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Consulting Professor, Duke University School of Medicine 12/2009-present
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Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences, Førde, Norway

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PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Consulting Associate Professor, Duke University Medical Center 5/2004-11/2009
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Clinical Assistant Professor, Duke University Medical Center, 3/1984-6/2000
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Director, Behavioral Health Program, Duke University Diet & Fitness Center 1984-1999

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Private practice 2000-2024
Rice Diet Program, psychoeducational groups, Durham, NC 2000-2014
Duke Diet and Fitness Center psychoeducational groups, Durham, NC 2011-2012
Duke University Diet and Fitness Center, all aspects of clinical treatment 1984-2000

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Trinity College, Hartford, CT
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B.A. in Psychology
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PUBLICATIONS

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