

Robert Odell, LICSW

Seattle, WA

EDUCATION

1994 University of Southern California School of Social Work: Master, Social Work

1975 University of Chicago: B.A., Political Science

PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE

(9/99- present): Robert Odell, LICSW Solo Psychotherapy Practice, Seattle, WA

Hybrid onsite / online with relationships and individuals. Non-monogamy, sex-positive & kink-knowledgeable. Culturally competent practice with military veterans. Critical Incident Stress Management specialist, with onsite experience in terrorism, natural disaster, crime, suicide, industrial accident, grief work. Extensive training experience. Major nonprofit service.

(2/98-7/99): The Evergreen Clinic, Kirkland, WA Clinical Social Worker, Family Therapy specialist. Private multi-disciplinary outpatient psychiatric clinic.

(5/97 - 1/98): Fairfax Hospital (Inpatient-Psychiatric) Clinical Social Worker/Case Manager -Kirkland, WA: Adolescent & Children's Units. Managed patient treatment, family therapy program and insurance coordination.

(7/97-1/98): Psychiatric Emergency Team. After hours on-call evaluation & referral (to Fairfax) of suicidal patients at six (6) Seattle & Eastside E.R.s

(9/95 - 2/97): Clinical Social Worker - Optimist Youth Homes, Los Angeles, CA Residential psychiatric treatment of adolescent offenders referred by CA Probation, including sex offender treatment. Individual and intensive family therapy. Active individual and group supervision. My treatment model included therapeutic outreach to family homes and multi-generational family therapy.

(5/95-12/95) Contract trainer of foster home staff personnel in child mental health, in Watts (S. Central LA)

(11/94 - 5/95): Clinical Social Worker - Kedren Community Health Center (Psychiatric: Inpatient/Outpatient/Day Treatment) Los Angeles, CA. South Central L.A. mental health center. Treated individuals and children in community suffering high level of gang violence. Training in Jungian sand tray therapy with traumatized juveniles.

(5/94-9/94) Director, Summer Internship Program, Los Angeles Times. Recruited 100 LA minority teens for eight-week summer work & mentorship in every operational area, including editorial and presses. Managed programs on budget with 99% internship completion. Prime time feature story ABC News.

(9/93 - 5/94): Employee Assistance Program (Internship) - Southern California Edison Corp.. EAP counseling and referral for employees with psychological, work and health-related issues.

(9/92 - 5/93): Clinical Social Worker (Internship) - Santa Monica West Mental Health - LA County outpatient mental health clinic treating homeless & mentally ill populations

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Charter Member, Clinical Social Work Association

Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work. President, Board of Directors 2008- 2010; Member and Board member, 1998-2018.

Past Member

National Coalition For Sexual Freedom

Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality

Critical Incident Stress Foundation

NON-PROFIT WORK

2026: United Veteran-Civilian Response (uvcr.org)

2019-2021: TASHRA, Research Associate, International Kink Health Survey, mental health section survey development Additional consulting on educational programs;

2005-13: Co-Director, HERE@HOME: Co-founded pro bono/reduced fee psychotherapy program for Afghanistan & Iraq war veterans. Engaged a panel of 25 Seattle-area psychotherapists, organized continuing program professional training. Built local referral network, coordinated volunteer committee. Sponsored by Washington State Society For Clinical Social Work.

2008-10: President, Board of Directors, Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work. Board committee chair tenures 1999-2007, oversaw all operations of this 225 member professional association. Budgeting, professional alliances and legislative lobbying, education, CEU certification; Ethics, and New professionals programs. Re-drafted By-Laws to mandate diversity & inclusion measures. Managed online development of wsscsw.org. Left a re-designed, better-functioning Board, with highest-ever financial reserves.

2003-2005: Board President, Quarterdeck Condominiums Homeowners Assn., Seattle WA Inherited multi-year management of a 72 unit property. Reorganized financials, hired new property management, restored short & long term cost estimates, started owner e-mail group. Market values remain strong as of 2020.

2000-2002: Co-Founder/Director, Clinical Social Work Guild, Office & Professional Employees Intl. Union (AFL-CIO). Co-founded and led a guild of 200 clinical social work psychotherapists in a national effort to gain leverage against private insurance "managed care". Multiple presentations at state Labor Congress, and extensive organizing activities. Sponsored by Washington State Society for Clinical Social Work.

1992: Rebuild LA: Admin assistant to Exec. Director Peter Ueberroth. Joined this organization while volunteering in Mayor Tom Bradley's office after L.A. riots that year. Participated in top level organizational and membership meetings.