

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

College of Education Faculty Curriculum Vitae

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Education	Ph.D., Counselor Education (marriage and family therapy), University of Florida Ed.S., Counselor Education (mental health counseling), University of Florida M.Ed., School Counseling, University of Central Florida B.A., Sociology, Florida Southern College
Teaching Philosophy	<p>I try to bring a 'hands-on' real world perspective to my teaching, emphasizing not just knowledge, but application. I share my own clinical and career experiences as a way to insure a greater degree of relevance and meaning to course materials and experiential learning.</p> <p>I believe that I shouldn't ask students to do things I am not willing or able to do myself. I therefore maintain my own clinical relevance through private practice and my school counseling relevance through direct work in the schools. In my classes, I emphasize learning over grades, believing that if the learning is there, the grades will be there also.</p> <p>Finally, I try and bring passion and enthusiasm to all my work with students, to provide support and encouragement for successful goal achievement, and believe that learning can be both serious and fun!</p>
Bio	Dr. Spruill (before he was Dr. Spruill) began working in the social services field in Florida after earning a B.A. in Sociology from Florida Southern College. He worked as a juvenile probation officer and a child abuse investigator for eight years. He earned a masters degree in school counseling at the University of Central Florida during this time, before

	<p>becoming a Training Specialist and then a District Manager, supervising Intake and Protective Services offices in a 16 county area of central Florida.</p> <p>He then earned an Ed.S. and a Ph.D. at the University of Florida. His specialty is marriage and family therapy. Dr. Spruill has been a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist since 1990 and a Licensed Professional Counselor since 1992.</p> <p>In 1990, Dr. Spruill accepted a faculty position in the Counselor Education program at LSU, where he taught Introduction to the Counseling Profession, Marriage and Family, School Counseling, Career Counseling, and Practicum courses for 16 years. After Katrina, he relocated to Ole Miss and expanded his work with school counseling, retraining the school counselors in 4 school districts in north Mississippi using the new models of school counseling. He also was successful in adding Advanced School Counseling and Consultation courses to the curriculum.</p> <p>Dr. Spruill returned to Louisiana in 2012, accepting a faculty position at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He coordinates the School Counseling program, teaches Introductory and Advanced School Counseling, Introductory and Advanced Couples, Marriage, and Family courses, as well as Practicum and Internship, and Career Counseling.</p> <p>Dr. Spruill is a Clinical Fellow of AAMFT, a past president of the Louisiana Counseling Association and the Louisiana Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and past Secretary of the Mississippi Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He currently serves on the Executive Board of the Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and is a member of the Government Relations Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Spruill is a Board Approved Supervisor for LMFT and LPC.</p> <p>Dr. Spruill is married to a teacher and has two grown children who are also teachers.</p>
Courses Taught	<p>COUN 502 Theories of Counseling COUN 510 Relationship, Marriage, and Family Counseling COUN 550 Advanced Relationship, Marriage, and Family Counseling COUN 503 Principles and Administration of School</p>

	<p>Counseling COUN 524 Advanced School Counseling COUN 539 Practicum COUN 540 Internship COUN 507 Lifestyle and Career Development</p>
Research Interests	<p>Counselor training and development School counselor success predictors Leadership School climate</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>1990 - 2006, Louisiana State University, Assistant and Associate Professor 2006 - 2012, University of Mississippi, Associate Professor 2012 - present, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Associate Professor</p>
Presentations	<p>"Help, I Think I Am Losing My Clinical Skills: Recognizing Clinical Skills In The School Setting." Louisiana Counseling Association annual conference, September, 2014, with Amy Arceneaux, Ann Baker, and Candice Guillory.</p> <p>"Outcome Data That Demonstrates School Counseling Program Impact." Louisiana Counseling Association annual conference, September, 2014, with Lindsey Guidry and Mary Claire Guidry.</p> <p>"Co-Construction: Millennials Ahead!" Louisiana Counseling Association annual conference pre-conference workshop, September, 2014, with Judy Miranti and Susan Wilkie.</p> <p>"Career Counseling in the New Retirement Age." Louisiana Career Development Association annual conference, April, 2014.</p> <p>"It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad, Maddening World." LA GEAR UP Teacher Leader Academy, April, 2014.</p> <p>"Understanding and Managing Resistance in Counseling Relationships Part Two: The Art of Questioning." Acadiana LPC Group, March, 2014.</p> <p>"Understanding and Managing Resistance in Counseling Relationships." Acadiana LPC Group, January, 2014.</p>

	<p>"Why Do We Come To Work?" Lafayette Parish Career and Tech Education Fall Workshop, October, 2013</p> <p>"Why Do We Come To Work?" Lafayette Parish Middle School Science and Math Teachers Fall Workshop, October, 2013</p> <p>"Suicide Prevention." Green T. Linden Elementary School Professional Development for teachers, October, 2013</p> <p>"Best Practices for Crisis Intervention in a School Setting." Louisiana Counseling Association Annual Conference, September, 2013, with June Williams.</p> <p>"Data For Dummies." Louisiana Counseling Association Annual Conference, September, 2013, with Amy Arceneaux, Mary Claire Guidry, and Ashley Romero.</p> <p>"Surviving and Thriving in the Reform Storm." LA Gear Up Teacher Leader Camp, April, 2013.</p>
Grants	<p>"Instructor Feedback Project." Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, February, 2011, with Rhonda Goolsby.</p>
Conferences Attended	<p>Mississippi Counseling Association Annual Conference, 2011</p> <p>Mississippi Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, 2012</p> <p>Louisiana Counseling Association Annual Conference, 2009-2014</p> <p>Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, 2012-2014</p> <p>Louisiana Career Development Association Annual Conference, 2014</p>
Professional Memberships	<p>Clinical Fellow, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy</p> <p>American Counseling Association</p> <p>American School Counselor Association</p> <p>Association for Counselor Education and Supervision</p> <p>Association for Creativity in Counseling</p> <p>Louisiana Counseling Association</p> <p>Louisiana Association for Counselor Education and</p>

	<p>Supervision Louisiana School Counselor Association Lafayette Parish Professional School Counselors Association</p>
<p>Dissertation</p>	<p>"Lifestyle and Level of Family Functioning in Dual Career Families With Preschool Children"</p>
<p>Other Professional Experience</p>	<p>Private Practice, 1992 - present</p>
<p>Service</p>	<p>Dean's Search Committee College of Education Promotion and Tenure Review Committee Executive Board Member, Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Government Relations Committee Member, Louisiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Secretary, Mississippi Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Site Supervisor, Jefferson Island Road Elementary School Counseling Program.</p>