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Clinical Assistant Professor

Education

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| ▪ University of Tennessee in Knoxville | DSW |
| ▪ University of Tennessee in Knoxville | MSSW |
| ▪ Georgia State University (Atlanta, GA) | MBA, |
| ▪ Wayland University (Plainview, TX) | BA |

Courses Taught:

- Human Behavior in the Social Environment, SW 515
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, SW 562
- Evidence Based Interpersonal Practice with Groups, SW 560
- Epistemology and Evidence Based Practice Methods, SW 609
- Clinical Management, SW 617
- Clinical Leadership, SW 621

Research Interests:

- Suicide prevention in rural communities and with high risk populations such as LGBT youth; stigma reduction for persons diagnosed with mental illness.

Publications:

Herron, F., Patterson, D., Nugent, W. & Troyer, J. (2016). Evidence-based gatekeeper suicide prevention training in a small community context. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 26, 25-36.

Clinical Practice:

2005 to Present

- Psychotherapist and founder of BalancePoint Counseling in Maryville, Tennessee

Community Activities:

- Co-chair, Blount County Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Alliance, 2008 through 2016
- Recipient of the 2014 Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network award for East Tennessee
- Certified QPR Suicide Prevention Educator
- Family Promise Coordinator, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Maryville, TN
- University of Tennessee Chancellor's Associates