

# 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

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## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 06/2021-Present      **Licensed Psychologist (License # 38985)**  
*Deep Eddy Psychotherapy, Austin, TX*
- Duties include individual and group therapy services with clients in a private practice setting, as well as training and supervision of other clinicians. Referral concerns include the full range of generalist concerns, with specializations including autism, relationship concerns, and young adults.
- 010/2018-06-2021      **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
*Deep Eddy Psychotherapy, Austin, TX*
- Duties include individual and group therapy services with clients in a private practice setting. Client ages range from adolescent to adult and referral concerns include the full range of generalist concerns. Training opportunities include seminars and workshops on various topics related to individual, couples, and group psychotherapy
- 08/2018-08/2019      **Doctoral Psychology Intern**  
*University of Houston Counseling and Psychological Services, Houston, TX*
- Duties included individual and group therapy services with clients in a university counseling setting. Duties also included 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 included 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.

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spring 2015 - Present **Founder of Marketing for Therapists**

*MarketingForTherapists.org*

Lead an expert team of online marketing specialists providing online marketing services to private practice therapists across the US and internationally.

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.

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## 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>

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## ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Wendler, D. (2021) *Creating multiple income streams as an early career professional*. Available from <https://blog.time2track.com/multiple-income-streams-as-an-early-career-professional/>

Wendler, D. (2018). *Creating a Google Ads campaign for your practice*. Available from <https://www.brightervision.com/therapist-google-ads/>

- 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>

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## 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.**, & Flachsbart, C. Characteristics of vocational environments that support young adults with ASD. *Presented at Western Psychological Association Convention 2016, Long Beach, CA.*

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## PRESENTATIONS

- 2023      “Strength in Neurodiversity”  
            *American Psychological Association*  
            Online

Provided an introduction to neurodiversity and explored how applying principles of neurodiversity could make organizations and individuals stronger

- 2023      “Creating a Ringcentral for Everyone  
“Managing Burnout: Tools to Thrive for Neurodivergent People ”  
*Ringcentral, Inc*  
Online

Provided training for employees and leadership on how neurodiversity can be a competitive advantage and how to create a workplace that is inclusive for all. Provided a second training on managing and avoiding burnout, with specific applications for neurodivergent employees.

- 2023      “Outside your Comfort Zone  
“Dating on the Spectrum”  
*Savannah Autism Conference*  
Savannah, GA

Provided two co-led talks, one on breaking free from the comfort zone and one on strategies for relationship success for neurodivergent people.

- 2022      “How to Get Hired at a Private Practice”  
*American Psychological Association*  
Online

Co-led talk with practical strategies for career development for professionals seeking employment in private practice.

- 2022      “How to Make Friends after Social Distancing & Breaking Free from Loneliness”  
*University of Texas at Austin EAP*  
Online

Provided two psychoeducational talks on friendships, loneliness, and building community.

- 2021      “You Belong: Lessons from our Neurodiverse Friendship”  
*Southwest Washington Autism Conference*  
Lewis County, WA

Provided thoroughly revised and updated co-led presentation containing research insights and practical strategies on topics including loneliness, neurodiversity, and friendship.

- 2021      “How to Lead without a Title”  
*Hawaii Behavioral Health & Wellness Convention*  
Online

Provided co-led talk on leadership strategies for behavioral health professionals

- 2021      “Supercharge Your Professional Presence: How to give a TEDx talk as a psychologist”  
*American Psychological Association*

Online

Provided one-hour training webinar to audience of mental health professionals related to the outreach and professional development opportunity of a TEDx talk

2020 “Finding Your Place Of Belonging”  
*Asperger Autism Network*  
Online

Provided co-led keynote talk on strategies for developing friendships and social skills to an audience of autistic adults and their family members and professional providers.

2020 “Supercharge Your Professional Presence”  
*American Psychological Association*  
Online

Provided three one-hour training webinars to audience of mental health professionals on topics including leadership, diversified income streams, and email newsletters.

2019 “Supercharge Your Presence: Writing and Publishing Your First Book”  
*American Psychological Association National Convention*  
Chicago, IL

Provided a seminar on how psychologists and psychology students could get started writing and publishing their own book, whether through self-publishing or traditional publishing.

2019 “You Belong: Lessons From Our Neurodiverse Friendship”  
*Advance LA*  
Los Angeles, CA

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

2019 “Finding Your Place Of Belonging”  
*Honestly Autism Day*  
Baltimore, MD

I gave a three-hour breakout on strategies that autistic individuals could use for building genuine friendships, strengthening social skills, and finding a place of belonging.

2019 “Supercharge Your Professional Presence”  
*American Psychological Association*  
Online

Provided four one-hour training webinars to audience of mental health professionals on topics including self-publishing, public speaking, and CV development.

2019 “The Portfolio Approach To Online Marketing”

*Goodtherapy.org Continuing Education*  
Online

Provided a one-hour training webinar to audience of mental health professionals on effective strategies for marketing a private practice

- 2019 “Finding Your Place Of Belonging” & “You Belong: Lessons From Our Neurodiverse Friendship” - Invited Conference Speaker  
*Southern Maine Autism Conference*  
Savannah, Georgia

I gave a one-hour breakout on strategies that autistic individuals could use for building genuine friendships, strengthening social skills, and finding a place of belonging. Also co-presented a talk about lessons learned from our personal experience and from our training in clinical psychology about loneliness, friendship, and connection.

- 2019 “You Belong: Lessons From Our Neurodiverse Friendship” - Invited Conference Speaker  
*Matthew Reardon Center For Autism Conference*  
Savannah, Georgia

Co-presented a talk about lessons learned from our personal experience and from our training in clinical psychology about loneliness, friendship, and connection. Also delivered my 2018 TEDx talk.

- 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 “How to Succeed in Your Practice & Professional Life with Public Speaking” - Invited Interviewee  
*Therapist Experience Podcast*  
Online

- Provided suggestions for how therapists could grow their therapy practices and their professional impact through public speaking
- 2018 “How Writing a Book Can Super-Charge Your Entire Practice- Invited Interviewee  
*Therapist Experience Podcast*  
Online
- Discussed benefits of writing a book for therapists and provided practical strategies for developing a writing habit and finding an audience for a book.
- 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. Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeMW2Asu8vg>
- 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 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/](http://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. Available at [YouTube.com/watch?v=B-xgdqNtcDI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-xgdqNtcDI)