

SHARI K. DERKSEN, PhD, R.Psych., CST

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

<i>Registered Psychologist, #4966</i> College of Alberta Psychologists, Alberta	August 2018 – Present
<i>AASECT Certified Sex Therapist</i> American Association of Sex Educators Counselors and Therapists	February 2025 – Present
<i>Registered Provisional Psychologist, #1907p</i> College of Alberta Psychologists, Alberta	May 2015 – July 2018
<i>Registered Marriage & Family Therapist Intern, #82117</i> Board of Behavioral Sciences, California	September 2013 – September 2016

EDUCATION

<i>PhD</i>	Human Sexuality California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA Dissertation: <i>Conceptualizing Sexuality Beyond the Child/Adult Dualism: Normative Prepubescent Sexual Experiences With Peers as Part of One's Lifelong Sexuality Assemblage</i>	2025
<i>Master of Arts</i>	Counseling Psychology, Specializing in Holistic Studies John F. Kennedy University, San Jose, CA GPA: 4.0	2013
<i>Bachelor of Science</i>	Psychology University of Calgary, Calgary, AB	1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<i>Owner/President</i>	Shari Derksen Psychological Services Inc.	January 2020 – Present
<i>Registered Psychologist/ Certified Sex Therapist</i>	Private Practice Calgary, AB Provide general assessments, counselling/psychotherapy, and sex therapy for adult individuals and couples, focusing on healthy relationships and sexual expression, in a practice that is 2SLGBTQ+/consensual non-monogamy/kink affirming.	June 2015 – Present
<i>Resident</i>	Calgary Counselling Centre Calgary, AB Provided general assessments and counselling/psychotherapy for individual children, adolescents, and adults, as well as couples and families. Co-facilitated groups: Building Self-Esteem (women), Responsible Choices for Men (domestic violence), Children of Divorce (ages 9-11), Responsible Choices for Children (parent group).	April 2016 – May 2017

<i>Field Experience Coordinator</i>	John F. Kennedy University San Jose, CA	Jan 2014 - Aug 2014	Coordinated community-based practicum field placements for MA Counseling Psychology students on three JFKU campuses in San Jose, Berkeley and Pleasant Hill; supported students in the process of finding placement and during placement; created and managed databases tracking student client hours and site placement and JFKU approved agency sites; developed and implemented field placement processes and procedures for five counseling psychology programs; liaised between JFKU faculty and administration, students, and community mental health agencies/hospitals/schools; taught students Board of Behavioral Sciences intern registration and licensure procedures.
<i>Marriage & Family Therapist Intern</i>	St. Lawrence Elementary & Middle School Santa Clara, CA	2013 - 2014	Provided individual and group therapy for elementary and middle school aged children/adolescents, as well as provided support and consultation for parents.
<i>Marriage & Family Therapist Intern</i>	Santa Teresa High School San Jose, CA	2012 - 2014	Provided individual and couple's therapy for high school students and developed and facilitated a "Healthy Relationships" group for students, as well as provided support and consultation for parents.
<i>Marriage & Family Therapist Intern/Marketing Coordinator</i>	Process Therapy Institute Los Gatos, CA	2011 - 2014	Provided general assessments and counselling/psychotherapy for individual adults and couples; headed a marketing steering committee; coordinated marketing resources; tracked client data, marketing strategies, and return on investment.
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	University of Calgary Calgary, AB	2009	Provided administrative assistance for physician-professors in the Department of Family Medicine.
<i>Physician Commencement Coordinator</i>	Calgary Health Region, Foothills Medical Centre Calgary, AB	2007 - 2008	Coordinated recruitment/orientation services for specialized physicians new to the Calgary Health Region and University of Calgary, Department of Medicine; tracked data, and provided administrative assistance regarding hospital privileges for Department of Medicine student residents/fellows; liaised between new physicians and Department Head, Division Chiefs, Faculty of Medicine Administration, Calgary Health Region Authorities, College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, and HRSDC/Service Canada, etc.

<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Calgary Health Region, Foothills Medical Centre Calgary, AB	2006 - 2007
	Provided administrative assistance to the Head, Department of Medicine/Clinical Head, Calgary Health Region.	
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Community Inclusion Services Society Calgary, AB	2005 - 2006
	Responsibilities included document/spreadsheet preparation; minute-taking; client database configuration/maintenance & staff training; preparation/maintenance of Policies & Procedures Manual, etc.	
<i>Administrative Assistant/ Research Assistant</i>	University of Calgary, Community Services Centre Calgary, AB	1999 - 2004
	Provided administrative/research assistant services for several professors in the Faculty of Education and for the Community Services Centre.	

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentation – *Conceptualizing sexuality beyond the child/adult dualism: Normative prepubescent sexual experiences with peers as part of one’s life-long sexuality assemblage*, Midterm Conference of the European Sociological Association Sexuality Research Network, Palermo, Italy, September 11-12, 2025, *Deviants, Sinners, and Rebels: Sexuality Studies in Times of Trouble*

Paper Presentation - *The invisible sexual majority: The rights of the child in sexual citizenship and critical sexuality studies*, Midterm Conference of the European Sociological Association Sexuality Research Network, Zagreb, Croatia, September 28-29, 2023, *Making a Difference: The Hope and Promise of Sexuality Studies*

Maller, D., Butler, J., Hoeber, G., & Derksen, S. (2019) Western holistic counselling. In P. Dunn (Ed.), *Holistic healing: Theories, research, and practices* (pp. 83-105). Canadian Scholars.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2022 Recipient of Critical Sexuality Studies Student Paper Award – Doctoral level
California Institute of Integral Studies, Department of Human Sexuality

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026	<i>Attachment and Interpersonal Neurobiology in Couple’s Therapy</i> , Dr. Daniel Siegel, online course	
2025	<i>AASECT Conference, Las Vegas, NV</i>	June 5-8
2024	<i>AASECT Conference, St. Louis, MO</i>	June 12-15
2024	<i>AASECT 2-day SAR, St. Louis, MO</i>	June 11-12

2023	<i>AASECT Conference, San Francisco, CA</i>	June 8-11
2018	<i>6 Day Clinical Intensive on Crucible Neurobiological Therapy, San Rafael, CA: David Schnarch, PhD.</i>	
2015 - 2016	<i>Sex Education Training for grades 7-12, Calgary, AB: Take Charge Program, Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre</i>	
2011 – 2014	<i>Process Therapy Institute, Los Gatos, CA: Don Hadlock, LMFT & Carol Hadlock, LMFT</i> Received advanced training in a process-oriented technique that is a mix of humanistic, transpersonal, Rogerian, Taoist, and existential ideas, and is often Gestalt and experiential in action.	
2014	<i>Process Therapy Work With Couples, Los Gatos, CA: Don Hadlock, LMFT & Carol Hadlock, LMFT</i>	
2012	<i>Hakomi Skills II, San Jose, CA: Richard Heckler, Ph.D of Hakomi Institute, San Francisco</i> <i>Hakomi Skills I, San Jose, CA: Richard Heckler, Ph.D of Hakomi Institute, San Francisco</i>	
2011	<i>Ecotherapy/Ecosomatics/Ecospirit Seminar, San Jose, CA: Ariana Candell, LMFT, R-DMT</i>	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2022 – Present	Member, The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)
2020 – Present	Member, American Association of Sex Educators Counselors and Therapists (AASECT)
2015 – Present	Member, Psychologists' Association of Alberta (PAA)
2018 – Present	Registered Psychologist, College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP)
2015 – 2018	Registered Provisional Psychologist, College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP)
2013 – 2016	Marriage & Family Therapist Intern, Board of Behavioral Sciences, California
2012 – 2014	Member, California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists (CAMFT)