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Neuropsychology, Psychodiagnostics & Forensics

CURRICULUM VITAE/RESUME

LICENSURE

State of California Psychologist License #PSY 12099.
Qualified Medical Evaluator, State of California, QME No. 931211

EDUCATION

- 1971 - 1975 B.A., Psychology, California State University, Sonoma
(Summa Cum Laude Honors).
- 1982 - 1984 Post-Baccalaureate Studies, Psychology,
California State University, Northridge.
- 1984 - 1986 M.A., Psychology, California School of Professional
Psychology - Los Angeles.
- 1986 - 1989 Ph.D., Psychology, California School of Professional
Psychology - Los Angeles.

PRE-DOCTORAL TRAINING

- 1983 - 1985 **Sepulveda Veterans Administration Medical Center -**
Rotations included: Neuropsychology Training Laboratory, Cerebral
Dysfunction Clinic, adult brain cuttings laboratory.
- 1985 - 1987 **Aviva Respite Shelter -** short-term residential adolescent
population;
psychodiagnostics; individual, group, and family psychotherapy treatment;
case management with Department of Children's Services.
- 1985 - 1986 **Intercommunity Child Guidance Center, Whittier -** Field
placement
in Child and Family psychotherapy, psychodiagnostics, and
case management.

PRE-DOCTORAL TRAINING (Continued)

- 1986 - 1987 **CIGNA Healthplans, Canoga Park -** Field placement in
outpatient adult psychiatry clinic. Minor rotation in acute adult inpatient
at Rosemead Psychiatric Hospital. Year-long rotation in

psychodiagnostic testing and assessment.

1987 - 1988

University of California Irvine Medical Center -

Full-time APA approved pre-doctoral internship. Rotations included: Outpatient Adult Psychiatric Clinic, Acute Adult Inpatient, Acute Child Inpatient, Neurology Service/Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Emergency Triage, neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic assessment.

POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING

1988 - 1990

Neuropsychology Assessment Laboratory, NPIH, UCLA Center

for the Health Sciences - Neuropsychology Fellow with areas of assessment training to include: Geriatric, Adult Rehabilitation (stroke, head trauma, neurosurgery), Adult and Child Epilepsy Surgery Team (Neuropsychological and Wada Testing), Adult Psychiatric Inpatient Assessment, Consultation Liaison. Special emphasis given to Medical/Legal case assessment, and report and testimony preparation under the supervision of Dr. Paul Satz. Appointed Chief Fellow of program in 1989 with responsibilities to include: teaching, supervision of fellows and interns, program planning, member of the fellows candidate selection committee.

1988 - 1990

Pediatric Neuropsychology Assessment Laboratory, Division of Child Development, Department of Pediatrics, Marion Davies Children's Center, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences -

1988 - 1989: 12-month rotation at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles on Neurology Service with training to include: neuropsychological assessment of children with neurological disorders, HIV, head injury, mental retardation, learning disabilities, dialysis, neurosurgical patients, oncology, epilepsy, and endocrinology. Also participated in pediatric brain cutting laboratory practicum.

1989 - 1990: Appointed Chief Fellow with primary placement being at
UCLA
Medical
Center
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Department
of
Pediatrics,
Marion

Davies
Children's
Center

Responsibilities
include:
teaching,
supervision of
fellows,
residents,
and interns

psychological
consultation
liaison, partici-
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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Psychological Association.
International Neuropsychological Society.
California Neuropsychology Society.

CURRENT CLINICAL /CONSULTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Medical/Legal Practice: Provide both psychological and neuropsychological assessment services and expert testimony. Practice currently consists of equal representation of both plaintiff and defense cases.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluation services to assist in determining extent of employee's disability relative to their work capacities.

Creative Care Chemical Dependency Program: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluation services for drug and alcohol dependent patients.

Avalon by the Sea: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluation services for drug and alcohol dependent patients.

Seasons Malibu: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluation services for drug and alcohol dependent patients.

Malibu Treatment Center: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluation services for drug and alcohol dependent patients.

Medical Consultants Network: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological independent medical evaluation services.

Medical Evaluation Specialists Solutions: Provide psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological independent medical evaluation services.

Network Medical Review: Provide psychiatric and neuropsychiatric independent medical evaluation services.

Unival: Provide psychiatric and neuropsychiatric independent medical evaluation services.

PAST CLINICAL/CONSULTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assistant Clinical Professor: Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital, UCLA Medical Center.

Staff Appointment: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Psychological Diagnostic Consultant: Thaliens Community Mental Health Center, Cedar-Sinai Medical Center.

Psychological Diagnostic Consultant: Anacapa Psychiatric Hospital and STEPS Chemical Dependency Program.

California Children's Services: CCS panel qualified.

Trans World Airlines: Agreed Medical Examiner - TWA and International Federation of Flight Attendants.

Pacific Bell Company: Provide psychodiagnostic evaluation services to assist in determining extent of psychiatric disability relative to employee's work capacities.

Value Options: Provide neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic disability evaluation services, and also provide in-service training lectures Nation wide for Disability Specialists who are on the Value Options Network of Providers, as well as training consultation for Value Options Disability Care Managers.

Medical Specialist of Los Angeles: Provide Worker's Compensation QME evaluation services.

Southern California Edison Company: Provide independent and fitness -for-duty psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological disability evaluations and medical records review.

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station: Provide fitness-for-duty psychodiagnostic and neuropsychological evaluations for SONGS personnel.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 1983 - 1985 Senior Research Assistant: Sepulveda Epilepsy Education Project, Department of Neurology, Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital.
- 1985 - 1986 Research Assistant: The validity of the Bender-Gestalt Visual-Motor Integration Test on Screening for Organicity. California School of Professional Psychology.
- 1987 - 1989 Dissertation Research: The Effects of Childhood Epilepsy on Family Functioning: A Cross Sectional Study (Neurology Department, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Continued)

- 1989 - 1991 Clinical Researcher: Public Health Foundation. Research focusing on the cognitive/intellectual development of HIV-infected children and efficacy of AZT, ddI, and ddC treatment on central nervous system functioning (UCLA Medical Center and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center).
- 1991 - 1992 Public Health Foundation, Los Angeles Pediatric AIDS Network. Early Neuropsychological Detection of HIV Central Nervous System Encephalopathologic Changes and Achievement Skills Acquisition Outcomes. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Department of Infectious Disease.
- 1991 -1992 Panel Member, HIV Neurodevelopmental Multicenter Research Team. Collectively wrote monograph for publication on Neuropsychological Assessment of Pediatric HIV Patients. Chapter contributions included the intro chapter, and a chapter on neuropsych eval. of 2 to 6 year olds.
- 1992 - 1993 Pediatric AIDS Foundation Emergency Assistance Grant, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.
- 1992 - 1993 Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Neuropsychological and Neuroradiological Correlates in a Pediatric Sickle Cell Population.
- 1992 - 1993 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Department of Neonatology Low Birth Weight Infant Follow-Up Study of Cognitive Functioning and Learning Disabilities.
- 1992 - 1995 Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Department of Infectious Diseases, Center for Disease Control Grant - Neuropsychological Progression in a Pediatric HIV Population.
- 1997 - 1998 Neurosurgical Institute, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Research

radiation treatment consultant. Project to study the effects of full cranial
metastatic versus serotactic focal radiation treatment on patient's with
brain disease.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1973 - 1974 Co-Instructor: Introduction to Counseling Techniques. California State University, Sonoma.

1988 - 1989 Course Coordinator: Abnormal Neuropsychology. NPIH, UCLA, Center for the Health Sciences.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Continued)

1989 - 1990 Course Coordinator: Abnormal Neuropsychology. NPIH, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences.

1989 - 1990 Co-Instructor: Pediatric Neuropsychology. Department of Pediatrics, Marion Davies Children's Center, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences.

1996 - 1998 Clinical Instructor/Supervisor. Department of Psychiatry, Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital, UCLA Medical Center.

1998 - 2009 Assistant Clinical Professor. Department of Psychiatry, Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital, UCLA Medical Center.

PRESENTATIONS

Apr 1986 "The Use of the Bender-Gestalt with a Pediatric Population." California School of Professional Psychology.

Nov 1987 "An Introduction to Epilepsy." California School of Professional Psychology.

Oct 1988 "The Neuropsychological Sequelae of Head Injury in Children and Adults." Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital - UCLA Medical Center.

Jan 1989 "Corpus Callosum Agenesis in Children." Department of Pediatrics, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences.

Feb 1989 "Corpus Callosum Agenesis in Children - A Multiple Case Study."
Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital, UCLA Medical Center

Apr 1990 "Cerebral Language Lateralization Evidence from Intracarotid
Amobarbital Testing." Department of Neurology, UCLA Medical Center.

May 1990 "Neuropsychological Assessment of Children - An Introduction for
the Physician on When to Refer." Department of Pediatrics, UCLA
Medical Center.

Jan 1991 "Neuropsychological Assessment of Adults - An
Introduction for the Physician on When to Refer."
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Mar 1991 "Grief and Bereavement Issues in a Pediatric HIV Population."
Infectious Diseases Department, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Apr 1992 "Assessing Psychological Versus Organic Etiologies in an Adult
Psychiatric Population." Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Jun 1992 "The Use of Neuropsychological Assessment in Determining
Industrial Disability in Adults." Southern California Edison Company,
Disability Management Department.

Aug 1992 "Identifying Neuropsychological Deficits Post-Neurosurgery."

Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital, UCLA Medical Center.

Feb 1993 "Assessment of Psychological Stressors in the Work Place and the Impact on Work Performance." Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Aug 1993 "Neuropsychological Recovery After Tumor Resectioning." Neurology Department, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Nov 1993 "Neurocognitive Differences Between SDAT and Multi-Infarct Dementia in the Elderly." UCLA Medical Center.

Mar 1994 "Neuropsychological Concomitants of Parkinson Disease." Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital. UCLA Medical Center.

Mar 1995 "Neuropsychological Assessment of the Pediatric HIV Patient." Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Jul 1996 "Caring for the Elderly - A Neuropsychological Perspective." County USC Hospital.

Apr 1997 "Pseudo Dementia Versus Depression in a Geriatric Patient Population." UCLA Medical Center.

Nov 1998 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value Options Pasadena, CA. Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell.

Nov 1998 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value Options Santa Ana, CA. Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell.

Nov 1998 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value Options Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell. San Diego, CA.

Mar 1999 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value Options Hills, CA. Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell Company. Laguna Hills, CA.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Mar 1999 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value Options

Beach, CA. Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell Company. Long
 Mar 1999 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value
 Options Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell Company. Sherman
 Oaks, CA.
 Mar 1999 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value
 Options Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell Company. Fresno,
 CA.
 Mar 1999 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value
 Options Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell Company. Fairfield,
 CA.
 Mar 1999 "Administration of the Psychiatric Disability Evaluation." Value
 Options Disability Specialist Training, Pacific Bell Company. San
 Francisco, CA.
 Apr 1999 "Determining Treatment Effectiveness Through Psychiatric
 Assessment of the Disability Patient." Value Options
 Disability Specialist Training, Chevron Oil Company. El Segundo, CA
 May 1999 "Childhood Development and Pediatric Neuropsychological
 Assessment." Integrated Psychological Assessment Service, UCLA Medical
 Center.
 Jul 1999 "Organic Etiologies Verses Pseudo Dementia." Anacapa
 Psychiatric Hospital by the Sea.