

RICHARD WHITE

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LICENSURE & EDUCATION

LMSW Oklahoma — License #22457 (May 2026).

MSW, Advanced Generalist — Missouri State University (May 2026).

BA, International Studies — University of Oklahoma (Dec 2013).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work (AAPCSW)

CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PSYCHOANALYTIC THEORY

Brooklyn Institute for Social Research (BISR), online seminars (180 hours), 2021–2025.

Core psychoanalytic coursework: Introduction to Freud (Feb 2021, Sep 2023); Theorizing Repression (Apr 2021, May 2024) — psychoanalytic concept of repression and its political appropriations; Narcissism (Jun 2023); The Death Drive (Nov 2023); Melanie Klein (Apr 2024) — positions, object relations, child analysis, unconscious phantasy; Freud's Case Studies (Feb 2025) — Wolf Man, Rat Man, and H.D.; Madness: Society and the Psyche (Mar 2025) — madness from antiquity through Foucault.

Psychoanalysis and political theory: Psychoanalysis and Politics (Oct 2023) — psychoanalysis and Marxism, mass psychology, anti-colonial thought; American Policing (Jun 2021) — history, social function, and abolitionist critiques of U.S. policing; Gun Studies (Feb 2022) — guns as political-economic objects and sites of racial/gendered conflict; Happiness and Capitalism (Mar 2023) — alienation, affective labor, and "deaths of despair" under capitalism; Children's Liberation (Dec 2024, Sophie Lewis, PhD) — autonomy, trans childhood, the "Child" figure in politics; Social Symptoms: Moral Panics and Mass Hysterias (Jul 2025) — collective irrationality, sociogenic illness, witch-hunts to Havana Syndrome.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK

Housing Programs Manager — Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma City, OK | 04/2025–Present

- Provide consultation to program managers and case managers on evidence-based approaches for clients with SMI and co-occurring disorders, including Motivational Interviewing and the LEAP method for clients experiencing anosognosia and psychosis.
- Advise providers on how diagnoses (C-PTSD/PTSD, MDD, SUD, autism, schizoaffective spectrum) affect treatment adherence; respond to ad-hoc consultation on high-risk indicators including suicidal ideation, decompensation, and overdose risk.

- Develop and deliver quarterly CEU training covering psychosocial assessment, crisis intervention, and strengths-based service planning.

MSW Practicum Student — The Homeless Alliance, Oklahoma City, OK | 01/2025–07/2025 (400 hrs)

- Conducted psychosocial and diversion assessments using DSM-5-TR-informed frameworks; developed individualized service plans and tracked outcomes.
- Provided trauma-informed crisis intervention to 100+ unhoused clients weekly, applying MI, CBT, psychodynamic, and strengths-based approaches with individuals presenting chronic trauma, SMI, SUD, and co-occurring disorders.

Housing Programs Field Representative — ODMHSAS, Oklahoma City, OK | 09/2024–04/2025

- Coordinated housing referrals for youth discharging from psychiatric, SUD, and medical hospitalizations; obtained clinical/psychosocial information to inform placement matching.
- Delivered Housing First and Case Management trainings statewide (SAMHSA Pathways model: harm reduction, psychiatric crisis management, housing through clinical decompensation).

Runaway & Homeless Youth Supports Coordinator — ODMHSAS, Oklahoma City, OK | 07/2022–09/2024

- Led street outreach for runaway/homeless youth under 21 at risk of exploitation; built therapeutic relationships using trauma-informed engagement, harm reduction, and Positive Youth Development.
- Conducted street-based screening (TAY-VI-SPDAT, QYIT, TVIT, ASAM); used Motivational Interviewing for safety planning and de-escalation.

Youth Specialist—Basic Shelter Program — ODMHSAS, Oklahoma City, OK | 04/2021–07/2022

- Provided trauma-informed care coordination as minor case manager: psychosocial assessment, safety planning, coordination of mental health services; conducted family outreach and mediated reunification discussions.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

U.S. Air Force (Cryptographic Systems Journeyman); Oklahoma Army National Guard (Indirect Fire Infantryman Squad Leader); Aegis Defense Services (Security Specialist); Suzlon; Wind Turbine Technician DIGITALiBIZ/Keybridge Technologies (Technical Services), U.S. House of Representatives (Director of Operations)