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PERSONAL DATA:

Born March 26, 1956
Los Angeles, California

LICENSES HELD:

Licensed Psychologist - State of California, #PSY10800
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EDUCATION & DEGREES

9/81 - 1/86

California School of Professional Psychology
San Diego, California

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology - 1986

Dissertation: An Exploration of the Construct of Alexithymia from
Behavioral, Cognitive and Psychoanalytic
Perspectives

M.A. in Clinical Psychology - 1983

9/78 - 6/80

University of Minnesota
Institute of Child Development
Minneapolis, Minnesota

M.A. in Child Psychology - 1980

Thesis: The Development of Causal Reasoning in the Narrative

9/74 - 9/78

University of California, San Diego
San Diego, California

B.A. in Psychology - 1978 (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)

9/71 - 6/74
Ulysses S. Grant High School
Van Nuys, California

PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1/87 - Licensed Psychologist
Independent Private Practice of Clinical and Forensic
Psychology and Consultation, Mediation, Collaborative
Practice
- 1/08 - Family Mediator
National Conflict Resolution Center
San Diego, CA
- 1/99– 5/02 Director, Dispute Resolution Services
Real Solutions for Children (Volunteer Position)
- 3/86 - 3/87 Post Doctoral Fellow, Mesa Vista Hospital,
Child/Adolescent Treatment program.
Supervisor: Ain Roost, Ph.D.
Margaret Peshel, Ph.D.
(Duties included group psychotherapy, case
consultation and psychological testing on a locked
inpatient acute care child and adolescent unit.)
- 7/85 - 12/86 Registered Psychological Assistant
Supervisor: Janet Lindner, Ph.D.
(Psychotherapy and psychological assessment in a
private practice setting.)
- 6/85 - 3/86 Psychology Fellow, Southwood Psychiatric Residential
Treatment Program
Supervisor: Yanon Volcani, Ph.D.
(Duties included group and family psychotherapy,
program planning, milieu consultation.)
- 9/84 - 6/85 Veterans Administration Hospital Medical Center
La Jolla, California
Position: Predoctoral Psychology Intern,
Supervisors: Gary Birchler, Ph.D.
Lowell Storms, Ph.D.
(Duties included outpatient emergency triage, inpatient
consultation and assessment, co-therapist in outpatient
and inpatient substance abuse recovery groups,
diagnostic testing. Major focus in psychological aspects
of medical illness, couples and family psychotherapy.)
- 6/83 - 7/85 Registered Psychological Assistant
Supervisor: Linda Eaton, Ph.D.
Psychotherapy in a private practice setting
- 6/83 - 6/84 Jewish Family Service of San Diego
Position: Psychology Intern

Supervisors: Neal Kline, M.D.
Ruth Greenwald, Ph.D.
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy,
psychological testing.)

8/82 - 7/83 California Psychological Services Center, San Diego.
Position: Psychology Intern
Supervisors: Neil Ribner, Ph.D.
Emily Adams, RN, PhD.
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy.)

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Psychotherapy, Forensics, Collaborative Practice and Psychological Assessment: Twenty two years direct clinical practice as a Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Particular interests are in the areas of Custody Dispute Resolution (Evaluation, Parent Coordination, Collaborative Practice, Mediation, and Consultation), Forensic Consultation/Expert Witness, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Collaborative Practice, Qualified Collaborative Practice Trainer, Psychodiagnostics, Child/adolescent/family psychology, Psychotherapy, Parenting Skills, Effective Communication Skills, Affective and Anxiety Disorders, Behavioral Pediatrics, Psychological and Psychoeducational Assessment (testing). Two years post-doctoral training in clinical child psychology, three years predoctoral training in general clinical psychology. Consulting Psychologist, Mesa Vista Hospital, San Diego, California. Consulting Psychologist, San Diego Center for Children.

Teaching/Supervision: Adjunct Faculty, United States International University, San Diego campus. Taught courses to Ph.D. students in psychological assessment and in developmental psychology. Teaching assistant in various graduate courses at University of Minnesota and California School of Professional Psychology. Courses included psychological testing, experimental design, developmental psychology, clinical child psychology, psychoanalytic theory of psychopathology. Trainer/Instructor – Real Solutions Center for Children. Have served as clinical supervisor for post-doctoral psychological fellows, providing case supervision, supervision of psychological testing. Currently serve as clinical supervisor, Intern Program, San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Center.

Public/Community Service: *Journal of Child Custody*, Editorial Board, *Family Court Review*, Founding Member – San Diego Family Law Council for Children, Member Board of Directors – Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego, Member, Board of Directors – Kid's Turn San Diego, Editorial Board, Program Committee – Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 7th Annual International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Program Committee – Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 49th Annual Conference, Member – Public Education Committee – International Association of Collaborative Professionals, Contributing Editor – Single Parent Magazine, Former Director of Dispute Resolutions Services – Real Solutions Center for Children

(Volunteer – Non-compensated), Volunteer Clinical Supervisor - San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center, Founder or Ch.A.D.D. of San Diego (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder). Past Co-coordinator, California State Coordinating Council of Ch.A.D.D. Past Board Member, National Foundation for Ileitis & Colitis, San Diego Chapter.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Psychological Association
Member, American Psi-Law Society
Member, Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego
Member, Board of Directors, Kid's Turn San Diego
Founding Member, San Diego Family Law Council for Children
Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Member, International Association of Collaborative Professionals
Editorial Board, *Journal of Child Custody*
Editorial Board, *Family Court Review*
Editorial Reviewer, The Guilford Press

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

May 2009. (upcoming) Collaboration In Litigation – Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Consulting in Litigated Cases. Presentation to the 46th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA.

April 2009. (upcoming) Advanced Collaborative Team Training. Presented at the 4th Annual CP-CAL (Collaborative Practice, California) Celebration. Long Beach, CA.

March, 2009. (upcoming) Interdisciplinary Team Training in Collaborative Family Law. Two day training as a prelude to “Collaborating Down Under”, an international conference in Sydney, Australia.

March 2009. (upcoming) Neuropsychology and Coaching. Three-hour presentation to “Collaborating Down Under”, an international conference in Sydney, Australia.

October 2008. A Demonstration Of Team Process In a Full Team Collaborative Divorce Case. 7th Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, Louisiana.

September, 2008. Conducting Reviews and Being Reviewed. 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Albuquerque New Mexico.

May, 2008 Effective Courtroom Technique For The Expert Witness. Full Day Pre-Conference Institute, 45th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Co-Sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy). Vancouver, Canada

April, 2008 What Neuropsychology Tells Us About How People Change And About Collaborative Coaching. 2nd Annual European Collaborative Conference, Cork, Ireland.

May, 2007 Expert Testimony – Strategies for Witnesses. 44th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington, DC. Co-presented with Hon. Arlene Rotman (ret), Philip Stahl, Ph.D.,

October, 2006 Expert Testimony and Cross-Examination. A full day pre-conference institute. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 7th Annual International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Atlanta, GA. Co-presented with Philip Stahl, Ph.D., The Hon. W. Dennis Duggan, R. John Harper LL.B.

June, 2006. "Growing Up In Dual Households" – How Do I Know If My Kid Needs Counseling. Guiding The Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce with Isolina Ricci, Ph.D., Presented by the San Diego Family Law Council for Children, San Diego, California.

May, 2006. "Effective Communication Styles for Reducing Conflict During Collaborative Divorce and Couples Communication." Retreat of the Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego. San Diego, California.

January, 2006 "Emotional Recovery From Divorce." Presentation to the Second Saturday program, Women's Institute for Financial Education, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, California.

July, 2005. Panel Discussant, "Children of Divorce: Long Term Implications: Theory and Practice". Guiding the Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce with Constance Ahrons, Ph.D., presented by the San Diego Family Law Council for Children.

May, 2005. "The Use and Misuse of Psychological Testing in Forensic Custody Evaluations". Invited presentation, Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association.

July, 2004. "Modified Custody Evaluations: Indications, Contraindications and Frontiers." Invited In-service Presentation to Family Court Services, Superior Court, County of San Diego.

September, 2003. "Focused Psychological Custody Evaluations." Seminar Provided to the Family Law Section, San Diego Bar Association. (Co-presenters: Hon. James R. Milliken – Presiding Judge; Penny Angel Levy, MSW; Timothy Smith, Esq.; Janet Bowermaster, Esq.)

November 2002. "Making Custody Evaluations More Efficient and Cost-Effective." Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations presented by the Association of

Family and Conciliation Courts. (Co-presenters: Hon. H. Ronald Domnitz – Superior Court of California; Nancy Stassinopolous CFLS.)

November 2002. “California Custody Evaluators Supplemental Session.” Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations presented by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. (This session offered as part of the mandated 40-hour training for California Child Custody Evaluations).

June, 2002. “Building Resilience in Alienated Children.” 39th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Waikoloa, Hawaii.

September 2001. ‘Children at Risk: Protecting and Building Resilience in Alienated Children.’ Northwest Regional Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

February 2001. “Understanding Psychological Tests in Child Custody Evaluations.” Brown Bag presentation – Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association.

June, 2000. “The Mini/Modified Psychological Evaluation.” The Eighteenth Annual Summer Seminar – Selected Issues in Family Law Practice and Procedure – The Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

October, 2008. 7th Annual Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, Louisiana. (16 MCEP Units)

September, 2008 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (14 MCEP Units)

June 2008. Parent Coordination Training offered by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, taught by Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D. Loyola Law Center, Chicago, IL. (12 MCEP Units)

May 2008. 45th Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (18 MCEP Units)

February, 2008. Mediation Skills Training. National Center for Conflict Resolution. San Diego, CA (32 MCEP Units)

November 2007 Training The Trainers. 24 hour training in training others to become Collaborative Practitioners. Phoenix, AZ. (24 MCEP Units)

October 2007. 6th Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (14 MCEP Units)

October, 2007. California Update on Child Custody Evaluations. San Diego, CA (8 MCEP Units)

October, 2007. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Regional Training Conference on Family Violence and Alienation. Columbus, Ohio (14 MCEP Units)

May, 2007. 44th Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC. (18 MCEP Units)

March, 2007. First Annual European Conference on Collaborative Practice. Vienna, Austria.

December, 2006. Training In Parent Coordination. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Baltimore, MD

December, 2006. Ethics and Risk Management For Psychologists. Presented by the American Psychological Association Insurance Trust, San Diego, CA (6 MCEP Units)

October, 2006. 7th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Atlanta, GA. (14 MCEP Units)

October 2006. 5th Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. San Diego, CA. (13 MCEP Units)

June, 2006. 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Tampa, Florida (17 MCEP Units)

May, 2006. Retreat – Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego (6 Hours)

September, 2005 – Interdisciplinary Team Training in Collaborative Family Law, Scottsdale, Arizona (24 MCEP Units)

May, 2005. 42nd Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Seattle, Washington (16.25 MCEP Units)

November, 2004. Therapists at Risk, Part II: Dual Relationships, Countertransference & The Legal and Ethical Considerations. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates (6 MCEP Units)

October, 2004. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 6th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Nashville, TN (17 MCEP Units)

May, 2004. 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas (17 MCEP Units)

March, 2004. Therapists At Risk (Part I) Risks & The Changing Face of Psychotherapy. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates (6 MCEP Units)

January, 2004. Domestic Violence: Assessment and Treatment. Psycho-Legal Associates. San Diego, CA (7 MCEP Hours)

May, 2003. 40th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ottawa, Canada. (16.25 MCEP Units)

November, 2002. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 5th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Tucson, AZ. (13.5 MCEP Units)

June, 2002. 39th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Kona, Hawaii (18 MCEP Units)

November, 2001. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 4th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Kiawah Island, SC (13.5 MCEP Units)