**TEXAS STATE VITA**

**I. Academic/Professional Background**

A. Name: Marion Morrison Bennett Title: Associate Professor

B. Educational Background

*Degree Year University Major Thesis/Dissertation*

Ph.D. 2006 University of North Texas Counselor Education An early mental health intervention for disadvantaged preschool children with

behavior problems: The effectiveness of training Head Start teachers in Child Teacher Relationship Training (CTRT)

M.Ed. 2002 University of North Texas School Counseling

B.S. 1996 Texas Christian University Study of Exceptional Students

C. University Experience

*Position University Dates*

Associate Professor Texas State University-San Marcos 2012-Present

Assistant Professor Texas State University-San Marcos 2006-2012

D. Relevant Professional Experience

*Position Entity Dates*

Assistant Director Center for Play Therapy, University of North Texas 2003-2006

Clinical Assessment Child and Family Resource Clinic, University of North Texas 2002-2003

Supervisor

Coordinator of Ann Windle School for Young Children, Denton School District 2004-2006

Counseling Services

Professional Counseling University of North Texas 2002-2006

Supervision

Academic Language Therapy Dyslexia Therapist Private Practice 1997-2000

Special Education Teacher, Grades 1-6 Ruth Ditto Elementary, Arlington I.S.D., TX 1996-2000

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)

2002-Present Licensed Professional Counselor LPC Board

2007-Present Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor LPC Board

2005-Present Registered Play Therapist- Supervisor Association for Play Therapy

2002-2012 National Certified Counselor NBCC Board

2006- Present Certified School Counselor Texas State Board of Education

1996-Present Certified Elementary School Teacher Texas State Board of Education

1996-Present Certified Generic Special Education Teacher Texas State Board of Education

1999-2006 Certified Academic Language Therapist Academic Language Therapy Assoc.

**II. TEACHING**

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University

COUN 5369 Child and Adolescent Counseling Methods

COUN 5689 Clinical Practicum

COUN 5373 Intermediate Methods in Play Therapy

COUN 5366 Intermediate Methods in Individual and Group Counseling

COUN 5346 Filial Therapy

University of North Texas

COUN 3600 Therapeutic Play

COUN 5000 Filial Therapy (Co-Instructor)

COUN 5760 Child and Adolescent Appraisal

C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please indicate):

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

COUN 5346 Filial Therapy

E. Funded External Teaching Grants and Contracts:

F. Submitted, but not Funded, External Teaching Grants and Contracts:

G. Funded Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

H. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

I. Other:

**III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE**

A. Works in Print

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

a. Scholarly Monographs:

b. Textbooks:

c. Edited Books:

d. Chapters in Books: Peer Reviewed

Bennett, M. & Eberts, S. (2014). Self-expression as a power of play. In C. Schaefer and A. Drews (Eds.), *The therapeutic powers of play: 20 Core agents of change*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley

Morrison, M.O. & Helker , W.P. (2010a). Child teacher relationship training: An early intervention for at-risk preschool children. In J. Baggerly, S. Bratton & D. Ray (Eds.), *Effective play therapy: Evidence-based filial and child-centered research studies* (pp. 427-446)*.* Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Morrison, M.O. & Helker, W.P. (2010b). Child teacher relationship training: Using the power of the child-teacher relationship as a school-based mental health intervention. In A. Drews & C. Schaefer (Eds.), *School-based play therapy (2nd ed.)* (pp. 181-196). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.

Morrison, M. & Homeyer, L.E. (2008). Supervision in the sand. In A. Drews & J. Mullen (Eds.), *Supervision can be playful. Techniques for child and play therapist supervisors* (pp.233-248). New York: Jason Aronson.

Landreth, G.L., Homeyer, L., & Morrison, M. (2006). Play as the language of children’s feelings. In D. Fromberg & D. Bergen (Eds.), *Play from birth to twelve and beyond (2nd ed.)* (pp.47-52)*.* New York: Routledge.

e. Creative Books:

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

Garza, Y., Kinsworthy, S. & Bennett, M. (2014) Supervision in group play therapy: A skills checklist. *Journal of Individual Psychology*. *70(1),* 31-44.

Roaten, G.R., Morrison, M.O.,& Reardon, R. (2012). Supporting school counselors: Critical factors. *New York State School Counseling Journal. 9(1), 9-19.*

Bennett, M.O. & Bratton, S.C. (2011). The effects of child teacher relationship training on the children of focus: A pilot study*. International Journal of Play Therapy 20*(4) *1-15.*

Sepulveda, C., Garza, Y., & Morrison, M.O. (2011). Child teacher relationship training: A phenomenological study. *International Journal of Play Therapy 20* (1) *12-25.* DOI:10.1037/a0021938

Morrison, M.O. & Bratton, S.C. (2010). Preliminary investigation of an early mental health intervention for head start programs: Effects of child teacher relationship training (CTRT) on children’s behavior problems. *Psychology in the Schools, 47*(10), *1003-1017.* DOI: 10.1002/pits.

Morrison, M.O. (2009). Adlerian play therapy with a traumatized boy. *Journal of Individual Psychology, 65*(1),57-68.

Homeyer, L.E., & Morrison, M.O. (2008). Play therapy: Practice, issues and trends. *American Journal of Play, 1*(2),210-228*.*

b. Non-refereed Articles:

3. Conference Proceedings

a. Refereed Conference Proceedings:

b. Non-refereed:

4. Abstracts:

5. Reports:

6. Book Reviews:

7. Other:

Morrison, M.O. (Spring 2011). TAPT Honoring Garry Landreth. *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter*, 21(1),1.

Morrison, M.O. (Winter 2010). Promoting the practice of play therapy. *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter, 24(1).*

Morrison, M.O. (Spring 2010). TAPT conference, a huge success. *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter, 22(1).*

Morrison, M.O. (Summer 2010). Training all over Texas. *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter, 23(1).*

Morrison, M.O. (Winter 2009). Looking for play therapists in your area. *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter, 20(2) 1.*

Morrison, M.O. (Fall 2009). What has APT done for me? *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter, 20(1) 1.*

Lomas, G. & Morrison, M.O. (December 2008). Ethical Responsibilities of the Play Therapist when Encountering Clients with Disabilities. *The Play Therapy Magazine,* *6-8.*

Morrison, M. & Bratton, S.C. (Summer 2007). Child teacher relationship therapy: A filial therapy model. *Texas Association for Play Therapy Newsletter, 4-5.*

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

**International and National Presentations (Refereed)**

Bennett, M. and Eberts, S. (October 2014). *How did this get to be so hard? The challenges of working with parents.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Houston, TX.

Bennett, M. & Bemis, K. (October 2014). *Group play therapy with children with disabilities: Lessons learned.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Houston, TX.

Bennett, M. (October 2012). *Lessons learned from an orphanage: Working with internationally adopting families.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Cleveland, OH.

Morrison, M.O. & Furhmann, K. (October 2011). *Integrating theory and practice: How do I make this work in the playroom?* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA.

Morrison, M.O. & Homeyer, L.E. (June 2011). *To be or not to be. Theory is the question.* International Play Therapy Study Group, Dublin, Ireland.

Morrison, M. & Homeyer, L. (October 2010). *Understanding the journey toward healing in play therapy.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.

Morrison, M. (October 2010). *Filling your tool box: What every beginning play therapist should know*. Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.

Morrison, M. (October 2009). *Trusting the process challenges in play therapy with traumatized children.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Morrison, M. & Kottman, T. (October 2009). *Playful supervision for developing powerful play therapists.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Crane, J., Landreth, G., Morrison, M. & Bratton, S. (October 2009). *Unique applications of CPRT (filial therapy).* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Morrison, M. (October 2008). *Trusting the process: Challenges in play therapy with traumatized children.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Dallas, TX.

Morrison, M., Helker, W., & Bratton, S. (October 2007). *Child teacher relationship therapy: A filial therapy model.* Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. Hollywood, CA.

Bratton, S., Morrison, M., & Sheely, A. (April 2006). *Cultural considerations in play therapy.* Pre-Conference presentation at the annual meeting of the American Counseling Association. Montreal, Canada.

Morrison, M. & Sheely, A. (April 2006). *What should go in the playroom? Multicultural considerations in play therapy.* American Counseling Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.

Ray, D. Bratton, S., Morrison, M. and McClung, T. (October 2005). *Developing a play therapy course or certificate track within your counselor education program*. Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference. Pittsburg, PA.

Bratton, S. & Morrison, M. (April 2005). *The healing process of play therapy with young traumatized children*. American Counseling Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.

**State/Regional Presentations (Refereed)**

Bennett, M.M. (April 2014). *Parent Consultations: Working Together*. Texas Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Bennett, M. M. & Eberts, S. (April 2012). *Tools of the trade- Selecting and setting up your playroom*. Texas Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Morrison, M. & Roaten, G. (February 2008).  *Supporting our school counselors.* Texas Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors Annual Conference. Austin, TX.

Morrison, M. & Bratton, S. (April 2007). *Child Teacher Relationship Training (CTRT).* Texas Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference. El Paso, TX.

Roaten, G. & Morrison, M. (February 2007). *School counselor case notes: From chaos to consistency*. Texas Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors Annual Conference. Austin, TX.

Morrison, M. (October 2005). *Essential elements of play therapy incorporated into the classroom*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Texas Counseling Association, El Paso, TX.

Ray, D. & Morrison, M. (November 2004). *I’m a school counselor: What do I need research for?* Texas Counseling Association Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, TX.

Morrison, M. & McClung, T. (April 2004). *Toys, themes, and play therapy.* Texas Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Corpus Christi, TX.

Morrison, M., Helker, W., & Athy, A. (November 2003). *Limit setting and school counselors.* Texas Counseling Association Annual Conference, Galveston, TX.

Morrison, M., Helker, W., & Athy, A. (February 2003). *The school counselor’s impact on the school climate*. Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Annual Conference, Belton, TX.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:

**International and National Presentations:**

Bennett, M.M. (July, 2013). *Understanding the play therapy process for children with a history of relationship trauma.* Center for Play Therapy Summer Institute, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Homeyer, L.E. & Morrison, M.O. (July 2009). *Facilitating growth in the play therapy process.* Center for Play Therapy Summer Institute, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M.O. (June 2009). *Fighting our dragons in the playroom*. International Play Therapy Study Group, Wroxton, England.

Morrison, M.O. (May 2008). *Reactive attachment disorder*. Vologda Pedagogical University, Vologda, Russia.

Morrison, M.O. (May 2008). *Working with abused children*. Vologda Area Social Workers, Vologda, Russia.

**State/Regional Presentations:**

Bennett, M.M. (April 2012). *Kids say the darndest things*. Closing Keynote, Texas Association for Play Therapy Annual Meeting, Austin, TX

Bennett, M.M. (April 2012). *Playful supervision for developing play therapists*, Texas Association for Play Therapy Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Morrison, M. O. (June 2011). *Trusting the play therapy process: Lessons learned from a traumatized boy.* Northwest Center for Play Therapy Studies Summer Institute. Salem, OR.

Morrison, M.O. (March 2011). *The play therapy process*. Arizona Association for Play Therapy Spring Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

Morrison, M.O. (January 2010). *The play therapy process: Lessons learned from a traumatized boy.* Featured speaker at the 2010 Winter Workshop of the Sam Houston Chapter of the Texas Association for Play Therapy, San Antonio, TX.

**Local Presentations:**

Bennett, M. (May 2014). *Working with challenging parents in the play therapy process. Hill Country Chapter,* Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, Austin, TX.

Bennett, M. (November 2012). *Fighting our dragons in the play room*. Hill Country Chapter, Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, Austin, TX.

Morrison, M.O. (August 2010). *Themes in play therapy*. North Texas Chapter, Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Morrison, M.O. (November 2009). *Ethical issues in play therapy*. Hill Country Chapter, Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, Austin, TX.

Morrison, M. (February 2009). *Child parent relationship therapy: A filial therapy model.* Chi Sigma Iota Annual Conference, San Marcos, TX.

Morrison, M. (August 2008). *Let’s play together! Principles and philosophies of group play therapy*.

Alamo Chapter, Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Morrison, M. (February 2008). *Ethical issues and the play therapist.* Costal Bend Chapter, Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX.

Morrison, M. (February 2008). *Connecting with your foster child.* Training for DFPS foster parent and staff training provided by the Title IV-E Contract for the Center for Children and Families. New Braunfels, TX and Victoria, TX.

Morrison, M. (February 2008). *Themes in play therapy: Facilitating the therapeutic process*. Hill Country Chapter, Texas Association for Play Therapy Quarterly Meeting, Austin, TX.

Morrison, M.O. (February 2008). *Child parent relationship therapy*. Chi Sigma Iota Annual Conference, San Marcos, TX.

Morrison, M. (October 2005). *One child’s impact on the therapist: A case presentation of a child with an interpersonal trauma.* Dr. Sue Bratton’s Advanced Play Therapy class, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. (October 2005). *Parent consults that make a difference*. Dr. Garry Landreth’s Introduction to Play Therapy class, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. (April 2005). *Toys and themes in play therapy*. Dr. Garry Landreth’s Introduction to Play Therapy class, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Bratton, S., Morrison, M, Ogawa, Y., Schottelkorb, A. & Sheely, A. (March 2005). *Creative family play therapy: Involving families in the therapeutic process through play.* North Texas Counseling Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. (February 2005). *What about the family? Meeting the emotional needs of a family confronted with learning disabilities*. International Dyslexia Association, Dallas Branch Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Morrison, M. (October 2004). *A tale of two boys: Activity therapy with pre-adolescent boys*. Dr. Dee Ray’s Group Play/Activity Therapy class, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Bratton, S. & Morrison, M. (March 2004). *The use of expressive arts therapy with clients of all ages.* North Texas Counseling Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. (March 2004). *The importance of the relationship: A child’s impact on the therapist.* Pastoral Counseling Clinic, Dallas, TX.

Morrison, M. (February 2004). *Meeting the emotional needs of the learning disabled student.* International Dyslexia Association, Dallas Branch Annual Conference Dallas, TX.

Morrison, M., Helker, W., & Athy, A., (October 2003). *Play therapy in a school setting, how does it work?* Texas Women’s University, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. (October 2003). *Making deeper reflections: Beyond tracking in play therapy.* Dr. Garry Landreth’s Introduction to Play Therapy class, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. & Helker, W. (October 2002). *Limit setting with elementary school teachers.* Hodge Elementary faculty meeting, Denton, TX.

Morrison, M. (October 2002). *Introduction to dyslexia: Definition and diagnosis*. Dr. Elizabeth Jones’ Child and Adolescent Appraisal class, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

3. Consultancies:

4. Workshops:

Bennett, M.M. & Eberts, S. (Feburary 2014). *Winning parents over*. Featured speaker at Institute for Play Therapy- Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

Bennett, M.M. (January 2014). Advanced child centered play therapy. Featured speaker at Institute for Play Therapy- Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

Morrison, M.O. (December 2009). *Being responsive to children and families.* Featured speaker at “We Can Do It!” Winter workshop. Community Action Inc. of Hays, Caldwell and Blanco Counties, Head Start Program, San Marcos, TX.

Morrison, M. (September 2006). *The play therapy process: Lessons learned from a traumatized boy.* Featured speaker at the 2006 Fall Workshop of the Alamo Chapter of the Texas Association for Play Therapy, San Antonio, TX.

5. Other Works not in Print:

1. Works “submitted” or “under review”

Bennett, M. and Eberts, S. (Under review). “Mental Health Support of Short Term Relief Workers” to *Counseling and Values*.

1. Other works not in print

C. Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

$1,000 Association for Play Therapy Research Grant, 2005-2006

$500 Texas Association for Play Therapy, Dan Homeyer Research Grant, 2005-2006

$274,000 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Minority Health Grant 2003-2005

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Grants and Contracts:

$13,500 Toy Industry Foundation, 2003

3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:

$15,455 Faculty Enhancement Grant, Sam Houston State University. Child-Teacher Relationship Training: Servicing Disadvantaged Head Start Children (Co-PI with Dr. Yvonne Garza).

$4,900 University of North Texas Faculty Research Grant, 2005-2006

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Grants and Contracts:

$16,000 REP Faculty Grant, “Play Therapy with Haitian Orphans”, 2010

$16,000 REP Faculty Grant, “Short-Term Play Therapy”, 2006

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Dean Nominee for the College of Education for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Research/Scholarly Activities (Assistant Professor Level), Texas State University-San Marcos, 2009

Dissertation Research Award, Association for Play Therapy, 2007

Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities, 2005

Center for Play Therapy Scholarship Recipient, 2004-2005

Texas Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Student Research Award, 2003

Robert B. Toulouse Scholarship Recipient, 2002-2004

Chi Sigma Iota- Counseling Honor Society, 2001

**IV. SERVICE**

1. Institutional:
2. University

RISE, Faculty Advisor, 2009-Present

Austin Stone on Campus, Faculty Advisor, 2012-Present

River Stone On Campus, Faculty Advisor, 2011-2012

Council for Interdisciplinary Research and Grants, 2008- 2011

Russian Initiative Workgroup, 2007-2011

University Council, 2006-2007

2. College

Mentor for Elizabeth Kjellstrand Hartwig, College of Education Scholar-Mentor Program, 2012-2013, 2013-2014

Graduate College, College of Education Scholarship Committee, 2011

Graduate College, College of Education Scholarship Committee, 2008

1. Department:

Chair, Mentoring Team for Tenure Review, Elizabeth Hartwig, 2012-Present

Member Mentoring Team for Tenure, Stephanie Eberts, 2012-Present

CLAS PPS Review: Per Course Faculty Compensation Policy, Co-Chair, 2013

CLAS PPS Review: Workload, Committee Member, 2013-2014

Faculty Search Committee Member, Dr. Haber-Curran, Chair 2013-2014

Director, Texas State Play Therapy Institute, 2011-Present

Clinic Coordinator, Assessment and Counseling Clinic, 2012-Present

Faculty Search Committee Member, Dr. Schmidt, Chair 2011-2012

Academic Program Review, Professional Counseling Rep. 2009-2010

Student Learning Outcomes Coordinator for Professional Counseling Program, 2007-Present

CACREP Reaccreditation Committee Member, 2006-2008

Faculty Search Committee Member, Dr. Schmidt, Chair, 2007-2008

Printed Materials Committee Member, 2008-2011

Program Standards Committee, 2006-2010 (9 committees)

Professional Counseling Program Admissions Committee, 2007-2011

Leslie Jones Scholarship Committee, 2007

Administrative Assistant Search Committee, 2007

1. Professional:

Research Committee Member, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2013-2015

Member, Conference Committee, Association for Play Therapy, 2011-2012, 2014-2015

Past-President, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2011-2012

President, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2010-2011

President, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2009-2010

Conference Chair, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2008-2009

President-Elect, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2008-2009

Holder, K. Filial Therapy: A Delphi study to identify measurable factors of efficacy, benefits, and possible future trends for research and application. 2008. Participated as an expert in this Delphi Study.

Mellin, E.A. Children’s mental health research agenda Delphi study. 2007. Participated as an expert in this Delphi Study

Secretary, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2007-2008

Fundraiser Committee Chair, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2007-2008

Research Committee Member, Texas Association for Play Therapy, 2006-2008

Research Committee Member, Association for Play Therapy, 2006-2008

Leadership Academy, Association for Play Therapy, 2006-2007

President, Texas Association for Humanistic Education and Development, 2005-2006

Research Committee Member, Texas Counseling Association, 2004-2005

Secretary/Treasurer, Texas Association for Humanistic Education and Development, 2003-2004

Committee Chair, Excellence in Education Award, Dallas Branch International Dyslexia Association, 2002-2005

Board Member, Dallas Branch International Dyslexia Association, 2000-2004

Professional Memberships

American Counseling Association

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

Association for Play Therapy

Texas Association for Play Therapy

Texas Counseling Association

Texas Association for Counselor Education and Supervision

1. Community:

Board Member, For His Glory Outreach

Mental health volunteer for child victims of the 2013 fertilizer plant in West, Tx April-May 2013 West ISD.

Commencement Speaker, Vanguard College Preparatory School, Waco, TX, May 2011

Mental Health consultant for Maison des Enfants de Dieu, Port Au Prince, Haiti, July 2010-2013

Mental health volunteer for child victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake, Port Au Prince, Haiti, 2010-2011

Mental health volunteer for child victims of hurricane Katrina, Dallas Medical Association, 2005

D. Service Honors and Awards

2012 Presidential Award Winner for Outstanding Service (Assistant Professor level), Texas State University

2011 Distinguished Alumna, Vanguard College Preparatory School, Waco, Tx

2011 Nancy Guillory Award for Outstanding Service in Play Therapy, Texas Association for Play Therapy

2011 Texas Association for Play Therapy Presidential Award

2011 Runner- up (College of Education Nominee) for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service (Assistant Professor Level), Texas State University- San Marcos

2010 Texas Association for Play Therapy Presidential Award

2010 Dean Nominee for the College of Education for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service (Assistant Professor Level), Texas State University-San Marcos

E. Service Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Service Grants and Contracts:

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Service Grants and Contracts:

3. Funded Internal Service Grants and Contracts:

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Service Grants and Contracts: