

DANIEL H WENDLER

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EDUCATION

- (05/2016-05/2019) **DOCTORATE OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**
George Fox University, Newberg, OR
Advisor: Celeste Jones, Psy.D., ABPP
Dissertation: Improv theater as a social cognition intervention for autism
- 08/2014-05/2016 **MASTERS OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**
George Fox University, Newberg, OR
- 08/2006-05/2010 **BACHELORS OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS**
BACHELORS OF ARTS IN SPANISH
Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2018-Present **Doctoral Psychology Intern**
University of Houston Counseling and Psychological Services, Houston, TX
- Duties include individual and group therapy services with clients in a university counseling setting. Duties also include weekly rotation as “consultant on duty” responsible for triage and risk assessment of walk-in referrals, as well as outreach programming to the campus community. Referral concerns have included developmental and academic concerns, anxiety, grief, anger, depression, trauma, substance abuse, social isolation, and suicidality. Training opportunities include individual and group case conferences, diversity dialogues and multicultural seminars, and workshops on a variety of topics. APA accredited.
- 08/2017-06/2018 **Practicum Therapist**
George Fox Health and Counseling Center, Newberg, OR
- Duties included therapy services and risk assessment with clients in a university counseling setting. Referral concerns included developmental concerns, anxiety, grief, depression, trauma, social isolation, and suicidality.
- 06/2016 – 06/2018 **Behavioral Health Crisis Consultation Team Member**
George Fox University, Newberg, OR
- Duties include on-call crisis assessment of patients in hospital emergency departments to determine if the patient meets criteria to be placed under involuntary psychiatric hold, as well as consultation with emergency department physicians to share assessment results. Phone supervision and ongoing training provided by licensed clinical psychologists on faculty at George Fox University.

Clients ranged from child to adult and presented with concerns including suicidality, violence, inability to care for self, substance abuse, active psychosis, and other severe mental health concerns.

08/2016-06/2017

Therapy and Assessment Supplemental Practicum Student

George Fox Behavioral Health Clinic, Newberg, OR

Returned to Behavioral Health Clinic on half-time basis for a second year. Duties included provision of therapy and assessment services to clients in a community mental health setting. Clients have ranged in age from child to adults. Referral concerns have included anger management, adjustment, parenting, depression, anxiety, trauma, and social difficulty.

08/2016 – 06/2017

Therapy and Assessment Practicum Student

Northwest ADHD Treatment Center, Tualatin, OR

Duties included provision of cognitive-behavioral therapy and assessment services to adult clients in a private practice setting, as well as consultation with on-site psychiatric nurse practitioners to coordinate patient care. Referral concerns were primarily related to ADHD assessment and treatment, but also include depression, anxiety, chronic pain, substance abuse, and trauma.

08/2015-06/2016

Therapy and Assessment Practicum Student

George Fox Behavioral Health Clinic, Newberg, OR

Duties included provision of therapy and assessment services to clients in a community mental health setting. Clients have ranged in age from adolescents to adults. Referral concerns have included anger management, parenting, depression, anxiety, trauma, and social difficulty.

2013-2014

Group and Individual Social Skills Coach

Marbridge Foundation, Manchaca, TX

Offered 1-2 hour group and individual social skills instruction to clients with developmental disabilities in a residential setting. Group sessions lasted ten weeks, with one session per week.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spring 2015 - Present

Founder of Marketing for Therapists

MarketingForTherapists.org

Authored and published an online marketing guide designed for private practice therapists. Also provide freelance online marketing consulting to therapists.

2012-Present

Founder of Improve Your Social Skills

ImproveYourSocialSkills.com

Authored and published a comprehensive online social skills guide that has received more than 2,000,000 visitors. The website is focused on building conversational and relationship skills in platonic relationships. Audience includes readers with autism and social anxiety, as well as general audience readers.

2013 – October 2015 **Senior Paid Media Strategist**
Apogee Results, Austin, TX

Managed online marketing and search engine advertising for a portfolio of clients across the US. Monthly expenditures on advertising averaged \$100,000. Also supervised and trained junior members of the team. In Fall 2014, role transitioned to part-time.

2011 – 2013 **Account Manager**
Adlucent, Austin, TX

Managed online marketing and search engine advertising for a major online retailer. Managed \$100,000 in monthly digital advertising. Responsible for \$8 million in annual revenue.

PUBLICATIONS

Wendler, D. (2016). *Clicking with clients: Online marketing for private practice therapists*. Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing. Available from <http://www.amazon.com/Clicking-Clients-Marketing-Practice-Therapists/dp/1532844557>

Wendler, D. (2016). *Level up your social life: The gamer's guide to social success*. Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing. Available from <http://www.amazon.com/Level-Up-Your-Social-Life/dp/1523975253>

Wendler, D. (2014) *Improve your social skills*. Amazon Kindle Direct Publishing. Available from <http://www.amazon.com/dp/B00IDEKYBK>

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Wendler, D. (2017). *How to stop speedrunning your relationships*. Available from <http://geekandsundry.com/how-to-stop-speedrunning-your-relationships/>

Wendler, D. (2017). *Infinite lives: Learning how to survive social situations*. Available from <http://geekandsundry.com/infinite-lives-learning-how-to-survive-social-situations/>

Wendler, D. (2017). *Random encounters: Level up your social skills*. Available from <http://www.takethis.org/expert-advice/random-encounters-level-up-your-social-skills/>

Wendler, D. (2016). *How therapists can write for the web...without boring their readers*. Available from <http://blog.time2track.com/how-therapists-can-write-for-the-web-without-boring-their-readers>

Wendler, D. (2016). *Online advertising guide for therapists* Available from <https://www.brightervision.com/online-advertising-for-therapists/>

Wendler, D. (2015). *How to make a great therapist LinkedIn profile in 3 easy steps* Available from <http://blog.time2track.com/how-to-make-a-great-therapist-linkedin-profile-in-3-easy-steps>

Wendler, D. (2015). *Why every therapist needs a website (and how to get one)* Available from <http://blog.time2track.com/why-every-therapist-needs-a-website-and-how-to-get-one>

Wendler, D. (2015). *Five ingredients every therapist website must have*. Available from <https://www.brightervision.com/therapist-website-design-tips/>

Wendler, D. (2015). *Four easy ways to improve your therapist website*. Available from <https://pro.psychcentral.com/four-easy-ways-to-improve-your-therapist-website/008242.html>

Wendler, D. (2015). *Social media dos and don'ts for professionals*. Available from <https://pro.psychcentral.com/social-media-dos-and-donts-for-professionals/007882.html>

RESEARCH

Summers, W., **Wendler, D.**, & Neary T. A meta-analysis of ADHD and increased risk for suicide. *Presented at the 2017 American Professional Society of ADHD and Related Disorders Annual Meeting*.

Shumway, K. T., **Wendler, D.**, Robison, M.. Sleep, Stress, Social Connectedness, and Cohort Satisfaction in Graduate School. *Presented to the George Fox University GDCP Student Council and Faculty Board for APA Self-Study 2017*.

Shumway, K. T., Foster, L., & **Wendler D.** Suicidality, Psychopathology, and Emergency Department Use for Crisis in Rural Communities. *Submitted to Western Psychological Association Convention 2017*.

Haigh, J., Dean, C., **Wendler, D.**, & Flachsbar, C. Characteristics of vocational environments that support young adults with ASD. *Presented at Western Psychological Association Convention 2016, Long Beach, CA*.

PRESENTATIONS

2018 "You Belong: Lessons From Our Neurodiverse Friendship" - Invited Conference Speaker
Love & Autism Conference
San Diego, CA

Co-presented a main-stage talk about lessons learned from our personal experience and from our training in clinical psychology about loneliness, friendship, and connection.

2018 "You Belong for Teens" - Invited Conference Speaker
Love & Autism Conference
San Diego, CA

Co-led a two-day experiential workshop that provided teens on the autistic spectrum with the opportunity to experience belonging, engage in process groups, and learn practical skills for social interaction and friendship formation.

2018 "Supercharge Your Professional Presence" - Invited Webinar Speaker
American Psychological Association
Online

Provided four one-hour training webinars for an audience of psychologists and graduate students on establishing an online professional presence. Topics included LinkedIn, search engines, websites, and online marketing.

- 2018 “What Being Autistic Taught Me About Being Human ” - Invited Speaker
TEDxBend 2018
Bend, OR
- Spoke about my experiences of being autistic, and what we could learn from that about our universal human experience.
- 2018 “Finding Your Place Of Belonging” - Invited Conference Speaker
Matthew Reardon Center for Autism Conference
Savannah, GA
- Discussed strategies for how people on the autism spectrum can find and choose communities where they welcomed and feel a sense of belonging.
- 2017 “You Belong for Teens” - Invited Conference Speaker
Love & Autism Conference
San Diego, CA
- Co-led a two-day experiential workshop that provided teens on the autistic spectrum with the opportunity to experience belonging, engage in process groups, and learn practical skills for social interaction and friendship formation.
- 2017 “Understanding Autism: Diagnosis, Treatment and Beyond” – Guest Lecturer
George Fox University’s School of Social Work Masters Program
Newberg, Oregon
- Provided two one-hour guest lectures on autism to the “Introduction to the DSM-V” class for MSW students.
- 2017 “Social Skills Interventions & Basic Trauma Intervention Skills” – Practicum Presenter
George Fox University Health And Counseling Center
Newberg, Oregon
- Provided two one-hour trainings to junior practicum students on helping clients reach their social goals and on treating trauma.
- 2017 “Effective Use of The Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality Framework” –Invited Presenter
George Fox University Behavioral Health Crisis Consultation Team
Newberg, Oregon
- Provided training to crisis consultation team members on use the CAMS framework and the CAMS Suicide Status Form 4 for risk assessment and ongoing treatment of suicidality.
- 2017 “The Science of Satisfying Relationships” - Invited Conference Speaker
Sanctuary Churches Conference
Orange, CA
- Provided a 60-minute talk on research-based strategies for relationship improvement, drawing on attachment research and Dr. John Gottman’s theories.
- 2017 Variety of Talks and Workshops - Invited Conference Speaker
Matthew Reardon Center for Autism Conference

Savannah, GA

Taught a 90-minute workshop on social skills development for autistic individuals, a 90-minute workshop on healthy dating strategies for young adults on the autistic spectrum, a 3-hour experiential workshop on how improv theater could help with social skills development, and delivered a 1-hour speech on “Autism and the Power of Friendship.”

- 2016 “Platonic Love: Autism and the power of friendship” - Invited Conference Speaker
Love & Autism Conference
San Diego, CA

Provided an inspirational speech on how my friends helped me change from a young boy who believed that he was bad to a young man who believed that he was loved, and encouraged listeners to unlock the power of friendship in their own lives.

- 2016 “Motivating Social Success for Autistic Residents”- Invited Speaker
Marbridge Foundation
Manchaca, TX

Provided a one-hour staff training at an assisted living facility for residents with developmental disabilities.

- 2016 “Marketing Your Practice: A Guide to Helping Clients Find You Online”- Invited Webinar Speaker
Therasoft Webinar
Online

Provided a one-hour live training webinar on online marketing strategies for private practice therapists.

- 2016 “Sanctuary Churches”- Invited Conference Speaker
Sanctuary Church Conference
Orange, CA

Co-led a three- hour workshop for church leaders on strategies to help their churches be more welcoming and supportive to congregants, especially those with mental health issues.

- 2016 “Small Talk Fundamentals”- Invited Webinar Speaker
Interpublic Group Small Talk Webinar
Online

Provided a one-hour live training webinar on small talk strategies for advertising executives.

- 2016 “Social Skills & Strategies for Teens and Young Adults”- Invited Conference Speaker
Matthew Reardon Center for Autism Conference
Savannah, GA

Provided a three-hour workshop on social skills development for young adults with autism. Audience included educators, mental health professionals, parents, and autistic individuals. Also participated in a panel on successful life after high school for autistic individuals.

- 2015 “How to Launch a Therapist Website”
Professional Development Student Interest Group
Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, George Fox University

Newberg, OR

Discussed how to establish an online professional presence as a student psychologist or early career psychologist. Audience included graduate students in clinical psychology.

- 2015 “Evidence-Based Therapy for BDSM/Kink Sexualities”
Gender & Sexuality Student Interest Group
Graduate Department of Clinical Psychology, George Fox University
Newberg, OR

Provided training on delivering evidence-based interventions to clients with a BDSM/Kink sexuality. Topics included differentiation between BDSM and abuse, current research on BDSM, issues of stigma and prejudice, and challenges BDSM clients face with accessing competent mental health care.

- 2014 “Sharing Your True Abilities”- Invited Keynote Speaker
Providence Place Center for Higher Independence
San Antonio, TX

Delivered the graduation speech for a class of young adults with disabilities. Transcript available at DanielWendler.com/writing/providence-place-graduation-speech/

- 2013 “My Life with Asperger’s” TEDx Talk Invited Keynote Speaker
TEDxUniversityofArizona
Tucson, AZ

Spoke on Asperger’s, friendship, and community. Viewed online over 370,000 times. Available at [YouTube.com/watch?v=B-xgdqNtcDI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-xgdqNtcDI)

MEMBERSHIP

Member At Large, Student Council

George Fox University, Fall 2017 – Present

Student Interest Group Coordinator, Student Council

George Fox University, Fall 2017 – Present

Co-founder, Professional Development Student Interest Group

George Fox University, Spring 2015 – Present

Member, Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology

George Fox University, Spring 2015 – Present

Member, Gender and Sexuality Student Interest Group

George Fox University, Fall 2014 – Present

Graduate Student Affiliate Member

American Psychological Association, Fall 2014 – Present