

CHRISTOPHER O. MICHAEL, Ph.D., QME

**Licensed Clinical Psychologist & Forensic Psychologist
Qualified Medical Evaluator**

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

<u>Newport Psychoanalytic Institute</u>	Sept. 2012-May 2013
1-year Certificate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy	
<u>University of Tulsa</u> Tulsa, Oklahoma APA-Accredited	Aug. 2000-Aug. 2006
Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology	Aug. 2006 (Dec. Graduation) Aug. 2002
<u>Patton State Hospital</u> Patton, California	Sept. 2005-Aug. 2007
Internship: Clinical Psychology (APA-Accredited)	Sept. 2005-Aug. 2006
Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Forensic Psychology	Sept. 2006-Aug. 2007
<u>Wichita State University</u> Wichita, Kansas Undergraduate psychology courses	June 1999-May 2000
<u>Oklahoma City University</u> Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Aug. 1992-May 1996
Bachelor of Music Major: Musical Theatre	May 1996

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Clinical Psychologist, California #22265
Qualified Medical Evaluator, California

October 2008-present
July 2012-present

RECENT EMPLOYMENT

Genesis Psychology Group

November 2014-present

Main Office:

3611 Motor Avenue

Suite 240

Los Angeles, CA 90034

Responsibilities:

Civil forensic evaluations and treatment (workers' compensation, other civil workplace) including interview, testing, report writing, depositions, psychotherapy

U.S. Department of Justice

January 2015-Dec. 2015

Executive Office for Immigration Review

Immigration Courts

Responsibilities:

Immigration-related forensic evaluations (competency to participate in immigration hearing)

Private Practice

June 2013-June 2014

(David Brendel, Ph.D., QME)

1450 N Tustin Avenue # 105

Santa Ana, CA 92705

Responsibilities:

Clinical and forensic psychological assessments with adults (workers' compensation—work injury, trauma, hostile work environment)

Contractor (panel) San Bernardino

Dec. 2011-Jan. 2013

Juvenile Program

Main (Contact) Office:

900 E. Gilbert St.

San Bernardino, CA 92415

Responsibilities:

Juvenile psychoeducational and forensic evaluations of referred adolescents conducted in secure testing and evaluation center;
Interview, testing, report writing

**Contractor (panel) San Bernardino
Superior Court**

Nov. 2010-Jan. 2013

Main (Contact) Office:
351 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Responsibilities:

PC 1368/1369 (IST); PC 288 (sex offender probation/placement) evaluations; PC 1026 (NGRI) evaluations performed with adult criminal defendants in secure jail settings;
Interview, testing, report writing, testimony

The Arroyos Psychological Associates (TAPA)
(also, Arroyos Treatment Centers)

Sep. 2010-February 2016

One West California Blvd
Suite 321
Pasadena, CA 91105

Responsibilities:

Clinical associate (independent contractor for TAPA) and interim Assistant Clinical Director. Residency Director. Perform psychotherapy, group therapy, assessments, consultations, administrative duties, supervision

Alliant International University

Jul. 2010-Aug. 2015

1000 South Fremont Avenue, Unit 5
Alhambra, California 91803

Responsibilities:

Lecture, test construction and grading, paper grading, organization and maintenance of grading materials, advising students and developing research programs, all at graduate level

Classes Taught: Investigating the Paraphilias and Sexual Criminality; Psychodynamic and Interpersonal Psychotherapy; Introduction to Psychotherapy; Test Construction; Research Methods; Forensic Assessment; Research Design and Statistics; Dissertation Chair

Zen Recovery Path

Oct. 2012-February 2013

Costa Mesa, CA

Responsibilities:

Contract-basis psychotherapy for East-West / holistic intensive outpatient program for substance dependence

Contractor with Medical Support Los Angeles, Inc.

Dec. 2009-Nov. 2012

Main (Contact) Office:
1294 E. Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena, CA 91106

Responsibilities:

Adult, adolescent, and child intellectual, cognitive, and diagnostic assessments performed in private clinic settings for SSI disability claims, report writing

Private Practice

Aug. 2009-March 2013

Laguna Hills, CA &
Anaheim Hills, CA

Responsibilities:

Sole proprietor; individual psychotherapy, clinical and forensic psychological assessments with adults and adolescents

Sharper Future

Nov. 2008-December 2009

Part-Time Staff Psychologist

Main (Contact) Office:
19230 Sonoma Highway, Suite 200
Sonoma, CA 95476

Responsibilities:

Group and individual sex offender treatment for branch in Colton, CA—Private sector forensic treatment in clinic setting

California Dept of Mental Health

Sept. 2007-June 2010

Patton State Hospital

Staff Psychologist

Department of Psychology
3102 E. Highland Ave.
Patton, CA 92369

Responsibilities:

Milieu interaction / treatment with forensic inpatient individuals, group treatment / psycho-education, treatment conferences, court reports, psychological assessment, individual psychotherapy, behavior modification plans, supervision of trainees, seminar presentations for trainees

Loma Linda University
Adjunct Faculty (APA-Accredited Ph.D.
and Psy.D.)

Jan. 2008-May 2008

Department of Psychology
LLU School of Science & Technology
Loma Linda, California 92350

Responsibilities:

Lecture, test construction and grading, paper grading, organization and maintenance of grading materials

Class Taught: Forensic Psychology

Argosy University (Orange County)
Graduate Instructor - Forensic Psychology

May 2007-Aug. 2007

3501 W. Sunflower Ave., Suite 110
Santa Ana, CA 92704-9888

Responsibilities: lecture, test construction and grading, term paper grading, organization and maintenance of grading materials, and organizational skills for blended in-person/online format

Classes Taught: Intro to Forensic Psychology, Forensic Treatment, Forensic Psychology Ethics

California Dept of Mental Health
Patton State Hospital
Pre-Doctoral Intern in Clinical Psychology
& Post-Doctoral Fellow in Forensic Psychology

Sept. 2005-Aug. 2007

3102 E. Highland Ave.
Patton, CA 92369

Responsibilities:

Intellectual, diagnostic, forensic, and neuropsychological assessment, as well as individual and group treatment, in both acute and long-term adult forensic psychiatric populations

Psychotherapy, assessment, forensics, case law seminars

Supervisors (internship):

- 1 hr individual per week with John Kinsman, Psy.D.
- 1 hr individual per week with April Wursten, Ph.D. ABPP / David Glassmire, Ph.D., ABPP

- Several hours per week in group / seminar supervision (Jette Warka, Ph.D., Annette Ermshar, Ph.D. / David Glassmire, Ph.D., Mona Mosk, Ph.D.)

Supervisors (post-doctoral fellowship):

- 1 hr individual per week with Marjorie Graham-Howard, Ph.D. (for forensic assessments and general purposes)
- 1 hr individual per week with Dennis Wallstrom, Ph.D. (psychotherapy)
- 1 hr group per week (with Dr. Graham-Howard; forensic seminar)
- 1 hr group per week (with Craig Lareau, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP; landmark cases)
- 1 hr group per week (with Dr. Wallstrom; advanced psychotherapy seminar)

**Oklahoma Dept of Mental Health &
Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS)
Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health;
Psychological Assistant
2323 S. Harvard
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114**

Apr. 2004-Aug. 2004

Responsibilities: Group psycho-education and diagnostic / neuropsychological assessment with adults in acute inpatient mental health setting

Supervisor: Dennis Combs, Ph.D.

**Office of Juvenile Affairs
Psychological Clinician Intern
L. E. Rader Center
13323 W. Highway 51
Sand Springs, Oklahoma 74063**

Aug. 2001-May 2003

Responsibilities: intellectual, diagnostic, and forensic placement assessment, individual and group treatment with juveniles, some with psychiatric diagnoses, in medium-secure detention facility

Supervisor: Stephen Grissom, Ph.D.

PRACTICA

**University of Tulsa
Alexander Student Health Center
Counseling and Psychological Services Center**

Aug. 2004-Dec. 2004

Conducted intakes, provided individual psychotherapy to adult students and alumni
Supervisor: Thomas Brian, Ed.D.

**Oklahoma Dept of Mental Health &
Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS)
Tulsa Center for Behavioral Health**

Apr. 2004-Aug. 2004

Tulsa, Oklahoma (acute inpatient stabilization hospital;
see above under Employment)
Supervisor: Dennis Combs, Ph.D.

**ODMHSAS
Oklahoma Indigent Defense System (OIDS)**

May 2003-Dec. 2003

Sapulpa, Oklahoma (legal defense office for the indigent in Oklahoma), Assisted attorneys by compiling a concise mental health history for a capital murder case
Supervisor: Kathy LaFortune, J.D., Ph.D.

**ODMHSAS
Oklahoma Forensic Center**

May 2003-Apr. 2004

Vinita, Oklahoma (inpatient forensic hospital)
Assisted with forensic assessments and group treatments for adults in a high-security forensic inpatient setting
Supervisor: R. Shawn Roberson, Ph.D.

**Office of Juvenile Affairs
L. E. Rader Center**

Aug. 2001-May 2003

Sand Springs, Oklahoma (medium-security juvenile Facility; see above under Employment)
Supervisor: Stephen Grissom, Ph.D.

SELECTED OTHER TRAINING / CONTINUING EDUCATION

Foundations of Clinical Supervision (online continuing education, 2014)

Cinematherapy (online continuing education, 2014)

Assessing Competence in Immigration Proceedings (in-person training, ~7 hours with Hon. Jack Weil (Assistant Chief Immigration Judge) and Randy Otto, Ph.D., ABPP; Los Angeles, CA November 14, 2013)

Ethical Decision-Making in Psychotherapy (online continuing education, 2012)

Fitness-for-Duty Evaluations: Ethics and Standards of Practice (workshop at APA Convention; Washington, DC August 6, 2011)

Evaluations for Test Accommodations Requests: Legal, Ethical, and Practical Considerations (workshop at APA Convention; Washington, DC August 4, 2011)

Best Practices in Gifted Assessment: Debunking Prevailing Myths (workshop at APA Convention; Washington, DC August 4, 2011)

Relational Somatic Psychotherapy (three-to-four-day residential intensives in Lake Elsinore, CA every three months; 2006 to 2011. This is a psychodynamic-integrative treatment with appropriate use of touch and body awareness)

Ericksonian Approaches to Brief Hypnotic Psychotherapy (1st week Intensive: Fundamentals; Phoenix, AZ Feb. 16-20, 2009)

Two-day training in Mentally Disordered Offender evaluations at Patton State Hospital (Oct. 2006). Presented by Ron Mihordin, M.D., J.D. of Forensic Services – Sacramento

AWARDS AND HONORS

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology, Patton State Hospital (2006-2007)
Pass with honors: Oral clinical comprehensive exam, University of Tulsa

PRESENTATIONS

Michael, C. O. (2017). Issues of Violence and Criminal Tendencies in the Mentally Ill. Presentation for May 2017 Diocese of San Bernardino Behavioral Health Conference, San Bernardino, CA.

Michael, C. O. (2006-2010). Psychotherapy integration: A psychoanalytic-behavioral approach. Presentation for internship psychotherapy seminar at Patton State Hospital, Patton, CA.

Michael, C. O. (2006-2010). Wilfred Bion, M.R.C.S. Presentation for internship psychotherapy seminar at Patton State Hospital, Patton, CA.

Michael, C. O., Combs, D. R., & Tiegreen, J. (November, 2007). Measuring paranoia across the continuum: The Paranoia Continuum Scale. Poster presentation at the November 2007 meeting

of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Tiegreen, J., **Michael, C. O.**, & Combs, D. R. (November, 2007). Social behaviors in paranoia: An examination of social skill and thoughts during role-plays. Poster presentation at the November 2007 meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

Michael, C. O. (May, 2007). Malingered PTSD: A Review. Presentation for clerkship seminar at Patton State Hospital, Patton, CA.

Combs, D. R., Penn, D. L., Cassisi, J., and **Michael, C.**, Wood, T., & Wanner, J. (November, 2004). The psychological effects of racism on African-Americans. Poster presentation at the November 2004 meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

Michael, C. O., Tiegreen, J., & Combs, D. R. (2004, April). Measuring paranoia across the continuum: Replicated rational selection for paranoia scale creation. Poster presentation at the April 2004 meeting of the Oklahoma Psychological Society Meeting.

Michael, C. O., Combs, D. R., & Penn, D. L. (2003, November). Affect perception and paranoia: A continuum analysis. In *Paranoia across the continuum: Cognitive and behavioral findings*. Symposium conducted at the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Michael, C. O., Combs, D. R., & Penn, D. L. (2003, April). Emotion perception and paranoia across the continuum. Doctoral precandidacy research symposium at University of Tulsa.

Michael, C. O., Combs, D. R., & Penn, D. L. (2003, April). Emotion perception and paranoia across the continuum. Poster presentation at the April 2003 meeting of the Oklahoma Psychological Society.

REVIEW AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITY

Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology

Fall 2003, assisted with review of a submitted article with Dennis Combs, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS:

Michael, C.O. (2007). Paranoia: A social and self-report investigation. *Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering*, 67(9-B), pp. 5415.

Combs, D.R., **Michael, C.O.**, Penn, D.L., Basso, M.R., Weideman, R., Siebenmorgan, M., Tiegreen, J.A., Chapman, D. (2009). Perceptions of hostility by persons with and without persecutory delusions. *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry*, 14, 30-52.

- Combs, D.R., Penn, D.L., Chadwick, P.D.J., Trower, P., **Michael, C.**, & Basso, M.R. (2007). Subtypes of paranoia in a non-clinical sample. *Cognitive Neuropsychiatry*, *12*, 537-553.
- Combs, D.R., **Michael, C.O.**, & Penn, D.L. (2006). Paranoia and emotion perception across the continuum. *British Journal of Clinical Psychology*, *45*, 19-31.
- Combs, D.R., Adams, S.D., **Michael, C.O.**, Penn, D.L., Gouvier, W.D., & Basso, M.R. (2006). The conviction of delusional beliefs scale: Reliability and validity. *Schizophrenia Research*, *86*, 80-88.
- Combs, D.R., Penn, D.L., Cassisi, J., **Michael, C.**, Wood, T., Wanner, J., & Adams, D. (2006). Perceived racism as a predictor of paranoia among African Americans. *Journal of Black Psychology*, *32*, 87-104.

REFERENCES:

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