

## **CURRICULUM VITAE of BARRY SILBER**

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### **EDUCATION**

**M.A.** Vermont College of Norwich University, Montpelier, Vermont

Major: Counseling Psychology/Marriage and Family Counseling

Thesis: "Using Therapeutic Humor with Couples"

**B.A.** University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Major: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

**A.A.** Miami-Dade Junior College, Miami, Florida

Major: Liberal Arts

### **TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Hillsborough Community College, Tampa- Associate Professor of Psychology (2003-present)**

Instructor for Psychology and Related Courses\*

Duties:

- Lectures, design lesson plans and group activities
- Establish communication with students to assist and facilitate the learning process.

\*Courses taught: General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Psychology of Personal Growth, Developmental Psychology, and Child Development

**Hillsborough Community College, Tampa- Counselor/Academic Advisor (1991-2003)**

- Assisted students with academic and personal challenges/issues
- Career counseling including interpretation of specific career tests
- Assisted with the development of the online tool *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator* and *Strong Inventory*, which assisted students with establishing career goals

**Comprehensive Rehabilitation/Cost Containment Management, Tampa- Rehabilitation Counselor (1986-1991)**

- Assisted/counseled disabled clients with medical management, career development, job-seeking skills
- Aided clients with acquiring skills to obtain gainful employment

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**Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners- Social Worker/Caseworker (1975-1986)**

- Counseling assistance for a variety of populations: economically disadvantaged persons, criminal offenders, medically-disabled persons
- Duties included assessment of individual's needs, knowledge of community resources, making appropriate referrals

**Additional Teaching Experience**

HCC/Sacred Heart Junior College, San Ignacio, Belize, International Exchange Program,  
*General Psychology* (June, 2006)

University of South Florida, Tampa, Division of Lifelong Learning (1987-1992)

*Maximizing Your Potential—An Attitudinal Approach*

*Developing Your Sense of Humor—A Strategy for Success*

**CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

*NISOD Conference*, Austin, TX, May 2014

- “Community College Confidential”

*NISOD Conference*, Austin, TX, May, 2011

- “Creating Your Own Captivating Classroom”

*Hillsborough Community College Faculty In-Service*, Tampa, October, 2011

- “Creating Your Own Captivating Classroom”

*NISOD Conference*, Austin, TX, May, 2010

- “Creating Your Own Captivating Classroom”

*Hillsborough County Department of Children's Services*, Tampa, February, 2001

- “Humor in the Workplace”

*HCC/Hillsborough County High School Occupational/Guidance Counselors*, Tampa, March, 2000

- “Humor in the Workplace”

*Association of Florida Colleges, Student Development Commission Spring Conference*, Ocala, FL, May, 1999

- “Creating a Positive Workplace”

*Association of Florida Colleges, Student Development Commission Fall Conference*, Tampa, 1998

- “Maximizing Your Potential”

*Florida Association of College Registrars Conference*, Pensacola, FL, 1998

- “Creating a Positive Workplace”

*State of Florida Department of Federal Probation Officers Conference*, Ocala, FL, October, 1993 (keynote speaker)

- “Humor in the Workplace”

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*Association of Florida Colleges (formerly Florida Association of Community Colleges), Student Development Commission Fall Conference, Tampa, 1993*

- “Humor in the Workplace”

*State of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Conference, Tampa, 1992 (keynote speaker)*

- “Laughter and Humor in the Workplace”

*Hillsborough County Public Defenders, Tampa, 1991*

- “Laughter and Humor in the Workplace”

*Pinellas County Department of Education, Paraprofessionals Division, St. Petersburg, FL, 1989*  
(all day workshop with co-presenter, Carlos Perez)

- “Laughter and Humor in the Workplace”

*Cost Containment Management Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, 1990*

- “Job Development Strategies”

*Tampa Bay Singles Group, Tampa, 1984*

- “The Joy of Listening”

### **PUBLICATIONS/PROJECTS**

“Counseling Assistance for Students” *The Hawkeye-Hillsborough Community College Student Newspaper* (1997)

“Developing Humor in Children” *Tampa Bay Family Newspaper* (1986)

### **Textbook Chapter Reviews**

- *General Psychology*, McGraw-Hill Publishers
- *Abnormal Psychology*, McGraw-Hill Publishers
- *General Psychology*, Wiley Publishers

### **COLLEGE ACTIVITIES**

Chairperson, HCC Academic Affairs Committee (9/2013 to present)

Vice-Chair, HCC Academic Affairs Committee (9/2010-9/2013)

Steering Committee HCC Quality Enhancement Plan (2006-2011)

Lead Faculty for Psychology HCC Quality Enhancement Plan (2006-2008)

HCC Student Success Committee (2005)

Announcer- HCC Men’s Basketball (2002-present)

HCC Counseling Cluster Chairperson (1993-1994)

HCC Faculty Credential Committee (1993)

Announcer- HCC Men’s Basketball (2002-present)

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**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Carrollwood Players Community Theater One, Act Production Committee, Tampa, FL Third Place Award: *The Man Who Wrote Danny Boy*

Carrollwood Players Community Theater Fundraiser, Tampa, FL  
Recognition Award

Writer/Director/Producer of the play, *And a World to Carry On (Laura Nyro Remembered)*  
*Suncoast Richey Playhouse*, New Port Richey, FL *Funny Money* (2010)

Best Supporting Actor, Received Tommy” Award

Who’s Who in Higher Education (2003, 2004)

Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners

Special Award for Civic and Community Involvement (1984)

Q-105 (Tampa radio station) Volunteer of the Week (1984)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of Florida Colleges (1993—present)

National Education Association (NEA)

USF Alumni Association

United Faculty of Florida (UFF)

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK-National Community College Honors Society)

**VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

Community Theater Actor, Producer, Playwright for Carrollwood Players, Masque Community Theatre, Suncoast Richey Playhouse, Tampa Players, Tampa Playmakers, and Hillsborough Community College 1980-present)

WMNF (community radio) co-host of “Soul Party” 1990-present)

Stageworks Staged Reading Fundraiser, “The Front Page”, and “Rumors” (2012, 2013)

Steering Committee, Tampa Bay Jewish Film Festival (2003-2013)

Tampa Bay Jewish Community Relations Council (2003)

Sexual Abuse Crisis Counselor, Hillsborough County Crisis Center (1984)

Crisis Telephone Counselor, Hillsborough County Crisis Center (1979-1984)

Crisis Counselor USF Care Team (1975-1976)

Crisis Counselor USF Helpline (1974-1976)

Great American Teach In (various times)

Director-Project Return Players (community-based, non-profit improvisational theater group for persons with mental health issues)

**NON-ACADEMIC INTERESTS**

Public speaking, playwright, acting, directing