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**EDUCATION**

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| Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis – <i>Denver, CO</i>  | 2018 – 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certificate in Adult Psychoanalysis</li></ul>  |             |
| University of Iowa – <i>Sioux City, IA</i>   | 2005 – 2008 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master of Social Work<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Family-Centered/Clinical Track</li></ul></li></ul>                |             |
| Augustana University – <i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>  | 2002 – 2005 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Minor in Gender Studies</li></ul></li></ul> |             |

**LICENSURE & CERTIFICATION**

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (CSW.00001707) in the State of Colorado
- Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work and Psychoanalysis (BCD-P #60337)
  - American Board of Clinical Social Work
- Fellow of the American Board of Psychoanalysis (FABP)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| Private Practice – <i>Denver, CO</i>   | 2016 – Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Psychoanalyst &amp; Clinical Social Worker</li></ul>         |                |
| Aurora Mental Health Center – <i>Aurora, CO</i>  | 2014 – 2018    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division Director, Adult Intensive Services</li></ul>        |                |
| Aurora Mental Health Center – <i>Aurora, CO</i>  | 2012 – 2014    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program Manager, Intensive Clinical Outreach Team</li></ul>  |                |
| Aurora Mental Health Center – <i>Aurora, CO</i>  | 2010 – 2012    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Therapist, Community Living Program</li></ul>                |                |
| Third Way Center – <i>Denver, CO</i>   | 2008 – 2010    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Therapist, Pontiac House</li></ul>                           |                |
| Avera Behavioral Health – <i>Sioux Falls, SD</i>   | 2006 – 2008    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Behavioral Health Technician, Adult Inpatient Unit</li></ul> |                |

- Children’s Home Society – *Sioux Falls, SD* 2003 – 2006
- Child Care Counselor, Boys Unit
  - Assistant Team Coordinator, Boys Unit

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- University of Colorado School of Medicine – *Denver, CO* 2022 – Present
- Clinical Instructor, Department of Psychiatry
    - Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis
- University of Texas at Austin – *Austin, TX* 2022 – Present
- Instructor, Steve Hicks School of Social Work
    - Sue Fairbanks Psychoanalytic Academy
- Metro State University of Denver – *Denver, CO* 2011 – 2016
- Affiliate Faculty, Department of Social Work

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Ngo-Smith, B.R. (2018). This couch has bed bugs: On the psychoanalysis of homelessness and the homelessness of psychoanalysis. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, Vol 46(1), pp. 26-33.
- Smith, B.R. (2008). The examined life: Personal therapy and the social worker’s ethical obligations to self. (Master’s thesis). Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertation and Theses. (UMI No. 1453791)

**PRESENTATIONS**

***Upcoming:***

Ngo-Smith, B. (2024, December). *Hating Homelessness: How to Survive When Clients and Communities Resist Change*. Speaker at the 2024 Momentum Conference of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Norman, Oklahoma.

***Past:***

Louden, R., Mortazavi, L., Ngo-Smith, B., Redinger, B., Williams, D. (2024, March). *An introduction to and discussion of the Final Report of the Holmes Commission on Racial Equality in American Psychoanalysis*. Faculty Meeting for the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis 2024 Faculty Retreat, Denver, CO.

Bakalar, N., Gillick, L, and Ngo-Smith, B.R. (2024, March). *An introduction to the psychoanalytic study of groups*. Educational Program for the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis 2024 Faculty Retreat, Denver, CO.

Ngo-Smith, B. (2024, February). *Porosity and preoccupation: Queer thoughts on psychoanalytic care*. Gertrude and Ernst Ticho Memorial Lecture, presented at the 2024 National Meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association, New York City, NY.

- Blanchfield, P. and Kluchin, A. (Hosts). (2023, December 30). Hate, help, and housing: Psychoanalysis and social work feat. Brian Ngo-Smith (No. 36). [Audio podcast episode]. In *Ordinary Unhappiness*. <https://ordinaryunhappiness.buzzsprout.com/2131830/14213981-36-hate-help-and-housing-psychoanalysis-and-social-work-feat-brian-ngo-smith>.
- Ngo-Smith, B. (2023, November). *Canceling Oedipus: Generational collisions and the boarding of the future*. In A. Barbour (Moderator), *Encountering the other: Lessons from our patients on the future*, with J. Abrahams (Presenter). Panel presented at American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work conference, Reaching Across the Divide: Bringing a Psychoanalytic Sensibility to Culture and Practice, Chicago, IL.
- Ngo-Smith, B. (2023, October). *This couch has bed bugs: On the psychoanalysis of homelessness and the homelessness of psychoanalysis*. Sue Fairbanks Lecture for Excellence in the Application of Psychoanalytic Knowledge in Social Work, presented at the University of Texas at Austin Steve Hicks School of Social Work, Austin, TX.
- Ngo-Smith, B. (2023, September). *Porosity and preoccupation: Queer thoughts on psychoanalytic care*. Paper presented at the lecture series of the Denver Psychoanalytic Society, Denver, CO.
- Datz-Greenberg, C., Greenberg, B., Ngo-Smith, B.R. (2023, May). In Bellow, G. (Moderator), *The challenges facing the unhoused mentally ill: Clinical perspectives*. Live Webinar through the Sanville Institute and the American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work.
- Haglund, P., Ngo-Smith, B.R., Rosica, K. (2023, March). *From an itch to an idea: Surprising developments in an analytic hour*. Educational Program for the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis 2023 Faculty Retreat, Fort Collins, CO.
- Farrell, D., Graybow, S., Oliver, S.E. (2019, March). In B.R. Ngo-Smith (Chair & Moderator), *When trauma is in the culture: Psychoanalytic reflections on group identity and the environment*. Panel presented at the American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work conference, Intrigue, Insight, Inquiry: Through Today's Psychoanalytic Lens, Durham, NC.
- Ngo-Smith, B.R., Holmes, K.A., Becker, E. (2017, October). *Why communities resist change*. Panel presented at the Housing Colorado NOW! Conference, Vail, CO.
- Ngo-Smith, B.R., Holmes, K.A., Becker, E. (2017, September). *Homelessness on the couch: Why communities resist change*. A Salon Panel discussion for the Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work, Denver, CO.
- Smith, B.R. (2017, March). *This couch has bed bugs: On the psychoanalysis of homelessness and the homelessness of psychoanalysis*. In S. Perlman (Moderator), *Clinical Case Management of Homelessness: A Psychoanalytic Perspective*. Paper presented at the American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work conference, Mind & Milieu: From the Consulting Room to the Community and Back, Baltimore, MD.
- Smith, B.R. (2017, February). *This couch has bed bugs: On the psychoanalysis of homelessness and the homelessness of psychoanalysis*. Paper presented at the lecture series of the Denver Psychoanalytic Society, Denver, CO.
- Smith, B.R., Feldman, M., Kaems, M., Ryder, S. (2016, September). *Where the hell is clinical, anyway?* A Salon Panel discussion for the Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work, Denver, CO.

Smith, B.R., Brookens, L., Cox-Pauly, T., Schulte, L. (2016, February). *What the hell is clinical, anyway?*  
A Salon Panel discussion for the Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work, Denver, CO.

Chen, J. (2015, June). *Found in translation: Cross-cultural considerations in psychodynamically-oriented treatment.*  
In B. R. Smith (Chair), *Clinical Conference #2 for Residents, Psychology, and Social Work Trainees, and Students, Presented by APsaA Fellows.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association, San Francisco, CA.

Smith, B.R. (2015, May). *You can't be burned out if you've never been ignited: On losing and locating our selves.*  
Keynote speech presented at the MSU Denver Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Denver, CO.

Smith, B.R. (2014, June). *This couch has bedbugs.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association, Chicago, IL.

Smith, B.R., & R. Sanchez-Garza (2013, January). *Recognizing and treating bipolar disorder.* PowerPoint presented to The Human Services Network, Aurora, CO.

Smith, B.R. (2004, April). *Becoming God through the reimagining of self.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, St. Paul, MN.

## **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Leadership Aurora 2014-2015

- Intensive leadership training through the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, educating and preparing community leaders who are committed to shaping Aurora's future, through monthly full-day sessions covering pertinent topics.

L.E.A.D. (Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and Development) 2013

- Intensive leadership training through Aurora Mental Health Center addressing topics such as conflict negotiation, project planning and management, and personality and leadership skills assessment.

## **AWARDS**

American Psychoanalytic Association 2024 Ernst and Gertrude Ticho Award

The Center for Advanced Psychoanalytic Study, Group 8, in conjunction with the Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis, 2022 William E. Bernstein Prize for the Best Clinical Paper Submitted by a Candidate

Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work 2015 Community Service Award

Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. 2013 Provider Award

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

Fellow of the American Psychoanalytic Association, 2013-2014

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Denver Institute for Psychoanalysis

- Curriculum Committee Member: 2022 – Present
- Admissions Committee Member: 2022 – Present
- Grants Committee Member: 2022 – Present

#### American Psychoanalytic Association

- Ticho Committee
  - Member: 2024 – Present
- Study Group on Teaching and Learning
  - Member: 2022 – Present

#### Denver Psychoanalytic Society

- Bylaws Committee Member: 2021 – Present

#### American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

- Board of Directors
  - Past President: 2024 – Present
  - President: 2021 – 2023
  - President-Elect: 2019 – 2021
  - Member-at-Large: 2017 – 2019
- Advisory Board
  - Conference Planning Subcommittee Co-Chair: 2019 – Present
  - Area Representative – Colorado: 2017 – Present

#### State of Colorado Division of Regulatory Agencies

- Board of Social Work Examiners
  - Board Member: 2017 – 2018

#### Arapahoe County Justice Care Coordinating Committee

- Behavioral Health Subcommittee Member: 2015 – 2018

#### Metro Denver Homeless Initiative Board of Directors

- Governance Committee Member: 2016 – 2018
- Board Member: 2015 – 2018

#### Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work Board of Directors

- President: 2017 – 2019
- President-Elect: 2016 – 2017
- Secretary: 2015 – 2016
- Membership Committee Chair: 2013 – 2014

#### Aurora Warms the Night Board of Directors

- Secretary: 2013 – 2015

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
- American Psychoanalytic Association
- Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work

- Denver Psychoanalytic Society
- American Clinical Social Work Association
- International Psychoanalytical Association