FTTI Congratulates 2022 Graduates!

Please join us in congratulating FTTI’s class of 2022! We know they will continue to serve our communities and represent FTTI well. We are so proud of you! Each graduate has shared some of their reflection on their time in the program below.

Antoinette Davis: “Have you ever gotten on a roller coaster and asked yourself why did I do this? Sometimes, this feeling came over me. There were challenges, which helped me grow personally and as a clinician. My father always told me never start something and don’t finish it. In challenging times, hearing my father’s voice, engaging with my peers, and consulting with others got me to the end. I focused on the why did I start this program and stayed the course. The FTTI program taps into your inner being. The program will support you to learn who you are while learning techniques on how to help others understand themselves. The entire journey was worth it!”

Scott Linton: “The single most significant contribution to my learning has been our faculty’s commitment to our success. They have spent a lot of time teaching me – discussing my case conceptualizations, observing and then critiquing my work in-session, explaining and demonstrating how to work with a client. Beyond their teaching, their ongoing support and encouragement has meant a lot to me."

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Upcoming Events

• **Friday, September 9, 2022, 12-4 pm:** Assessment & Treatment Issues for Intimate Partner Abuse Survivors with Jennifer Parker, LCSW; register [here](#).

• **September 16-18, 2022, Milwaukee:** WAMFT Annual Conference; register [here](#).

• **October 14, 2022, 12-4 pm:** Principles of Financial Therapy: Engaging Couples and Families into the Conversation about Money and Emotions (virtual) with Wendy Wright, LMFT, CEDS-S, CIEC; register [here](#).

• **November 9, 2022, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm:** Ethics & Boundaries: Understanding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to Leverage Cultural Humility (virtual) with Dana Johnson, MSW; register [here](#).

• **November 11, 2022, 12 – 2 pm:** Blinded by Bias (virtual) with Dana Johnson, MSW; register [here](#).
News: September is Suicide Prevention Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, with Suicide Prevention Week occurring September 4-10, and World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, both hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Please see the following resources for more information such as events, stories, and shareable graphics:

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
National Alliance on Mental Illness
988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Practice Topic: Suicide Assessment and Management by Marriage and Family Therapists

In honor of Suicide Prevention Month, please take some time to view this article as it reviews common MFT responses to suicidal clients and compares them to best practice responses. Should you be interested in gaining more training and education in this area, we’ve listed a few resources below.

Access suicide prevention trainings for clinicians:
Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)
Various Suicide Prevention trainings on PESI
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Program update: Corey Robak-Klein out on leave

FTTI Manager, Corey Robak-Klein, will be out this fall on maternity leave as she welcomes baby #2! In her absence, please feel welcome to reach out to Robert Marrs (Robert.marrs@aah.org) and Cheryl Robinson (Cheryl.Robinson@aah.org).

FTTI Clinical Series 2023: Taking Applications

FTTI hosts an annual professional development series related to systemic marriage and family practice. See the RFP here. If you are interested in presenting, please download your application here and submit by October 1 to ftti@aah.org.