
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ANISAHON CONSULTING SERVICES, PLLC 1991 - Currently
Indianola, WA
509.307.0967

PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

- ❖ Private Practice. Consultation & co-design of Indigenous-centered behavioral health programming. Primary behavioral health consultant and trainer to Yakama Nation Tribal School, 2004 - 2022. Specialized training to Yakama, Quileutte, Puyallup, and Colville Nations, and Juneau United Medical Providers & Parents (JUMPP). Liberation psychology writer, speaker, public commentator, poet, and singer-songwriter serving psychocultural, emotional, and spiritual growth. Individual telehealth psychotherapy for adolescents and adults, psychological assessment, and other services.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY 2006 - 2014
Seattle, WA

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

- ❖ Core faculty member for 7 years. Curriculum design and delivery. Teach core courses for a liberation psychology approach to "psychopathology," service to diverse populations, intercultural psychology, and psychotherapy case seminars. Chair and mentor student doctoral dissertations. Research, presentation, and publication on critical and liberation psychology.

DIRECTOR, PSYCHOLOGY CENTER

- ❖ Direct and supervise the school's low-fee, community-based Psychology Center.
- ❖ Coordinate and manage the Center's budget and marketing.

ENTERPRISE FOR PROGRESS IN THE COMMUNITY (EPIC), INC. 2004 - 2006
Yakima, WA

CLINICAL DIRECTOR, YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

- ❖ Manage and provide behavioral health services and a positive therapeutic milieu for a diverse population of troubled youth at 2 crisis residential centers serving over 1200 youth per year, two 8-bed group homes, foster families, and a Medicaid Therapeutic Child Care program and crisis nursery.
- ❖ Clinical supervision for 35 clinicians, program managers, and youth counselors across all sites. Consult with state social workers, attorneys, court officers, and community representatives.

PROGRAM MANAGER, NIIX TTÁWAXT RESIDENTIAL CARE PROGRAM

- ❖ Community-driven collaboration and lead design of a culturally-integrated behavioral health residential program, supported by formal resolution of Yakama Nation Tribal Council. Deliver assessment, consultation, and therapeutic services on behalf of Native youth and families in crisis.

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY 2005 - 2006
Toppenish, WA

ADJUNCT FACULTY

- ❖ Teach Multicultural Counseling and Practicum for graduate students from culturally-diverse backgrounds in the counseling program. Consult with graduate counseling leadership.

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
YAKAMA INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC
Toppenish, WA

2000 - 2004

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, GS-12

- ❖ Individual, group, and family services to Native American adults, teenagers, and children. Design and lead Pathways talking circles at Yakama Nation Tribal School and Mt. Adams School District (White Swan). Lead design and coordination of Pathways to Healing Conferences in 2002 and 2003. Ongoing community consultation and liaison, implementation of culturally-attuned healing strategies in partnership with elders and other leaders.
- ❖ Consultation with IHS providers and staff about general behavioral health issues. Consultation with Regional Administrator, State of Washington Department of Child & Family Services, Department of Health & Human Services, Catholic Social Services.

PERSONNEL DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL
Troy, Michigan

1997 - 2000

ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY CONSULTANT

- ❖ Clinically-informed, psychological consultation and coaching to executives and managers of global organizations, including Ford Motor Company, Visteon, and the U.S. Postal Service, intercultural team building, international executive selection assessment, and workforce development training.
- ❖ Design and deploy intercultural training and management simulations.
- ❖ Project budget, management of a staff of 3. International business forums and presentations.

DETROIT PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE
Detroit, Michigan

1994 - 1997

STAFF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, P-11

- ❖ Individual and group psychotherapy to a diverse, marginalized, often indigent population. Regular review and dissemination of clinical research literature to a team of providers.
- ❖ Train predoctoral psychology interns at an APA-approved internship site in individual and group psychotherapy, neuropsychology, and psychological assessment with psychiatric inpatients.
- ❖ Coordinate and manage all psychological assessment occurring in the Hospital and act as departmental liaison and lead trainer for quality assurance with Hospital staff.

PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL & MEDICAL CENTER
Department of Behavioral Medicine
Southfield, Michigan

1993 - 1995

NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST

- ❖ Clinical health psychology with inpatients and outpatients throughout the Hospital. Neuropsychological and psychological assessment with adults.
- ❖ Teach medical residents and advanced students general theories and principles of neuropsychology.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL REHABILITATION HOSPITAL
22401 Foster Winter Drive, Southfield, Michigan 48075

1991 - 1993

DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- ❖ Clinical health psychology including neuropsychological assessment, treatment design, individual, group, family, conjoint, and crisis psychotherapy with elderly, ethnically-diverse patients recovering from stroke, head injury, and multiple physical injuries.

DIRECTOR OF NEUROREHABILITATION

- ❖ Designed and instituted the first in-Hospital psychology service and first comprehensive neurorehabilitation program.

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
Psychology Department
Rochester, Michigan
248.370.2300

1990 - 2000

SPECIAL LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY

- ❖ Teach undergraduate courses in Intercultural Psychology, Theories of Personality, Foundations of Contemporary Psychology, Lifespan Development, Tests & Measurement. Additional tutoring, advising, and academic planning

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Psychology Department
Ypsilanti, Michigan

1989 - 1991

LECTURER IN PSYCHOLOGY

- ❖ Teach undergraduate courses in Introductory Psychology, Psychology of Adolescence. Additional tutoring and advising.

HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM
Wyandotte Hospital & Medical Center
Wyandotte, Michigan

1990 - 1991

PSYCHOLOGY INTERN, APA-APPROVED INTERNSHIP

Full-time training rotations in Neuropsychology & Rehabilitation Psychology and Adult Psychiatry.

EDUCATION

**DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
1992**

University of Detroit Mercy

Fully-Accredited, American Psychological Association

Dissertation:

Culture, Prosody & Emotion: An Experimental Study

**MASTER OF ARTS IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
1989**

University of Detroit Mercy

Comprehensive Examination:

Cross-cultural features of emotion in the human voice

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
1986**

Oakland University

Magna cum Laude

Departmental Honors in Psychology

Undergraduate Honors Thesis:

Prediction of recovery in closed head injury

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE HONORS

Lifetime Member, Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

Lifetime Member, Golden Key National Honor Society

Oakland University Alumni Research Award, 1986

Teaching Fellow, University of Detroit Mercy, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90

AWARDS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (2023)

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL PSYCHOLOGY & PSYCHIATRY (ISEPP)

AWARDED FOR A LIFETIME PURSUING GOALS AND PRINCIPLES ESPOUSED BY ISEPP AND MAKING A
SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THAT END.

LICENSURE

Licensed Psychologist
State of Washington, PY00002612 (since 2002)
State of Michigan 6301007431 (1995 – 2002)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Society for Ethical Psychology and Psychiatry
Society of Indian Psychologists
National Register of Health Service Psychologists

JOURNAL EDITORSHIP

Ethical Human Psychology & Psychiatry, Editorial Advisory Board, 2010-currently

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Medical & Scientific Advisory Committee, National Center for Youth Law, since 2014 (youthlaw.org)
Member, Board of Directors, Refugee Women's Alliance (REWA), Seattle, Washington, 2011- 2018 (rewa.org)
Member, Board of Directors, Triumph Treatment Services, Yakima, Washington, 2001- 2006 (triumphtx.org)
Member, Board of Directors, DreamCatchers, Detroit, Michigan, 1991-1995

SELECTED SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Brainspotting Trauma Treatment Certification, Sandy Hook,
Newtown Resiliency Center (resiliencycenterofnewtown.org), Newtown, CT, 2015
The Soldier's Project Annual Conference, "Women & War", 2011, Los Angeles, California
New Frontiers in Trauma Treatment, 2009, Seattle, Washington
Accelerated Experiential Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, Level 1, 2004, Seattle, Washington
New Frontiers in Trauma Psychotherapy, 2003, San Diego, California

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES
(FURNISHED UPON REQUEST)

NONFICTION

COYOTE'S SWING: A MEMOIR & CRITIQUE OF MENTAL HYGIENE IN NATIVE AMERICA (WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 2023, ISBN 9780874224207) combines David Edward Walker's firsthand experiences as a consulting psychologist with rare history and sociocultural critique, revealing how the U.S. mental health system reframes Native American reactions to oppression and marginalization into "mental disorders" and "mental illness." Contemporary practices of the Indian Health Service (IHS) echo historical injustices of false imprisonment, stigmatization, forced sterilization, and long-standing doctrines of impairment and deficiency foreign to Native values of spiritual balance and wellbeing. Immersed in this system and its history for two decades, David Edward Walker develops provocative connections between past and present while using a traditional Yakama tale as a motif.

Author David Walker is to be commended for his thorough research and timely recommendations for reform of the agency's delivery of mental health services in Indian County. In Native humor, exposing another's disguised beliefs or hypocrisy is called "pulling off their blanket" . . . I join him in praying that this period of tribal history comes to an end.

~ Toobshudud Jack Fiander (Yakama), Attorney, Former Councilman, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

A great piece of work... I can't emphasize that enough. As a community how do we begin to dialogue with each other and encourage our people to speak up, especially given the power imbalance between "professionals" and "clients" as to who knows what is best? I firmly believe that systems need to continuously be questioned. Incorporating your personal experiences of adversity and willingness to acclimate into our community was greatly appreciated and provided a better understanding of how you came to question the U.S. mental health system. I hope that you are able to continue adding significant lessons to the time ball of your life as you continue to walk beside us to fight for our survival.

~ Lucy Smartlowit, MSW (Yakama), Interim Executive Director, Peacekeeper Society (peacekeepersociety.com)

David Walker's Coyote's Swing is a tour de force. It is an extraordinary work of heart, spirit, incisive intelligence, and unflinching truth telling. I highly recommend it.

~ Steven Newcomb (Shawnee-Lenape), author of *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery*, co-producer of the documentary, "*The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code.*"

Walker knows that the end of overt genocide is not the end of a perpetrating society's ongoing violence against a people. Societal institutions, like psychiatry and psychology, conserve much of the pejorative labeling, disempowerment, and self-serving historical amnesia that paved the way for genocide. Psychology and psychiatry have a long and shameful history of collusion with colonialism and neo-colonialism. Rather than help a society understand and cease its genocidal thinking and action, many mental health practitioners erase the historical and present-day context of oppression by medicalizing the after-effects of violence. Cultural traumas are turned into individualized psychiatric diagnoses, which are presumed to call for psychopharmacological intervention rather than societal transformation and accountability. This beautifully written and researched book enables readers to understand and witness this tragic state of affairs, while pointing to the social and theoretical transformations that are sorely overdue.

~ Mary Watkins, author of *Accompaniment and the Creation of the Commons*, co-author (with Helene Shulman) of *Toward Psychologies of Liberation*, Professor, Community Psychology/Liberation Psychology/Ecopsychology Specialization, Pacifica Graduate Institute

An engaging and highly informative read that expertly weaves a much-needed counterpoint to the prevailing narratives of the mental health profession. Dave Walker guides the reader along a path that few have traveled, bringing his story to life with the unheard voices and stories of those marginalized by the mental health system. Within this story is another, that of Dave Walker's own path from an angry

youth rebelling in pain and anger and addiction, to a respected mental health professional who feels a duty to expose the failings of the system he has devoted his adult life to. His ability to take complex source material and create from it an engaging story that captures a reality of contemporary indigenous mental health is exceptional. He has clearly worked to honor those about whom he writes, and does so with grace, dignity and understanding. Whilst this book recounts a past of marginalization and oppression of a Native people, it is also a story of survivorship, resilience, and, at the end, a humble and heartfelt hope.

~ Dr. Amber Logan, psychologist, Indigenous historian, and traditional Kahungunu
Maori wahine

FICTION

THE MEDICINE VALLEY SERIES: *TESSA'S DANCE* AND *SIGNAL PEAK*

Two novels so grounded that they will resonate with familiarity for anyone who lives with the beautiful and maddening daily realities of 'Indian' life . . . two books that deal with all the issues of tragedy, psychological healing, and cultural and language revitalization that are necessary in the wake of centuries of genocidal efforts to destroy our Nations and Peoples. If all that appeals to you, then you'll love *Tessa's Dance* and *Signal Peak*.

~ Steven Newcomb (Shawnee-Lenape), *Indian Country Today*

TESSA'S DANCE (2012, THOUGHTFUL PUBLISHING, ISBN 9780615725833). BRONZE MEDAL, 2013 INDEPENDENT PUBLISHER BOOK AWARDS.

Reading *Tessa's Dance* blurs the line between dreamtime and what is known as realtime. Tessa makes the dream become real in each moment with each line of the book.

~Eduardo Duran, Ph.D., author of *Healing the Soul Wound*, *Buddha in Red Face*, and *Native American Post-Colonial Psychology*

SIGNAL PEAK (2013, THOUGHTFUL PUBLISHING, ISBN 9780615904702). BRONZE MEDALIST, 2013 FOREWORD REVIEWS BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARDS. FINALIST, NANCY PEARL LITERARY AWARDS.

He so immerses you in the realm of these people that you dread the moment when the book will end . . .

~Paula Caplan, Ph.D., author of *When Johnny & Jane Come Marching Home: How All of Us Can Help Veterans*, *Bias in Psychiatric Diagnosis*, and *They Say You're Crazy*

MUSIC

SUMMONING THE POSSIBLE (2010, REMASTERED FOR STREAMING, 2023, DAVIDEDWARDWALKER.BANDCAMP.COM)

. . . a beautiful and mature work that touches something essential in the nature of being human.

~ Tom Dyer, President, *Green Monkey Records*, Seattle, WA

REFUSING TO VIEW (1996, REMASTERED FOR STREAMING, 2023, DAVIDEDWARDWALKER.BANDCAMP.COM)

A clinical psychologist by day, Folks draws his audience into a warm space of feeling and introspection – showcases the artist's depth and instrumental excellence.

~ *Music Hound Essential Album Guide to Folk Music*

ROADSIDE PARK (1994, REMASTERED FOR STREAMING, 2023, DAVIDEDWARDWALKER.BANDCAMP.COM)

Spilled poetic love . . . ~ *Dirty Linen Magazine*

SELECTED ARTICLES

- Walker, D.E. (2023, April). A Case Before the U.S. Supreme Court Could Surge the Psychiatric Labeling and Drugging of Native American Foster Youth, *Mad in America* (madinamerica.com) and *Mad in the UK* (madintheuk.com) multimedia platforms.
- Walker, D.E. (2022). WHO Owns the Language? 'Domination Code' in WHO's Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP). *Ethical Human Psychology & Psychiatry*.
- Walker, D.E. (2022). Cultural Incompetence. In Maisel, E. & Ruby, C. (eds), *Critiquing the Psychiatric Model*. London: Ethics International Press.
- Walker, D.E. (2016, January). Betrayal by Labels: The Feeble-minded, ADHD Native Child, *Indian Country Today*.
- Walker, D.E. (2015, November). 'A Living Burial': Inside the Hiawatha Asylum for Insane Indians, *Indian Country Today*.
- Walker, D.E. (2015, August). Lunacy, Crazy Indians, and the Witch's Hammer: Mental Health Care as Oppression, *Indian Country Today*.
- Walker, D.E. (2015, June). How the U.S. Mental Health System Makes Natives Sick and Suicidal, *Indian Country Today*.
- Galves, A. & Walker, D. (2012). Debunking the 'Science' behind ADHD as a 'Brain Disorder,' *Ethical human psychology and psychiatry*, 14, 27-40.
- Walker, D. (2006). ADHD as the New American Indian 'Feeble-mindedness.' In Lloyd, G. & Cohen, D. (eds.), *Critical New Perspectives on ADHD*, pp. 66-82. London: Routledge Press [Winner, 2006 NASAN Academic Book Award]
- Walker, D. (2002). Speaking in the Borrowed Language: Mental Health as an Agent of Cultural Oppression, *International Journal of Critical Psychology*, 7, 148-154.
- Walker, D. (1993). Culture, prosody & emotion: An experimental study. *Dissertation Abstracts International*.
- Walker, D., Blankenship, V., Ditty, J. & Lynch, K. (1987). Prediction of recovery in closed head injury: An analysis of the MMPI, the AAMD Adaptive Behavior Scale, and a 'Quality of Life' rating scale. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 43:6, 799-707.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- Walker, D.E. (2023, October). The Yakama Twelve Virtues of 'Good Growth' and their Relevance to Wellbeing, Featured Presentation, *25th Annual Conference of the International Society for Ethical Psychology & Psychiatry*.
- Walker, D. (2020). *Current and Historical Oppression in the Mental Health System in Indian Country*, Wake Up Call with MK Mendoza, NPR, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Winner, Best of the Rockies Award.
- Walker, D. (August 18, 2017). *Keynote Address*. World Hearing Voices Congress. Boston University. Boston, MA.
- Walker D. (October 10, 2015). *Keynote Address*. 2015 Annual Conference of the International Society for Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry (ISEPP). Boston, MA.
- Walker, D. (September 5, 2014). *Mental Health Oppression & American Indian Youth: Challenging Generations of Harm*. National Association for Rights Protection & Advocacy Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Walker, D. & Caplan, P. (September 5, 2014). *Evidence-Based Malpractice in Psychiatric Diagnosis*. National Association for Rights Protection & Advocacy (NARPA) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Walker, D. (February 11th, 2014). *Invited Address*. Refugee & Immigrant Legislative Action Day, State Capitol Building, Olympia, WA. Sponsored by Refugee Women's Alliance (rewa.org).
- Walker, D. (2013). *The Emperor's New Manual: Challenging the DSM in practice and teaching*. 2013 Fall Convention, *Practice in the New World*. Washington State Psychological Association (3 CEUs)
- Riedesel, B., Moran, J. Matteson, F. & Walker, D. (October 12th, 2012). *A Symposium on Suicide: Culture, Context, and Colonization*, 2012 Fall Convention, *Practice in a Modern World*, Washington State Psychological Association. (3 CEUs)
- Walker, D., Penalver-Vargas, L., Seaman, S., Kennedy, K. & Koch, J. (2011, June 16). *Circles of Harm, Circles of Healing Youth Suicide Prevention Workshop & Community Consultation Exercise*. Sponsored by Yakama Nation Tribal School, Toppenish, WA.
- Walker, D. (June 9, 2009). *Cultural Competency & the Psychology of Oppression*. Workshop presented to the Juneau United Medical Providers & Parents (JUMPP), Alaska Staff Developmental Network, Juneau, AK.
- Walker, D. (2008, October). *Niix ttáwaxt: Community Mental Health Collaboration with Yakama Nation*. Structured discussion presented to the 7th Annual Diversity Challenge Conference, Boston College, Boston, MA.

Walker, D. (2007, October). *Complex Trauma among Foster Care Youth*. Workshop to supervisors and caseworkers, State of Washington, Region 3 Children's Administration. Lynnwood and Mt. Vernon offices.

Walker, D. (2004, August). *Community Readiness & Collaboration in Designing Native American Behavioral Health Systems*. Workshop presented at the "Then I Came Back" Juvenile Justice Conference, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Nation, Nespelum, WA.

Walker, D. (2003, June). *Trauma, Violence, and Substance Abuse*. Workshop presented to Pathways to Hope & Healing Conference. Yakama Legends Casino Toppenish, WA.

Walker, D. (2002, June). *Keynote Address*. Pathways to Hope & Healing Conference. Yakama Legends Casino, Toppenish, WA.

Walker, D. (2001, November). *American Indian Faith-Based Healing*. Workshop presented to the Oregon Public Health Association Annual Conference, Beaverton, OR.

Walker, D. (2001, August). *The Healing Milieu*. All-day workshop presented to Yakama Nation Youth Treatment Staff, Yakama Nation Probation Officers, and tribal leadership.

Walker, D. (1999, August). *Performance Anxiety*. Workshop presented to the Unitarian Universalists Musician Association.

Walker, D. (1998, June). *Culture & Heart: Challenges to the Intercultural Psychology of Emotion*. Invited presentation at the Center for Intercultural Psychology and to the faculty, students, and staff of the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Walker, D. (1997, February) AKA David Folks. *The Psychology of Optimum Performance*. Workshop presented to the Annual Convention of the North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance, Portland, OR.

Walker, D. (1995, April). *The Psychology of Performance*. Workshop for the Detroit Guitar Society, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Walker, D. (1992, April). *Improving Treatment Adherence among Hospital Patients*. Seminar directed to social workers, case managers, and nurses from various metropolitan Detroit area hospitals delivered through Great Lakes Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, Southfield Sheraton (MI),

Walker, D. (1988). *Denial of Deficit, Altered Awareness, and Recovery Outcome*. Workshop presented to the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association's 1988 State Conference, Sheraton Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Walker, D. (1987). *Prediction of Recovery in Closed Head Injury*. Paper presented to the Braintree Hospital 8th Annual Traumatic Head Injury Conference, Braintree, Massachusetts, October, 1987 (with V. Blankenship, J. Ditty, and K. Lynch).