

Dr. Susan Hall

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Profile

Susan Hall, D.Min, LMHC is an entrepreneur in the field of mental health counseling. She has founded and directed four successful businesses aimed at alleviating suffering and promoting mental health, including initiatives to support other practitioners in the field. To that end, Susan has become an aficionada of all things business, gender, and psychology. Dr. Hall is currently immersed in creating and accrediting lectures for counseling professionals' Continuing Education Units.

Experience

Independent Contractor, The Children of the Nile (TCON), July, 2012 — present

Dr. Hall provides in-country research and development for TCON, an NGO endeavoring to establish a trauma counseling center for female returnees (i.e., former child soldiers) in Uganda. In her role, Susan advises the U.S.-based staff on the legal structure of the organization and the barriers to the formation of the center. In addition, she offers strategic recommendations for the development of the new program.

Co-Founder, Director of Administration & Recruitment, Seattle Therapy Alliance, 2009 — present

Dr. Hall co-founded Seattle Therapy Alliance with the two-fold vision of training graduate counseling students in psychotherapy and women's issues while simultaneously making low-cost counseling available to adolescent girls and women. Susan oversees all activities related to the functioning of the clinic and manages each of the interns in their administrative duties. Dr. Hall additionally provides monthly group supervision in which she lectures on topics related to feminist psychotherapy. STA is an approved internship site for four local graduate counseling programs, from which it selects up to 10 students per year for internship placement. STA is proud to provide services for more than 120 patients per year.

Owner, Susan Hall Properties, 2004 — present

Susan established Greenlake Counseling Services in 2004 in response to a need for communal practice space among private practitioners in the Seattle metro area. The 16 offices at that location provide commercial space for new practitioners and professionals operating on a budget. In 2009, Dr. Hall opened her second counseling community at Seattle Therapy Alliance, where 19 offices service seasoned practitioners and professionals in need of conferencing space. She is known throughout the therapeutic community for her generous mentoring of tenants who make GCS and STA their counseling home.

Owner, Susan Hall Counseling, 2000 — present

Susan began her private counseling practice in 2000 at the request of colleagues who wished to refer to her. Since that time, she has had the privilege of caring for hundreds of patients, consistently maintaining a practice of between 10 and 25 patients at a time. Susan sat with a broad array of individuals, couples, families and groups at the beginning of her practice but has since narrowed her practice to her specialty: individual adult women.

Director of Admissions, The Seattle School for Theology & Psychology, 2000 — 2002

During Susan's tenure as the Director of Admissions, she recruited a record number of students by designing and implementing inventive campus visit weekends while simultaneously launching new local and national marketing endeavors for the school. Under Susan's leadership, the Admissions Department instituted the use of new technology for tracking recruits from initial contact through matriculation and graduation.

Adjunct Faculty, The Seattle School for Theology & Psychology, 2000 — 2001

Susan was one of two students in her graduating class to be selected for this year-long, postgraduate internship. She facilitated individual and group counseling for first-year students in the school's graduate

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counseling program and provided semi-annual assessments of each student's clinical skills. Susan received intensive training and supervision from the program faculty throughout the course of the internship.

Event Coordinator, The Mars Hill Review, 2000 — 2002

In this position, Susan produced a variety of seminar events around the country for the President and faculty of The Seattle School for Theology & Psychology. Susan was responsible for the design and implementation of the Seattle Out of the Ghetto Conference which included an innovative day-long cultural immersion experience for the 350 attendees.

Co-Founder & Executive Director, Dove Harbor, 1992 — 1998

Dove Harbor was Susan's first start-up, a non-profit homeless shelter for women and children which she co-founded a year after she graduated from college with her Bachelors in Social Work. The shelter is still providing housing, under new leadership, for 8 families at a time today.

Education

San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, CA — Doctorate of Ministry in International Feminist Theology, 2008

The Seattle School for Theology and Psychology, Seattle, WA — Master of Arts in Counseling, 2000

Alexandria School for Scientific Therapeutics, Alexandria, IN — Certificate in Pfrimmer Deep Muscle Therapy, 1995

Anderson University, Anderson IN — Bachelors in Social Work, 1991

Licensure & Certifications

Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Washington State — 2004-present

Qualified Clinical Supervisor in Washington State — 2007-present

Publications

My Journey to Feminism, Christian Feminism Today, January 2009

Getting a Foot in the Door: Introducing Feminist Theologies to Evangelical Women in the U.S Through Bible Study Literature, Dissertation Project, December 2007

What is the Church? Views from the Edge, April 2006

The Theology of Domestic Violence, Views from the Edge, January, 2006

Life and More Life: An Introduction to African Women's Theology, The Other Journal, August 2005

Feminist Theology 101, Views from the Edge, April 2005

Teaching Experience/Presentations

Employing Social Business Models for Sustainability in Mental Health Practices — International Forum for Psychoanalytic Education, forthcoming in November, 2012

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Living the Dream: How to Start Your Private Practice Seminar — Twice yearly, 2004-present

Genesis & Gender — Lecture for Venus Hill, September 2011

Seeing Gender (lecture series):

Introduction to Gender: The Basis for Feminist Psychotherapy — Once yearly, 2009-present

Women & Psychology — Once yearly, 2009-present

Women & Their Bodies — Once yearly, 2010-present

Women & Sex — Once yearly, 2010-present

Women & Money — Once yearly, 2010-present

Women & God — Once yearly, 2010-present

Living with Feminist Imagination — Once yearly, 2010-present

The Archetype of the Wise Woman — daylong retreat

Portland, OR, 2005

Seattle, WA, 2005

The Enchanted April — seminar

Indianapolis, IN, 2005

Seattle, WA, 2004

Ra'ah: Revealing the Feminine and the Sacred — weekend retreat

Raleigh-Durham, NC, 2004

Menosha, WI, 2003

Seattle, WA, 2002

Events Produced

Iron Jawed Angels — Seattle, WA 2008

Out of the Christian Ghetto — Washington, D.C. 2002

Out of the Christian Ghetto — Seattle, WA 2001

In His Image — Denver, CO 2000

Romancing the Heart — Seattle, WA 1999

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Memberships / Volunteerism

Co-planner *Join Me On the Bridge*, International Woman's Day event — March 2012

Northwest Alliance for Psychoanalytic Study, member — 2011-present

Evangelical & Ecumenical Women's Caucus, member — 2009-2010

Women's Funding Alliance, volunteer — 2008-2009

American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, member — 2006-2007

Seattle Counselor's Association, member — 2004-present

American Association of University Women, member — 2003-2006

Christians for Biblical Equality, member — 2003-2006

Doulas of North America, certified doula/member — 1997-1998

Christian Counseling Center, Board Member — 1997-1998

His Healing Hands, Board Member — 1997-1998

Anderson Area Leadership Academy, Graduate — 1996

Additional Activities & Honors

Panel contributor for screening of Miss Representation — The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology, 2012

Featured in the book *The Resignation of Eve: What if Adam's Rib is No Longer Willing to be The Church's Backbone?* by Jim Henderson, D.Min. — BarnaBooks, January 2012

Selected Senior Chapel Speaker — Anderson University, 1991

References

Dr. Shannon Clarkson (Program Coordinator at San Francisco Theological Seminary)

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