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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Social Work Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia	Aug 2019 - Present
M.S.W., Clinical Social Work Widener University, Chester, Pennsylvania	Sep 2009 - May 2012
M.Ed., Human Sexuality Education (clinical track) Widener University, Chester, Pennsylvania	Sep 2009 - Jun 2012
B.A., Psychology (minors in Health Studies and Sociology) Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey	Sep 2005 - May 2009

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) Virginia Department of Health Professions; Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies	Jun 2015 - Present
Certified Sex Therapist (CST) American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)	Aug 2016 - Present

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

- Families of youth who committed a sexual offense
 - Experiences of shame and stigma among sexual minorities
 - Narrative therapy and other strengths-based clinical practices
 - Qualitative research methods
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Traci Wike) Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate School of Social Work	June 2020 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participated in research planning for project on LGBTQ+ youth in rural communities○ Manually coded interview transcripts○ Compiled and reviewed literature○ Collaborated on research papers	
Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Maurice Gattis) Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate School of Social Work	Aug 2019 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Participated in research planning for projects on youth with experiences of homelessness and adverse childhood experiences among LGBTQ+ individuals○ Compiled and reviewed literature○ Conducted SPSS data analysis○ Co-authored letter of intent and grant proposal for William T. Grant Foundation	

Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Denise Burnette) **Aug 2019 – May 2020**
Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate School of Social Work

- Participated in planning meetings for exploratory study of older adults in Puerto Rico
- Conducted data entry using SPSS
- Conducted in-depth interviews with older adults in Puerto Rico
- Conducted survey interviews with older adult hurricane survivors in Puerto Rico

Research Assistant **Dec 2008 – May 2009**
National Institute for Early Education Research, Rutgers University

- Conducted interviews with early education teachers in New Jersey
- Collected data to assist in research on school environment and infrastructure
- Observed and documented classroom dynamics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Adjunct Instructor **Jan 2018 – Aug 2019**
University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, CO

- SOWK-4790 Human Sexuality
- SOWK-4345 Intersections of Mental Health, Substance Use, and Trauma
- SOWK-4003 Clinical Social Work Theory and Practice (in-person and online)

Adjunct Instructor **May 2018 – Aug 2018**
Simmons College (SocialWork@Simmons), Boston, MA

- SW-475 Narrative Approaches to Social Work (online)

Adjunct Instructor **Jan 2014 – May 2014**
Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO

- SOC-101 Introduction to Sociology I

Teacher Assistant **Spring 2008 / Fall 2008**
Montclair State University

- Assisted faculty in Introductory Psychology and Psychology of Women undergraduate courses

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

Psychotherapist, Private Practice **Feb 2016 – Present**
Narrative Conversations, Denver, CO and Richmond, VA

- Offer individual, couples, and family therapy (adolescents and adults)
- Specialize in sexuality-related concerns: compulsive sexual behaviors, minor-attracted persons, sexual trauma, sexual offending behaviors
- Provide culturally-sensitive therapeutic services (narrative therapy and sex therapy)
- Provide supervision and mentorship to licensure candidates and students

Substance Use Adolescent and Family Therapist **Nov 2015 – Oct 2018**
Denver Health Medical Center, Denver, CO

- Offered culturally-aware outpatient treatment focused on the intersections of substance use, mental health, and trauma
- Worked with adolescents struggling with substance misuse involved in the legal system
- Coordinated treatment with families and other professionals involved
- Supervised Social Work and Counseling students

- Adult Outpatient Therapist** Jun 2014 - Nov 2015
Aurora Mental Health Center, Aurora, CO
- Offered individual, couples, and family therapy for adults struggling with mental health and substance use challenges
 - Provided culturally-aware services to low income populations
- Sexual Abuse Intervention Therapist** May 2012 - Jun 2014
Savio House, Denver, CO
- Conducted individual and group therapy for youth who committed a sexual offense
 - Provided culturally-aware therapeutic services in residential and in-home settings
 - Provided couples and family therapy as needed
 - Participated in interdisciplinary treatment coordination meetings
 - Worked closely with judicial officials to support clients rehabilitation
 - Attended and participated in court hearings about sexual abuse cases
- Child and Adolescent Offense-Specific Therapist (Intern)** Sep 2011 - Apr 2012
Joseph J. Peters Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- Under supervision, provided individual and family therapy for youth sex offenders
- Intensive Adult Outpatient Therapist (Intern)** Sep 2010 - Apr 2011
Northwestern Human Services, Sharon Hill, PA
- Under supervision, provided individual therapy for adults struggling with mental health and substance use issues
 - Co-facilitated “anger management” and “co-occurring disorders” therapy groups
- Therapeutic Staff Support** Jun 2010 - Aug 2011
Elwyn, Elwyn, PA
- Provided therapeutic support for children on the Autistic spectrum
- Counselor and Teacher** Summer 2009
Wediko Youth Treatment Services, Windsor, NH
- Taught literacy classes to children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral challenges
 - Participated in team meetings to coordinate care
 - Provided therapeutic support for children and adolescents

PUBLICATIONS:

Wagaman, A. M., Gattis, M. N., Watts, K., & **Yabar, M. P.** (2020). Youth experiencing homelessness in Richmond schools. [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Wike, T. L., Bouchard, L. M., Kemmerer, A., & **Yabar, M. P.** (2020). Rural LGBTQ youth school and community experiences with bullying, victimization, and social support. [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Yabar, M. P. (2020). Narratives in sex offender management laws: How stories about a label shape policymaking. *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*. [Manuscript submitted for publication]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Yabar, M. P. & Bouchard, L. M. (2020). Exploring the relationship between bullying victimization and sexual onset among Latino gay, bisexual, and transgender youth. [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Yabar, M. P. (2020). Families of youth who committed a sexual offense: A literature review and call for strengths-based approaches to research and practice. [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Yabar, M. P. (2020). Minor-attracted persons have alternative stories, too. [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Burnette, D., Buckley, T. D., Fabelo, H. E., **Yabar, M. P.** (2020). Foregrounding context in the Covid-19 pandemic: Learning from older adults in Puerto Rico. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

PRESENTER EXPERIENCE:

Yabar, M. P. & Bouchard, L. M. (2020). *Exploring the relationship between bullying victimization and sexual onset among Latino gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals*. Video Presentation for the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Conference, November, 2020. Online.

Yabar, M. P. (2019). *Minor-attracted persons have alternative stories, too*. Oral Presentation for the European Conference of Narrative Therapy and Community Work, July, 2019. Antwerp, Belgium.

Yabar, M. P. (2019). *Person-first advocacy letters with youth in offense-specific treatment*. Oral Presentation for the Spirit of Adventure: Innovations in Narrative Practice Conference, May, 2019. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2019). *Narrative practice with minor-attracted persons*. Oral Presentation for Denver Postmodern Therapists Gathering, April, 2019. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2019). *Narrative conversations with minor-attracted persons*. Oral Presentation for the B4U-ACT Spring Symposium, April, 2019. Baltimore, MD.

Grace, M. & **Yabar, M. P.** (2018). *Narrative therapy with sexually-diverse populations*. Oral Presentation for Denver Postmodern Therapists Gathering, October, 2018. Denver, CO.

Lebauer, M., Logan, W. & **Yabar, M. P.** (2018). *Clinical approaches to working with LGBT populations*. Oral Presentation for Denver Professional Development Seminar Series-Sierra Tucson, August, 2018. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2018). *Narrative Conversations: dismantling the single story of pedophilia*. Oral Presentation for the American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists-Rocky Mountain Chapter, October, 2018. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2018). *Person-first advocacy letters*. Oral Presentation for American Family Therapy Academy Conference, June, 2018. Austin, TX.

Yabar, M. P. (2018). *Narrative conversations: Helping clients reconstruct taboo*. Oral Presentation for the American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists Conference, June, 2018. Denver, CO.

James, L., Bass, T. M., & **Yabar, M. P.** (2018). *Sexual attitude reassessment (SAR)*. Oral Presentation for American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists Conference, June 2018. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2017). *Understanding pedophilia: A compassionate clinical perspective*. Oral Presentation for the American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists-Rocky Mountain Chapter, October, 2017. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2016). *Narrative practices in substance use treatment with youth*. Oral Presentation for Outpatient Behavioral Health Services at Denver Health Medical Center, July, 2016. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2015). *Introduction to narrative therapy*. Oral Presentation for the Sexual Abuse Intervention Team at Savio House, December, 2015. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2015). *Introduction to narrative therapy*. Oral Presentation for Aurora Mental Health Center, November, 2015. Aurora, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2014). *The art of conducting sex histories*. Oral Presentation for Aurora Mental Health Center, December, 2014. Aurora, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2014). *Shame, sexuality, and sexual expression*. Oral Presentation for Hey Denver, March, 2014. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2012). *Sexual orientation and gender identity: How to navigate nuances*. Oral Presentation for OutBoulder and Boulder County AIDS Project, August, 2012. Boulder, CO.

GUEST LECTURING EXPERIENCE:

Yabar, M. P. (2018). *Sex therapy and counter-story practices*. Oral Presentation for University of Colorado-Denver, November, 2018. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2018). *Systemic sex therapy*. Oral Presentation for Regis University, November, 2018. Greenwood Village, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2018). *Narrative therapy practices with families*. Oral Presentation for University of Denver, November, 2018. Denver, CO.

Yabar, M. P. (2016). *Using narrative therapy with families*. Oral Presentation for Our Lady of the Lake University, November, 2016. San Antonio, TX.

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS:

Apprenticeship in the Artistry of Narrative Therapy **Mar 2017 – Mar 2019**
David Epston, Ph. D., Kay Ingamells, MSW, CPT, Tom Carlson, Ph. D.
Online Program, Auckland, New Zealand, Fargo, ND

Yearlong Advanced Narrative Therapy **Jan 2017 – Dec 2017**
Jill Freedman, LICSW and Gene Combs, MD
Evanston Family Therapy Center, Evanston, IL

Training Through Transcripts **Jul 2016 – Mar 2017**
Kay Ingamells, BSc., MSW, CPT, MNZAC, MANZASW
Online Format, Auckland, New Zealand

Externalizing Practice Intensive **Oct 2016**
Stephen Gaddis, Ph.D.
The Salem Center, Salem, MA

Discovery Learning: Intermediate Narrative Therapy **Sep 2016**
Stephen Madigan, Ph.D. and David Nylund, Ph.D.
Vancouver School for Narrative Therapy, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Certificate Program in Narrative Therapy **Sep 2015 – May 2016**
John Stillman, Ph.D.
Online Program, Caspersen Training Center, Minneapolis, MN

Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy **Nov 2015 – Mar 2016**
Chad Hemrick, Ph.D.
University of Colorado (Anschutz), Aurora, CO

Narrative Therapy Summer Intensive
Angel Yeun, MSW, RSW
Narrative Therapy Centre of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Jul 2015

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Vice-President, Doctoral Student Association (DSA) School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA	Sep 2020 - Present
HIV/STI Tester Hey Denver, Denver, CO	Mar 2014 - Feb 2016
Community Outreach and Prevention / Receptionist Hey Denver, Denver, CO	Dec 2013 - May 2014
Community Outreach and Prevention Boulder County AIDS Project, Boulder, CO	Jul 2012 - Dec 2013
Pro-bono Therapist LGBT Center of Colorado, Denver, CO	Dec 2012 - May 2013
Peer Counselor William Way Center, Philadelphia, PA	Aug 2011 - May 2012

SKILLS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- Bilingual: English and Spanish (speak, read, and write fluently)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)
- Proficient in SPSS
- Teaching Excellence Award 2018 - 2019, University of Denver, School of Social Work
- Member of Phi Alpha - Nu Alpha Chapter, Widener University, Social Work National Honor Society
- Academic Achievement Award, State of New Jersey Commission on Higher Education
- Epsilon Omega Psi Honor Society, Montclair State University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- American Association for Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- The Journal of Family Narrative Therapy
- Dulwich Centre for Narrative Therapy

REFERENCES:

Available on request.