

## AAMFT Minority Fellowship Program

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### Speaker Bios

#### Dr. Manijeh Daneshpour

Manijeh Daneshpour is a full professor and chair of the department of Counseling and Community Psychology at St. Cloud state University. She has earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and a Master of Science degree in family ecology from University of Utah and a PhD in marriage and family therapy from University of Minnesota. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, and an AAMFT Approved supervisor. She teaches marriage and family therapy graduate courses and provides family therapy for individuals and families in her private practice in Maple Grove. Dr. Daneshpour has served as the president of Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy and as the chair of the election committee for the Minnesota Association for Marriage and Family Therapist. She is from Iran and identifies herself as a Muslim feminist. Her research interests, presentations, and publications are in the areas of multicultural family therapy, gender relations, social justice, and postmodernism and third wave feminism.

#### Dr. Susan Powell

Susan Powell, Ph.D. is a core faculty member in the M.A. Counseling Psychology Program at The Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Powell earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. She has

taught extensively at both the graduate and undergraduate levels and has considerable experience in senior administrative leadership in professional psychology programs. Her teaching interests include diversity and difference, counseling theory, and clinical skill development. Dr. Powell's research and scholarly interests also focus on difference and diversity, including the impact of diversity-related courses on students' personal and professional development, as well as the subjective experience of faculty who teach such courses. She has more than 20 years of clinical experience with individuals and couples, and has managed a private practice for several years. Dr. Powell has consulted to a wide range of organizations throughout the U.S. on issues of diversity, particularly related to enhancing cultural competence regarding disability and physical difference.

Dr. Cynthia Rowe

Cynthia Rowe, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine's Center for Treatment Research on Adolescent Drug Abuse (CTRADA; Howard Liddle, Director). Since 1994, she has contributed to the Center's work focused largely on refining, testing, and disseminating family-based interventions for adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems, delinquency, and substance abuse. She works actively with her colleagues to promote the translation of research findings into practice, and to train providers throughout the U.S. and in other countries to implement Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT; Liddle, 2002) in clinical settings. She was Co-PI of the Florida Research Center of NIDA's CJDATS collaborative and contributed to the study of an innovative cross-systems version of MDFT with integrated HIV prevention delivered to youth in detention and as they transitioned home. She was PI of a NIDA-funded R01 investigating the long-term

effects of this integrative MDFT “Detention to Community” drug abuse and HIV prevention intervention. She was also integrally involved in the research and clinical activities of a multisite randomized controlled trial of MDFT in 5 countries in Western Europe (Rigter et al., 2010). She was PI of a NIDA-funded randomized clinical trial examining the effects of MDFT for clinically referred youth in Greater New Orleans impacted by Hurricane Katrina. She is PI of a grant from NIAAA to conduct a randomized clinical trial of two innovative family interventions for youth identified with alcohol problems in the emergency department. She has been a regular peer reviewer of health services research grants with NIDA and NIH since 2006. In addition to contributing peer reviewed research articles, clinical publications, and book chapters, she co-edited a comprehensive volume dedicated to treatment research on adolescent substance abuse (Liddle & Rowe, Cambridge University Press, 2006).

Mr. Mark Sanders

Mark Sanders, LCSW, CADC, is a member of the faculty of the Addictions Studies Program at Governors State University. He is an international speaker in the addictions and mental health fields whose presentations have reached thousands throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, and the Caribbean Islands. A partial list of clients includes: Wisconsin Department of Corrections; Archdiocese of New York; Bank of Montreal; Harris Bank; U.S. Probation; The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; United States Army, Navy, Air force, and Marines; Johnson Institute; Hazelden Foundation; and Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Mark was director of the first Southeast Asian and refugee addiction counselor training program in the world. He is author of several books and workbooks geared toward helping clients

recover. Recent writings include “Relationship Detox: How To Have Healthy Relationships in Recovery” and *Recovery Management* (co-authored with William White and Ernest Kurtz). In 2005, he had two stories published in the *New York Times* best-selling book series, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*. Mark is also a successful consultant, regularly providing consultation to Ohio Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Wisconsin Association on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, and Michigan Bureau of Mental Health. In 2003, Mark received the Professional of the Year Award for his work as a trainer and consultant in the addictions field in Illinois.

Dr. Douglas H. Sprenkle

Douglas H. Sprenkle has been a Clinical Member of AAMFT for 40 years, most of that time as Professor and Director of the Doctoral Program at Purdue University. Doug has been around long enough to meet personally a number of the family therapy founders like Virginia Satir, Carl Whitaker, and Murray Bowen. He will retire from Purdue this May. Doug has a long-standing interest in what is responsible for therapeutic change. He was the Editor of the Journal of Marital and Family Therapy when the first review of effectiveness research was published by AAMFT in 1995, and he was the lead Editor for the effectiveness research reviews in JMFT in 2003 and 2012 (forthcoming). Doug has published 10 books including *Research Methods in Family Therapy* (with Fred Piercy) and *Common Factors in Couple and Family Therapy: The Overlooked Foundation for Effective Practice* (with Sean Davis and Jay Lebow). This latest book contributed to Doug's receiving the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice from The American Family Therapy Academy (AFTA) in 2010. Doug has twice been a plenary speaker at the AAMFT national conference and has won two major

AAMFT honors: The Award for Cumulative Career Contribution to Family Therapy Research, and the Training Award. He was especially pleased by the latter as it reflected his love of students and teaching. Doug has remained very active in AAMFT, serving on the Commission on Accreditation, and as elected Treasurer and Board member. He has tried to base his career on his belief in the synergistic interplay among, research, theory, and practice; and has remained clinically active throughout his academic career. Doug's non-work interests include first and foremost his family; and secondarily downhill skiing, biking, hiking, and world travel.

#### Dr. Erica Wilkins

Dr. Erica Wilkins is an Assistant Professor of Couple and Family Therapy at Drexel University where she also received her Master's degree. She credits the Drexel's emphasis on providing culturally competent therapy as having helped shape her career focus. While at Drexel University, Dr. Wilkins was the recipient of the Master of Family Therapy Award for Academic Achievement and the Master of Family Therapy Award for Outstanding Leadership. Dr. Wilkins completed her doctorate at Texas Tech University. Her dissertation resulted in the creation of a therapeutic model that can be used to aid in the amelioration of the residual effects of slavery in African American clients. While at Texas Tech University Dr. Wilkins was the recipient of the AT& T Chancellor's Scholarship and the Helen DeVitt Jones Fellowship and was a member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy's Minority Fellowship Program. She is a published author and her research interests include the residual effects of slavery, self-of-the therapist issues and cultural competency. Clinical interests include the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder, grief counseling, substance abuse, culturally competent

services and contextual therapy. Dr. Wilkins has made several presentations and conducted workshops at regional, national and international conferences. She has served as an editorial reviewer for the Journal of Feminist Family Therapy. Traveling, attending church, live music, and spending time with family and friends are among her personal interests.