

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Bachelor of Arts, History major/Psychology minor, 1967
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Master of Arts, Guidance and Counseling, 1972
Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan

Doctor of Philosophy, Guidance and Counseling Psychology, 1976
Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Fully Licensed Psychologist, 1978
Certified Imago Therapist, 2006

Psychologist/Consultant, 1978 to Present Parker Counseling and Consulting Services, P.C. Bingham Farms, Michigan

President of Parker Counseling and Consulting Services, P.C., Gail Parker, Ph.D. offers individual and group psychotherapy, specializing in counseling adults, adolescents, families, singles, and couples, with a special emphasis on interpersonal relationships including: counseling with divorcing and divorced couples as they work to redefine their relationships, helping divorcing couples form a bond that enables them to co-parent more effectively, and helping couples in interracial and cross cultural relationships bridge gaps in communication.

Dr. Parker counsels clients experiencing Acute Anxiety Disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Dr. Parker is a lecturer and workshop leader. Workshop topics include, *"The Art of Conscious Parenting"*, *"The Art of Loving Your Self"*, *"The Art of Loving Communication"*, and *"Couplehood as a Spiritual Path"*.

Dr. Parker offers consulting services, workshops and seminars, as well as coaching and counseling sessions to business managers and executives affiliated with for profit and non-profit organizations, religious organizations, and school districts, with a focus on

helping these organizations develop inclusive environments through the mastery of cross-racial/cross-cultural dialogue.

Dr. Parker has been an adjunct member of the faculty at the University of Michigan, School of Business Administration, Ann Arbor, Michigan, (1994 – 2004) presenting programs through the Executive Education Center. Classes included “*Effective Managerial Coaching and Counseling*,” “*Managing Diversity*,” and “*Leadership Development through Personal Transformation*”.

In addition to her work as a psychologist/consultant, Dr. Parker is also a Media Psychologist, and is well known for her work as a psychologist/feature reporter on local and national newscasts. She was featured as the “Love and Marriage Advisor” on the Emmy award winning talk show, “*Good Afternoon Detroit*”. She has appeared as a psychologist/expert on a variety of nationally syndicated talk shows including several appearances on “*The Oprah Winfrey Show*”. She has appeared on “*The Phil Donahue Show*”, “*Jenny Jones*”, and “*PBS Late Night*”. She has served as script consultant on nationally featured documentaries for the Public Broadcast System. She has hosted a radio call in talk show called “*Ask the Psychologist*”, on WXYT radio in Detroit, Michigan. In July, 2006, Dr. Parker participated as a psychologist expert in a PBS broadcast, “*Reclaiming the Village*”, a series of broadcasts addressing parenting issues in the African-American family featuring psychiatrist and Harvard University professor Dr. Alvin Poussaint.

Dr. Parker’s community activities have included memberships on the Advisory Boards of: the Arts League of Michigan, the Haven (a shelter for abused women and children), the American Red Cross, the Rehabilitation Institute at the Detroit Medical Center, and she is a member of the Steering Committee of the Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference Coalition at the Merrill Palmer Institute at Wayne State University.

Dr. Parker has received The Women of Wayne Award, The Metropolitan Detroit Teen Conference Award, The Spirit of Detroit Award, The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Award, and The YWCA Women in Perspective Award.

Professional organizations include the American Psychological Association, the Michigan Psychological Association, the Association for Imago Relationship Therapy (AIRT), and the Imago Relationship Therapy Association of Michigan.

Publications

Doctoral Dissertation: *Psychological Openness and the Facilitative Conditions: An Evaluation of a Selection and Training Procedure for Paraprofessional Personal Growth Group Leaders*

Waters, E., Fink, S., Goodman, J., & Parker, G. Strategies for Training Adult Counselors. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 1976, 6, 61-65.