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EDUCATION
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2007	Ph.D.	Clinical Psychology	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
2001	M.A.	Clinical Psychology	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
1996	B.S	Psychology, Biology	Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York  Summa cum laude with Honors in Psychology; class valedictorian
1988	B.A.	Liberal Arts	Fordham University, New York, New York

# APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012-present	Clinical Psychologist	Private clinical practice
2012-present	Instructor of Psychology in Psychiatry	Department of Psychiatry Weill Cornell Medical College
2012-present	Medical Staff	New York Presbyterian Hospital / Weill Cornell Medical Center
2007-2011	Postdoctoral Associate	Program for Anxiety and Traumatic Stress Studies (PATSS) Department of Psychiatry, Weill Cornell Medical College.
2007-2011	Clinical Fellow	New York Presbyterian Hospital / Weill Cornell Medical Center
2006-2007	Clinical Psychology Intern	Payne Whitney Clinic, Weill Cornell Medical College New York Presbyterian Hospital.
2005-2006	Clinical Psychology Extern	St. Charles Hospital & Rehabilitation Center Port Jefferson, New York
2003-2005	Instructor	School of Health Technology and Management Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York
2003-2005	Research Consultant	Department of Geriatric Education, College of Medicine Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York
2000-2004	Education Associate	Department of Family Medicine, College of Medicine Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Patient Centered Care Grant. New York Presbyterian Hospital Burn Center. (2011)

Scholar. National Institute of Minority Health Disparities (NIMHD/NIH). Translational Health Disparities Two Week Course: Integrating Principles of Science, Practice, and Policy in Health Disparities Research (Bethesda, MD, 2011)

Scholar. Summer Research Institute in Geriatric Mental Health (SRI). Weill Cornell Medical College, Westchester, NY (2011)

Research Planning Grant. Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC); Weill Cornell Medical College (2008)

Research Excellence Award. Payne Whitney Faculty Council; NY Presbyterian Hospital -Weill Cornell Medical College (2007)

President's Award to a Distinguished Doctoral Student. Stony Brook University Commencement (2007)

NRSA Predoctoral Training Grant. National Institute for Mental Health (2005-2006)

Excellence in Advanced Research Award. Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society (2006)

Excellence in Service Award. Psi Chi, National Psychology Honor Society (2005)

Clara Mayo Dissertation Award for Research on Racism, Sexism and Health Disparities. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (APA; 2004)

### SPECIALIZED CLINICAL TRAINING

Postdoctoral training in the assessment and treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Assessed and treated survivors of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, including civilians, utility workers, and members of the fire and police department. Assessed and treated OIF/OEF veterans as well as burn victims and victims of other traumas such as assaults, accidents, and kidnapping.

April 2009 Certificate of Training: Prolonged Exposure for the Treatment of Trauma

Edna Foa, Ph.D. Center of the Treatment and Study of Anxiety at the University of Pennsylvania

January 2007 Schema Therapy for Borderline Personality Disorder

Cognitive Therapy Center of New York -- Jeffrey Young, Ph.D.

May 2005 Psychological First Aid in the Event of a Disaster

St. Charles Hospital and Rehabilitation Center with Suffolk County Psychological Association

Port Jefferson, New York

#### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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1/2012-present Private clinical practice specializing in stress reduction and the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other anxiety disorders as well as the treatment of psychological symptoms in individuals with medical illnesses such as heart disease, cancer, auto-immune disorders and other medical illnesses.

2007- present Group facilitator & therapist. Weill Cornell Medical College / New York Presbyterian Hospital Burn Center. Conduct weekly support group for parents and other caregivers of children hospitalized at the Burn Center. Developed treatment protocol and manual for use on the Burn Center and in other in-patient pediatric settings

2007-2011 Therapist. Weill Cornell Medical College / New York Presbyterian Hospital Burn Center. Utilized an interdisciplinary team approach to assess and treat psychological symptoms in adult burn victims.

2010-2012 Therapist. Conducted individual, family, and couples counseling with OIF/OEF veteran soldiers of the National Guard.

2008-2011 Co-leader. Assisted in the development and presentation of a series of full-day stress-reduction workshops held at National Guard Military Bases.

Therapist for two randomized clinical trials. Program for Anxiety and Traumatic Stress Studies (PATSS). Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Conducted 12-15 session manualized prolonged exposure therapy with patients who meet criteria for PTSD. Imaginal prolonged exposure was utilized in one Trial while virtual reality prolonged exposure was utilized in the second Trial.

2006-2007 Psychology Intern. Payne Whitney Clinic, New York Presbyterian Hospital. Weill Cornell Medical College. Provided weekly individual cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT) to outpatients. Conducted comprehensive psychiatric assessments and full-battery neuropsychological assessments of inpatients and outpatients.

2006-2007 Group facilitator. Co-led weekly support group for patients with coronary heart disease.

Psychology Extern. St. Charles Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, Port Jefferson, New York. The Center follows a comprehensive multidisciplinary model of rehabilitation and treats patients with neurological conditions, developmental delays, traumatic brain injury, and other medical conditions.

Conducted brief assessments and psychotherapy with medically ill inpatient adults and adults who were hospitalized as a result of injury. Assessed traumatic brain injury and conducted full-battery neuropsychological assessments of children and adults for diagnostic and rehabilitative purposes.

2002-2005 Therapist. Stony Brook University Psychological Center. Provided time-limited and long-term outpatient services to adults, children and families utilizing integrative interventions including cognitive-behavioral, psychodynamic, experiential, and family systems.

Therapist. University Counseling Center. Provided time-limited and long-term psychological services to undergraduate and graduate students utilizing a psychodynamic and interpersonal-relations model of psychotherapy.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2007-2011	Instructor. Anxiety Disorders in Primary Care; Weill Cornell Medical College
2003-2005	Instructor. Research Methods and Design. School of Health Technology and Management Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York
2000-2005	Instructor/Mentor. Independent Research in Psychology; Junior/Senior Level Tutorial Department of Psychology, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York
2001	Instructor. Statistics Lab; School of Health Technology and Management Stony Brook University Medical Center
2001	Instructor. Human Cognition Laboratory; Department of Psychology, Stony Brook University
2000	Instructor. Health Psychology; Department of Psychology, Stony Brook University

#### **ABSTRACTS and PRESENTATIONS**

Chiaramonte, G.R., Renton, F.G., Yurt, R.W., Cukor, J., and Difede, J. (2013). Examining the Feasibility and Acceptability of an Intervention to Reduce Stress and Improve Coping in Caregivers of Children Hospitalized in the Burn Center. Accepted for presentation at the American Burn Association Annual Meeting, Palm Springs CA, April 23-26 2013.

Cukor J., Frielingsdorf H., Wyka K., Soliman F., Libby V., Powers A., Chiaramonte G.R., Leahy N., Lee F., Casey B.J., Difede J., Yurt R. (2013). A translational model for the risk of posttraumatic stress disorder following burn injury. Accepted for presentation at the American Burn Association Annual Meeting, Palm Springs CA, April 23-26 2013.

Chiaramonte, G.R., Jayasinghe, N., Cukor, J., Difede, J. (April 2012). Use of Virtual Reality in Treating Posttraumatic Stress Disorder with an Older Patient: Preliminary Evidence for Acceptability and Utility. Paper presentation included in Clinical Symposium: Intervention for Trauma and Stress in Later Life. 32nd Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA) Annual Conference (Arlington, VA).

Olden, M., Rabinowitz, L., Cukor, J., Wyka, K., Chiaramonte, G.R., Mello, B., Difede, J. (November, 2012). Telemedicine Treatment Delivery Strategies to Reduce Barriers to Care for Veterans With PTSD. Paper presentation included in Clinical Symposium: Overcoming Barriers to Care: Innovations in Outreach, Education and Treatment to Increase Mental Health Care Utilization Among Returning OIF/OEF Military Service Members and Their Families. 28th Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) (Los Angeles, CA).

Jayasinghe, N., Chiaramonte, G., Wilbur, K., Stevens, B., Bruce, M., & Difede, J. (April, 2012). Intervention for disabling anxiety in older adults injured by falls. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, Arlington, VA.

Chiaramonte, G.R. Friend, R., and DiFede, J. (April 2012). Patient's Gender and Stress Influence Physicians' Recommendation for Medications in CHD Patients. Poster presented at 32nd Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA) Annual Conference (Arlington, VA).

Chiaramonte, G. R., Friend, R., Jaffe, A., Wyka, K., Lansky, A., Trilling, J., DiFede, J. (April 2009). Gender Bias in Primary Care Physicians' (PCPs) Recall, Interpretation, and Attribution of CHD Symptoms: A Test of Two Hypotheses. Society of Behavioral Medicine 30th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions Montreal, Quebec (CA)

Chiaramonte, G. R., Friend, R., Jaffe, A. Wyka, K., Lansky, A., Trilling, J., DiFede, J. (April 2009). Gender Bias in the Referral for Cardiac Diagnostic Tests: An Experimental Study with Primary Care Physicians. Society of Behavioral Medicine 30th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions Montreal, Quebec (CA)

Chiaramonte, G. R., Friend, R., Lansky, A., Jaffe, A. (April 2008). Are Atypical Symptoms Responsible for the Underdiagnosis of Heart Disease in Women? A Randomized Study of Family Physicians. Society of Behavioral Medicine 29th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions. (San Diego, CA)

Chiaramonte, G.R., Friend, R., Lansky, A.J., Jaffe, A. S., Weitzman, G., Trilling, J. S., Meyer, B.R., Evans, S., DiFede, J. (2008) Gender Bias in the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Interpretation of Coronary Heart Disease Symptom. Presented at the 20th Annual Scientific Symposium of Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT). (Washington, DC)

Mutz, L., Chiaramonte, G.R., & Friend, R. (2005). Gender Bias in Medical School Textbooks. Presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 26th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions (Boston, MA).

Chiaramonte, G.R. & Friend, R. (2004). Influence of Patient Gender and Presentation of Symptoms on Medical Students' Confidence in Patient Assessment. Presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 25th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions (Baltimore, MD)

Chiaramonte, G.R. & Friend, R. (2004). Gender Bias in Medical Students' Recommendation for Cardiac Surgery and Hospitalization in CHD Patients. Presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 25th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions (Baltimore, MD)

#### **WORKSHOPS and INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Jayasinghe, N. and Chiaramonte, G.R. (April 2012). Coping with Injury and Chronic Illness: The Science and Practice of Optimism. Workshops conducted at the Health Outreach Center. New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY.

Jayasinghe, N. and Chiaramonte, G. (December 1, 2011 and March 10, 2011). Coping with Injury and Chronic Illness: The Science and Practice of Optimism. Workshops conducted at the Myra Mahon Patient Resource Center, New York NY.

Jayasinghe, N. and Chiaramonte, G. (January 12, 2011). Coping with Injury and Chronic Illness: The Science and Practice of Optimism. Workshop conducted at The Hospital for Special Surgery, New York NY.

Chiaramonte, G. and Cancellare, D. (November 10, 2010 and April 15, 2011). Stress Management and Health. Workshops conducted for members of the Army National Guard. Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY.

Chiaramonte, G. and Cancellare, D. (December 3, 2010 and January 26, 2011) Cognitions and Stress: How our Thoughts Influence our Feelings, Behavior, and Health. Workshops conducted for members of the Army National Guard. Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY.

Chiaramonte, G. and Cancellare, D. (September 1, 2010 March 16, 2011) December 3, 2010 and January 26, 2011) Improving Communication to Reduce Stress. Workshops conducted for members of the Army National Guard. Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY.

Jayasinghe, N. and Chiaramonte, G. (January 5, 2010 and March 16, 2010). Managing Anger. Workshops conducted for members of the Army National Guard. JFK International Airport, Brooklyn, NY.

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2009). Gender Disparities in Physicians' Assessment of Coronary Heart Disease: The Role of Patients' Stress and Psychological Symptoms. Psychiatry Grand Rounds. Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2009). Gender Differences in Cardiovascular Disease: Fact or Fiction? New York Methodist Hospital, Cardiology Division. (New York, NY)

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2008). Understanding Gender Disparities in the Assessment and Treatment of Coronary Heart Disease. TCT – Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics International Conference. Sponsored by the Cardiovascular Research Foundation. (Washington, DC)

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2008). Gender Bias in the Assessment of Coronary Heart Disease. NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities; NCMHD Centers of Excellence on Health Disparities Research. (National Harbor, MD)

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2008). Gender Disparities in Cardiac Treatment. Conference on Gender Differences in Cardiovascular Device Trials. Sponsored by the FDA. (Silver Springs, MD)

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2007). Optimizing the Medical Care of Women with Heart Disease. Twentieth Annual Scientific Symposium of Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT). Sponsored by the Cardiovascular Research Foundation. (Washington, DC)

Chiaramonte, G. R. (2006). How Psychosocial Factors Influence the Diagnosis and Treatment of Women with CHD Eighteenth Annual Scientific Symposium of Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT). (Washington, DC).

Jaffe, A., Chiaramonte, G.R., Levine, N., & Van Moorsal, T. (2002). An Evidence-Based Medicine Teaching Module for Family Medicine Clerks. Symposium presented at The Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA).

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Chiaramonte, G.R., Friend, R., Jaffe, A., Trilling, J., Lansky, A., Meyer, R., Jones, Evans, S., E., Weitzman, G., Difede, J. (in review) The Influence of Patient's Gender and Anxiety on Primary Care Physicians' Diagnosis, Treatment, and Interpretation of CHD Symptoms

Chiaramonte, G.R., Friend, R., Lansky, A.J., Jaffe, A., Trilling J., Weitzman, Jones, E.C., G., Evans, S., Meyer, B. R., (in preparation). Gender Bias in the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Interpretation of CHD Symptoms: Two Experimental Studies with Internists and Family Physicians.

Chiaramonte, G.R., Friend, R., Evans, S. (in preparation). Does Stress Attribution Explain Gender Bias in the Assessment of CHD? Two Experimental Studies with Internists and Family Physicians.

Chiaramonte, G.R., Friend, R., Wyka, K. Jones, E.C., Evans, S., Meyer, B.R. (in preparation) Gender Bias in the referral of Patients Presenting CHD symptoms for Cardiac-specific diagnostic tests.

Chiaramonte, G.R. & Friend, R. (2006). Medical Students' and Residents' Gender Bias in the Diagnosis, Treatment, and Interpretation of CHD Symptoms. *Health Psychology*, 25 (3), 255-266.

Jayasinghe, N. Chiaramonte, G., Stevens, B., & Wilbur, K. (2010). Back on my feet Unpublished patient handbook accompanying manualized treatment for older adults injured by falls. Weill Medical College, New York, NY.

Research has been featured in NY Times, Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, USA Today, CNN, Fortune Magazine, Heart and Soul and various other local, national, and international news sources

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2007-2011 Therapist in two Randomized Clinical Trials. Conducted manualized treatment of PTSD.

- (1) D-cycloserine Enhanced Imaginal Exposure Therapy for PTSD.
- (2) D-Cycloserine Enhanced Virtual Exposure Therapy for PTSD
- Dissertation. As part of a 2x2 between-subjects factorial design, N-87 Internists and N=285 family physicians participated in an experimental study examining the influence of patients' gender, stress, and psychological symptoms on physicians' diagnosis, treatment, and interpretation of coronary heart disease (CHD) symptoms.
- 2000-2002 Research Assistant. Comprehensive Pain & Rehabilitation Center; Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, Stony Brook University. Assisted in the development of an interactive software program for patients with low back pain.
- 2000-2003 Research Assistant. Department of Behavioral Medicine Stony Brook University
  Assisted in the investigation of personality factors contributing to the development of chronic pain for the purpose of developing assessment tools and targeted treatment initiatives.

# **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 1997-2001 Teaching Assistant. Department of Family Medicine, Stony Brook University College of Medicine Course: Introduction to Human Behavior (IHB)
- 1989-1992 Citizens' Campaign for the Environment (CCE)
  CCE is a non-profit lobbying organization working to protect Long Island's aquifers and coastal waters.

Responsibilities: Trained/supervised staff of up to 70, participated in program development, assisted in the development and organization of fundraising events. Traveled to and worked with affiliated organizations throughout the United States including Minneapolis Park Lovers, Ohio Citizen Action, and Indiana's Citizen Action Coalition.

# **AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER**

Journal of Women's Health Journal of Geriatric Medicine

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Heart Association (AHA)
Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA)
New York Cognitive Therapy Association (NY-CBT)
American Psychological Association (APA)
Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (ABCT)

#### SPECIAL SKILLS

Native fluency in Italian. Working knowledge of Spanish.