

General & Forensic Psychiatry

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Professional Qualifications

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CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENCES:

Diplomate of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in the specialty of Psychiatry # 44509

Diplomate of American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in the sub-specialty of Forensic Psychiatry # 803

Diplomate of National Board of Medical Examiners # 403213

Licensed to practice medicine in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, California, Virginia and Louisiana

**Nationwide availability as an expert witness*

AFFILIATIONS:

1987- American Medical Association

1992- American Psychiatric Association

1995- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

1999- Pennsylvania Psychiatric Association

1999- Philadelphia Psychiatric Society

1998- Armenian Medical Association of Philadelphia

2002- American Academy of Forensic Sciences

COMMITTEES:

1997- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. Directors of Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Programs Committee
2000- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. Private Practice Committee
1999- American Association of Community Psychiatrists
2000- Pennsylvania Forensic Rights and Treatment Conference. Program Planning Committee
2001- Armenian Medical Association of Philadelphia. Treasurer
2002- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law. International Relationships Committee

CURRENT OCCUPATION:

1998- PRIVATE PRACTICE - CLINICAL AND FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY - Independent Medical Evaluator and Consulting Practice
1998- Private Clinical Practice, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1998- Consultant, US Pretrial Services, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
2000- Consultant, Gaudenzia House, Philadelphia and West Chester, PA
2002- Consultant, Department of Human Services, New Jersey
2004- Consultant, Department of State - Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, PA

ACADEMIC AFFILIATION:

1998- DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE (MCP HAHNEMANN UNIVERSITY)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
Director, Psychiatry and Law Program

AWARDS:

1999-2000 and 2001-2002
Teacher of The Year Award, MCP HAHNEMANN UNIVERSITY,
Department of Psychiatry

RECENT OCCUPATIONS:

1998-2000 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Program Director, Correctional Mental Health Services for the City of Philadelphia Prison System/
Directing, Supervising and Providing Clinical Services for the mentally ill inmates in Philadelphia Prison System
and Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations for the City Courts
1997-98 MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA
Richmond, Virginia
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
Director, Psychiatry and Law Program
Forensic Psychiatrist, Central State Hospital, Forensic Unit

FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY EXPERIENCE:

Formulated over 1000 opinions for State and Federal Courts, Governmental Agencies, and Insurance Companies in areas related to insanity defense, diminished capacity, capital sentencing/mitigation, sex offenders, competency to stand trial, competency to waive Miranda Rights, juvenile transfer, testimonial capacity, testamentary capacity, fitness for duty, ADA/employment issues, psychiatric malpractice, personal injury, disability, etc.

Services provided for Plaintiff, Defense, Prosecution, Courts, Insurance Companies and Governmental Agencies.

1996-97 FELICIANA FORENSIC FACILITY

Jackson, Louisiana

Treatment and Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations**1996-97 FORENSIC SERVICES, JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Providing Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations for the 24th Judicial District Court**1996-97 NEW ORLEANS FORENSIC AFTER CARE CLINIC**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Outpatient treatment, evaluations and monitoring of NGRI's (individuals found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity) and of conditionally released mentally ill**1996-97 HUNT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

Gonzales, Louisiana

Psychiatric Evaluations and Treatment of Inmates**1997-98 MEDICAL COLLEGE OF VIRGINIA**

Richmond, Virginia

Director, Psychiatry and Law Program. Providing Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations for the City Courts**1997-98 CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL, FORENSIC UNIT**

Petersburg, Virginia

Treatment and Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations for State Courts, defense and prosecution

1998-2000 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Program Director, Correctional Mental Health Services for the City of Philadelphia Prison System/**Providing Clinical Services for the mentally ill inmates in Philadelphia Prison System****and Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations for the City Courts****1998- PRIVATE PRACTICE-GENERAL AND FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Clinical Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatric Evaluations in civil and criminal cases**Private Contractor and Consultant**

CLINICAL PSYCHIATRY EXPERIENCE:

1993-97 CHARITY HOSPITAL OF NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Louisiana

Contract Physician, Emergency Psychiatric Services and Substance Abuse Unit

1994-97 NEW ORLEANS PARISH CRISES INTERVENTION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

New Orleans, Louisiana

Contract Physician. Emergency Psychiatric Evaluations of Children and Families in Crises.

1994-97 NEW ORLEANS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL

New Orleans, Louisiana

Contract Physician, Psychiatric Services

1994-97 JEFFERSON PARISH CRISES INTERVENTION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Kenner, Louisiana

Contract Physician. Emergency Psychiatric Evaluations of Children and Families in Crises.

1994-97 CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL

Alexandria, Louisiana

Contract Physician. Psychiatric Services

1995-96 COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

Lafayette, Louisiana

Contract Physician. Psychiatric Services for the Elderly in the Nursing Homes in Lafayette area.

1995-96 NEW ORLEANS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL

New Orleans, Louisiana

Co-leading PTSD/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder groups for Veterans

ACADEMIC INTERESTS:

Teaching, Presentations, Research

Has conducted over fifty lectures, workshops and seminars on the topics related to psychiatry and the law, including insanity defense, diminished capacity, capital sentencing, sex offender evaluations, competency to stand trial, competency to waive Miranda Rights, testimonial capacity / competency to testify as a witness, violence risk assessment, suicide risk assessment, psychiatric malpractice, standards of care, risk management, provision of psychiatric services in jails and prisons / correctional psychiatry, ethics in the practice of forensic psychiatry, testamentary capacity / competency to make a will, psychiatric disability evaluations, psychiatric evaluations under Americans with Disabilities Act, sexual harassment, detection of malingering and exaggeration of signs and symptoms of mental illness...

Voted as teacher of the year by graduating class of psychiatry residents at Medical College of Pennsylvania-Hahnemann University in 1999-2000 and 2001-2002.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

1996-97 [TULANE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER](#)

New Orleans, Louisiana

Forensic Psychiatry Fellow

1992-96 TULANE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

New Orleans, Louisiana

Psychiatry Resident

1987-92 UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SCHOOL

Worcester, Massachusetts

M.D. Degree

1984-86 HARVARD UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Pre-med Program

1974-79 YEREVAN POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE

Yerevan, Armenia

B.S. Degree: Engineering, Major: Automobile Roads and Bridges

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

Fluent in Armenian and Russian