

## CURRICULUM VITA

**Erika D. Felix, Ph.D.**

### Education

2004	<u>Board of Psychology, California</u>	Licensed Psychologist (PSY 19677)
2002	<u>DePaul University</u>	Ph.D in Clinical-Community Psychology
1999	<u>DePaul University</u>	M.A. in Clinical-Community Psychology
1996	<u>University of Southern California</u>	B.A. Psychology with Honors (Magna Cum Laude)

### Current Employment

2004 – present	<u>Assistant Researcher, Center for School-Based Youth Development, University of California, Santa Barbara.</u> Current activities include the evaluation of First 5 funded programs which serve children ages 0-5 in Santa Barbara county; grant development related to children's recovery and resiliency post-disaster or violence, coordinating research studies related to school bullying, and consultation to community organizations on program evaluation.
2007	<u>Private Practice, Psych Plan, Santa Barbara, CA.</u> Contracted psychologist specializing in working with children and families who are coping with a variety of emotional and behavioral concerns.

### Honors and Awards

2006-2008	Research and Education in Disaster Mental Health Fellowship, Dartmouth College and the National Center on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. This is a mentorship program designed to foster the development of disaster mental health researchers.
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### Clinical Experience

2003-2004	<u>Postdoctoral Fellow, Casa Pacifica Crisis Care &amp; Residential Treatment Center, Camarillo, CA</u> Individual and family therapy as well as crisis services for youth with serious emotional and behavioral disorders who attend a therapeutic day school program, residential program, or foster care program. Additional responsibilities include clinical supervision of predoctoral interns, consulting to treatment teams, advocacy, psychological testing and assessment, and coordinating program evaluation efforts. Full-time.
2001-2002	<u>Predoxal Intern, Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center, Los Angeles</u> Individual and family therapy with children and families, crisis intervention counseling, group therapy with youth with serious mental illness, psychological

assessment and report writing, diagnostic intake assessments, school-based psychoeducational program on dating violence for adolescents, program evaluation of dating violence prevention program. Full-time.

- 2000-2001 Extern, DePaul University Counseling Services, Chicago  
Individual therapy with university students, intake assessments, walk-in crisis hours, workshops on time and stress management, psychoeducational program on the responsible use of alcohol, and women and self-esteem group. Part-time.
- 1996-1999 Practicum Counselor, DePaul Community Mental Health Center, Chicago.  
Individual and family therapy with children and families, psychological assessment, school consultation and observation, school-based conflict resolution group, community-based adolescent girls' group, and case management. Part-time.

### **Professional and Community Service Activities**

#### **International:**

- August, 2005 Trainer, Psychosocial Interventions for Children Post-Disaster. Presented at the Consortium of Humanitarian Affairs, August 1-3, Colombo, Sri Lanka and Sarvodaya, August 4-6, Matera, Sri Lanka. Sponsored by Operation USA.
- Jan-Feb, 2005 Project coordinator of disaster mental health humanitarian volunteer team serving child tsunami survivors and training local counselors, Operation USA, Galle & Jaffna, Sri Lanka.
- April, 2004 Guest lecture on "Treatment of Childhood Sexual Abuse," Belarussian Pedagogical University, Minsk, Belarus.
- Nov, 2002 Guest lecture on "Special Education Services in the United States" and assisted in student supervision. Kristianstad University, Sweden.

#### **United States:**

- 2005-2007 American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Volunteer
- 2005-2007 Committee Member, Santa Barbara County Disaster Mental Health Workgroup
- June, 2006 KZSB Radio Interview on School Bullying and Disaster Mental Health
- Nov., 2005 & Dec. 2006 "School Bullying: Prevalence, Outcomes, and Prevention." Family Services Agency, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2005 Co-Editor of Special Issue of *Journal of School Violence* on the evaluation of the Safe School/Healthy Students Initiative.

August, 2005 Public Policy and Advocacy Training Sponsored by the American Psychological Association. Received training in public policy advocacy for psychologist and participated in Capitol Hill visits to discuss legislative issues.

Felix, E.D. (2005). Disaster Mental Health Relief Efforts for Children in Sri Lanka.

Presentation delivered at:

- Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, 4/1/05
- Family Services Agency, Santa Barbara, 4/11/05
- Annual California Disaster Mental Health Response Network Meeting, Los Angeles, 4/30/05
- Santa Barbara Disaster Mental Health Network meeting, 5/6/05
- University of California, Santa Barbara, Grand Rounds (268BS & 268KS), 5/6/05
- Santa Barbara Psychological Association Annual Dinner, 6/24/05

August, 2002 Co-chair of symposium on School Violence: Consequences, Intervention and Evaluation, 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

January, 2001 Guest lecture on “Peer Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools” for Psychology of the Exceptional Child, DePaul University, January 30, 2001.

May, 1999 In-Service presentation to DePaul Community Mental Health Center on “Peer Victimization in Schools” May 19, 1999.

### **Teaching Experience**

Winter, 2007 Instructor, Developmental Psychopathology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2003-2005 Part-time Adjunct Faculty, Advanced Behavior Disorders, California State University at Northridge.

Fall, 2000 Instructor, Explore Chicago, First Year Program, DePaul University.

Winter, 2000 Instructor, Psychology of Women, DePaul University.

### **Research Interests**

My research interests are in the areas of in improving intervention and prevention services for youth. This encompasses both original research in the area of children’s recovery post trauma and also on school bullying, as well as several program evaluation projects for community-based organization serving youth and families. A list of research, consultation, and grant experience is available upon request.

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- Felix, E.D.**, Furlong, M.J. & Austin, G. (Under Review). A cluster analytic investigation of school violence among diverse students.
- McMahon, S.D., **Felix, E.D.**, Petropoulos, L.A.N., & Halpert, J. (Under Review). Exposure to violence and aggression among urban adolescents: Normative beliefs and self-efficacy as mediators.
- Felix, E.D.**, Furlong, M.J., Sharkey, J.D., & Osher, D. (2007). Implications for evaluating multi-component, complex prevention initiatives: Taking guidance from the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. *Journal of School Violence*, 6, 3-22.
- Felix, E.D.** & McMahon, S.D. (2007). The role of gender in peer victimization among youth: A study of incidence, interrelations, and social cognitive correlates. *Journal of School Violence*. 6.
- Felix, E.D.** & McMahon, S.D. (2006). Gender and multiple forms of peer victimization: How do they influence adolescent psychosocial adjustment? *Violence & Victims*, 21 707-724.
- Budd, K.S., **Felix, E.D.**, Sweet, S., Saul, A., & Carleton, R. (2006). Evaluating parents in child protection decisions: An innovative court-based clinic model. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 37, 666-675.
- Pyle, S., Sharkey, J., Yetter, G., **Felix, E.D.**, Furlong, M.J., & Poston, W.S.C. (2006). Fighting an epidemic: The role of school psychologists in reducing childhood obesity. *Psychology in the Schools*, 43, 361-376.
- Budd, K.S., Naik-Polan, A.T., **Felix, E.D.**, Massey, L.P., & Eisle, H. (2004). Legal use of mental health evaluation in child protection proceedings: An empirical analysis. *Family Law Review*, 42, 629-640.
- Felix, E.D.**, Kelly, A.O., Poindexter, L.M., & Budd, K.S. (2003). Cross-generational parenting influences on the psychosocial functioning of adolescent mothers in substitute care. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 18, 154-168.
- Tracy, R.J., Greco, N., **Felix, E.**, & Kilburg, D.F. III (2003). Reframing and wisdom within proverbs. *Imagination, Cognition, & Personality*, 22, 117-162.
- Budd, K.S., **Felix, E.D.**, Poindexter, L.M., Naik-Polan, A.T., & Sloss, C.F. (2002). Clinical assessment of children in child protection cases: An empirical analysis. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 33, 3-12.

Budd, K.S., Poindexter, L.M., **Felix, E.D.**, & Naik-Polan, A. (2001). Clinical assessment of parents in child protection cases: An empirical analysis. *Law & Human Behavior*, 25, 97-112.

McMahon, S.D., Washburn, J., **Felix, E.D.**, Yakin, J., & Childrey, G. (2000). Violence prevention: Program effects on urban preschool and kindergarten children. *Applied and Preventive Psychology*, 9, 271-281.

*Book Chapters and Other Publications (Peer Reviewed Items are Indicated)*

**Felix, E.D.** & Green, J.G. (In Press). The role of gender in bullying and victimization experiences. In S.R. Jimerson, S.M. Swearer, & D.L. Espelage (Eds.) *The International Handbook of School Bullying*. Routledge, NY.

Furlong, M.J., Sharkey, J.D. **Felix, E.D.**, Tanigawa, D. & Green, J.G. (In Press). Bullying assessment: A call for increased precision of self-reporting procedures. In S.R. Jimerson, S.M. Swearer, & D.L. Espelage (Eds.) *The International Handbook of School Bullying*. Routledge, NY.

**Felix, E.D.** & Furlong, M.J. (In Press). Best practices in bullying prevention. In A. Thomas & J. Grimes (Eds.) *Best Practices in School Psychology*, Vol. 5.

**Felix, E.D.** (2007). Teachers on the front line helping children recover. "All the DRT": *The Newsletter of the Child & Family Disaster Research Training and Education Initiative*, 3 (1), np.

**Felix, E.D.**, Bond, D., & Shelby, J.S. (2006). Coping with disaster: Psychosocial interventions for children in international disaster relief. In Schaefer, C.S & Kaduson, H. (Eds.) *Contemporary Play Therapy*. New York: Guilford Press.

Furlong, M. J., **Felix, E. D.**, Sharkey, J. D., Larson, J. (2005). Prevention of school violence: Planning for safe and engaging schools. *Principals Bulletin*, 6(1), 11-15.

Shelby, J.S. & **Felix, E.D.** (2005). Posttraumatic play therapy: The need for an integrated model of directive and non-directive approaches. In L. Reddy & C. Schaefer (Eds.) *Empirically-Based Play Interventions for Children*, American Psychological Association Press: Washington, D.C; pp.79-104.—Peer Reviewed.

Hosek, S.G., **Felix, E.D.**, & Jason, L.A. (1998). The voices of a community: Community building for people with AIDS [Review of The Fragile Community: Living Together with AIDS]. *Contemporary Psychology*, 42, 1004-1005.

*Technical Reports*

**Felix, E.D.** & Sodano, S. (2006). *Ventura County Children and Family Services Systems & Data Assessment Consultation*. Report submitted to Children and Family Services, Ventura County, CA.

- Felix, E.D.**, Sharkey, J.,D., Furlong, M.J., & Gerula, K. (2006). *Survey of Prevention and Intervention Programs and Activities in Santa Barbara County Schools: Grades K-8*. Report submitted to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission of Santa Barbara County, CA.
- Furlong, M.J., **Felix, E.D.**, Simental, J., Greif, J., Klein, A., Gonzalez, M. & Austin, G. (2005). *Dating violence patterns in California adolescents*. Report submitted to the California Office of the Attorney General.
- Furlong, M J., Sharkey, J. D., **Felix, E. D.**, Tanigawa, D., & Nowinski, L. (2005). *Recommendations regarding best practices in communication between mental health staff, families, youths, and teachers*. Technical report developed under contract for the California State Department of Mental Health and the California Institute for Mental Health. Sacramento, CA. (Best Practices Report)
- Felix, E.D.** (2003). *Prenatal and Early Alcohol and Other Drug Exposure among County Foster Youth*. Report submitted to Ventura County Human Services Agency.

### **Professional Presentations**

- Felix, E.D.** (June, 2007). Violence exposure and aggression: Social cognitive mediators for urban youth. Presented at the *11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action*. Pasadena, CA.
- Felix, E.D.**, You, S., Furlong, M.J., & Austin, G. (June, 2007). Peer victimization within the ethnic context of the school. Presented at the *11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action*. Pasadena, CA.
- Greif Green, J., **Felix, E. D.**, Furlong, M. J., & Taylor, L. (March, 2007). The relationship between bullying and posttraumatic stress. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development. Boston, MA.
- Furlong, M., Sharkey, J., Tanigawa, D., **Felix, E.**, & Greif-Green, J. (March, 2007). Multi-Gating School Bullying Victimization Assessment./ Paper presented and ant annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists, New York.
- Furlong, M.J., Greif-Green, J., **Felix, E.D.**, Sharkey, J.D., Tanigawa, D. (September, 2006). Development of a Multi-Gating Bullying Victimization Assessment. Presented at the *Hamilton-Fish Institute Conference: Persistently Safe Schools*, Washington, DC.
- Felix, E.D.** (November, 2005). Lessons learned from tsunami relief efforts in Sri Lanka. Presented as part of a symposium on *Disaster Mental Health Relief in the Real World* at the *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies*, Toronto, Canada.

- Felix, E.D.**, Furlong, M.J., & Austin, G. (August, 2005). School violence, outcomes, and protective factors among diverse students. Paper presented at the *113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association*, Washington, DC.
- Felix, E.D.** & McMahon, S. (August, 2002). Bullying and sexual harassment among middle school students. Paper presented at the *110<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association*, Chicago.
- Budd, K.S. & **Felix, E.D.** (August, 2001). Reforming the use of parental evaluations in child protection decisions. Paper presented at the *109<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association*, San Francisco.
- Felix, E.D.**, Naik-Polan, A., Sloss, C., Poindexter, L., & Budd, K.S. (May, 2000). Empirical analysis of clinical evaluations of children in the child protection system: The role of age and gender. Poster presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago.
- Felix, E.D.** & McMahon, S.D. (May, 2000). Sex and aggression: Similarities and differences among males and females. Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association*, Chicago.
- Budd, K.S., Poindexter, L.M., **Felix, E.D.**, & Polan, A.N. (November, 1999). Qualitative analysis of parent evaluations in child welfare and legal contexts. Paper presented at *Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Conference*, Toronto, Canada.
- Felix, E.D.**, Kelly, A.O., Poindexter, L.M., & Budd, K.S. (November, 1999). The second generation effects of adolescent parenthood on the psychosocial functioning of adolescent mothers in the child welfare system. Paper presented at the *127<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association*, Chicago
- McMahon, S.D., Childrey, G., Washburn, J., Lugo, E., Karderas, E., **Felix, E.**, Yakin, J. (August, 1999). Violence Prevention: Program Effects on Urban Preschool and Kindergarten Children. Poster presented at the *107<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association*, Boston, MA.
- Tracy, R.J., **Felix, E.**, Greco, N., & Peronse, J.S. (1999, April). A study of proverbs in terms of reframing and imagery. Paper presented at the *20<sup>th</sup> Conference for the American Association of Mental Imagery*, Orlando, FL.
- Yakin, J., Washburn, J., **Felix, E.**, Lyles, C., McMahon, S., & Lugo, E. (October, 1998). Evaluating school-based violence-prevention strategy: Successes and areas for improvement. Paper presented at the *Midwestern Eco-Community Conference*, Oregon, IL.
- Felix, E.D.** (February, 1998). Antecedent parenting and substitute care experience as determinants of current parenting stress. Paper presented as part of a poster symposium

on Adolescent Motherhood in the Context of State Substitute Care: Antecedents, Correlates, and Outcomes, by Budd, K.S., Kelly, A.O., Choe, J.H. and Felix, E.D., at the *Society for Research on Adolescence Conference*, San Diego, CA.

### **Editorial Activities**

Reviewer, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*

Reviewer, *Anxiety, Stress, & Coping: An International Journal*

Reviewer, *Children, Youth, and Environments*

### **Professional Associations**

American Psychological Association

International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies

Society for Community Research and Action