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**Objective** To transform relationships among couples and families and facilitate long lasting, positive change.

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**Experience** **Executive Director, Brief Strategic Family Therapy® Institute,**  
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine  
2007 – Present

**Research Assistant Professor**  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
University of Miami School of Medicine  
1998 - 2004

**Private Practice**  
Broward & Miami-Dade Counties, Florida  
2001 – Present

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**Education** **Post-Doctoral Fellow, Child and Adolescent Psychology, 1994-1995**  
Department of Clinical Psychiatry  
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University

**Ph.D., Clinical Psychology 1995**  
Fordham University

**M.A. Clinical Psychology 1989**  
Fordham University

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<b>Speaking Engagements</b>	August 2016	“Practice Innovations for Addressing Health Disparities Among Boys and Men in Communities of Color.” Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Washington, D.C.
	August 2016	“The Success of Usain Bolt and other Jamaican Sprinters.” BBC Radio Interview, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.
	June 2016	“Challenges and Resilience Among Black Families in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century.” Association of Black Psychologists, South Florida Chapter.
	June 2016	“Addressing Their Real Concerns: Mental Health & Family Dynamics for African American Men and Boys.” Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Minority Health, Bethesda, Maryland.
	May 2016	“Post-Graduate Careers in Psychology.” 22nd Annual Black Graduate Conference in Psychology, Coral Gables, Florida.
	December 2015	“Challenges and Resilience Among African-American Families.” Black Male Youth Mental Health Conference, Miami Dade Economic Action Trust, North Miami, Florida.
	November 2015	“Parenting: Universal, Cultural, and Familial Aspects.” International Association for the Study of Attachment Conference, Miami, Florida.
	October 2015	Keynote Speaker, “Ghana’s Contribution to American Knowledge of African Civilization.” Ghanamaa Annual Gala, Tamarac, Florida.
	October 2015	“Breaking the Cycle: Empowering Families in Crisis.” Family Success Administration Division of Broward County Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
	September 2015	“Overview of Brief Strategic Family Therapy®.” Louisiana Models for Change Evidence Based Academy, Lafayette, Louisiana.
May 2015	“Brief Strategic Family Therapy®: A Powerful Invention for Troubled Youth and Their Families.” 35th Annual Louisiana Governor’s Conference on Juvenile Justice, New Orleans, Louisiana.	

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April 2014	Keynote Speaker, “Empowering Black Male Youth and Their Families.” Miami Dade Economic Action Trust, Black Male Youth Mental Health Conference, Miami, Florida.
May 2013	“Impact of Postpartum Depression on Families and Child Bearing.” Ghanamaa Depression Awareness Community Event, Miramar, Florida.
April 2012	“Brief Strategic Family Therapy®.” Texas Research to Practice Conference, Dallas, Texas.
April 2010	“Brief Strategic Family Therapy®: Implementation in Community Settings.” Blueprints Center for Violence Biennial Conference, Center for the Study & Prevention of Violence, San Antonio, Texas.
April 2010	“Intergenerational Issues of Families in Crisis.” Miami Area Geriatric Education Conference, University of Miami.
March 2010	“Overview of Brief Strategic Family Therapy®.” Mondriaan, Division of Youth and Children, Heerlen, Netherlands.
October 2009	“Psychology of Money: Treating Families in an Economic Downturn.” Employee Assistance Association of South Florida.
September 2009	“Brief Strategic Family Therapy®: Three Decades of Research and Community Collaboration.” Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.
September 2008	“Accommodation versus Assimilation in Evidence Based Practice.” Association for the Advancement of Evidence Based Practice, Savannah, Georgia.
August 2008	“Caribbean Immigrants’: Maternal Care and Separation, Social Support and Emotional Adjustment.” America Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
August 2007	“Family Therapy for Drug Using Adolescents.” New England School of Addiction Studies, Manchester, New Hampshire.
	“Saving Black Couples and Their Families.” Florida Memorial

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November 2006	College, Miami, Florida.
May 2005	“Cultural Issues in Treating Geriatric Patients.” Miami Area Geriatric Education Conference, University of Miami.
March 2005	Keynote Speaker, “Finer Womanhood Celebration: Zetas Helping Other People Excel Through Mind, Body and Spirit.” Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Delta Eta Zeta Chapter, Oakland Park, Florida.
February 2005	“Ethical Standards for Counseling.” Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
November 2004	“Holiday Stress: What Is It and How Can We Cope?” NBC 6, Miramar, Florida.
November 2004	“What Journalists Can Do To Address the Stigma of Mental Illness.” South Florida Association of Black Journalists.
August 2004	“Family Treatment for Borderline Adolescents.” Broward Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
April 2004	“Building Partnerships Between Parents and Schools.” Urban League of Broward County Education Summit, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
August 2003	“If Relationships Are So Good Why Do They Hurt Us So Bad?: A Lively, Timely Discourse on Romantic Relationships.” Broward County African-American Research Library & Cultural Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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**Community Service**

2002-2005	MYSTIK 1580 (WSRF AM) South Florida Speaks Out. Guest psychologist for family, relationship issues
1999-2004	United Way Young Leaders Society
1999-2000	Parent and Family Skills, Services and Information Task Force, Mayor’s Early Childhood Initiative, Miami-Dade County
2016 - Present	Dean’s Diversity Council, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine

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**Leadership**

2015-Present	Executive Committee, Woodson Williams Marshall Association, University of Miami
2011-Present	Chair, Student Circle, Association of Black Psychologists, South Florida Chapter
2009-2010	President, Association of Black Psychologists, South Florida Chapter
2008-2009	Chair, Student Circle, Association of Black Psychologists, South Florida Chapter
2006-2007	American Family Therapy Association Clinical Research Conference Planning Committee
2004-2005	American Association for Black Psychologists National Convention Planning Committee
2000-2004	National Training Committee, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network.
2000-2004	National Quality Assurance Committee, National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network.
2000-2003	Chair, Quality Assurance Workgroup, Florida Node of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Clinical Trials Network
2000-2002	Minority Students Mentors Program, Department of Educational and Psychological Studies, University of Miami
1999-2003	Steering Committee, Center for Family Studies, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Miami

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## Publications

- Duff, Zarate, **Muir**, Schwartz, Szapocznik, & Darwiche, J. (2016). La Thérapie brève familiale stratégique (BSFT) (N. Favez, Ed.).
- Santisteban DA, Mena MP, **Muir J**, McCabe BE, Abalo C, Cummings AM. (2015) The efficacy of two adolescent substance abuse treatments and the impact of comorbid depression: Results of a small randomized controlled trial. *Psychiatr Rehabil J*; 38(1):55-64.
- Szapocznik J, **Muir J**, Duff JH, Schwartz SJ, Brown CH. (2015) Brief Strategic Family Therapy: implementing evidence-based models in community settings. *Psychother Res*; 25(1):121-33.
- Szapocznik, J., **Muir, J.A.**, Duff, J., Schwartz, S.J., & Brown, H.C., (2013). Brief strategic family therapy: implementing evidence-based models in community settings. *Society for Psychotherapy Research*,
- Szapocznik, J., Zarate, M., Duff, J., & **Muir, J.** (2013). Brief strategic family therapy: engaging drug using/problem behavior adolescents and their families in treatment. *Social Work in Public Health*, 28(3-4), 206-223.
- Szapocznik, J., Schwartz, S.J., **Muir, J.A.**, & Brown, C.H., (In press). Brief Strategic Therapy: An Intervention to Reduce Adolescent Risk Behavior. *Couple and Family Psychology: Research and Practice*, 1(2), 134-145
- Szapocznik, J., **Muir, J.A.**, Schwartz, S. J., (2012). Brief strategic family therapy for adolescent drug abuse: Treatment and implementation. In P. M. Miller & S. A. Ball (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Addictive Behaviors*. New York: Academic Press.
- West, C., Rambo, A., Schooley, A., & Boyd, T.V. (2012). Family Therapy Review: Contrasting Contemporary Models. Dundee, MI, United States of America: Routledge.

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Mena, M., Mitrani, V., **Muir, J.**, & Santisteban, D., (2008). Extended parent-child separations: Impact on adolescent functioning and possible gender differences. *Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing, 13*(1), 50-52.

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**Muir, J.A.**, Schwartz, S.J., & Szapocznik, J. (2004). A program of research with Hispanic and African American families: Three decades of intervention development and testing influenced by the changing cultural context of Miami. *Journal of Marital & Family Therapy, 30*(3), 285-303.

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Zayas, L., Torres, L., **Malcolm, J.** & DesRosier, F. (1996). Clinicians' definitions of ethnically sensitive therapy. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*