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### **Education**

09/76-06/77	Advanced Professionals Program in Family Therapy, Family Institute of Cambridge Cambridge, MA
09/73-06/76	Ph.D., Clinical-Community Psychology, Boston University Boston, MA
09/70-06/72	M.A., Clinical-Community Psychology, Boston University Boston, MA
09/66-06/70	B.A., Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, Northwestern University Evanston, IL

### **Licensure & Certification**

2007 - Present	Psychologist, State of Rhode Island – PS01045
2005 - 2015	Fellow in Thanatology: Death, Dying, & Bereavement, Association for Death Education and Counseling – Recertified in 2012.
2003	Certified in Thanatology: Death, Dying, & Bereavement, Association for Death Education and Counseling
1997	Certified Grief Therapist, Association for Death Education and Counseling
1992 - 2005	Marriage & Family Therapist - #388 Commonwealth of Massachusetts
1979 - 2011	Health Care Provider, National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology
1977 - Present	Psychologist, Commonwealth of Massachusetts - #1936 Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### **Professional Experience**

1980 - Present	Private Practice, Pawtucket, RI & Wellesley, MA
2006 – Present	Clinical Consultant & Lead Trainer, Samaritans of Boston - Grief Support Services.

	Lead clinician in developing an innovative outreach program for suicide survivors, including a home visit outreach team, bereavement support groups, and other support services for survivors of suicide loss. The services are built around the use of trained survivor volunteers to provide outreach and support to new suicide survivors.
2006 – Present	Professional Advisor – Survivor Council – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
2002 – Present	Lead Trainer, Suicide Survivor Support Group Facilitator Training. Lead clinician in developing a two day training for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Presented at numerous locations nationally since 2002. Also developed a self-study package for facilitators that includes a training manual and accompanying video.
2000 - 2002	Director, The Suicide Grief Support Program. A comprehensive program of support, education, and programatic research for suicide survivors. Located at The Trauma Center, Arbour Health System, Allston, MA.
1986 - 2007	Founder and Director, The Family Loss Project, Sherborn, MA. Clinical and research program providing prevention oriented bereavement services in the Eastern Massachusetts area. Provide individual, couple and family grief counseling, and run several bereavement support groups, including Young-Widow/Widowers, Suicide Survivors, Traumatic (Sudden) Loss Survivors, Adults Grieving the Death of a Parent, and Bereaved Parents Support Groups. Engaged in a research program to develop the Grief Evaluation Measure (GEM), a new measure designed to provide an assessment of a client’s current grief response, as well as their risk for the development of a complicated mourning response.
1997 - 1999	Adjunct Faculty, Funeral Institute of the North East , Westwood, MA.
1996 - 2004	Founding Partner, The Sturbridge Group, Harvard, MA Training and consultation consortium working with human service providers who deal with death, dying, and bereavement in their professional roles.
1988 - 1997	Founding Partner, Family Development Associates, Framingham, MA. Family oriented group private practice.
1983 - 1986	Family Therapy Supervisor, Franciscan Children’s Hospital, Brighton, MA.
1977-1980	Staff Psychologist, People Care, Inc., Natick, MA.
1974 - 1977	Staff Psychologist, Marlboro-Westboro Mental Health Center, Marlboro, MA.
1972-1975	Full-time Intern and Staff Psychologist, South Shore Mental Health Center, Quincy, MA.

**Consultation, Course Instruction, Workshops & Presentations**

***Course Instructor***

2000 - 2003	“Grief Work as Life Work: Grief, Complicated Mourning, and the Search for Meaning in Clinical Practice” Week long seminar at the Harvard Medical School (Department of Continuing Education) Summer Seminars on Cape Cod, MA.
1997	“The Psychology of Grief”, Advanced Level Course, National Educational Institute for Funeral Service in New England.

"Becoming Family Therapists: Essential Skills", Graduate Course, Framingham State College.

### ***Selected Workshops & Trainings***

"Suicide Bereavement Clinician Training Program" – developer and lead training for a full day training for mental health professionals about providing grief therapy to people bereaved by suicide. This training was developed in collaboration and is offered by the American Association of Suicidology and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – this workshop will be delivered through local AFSP Chapters, as well as through additional agencies and clinics that wish to improve the skills of community mental health professionals at providing grief therapy for survivors in their area.

"Bereavement After Suicide: Walking the Journey with Survivors" – workshop on the impact of suicide and on doing clinical work with people bereaved after suicide – given for multiple organizations, including Massachusetts Department of Public Health, New York State Office of Mental Health, Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Council, American Association of Suicidology, Association for Death Education & Counseling, Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention, CONSOLE Bereavement Support Organization (Dublin, Ireland), Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, St. Mary's Grief Support Center, Tamarack Grief Resource Center, and others.

"Traumatic Loss: New Understandings, New Directions" – One or two day training given through CMI Education Institute, Eau Claire, WI; Hincks-Dellcrest Institute, Toronto & Montreal, Canada – 2008, 2010; also Marian University, Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Rhode Island Psychological Association, Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement, and others.

"The Impact of Traumatic Loss" – One and two day trainings given for Dalhousie University (Halifax, NS), Regina Palliative Care Association, and Alberta Funeral Directors Association (Calgary & Edmonton, AB), 2007 – 2010.

"The Impact of Traumatic Loss" & "21<sup>st</sup> Century Approaches to Grief Counseling" – Two day trainings given for the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra, & Brisbane – August, 2009.

"Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk" – Training developed by the American Association of Suicidology and the Educational Development Corporation – designed to teach mental health caregivers the fundamentals of suicide risk assessment and management – I am certified to deliver this training, and delivered the training 13 times in 2006-2007.

"Foundations of Bereavement Counseling" & "Advanced Bereavement Counseling", Multi-Day Trainings given through CMI Education Institute and Professional Education Systems Incorporated at multiple sites in the United States, beginning in 2008.

"Suicide Awareness: Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention" Workshop developed for the CMI Education Institute, Eau Claire, WI. Presentations around the United States since May of 2006.

“Advanced Bereavement Facilitators Training” Workshop developed for the American Academy of Bereavement, Buffalo, NY. Presented in approximately 30 cities around the United States in 2001-2005

“Grief Counseling and Clinical Practice: What Therapists Need to Know” Workshop developed for the American Academy of Bereavement, Buffalo, NY. Presented in approximately 40 cities around the United States in 2001-2005.

“New Ideas in Bereavement Studies” – Presentation at numerous clinics, hospitals, and agencies – including the Hospice of the Good Shepherd, Newton, MA, Riverside Community Care, Dedham, MA, and others.

“Suicide Awareness: Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention” – presentation made at numerous clinics, hospitals, and agencies, including the Summer Institute in Thanatology at Mt. Ida College, Student Health Services, Harvard University, Office of Student Support, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and others.

“Bereavement After Suicide: Defining Needs and Interventions” Training provided at numerous clinics, hospitals, organizations and universities, including Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, Suicide Prevention and Research Centre, Hong Kong, International Workgroup on Death, Dying, & Bereavement, Tucson, AZ; Cambridge Health Alliance, Cambridge, MA, and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, New Orleans, LA.

“Complicated Grief” Training for the Institute for Loss & Transition, St. Joseph’s College, Hartford, CT. 2002

“Working With Grief, Loss, and Complicated Mourning: Guidelines for the Professional Caregiver” Workshop developed for Professional Education Systems, Inc., Eau Claire, WI. Presented in 17 cities around the United States in 1998-99.

“Complicated Mourning: Emerging Trends in Clinical Practice” Workshop developed for Commonwealth Educational Seminars, presented four times from 1998- 2003.

“Families Facing Grief - The Response to Loss”  
Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology; AtlantiCare Medical Center; Marlboro Hospital; Dana Farber Cancer Institute; Massachusetts SIDS Center; National Center for Death Education (Summer Institute).

“Traumatic Loss: Bereavement Support Groups and the Process of Grief”  
Summer Institute, National Center for Death Education, Mt. Ida College

“Back to School Workshop - Helping Bereaved Children”  
Combined program for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Children’s Hospital Medical Center

“The Process of Grief in Couples Therapy”  
Harvard Medical School, Continuing Education - Couples Therapy Conference.

### **Publications and Paper Presentations**

2016 Kosminsky, P.G. and Jordan, J.R. *Attachment Informed Grief Therapy: The Clinician’s Guide to Foundations and Applications*. New York, NY: Routledge.

- 2015 Jordan, J. R. Grief After Suicide: The Evolution of Suicide Postvention. In J. M. Stillion & T. Attig (Eds.), *Death, Dying, and Bereavement: Contemporary Perspectives, Institutions, and Practices* (pp. 349 - 362). New York, NY: Springer.
- 2015 Responding to Grief, Trauma, and Distress After Suicide: U.S. National Guidelines. Survivors of Suicide Loss Task Force, National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention – Download at [bit.ly/respondingsuicide](http://bit.ly/respondingsuicide).
- 2014 Maple, M., Cerel, J., Jordan, J. R., & McKay, K. (2014). Uncovering and Identifying the Missing Voices in Suicide Bereavement. *Suicidology Online*, 5, 1-12.
- 2014 Jordan, J.R. & Harpel, J.A. – “Grief After Suicide: The Impact on Families”. *The FORUM – Association for Death Education and Counseling*, 40(1), 1-3.
- 2013 Jordan, J. R. A Personal Reflection on Bridging Research and Practice in Thanatology. *Grief Matters: The Australian Journal of Grief and Bereavement*, 16(1), 14 - 18.
- 2013 Neimeyer, R.A., & Jordan, J.R. “Grief Assessment & Intervention: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives” in In D.Balk (Ed.) *Handbook of Thanatology- 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* -. Northbrook, IL: Association for Death Education & Counseling, In Press.
- 2012 Jordan, J.R. “ Guided Imaginal Conversation with the Deceased” in Neimeyer, R.A., (Ed.) *Techniques of Grief Therapy: Creative Practices for Counseling the Bereaved*. New York: Routledge.
- 2012 Feigelman, W., Jordan, J.R., McIntosh, J, & Feigelman, B., *Devastating Losses: How Parents Cope With the Death of a Child to Suicide or Drugs* New York, NY: Springer Publishers.
- 2011 Jordan, J. R., & McIntosh, J. L. (Eds.). *Grief after suicide: Understanding the consequences and caring for the survivors*. New York: Routledge.
- 2011 Feigelman, W., Jordan, J. R., & Gorman, B. S. Parental grief after a child’s drug death compared to other death causes: Investigating a greatly neglected bereavement population *OMEGA*, Vol. 63(4) 291-316.
- 2011 Jordan, J. R., & McIntosh, J. L. Is Suicide Bereavement Different? Perspectives from Research and Practice. In R. A. Neimeyer, D. L. Harris, H. R. Winokuer & G. Thornton (Eds.), *Grief and Bereavement in Contemporary Society: Bridging Research and Practice* (pp. 223-234). New York: Routledge.
- 2010 Psychosocial Aspects of Bereavement After Suicide. Presentation at the `13<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Suicide & Suicide Prevention, Rome, Italy.
- 2009 Jordan, J. R. After suicide: Clinical work with survivors. *Grief Matters: The Australian Journal of Grief and Bereavement*, 12(1), 4-9.
- 2009 Feigelman, W., Jordan, J. R., & Gorman, B. S. Personal growth after suicide loss: Cross-sectional findings suggest growth after loss may be associated with better mental health among survivors. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, 59(3), 181-202.

- 2009 Feigelman, W., Jordan, J.R. , & Gorman, B. S. How they died, time since loss, and bereavement outcomes *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, 58(4), 251-273.
- 2009 Feigelman, W., Gorman, B. S., & Jordan, J. R. Stigmatization and suicide bereavement. *Death Studies*, 33(7), 591-608.
- 2008 Jordan, J.R. Bereavement after suicide. *Psychiatric Annals*, 38(10): 670-685.
- 2008 Feigelman, W., Gorman, B.S., Chastain-Beal, K., & Jordan, J.R. Internet support groups for suicide survivors: A new mode for gaining bereavement assistance. *Omega*, 57(3): 217-243.
- 2008 McMenemy, J.M., Jordan, J.R., & Mitchell, A.M. What do suicide survivors tell us they need? Results of a pilot study. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* 38(4): 375-389.
- 2008 Cerel, J., Jordan, J.R., & Duberstein, P.R. The impact of suicide on the family. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 29(1), 38-44.
- 2007 Jordan, J.R. & Harpel, J. "Organizing and Facilitating Suicide Survivor Support Groups: A Self-Study Manual" A training manual and video for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
- 2007 Jordan, J.R. & Neimeyer, R.A. "Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Assessment and Intervention" In D.Balk (Ed.) (pp. 213-226) *Handbook of Thanatology*. Northbrook, IL: Association for Death Education & Counseling.
- 2005 Sandler, I., Balk, D., Jordan, J.R., Kennedy, C., Nadeau, J., & Shapiro, E. "Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice in Bereavement: Report from The Center for the Advancement of Health." *Death Studies* 29:93-122.
- 2005 Kraus, D. R., Seligman, D, Jordan, J. R.. Validation Of A Behavioral Health Treatment Outcome And Assessment Tool Designed for Naturalistic Settings: The Treatment Outcome Package. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, Vol 61(3), 285-314.
- 2005 Jordan, J.R, Baker, J.B., Rosenthal, S., Matteis, M.M., & Ware, E.S. "The Grief Evaluation Measure (GEM): An Initial Validation Study" *Death Studies*, 29(4): 301-332. Also a presentation at the 24<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Portland, OR.
- 2004 Jordan, J.R. & McMenemy, J. "Interventions with Suicide Survivors: A Review of the Literature" *Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior* 34(4): 337-349.
- 2003 Jordan, J.R. "Group Support for Survivors of Suicide" Presentation at the Survivors of Suicide Research Workshop, Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the National Institute of Mental Health.
- 2003 Jordan, J.R. "Suicide Bereavement: Survivor's Emotional Responses" Presentation at the Survivors of Suicide Research Workshop, Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and the National Institute of Mental Health.
- 2003 Jordan, J.R. & Neimeyer, R.A. "Does Grief Counseling Work?" *Death Studies*, 27(9): 765-786.

- 2002 “Suicide Emergencies: School and Medical Settings” Organized and chaired a day long program. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA & American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, New England.
- 2002 Baugher, R. & Jordan, J.R. *After Suicide Loss: Coping with your Grief*. Book for new suicide survivors. Available from Robert Baugher, Ph.D., 7108 127<sup>th</sup> Place, S.E., Newcastle, WA – 98056-1325 or b\_kbaugher@yahoo.com.
- 2001 Neimeyer, Robert A. & Jordan, John R. (2001) “Disenfranchisement as Empathic Failure: Grief Therapy and the Co-construction of Meaning” in Kenneth Doka (Ed.) *Disenfranchised Grief: New Directions, Challenges and Strategies for Practice*, 2001, Champaign, IL, Research Press. Also presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2001 Jordan, J.R.(2001) “Is Suicide Bereavement Different?: A Reassessment of the Literature” *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 32(1): 91-102.
- 2001 “New Frontiers in Suicide Prevention” Organized and chaired a day long program. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA & American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, New England.
- 2001 “New Directions in Palliative and End of Life Care” Organized and chaired a day long Program on counseling issues in work with end of life illness. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA
- 2000 Jordan, J.R. “Suicide Bereavement: Understanding the Differences” Presentation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Charlotte, NC.
- 2000 “Traumatic Grief: Innovations in Theory and Practice” Organized and chaired a day long Program on the proposed diagnostic category of Traumatic Grief. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA
- 2000 Jordan, J.R. “Research That Matters: Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice in Thanatology”. Guest Editor, two Special Issues on the Integration of Research and Clinical Practice in Thanatology. *Death Studies* 24(6): 457-468.
- 2000 Wolfe, B. & Jordan, J.R. “Ramblings from the Trenches: A Clinical Perspective on Thanatological Research”, *Death Studies*. 24(7):569-584.
- 1999 Jordan, J.R. “What Do We Know About Working with Suicide Survivors?: Reflections from a Grief Counselor” Presentation at the Annual Professional Conference of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, New England Chapter.
- 1999 Jordan, J.R. “Diversity in Illness, Grief, & Loss: Ethnic and Spiritual Differences” Organized and chaired a day long Program on counseling issues in work with life-threatening illness. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA

- 1997 Jordan, J.R. & Ware, E.W. "Feeling Like a Motherless Child: A Support Group Model for Adults Grieving the Death of a Parent" *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying* 35(4): 361-376.
- 1997 "Living With Dying: Effective Counseling for End-Stage Illness and Bereavement" Organized and chaired a day long Program on counseling issues in work with life-threatening illness. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA
- 1996 "Grief in the Community: The Response to Loss" Organized and chaired a day long Program on the response to loss by caregivers in community settings. Co-sponsored with the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, Boston, MA.
- 1995 "Feeling Like a Motherless Child: A Support Group Model for Adults Grieving the Death of a Parent" - Paper Presentation at the 17th Annual Conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Miami, FL. Also presented at the Second Annual National Conference on Loss and Transition, sponsored by the New England Center for Loss and Transition, Boston, MA
- 1995 Bradach, K.M. & Jordan, J.R. "Long-Term Effects of a Family History of Traumatic Death on Adolescent Individuation." *Death Studies*, 19(4): 315-336.
- 1993 "Clinical Services for Homicide Survivors" - Organized and chaired a day long Pre-Meeting Institute for the Annual Meeting, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, San Antonio, TX.
- 1993 Jordan, J.R.; Kraus, D. R.; & Ware, E.W. "Observations on Loss and Family Development", *Family Process*, 32(4): 425-440.
- 1991- 92 Jordan, J.R. "Cumulative Loss, Current Stress, and the Family: A Pilot Investigation of Individual and Systemic Effects", *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, 24(4): 309-332.
- 1992 Jordan, J.R. "Loss and Family Development: The Long Term Effects of Bereavement" Paper Presentation at the 14 Annual Conference Association for Death Education and Counseling, Boston, MA.
- 1990 Jordan, J.R. "Loss and Family Development: Clinical Implications" Paper Presentation at the 98th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- 1989 Jordan, J.R. "Loss Over Time: Empirical Research on the Long Term Impact of Loss and Stress on Family Systems" Paper Presentation at the 5th Annual Meeting of the Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, San Francisco, CA.
- 1988 Jordan, J.R. "An Integrative Model of Family Development: Part I. The Transformation of Attachments" Paper Presentation at the 50th Annual Conference of the National Council of Family Relations, Philadelphia, PA.
- 1988 Jordan, J.R. "Traumatic Loss and Family Development: An Integrative Model" Paper Presentation at the 4th Annual Meeting of the Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Dallas,, TX.



- 1985 Jordan, J.R. "Paradox and Polarity: The Tao of Family Therapy" *Family Process* 24:165-174.
- 1982 Jordan, J.R. "The Use of History in Family Therapy: A Brief Rejoinder to Sluzki" *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 8(4):393-398.

### **Additional Professional Activities**

- 2012 - Present Co-Chair, Survivors of Suicide Loss Task Force - Brought together by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention - <http://actionallianceforsuicideprevention.org/task-force/survivors-suicide-loss>.
- 2011 Member, Task Force on Revision of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention - Brought together by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.
- 2006 Approved Trainer, "Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk: Competencies for Behavioral Health Professionals" - Workshop developed by the American Association of Suicidology and the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.
- 2003 – 2004 Member, Scientific Advisory Council, Grief Research: Gaps, Needs, & Actions Project, Center for the Advancement of Health, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 – 2006 Member, Suicide Survivor Advisory Council, Department of Public Health, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 2002 – 2005 Member, Board of Directors, the Association for Death Education and Counseling
- 1999 - 2006 Member, Board of Directors, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, New England Affiliate.
- 1998 - 2001 Co-Chair, Specialty Workshops Committee, Education Institute, Association for Death Education and Counseling.
- 1993 – Present Reviewer: Editorial Advisory Group *OMEGA*
- 1992 - Present Reviewer: Editorial Advisory Group *Death Studies*.
- 1991 - 1996 Member: Metro-Boston Critical Incident Stress Management Team
- 1992 - 1995 Chairperson: Traumatic Loss Interest Group - International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.
- 1990 - 1995 Reviewer: Editorial Advisory Group *Journal of Traumatic Stress*
- 1989 - 1992 Reviewer: *The Family Psychologist*

### **Research Funding and Awards:**

- 2011 Co-Recipient, Leaders in Suicide Prevention Award – Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention

- 2006 Recipient, Research Recognition Award, Association for Death Education and Counseling
- 2003 Co Principal Investigator (With Jannette McMenemy, Ph.D.) “A Survey of the Needs of Suicide Survivors: Difficulties, Resources and Barriers to Receiving Help” Grant awarded from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, New York, NY.
- 2000 Principal Investigator - “The Grief Evaluation Measure: An Initial Validation Study” Grant awarded from the Association for Death Education and Counseling, Hartford, CT.

### **Professional Memberships**

Association for Death Education and Counseling

International Workgroup on Death, Dying, and Bereavement

American Association of Suicidology

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

International Association for Suicide Prevention

### **References**

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