therapy: A model for training Christian sex therapists*. Poster presented at the Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Turns, B. & Kimmes, J. (2013, April) *"I'm NOT the problem!" Externalizing children's 'problems' using play therapy and developmental considerations*. Poster presented at the Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Kellen, K., Madhusudan, M., Schoenh, A., & Turns, B. (2013, April). *The ethical and clinical implications for marriage and family therapist using social networking sites*. Poster presented at the Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

### **INVITED TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS**

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Turns, B. (2017, April). *Raising a child with ASD: Parent's experiences and perceptions of research*. Invited workshop for the clinical psychologists and research assistants working at Yale's Developmental Disability Clinic. Yale University. New Haven, CT.

Turns, B. (2017, February). *ASD: The diagnosis*. Invited guest lecture via Skype for the marriage and family therapy students. University of Louisiana, Monroe. Monroe, LA.

Turns, B. (2016, May). *Families living with ASD*. Invited workshop for the marriage and family therapy faculty and students, professionals in the region, and parents of children with ASD. Brigham Young University. Provo, UT.

Turns, B. (2016, April). *What School Counselors Need to Know About ASD*. Lubbock School District. Lubbock, TX.

Turns, B. (2016, February). *Writing for Publication: Helping Graduate Students Publish in Scholarly Articles*. Student Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX.

Turns, B. (2015, November). *Communication within a family system*. Workshop at Healthy Families Conference at Science Spectrum. Lubbock, TX.

Turns, B. (2015, October). *Placing MFTs into the Autism puzzle*. A six-hour intensive training conducted for doctoral students regarding the competencies of working with families living with Autism and how family therapists can effectively assist this population. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX.

Turns, B. (2015, March). *Working with families living with autism*. Family Therapy Symposium. Lubbock, TX.

Turns, B. (2014, October). *Placing MFTs into the autism puzzle*. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX.

Turns, B., Brockman, M., & Johnson, E. (2014, January). *Maintaining a healthy marriage while raising a special needs child*. Presentation for couples raising a child with special needs at Innovations in Learning, Merrillville, IN.

## **MEDIA FEATURES**

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2018 Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences, *Brie Turns Alumni Profile*, <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/hs/alumni/stories/2018/brie-turns-alumni-profile.php>

2017 Discover Magazine, *How Movies Can Act as a Form of Therapy*, <http://discovermagazine.com/2017/june/lights-camera-therapy>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

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### **Fuller Theological Seminary- Arizona**

Phoenix, AZ

Assistant Professor of Marriage and Family Therapy

2018 Courses: FT514 Family Therapy; FR501 Research Methods, Statistics, & Design; FT530C Clinical Foundations 3; FT550S Practicum Supervision.

2017 Courses: FT550S Practicum Supervision; FT522 Assessment of Couples, Individuals, & Families.

**Texas Tech University**

Co-Instructor Lubbock, TX  
2017 Course: MFT 6395 Practicum in Marriage and Family Therapy

**Lubbock Christian University**

Adjunct Faculty Lubbock, TX  
2017 Course: HSC 4326 Family and Community; HSC 3326 Family Life Stress, Crisis, & Resiliency

2016 Courses: PSY 4307 Introduction to Cognitive Neuroscience: Learning, Cognition, and Emotion

**Texas Tech University**

Graduate Instructor Lubbock, TX  
2014-2016 Courses: CFAS 2300 Communication, Civility, and Ethics

**Purdue University Calumet**

Graduate Instructor Hammond, IN

2013-2014 Courses: BHS 201 Statistics for the Behavioral Science

2012-2013 Courses: PSY 316 Human Development: Infancy to Middle Childhood

2011 Courses: CDFS 210 Introduction to Human Development

**GUEST LECTURES**

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MFT 5300 Intro to MFT (Fall 2017) Texas Tech

MFT 6303 Couples and Sex Therapy (Spring 2016) Texas Tech

HDFS 5349 Introduction to Graduate Statistics (Fall 2015) Texas Tech

HDFS 3324 Dynamics of Family Interaction (Spring 2015) Texas Tech

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Family Christian Counseling Center** Phoenix, AZ  
Private Pay Therapist (September 2017-present)

**New Hope Christian Counseling** Lubbock, TX  
Private Pay Therapist (January 2016-June 2017)

**Arrington Cancer Institute and Research Center** Lubbock, TX  
Medical Family Therapist Intern (June 2015-June 2017)

**Texas Tech University** Lubbock, TX  
Family Therapist Intern (August 2014-December 2015)

**The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research** Lubbock, TX  
Behavior Support Clinic Intern (August 2014-January 2015)

Responsibilities include: attending screening meetings and assess client's behaviors for potential treatment, provide in-home parenting training for parents raising a child with an Autism



Spectrum Disorder, and co-teach parent-training classes to teach parents basic behavior analyst skills and how to apply them in the home.

**Life Strategies, LLC**

Marriage and Family Therapist Intern (March 2013-December 2013)

Schererville, IN

**Purdue University Calumet**

Marriage and Family Therapist Intern (January 2012-December 2012)

Hammond, IN

**PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH/SERVICE**

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**Solution-Focused Brief Therapy Association**

Research Committee Board Member (2017-present)

**Journal of Marital & Family Therapy**

Doctoral Student Apprenticeship (February 2013-August 2017)

Responsibilities include blind-reviewing submitted manuscripts by providing clear and thorough feedback on potential publication.

**Lubbock Police Department**

Crisis Team

Lubbock, TX

**Student Association for Marriage and Family Therapy**

Vice President (August 2015-July 2016)

Texas Tech University

Responsibilities include: assisting president with any tasks, oversee program is acting in accordance with AAMFT, oversee all activities of the organization in the absence of the President, and work with the Treasurer to keep current membership lists.

Student-Faculty Liaison (August 2014-July 2015)

Responsibilities included: discussing student opinions and concerns regarding the MFT program to faculty members, and participating in community outreach activities.

**Rape Crisis Center**

Victim Advocate (February 2010- July 2011)

Las Vegas, NV

Responsibilities included meeting with and consoling sexual-assault victims at the University Medical Center of Las Vegas, and answering calls on a support hotline from sexual-assault victims seeking assistance.

**Katherine Hertlein, Ph.D., Marriage and Family Therapy**

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Research Assistant (November 2009-July 2011)

I served on Dr. Hertlein's research committee, specializing in the challenges facing female marriage and family therapists trying to balance family planning and their careers.

**GRADUATE ADVISEES**

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**DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

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2017-present: Valerie Handley (Texas Tech University)

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

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**Texas Tech University: Teaching, Learning, & Professional Development Center** Lubbock, TX

Workshops attended:

*Grant Writing Workshop (April 2016)*

*Vocal and Energetic Engagement in the Classroom (April 2016)*

*3 R'S of Online Teaching; Respect, Relevance, Relationships (April 2016)*

*Battling Writer's Block (February 2016)*

*A "Big Bang" Approach to Understanding & Supporting Students with ASD (October 2014).*

*Creating Your Teaching Portfolio (September 2014)*

**Microanalysis Training** (February-May 2016) Distance Learning

International Microanalysis Association conducted a 16-week course on the research method of microanalysis. Microanalysis is the investigation of face-to-face dialogue.

**Great Start: Pre-Marital Workshop Training** (March 2015) Lubbock, TX

**Board Certified Behavior Analysis Training** (April 2014- December 2014) Clemson, SC

Completed three, online courses for earning my certificate in behavior analysis: BEHV 101:

Basic Principles in Behavior Analysis, BEHV 102: Basic Principles in Behavior Analysis II, BEHV 103: Research Methodology.

**Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy** (July 2013) Hammond, IN

**Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)** (November 2012) Hammond, IN

**PTSD 101: Cognitive Behavioral Psychotherapies for PTSD** (July 2012) Hammond, IN

**Prepare and Enrich Certification** (November 2011) Hammond, IN

**Rape Crisis Training** (February 2010) Las Vegas, NV

50-hour training on the trauma of rape survivors.

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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**American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy** since July 2011

Pre-Clinical Member: 137147

## **REFERENCES**

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