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PUBLICATIONS:

Ross, D. B., & Coams, E. (2018). The Impact of Psychological Trauma on Finance: Narrative Financial Therapy Considerations in Exploring Complex Trauma and Impaired Financial Decision Making. *Journal of Financial Therapy*, 9 (2) 4. <https://doi.org/10.4148/1944-9771.1174>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

Coams, E. O. 2018. Continuum of Care in Financial Services. Association of Financial Planning Counseling and Education Annual Conference. Norfolk, VA. Nov. 14 – 16.

Archuleta, K. & Coams, E. O. 2018. Family Financial Therapy: An Introduction. Society for Financial Education and Professional Development Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA. Sep. 14.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Coams, E. O. & Ross, D. B. 2018. The Impact of Psychological Trauma on Finance: Narrative Financial Therapy Considerations in Exploring Complex Trauma and Impaired Decision Making. Poster presentation. Association of Financial Planning Counseling and Education Annual Conference. Nov. 14 – 16, Norfolk, VA.

Coams, E. O., Ford, M. & Archuleta, K. 2017. What Does Money Have To Do With It? Building A Bridge Between MFT's and Personal Finance Professionals. American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA. Oct. 5 – 7.

Coams, E. O., 2016. Family Systems and Financial Therapy. Financial Therapy Association Annual Conference. Asheville, NC. May 9 – 11.

Coams, E. O., 2015. Social Class as Diversity In Financial Therapy. Financial Therapy Association Annual Conference. Los Cabos, Mexico. July 9 – 11.

Coams, E. O., 2014. Exploring The Role Of Religious World View in Financial Therapy. Financial Therapy Association Annual Conference. Nashville, TN. Oct. 16 – 17.

EXPERIENCE:

Founder/ Consultant/ Marriage Counselor

Carolinas Couples Counseling
October 2014 - Present

- Specialized couples counseling and financial therapy
- Presenter at national therapy conferences on topics related to financial therapy
- Create and conduct custom presentations for churches, financial planning groups, businesses

Counseling Intern

Agape Christian Counseling
September 2013 – April 2014

- Counseled couples on a wide range of presenting interpersonal and intrapersonal concerns
- Assessed individuals for levels of psychological functioning and provided appropriate therapy
- Contributed to the growth and clarification of organizational values

Counseling Intern

Forest Hill Church
May 2012 – May 2013

- Engaged and provided individual clients with empathetic client centered therapy
- Provided emotionally focused and solution focused couples therapy
- Led therapy group on forming and maintaining healthy boundaries

High Net Worth Client Services Representative

Vanguard Mutual Funds
January 2007 – August 2010

- Built and strengthened relationships through excellent inbound and outbound client calls
- Listened to clients to understand their financial needs

Kiva Fellow

Kiva (www.kiva.org)
September 2009 – January 2010

- Strengthened relationship between Kiva Microfinance and Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation
- Interviewed microfinance clients to uncover their needs and challenges

Account Representative

Hinrichs Flanagan Financial Services
August 2006 – November 2006

- Worked with senior planners to develop client financial plans
- Networked with professional organizations to build new relationships

Professional Firefighter

City of Sugar Land Fire Department

July 2001 – July 2006

- Responded to emergency fire, rescue, and medical situations
- Educated children on proper fire safety procedures

EDUCATION/ CERTIFICATIONS:

Ph.D. Student in Financial Planning (Financial Therapy Concentration)

Kansas State University

Estimated Completion: May 2021

Master of Arts in Christian Counseling

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

May 2014

Master of Business Administration (Finance Concentration)

McColl School of Business, Queens University

May 2009

Bachelor of Science, Management

University of Houston at Clear Lake

May 2006

Certified Financial Planner® #156941

March 2011

Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist North Carolina #1985

October 2014

Certified Financial Therapist-Level I™

December 2019