

# Professional Disclosure Statement

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**Philosophy and Approach:** I believe that all people seek happiness and wish to avoid suffering and that all people have the right to pursue joy and freedom from pain. I believe that all people are capable of bringing constructive change into their lives, whatever their present circumstances. I view my job as providing a welcoming, supportive, safe, socially just, and competent space in which positive change can occur.

I employ an eclectic approach based on existential counseling theory, which seeks to help clients explore how the human condition impacts daily life; cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), which seeks to help clients explore how thoughts impact feelings and actions; and family systems theory, which helps couples and families in particular explore and improve relationship dynamics. When appropriate, I also draw from Tibetan Buddhist philosophy to deepen discussions about love, compassion, and happiness. When appropriate and with clients' permission, I make use of secular mindfulness and creative visualization techniques to support our discussions.

**Formal Education and Training:** I hold a Master of Science in Marital, Couple, and Family Counseling (2020) from Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. Major course work included human development, family life cycles, and counseling skills. I also hold a Master of Arts in Advanced Buddhist Studies (2009) from Maitripa College in Portland, Oregon. Major course work included Tibetan Buddhist philosophy, Tibetan language, and meditation. I have received special training in suicide assessment and prevention (2019) from Lines for Life in Portland, Oregon.

As a licensee of the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists (OBLPCT), I abide by its Code of Ethics. To maintain my license, I am required to participate in continuing education in subjects relevant to this profession.

**Fees:** My regular fee for individuals is \$175 per 55-minute session. My regular fee for families (i.e., two or more individuals) is \$175 per 55-minute session (or, \$263 per 85-minute session). My regular fee for therapeutic meditation and mindfulness instruction is \$175 per 55-minute session. Payments can be made through Ivy Pay. If Ivy Pay is inaccessible, other arrangements for payment can be made.

Although I have a limited number of sliding-scale and *pro bono* spots for those in need, please do not hesitate to inquire with me about the availability of those spots.

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- \* To obtain a copy of the Code of Ethics (Oregon Administrative Rules 833-100);
- \* To report complaints to the Board;
- \* To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
- \* To be assured of privacy and confidentiality while receiving services as defined by rule or law, with the following exceptions: 1) Reporting suspected child abuse; 2) Reporting imminent danger to you or others; 3) Reporting information required in court proceedings or by your insurance company, or other relevant agencies; 4) Providing information concerning licensee case consultation or supervision; and 5) Defending claims brought by you against me;
- \* To be free from discrimination because of age, color, culture, disability, ethnicity, national origin, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic status.

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