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Education

Ph.D. **University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada**
Counselling Psychology, November, 2013

Research question: “How do men construct the process of therapeutic repair from trauma experienced in their relationship with their fathers?”

Title: Stories of our fathers: Men’s recovery from intergenerational injuries.

Supervisor: Dr. Marv Westwood, Dr. Marla Buchanan and Dr. David Kuhl

M.A. **Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, Canada**
Counselling Psychology, May, 2005

Research question: “What is the lived experience of being in a close relationship with one’s father?”

Title: The stories of father and child closeness

Supervisor: Dr. Marv MacDonald and Dr. Jessica Ball

M.Div. **Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA**
Master of Divinity – officiating the practice of religious education, administration, leadership, pastoral care, worship services. May, 1994
Supervisor: Dr. Cornelius Plantinga

DipCS **Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia Canada**
Graduate Studies, May, 1985

B.Th. **Summit Pacific College, Abbotsford, British Columbia**
Bachelor of Theology, May, 1984

Certificates and Licensures

LICENSURES/ ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Registered Clinical Counsellor, British Columbia Association of Clinical Counsellors

International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation

Ordained Minister/Chaplain, Christian Reformed Church licensed in the Province of BC

CERTIFICATES

Crime Victims Assistance Counsellor

Certified Myers-Briggs Personality Type Assessor

Certified Strong Interest Inventory Assessor

Certified Observed & Experiential Integration (OEI) Therapist and Trainer

Certified QPRT Suicide Risk Assessment and Management

Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Level One

Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Level Two

Enactment Therapy Level One and Two

Scholarly and Professional Activities

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Cox, D. W., Westwod, M. J., Hoover, S. M., Chan, E. K. H., Kivari, C. A., **Dadson, M. R.**, & Zumbo, B. D. (2014). The evaluation of a group intervention for veterans who experienced military-related trauma. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, 64(3). doi 10.1521/ijgp.2014.64.3.367.
- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M.R.** (2012). Integrative therapeutic interventions of phase-oriented treatment: Additional reflections on the case of Lynne. *The Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*, 21,3, 331. doi: 10.1080/10926771.2012.659800
- Stewart, B., **Dadson, M.R.**, & Fallding, M. (2011). The Application of Attachment Theory and Mentalization in Complex Tertiary Structural Dissociation: A Case Study. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*, 20, 3, 322. doi:10.1080/10926771.2011.562477

Works in progress

- Dadson, M.R.**, McDonald, M. & Stewart, B. Stories of father child closeness: A conceptual model. Manuscript in preparation for submission for publication to the Men's Studies Press, 33 pages.
- Dadson, M. R.**, Westwood, M. & Oliffe, J. Review: The relationship between attachment style and male gender role identity formation. Manuscript submitted for publication to Men's Studies Press 15 pages.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Dadson, M.R.** (2012). The influence of fathers' involvement on sons' health. *Psynopsis Canada's Psychology Magazine, Canadian Psychological Association*, Winter 34, 1, 21.
- Dadson, M.R.** (2010). The neurological effects of PTSD. *Insights into Clinical Counselling*. Summer 15-18.
- Dadson, M.R.** (2001 -2007). Counselling services statistics and annual board report, Trinity Western University British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.R.** (2004-2007). Student mental health care needs assessment, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.R.** (2006). Statistical analysis of counselling services contribution to retention, V.P. of Student Life, Trinity Western University British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.R.** (2008). Calling and Careers: Integrating contemporary understanding of Christian call with notion of career. Prepared for the VP of Student Life. Trinity Western University.
- Stinson D., **Dadson M.R.** & Lundburg, K. (2006). The wellness model. Prepared for University Board of Governors, Trinity Western University.

REFEREED PAPERS, WORKSHOPS AND POSTERS

- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M. R.** (2016). Navigating disorganized attachment in the therapeutic relationship. Research paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, San Francisco, CA.
- Dadson, M.R.** & Stewart, B. (2015). Navigating masculinity: Clinical competencies in working

- with traumatized men. Pre-conference workshop presented at the 32nd¹ annual conference of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Orlando, Florida, USA
- Stewart, B., **Dadson, M.R.** & Bull, L. (2014). Building Cultural Competency when Working with Traumatized Men: Inter-and Intra-Cultural Considerations. Research paper presented at Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association. Victoria, British Columbia.
- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M.R.** (2014). Clinical competencies in working with traumatized men: Navigating the intersection of masculine culture and trauma recovery. Research paper presented at Canadian Psychological Association.
- Dadson, M.R.**, Graham, M. & Fender, J. (2014). A description and evaluation of the veteran's transition program: veteran's helping veteran's. Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Long Beach CA.
- Dadson, A.E. & **Dadson, M.R.** (2014). Dragons, warriors and wizards: What roleplaying games tell about dissociation, trauma and masculine identity formation. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Long Beach CA.
- Dadson, M.R.**, Stewart, B., Bull, L. & Cournoyer, B. (2014). Developing competencies to treat traumatized men: Understanding the effects of masculine cultural norms on the therapeutic process. Research paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Constructivist Psychology Network.
- Dadson, M.R.** (2013). Navigating therapeutic options for individuals and couples with disorganized attachment. Symposium conducted at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Baltimore MD.
- Stewart, B., Doughty, F., **Dadson, M.R.** & Wang, W. (2013). Disorganized attachment: Intergenerational transmission, clinical presentation, and foundational treatment of complex developmental trauma. Symposium conducted at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Baltimore MD.
- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M. R.** (2012). The agony of the alien self: Processing dysregulated shame experiences within the therapeutic relationship. Workshop conducted at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Long Beach, CA.
- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M. R.** (2011). The impact of shame on dissociative processes: Working with the alien self. Workshop conducted at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Montreal, QB.
- Dadson, M. R.** (2011). The themes of father/child closeness. Research paper presented at the Conference for Future Perspectives for Intervention, Policy and Research on Men and Masculinities, Quebec City, Quebec.
- Dadson, M. R.** & Westwood, M. (2010). The implications of developmental trauma on masculine gender-trauma theory: intervention and treatment. Research paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Atlanta Georgia.
- Dadson, M. R.**, Olson, T. & Young, A. R., (2010). Gender conflict: A case study from an action theory perspective. Poster session presented at the Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Dadson, M. R.**, Olson, T. & Young, A. R., (2010). Post-traumatic Stress and Social

- Processes: A Contextual Action Perspective. Poster session presented at the 27th International Congress of Applied Psychology, Melbourne, Australia.
- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M. R.** & Lauder, J. (2010). Phase oriented treatment for structural dissociation and complex developmental trauma: Clinical and theoretical integration. Workshop conducted at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Atlanta Georgia.
- Stewart, B., Cook, A., Bradshaw, R. A. & **Dadson, M. R.** (2010). Preventing burnout: Safeguarding both client and clinician from (re) traumatization when working with developmental trauma. Poster session presented at the 27th International Congress of Applied Psychology, Melbourne, Australia.
- Dadson, M. R.**, Westwood, M., & Kuhl, D. (2009). Therapeutic enactment: Healing the wounds of men. Poster session presented at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Psychological Association, Montreal.
- Dadson, M. R.** (2009). The neurological effects of PTSD: An exploration of neuroimaging research. Research paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Washington, DC.
- Stewart, B. & **Dadson, M. R.** (2009). Accelerated integration: The contributions of neurotherapy and one eye integration. Research paper presented at the Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation, Washington, DC.
- Dadson, M.R.**, Fallding, M.J. & Stewart, B.L. (2008, November). Attachment, mentalization and the role of the reflective function: Working with complex structural dissociation. In: B.L. Stewart (Chair), The application of attachment theory and mentalization in complex tertiary structural dissociation: A case study. Symposium paper presented at the 25th annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Trauma & Dissociation, Chicago, IL.
- Fallding, M.J., **Dadson, M.R.** & Stewart, B.L. (2008, November). Profound developmental trauma: A case history. In B.L. Stewart (Chair), The application of attachment theory and mentalization in complex tertiary structural dissociation: A case study. Symposium paper presented at the 25th annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Trauma & Dissociation, Chicago, IL.
- Stewart, B.L., **Dadson, M.R.** & Fallding, M.J. (2008, November). The successes, struggles and surprises that emerge when applying theory and therapeutic interventions to a complex DID client. In: B.L. Stewart (Chair), The application of attachment theory and mentalization in complex tertiary structural dissociation: A case study. Symposium paper presented at the 25th annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Trauma & Dissociation, Chicago, IL.
- Dadson, M. R.** (2006). Exploring the nature of spiritual wellness. Research paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Pacific Coast College Health Association, Vancouver, BC.
- Dadson, M. R.**, & McDonald, M. (2005). Stories of father/child closeness. Research paper presented at the 12th International Qualitative Health Research Conference, Alberta.

NON-REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND UNIVERSITY COURSES

- Dadson, M.R.** (2010). Managing the effects of compound stress, gender role stress and traumatic stress. British Columbia Air Traffic Control. Surrey B.C.
- Dadson, M. R.**, (2009). Cross-cultural conversations: The nature of spiritual wellness, Faculty of Psychology, SatyaWacana University, Salatiga Indonesia.
- Stewart, B., & **Dadson, M. R.** (2009). Observed experiential integration: PTSD interventions in

- the Indonesian context. Three-day workshop presented to the Faculty of Psychology, SatyaWacana University, Salatiga Indonesia.
- Dadson, M.** (2008). Psychology of gender PSYC 315, Guest lecturer, Trinity Western University, BC.
- Dadson, M.** (2005 - 2007) Career preparation 101, Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia
- Dadson, M.** (2003-2007) Organizational behaviour Lab (BUSI 280), Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2001 -2007) Counselling services statistics and annual board report, Trinity Western University British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2004-2007) Student mental health care needs assessment, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2006) Statistical analysis of counselling Services Contribution to Retention, V.P. of Student Life, Trinity Western University British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2007, 2008). Depression, diagnosis and interventions, Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2005,2006). Eating disorders, disordered eating and campus living, Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2005, 2006). Working with students in crisis, living through critical incidents, Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2005). Working with grief and loss issues with university students, Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2007). The narrative of healthy father/child relationships, Instructor, Burnaby, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2004). The framework of a healthy father/child relationships, Instructor, Surrey, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2003). Community foundations, Instructor, Chilliwack, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2003). Facilitating the treatment of depression in the family system depression, Facilitator. Surrey Mental Health, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2001). Community: conviction or convenience? Instructor, Trinity Western University, British Columbia.
- Dadson, M.** (2000). Anti-bullying support group, co-facilitator, Mental Health, Chilliwack, British Columbia.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Works in progress

- Dadson, M.R., & Westwood M.** (in prep). Developmental trauma and gender role trauma: A convergence of theory, assessment and treatment. *Counselling and Development*, 14 pages.
- Dadson, M.R.** (in prep). g” factor vs. developmental trauma: Which is the fundamental predictor of severity in PTSD symptomatology? *Journal of Development and Psychopathology*, 18 pages.
- Dadson, M.R., Westwood, M. & Oliff, J.** (in prep.). The relationship between attachment style and male gender role identity. *Sex Roles*, 28 pages.
- Dadson, M.R., McDonald, M. & Stewart, B.** (in prep). Stories of father child closeness: A

conceptual model. Manuscript in preparation to be submitted for publication to *The Journal of Marriage and Family*, 22 pages.

Awards

AWARDS FINANCIAL:	Value	Year
Graduate Student Initiative Scholarship. University of British Columbia. Canada.	\$8,000	2011
APA Student Conference Registration Award.	\$500	2010
Graduate Student Initiative Scholarship. University of British Columbia. Canada.	\$4,000	2010
Equity through Education Student Award. NEADS (National Educational Association of Disabled Students).	\$3,000	2009
Graduate Student Initiative Scholarship. University of British Columbia. Canada.	\$4,000	2009
TWU M.A. Academic Scholarship: Trinity Western University, Canada, Counselling Psychology.	\$1,500	2001
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Chaplaincy Scholarship: Christian Reformed Church of North America, Canada.	\$30,000	1999 2000
The Richard De Vos Scholarship: Privately directed scholarship for personal ambition. Calvin College.	\$5,000	1991
Classical Scholarship: Christian Reformed Church of North America, Canada.	\$20,000	1993 1992
Woon Cheung Chan Memorial Award, Regent College, Canada,	\$3,000	1985
The Tong Scholarship: The Tong Family. Calvin College, Michigan.	\$5,000	1993
AWARDS HONORS:		
Recognition of Outstanding Service To Children In Care. Ministry of Children and Families, BC Canada.		2009
M.A. with Great Distinction: Trinity Western University, Canada, Counselling Psychology.		2005
TRAVEL AWARDS:		
Award	Value	Year
Canadian Psychological Association, CPA conference, Montreal, Canada.	\$200	2009

Career Development

Year	Location
2015- 2018	Adjunct Professor University of British Columbia -Advisor to the Centre for Group therapy and trauma. -Supervise and train Graduate and Doctoral students in group therapy and trauma.
2014-	National Executive/Clinical Director

- 2018 **Veterans Transition Program**
- Recruit, train and develop psychologists and counsellors to deliver the VTN course to veterans across Canada.
 - Oversee and develop the clinical teams to ensure 12 VTN courses are delivered effectively each year.
 - Oversee the staff and ensure all aspects organization including operations, fundraising and clinical delivery of services, meet the vision and mission of the VTN board of Directors.
- 2002 - Present **OWNER/ CLINICAL DIRECTOR COUNSELLING SERVICES
Brookswood Counselling Services, Langley, BC**
- Develop, operate and co-direct a counselling centre that specializes in professional clinical counselling services to individuals and families in the community working with a wide range of issues resulting from trauma including individual, marriage, family, depression, anxiety, trauma, career and eating disorders.
- <http://www.brookswoodcounselling.com>
- 1999 - 2009 **CLINICAL DIRECTOR OF COUNSELLING SERVICES Trinity Western University, Langley, BC**
- Key Activities**
- Supervise the coordination, marketing and delivery of Clinical Therapeutic counselling services to the entire TWU community, including students, staff and faculty.
 - Directly supervise, and with the Executive Director of the Wellness Centre, jointly hire and supervise clinical counsellors and interns who provide therapeutic service to the university population.
 - Supervise the clinical development function of the Centre for Life Calling and Career Development.
 - Jointly responsible for the implementation of the Centre's model for life calling, career development and the establishment of the Centre's strategic and tactical Partnerships.
 - Supervise, develop and coordinate the delivery of clinical based psycho- educational workshops and events.
- Key Accomplishments:**
- Partnered to develop a University Wellness Model, working with an interdisciplinary team of physician, clinical counsellor, nurse, disability concerns and learning resources.
 - Partnered to develop a University Career Model that integrates calling, identity development, career coaching and career counselling.
 - Supervised and delivered therapeutic services to a wide range of psychological disturbances such as eating disorders, borderline depression, anxiety, relationship issues, suicidality, self-mutilation, gender identity concerns, cross cultural issues, spiritual distress.
 - Initiated the development of internship supervision that grew the department's capacity to deliver services by developing a cost effective strategy of service delivery.
 - Conducted quantitative, qualitative, applied research in a student healthcare centre that informed curriculum and psycho-educational workshops.
 - Presented papers and major conferences, university courses instructor and lead a variety of community psycho educational workshops.
- 1991 - 2020 **CHAPLAIN
Christian Reformed Church of North America, Surrey, BC**
- Trained and certified to provide spiritual care for a diverse community within a

pluralistic, multi-faith and multicultural environment. For the past ten years this training has been applied in a community therapeutic setting. In previous years I provided spiritual care for several congregations including the cold start of a church without members to become a congregation averaging 140 attendance in the first year. Major accomplishments during this time include, recruiting a start up team, developing core values, mission and vision statements, major launch, and ongoing administrative and leadership development. Developed and lead and major service projects to New Orleans, Chicago, and the Appalachia Mountains.

1987 -
1990

**CONTRACTOR SUPERVISOR/CHILD CARE COUNSELLOR
ICCR Therapeutic Stabilization Resource, BC**

- Scope of work included bidding on and receiving government contracts, hiring, supervising and training staff, and managing a facility in order to provide residential care for high risk adolescents.
- Required the ongoing development of a budget and care plan while providing direct service to violent adolescents often involved in street life, prostitution and crime in downtown Vancouver.
- Interdisciplinary team that successfully stabilized the most troubled and disenfranchised youth in BC at that time and launched two homes in the eastside Vancouver.

Service

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **Recognition of Outstanding Service to Children In Care.** Ministry of Children and Families 2009
- **Graduate Intern Supervisor:** 2003-2018
 - Supervise over 30 MA graduate counselling students in their internship program from 4 different universities programs over 15 years.
- **National Delegate: Swim Canada,** (Edmonton, AB; St. Johns, NB; Toronto, ON) 2004-2007. Swimming Canada serves as the national governing body representing Olympic and World competitive swimmers and swimming events.
- **President: Surrey Knights Swim Club,** Surrey, BC. 2001-2007
 - Developed and equipped a board to manage a sensitive relationship with former board members and the head coach. During my term the head coach became a Canadian National Coach who competed in the Olympics while remaining the head coach of our club.
 - Served as a general delegate to the Canadian Olympic National Team for three years representing what became the smallest club to ever achieve the rank of sixth for excellence in Canada.
 - Success of the club resulted in many swimmers winning international awards and one of our swimmers being ranked 4th in the world. Both swimmers and coaches represented Canada and our club by competing at the Pan American, Commonwealth, World Finals and the Olympic Games. Club was awarded major grants (\$120,000.00 over three years) promoting our sport and honouring our success.
- **Board Member: A.C.T.S. (African Community Technical Services),** Vancouver, BC. 1987-1989
 - Partner travelled to Africa with a team; together we reviewed policies, offered

direction and supported the agency's vision and goals.

- A.C.T.S. works to provide technical services to third world African countries focusing on developing and maintaining clean water source and providing medical care for impoverished communities.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Reviewer:** The Journal of Men's Health, 2010.
- **Minister/Chaplain and Member:** The Bridge Community Church, Langley, BC 2000-2020
- **Caul Committee Member:** ISSTD, 2014-2017.
- **Abuse Response Coordinator:** Classis BC Southeast/The Bridge Community Church 2008-present. Liaison between local church and Classis on concerns of abuse.
- **Registered Clinical Counsellors Association of BC: Full membership (2000)**
- **International Association of Trauma and Dissociation: Full Membership (2010)**

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Dadson, M., (1999 – 2009).

Clinical Director of Trinity Western University Counselling Services. Trinity Western University (TWU), Langley, BC

- Supervise clinical counsellors and graduate interns who provide therapeutic counselling services to the university population.
- Supervise, develop and coordinate the delivery of clinically based psycho- educational workshops and events.
- Work with an interdisciplinary team of physician, clinical counsellor, nurse, disability concerns and learning resources.
- Partnered an interdisciplinary team to research and develop a University Career Model that integrates calling, identity development, career coaching and career counselling.
- Conducted quantitative, qualitative, applied research in a student healthcare centre that informed curriculum and psycho-educational workshops.
- Represented the university by attending and presenting papers at major conferences.

University Courses Taught (selective):

Dadson, M. (2008). Psychology of gender PSYC 315, Guest lecturer, TWU, BC.

Dadson, M. (2008). University preparations UNTY 101, Guest lecturer, TWU, BC.

Dadson, M. (2005 - 2008) Career preparation BUSI 101, Instructor, TWU, BC.

Dadson, M. (2003-2007) Organizational behaviour BUSI 280, Instructor, TWU, BC.

University Staff/Faculty Training (selective):

Dadson, M. (2008, 2006). Depression, diagnosis and interventions, Instructor, TWU, BC.

Dadson, M. (2003, 2005). Eating disorders, disorder eating and campus living, Instructor, TWU, BC.

Dadson, M. (2005). Working with students in crisis, living through critical incidents, Instructor, TWU, BC.

Dadson, M. (2005). Working with grief and loss issues with university students, Instructor, TWU, BC.

Continuing Educational Development (selective)

Educational Trainings:

Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Assistant (2014, 2015)

Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Level 1 and Level 2 (2011,2012, 2013)

Sand tray/Rice tray integrative interventions. B. Begalka, MA, Department of Graduate Studies in Counselling Psychology. 2009. BC Canada

Current approaches to treatment of trauma: The shift from cognitive to affect regulation, EMDR, sensorimotor and other research-based treatments. Lifespan Learning Institute, UCLA. 2009. CA. USA

Introduction to neurotherapy workshop. Presented by Dr. Paul Swingle of Swingle & Associates. November, 2009. BC, Canada.

A psychology of action: The role of the body in the treatment of trauma and attachment. Presented by Pat Ogden. 2009. B.C. Canada.

Canadian Psychoanalytic Society Annual Meeting. 2008. BC. Canada