

East Carolina University
Department of Human Development and Family Science

Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) and Medical Family Therapy (MedFT) Core Faculty

Dr. Andrew S. Brimhall, LMFT



*MFT Program Director
Teaching Coordinator
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., Texas Tech University (2005)
M.S., Brigham Young University (2002)
B.S., Brigham Young University (2000)

Research Interests:

Understanding how families navigate relational transitions. These include: Divorce and Remarriage; Parent-child interactions; Attachment-based Couple and Family Interactions; Filial Play Therapy; Sexual Addictions and other Compulsive Behaviors; Trauma; and Qualitative Methodology

Dr. Kayla Reed Fitzke, LMFT



*MedFT Program Director
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., Florida State University (2017)
M.S., University of Kentucky (2013)
B.S., Virginia Tech (2011)

Research Interests:

Promotion of health during emerging adulthood, intersection of risk and resilience, military families, college student behavioral health, and role of relationships in health.

Dr. Jennifer Hodgson, LMFT



*Ph.D. Professional Development Coordinator
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., Iowa State University (1997)
M.S., Northern Illinois University (1994)
B.S., University of Akron (1992)

Research Interests:

Outcome studies on Medical Family Therapy, medical family therapy supervision and training, integrated behavioral health care, evidence-based research, Parkinson's disease and the family, and cross-cultural training and collaboration between family therapists and medical professionals.

Dr. Jakob F. Jensen, LMFT



*Supervision Coordinator
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., Auburn University (2014)
M.S., Auburn University (2010)
B.S., Brigham Young University (2007)

Research Interests:

Couples Communication and Social Networks, Disclosure of Romantic Challenges, Psychophysiology during Conflict, LGBTQ+ Romantic and Social Relationships

Dr. Angela Lamson, LMFT, CFLE



*Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Economic & Community Engagement
Diversity Coordinator
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., Iowa State University (1999)
M.S., Iowa State University (1996)
B.S., Iowa State University (1995)

Research Interests:

Medical Family Therapy, integrated behavioral health care, military marital health, healthcare policy, and compassion fatigue among providers.

Dr. Damon Rappleyea, LMFT



*M.S. Professional Development Coordinator
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., Texas Tech University (2009)
M.S., University of Oregon (2004)
B.S., Brigham Young University (2001)

Research Interests:

Intimate partner violence assessment and treatment, relationship education effectiveness, intersectionality in therapy, and MFT professional development

Dr. Erin Ness Roberts, LMFT



*Family Therapy Clinic Director
Internship Coordinator
AAMFT Approved Supervisor*

Education:

Ph.D., University of Louisville (2015)
MSSW-MFT, University of Louisville (2010)
B.A., Dickinson College (2004)

Research Interests:

Relationship education, Intimate Partner Violence etiology & interventions, relationship recovery, repair & rejuvenation