This Fall we welcome Laurie Charlés to the Department as our new Assistant Professor of Family Therapy and Director of the MFT Certificate Program. Dr. Charlés, a native Texan, earned her PhD in Family Therapy from Nova Southeastern in 1999 and left two weeks later for Togo, West Africa to serve in the Peace Corps. She is committed to expanding and improving our MFT program and we’re grateful to have her.

As the new MFT Program Director at USF, I can say with great confidence that things are evolving nicely in the MFT program! I have only been on campus 3 months, but already I am so encouraged by the current MFT students I work with, as well as the many students I meet who are interested in becoming part of the MFT program. I average about 1 call a day from someone in the community who is interested in attending our program. This is very exciting for our program and is a wonderful portent for its future.

Most of my time so far as Program Director has been spent learning, evaluating, and analyzing the program, as well as its design, methods, and outcome. In order to develop the program further, I would like to better inform the public about what we do, in particular, I plan to engender more productive collaboration with the MFT community in Tampa Bay. One way we are planning to reach this goal is to have a small social for MFTs on December 5th, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. From 5-7:30. I invite any MFT certificate alums to attend this social, which is being planned specifically for the MFT clinicians in our community. At this informal event, invited MFTs as well as our MFT certificate students and alumni, will have a chance to chat, socialize, and learn more about what is happening at USF’s MFT program. A second way we intend to reach our goals for the MFT program is by having a Spring MFT Conference, to take place April 16th and 17th, 2004, on the USF campus. This professional meeting will take place just before the Annual FAMFT (Florida Association for Marriage and Family Therapy) Conference in Naples the following May. We encourage all interested parties to attend; further details about location, times, and presenters will be forthcoming.

In my short time here, I have discovered that the USF-MFT program is quite popular and strong, and I am grateful for all the support we have from you, as well as the academic community at USF. Additionally, I appreciate all of the efforts the REH faculty has made to promote it. I am especially aware and appreciative of the USF-MFT students’ motivation and eagerness to be a part of the program’s goals. I plan to capitalize on this support and interest by growing the program, developing its strengths, and further refining its purpose. I look forward to this task.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laurie L. Charlés, Ph.D., LMFT, LMHC, USF MFT Certificate Program Director

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**Program Announcements**
- Current enrollment is 188
- SOS Club (formerly Rehab Club) meets every other Wednesday in Tampa and every other Tuesday in Sarasota.
- Graduate Assistants: Lisa Bright will be joined by Milton Moss in the office beginning Spring 2004

**Calendar**
- January 5 - Spring Semester
- March 8-13 - Spring Break
- April 16-17 - MFT Conference
- May 1 - Commencement
- May 15 - Application deadline for Fall CRC
**Student News**

We welcome 20 new students to the program for Fall 2003:

- Donna Archbell
- Marie Azzwell
- Zahra Bhimani
- Quintin Boston
- Jana Capaccio
- Chaptal Celerin
- Hillary Chojancki
- Keneisha Francis
- Rafael Fuentes
- Elizabeth Gates
- Charlotte Gonnering
- Shannon Groh
- Kattie Horn
- Melissa Jagrup
- Debbra Lipsey
- Alexandra Moore
- Aaron Norton
- Kari Peterson
- Agnieszka Radzik
- Dannita Roberts

Congratulations... to our newest graduates!

- Andrew Agron
- Laurie Anderson
- Lindsey Berling
- Billie Brown
- Jennifer Coppola
- Christa Dodge
- Carisa Fleissner
- John Gentry
- Bernadette Hansen
- Deborah Hart
- Tabatha Hays
- Saundra Johnson
- Ken Larsson
- John McEwen
- Kerri Pyles
- Grant Rubendunst
- Aaron Shaw
- Nicole Tomblin
- Marcela Wade
- Ann White

...to our newly married~~

Dana Cignarella Vince and Nicole Williams Wilson!

...and to Stephanie Avakian for giving the Rehab Club its new name! For coming up with SOS (Serving Others Selflessly), Stephanie earned herself free textbooks for Spring!

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**Private Sector Rehabilitation**

In order to be employed by a private for-profit rehabilitation company, a rehabilitation counselor will need a provider number in addition to a CRC or CDSM credential. The provider number permits access to the field of workers’ comp through medical and vocational case management, disability consultation, and vocational expert testimony. Application to the Department of Education, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation’s Division of Workers’ Compensation requires proof of attendance of a two to three hour Division workshop as well as a $25 fee. For more information about workshops and private sector rehabilitation counseling, contact John Orphanidys at 727-323-4220 or rcall1187@aol.com.

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**Classified**

Dr. Emener’s book, *Adult Loving Relationships* is available for 50% off through the Florida Adle- rian Society Bookstore! It’s a recommended text for his spring couples counseling class and an excellent, practical resource for anyone working with couples.

Contact Randy Gainforth 813-903-3455 or rgainforth@aol.com.

Bernadette Hansen (’03) is selling a cap and gown for $15 plus shipping. Contact her at 863-382-3897 or hansen@strato.net.

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When we have done our part on the inside, the exterior will unfold automatically. -Goethe
Alumni News

Gregg Armstrong (‘00) passed the LMHC exam in August. He is in private practice in Tampa and specializes in offender counseling.

Carrie Clark (‘01) is a professional relations representative with Cigna Behavioral Health where she serves as a liaison between mental health professionals in the community and Cigna. She is also the proud new mom of Jordan Marie, born December, 2002.

Margarita Cocker (‘95) was promoted to Assistant Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Officer at the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Petersburg.

Gabriela Crews (‘02) and her husband Robert, welcomed their first child, Elise Marie on August 27, 2003.

Joy Currie (‘02) recently passed the CRC exam and works for the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Petersburg as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor.

Jean Giebler (‘00) is a mid-level manager in Eckerd Youth Alternatives’ Challenge Program in Brooksville.

Bernadette Hansen (‘03) is a registered intern, working towards developing a new rehab program for Winter Haven Hospital’s SPMI population.

Cindy Bailey Hardwick (‘97) has a growing private practice in Carrollwood Village, Counseling Center of Tampa Bay, Inc., and she is a qualified supervisor for LMHC licensure.

Kimberly May-Wibbe (‘96) is an LMHC in Tampa specializing in special needs children and families. She is active with the Florida Institute for Family Attachment and was a recent featured speaker at a national conference on family attachment and bonding.

Linda Chiles Peterman (‘00) passed the LMHC exam in July and is working in private practice in Tampa.

Nilda Pyronneau (‘00) is a Licensed Professional Counselor working in a Juvenile Family Crisis Intervention Unit in New Jersey.

James Reinach (‘96), Kimberly May-Wibbe’s (‘91) stepfather, is an LMHC with a successful private practice in Tampa.

Lori Russo-Graves (‘99) is a Senior Client Manager with Cigna Behavioral Health. She also has a part-time practice working with individuals and groups.

Nancy Silva (‘92) completed her PhD in Rehabilitation Science at the University of Florida in 2001. She has a private counseling practice in Spring Hill and is an adjunct faculty member in the Mental Health Technologies program at City College in Gainesville.

Pearl Small-Wallach (‘90) lives in St. Petersburg and is the coordinator of the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists for the American College of Nutrition.

Leslie Wilson Stachelski (‘98) earned her LMHC in 2000 and is now an Inpatient Care Manager at Cigna Behavioral Healthcare. She and husband Patrick are expecting their first baby in early spring.

Geoffrey Towers (‘99) is an LMHC and CRC working at the Boley Centers for Behavioral Health in St. Petersburg where he is one of the original members of their FACT Team.

Faculty News

Welcome home to Associate Professor Tennyson Wright! Dr. Wright, a South Carolina native, has been working in university administration for the past twelve years where he rose to the level of Vice Provost. He has been with our department since 1985 and is currently on professional leave as he prepares to return to the classroom. He and his wife Gwendolyn, an Instructional Specialist at FMHI, have one daughter currently in her third year at University of Miami Medical School. Dr. Wright enjoys playing golf, fishing, gardening, and traveling and looks forward to meeting all of the students over the coming months.

Gary DuDell has been busy conducting workshops for various local agencies on both adolescent development and anxiety disorders- of particular and increasing interest to him. He is grateful for a very robust and rewarding private practice and particularly enjoyed his yearly men’s group this summer. He is also grateful to his students for their interest, enthusiasm and energy which contribute to his own learning.
Questions, comments, ideas, announcements...

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Gary DuDell’s Winter Break reading recommendations~~~

**Letters to a Young Therapist** by Mary Pipher & **The Gift of Therapy** by Irv Yalom

“Both books offer great understanding and insight into the counseling relationship, therapeutic process, and the important elements of good, solid counseling.”

*If we could read the secret history of our enemies we should find in each person’s life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.* - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Department of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling is to promote quality services for individuals with differences in abilities and to help the state meet its human service needs in the areas of rehabilitation and mental health through teaching, research and service.

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