

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**
- **Clinical Mental Health Counseling**
Present | Jacksonville University

Master's Level Courses Taught:

Practicum in CMHC
Human Development
Introduction to Play Therapy
Human Sexuality
Filial & Family Play Therapy

Additional Departmental Responsibilities Within This Role:

- 2023 – Present Play Therapy Graduate Certificate Program Coordinator

University Level Service:

- Search Committee, Physical Therapy

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

University Level Service:

- 2022 – 2023 Divisional Secretary, Education
- 2022 – 2023 Graduate Council member, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2021 – 2022 University Council on Curriculum & Academic Policy Member
- 2020 – 2021 Divisional Secretary, Education
- 2020 – 2022 Graduate Council, Chair
- 2020 – 2023 Faculty Appointments Advisory Committee Member
- 2017 – 2020 Graduate Council Member, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2015 – 2020 IRB Committee Member

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). *Creative interventions: Counseling vulnerable youth across borders*. European Branch – American Counseling Association: Vienna, Austria.

2015 **Thanasiu, P. L.** & *Pizza, N. (October). *Diversity sensitive play therapy techniques for use with grieving children*. Association for Play Therapy International Conference: Atlanta, Georgia.

2014 **Thanasiu, P. L.** & Walter, S. M. (September). *Creative strategies for engaging children and adolescents in counseling*. European Branch – American Counseling Association: Milan, Italy.

Thanasiu, P. L., Water, S. M. & *Richardson, J. (May). *Providing comprehensive support for parents and children: Parent coaching and play therapy*. University of Bedfordshire Symposium: London, England.

- 2012 Walter, S. M. & **Thanasiu, P. L.** (November). *Strength-Based Consultation Strategies for Counselors*. European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2011 **Thanasiu, P. L.** & Walter, S. M. (November). *Filial Therapy: Counselors Training Caregivers and Teachers as Therapeutic Agents*. European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Bad Herrenalb, Germany.
- 2003 *Children's Fears, Stress, & Trauma (Learning Institute)*. European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Willingen, Germany.
- Children's Fears, Stress, & Trauma (Mini Session)*. European Branch – American Counseling Association Annual International Conference: Willingen, Germany.
- Thanasiu, P. L.** (October). *Childhood Sexuality: Discerning Healthy from Abnormal Behaviors*. 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). *The power of play therapy*. Jacksonville University.
- 2021 **Thanasiu, P. L.** & Walter, S. M. (February). *Conducting impactful video visits*. 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). *Using expressive arts in counseling*. Halifax Health Behavioral Services: Daytona Beach, Florida.
- Thanasiu, P. L.** (October, November). *Moving through trauma*. Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program: Daytona Beach and St. Augustine, Florida.
- 2018 **Thanasiu, P. L.** (September). *Creative family therapy techniques: Play and art-based activities to assess and treat families*. Neighbor to Family: Daytona Beach, Florida
- 2015 **Thanasiu, P. L.** (July, September & February). *Understanding children whom have experienced sexual abuse*. Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program: Flagler County, Bunnell, Florida; Daytona Beach, Florida
- Thanasiu, P. L.** (May). *Trauma informed care for children*. Department of Children & Families Guardian ad Litem Program: Daytona Beach, Florida.
- 2014 **Thanasiu, P. L.** (December). *What constitutes normal sexual development and behaviors in young children?* 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