

# VANESSA THAREN

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## EDUCATION

**Certificate of Parenting Coordination**  
Riverdale Mediation, Toronto, Ontario

January 2018

**Certificate of Family Mediation**  
York University, Toronto, Ontario

December 2017

**M.A., Sociology**  
**Graduated in 2017**  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

November 2017

**B.A., Sociology**  
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

June 2014

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### **Axis Mediation**

January 2022-Present

Information and Referral Coordinator

- Provides clients with general and relevant information pertaining to divorce, separation, and child and parenting issues
- Presents Mandatory Information Program to the public in the role of Mental Health Professional and Information and Referral Coordinator
- Educates clients about mediation and alternative dispute resolutions

### **Family Mediator**

January 2018-March 2020

Silbert Family Law, St. Catharines, ON

- Met with clients for intake meetings, screening for domestic violence and joint sessions
- Drafted child and spousal support calculations, parenting plans, and separation agreements
- Mediated disputes between clients through email, phone and in-person
- Diffused intense conflicts to help clients come to a resolution

### **Mental Health Professional**

September 2019-March 2020

Axis Mediation Inc

- Presented curriculum in the role of Mental Health Professional for Mandatory Information Sessions on behalf of the Ministry of the Attorney General
- Provided general advice to participants proceeding in family court
- Provided referrals to local services when needed

**Teaching Assistant**

September 2016-April 2017

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON

- Taught 4 sections of 25+ students on specialized sociological material
- Designed and delivered lesson plans according to lecture content
- Evaluated student progress through examinations and assignments

**SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

**Presenter.** “Life at Chelsea; Deinstitutional Practices and Emotional Labour” Jane Synge Memorial Conference, McMaster University Hamilton, 2017

**Presenter.** “Engaging Students VIA Active Learning” Teaching and Learning Forum, McMaster University, Hamilton, 2016

**Presenter.** “Rape Culture in the Media: Local and International Comparisons of Rape Portrayals in the News”, LSSA Panel Discussion, Waterloo, Ontario, 2014