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**Career Highlights**

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- 2021 – Certified Trainer ZERO TO THREE: The Growing Brain
- 2020 – Certified SPACE Therapist | Yale Child Study Centre SPACE (supportive parenting for anxious childhood emotions)
- 2018 - Founder, Cayman Islands Psychological Association (CIPA)
- 2017 - Coordinated development and launch of Autism Society of the Cayman Islands
- 2016 – Developed a local training programme for Caymanian’s to become Registered Behaviour Technicians (RBT) ([www.bacb.com](http://www.bacb.com))
- 2015 - TEDx SevenMileBeach; The Importance of Community Inclusion  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXF8wwTA7aU>
- 2014 – Founded Football4All; a special need football programme for children with autism and other special needs.
- 2012 - First Certified Early Start Denver Model (ESDM) Therapist in the Caribbean
- 2010 - Awarded a 2-year grant from the Cayman Islands Government to develop and implement the country’s first Autism Diagnostic Services
- 2006 – Certified Darkness2Light Trainer
- 2004 – Founding Director, The Wellness Centre Ltd.
- 2003 - Founding Director, Cayman Islands Crisis Centre; the first safe shelter for victims of domestic abuse in the Cayman Islands.
- 2000 - Appointed to the Cayman Island’s Domestic Violence Intervention Training Programme; a group of community leaders responsible for the development and implementation of a national domestic abuse public awareness training programme for first responders (police, fire, educators, medical practitioners)
- 1996 - First Canadian recipient of the American Psychological Association’s PSSI (Psychological Study of Social Issues) Graduate Research Scholarship – June 1996 University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

**Education**

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Doctor of Philosophy, (Candidate Status; coursework complete & dissertation topic approved)

Area of Study: Psychology: Maternal Stress & Depression in Post-Colonial Afro-Caribbean

Fielding Graduate School: Santa Barbara, California, USA

Master of Science, April 2020

Area of Student: Psychology: Infant Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities

Special Designation in Reflective Supervision

Fielding Graduate School: Santa Barbara, California, USA

Master of Arts, 1998  
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology  
University of Regina: Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), 1993  
Area of Study: Psychology and Religious Studies (Double Major)  
University of Regina: Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada

## **Employment History**

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### The Wellness Centre Ltd

P. O. Box 10462, Grand Cayman, KY1-1004, Cayman Islands

Position: Director (2004 - present)

As the founding director I oversee a diverse team of 25+ clinicians the delivery of a wide range of psychological, mental health and behavioural interventions delivered to individuals, couples, families, and organizations within the Cayman Islands.

[www.wellnesscentre.ky](http://www.wellnesscentre.ky)

### Department of Counselling Services, Cayman Islands Government

P.O. Box 10142, Grand Cayman, KY1-1006, Cayman Islands

Position: Psychologist (1998– 2004)

I provided a wide range of psychological assessments services and clinical intervention services to a population of at-risk children and adolescents. I was responsible for treatment planning, case management as well as advocacy within the family court and educational systems.

### Saskatchewan Provincial Mental Health Services: Child & Youth Department

105 College Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan, S7J 3T4, Canada

Position: Clinical Internship (1997 - 1998)

During this one (1) year clinical internship during my graduate studies I was responsible for the administration, scoring and interpretation of standardized cognitive, behavioural and psychological testing instruments. My reports were presented to a panel of Clinical Case Managers and used to develop comprehensive Individual Education Plans for children and adolescents between the ages of 5yrs—17yrs who presented with cognitive, behavioural or psychological dysfunction.

### Family Services Canada

2020 Halifax Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4X 2Y8, Canada

Position: Part-time Counsellor (1996 - 1998)

I was responsible for maintaining a clinical caseload of 20-25 clients, and providing weekly clinical sessions, maintenance of clinical case notes and presentation of clinical treatment planning during clinical supervision meetings. I was also responsible for the development, implementation and facilitation of a parenting programme aimed at monitoring development of infants born to at-risk adolescent mothers.

## **Professional Memberships/Affiliations**

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- Registered Psychologist, CI Health Practice Commission: Council for Professionals Allied with Medicine (CPAM) / License #CPAM/PSYC/PL-04
- Canadian Psychological Association, member

- Canadian Counseling and Psychotherapy Association, Certification ID: 1103

### **Certifications & Specialized Training**

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- ZERO TO THREE Certified Trainer: *The Growing Brain*
- Reflective Supervision – Designation: Fielding Graduate University
- SPACE Certified Therapist – Yale Child Study Centre
- Early Start Denver Model (ESDM) Certified Therapist, Vanderbilt Kennedy Centre’s Treatment & Research Institute of Autism Spectrum Disorders (TRIAD), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
- Autism Diagnostic Observational Schedule / Clinical Administration & Interpretation Western Psychological Services, Los Angeles, CA – March 2009
- Darkness2Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Programme: Certified Trainer since October 2006
- Cayman Islands Domestic Violence Intervention Training Programme / Master Trainer

### **Major Presentations**

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1. Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce: April 2020: Management Mental Health During Covid19.
  - a. <https://youtu.be/TXT5NtNS67I>
2. Cayman Islands Government March 2020: *Understanding our psychological response to Covid19.*
3. Alex Pantou Foundation Community Launch, March 2017: *Creating a community response to mental health*
4. Cayman Islands Human Resources Conference 2016: *Understanding and Implementation of Workplace Mental Health Policies and Training*
5. TEDx SevenMileBeach 2015; The Importance of Community Inclusion
  - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXF8wwTA7aU>
6. Cayman Islands Healthcare Conference 2014; The Chapters of a Healthy Life
  - a. Principal Speaker: *Community First Response to Mental Illness.*  
<https://vimeo.com/129244569>
7. Cayman Islands Healthcare Conference 2012; Embracing Emerging Trends
  - a. Pediatric Panel Presenter: *Autism in the Cayman Islands.* November 2012.  
<http://towerclientwebsites.ky/healthcareconference/videos/video-archives/videos-2012/>
8. Clinical Case Presentation: *The Role of ABA in the Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders: A Presentation of The Psychiatry and Behavioural Disorders Services, Health Services Authority, Cayman Islands.* October 2012
9. Cayman Islands Early Childhood Association Annual Conference: *Understanding the Developmental Importance of Play,* October 2011