

Kathryn Basham, Ph.D. – Smith College School for Social Work

Kathryn Basham, Ph.D., LICSW, is Professor, Smith College School for Social Work and Editor of Smith College Studies in Social Work. As the only clinical social worker participating on a congressionally mandated committee sponsored by the Institute between 2005 and 2007, she has co-authored two texts titled *Physiologic, Psychological and Psychosocial Effects of Deployment-Related Stress* (2007) and *Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Diagnosis and Treatment* (2006). Her co-authored text titled *Transforming the Legacy: Couple Therapy with Survivors of Childhood Trauma* (2004) introduces a phase oriented practice model grounded in a synthesis of social, biological and psychological theories. Areas of research and teaching interests include: clinical practice models with survivors and families of childhood trauma and combat trauma; impasses in cross-cultural practice; pedagogy, diversity and anti-racism practice; and ethics.

Recent publications, consultations and trainings have focused on couple and family therapy approaches with soldiers, veterans and their families at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (D.C.) and several Veterans Administration Medical Centers throughout the country. In 2007, Dr. Basham received the honor of induction into the National Academies of Practice as a Distinguished Clinical Practitioner. She maintains a private practice in clinical social work in Northampton, MA specializing in couple, family and individual psychotherapy and consultation services. In collaboration with her SCSSW colleague, Dr. Jean La Terz, she is initiating a pilot research project exploring the efficacy of Phase I of a trauma-related therapy modality for traumatized couples where one partner is an OIF veteran diagnosed with PTSD. The study explores possible changes in attachment, overall satisfaction, affect regulation and expressed anger. She has also been invited by the Department of Social Work at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to provide additional training workshops this coming October 2008 on couple therapy with combat Veterans and their partners grounded in a lens of attachment theory.