

To Whom it May Concern

Re: Yajna Coci, Clinical Psychologist

I have known Yajna since 2007 when she started her Masters in Applied Psychology/PhD (Clinical) at Murdoch University, Perth. I was one of her lecturers and clinical supervisors, and supervised her doctoral research which she completed successfully in June 2011. Yajna was endorsed as a Clinical Psychologist in May 2012, and since then I have met her regularly for peer consultations as part of her PD requirements for continuing professional registration.

Yajna was a guest lecturer at Murdoch University during second semester 2012 when she presented a series of lectures on 'Person-Centred' approaches to psychotherapy to 4th year psychology students. Student feedback rated her presentations as well prepared and clearly delivered. She has subsequently presented papers on sections of her research at an international conference on Psychology and education in Portugal and at the Australian Health Promotion National Conference (2009).

Yajna has worked with children and youth at ACTIV Foundation, the WA Dept of Child Protection, Cockburn Community Council with adolescents, and with adults as Project Manager (Trauma) at the Marian Centre, an adult psychiatric hospital in Perth, where she developed a PTSD programme based on group EMDR and ACT principles, trained her team, and collaboratively ran the programme. She has facilitated workshops for nurses and OTs on working with difficult clients and has provided training workshops, lectures and tutorials for 5th Year medical students.

Since 2019, she has run psychodynamic supervision groups with Dr Marc Joffe and has supervised Clinical Psychologists at her private practice on their use of EMDR, Schema Therapy, and Psychodynamic Therapy. She is now an accredited practitioner and EMDR consultant with the EMDR Association of Australia. She is also an accredited psychodynamic supervisor of psychiatry trainees who are required by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) to see a client weekly for 40 sessions and then write a 10,000 word account of their practice. In addition, Yajna is a guest lecturer in trauma and psychodynamic therapy for final year psychiatry trainees with the RANZCP, and she lectures Masters in Clinical Psychology students at Edith Cowan University, Perth.

Yajna is the founder and director of the Clinic of Collaborative Interventions, a private psychology practice where she and her colleagues provide consultations and therapy for clients with personality disorders, PTSD, anxiety and depression, relationship breakdowns, and family dysfunction. Recently, I reviewed her innovative ideas for therapy based on an integration of EMDR and psychodynamic concepts and practices.

In sum, Yajna is a very enthusiastic, highly respected, committed psychologist who has outstanding qualities of empathy and warmth that she combines with academic rigour and excellent therapeutic competencies that are highly valued by her clients, colleagues, and those she teaches and supervises.

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Emeritus Associate Professor David Leach: Masters and PhD graduation ceremony



22 November 2022

To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing in my capacity as an EMDR Trainer and Consultant. My professional qualifications include a Bachelor of Social Work, Graduate Diploma of Psychotherapy and Master of Counselling and Psychotherapy.

I have provided EMDR consultation to Yajna Coci since December 2021. Over the course of our sessions together, I have assessed that Yajna is a highly skilled and experienced therapist. She has worked in the mental health field for many years as a Clinical Psychologist and treats complex PTSD on a regular basis in her clinical work. Yajna has a particular interest and expertise in working with clients who have experienced developmental trauma. I am very impressed by Yajna's commitment to ongoing learning as a trauma therapist. She has completed advanced EMDR training and integrates EMDR therapy appropriately with other therapeutic models when clinically indicated, such as psychodynamic therapy and schema therapy.

Yajna is a very warm and intuitive person who demonstrates a natural empathy and ability to relate to her clients and other EMDR therapists. She has an evident passion for EMDR Therapy and is very supportive of therapists as they develop their confidence in this treatment approach. She is an experienced and skilled clinical supervisor and has well developed skills in providing professional consultation to therapists who are integrating EMDR Therapy into their clinical practice.

If you would like to speak to me further, you are welcome to call me on 0434 212 696.

Yours sincerely,

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14 May 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Dear Madam/ Sir,

**OPEN LETTER OF REFERENCE: YAJNA COCI: CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGIST:**

I have known Yajna for a number of years now, but have recently (the last 18 months) co-convened a number of closed supervision groups with her. These groups attend to the needs of clinicians at various levels of experience (from neophyte to highly experienced) in relation to complex clinical problems and the management of these using Psychodynamic and Schema psychotherapies.

Professionally, I have found Yajna to be well organized, hard-working, methodical, consistent, reliable and generally considered.

Clinically, I have observed that Yajna is self-reflective, kind, interpersonally generous, and very well-informed and astute in the applications of and supervision of Schema Therapy. She is also adept at using her clinical experience to bring interesting and useful material as exemplars to the supervision situation. Yajna is also well informed about the theory and practice of psychodynamic psychotherapies.

I would certainly recommend Yajna to any teaching or occupational situation in the field of Clinical Psychology.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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To Whom It May Concern:

Professional Reference Regarding
Dr Yajna COCI, Clinical psychologist.

I understand that Dr Coci is applying for the role of a dedicated Supervisor for students at UWA enrolled as Masters Students. She would also like to be involved formally in any Lecture or teaching course.

I have known Dr Coci from a clinical perspective over a significant period of time in my Capacity as a Private Psychiatrist in Perth.

I also have a long-standing role as a Co-Director in Postgraduate Training in Psychiatry (WA) where I am involved in the selection process and organising a formal teaching programme for the First year trainees.

It is with this eye from my Teaching perspective that I can attest to Dr Coci's enthusiasm and commitment to teach. In fact, this year I have recommended her to provide a lecture to the trainees for 2020 given her considerable knowledge base and her ability to communicate potentially complex concepts in a refreshing and pragmatic manner. I have seen her lecture work regarding Schema-based therapy which has been valuable from a clinical perspective.

I am aware that she, in conjunction with another senior Psychologist, oversees a psychodynamic supervision group. Due to demand they are organising a second one mid-2020 (<http://www.clinicofcollaborativeinterventions.com.au/dr-yajna-coci-training.html>).

We shared a difficult and challenging client back in 2004 and I did provide some mentorship from 2010-2011 when she was working at The Marian Centre.

I provided mentorship session for Dr Coci for 7 months on a fortnightly basis in 2019.

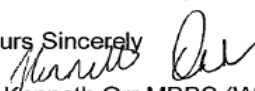
I have referred her several clients over the last several years that have had Trauma history. They have acknowledged the beneficial and constructive therapeutic experience.

In summary, I trust in her clinical skill set and her experience which she is continually

seeking to invigorate and enhance: a testament to her willingness to learn and upskill continually.

She has the passion and burgeoning experience for teaching and supervision at a sophisticated Post-graduate level that will benefit the new generation of psychologist.

Yours Sincerely


Dr Kenneth Orr MBBS (WA), FRANZCP.



Dr Kenneth Orr, Consultant Psychiatrist: Gascoyne House, Graylands Psychiatric teaching hospital, 2022

It was a delightful evening of reminiscences as several colleagues came together for dinner at The UWA Club on Friday 25 November to show their appreciation for the enormous contribution Simon Byrne has made to his patients, peers and trainees over many years. Simon reflected on his journey through psychiatry training and his practice as a psychotherapist and revealed that he is retiring from psychiatry but has plans to continue down a different career path!



17/01/2019

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Professional Reference for Dr Yajna Coci, Clinical Psychologist

I have had direct professional contact with Dr Yajna Coci since early 2011. I have referred a number of patients to her with a variety of psychological or psychiatric disorders for the purpose of assessment for individual therapy.

I have been impressed by her willingness to accept a broad range of referrals. She appeared keen not only to assess and manage patients who suffer with problems that fall within her areas of subspecialisation, but also eager for the challenge of other complex cases from a wide range of disorders. I know I can rely on Dr Coci to identify appropriate areas for intervention and provide feedback very punctually. I have always been impressed with the informativeness, thoroughness and comprehensiveness of her written reports. Her reports are lucidly written, very timely and clearly outline the particular psychotherapeutic approach she has used, such that the two of us are able to work very effectively in a therapeutic partnership together with the patient. I have also found that her feedback has helped me enormously to further modify my own empathic approach to patients during my ongoing work with them.

I have also had occasion to discuss cases with her, and seek advice and information from her on matters related to psychological formulation. I have found her easily approachable, helpful, and eager to understand and address my particular questions. She has provided useful advice on ways to gather psychological information which I find greatly enhance my own practice. Unlike many other therapists that I have had occasion to talk to, she has been open about explaining some of the approaches that she uses with patients in different modalities of therapy. This has helped me enormously when I consider whom to refer my own patients to – obviously, it is much easier to refer to a professional when one has an idea about how they work.

The feedback that I get from my patients about their experience with Dr Coci further underscores my impressions above. They find her approachable, friendly and gentle in manner. They also find her eager to help and to work flexibly with them in helping them achieve their goals.

Overall, in my opinion, Dr Coci's knowledge, skills and professional approach is of a very high standard.

Sincerely,



Dr Geetha Menon



Dr Geetha Menon, Consultant Psychiatrist: Private Practice Success

22 August 2013

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Re Dr Yajna Coci

I have supervised Yajna in various capacities over the last four years, initially at Murdoch Clinic then when she worked in various settings including The Marian Centre (private psychiatric hospital) and independent private practise.

Yajna has always been impressive in terms of her ability to take on major projects. She shows tremendous initiative and capacity for independent programme planning, as evident by her setting up PTSD programmes for The Marian Centre that was governed by evidence based practise. Yajna has also set up her own multidisciplinary clinic and facilitates workshops which have received very positive responses on participant feedback forms.

The second outstanding feature of Yajna's clinical psychology practise is her ability to learn. She is keen for professional development and always goes above and beyond what is necessary. Her CV gives a very strong indication of this commitment to professional development. In addition to the breadth of training that she has undertaken, she has demonstrated that she positively responds to feedback provided in supervision. Yajna has demonstrated a high level of clinical skills in engaging and collaboratively delivering evidence based psychological interventions with clients in the area of trauma and personality disorders. She has almost completed the required supervision and training that should see her becoming an Accredited EMDR Consultant by the end of 2013. She guest lectured at Murdoch University in 2012 and this was very well received.

In summary, Yajna has a bright future in Clinical Psychology and is well suited to a lecturing or supervision position in psychology.

Sincerely



Dr Christopher Lee

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Associate Professor Christopher Lee: Clinic of Collaborative Interventions Opening Day 2013.



23 October 2012

Dr Yajna Coci

I have provided supervision to Yajna since January 2011, initially in conjunction with an innovative group treatment program that she developed at a private hospital, and later from November 2011 when she moved to full-time independent practice. I continue to provide her with individual supervision on a regular basis.

The hospital-based program was a major project for her, undertaken early in her professional career. She read widely, consulted appropriately with local, interstate and international experts, and developed an integrated program that included significant elements of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy and a group application of a simplified EMDR protocol for adults. This latter innovation was a world first.

I am impressed by her willingness to develop her professional skills by seeking supervision well beyond the formal requirements necessary for her registration as a Clinical Psychologist. Already her professional skills are at a level beyond that which would be expected of someone with her experience. She has demonstrated an eagerness to learn, responsiveness to feedback, and a capacity for reflection on her own practice which augurs well for the future.

She enjoys the challenge of working with clients who have more complex and chronic presentations where skills in assessment and formulation are necessary in order to develop an effective treatment plan. In working with such clients she has demonstrated a capacity to engage and form a collaborative relationship that carries the therapeutic work. She draws on a wide range of empirically supported therapies, including CBT, Schema Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing, and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. She has attended training workshops in these therapies. She is currently proceeding with the necessary supervision and training that should see her becoming an accredited Schema Therapist and an accredited EMDR consultant within a year.

Clinical Psychologist
MAPS, MNZPS (Life Member)
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Accredited Trainer, EMDR Australia Association
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17 October 2012



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THE MARIAN CENTRE

Re: Yajna Coci, PhD

I have great pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Dr Coci. I have known her for nearly two years; first we worked together at The Marian Centre, a private psychiatric facility, and over the past year I have shared a number of psychiatric patients.

Dr Coci has always impressed me with her vibrant intellect, quick wit and depth of knowledge. She deals with complex psychological problems with ease and confidence and expresses her opinion in a clear and logical fashion. She is hardworking, energetic and enthusiastic about her work and strives for excellence.

Dr Coci is very well liked by her patients as she has an empathetic approach. Her ethical standards are beyond reproach.

On a personal note, I mention that she is always good-spirited and a delight to work with.

I have no hesitation to support her application to any teaching position because I am convinced that she will be an asset in such positions.

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Professional Reference for Dr Yajna Coci

October 3, 2012


To whom it may concern,

I have had direct professional experience with Yajna for approximately 2.5 years beginning in March 2010. At this time I supervised Yajna for about 4 months in my capacity as Clinical Psychologist and Daypatient coordinator at The Marian Centre (TMC), a private mental health hospital. During this period Yajna co-facilitated a number of cognitive-behavioural group programs for adults with Axis I and Axis II diagnoses with myself, and participated in a mindfulness-based cognitive therapy group (MBCT) that I facilitated. I have subsequently worked with Yajna in 2011 as co-facilitator in TMC's new PTSD 2-week group program that Yajna designed, project managed and implemented based on evidence-based practice. To my knowledge, this program was the first in Australia to employ a group-based Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) protocol. Preliminary findings were very positive. I continue to participate in regular peer supervision with Yajna.

My assessment of Yajna over the previous period is that her clinical psychology knowledge in the area of formulation, intervention procedures and theory for adults with Axis I and II disorders is broad and well above the average clinical psychologist level. Yajna is especially knowledgeable and skilled in the area of CBT, schema therapy and EMDR for PTSD and complex presentations. Indeed Yajna provided approximately 5 hours of professional training to myself in regard to the new PTSD/EMDR group protocol she developed. I have also observed her therapy skills during the sessions I co-facilitated with her. She shows particular strengths in relation to: the competent and diligent execution of CBT and schema therapy clinical assessment, formulation, and intervention procedures and processes for clients with complex presentations; CBT/ACT therapy protocol development and therapy manual writing; in developing a therapeutic alliance and empathic attunement to clients with often severe presentations; integrating well in a team environment; shows good leadership, verbal / written communication skill, and project management skill.

Finally, on an interpersonal level, while very focused and conscientious, Yajna can work very flexibly, pleasantly, and cooperatively with her fellow mental health professionals and administrative workers. Overall, I believe Yajna's range of skills, knowledge and attributes in the area of mental health service delivery are highly desirable and of a very high standard.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Mark Craigie
Clinical Psychologist

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Dr Mark Craigie: "Registered" Clinical Psychologist celebration with family, friends and colleagues



17 October 2012

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RE: DR YAJNA COCI

I have known Dr Coci professionally in the capacity of a referring general practitioner at the Maylands Medical Centre where she has worked part-time as a private clinical psychologist over the last 12 months.

During this period of time she has worked independently undertaking referrals from myself and other general practitioners within the group treating young adult and geriatric patients with a broad range of complex psychological and psychiatric disorders. In these patient interactions she has impressed with her mature professional approach to patient care and in depth understanding and application of the psychological treatment modalities in achieving positive patient outcomes. Her correspondence relating to patient care attests to her exceptional skill level in her chosen vocation.

Overall she has integrated well within our group medical practice. She has a quiet and pleasant disposition demonstrating excellent interpersonal skills in interacting with other staff members and patients in our busy group environment.

She has expressed an interest in pursuing an academic career and as evidenced from her focused work application and exemplary skill level I have no hesitation in recommending her to any prospective employer in the mental health sphere.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Frank Rodino, Senior General Practitioner, 2021

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1 March 2013

Dear Yajna,

Congratulations, you have been nominated for a Murdoch teaching award. From 2013, we have introduced some new processes for staff to be nominated to potentially apply for a teaching award.

There are two types of awards:

- the VC's Citations for Excellence in Enhancing Learning (awarded in semester 1); and
- the VC's Awards for Teaching Excellence (broadly known as TEX Awards - awarded in semester 2).

These are based on, and articulate to, the national Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT) Citations and Awards, respectively.

We are now using the same nomination process for both types of awards. We continue to nominate those staff who are in the top 10% of teaching survey results. In addition, we are trialing a system where students can directly nominate staff in their MOSS teaching surveys.

You have been nominated by 5 students through standard Surveys of Teaching. Some students may have written a rationale for your nomination. You will find this at the end of your MOSS Survey of Teaching report. We hope you can use this nomination and any 'testimonials' to good effect in your career progression.

What to do? If you are eligible you can use this nomination to apply for either a citation or an award - whichever is most appropriate for your circumstances. To be eligible you must have worked at Murdoch for at least two years, and if you have previously won this award, you cannot re-apply for a period of five years.

If you decide to proceed, you will need to present a written case of your excellence as a teacher, which will be assessed by the selection committee. For more information, go to <http://our.murdoch.edu.au/Educational-Development/VCs-excellence-awards/>.

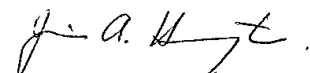
The Centre for University Teaching and Learning is running an information session to provide an overview of teaching and learning Awards at Murdoch, particularly the Vice Chancellor's Citations for Excellence in Enhancing Learning. Participants will also have an opportunity to view excerpts from exemplary Citation applications and begin planning their applications.

VC's Citations Information Session and Workshop
Tuesday 29 January, 9.30-12.00 noon.
FTLR, Library 4.040, North Wing Library

Please RSVP to Denyse D.Macnish@murdoch.edu.au

If you choose to go ahead with an application please advise Denyse by Monday 4 February. The due date for applications is Monday 18 March, 2013.

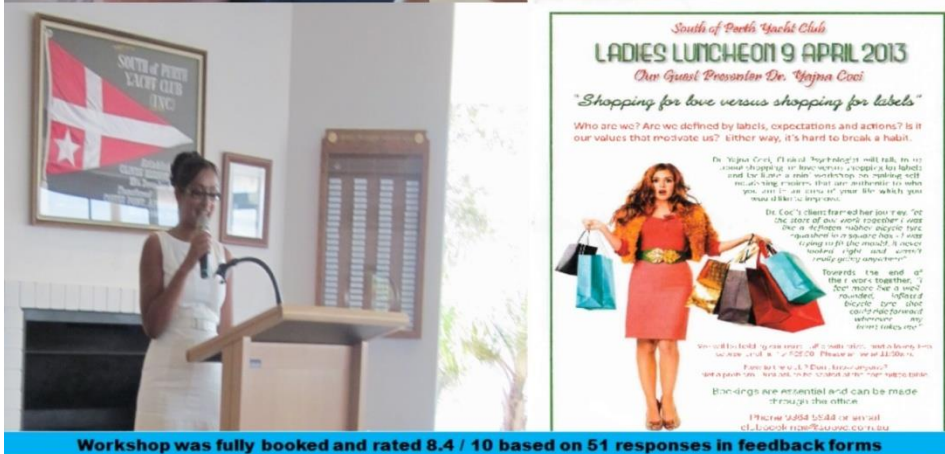
Professor Jan Herrington



Chair, VC's Awards and Citations Committee



Workshop for AMP



Workshop was fully booked and rated 8.4 / 10 based on 51 responses in feedback forms



Workshop rated 8.6/10 in feedback forms and fully booked, 25th July 2013 Wembley.



Presentation at International Conference on Psychology and Education, Portugal



Clinic of Collaborative Interventions Team: Clinical Psychologists; Daniel Lazaroo, Dr Keren Geddes, Shanti Saraswati-Hindle



Department of Child Protection: Team members 2003 to 2007, Gemma Johnston, Joanne Thompson and Tania Smith