

Page Thanasiu, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae



Associate Professor
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Science

EDUCATION

2005 **Doctor of Philosophy, Counselor Education**
(CACREP Accredited)
University of Central Florida
Dissertation Title: *The Influence of Past Abuse on Heterosexual Cohabiting Couples' Relationship Types*

2002 **Master of Arts, Counselor Education**
(CACREP Accredited)
University of Central Florida
Areas of Focus: *Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, Play Therapy*

1999 **Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**
University of Central Florida

LICENSING & CREDENTIALS



Licensed Mental Health Counselor
& Florida Qualified Supervisor
MH9257



Registered Play Therapist Supervisor
S1853



National Certified Counselor
253888

RECOGNITION

2021 COVID-19 Faculty Innovation
Award Recipient, Stetson University

TEACHING AND CLINICAL SUPERVISION

2023	Associate Professor & Play Therapy Program Coordinator
-	Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Present	Jacksonville University

2019	Associate Professor	2014	Assistant Professor	2008	Visiting Assistant Professor
-	Counselor Education	-	Counselor Education	-	Counselor Education
2023	Stetson University	2019	Stetson University	2014	Stetson University

Masters Level Courses Taught:

Legal, Ethical & Professional Issues in Counseling
Career Development
Human Growth & Development
Contemporary Issues in School Counseling
Counseling Children & Adolescents
Practicum, Internship I & II
School Counseling
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Marriage, Couple & Family Counseling

Foundations of Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Foundations of School Counseling
Theories of Counseling
Human Relations Methods & Skills
Play Therapy Theories & Practices
Play Therapy with Families & Special Populations

Additional Departmental Responsibilities Within This Role:

- 2021 – 2023 Hatters Behavioral Health Coalition Program Director
- 2020 – 2023 Department Chair
- 2019 – 2020 Department Associate Chair
- 2019 – 2023 Play and Creativity in Counseling Program Director
- 2014 – 2019 Play Therapy Certificate Program Director
- 2017 – 2020 CACREP Liaison
- 2013 – 2020 Chi Sigma Iota Faculty Advisor
- 2011 – 2016 CMHC and MCFC Program Coordinator, Celebration Center
- 2009 – 2018 School Counseling Program Coordinator

PUBLICATIONS**Peer Reviewed Journals**

Rust, K. L. & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (2019). Parent-mediated, play-based interventions: Use of affective engagement to treat autism spectrum disorder in young children. *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, 41(3), 189-202.

Thanasiu, P. L. & Pizza, N. (2019). Constructing culturally sensitive creative interventions for use with grieving children and adolescents. *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health*, 14(3), 270-279. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15401383.2019.1589402>

Thanasiu, P. L., Rust, K. L., & Walter, S. M. (2018). Service learning and live supervision as early components in play therapy training. *International Journal of Play Therapy*, 27(2), 103-113.

Thanasiu, P. L. (2017). Essential play therapy techniques: Time-tested approaches. *American Journal of Play*, 9(2), 277-278.

Walter, S. M. & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (2011). Enhancing role play activities with pocket camcorder technology: Strategies for counselor educators. *Journal for Creativity in Mental Health*, 6(4), 284-297.

Casado-Kehoe, M., Vanderbleek, L., & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (2007). Play in couples counseling. *The Family Journal*, 15, 133-136.

Thanasiu, P. L. (2004). Childhood sexuality: Discerning healthy from abnormal behaviors. *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*, 26(4), 309-320.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

Thanasiu, P. L. (2018). Trainee development and factors affecting behavior. In *Gatekeeping in the mental health professions* (pp. 67-98). Homrich, A. M. & Henderson, K. (Eds.). American Counseling Association.

Thanasiu, P. L. (2018). Informing trainees about gatekeeping policies. In *Gatekeeping in the mental health professions* (pp. 147-170). Homrich, A. M. & Henderson, K. (Eds.). American Counseling Association.

FUNDED GRANT ACTIVITY

Federal	(2021 – 2023) Thanasiu, P. L. , Program Director. HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training Program Grant funded for \$1,039,000
Local	(2005 – 2007) Thanasiu, P. L. New Smyrna Beach Middle School Mentor Program funded for \$5,700
	(2004) Vanderbleek, L. & Thanasiu, P. L. Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Grant funded for \$6,500

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*Denotes Student as Co-Presenter)

International	
2019	Thanasiu, P. L. , Roach, L., Burnett, J. & *Jachec, J. (September). <i>Creative interventions: Counseling vulnerable youth across borders</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association: Vienna, Austria.
2015	Thanasiu, P. L. & *Pizza, N. (October). <i>Diversity sensitive play therapy techniques for use with grieving children</i> . Association for Play Therapy International Conference: Atlanta, Georgia.
2014	Thanasiu, P. L. & Walter, S. M. (September). <i>Creative strategies for engaging children and adolescents in counseling</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association: Milan, Italy.
	Thanasiu, P. L. , Water, S. M. & *Richardson, J. (May). <i>Providing comprehensive support for parents and children: Parent coaching and play therapy</i> . University of Bedfordshire Symposium: London, England.
2012	Walter, S. M. & Thanasiu, P. L. (November). <i>Strength-Based Consultation Strategies for Counselors</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Heidelberg, Germany.
2011	Thanasiu, P. L. & Walter, S. M. (November). <i>Filial Therapy: Counselors Training Caregivers and Teachers as Therapeutic Agents</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Bad Herrenalb, Germany.
2003	<i>Children's Fears, Stress, & Trauma (Learning Institute)</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Willingen, Germany.
	<i>Children's Fears, Stress, & Trauma (Mini Session)</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Willingen, Germany.
	Thanasiu, P. L. (October). <i>Childhood Sexuality: Discerning Healthy from Abnormal Behaviors</i> . European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Willingen, Germany.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*Denotes Student as Co-Presenter)

National

- 2021 Roach, L., **Thanasiu, P.**, Fox, J., & Burnett, J. (October). *Cultivating interdisciplinary and community engaged projects in counselor education*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference: Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2020 Roach, L., Burnett, J., **Thanasiu, P.** & *Jachec, J. (September). *Creative interventions for counseling vulnerable youth across borders*. Presented virtually for the Association for Creativity in Counseling Conference.
- 2019 *Zhou, Z. & **Thanasiu, P.** (June). *Doing well vs. feeling well: Midlife generativity in Asian American parents*. Poster presented at the Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (AMCD) Summit, Orlando, Florida.
- 2017 Homrich, A. M., DeLorenzi, L., **Thanasiu, P. L.**, & Bloom, Z. D. (March). *Does your counselor education program have standards for professional conduct?* American Counseling Association Annual Convention: San Francisco, California.
- 2015 DeLorenzi, L., **Thanasiu, P. L.** & Roach, L. (October). *The ABC's of treating childhood trauma*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Leadership Conference: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2013 **Thanasiu, P. L.** & Walter, S. M. (October). *Creating a high impact study abroad experience*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference: Denver, Colorado.
- 2011 Roach, L. F., Vanderbleek, L., **Thanasiu, P. L.** & Walter, S. M. (March). *Understanding spiritual principles in trauma treatment*. American Counseling Association Annual Convention: New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2004 **Thanasiu, P. L.** (April). *Childhood sexuality: Discerning healthy from abnormal behaviors*. American Counseling Association Annual Convention: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Vanderbleek, L. & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (April). *Play in couples counseling*. American Counseling Association Annual Convention: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Regional & State

- 2020 **Thanasiu, P. L.** & *Graves, G. (January). *Empowering all members in family counseling implementing principles of play therapy*. UCF Counseling Conference: Orlando, Florida.
- 2015 **Thanasiu, P. L.**, *Stock, S., & *Velez, A. (September). *Using expressive arts in self-supervision*. Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference: Orlando, Florida.
- *Stock, S. & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (September). *A service learning model for teaching play therapy skills*. Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference: Orlando, Florida.
- 2010 Walter, S. M. & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (October). *Creative applications of the flip camera in counselor education*. Southern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors: Williamsburg, Virginia.

INVITED TALKS

2022	Thanasiu, P. L. (September). <i>The power of play therapy</i> . Jacksonville University.
2021	Thanasiu, P. L. & Walter, S. M. (February). <i>Conducting impactful video visits</i> . Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program. Online state level presentation for 1,000 Guardians Ad Litem (GALs) that was recorded for future GAL training.
2019	Thanasiu, P. L. (November). <i>Using expressive arts in counseling</i> . Halifax Health Behavioral Services: Daytona Beach, Florida.
	Thanasiu, P. L. (October, November). <i>Moving through trauma</i> . Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program: Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, Florida.
2018	Thanasiu, P. L. (September). <i>Creative family therapy techniques: Play and art-based activities to assess and treat families</i> . Neighbor to Family: Daytona Beach, Florida
2015	Thanasiu, P. L. (July, September & February). <i>Understanding children whom have experienced sexual abuse</i> . Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program: Flagler County, Bunnell, Florida; Daytona Beach, Florida
	Thanasiu, P. L. (May). <i>Trauma informed care for children</i> . Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program: Daytona Beach, Florida.
2014	Thanasiu, P. L. (December). <i>What constitutes normal sexual development and behaviors in young children?</i> Invited guest lecturer at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING & RELATED EXPERIENCE

2005 - 2020	Counselor Private Practice	* Provided individual and family counseling in both in-home and office settings * Conducted supervision for RMHCIs and play therapists
2014 - 2019	Pro Bono Counselor Head Start	* Provided play therapy, family consultation, and teacher consultation * Supervised students providing play therapy services
2005 - 2008	School Counselor New Smyrna Beach Middle School	* Coordinated community mentor program of 130 mentors and 250 students * Individual & group counseling, consultation, crisis intervention, testing coordination with 6 th , 7 th , and 8 th grade students

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING & RELATED EXPERIENCE (Continued)

2004 - 2005	Outpatient Counselor Halifax Behavioral Services	2002 - 2003	Counselor Intern Halifax Behavioral Services	1997 - 1999	Psychiatric Aid Halifax Behavioral Services Partial Program
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SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & COMMUNITY

Workshops

2021	Thanasiu, P. L. (October). <i>Secrets to surviving and even thriving during challenging times.</i> Stetson University: Values Day.
2017	Thanasiu, P. L. (June). <i>Diversity sensitive play therapy techniques for use with grieving children.</i> Central Florida Association for Play Therapy: Orlando, Florida.
2014	Thanasiu, P. L. (June). <i>Using play therapy interventions as an insight enhancement tool for clients AND counselors.</i> Central Florida Association for Play Therapy: Orlando, Florida. Thanasiu, P. L. (April). <i>Play Therapy: Using Toys to Heal.</i> Central Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapists: Orlando, Florida. Thanasiu, P. L. (February). <i>Using Play to Find Your Way.</i> Mental Health Counselors of Central Florida: Orlando, Florida.
2013	Thanasiu, P. L. (October). <i>The Many Uses of Sand Tray.</i> ADAPT Workshop: DeLand, Florida. Walter, S. M. & Thanasiu, P. L. (September). <i>My Values, My Career.</i> Stetson University Values Day: DeLand, Florida.
2009	Thanasiu, P. L. (November). <i>Using Play to Empower, Bond, & Communicate with Children.</i> 2009 Whole Child Conference: Orlando, Florida.
2008	Thanasiu, P. L. (March). <i>Childhood Sexuality: Discerning Healthy from Abnormal Behaviors.</i> Children's Advocacy Center: Daytona Beach, Florida.

Counseling-Related

Volunteering 2016	Counselor, provided group counseling to under-resourced adolescent females on goal setting and achievement in Meziack, Haiti
2007 - 2018	Counselor, Camp Begin Again Hospice Begin Again Children's Grief Center
2008 - 2012	Volunteer Mentor Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program
2008 - 2009	Vice President Volusia Flagler Counseling Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National	American Counseling Association Association for Counselor Education & Supervision Association for Play Therapy National Career Development Association Chi Sigma Iota
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PLAY THERAPY SPECIFIC TRAINING

2013	Intensive Play Therapy Supervision University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
2005	Child-Parent Relationship Training Dr. Garry Landreth Atlanta, Georgia Play Therapy Certificate Coursework (9 graduate credits) <i>Processing Play in Counseling</i> <i>Advanced Play Process in Counseling</i> <i>Counseling with Expressive Arts</i> University of Central Florida