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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Over 30 years of experience in training and counseling across diverse settings, including social work, schools, medical clinics, churches, and nonprofit organizations. Trained in Transactional Analysis (TA), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Rogerian counseling, and Neurofeedback approach. A lecturer with 15 years of teaching experience, currently engaged in trauma-related work in the Middle East and overseeing four counseling schools in the MENA region. Deeply passionate about disability ministry in the Balkan region and beyond.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES-SELECTION

1. ACM Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Mediziner; ICMDA Europe. Refocus, encourage, connect. Presenting: “*Limits to compassion*”, 3-6 October 2024, Berlin, Germany.
2. The Central and Eastern European Mental Health Advisory Group “*Gender, Sexuality and Faith*”, March 3–6, 2024, Prague, Check Republic.
3. Joni Erickson Tada Research Center, International Conference, 2024, 2025, Los Angeles, USA.
4. Open Doors Kenya, Trauma support conference, presenting: “*Training trauma workers for MENA Region*”, 14-16 September, Kenya.
5. ICMDA, World Congress, presenting; “*Limits to Compassion*”, 20-25 June 2023, Arusha, Tanzania.
6. The Central and Eastern European Mental Health Advisory Group “*The forming of the therapist*”, May 29–31, 2022, Prague, Check Republic.
7. European Leadership Forum, “*Counseling Network*”, 2007–2013, Eger, Hungary; 2014–2024, Wisła, Poland.
8. Summer Doctoral School and International Theological Conference, TCM International Institute, presenting: “*Mental health challenges and evangelical community in Serbia*” 30 August-September 2nd, 2022, Heiligenkreuz, Austria.
9. Scoala Doctorala de Vara a Doctoransilor Teologi a Universitatii “ 1 Decembrie 1918” din Alba Iulia, presenting: “*God’s presence and shattered mind*”, July 11-12, 2022, Alba Iulia, Romania. Participating online.
10. Summer Doctoral School and International Theological Conference, TCM International Institute, presenting: “*Mental health challenges in the Bible*” August 2nd-6th, 2021, Heiligenkreuz, Austria
11. International Theological Conference at Bucharest University “*The Nature of dignity of the human person*”, presenting: “*Mental health challenges in the Bible*”, May 26–27, 2021, Bucharest, Romania, conference was online.

12. The Central and Eastern European Mental Health Advisory Group “*Use of Religious and Spiritual Interventions in Individual and Systemic Psychotherapies*”, March 8–10, 2020, Prague, Czech Republic.

PARTICIPATION IN COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

1. *Training for Trauma trainers*” working in MENA Region, organized by Care4You, 17-20 February, 2-4th of April, 2-5th of June, 2022. Cairo, Alexandria, Egypt.
2. Mental Health Advisory Group, March 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024 organized by Wheaton College in Prague, Czech Republic. Participating and organizing.
3. Eastern European Summer Tutorial Program, June 6 – July 14, 2017, Wheaton College, Illinois, USA.
4. PCA Training, Level I, France, October 2024.
5. Level II, TA therapy, two-year program, finished July 2013, Novi Sad, Serbia.
6. BCIA Neurofeedback therapy, Certification process 2014, CO, USA.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS OR CONFERENCE VOLUMES-

- Racorean, S., & Sivulka, J. (2021). *Mental Disorders: Biblical and Contemporary Perspectives*. *Jurnal Teologic*, Vol. 20, No. 3, 122–135.
- Sivulka, J. (2022). *God’s presence and shattered mind*. University Alba Iulia, 1 Decemeber 1918 in colaborare cu Facultea de Teologie Ortodoxa. Scoala Internatioala de vara doctornazilor Teologi, 10-12 Iulie.
- Sivulka, J. (2023). *More than answers for the mental suffering: From theodicy to community*. *Jurnal Teologic.*, Vol 22, No. 2 (2023):110-127.
- Sivulka, J. *Mental Health Challenges in the Bible. Youth Studies from a religious and intercultural studies perspective*, Haus Edelwise, Austria, 2021, pp. 24-27. Conference Proseedings.
- Sivulka, J. *Mental Health Challenges and evangelical community in Serbia. In The Importance of Theological Reflection and its Contribution to Changing Practices in Faith Communities*, Haus Edelwise, Austria, 2022, pp. 34-38. Conference Proseedings.

WORK HISTORY

Head of Petra School, MENA REGION

July 2023 – Present

- Overseeing four different schools in MENA Region (Syria, Palestine, Iraq and North Africa).

Lecturer, Osijek Theological Faculty

October 2024 – Present

- Teaching courses on Christian Counseling and Trauma.

Lecturer, Disability Center – Losa Angeles, USA

October 2023 – Present

- Delivered a course Disability Subjects.

Head of J&F Serbia, Disability Center, Serbia

October 2023 – Present

- Organizing various events for families and individuals affected with disability.
- Training, recruiting, and counseling.

Lecturer, Trauma trainer for MENA Region

February 2022 – Present

- Teaching and training on the topic of trauma awareness; trauma impact on Children and Youth; secondary trauma and Compassion Fatigue.

Network Leader, European Leadership Forum, Poland

May 2019 – present

- Organizing, hosting and teaching at pastoral and professional counseling group. .

Psychologist, GP Medical, Novi Sad, Serbia

2013-2017

- Diagnosed learning and psychological disorders
- Providing individual and group counseling.

Psychologist, High School, Sombor, Serbia

2005-2012

- Worked in public schools with children, parents, and educational staff.
- Provided individual and group counseling.
- Facilitated professional development workshops for teachers.

Lecturer, Baptisticki Teoloski Fakultet – Novi Sad

October 2018 – June 2019

- Taught a course on Christian Counselling to Theologians, and Pastoral workers.

Lecturer, Theological seminary – Novi Sad

October 2004 – June 2007

- Taught courses on Introduction to Psychology and Counseling. To BA theology students.

Counselling, Marriage and Family – Belgrade

2005 – 2009

- Providing Counselling, educating, and training.

Counselling, Intern, Non Profit DUGA – Novi Sad

1995 – 1999

- Providing psychological support to refugees and delivering humanitarian aid.