

CURRICULUM VITA

**MERRILL T. REESE, Ph. D.**

- EDUCATION:** Ph. D. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA  
**Major: Counselor Education and Supervision**  
December 2008 graduation
- M.A. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA  
**Major: Community Counseling, CACREP accredited**  
July 2004 graduation
- B.S. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA  
**Major: Psychology; Minor: Religious Studies**  
May 1996 graduated

**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING**

Center for Loss and Life Transition, Fort Collins, CO  
**Death and Grief Studies**  
January 26, 2006 completed 150 hours of accredited training through Colorado State University's Division of Educational Outreach and the Center for Loss and Life Transition.

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSING/CERTIFICATION:**

Compassion Fatigue Therapist (Certified)  
Compassion Fatigue Educator (Certified)  
Treating Traumatized Military Families (Certified)  
Assessment and Treatment of PTSD (Certified)  
Trauma and Phobia Treatment (EMDR) (Certified)  
Disaster Stress and Trauma (Certified)  
ICA-100 Incident Command System (Certified FEMA)  
Treating Sexual Trauma (Certified)  
Psychological First Aid (Certified)  
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) Certified  
Death and Grief Studies Certification

**POSITIONS:**

- 2009- Assistant Professor. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. School of Psychology and Counseling. Master's Level Counseling Program.
- 2007 – Instructor. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. School of Psychology and Counseling Master's Level Counseling program.

- 2007 – 2010, Resident Counselor, Hope Christian Counseling Service, Virginia Beach, VA. Provide individual, marriage and family, and group counseling.
- 2007 – Guest Lecturer, Caribbean Graduate School of Theology, Kingston, Jamaica. Guest lecturer for Master’s Level Counseling Students.
- 2007 – Adjunct Instructor, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. School of Psychology and Counseling Master’s Level Counseling Program.
- 2006 – 2006. Resident Counselor, Oasis Counseling, Virginia Beach, VA. Counselor in Residence under supervision of Eric Scalise, LPC., LMFT. Provide individual, marriage and family, group counseling.
- 2004 – 2007 Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Teaching Assistant for the School of Psychology and Counseling Master’s Level Counseling Program.
- 2003 – 2004 DePaul Behavioral Medical Center, Bon Secours DePaul Hospital, Norfolk, VA Internship of 660 hours, August 2003 to April 2004. Conducted patient assessments; individual, group, and family therapy; case management; treatment planning; and grief and loss counseling.
- 2003 – 2003 Sentara CarePlex Hospital, Hampton VA. Practicum of 139 hours, January 2003 to May 2003. Crisis counseling, grief counseling, individual and group counseling. Emergency room and the Cancer Institute and other areas of hospital as needed.
- 1987 – 2002 Christian Counselors Training Center, Richmond, VA September 1987 – July 2002. Certified Biblical Counselor. Completed 5-year training program. Assisted in case work, supervised case work, lead and co-lead cases. Assessment, intake interviews, marriage and family counseling, individual counseling, court-ordered counseling.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS**

- Reese, M.T., Linstad, E/ (2011). Sexual Addiction: The Secret Shame. Presented at The Virginia Counselors Association Conference, Counselors Unite: Navigating and Networking for Success. Portsmouth, VA. November 10-12.
- Reese, M. T. (2011). Grief and Loss Counseling. Presented Online to the Regent University Psychology Club: November 7, 2011.
- Keyes, B.B. & Reese, M.T. (2011). Trauma and Dissociation in Nicaragua. Presented at 2011 International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation’s 28th Annual Conference- Complex Trauma and dissociation Across the Life Span: Core Competencies in Training and Research. Montreal, Canada; November 5th, 2011.
- Keyes, B.B., Reese, M.T., Zeiders, C.L., Calhoun, R.S. (2011). The Use of Body Therapies in Conjunction With Traditional Psychotherapy: An Integrative Approach Using Case

Histories. Presented at the Association of Christian Therapists 2011 International Conference; - Mental Health, Spiritual Growth and Bodily Well-Being: An Evolving Christian Approach to Wholeness. Philadelphia, PA.. October 6th – 9th , 2011.

Keyes, B.B. & Reese, M.T.(2011). Physical, Psychological, and Spiritual Issues in Traumatic Events; Treating Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Haiti: An Integrative Approach. Presented at the Association of Christian Therapists 2011 International Conference; Mental Health, Spiritual Growth and Bodily Well-Being: An Evolving Christian Approach to Wholeness. Philadelphia, PA.. October 6th – 9th , 2011

Keyes, B.B., Reese, M.T., Harris-Keyes, K.M., Williams, L., Eure, V.T., Washington, R.S., DeBoer, C. Doolin, H., & Holland, O. (2011). Experiential Reminiscences Therapy with Geriatric Clients. Presented at theCatholic Nursing Home in cooperation Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 24, 2011)

Reese, M.T., Doolin, H., Harris-Keyes, K.M., Williams, L., DeBoer, C. & Keyes, B.B. (2011). Healthy Self- esteem and a Biblical Base. Presented at John F. Kennedy School – Sixth Grade in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 25, 2011)

Reese, M.T., Young, C., Doolin, H., Still, R., Parker, K. DeBoer, C., DiLella, N. & Keyes, B.B. (2011). A Biblical basis to Self-esteem, Respect and Positive Behavior in Grade 7. Presented at John F. Kennedy School in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 25, 2011)

Reese, M.T., & Williams, L. (2011). Counseling: Attending Behavior. Presented at Rose of Sharon Church Pastor's Conference in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 26,2011)

DeBoer, C., Doolin, H., Keyes, B.B., & Reese, M.T. (2011). Conflict Resolution. Presented at the Rose of Sharon Church Leadership Conference in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 26, 2011)

Doolin, H., Reese, M.T., Young, C., DeBoer, C., & Keyes, B.B. (2011). A Biblical Perspective of Self-Esteem and Healthy Positive Growth. Presented at Lily of the Valley School in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 27, 2011)

Reese, M.T., & Williams, L. (2011). Attending Behavior in Counseling. Presented at Baptist Convention of Pastors and Leaders, Jerusalem Baptist Church in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (July 28, 2011)

Keyes, B.B. & Reese, M.T., (2011). Modified Sand- tray techniques: Resolving Family Conflict. Presented to Interpreters for Open Eyes Ministries, Costa San Juan Hotel, Leon Nicaragua (August 1, 2011)

Keyes, B.B. & Reese, M.T., (2011). Debriefing a CISM model for Affective Regulation. Presented to Interpreters for Open Eyes Ministries, Costa San Juan Hotel, Leon Nicaragua (August 1, 2011)

- Still, R., Parker, K., Reese, M.T., Williams, L., DeBoer, C., & Doolin, H. (2011). Dating and Romantic Relationships. Presented at Lily of the Valley School in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (August 2, 2011)
- Reese, M.T. & Still, R., (2011). Positive Behavior, Healthy Self-Esteem and Personal Development. Presented at John F. Kennedy High School in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (August 3, 2011)
- Reese, M.T. (2011). Communication: Three Levels of Communication. Presented at the Fellowship of Baptist Churches Pastors and Leaders Conference in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (August 4, 2011)
- Reese, M.T. (2011). The Sixth Step Debriefing Model of Green Cross. Presented at the Main Office for the National Police for the City of Leon, Nicaragua in cooperation with Open Eyes Ministries, Leon, Nicaragua. (August 4, 2011)
- Reese, M. T. (2011). Current Ethical and Legal Issues and Trauma. Presented at the Christian Psychotherapy Annual Spring Retreat, Downtown club, Norfolk, VA. April 2011
- Reese, M. T. (2011). Current Ethical and Legal Issues and Trauma. Presented at the Christian Psychotherapy Annual Spring Retreat, Downtown club, Norfolk, VA. April 2011.
- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B.B., & Williams, L. (2011). Treating Phobia and Anxiety in Trauma (EMDR); Certification Course. Field Certification Course and Partial Prerequisite for the Certification in Traumatology. Presented at Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon, Haiti. Jan. 25-26'th, 2011.
- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B.B., & Williams, L. (2011). Domestic Violence: Trauma at Home. Presented at Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon, Haiti. Jan. 27'th, 2011.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B., & Williams, L. (2011). Domestic Violence: The Effects on Children. Presented at Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon, Haiti. Jan. 27'th, 2011.
- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B.B., & Williams, L. (2011). Domestic Violence: Time Out- Diffusing Anger. Presented at Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon, Haiti. Jan. 27'th, 2011.
- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B.B., & Williams, L. (2011). Domestic Violence: Power and Control. Presented at Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon, Haiti. Jan. 27'th, 2011.
- Reese, M. T. (2010). Grief and Loss. (2011). Presented at Regent University, The Center for Trauma Studies. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Jan. 21'st, 2011.
- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B. B. (2010). *Psychological First Aid*. Presented at Regent University for The Center for Trauma Studies. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Jan. 22, 2011.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B. (2010). *The Regent Trauma Model: Students Respond to Domestic and International Need*. Presented at The ISSTD 27'TH Annual Conference Clinical Consequences of Complex and psychological Trauma: Assessment, Treatment, and

Recovery. Atlanta, GA. October 14-18, 2010.

- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B., Zeiders, C. L. (2010). *Sexual Addiction: Etiology, Treatment and Recovery*. Presented at the 2010 International Conference Healing the Roots of Addiction: Inviting Jesus into the Pain. Association of Christian Therapists. Albuquerque, NM. September 15-19.
- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B.B., Washington, R.L., Eure, V., & Williams, L. (2010). Compassion Fatigue and Stress Management Certification Course for Certified Compassion Fatigue Therapist with Green Cross Academy for Traumatology. Regent University. Virginia Beach, VA. Presented September 11, 2010.
- Reese, M.T., , Keyes, B.B., Washington, R.L., Eure, V., & Williams, L. (2010). Compassion Fatigue and Stress Management. Certification Course for Certified Compassion Fatigue Educator with Green Cross Academy for Traumatology. Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Presented September 10, 2010.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B. (2010). *Compassion Fatigue with Romanian Outreach Workers*, Smiles Foundation, Cihei, Romania: July 12, 2010.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Attending Skills in Counseling*. Smiles Foundation. Cihei, Romania: July 12, 2010.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B. (2010). *Treating Traumatized Families*. Smiles Foundation, Cihei, Romania, July 13, 2010.
- Reese, M.T., & Keyes, B.B. (2010). *Difficulties in Raising Children: The Good Parent vs. The Responsible Parent*. Smiles Foundation Tileagd Community Complex, Tileagd Romania: July 15, 2010.
- Reese, M.T. & Maslowe, K. (2010). *Parenting 101*. Smiles Foundation, Tileagd Community Complex, Tileagd Romania: July 15, 2010.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Dealing with Grief and Loss*. Smiles Foundation, Cihei Romania. July 19, 2010.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Relaxation Techniques to Cope with Stress*. Smiles Foundation. Cihei Family Center, Cihei Romania: July 16, 2010.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Coping with Compassion Fatigue*. Smiles Foundation. Cihei Family Center, Cihei, Romania, July 16, 2010.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Dealing with Domestic Violence and Anger Management: Taking a Time Out*. Smiles Foundation, Cihei Family Center, Cihei, Romania. July 16, 2010.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B., Washington, R. S., Eure, V. T., & Williams, L.O. (2010). *Compassion Fatigue for the Traumatized Worker*. Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon Haiti, May 28-June 6.

- Reese, M. T., Keyes, B.B. (2010). *Psychological First Aid in Haitian Culture*. Eglise Jerusalem Baptist Church. Pignon Haiti, May 28- June 6.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B., Washington, R.S. Eure, V.T., Williams, L.O., Myers, P.J., & Calhoun, R.S.(2010). *Intervention with Children in the Aftermath of Traumatic Events*. EgliseJerusalem Baptist Church. Pignon Haiti, May 28 – June 6.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Grief and Loss*. Eglise Jerusalem Baptist, Pignon, Haiti, May 28-June 6.
- Reese, M.T. & Washington, R.S. (2010). *Attending Behaviors: Beginning Skills for lay and Professional Counselors*. Eglise Jerusalem Baptist Church. Pignon, Haiti. May 28-June 6.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B., Washington, R.S., Eure, V.T., Williams, L.O., Myers, P.J., & Calhoun, R.S. (2010). *Therapeutic Interventions for Trauma: Case management and Analysis*. Eglise Jerusalem Baptist. Pignon, Haiti. May 26 – June 6.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Grief and Loss: A Reconciliation Model for Working with the Bereaved*. Presented at Bethany Christian Adoptions Services Training, Fredericksburg, VA. May 15.
- Reese, M.T. (2010). *Compassion Fatigue: Caring for the Caregiver*. Presented at Bethany Christian Adoptions Services Training, Fredericksburg, VA. May 15.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B., (2010). *The Regent Trauma Model and Compassion Fatigue Educator*. Presented at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies Conference, Kansas city, KA. April 17, 2010.
- Reese, M.T., Keyes, B.B. (2009) *The Regent Trauma Model: Treating Trauma in Third World Nation South Africa*. Presented at the International Society of Trauma and Dissociation International Conference, Washington, DC. Nov 21-23.
- Reese, M., Zeiders, C., Keyes, B. (2009, September). *Social justice and the Christian clinician at the front line: Ministry to the marginalized and institutions that betray*. Presented at the ACT Healing through Social Justice: meeting Jesus in the Marginalized conference, Jacksonville, Florida, September 18.
- Reese, M., Keyes, B.B. (2009, July). *Compassion fatigue*. Intern training for Thrive Africa: Harrismith, South Africa. July 25.
- Reese, M. (2009, July). *How to counsel adolescents in their grief experience*. Qwa Qwa, South Africa: Teacher's Training: Mompoi High School. Hosted by Thrive Africa, July 23.
- Reese, M. (2009, July). *Adolescent grief and loss: What to expect*. Qwaqwa: South Africa: Presented to the student body Mompoi High School, Qwaqwa. Hosted by Thrive Africa, July 23.

- Reese, M. (2009, July). *Grief and loss*. Phuthaditjhaba, South Africa. Teacher's training: Sponsored by the Board of Education: Free State, South Africa. Hosted by Thrive Africa. July 21.
- Reese, M. (2009, July). *Treating grief and loss*. Student Coaches training. Phuthaditjhaba, South Africa. Hosted by Thrive Africa. July 20.
- Reese, M. (2009, July). *Treating grief and loss in South Africa*. Show-Tell Bible Church, Phuthaditjhaba, South Africa. Hosted by Thrive Africa. July 18.
- Reese, M. (2009, April). *Compassion fatigue and spirituality with emergency health care Providers at a Level I Trauma Center*. Presented at the CAPS Hope and Healing Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Reese, M., Keyes, B., Suarez, E., & Flowers, J., (2009, April). *Developing a Christian trauma model in third world nations*. Presented at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference in Orlando, FL.
- Reese, M. (2009, April). *Compassion fatigue and spirituality with emergency health care providers in a Level I Trauma Center*. Presented at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference in Orlando, FL., April 4.
- Reese, M. (2008, February). *One single candle: Hope in the midst of suffering*. Presented at The Terminal Illness Support Group, Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, Virginia Beach, VA, Feb. 20.
- Reese, M. (2007). *Compassion Fatigue, Faith & Therapy*, Vol. 2 (4).
- Reese, M. (2007, November). *Compassion Fatigue*. Presented at the Grand Rounds for Physicians and Other Healthcare Providers, Sentara Healthcare Physician Education Healthcare CME Program, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Reese, M. (2007, October). *Compassion fatigue: Professional liability of caring too much*. Presented at Beacon of Hope Conference, Hampton Roads Coalition for Depression Awareness & Suicide Prevention & I Need a Lighthouse, Inc., Virginia Beach, VA.
- Reese, M. (2007, January). *Counseling those who suffer from grief and loss*. Presented at the ARMS Women's Training, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Reese, M., Rehfuss, M., Parks-Savage, A., (2006, November). *Developing multicultural competence through immersion into faith and culture*. Presented at the Virginia Counselor Association Conference, Williamsburg, VA.
- Reese, M., Preffer, J., & Lahey, S. (2006, September). *PhD programs online: Successfully Balancing academics, work, and personal lives*. Presented at the Southern Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Orlando, FL.

Reese, M., & Baker, J., Rehfluss, M., Preffer, J., (2005, October). *Integrating career counseling into an advanced counseling theories course online*. Presented at the National Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Pittsburg, PA.

Reese, M. (2002, April). *Nonverbal Communication and the Counseling Process*. Presented at the Christian Counselors Training Center, Richmond, VA.

### **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- 8/07- Present      **Assistant Professor for Master's Level Counseling Students.**  
Instructor for Skills and Techniques, Ethics, Academic  
Advising, committee member for Library and Integration Committee.
- 5/07 – 5/07      **Guest Lecturer for Caribbean Graduate School of Theology,  
Kingston, Jamaica.** Design Career Assessments Course for  
Master's Level Counseling Students. Guest lecturer, on site  
on campus of school in Kingston, Jamaica.
- 5/07 – 8/07      **Teaching Assistant for Internship Class for Master's Level  
Counseling Students.** Instructor for Internship class . Evaluate  
Student case reports, diagnosis, maintain contact with Internship  
Supervisors to monitor student progress on Internship sites through  
telephone contact and site visits.
- 1/07 -5/07      **Adjunct Instructor for Marriage and Family Development  
Class for Master's Level Counseling Students.** Lead Instructor  
for Marriage and Family Development Class. Prepare course,  
course materials, instructor for class, grade papers, tests and lecture  
for class.
- 1/07 -5/07      **Teaching Assistant for Group Counseling Class for Master's  
Level Counseling Students.** Assist Professor Eric Scalise with  
Instruction, lectures, grading tests and papers.
- 8/06-12/06      **Teaching Assistant for Helping Relationships Class and Theories  
of Counseling Class for Master's Level Counseling Students.**  
Assist Professor Eric Scalise and Dr. A. Sigler. Assist professor  
with instruction, lectures, testing, grading tests and papers.
- 4/06-7/06      **Lead Instructor of Ethics for Master's Level Counseling Students**  
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Lead Instructor for  
*Issues of Ethics in Helping Relationships* under supervision  
of Dr. Jacquelyn Gatewood.
- 1/06 – 4/06      **Lead Instructor for Master's Level Counseling Students**  
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. Lead instructor

for *Introduction to Group Counseling* under supervision of Professor Eric Scalize.

- 8/05 – 12/05      **Teaching Assistant for Master’s Level Counseling Students.**  
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. TA for two classes under supervision of Dr. Lori Burkette: *Introduction to Group Counseling and Advanced Group Counseling*. Assisted professor with instruction and group facilitation for group counseling classes. TA for two *Counseling Practicum* classes under supervision of Dr. Mark Blagen and Dr. Anna Machik. Graded counseling videos, and verbatims and also tutor for students with counseling skills deficits.
- 5/05 – 7/05      **Teaching Assistant for Master’s Level Counseling Students.**  
TA for two *Multicultural Counseling* classes under supervision of Dr. Evelyn Biles. One classroom class and one online instruction class.
- 1/05 – 4/05      **Teaching Assistant for Master’s Level Counseling Students**  
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. TA for *Skills and Techniques Practicum Class* under supervision of Dr. George Jefferson. Group Leader for Master’s level group counseling class, Dr. Lori Burkette. Also supervised Master’s Level Counseling Practicum students. Provide instruction, grade counseling video tapes and verbatims. Tutor for students with counseling skills deficits.
- 8/04 – 12/04      **Teaching Assistant for Master’s Level Counseling Students**  
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. TA for *Skills and Techniques* class under supervision of Dr. George Jefferson. Group Leader for HSC Group Counseling Class under supervision of Dr. Ana Machik. Provide instruction, grade student video tapes and verbatims and tutor for students with counseling skills deficits.

## **HONORS**

- Dean's List Scholarship Recipient. 9/94-5/96. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Cum Laude. 5/96. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Golden Key Honor Society. 5/95. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Psi Chi Honor Society. 5/95. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Dean’s List. 5/92-8/94. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA
- Psi Beta Honor Society. 1/93. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. 1/93. J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Counseling Association  
American Association of Counselor Education and Supervision

Association for Death Education and Counseling

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- 2006 Trauma Practice: Tools for Stabilization & Recovery with Eric Gentry, LMHC. Norfolk, VA.
- 2006 Complicated Grief and Suicide with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2005 Adolescent and Child grief with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2005 Care for the Dying with Greg Yoder, Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2004 Grief Group Facilitation with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition, Fort Collins, CO.
- 2004 Comprehensive Bereavement and Grief and Loss with Dr. Alan Wolfelt. Center for Loss and Life Transition. Fort Collins, CO.
- 2003 Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Training with CISD Institute. Newport News Airport Training Center. Newport News, VA.
- 2003 Regent University School of Psychology and Counseling Psycho-Theological Institute. Spiritual Tools for Counselors – Calling Forth Power, Presence, and Passion. Life Coaching. Alexandria, VA.