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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Ohio University	1981	Clinical Psychology
M.S.	Wright State University	1976	Counseling
B.A.	University of Michigan	1968	English/Psychology

LICENSURE

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EMPLOYMENT

May 1983 to Present: Private practice of clinical and forensic psychology.

Psychotherapy: Treat adolescents and adults, individually. Specialize in treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, including sexual abuse, sexual harassment, victims of crimes, and personal injuries. Also treat depression, bipolar disorder, and addictions. Geriatric issues a specialty. Inpatient treatment of adolescents and adults, Vista del Mar Hospital, 1983-1986.

Forensic psychological assessment – Criminal: Perform psychological evaluations for private defense attorneys, for Superior Courts of Ventura and Santa Barbara County (panel diagnostician), Public Defender, and California Appellate Project. Expert witness in juvenile and adult competency, sanity, juvenile fitness, sex offender, sexual predator, risk assessment, death penalty mitigation, and battered women defense. Evaluator for the Sex Offender Commitment Program, California Department of Mental Health, 2002-2005. Expert testimony in Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

Forensic psychological assessment – Civil: Medico-legal consultation for both plaintiff and defense, disability and personal injury cases. Specialist in traumatic stress issues, including workplace sexual harassment, sexual abuse, including abuse by clergy or other professionals, domestic violence, natural disasters, motor vehicle and other transportation accidents, wrongful death, victims of crime, dog bite. Evaluations of individuals sanctioned by professional Boards, to assess fitness for continuing practice.

Teaching: Teaching forensic psychology to probation officers, juvenile court judges (California Center for Judicial Education and Research), California State District Attorneys Association, and California State Public Defenders Association (1984-1986). Topics included “Understanding

Psychological Assessment,” “Evaluation of Dangerousness,” “Sex Offender Dynamics and Treatment,” and daylong classes in the theory and practice of psychological testing, including MMPI, Rorschach, and intelligence testing. Certified instructor for State Training Committee for Probation Officers, 1984-1986. Instructor, CSU Channel Islands, Fall, 2005, “Criminal Behavior/Forensic Psychology.” Instructor, Antioch University Santa Barbara, “Introduction to Rorschach,” Winter, 2009.

Consultation: April 2008-present Supervisor: Panel of psychologist evaluators for Children and Family Services, Human Services Agency, County of Ventura. Liaison with social workers, attorneys, and Dependency Court.

May 1981 to November 1985: Senior Staff Psychologist, Ventura County Probation Agency

Performed psychological evaluations of adolescents and adults as part of pre-sentence investigation of Superior Court cases. Risk assessment, aggravation and mitigation, treatment planning, placement recommendations for adolescent offenders, case conferencing with probation officers. Testified as expert witness, consulted with both Public Defender and District Attorney staffs. Provided training in risk assessment to local District Attorney’s office. Managed specialist consultant budget. Supervised psychology interns on forensic rotation. Consultant for program reorganization of Colston Youth Center, residential treatment center for adolescent offenders.

September 1980 to May 1981: Psychology Intern, Ventura County Behavioral Health

Individual and group psychotherapy for chronically mentally ill patients in a day treatment center. Triage for Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, planning treatment for acutely mentally ill. Organized daylong seminar for families of chronically mentally ill persons. Provided group therapy for adolescent female incest survivors. Psychological evaluations of children and adolescents.

September 1978 to June 1980: Graduate student psychology assistant, Athens State Hospital, Athens, Ohio.

Performed group and individual psychotherapy with acutely and chronically mentally ill patients and developmentally disabled patients. Psychological evaluations with the same populations. Forensic case evaluations. Weekly assessment conferences.

Community Service: Member Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Ventura County. Multidisciplinary team (Law enforcement, Fire, Ministry, Behavioral Health) intervention for mass casualty events.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association
American Psychology-Law Society
Society for Personality Assessment
International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies