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**Academic Preparation**

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| <b>2006-2016</b> | <b>Marshall University</b> , Huntington, WV <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Doctor of Education</i></li><li>- <i>Major: Curriculum &amp; Instruction</i></li><li>- <i>Area of Emphasis: Counseling</i></li><li>- <i>Research: Positive Behavior Support Interventions in Schools</i></li></ul> |
| <b>2006-2009</b> | <b>Marshall University</b> , Huntington, WV <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Education Specialist</i></li><li>- <i>Major: Curriculum &amp; Instruction</i></li><li>- <i>Research: Teacher Perceptions &amp; Training Regarding Mental Health Issues</i></li></ul>                               |
| <b>2001-2003</b> | <b>University of Kentucky</b> , Lexington, KY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Master of Social Work</i></li><li>- <i>Research: Adolescent Residential Program Effectiveness</i></li></ul>                                                                                                      |
| <b>1998-2001</b> | <b>Morehead State University</b> , Morehead, KY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Bachelor of Social Work – Suma Cum Laude</i></li><li>- <i>Research: Public Opinion Regarding Mental Health Services</i></li></ul>                                                                              |

**Professional Experience**

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| <b>2025-Present</b> | <b>Marshall University</b> – Huntington, WV <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Assistant Professor – Department of Social Work</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Behavior Courses</li><li>• Clinical Intervention Courses</li><li>• Admissions Committee</li><li>• Curriculum Committee</li></ul></li><li>- <i>Director</i> – Marshall University Interdisciplinary Behavioral Health Center<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supervision of General Operations</li><li>• Compliance Support</li><li>• Clinical Staff Support and Supervision</li><li>•</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>2014-2024</b>    | <b>WV Autism Training Center</b> – Huntington, WV <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Associate Director</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Development</li><li>• Program Evaluation</li><li>• Supervision of Community Services, College Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder, &amp; The</li></ul></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

- 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)
- 2008** - *EDF 218: Child and Adolescent Development*  
 -Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
- 2008** - *EDF 319: Application of Learning Theory: Educational Psychology*  
 -Marshall University (Huntington, WV)
- 2007** - *HST 290: Challenging Behavior in Children*  
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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

## **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.