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**OBJECTIVE:** To obtain a teaching position where I can utilize my diversity of experiences and capacities to provide students with a transformative learning experience.

**EDUCATION: Meridian University-** Petaluma, CA

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology: 2018

Concentration in Somatic Psychology

 **Meridian University-** Petaluma, CA

 Master of Arts in Psychology: 2014

 **University of Wisconsin, Madison-** Madison, Wisconsin

Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing: 2000

**EXPERIENCE:**

Feb. 2016- May 2019 **Pre and Post-Doctoral Intern in Psychology**

 **Petaluma People Services Center-** Petaluma, CA

 Psychotherapy serving all ages of clientele with moderate pathologies:

Individuals, couples, and families.

April 2010- Jan. 2020 **Body Intelligence Senior Teacher: Craniosacral Practitioner Training**

USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, India, Singapore

* Accredited by BCTNA to teach two-year Craniosacral Therapist training
* Taught students perceptual skills and verbal skills relating to the practice of Craniosacral Therapy
* Research and teaching about the therapeutic applications of attachment-based interpersonal neurobiology
* Facilitation of postgraduate trainings in Somatic Psychology, focusing on trauma resolution approaches and the utilization of the expressive arts

Sept 2018-May 2019 **Adjunct Faculty**

**Sofia University-** Palo Alto, CA

* “Somatic Psychology and Authentic Engagement” teacher
* Adjunct faculty member in psychology PhD program

Sept. 2001**-** Present **Somatic Therapist: Biodynamic Craniosacral Work, Structural Integration**

 **Private Practice-** Northern CA, St. Petersburg FL, Auckland NZ

* Somatic Practitioner with more than two thousand hours of training in various modalities (please see ‘Additional Training’ below)
* Certified nationally by NCBTMB, statewide by CAMTC, and registered as a Craniosacral Therapist (RCST) by the BCTNA
* Private practice uses the core therapeutics of Craniosacral Biodynamics

Sept. 2016**-** Sept. 2017 **Teaching Assistant**

 **Meridian University-** Petaluma, CA

* Assisted in the teaching of Somatic Psychology, Expressive Arts Therapy and Imaginal Psychology.
* Facilitated Transformative Learning experiences for student cohort

May 2011- Nov. 2011  **Director of Cedar Village**

 **Camp Augusta-** Nevada City, CA

* Managed, facilitated, and mentored teams of youth camp counselors

Jul. 08- Nov. 2010 **Craniosacral Therapist**

 **Auckland Health Clinic-** Auckland, NZ

* Worked with a naturopathic doctor as part of a clinical healthcare team
* Specialized in trauma renegotiation using craniosacral work
* Primary caseload consisted of cancer patients and stroke victims

June 09- March 2010 **Group Facilitator and Counselor**

 **Serenity Addiction Clinic-** Piha, NZ

* Served as part of a multidisciplinary clinical team as a group facilitator and private coach for recovering addicts
* Researched and implemented program development initiatives

May 2000- May 2003 **Faculty Member, Sales and Marketing Manager**

 **Heartwood Institute-** Garberville, CA

* Worked as part of a cohesive enrollment and faculty team
* Attended regular managerial meetings concerned with all aspects of running an educational institution, including curriculum development
* Taught classes in Yoga, Bodymind Therapy, Massage, and Pilates

**ADDITIONAL TRAININGS**

**SOMATIC**

**TRAININGS**

**Leadership and Social Transformation with Jean Houston**- Petaluma CA

* Completed one-year social artistry and leadership training for social transformation: 2016

**Advanced Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy-** Auckland NZ, Santa Cruz CA

* Preconception metabolics (**40 hours**): 2012
* Craniosacral Pediatrics (**60 hours**): 2010

Trauma renegotiation for infants, children, and adults

* Advanced Biodynamics (**40 hours**): 2010

Advanced clinical craniosacral work

* Foundations of Biodynamics for clinicians (**110 hours**): 2009

**Body Intelligence Training-** Auckland, NZ

* Certified in Craniosacral Biodynamics (**700 hours**):2008

**Institute for Structural Integration-** Miami, FL

* Certified Advanced Connective Tissue Therapist:2006
* Certified in the Rolf method of Structural Integration(**600 hours**): 2007

 **The Milne Institute**- Big Sur, CA

* Completed 4 levels of Craniosacral training (**128 hours**): 2005

**Harbin Hot Springs-** Middletown, CA

* Watsu acquatic massage practitioner, level one and two (**50 hours**): 2004

 **Heartwood Institute-** Garberville, CA

* Diversified bodywork education specializing in Craniosacral Therapy, Deep Tissue Massage, and Zen Shiatsu (**850 hours**): 2003

**PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC**

**TRAININGS**

 **Positive Parenting Facilitator Training**- Santa Rosa, CA

* Achieved level four certification for providing parenting education

 **Bay Area Moreno Institute-** Berkeley, CA

* Continuing professional education in the classical Psychodrama method (**80 hours**): 2013

 **Auckland Centre for Psychodrama Training-** Auckland, NZ

* Foundation year in the Psychodrama method (**250 hours**): 2010

**Psychosynthesis Institute of New Zealand-** Auckland, NZ

* Foundation year in Psychotherapy (**309 hours**):2009

 **CG Jung Institute of Chicago: Structural Psychoanalysis**

* Systematically studied Robert Moore’s complete lecture library on structural psychoanalysis (**180 hours**):2009

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

 **Eidetic Image Parents Test Psychological Assessment Tool**

Presently training in the usage of a systematic psychological assessment tool that works with imagery: 2019

 **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)**

EMDR certification, May 2019

 **Biodynamic Craniosacral Association of North America**

Approved Teacher for Craniosacral Biodynamics, certified 2015

 **Interpersonal Neurobiology and Psychodrama-** Portland, OR

 “Inner Community” training: 2012

 **Mosaic Multicultural International (Michael Meade)** Mendocino, CA

Creative mentoring for at-risk youth: 2011

 **Restorative Resources-** Santa Rosa, CA

Training to sit on restorative justice councils for troubled teens: 2012

 **Tracks Rites of Passage Facilitator Training-** Auckland, NZ

Youth Rites of Passage Facilitator

* Co-facilitated Tracks Rites of Passage for young men and Pathways to Manhood for adolescent boys: 2009

 **The Upledger Institute-** St. Petersburg, FL
 Certified in Feldenkrais Methodology for the Craniosacral Arts: 2008

 **Mankind Project International**

Men’s Group Facilitator

* Facilitated countless men’s groups and 23 trainings involving emotional literacy education and conflict management tools
* Participated in leadership training from 2006-2011 and co-led eight international events in Australia and New Zealand.

**Transformational Dance-** Bad Sulza, Germany
Transformational dance educator: 2007

**Relational Yoga Mandiram-** Colorado Springs, CO
 Transformational breathing educator: 2003

 **White Lotus Foundation-** Santa Barbara, CA

Certified Yoga Instructor: 2003

 **Center for Hypnotherapy-** Oakland, CA

Certified Hypnotherapist:2003

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Tierney, Brian W. “Sacrifice and Spontaneity: A Doctoral Journey Inspired by Psychodrama.” *Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand Psychodrama Association Journal*, no. 27 (December 2018): 76–88.

Tierney, Brian, John Prendergast, Kent Walsh, and Jeannie Zandi. “No More Armor: Men, Heart & Strength.” Presentation at the Science and Nonduality Conference, San Jose, CA, October 2019.

Tierney, Brian. “Lines and Rhizomes: Craniosacral Ontology and the Deconstruction of the Docile Body.” Forthcoming paper and presentation at the Breath of Life Conference, Estes Park, CO, Sept 2020.

**REFERENCES:** Available upon request