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My connection with Clarkson began in 1968 when I was a freshman Electrical Engineering student. I eventually transferred into the Industrial Distribution program and graduated in 1972.

While I was an undergraduate, I was quite involved in the peace movement in Potsdam. The political science classes that I took were of great interest to me. These two experiences motivated me to look into the helping professions. I entered the graduate program in counseling at St. Lawrence University in 1972. I found a career and met Nan Greene that fall. In 1973, I earned the M.Ed. in counseling, and in 1974, Nan and I married.

Clarkson's Dean of Student Affairs, A. George Davis, wanted to create a counseling center at Clarkson. He hired Gary Kelly and me, and in July, 1973, we opened the Student Development Center. That counseling center continues to this day as the Student Health and Counseling Center. I left in 1978 so that Nan and I could continue graduate studies. When I left, I was the assistant director. Today, Dr. Nan Greene Cerio is the assistant director of counseling at Clarkson.

We became graduate fellows in the counseling psychology doctoral program at Indiana State University in Terre Haute (Ph.D., 1983). I completed my psychology internship in the Health Center, Counseling and Psychological Services, at Indiana University – Bloomington in 1981. I became an assistant professor of counseling and psychology at Harford Community College in Bel Air, Maryland in 1981. In 1984, I was licensed to practice psychology in Maryland. I opened a private practice in January, 1985 in Bel Air. Nan joined me in 1987. In 1990, after receiving tenure and a promotion to associate professor, I left the college so that I could work full-time in our practice.

Nan and I were licensed to practice psychology in New York in 2011. In December, 2012, we moved our practice from Bel Air, Maryland to Canton, New York, and continue until 2021. I am also a working part-time as psychologist in the St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center's outpatient adult mental health clinic in Ogdensburg, New York. We have privileges at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, and we teach in their Health Coach program. In addition to serving on the Dean's Advisory Council, I help the Physician Assistant Studies program with their interviews of new graduate student applicants each year.

Nan and I live in Canton, New York. We have two sons. Don is a Ph.D. candidate in evolutionary biology at Ohio University, and Pat is a statistician/data manager at the Potsdam Institute for Applied Research at SUNY Potsdam.

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