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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Rehabilitation Counselor Education August 2019

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, U.S.A.

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Gloria Lee

Dissertation Topic: Cultural Adaptation of the Transitioning Together® Program for Caregivers of Adolescents with Autism in Accra, Ghana.

Master of Arts (M.A) in Rehabilitation Counseling May 2015

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, U.S.A.

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Connie Sung

Bachelor of Arts (B.A) Double Major Psychology and Dance studies May 2013

University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

Department of Psychology & Department of Dance studies

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Maxwell Assumeng

B.A Honors Thesis: Effects of Ethnic Identity on Self Esteem among University Students

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) Counselor # 00152180 March 2015

Renewed February 2020 Valid through 03/2025

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – 2nd Edition May 2018

(ADOS-II) Clinical Training

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, U.S.A

Transitioning Together®

(Parent & teen group Facilitator & Trainer training)

August 2017

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, U.S.A

Autism Diagnostic Interview™- Revised

May 2017

(ADI-R) Clinical Training

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, U.S.A

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Administrative

August 2019-Present

Internship Coordinator, Emporia State University

Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

Responsibilities include: Overseeing the development, implementation and coordination of our undergraduate internship program. This requires me to provide coaching and advising to students in the Rehabilitation and Disability Studies program, regarding career exploration and development of professional skills in preparation for internship experiences. I also advise students on the requirements to register for academic internships. I serve as a resource and liaison to employers interested in hosting students for internship positions and conduct employer outreach to increase the number of internship opportunities available.

August 2016 - August 2018

Graduate Assistant, Michigan State University Office of Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

Responsibilities included: Collaborating with faculty and program directors for the development of materials required to maintain CACREP doctoral and masters level accreditation. This included designing different evaluation forms, key performance indicators, manuals for students and faculty, program evaluation plan, program objectives among other documents. As part of my duties, I created and distributed recruitment materials for the program and participated as a student representative of the program at various recruitment opportunities across campus and at conferences. Most recently I developed and implemented an assessment library where students could check out assessment that they needed for both clinical and research purposes at no cost to them.

Teaching

August 2019- present

Faculty Member, Emporia State University

Department of Counselor Education- Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Program

Courses taught:

- RE 290: Introduction to Rehabilitation Program
- RE 301: Rehabilitation Research and Report Writing
- RE 641: Case Management in Rehabilitation
- RE 683: Family Issues and Advocacy
- RE 695: Employment Issues
- RE 699: Internship in Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

- RE 700: Internship Seminar
- CE 720: Disability in a Diverse World
- CE 731: Medical Aspects of Disability

Responsibilities include: Developing syllabi and curriculum design, implementing pedagogical activities to facilitate student learning, developing student assignments and activities as well as conducting student assessment, both in online and face to face formats.

August 2015 – August 2019

Teaching Assistant (Course Instructor), Michigan State University Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology & Special Education

Courses taught:

- CEP 470: Disability in a Diverse Society (1 section face-to-face)
- CEP 261: Substance Abuse (1 section online, 4 sections face-to-face)

Responsibilities included: Developing syllabi and curriculum design, implementing pedagogical activities to facilitate student learning, developing student assignments and activities, and conducting student assessment

Guest lectures:

- CEP 872: Social & Environmental Aspects of Rehabilitation
- CEP 861: Counseling Theory, Philosophy, and Ethics
- CEP 870: Foundations of Rehabilitation counseling
- CEP 877: Assessment in Rehabilitation
- CEP 894A: Rehabilitation Counseling Practicum
- CEP 862: Introduction to Individual and Group Counseling
- CEP 876: Professional Issues in rehabilitation counseling:
- REH 612: Psychosocial Aspects of Disability (Utah State University)

May 2019 - July 2019,

Consultant, Midwest Institute for International and Intercultural Education (MIIE)

Responsibilities included: I developed a course on disability in Africa for use in two-year colleges in the Midwest region.

Research

September 2019- Present

Project Faculty, Emporia State University RSA- ASD Training Grant – Federal Grant

This project seeks to re-design/develop, pilot, and refine four courses (12 credit hours) of existing Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) coursework with the end goal being the addition of an ASD concentration to the clinical rehabilitation counseling master's degree. Also, the project provides for the development of a professional certificate in ASD inclusive of Vocational Rehabilitation service provision for practicing VRCs and VR paraprofessionals. Project faculty

employ current research on Evidence Based Practice in ASD and distance education for use in the development and delivery of the concentration and certificate in services provision to consumers with ASD.

February 2017-Present

Lab Member, Michigan State University

Lifting Individuals and Families through Empowerment (LIFE) research team.

LIFE seeks to understand the needs, provide meaningful research work and information for families and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other related disabilities in enhancing their quality of life and community integration. I primarily work on culturally adapting evidence based interventions for families; I run focus groups, analyze data, prepare manuscripts, implement interventions, preparing documents to be used in data collection, evaluate interventions among many other assigned tasks.

August 2016- May 2019

Research Assistant, Michigan State University Project Excellence

Project Excellence is a grant funded cooperation between Michigan State University and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) and assists with all program evaluation elements for MRS. Reports are written using a variety of qualitative and quantitative (e.g., Descriptive Statistics, ANOVA, MANVOA, Regression) methodologies to address MRS inquiries and questions regarding service delivery, counselor characteristics, customers' characteristics, and other concerns as outlined by the MRS administrative team. I assisted in ongoing program evaluation, research and co-authored several technical reports.

August 2013-August 2014

Research Assistant, Michigan State University Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI)

Responsibilities included: Assisted with a grant-funded research project by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) titled *Gender Assessment of the Pigeon Pea Value Chain in Malawi*. I helped in Planning the details of the project, writing and submitting IRB applications, coordinating research participants and other research assistants, coordinating logistics on the field, conducting literature review, collecting data, preparing reports of study results.

PUBLICATIONS

Ami-Narh, D. (2020). Introduction to Career Counseling and Development. In R. Sametz & M. Joseph, *Careering Counseling: A Holistic Approach to Lifespan and Special Populations*. San Diego, CA: Cognella, Inc.

Sametz, R. R., & **Ami-Narh, D.** (2020). Advocating and Marketing to Employers and Human Resources. In R. Sametz & M. Joseph, *Careering Counseling: A Holistic Approach to Lifespan*

and Special Populations. San Diego, CA: Cognella, Inc.

Sametz, R.R. & **Ami Narh, D.** (in press). Career and disability: Employment needs and job placement. In M. Joseph & M. Robinson, *Foundations of Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling*.

Lee, G. K., Chun, J., Curtiss, S., Kuo, H. J., **Ami-Narh, D.**, & Awadu, J. (in preparation). Service Needs for Caregivers of Transition-Age Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder – A Comparative Qualitative Analysis Between Caregivers and Practitioners.

Ami-Narh, D., Lee K. G, Okyere C. (in preparation) Challenges and Supports of Caregivers with Adolescents with Autism in Accra, Ghana.

Iyioko, I., Pi, S., **Ami-Narh, D.**, Awadu, J., Lee, H., (2018). Customer Satisfaction at Plan Survey Report: Fiscal Year 2017. Project Excellence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Pi, S., Iyioko, I., **Ami-Narh, D.**, Awadu, J., Lee, H., (2018). Customer Satisfaction at Exit Survey Report: Fiscal Year 2017. Project Excellence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Iyioko, I., Pi, S., **Ami-Narh, D.**, Awadu, J., Strain, A., & Park, J. (2017). Customer Satisfaction at Plan Survey Report: Fiscal Year 2016. Project Excellence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Pi, S., Iyioko, I., **Ami-Narh, D.**, Awadu, J., Strain, A., & Park, J. (2017). Customer Satisfaction at Exit Survey Report: Fiscal Year 2016. Project Excellence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

Pi, S., Leahy, M., Iyioko, I., **Ami-Narh, D.**, Awadu, J, Park, J., Strain. A. & Connor, A. (2017). Michigan Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment Report. Project Excellence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Ami-Narh, D., Lee K. G, (2019) Cultural Adaptation of the Transitioning Together ® Program for Caregivers of Adolescents with Autism in Accra, Ghana. Oral presentation at the 2019 DOCTRID VI Conference. Galway, Ireland.

Lee. G. K., Jina. C., Curtiss. S. A., Hung, J. K., **Ami-Narh, D.**, Awadu. J., Duenas. A., Smith. A., & Lee. H. (September 2019). The Development, Initial Feasibility and Efficacy of a Family Psycho-education Intervention for Families of Transition-age Young Adults with Autism. Presented at the DOCTRID VI Conference, National University of Ireland Galway. Galway, Ireland.

Ami-Narh, D., & Lee H., (August 2018). Increasing Trainee's Competence in Working with Clients who have a Disability. Counseling and Psychiatric Services New Intern Training. Michigan State University, East Lansing MI.

Curtiss, S. A., Lee, G. K., Chun, J., Kuo, H.-J., **Ami-Narh, D.**, & Awudu, J. (June 2018). We try to find the resources that are available instead of what our child actually needs. Symposium accepted to the 142th annual American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Conference. St Louis, MO.

Ami-Narh, D., & Lee K. G, (2018) Cultural Adaptation of Interventions: A Resource for Transporting Evidence-based Interventions Across Borders. Oral presentation at the 2018 NCRE Spring Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Ami-Narh, D. (2017) Rehabilitation in Ghana: Implications and recommendations for practitioner education and training. Oral presentation at the 2017 NCRE Spring Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Grassi R. R., & **Ami-Narh, D.**, (2016) Friend or Foe: How to Use Social Media for Networking and Job Development. Oral presentation at the 2016 National Rehabilitation Association Governmental Affairs Summit. Washington, DC.

Ami-Narh, D., Booker L., & Brackins D., (2015) *Organization and eliminating procrastination*. Oral presentation at the ACCESS Sophomore Nursing Students Diversity program, East Lansing, MI.

Deb M., & **Ami-Narh, D.**, (2015) *Stress management/Recognizing signs of distress workshop*. Oral presentation at the 2015 Pre-Professional Society for Health Careers of Alpha Epsilon Delta East Lansing MI.

Williams C., & **Ami-Narh, D.**, (2014) *Stress management*. Oral presentation at the 2014 Michigan State University Neighborhood Success Series. East Lansing MI. (Presentation)

Murray S., & **Ami-Narh, D.**, (2013) Global Center for Food Systems Innovation Consortium Update. Oral presentation at the Technical Convening of the Higher Education Solutions Network-USAID. Williamsburg VA.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Ami-Narh, D., & **Schif, Baylee.**, (2020) *Challenges, Needs and Service Gaps Experienced by Caregivers of Transition-Aged Individuals with Autism in Wichita*. Emporia State Undergraduate Research Program (ESURP) Grant, Emporia State University (\$6,500)

Ami-Narh, D. (2019) *Class Resource Affordability Initiative Grant*. Emporia State University (\$3,000)

Ami-Narh, D. (2019) *Cultural Adaptation of the Transition Together Intervention ® for Caregivers of Adolescents with Autism in Ghana*. Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School, Michigan State University (\$7,000)

Ami-Narh, D. (2018) *Cultural Adaptation of the Transition Together Intervention ® for Caregivers of Adolescents with Autism in Ghana*. Research Practicum Fellowship, College of Education, Michigan State University (\$1,550)

Ami-Narh, D. (2017) *Cultural Adaptation of the Transition Together Intervention ® for Caregivers of Adolescents with Autism in Ghana*. Research Practicum Fellowship, College of Education, Michigan State University (\$1,490)

2014 Miriam J. Kelly African Scholarship, Michigan State University Funded amount: \$2,000

In Review

Paris, D., Miller, K., R., **Ami-Narh, D.** (2020). *Rehabilitation Training: Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Grant*. U.S. Department of Education. Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services Administration

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

May-July 2017&2018

Program Coordinator

Office for K-12 Outreach, College of Engineering, Michigan State University

Responsibilities included: Managed a summer camp sponsored by Consumers Energy for 120 African American Males who live in the Detroit area. My responsibilities included; Hired and supervised 6 undergraduate students as mentors, coordinated a 2-day training for the 6 mentors, ensured that all paperwork and required records from students were submitted, worked one on one with students that had special needs, provided career counseling for students, participated in hands on engineering activities with students, coordinated all housing and educational activities and served as a point of contact for parents and guardians.

May –August 2016

Orientation and Programming Intern

Office of International Studies and Scholars, Michigan State University

Responsibilities included: Assisted the Educational Programs Manager in the coordination of International Student Orientations and other intercultural programs. My responsibilities included; Hired and supervised 124 undergraduate students as orientation leaders, designed a program plan for each of the orientation leaders, coordinated 2-day training for the 124

orientation leaders. I single handedly supervised one phase of international student orientation (12 orientation leader and 200 new students). Assisted in drawing individual schedules for 770 new international students and supported the office staff.

August 2014-May 2015

Clinical Intern

Michigan State University Counseling Center, East Lansing MI

Responsibilities included: Provided outpatient therapy to Michigan State University students who identify with emotional, social, educational, adjustment and developmental needs. Though I worked with a diverse range of students with various racial, ability, cultural, religious, ethnic and sexual orientation background, my primary focus was working with persons who came in the center seeking counseling because of issues concerning their disability. I used person centered therapy and cognitive behavioral therapy primarily in working with my clients and provided referrals and community resources for students where necessary. I participated in Prevention Outreach programs to promote total wellness on campus as well as co-facilitating weekly wellness therapy group sessions.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Council on Rehabilitation Education	July 2015- Present
National Rehabilitation Association	August 2013- present
Michigan Rehabilitation Association	August 2013- present

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND VOLUNTEERING

- Healthcare Advisory Board (2019- Present – Emporia State University)
- Peer Reviewer (Rehabilitation and Disability) January 2016 – Present. Ghana Biomedical Convention Conference (2013-Present).
- Conference Volunteer (2014). Michigan Rehabilitation Conference. Grand Rapids, MI.
- Conference Volunteer (2016). Michigan Rehabilitation Conference. Traverse City, MI.
- Logistics Coordinator (2014) United Nations 69th Anniversary Commemoration Conference: Education for All-Reaching the World's Educationally Disadvantaged. East Lansing MI
- Volunteer (2014) American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of darkness walk Volunteer (2015) National Depression Screening Day East Lansing MI
- Volunteer (2015) National Alcohol Screening Day East Lansing MI
- Volunteer (2009-2013) Autism Awareness Care and Training Center (Accra, Ghana) Student

- Representative to the board (2015-2017) National Rehabilitation Association Vice President
 - (2014-2015) Spartan Rehabilitation Association Michigan State University
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COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft office application, Microsoft Outlook SPSS

Titanium

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficient English both Oral and written Beginner French both Oral and written

Proficient in Twi (widely spoken local Ghanaian Language) both Oral and written