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Academic Preparation

- 2006-2016** **Marshall University**, Huntington, WV
- *Doctor of Education*
 - *Major: Curriculum & Instruction*
 - *Area of Emphasis: Counseling*
 - *Research: Positive Behavior Support Interventions in Schools*
- 2006-2009** **Marshall University**, Huntington, WV
- *Education Specialist*
 - *Major: Curriculum & Instruction*
 - *Research: Teacher Perceptions & Training Regarding Mental Health Issues*
- 2001-2003** **University of Kentucky**, Lexington, KY
- *Master of Social Work*
 - *Research: Adolescent Residential Program Effectiveness*
- 1998-2001** **Morehead State University**, Morehead, KY
- *Bachelor of Social Work – Suma Cum Laude*
 - *Research: Public Opinion Regarding Mental Health Services*

Professional Experience

- 2025-Present** **Marshall University** – Huntington, WV
- *Assistant Professor – Department of Social Work*
 - Human Behavior Courses
 - Clinical Intervention Courses
 - Admissions Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
 - *Director – Marshall University Interdisciplinary Behavioral Health Center*
 - Supervision of General Operations
 - Compliance Support
 - Clinical Staff Support and Supervision
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- 2014-2024** **WV Autism Training Center** – Huntington, WV
- *Associate Director*
 - Program Development
 - Program Evaluation
 - Supervision of Community Services, College Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, & The

- WV Behavior/Mental Health Technical Assistance Center
 - Grant Acquisition and Monitoring
- *PBIS Coordinator for West Virginia Schools*
 - SW-PBIS Program Expansion
 - Behavioral Intervention Training
 - Program Evaluation
- 2008-Present** **Opportunities Consulting Services – Chesapeake, OH**
- *Owner/Consultant*
 - Educational, Mental Health, & Business Training
 - Educational & Behavioral Consultation

- 2011-2012** **West Virginia University – Morgantown, WV**
- *Visiting Assistant Professor*
 - Foundational Courses
 - Direct Practice Courses
 - Field Instruction Courses

- 2007-2011** **Oasis Behavioral Health Services - Barboursville, WV**
- *Behavioral Health Therapist*
 - Individual, Family, & Group Therapy
 - Educational & Mental Health Consultation/Training

- 2004–2008** **Southern Ohio Behavioral Health - Ironton, OH**
- *Clinical Director*
 - Supervisor of All Clinical Services
 - Mental Health Clinical Service Provider
 - Program Development

- 2002–2004** **Oak Ridge Treatment Center - Pedro, OH**
- *Clinical Director*
 - Supervisor of All Clinical Services
 - Mental Health Clinical Service Provider
 - Program Development
- *Individual and Group Therapist*
 - Mental Health Therapy Provider
 - Treatment Team Chair
- *Partial Hospitalization Instructor/Therapist*
 - Activities Leader
 - Curriculum Development

- 2001–2002** **River Valley Child Development Services-Huntington, WV**
- *Birth to Three Service Coordinator/Behavioral Specialist*
 - Intervention Plan Coordination

- Service Coordination
- Behavioral Strategy Development/Implementation
- *Parent Educator*
 - Parental Education
 - Children Services Evaluator

Teaching Experience

- 2011** – *SOWK 540: Generalist Social Work Practice*
-West Virginia University (Charleston, WV)
- 2011** – *SOWK 682: Advanced Internship, Direct Practice Track*
-West Virginia University (Charleston, WV)
- 2010** - *EDF 319: Application of Learning Theory: Educational Psychology*
-Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
- 2009** - *EDF 218: Child and Adolescent Development*
-Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
- 2008** - *HST 290: Challenging Behavior in Children*
-Ohio University Southern Campus (Ironton, OH)
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-Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
- 2008** - *EDF 319: Application of Learning Theory: Educational Psychology*
-Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
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Certifications/Licensure

- 2022** – John Marshall Leadership Fellows Graduate
- 2008** - Neuro-linguistic Programming (NLP)
- School-Based Life Space Crisis Intervention (LSCI)
- 2006** - Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (WV) – DP00942646

Research Interests

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support
 Early Childhood Mental Health
 Mental Health in the Educational Setting
 Professional Development Effectiveness
 The Impact of Trauma on Student Behavior
 Self-Care Practices for Helping Professionals
 The Impact of Technology on Youth Mental Health

Professional Affiliations

NASW - National Association of Social Workers
NAADAC – National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
OAIMH – Ohio Association for Infant Mental Health

Honors

2006 – Head Start Outstanding Volunteer Award
2012 – OCWTP Rising Star Award
2017 – Commitment and Dedication Award – National Alliance Drug Endangered Children

Publications

2025 - Hollstein, M., Kaka, S., & Harris, J. (2025) Stories of resilience: Middle level educators and trauma, *Middle School Journal*, 56:1, 23-41.

Refereed Books/Chapters in Process

2024 – Hollstein, M., Harris, J., & Bolaji, I. (in-progress). Acting Up: *Fostering Joyful Teaching as Resistance in the American South and Appalachia* “Be Like Water: Teaching Future Appalachian Teachers about Controversial Environmental Issues”.

Invited Articles

2009 – Harris, J. F. (2009). Challenging Behavior: The What or the Why, That is the Question. *West Virginia Early Childhood Provider*, 10 (3), 8-10.

2006 – Harris, J. F. (2006). Dealing with difficult parents: Understanding and Prevention. *West Virginia Early Childhood Provider*, 7 (2), 20-21.

Academic Conference Papers and Presentations

2008 – Harris, J. F. Elementary teacher perspectives regarding student behavior: Exploring training, prevalence, and resources. Eastern Education Research Association, Hilton Head, South Carolina.

2008 – Harris, J. F. Understanding the Appalachian in the modern world. Appalachian Studies Association, Huntington, West Virginia.

Invited Presentations

Invited keynote and breakout presenter at numerous regional, state, national, and

international conferences on topics including, but not limited to, behavior support, mental health, substance abuse, and systems change. A complete list of conferences and references is available upon request.