

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D.** **California School of Professional Psychology**
1991 Fresno, California
Clinical Psychology
- M.A.** **Fairleigh Dickinson University**
1988 Madison, New Jersey
Clinical Psychology
- B.S.** **LeMoyne College**
1985 Syracuse, New York
Major: Psychology
Minor: Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 3/17-present** **Sexually Violent Predator Evaluator (SVPE), Department of State Hospitals (DSH)**
I conduct WIC 6600 Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) risk assessments. Assessments include psychological evaluations of inmates prior to their scheduled release from incarceration and the administration of actuarial-based and long term vulnerability risk assessments. I also serve as the Peer Review Coordinator/Subject Matter Expert for the PC 2962, Mentally Disordered Offender (OMD) Quality Assurance Team (QAT) and assist in program development, mentorship, quality assurance and training.
- 1/12-present** **Independent Clinical and Forensic Practice, Fresno, California**
I have over 30 years' experience in the practice areas of adult, adolescent and child psychotherapy, psychological testing, consultation, violence risk assessments, evaluation and treatment of sexual abuse and trauma, bonding and attachment, child forensic interviews, criminal and civil expert witness testimony and child custody evaluations.
- 5/14- 3/17** **Consulting Psychologist, Department of State Hospitals, Forensic Services Unit**
I conducted PC 2962, Mentally Disordered Offender (OMD) and WIC 6600 Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) psychological evaluations for the Department of State Hospitals. I mentored psychologists performing OMD evaluations and was centrally involved in OMD training and quality assurance.
- 8/91-2/12** **Sullivan Center for Children, Fresno, California**
Assistant Director
I provided individual therapy, family therapy, play therapy, and conducted psychodiagnostic evaluations of children, adolescents and adults. Specialty areas included treatment of entrenched post-divorce pathology and trauma recovery. Beginning in 1995 I also maintained a forensic practice including expert witness testimony, consultation, child forensic interviews for Madera County Police Department, PC 2962 Mentally Disordered

Offender Evaluations and child custody evaluations. I also provided supervision and training of pre- and post-doctoral students and psychology interns.

- 9/90-8/91 Psychology Intern, Central California Internship Consortium, APA approved internship
Kings View Hospital, Reedley, California
Supervisors: Garry Bredefeld, Ph.D., Thomas Shaffer, Ph.D.,**
I functioned as primary psychotherapist on adolescent inpatient and residential treatment units. Responsibilities included case evaluation, weekly treatment planning, intensive individual psychotherapy with patients and their families and coordination of a team of nursing staff, social workers and psychiatry to implement a multidisciplinary approach to treatment. Co-facilitated daily inpatient process groups and weekly group therapy. Developed the Adolescent Female Trauma Survivors Program involving group therapy, education, music therapy and trust building through physical challenge and training in self-defense. I also completed psychodiagnostic evaluations.
- 9/90-8/91 Psychology Intern, Central California Internship Consortium, APA approved internship
Community Hospitals of Central California
Outpatient Behavioral Health Services - Fresno, California
Supervisor: Bruce Honeyman, Ph.D.**
I provided outpatient psychotherapy for adults and families using psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral approaches to treatment.
- 6/89-8/90 Psychological Trainee
California Men's Colony - State Prison, San Luis Obispo, California
Supervisors: Robert Orling, Ph.D., Jack Tolchin, Ph.D., Ralph Allison, M.D.**
I was a member of the category "X" diagnostic assessment team. Category "X" reports were forensic evaluations written for the Board of Prison Terms and designed to help determine parole eligibility for persons serving life sentences. Responsibilities included clinical interviews, projective and objective test administration, interpretation and report writing. Other responsibilities at this site included individual psychotherapy, group facilitation of Anger Control Training and Rational Behavior Therapy, non-directive process groups, crisis intervention and treatment of sex offenders. I received individual supervision in the diagnosis and treatment of Dissociative Identity Disorder.
- 11/87-7/89 Psychological Trainee
Mariposa County Mental Health Services, Mariposa, California
Supervisors: Rachel Oliver, Ph.D., Jeff Gorski, L.C.S.W., Director**
I provided psychological services in a rural county mental health facility. Responsibilities included individual and family psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and children, group therapy, crisis intervention and interagency consultation (court, probation, school system and Child Protective Services), weekly intake evaluations and psychological testing.
- 9/87-5/88 Psychological Trainee
Montclair State College, Montclair, New Jersey
Supervisor: Susan Herman, Ph.D., Director, Psychoanalyst**
I provided psychotherapy to undergraduate students at College Psychotherapy Center.
- 9/87-9/88 Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, New Jersey
Supervisor: Herbert Potash, Ph.D.**
I served as a teaching assistant for graduate courses in intellectual assessment. Assisted graduate and undergraduate psychology students in areas of academic interests and outreach companionship therapy programs. Conducted research on correlation between Rorschach determinants (Klopper) and Miale-Holsapple Sentence Completion items.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS:

DiCiro, M., Dahl, T., Napolitano, S. (2017) Developing a best practices model for mentally disordered offender certification risk assessment, Forensic Mental Health Association of California Conference (FMHAC) Poster Presentation.

Roth, E. (2005) Assessment of violence risk and psychopathy in a population of incarcerated adolescent Hispanic males, (PCLR-YV and Savory) Dissertation Member.

Soria, S. (2003) Security of attachment and symbolic play: a correlational analysis of 3- to 5-year old children, Dissertation Abstracts. Dissertation Member

Klein, A. (2003) The effectiveness of a multidisciplinary interview center (MDIC) forensic interview and its role in the conviction of the perpetrator. Fresno State University Master's Thesis reader.

Cooper, J. (2003) The establishment of children's non-patient data for the mutuality of autonomy scale (Rorschach), Dissertation Abstracts (in press). Dissertation member.

1997 manuscript review for The Journal of Professional Psychology: Research and Practice.

Hughes, B. (1997) The dissociative experiences scale II: An attempt to develop a validity scale. Dissertation Abstracts. Dissertation committee member.

Nafpaktitas, M. (1997) Hallucinations in children and adolescents. Dissertation Abstracts Dissertation committee member.

Napolitano, S. (1991). An evaluation of a prison anger control training (PACT) program for incarcerated murderers and violent offenders. Dissertation Abstracts.

Napolitano, S. and Brown, L.G. (1991). Strategic approach to group anger management with incarcerated murderers: Clinical assessment. Journal of Offender Counseling and Rehabilitation, 16(3/4).

Napolitano, S. and Brown, L.G. (1990). Strategic approach to group anger management with incarcerated murderers. Paper presented at the 70th Annual Convention of the Western Psychological Association, Los Angeles, California.

PRESENTATIONS:

- November 2021 *Mental Health Issues in Family Court*, Judicial Council of California with Commissioner Erin Childs and Abbi Coursolle, Esq. Presented for judicial officers in family law assignments.
- August 2021 *The Alienated Child: Distinguishing Restrictive Gatekeeping vs Parenting Deficits vs. Child Abuse*, Fresno Family Law Luncheon 1.5 hours
- April 2021 *Diagnosing Paraphilic Disorders and Assessing Risk of Sex Offenders within Context of PC 2962 Forensic Evaluations*, Department of State Hospitals Annual Training 2021, 3 hours
- March 2021 *The Diagnosis Debate: Its Use in Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI), Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST), Mentally Disordered Offender (OMD), and Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Evaluations*, with Melinda DiCiro, PsyD ABPP and Brandon Yakush, PhD, Forensic Mental Health Association of California Annual Conference, 3 hours

- February 2020 *Managing High Conflict Custody Cases with Minor's Counsel.* Fourth Annual San Luis Obispo Minor's Counsel Training, 2.5 hours
- January 2020 *The Child Forensic Interview*, San Joaquin Valley Psychological Association, 1 hour
- January 2020 *Managing Child Custody in High Conflict Cases.* Family Law Luncheon, 1 hour
- April 2019 Family Law Section, 2019 Minor's Counsel Training
- *Assessing Child Sexual Abuse Allegations and the Child Forensic Interview* with Caroline Dower-Serrano, MA, 2 hours MCLE
 - *Managing Child Custody in High Conflict Cases* with Katherine Donovan, Esq, 2 hours MCLE
- April 2019 *Assessment of Dangerousness for Mentally Disordered Offenders: A Structured Approach*, with Trayci Dahl, PhD ABPP and Brandon Yakush, PsyD, 1.5 Hrs.
- March 2019 *Assessing Child Sexual Abuse Allegations and the Child Forensic Interview*, with Caroline Dower-Serrano, M.A. Forensic Mental Health Association of California Annual Conference, 1.5 hours
- March 2019 *Assessment of Dangerousness for Mentally Disordered Offender's: A Structured Approach*, with Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, Trayci Dahl, PhD ABPP and Brandon Yakush, PsyD, Forensic Mental Health Association of California Annual Conference, 1.5 hours
- December 2018 *Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluation Training: Update*, with Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, and Heide Page, PhD., 2 hours APA.
- March 2018 *Current Issues in Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluation*, Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, Trayci Dahl, PhD ABPP and Brandon Yakush, PsyD, Forensic Mental Health Association of California Annual Conference, 1.5 hours
- January 2018 *Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluation Training: Update*, with Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, 3 hours APA
- July 2017 *Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluation Training: Basic Introduction*, with Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, 11 hours APA
- April 2017 *Advanced Mentally Disordered Offender Training*, with Trayci Dahl, PhD, ABPP and Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, 6.5 hours
- May 2016 *Interviewing Children, Effects of Trauma and Managing Bias*, with Katherine Donovan, Esq. Minor's Council Annual Training, 4 hours
- April 2016 *Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluation Training: Basic Introduction*, with Mark Wolkenhauer, Ph.D., Christopher Simonet, Ph.D. and Craig Teofilo, Ph.D., 11 hours APA
- January 2015 *Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluation Training: Basic Introduction*, with Trayci Dahl, Ph.D., ABPP, Mark Wolkenhauer, Ph.D., Michele Reed, Ph.D., Christopher Simonet, Ph.D. and Craig Teofilo, Ph.D., 11 hours APA
- January 2015 *What is Collaborative Practice?* Panel presentation at the monthly meeting of San Joaquin Psychological Valley Association, 2 hours

- July 2013 *What is Parallel Parenting?* Presentation to Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates with Errol Leifer, Ph.D., 1 hour
- June 2013 *How the Neurosciences Enrich Conflict Resolution*, Presentation to Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates 3 hours
- October 2011 *What is Collaborative Divorce Practice?*, presentation at the Fresno County Bar Association Family Law Section Luncheon, 45 minutes
- November 2009 *Managing High Conflict Cases During the Holidays*, presentation at the Fresno County Bar Association Family Law Section Luncheon, 45 minutes
- September 2007 *Strategic Planning for the Family: A Jungian Approach to Parenting*, presentation to the wives of the Young Presidents Organization, YPO, 3 hours
- February 2007 *Jungian Approach to Understanding the Self and Self in Relationship*, review of video seminar “Men and Women” with Robert Bly and Marion Woodman. 12 APA units.
- October 2006 *Child Sexual Assault Response Team (CSART)*, presentation at the sixth annual “Soup Bowl for Super Kids.” Madera County Victim Services.
- October 2005 *Professional Ethics and Standard of Care*, presentation to the clinical staff of the Sullivan Center for Children 5 hours (APA approved for 4 hours of continuing education and meets ethics requirement).
- May 2005 *Assessing Domestic Violence in Custody Evaluations: From False Allegations to Domestic Homicide. (4 hours under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.225)*
- August 2004 *Assessing Risk of Violence in Juveniles*, presentation to the staff of the Sullivan Center for Children. Presented with Eric Roth, MFT; 3 APA units
- October 2003 *Interviewing Children in a Forensic Setting*, 2 hour presentation to the Judges, Lawyers and Probation Officers of Fresno Juvenile Court
- June 2002 *Gender Bias in the Family Courts and the Impact of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Allegations on Custody Evaluations*, Fresno County Bar Association, Family Law Section. Presented with Valerie Forward, Ph.D. **(1 hour under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.225)**
- November 2002 *Peer Pressure and Parent Pressure*, Tenaya Middle School Parent Teacher Association General Meeting
- October 2002 *Interviewing Children*, Judicial Council of California, presentation for Bay Area Family Court Mediators, **(3 hours under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.225)**
- September 2002 *Age Appropriate Interview Techniques*, presentation at the Central Valley Regional Conference for Family Court Mediators, **(2 hours under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.225)**
- September 2002 *Child Disclosure of Sexual Abuse Allegations*, presentation at the Criminal Law Bar Association luncheon. **(1.5 hours under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.225)**
- February 2001 *Understanding Suicide*. Guest Lecture at Fresno State University. One hour.

- July 2000 *The Therapeutic Alliance and the Treatment Resistant Teenager*. MCE#SAN056-0026-000 (2 hours under Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.225)
- December 1999 *Differential Diagnosis and Treatment of Acting Out Adolescents and Children*. 6 hour MCE# CSP004-484
- September 1999 *Malpractice Litigation and the Mental Health Professional: What You Should Know*, presentation with Leith Hansen, Attorney at Law, 4 hour MCE# SAN 056-18-000.
- 1999 *Therapy With Families Entrenched in Post-Divorce Litigation*, presentation with Mark Barnes, Ph.D. to Family Court Services mediators.
- 1998 *Psychology and Malpractice Litigation*, two-hour presentation for the Fresno Area Psychological Association.
- 1998 *Boundary Management in a Residential Treatment Setting: Implications for patient care and staff relations*. Two four hour presentations for the clinical and line staff of Kings View Center Residential Treatment Facility.
- 1996 *Play Therapy*. CME Guest lecturer for the mental health staff of Kaiser Permanente.
- 1996 *Trauma, Dissociation and Dissociative Defenses*. Series of lectures presented to Sullivan Center for Children clinical staff.
- 1995 *Understanding Adolescent Acting Out*. Lecture presented to Clovis Community Hospital psychiatric staff.

HONORS:

- 2017-2021 DSH award for excellence as OMD trainer and Peer Review Coordinator
- 2018-present Leader of Quality Assurance Team (QAT) for DSH OMD Peer Review
- 2007- 2013 Reviewer for DSH, PC 2962 Mentally Disordered Offender evaluations
- 2001- 2008 Expert Reviewer, California Board of Psychology
- 2000 Distinguished Psychologist of the Year, Fresno Area Psychological Association
- 2000 Marquis *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*, Millennium Edition
- 2000 Chief of Staff, Cedar Vista Psychiatric Hospital
- 1999 Member of the Board of Trustees, Cedar Vista Hospital
- 1996 Recognition for Outstanding Service as Editor of the San Joaquin Psychologist
- 1996 President of the Fresno Area Psychological Association, currently SJVPA
- 1995 - 2008 Member, American College of Forensic Examiners
- 1991 - 1993 Post-Doctoral Fellow - Sullivan Center for Children, Fresno, California
- 1987 - 1988 Clinical Psychology Fellowship, full scholarship, Fairleigh Dickinson University

FORENSIC SPECIALTY AREAS:

- Child custody evaluation (psychological status of child and parents)- since 1995
- 733 Reviews of child custody evaluations
- Child Forensic Interviewer, Child Sexual Assault Response Team (CSART), Madera-2006-2010
- Child disclosure of abuse allegations: evaluation and expert testimony
- Rape Trauma Syndrome
- Assessment of risk of violence and sex offending in juvenile and adult offenders
- Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) risk assessment

- WIC 6600, Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Evaluations, Department of State Hospitals, Forensic Services – since 2014
- PC-2962, Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluations (OMD) Department of State Hospitals, Forensic Services- since 1999
- Competency to stand trial
- Professional liability, malpractice and standard of care
- Personal Injury and wrongful death

PAST PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES:

Cedar Vista Psychiatric Hospital (1993-2001)
Saint Agnes Medical Center (1996-1998)

Valley Children's Hospital (1996-1998)
Fresno Community Hospital (1993-1998)

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES:

2017-present Peer Review Team Leader/Subject Matter Expert for Mentally Disorder Offender (OMD) program, Department of State Hospitals
2014-2015 Vice President of Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates (CVCLA)
2010-2015 Executive Board, Infant of Prague Adoption Services, Vice President since January 2014
2012-2015 Suicide Review Team, Fresno Survivors of Suicide Loss, member
2011-2015 Executive Committee, Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates (CVCLA)
2010-2015 Member of the Advisory Board of Survivors of Suicide Loss
2012-2014 Chair of Training Committee, Central Valley Collaborative Law Affiliates (CVCLA)
2009-2010 Child Forensic Interview Team (CFIT), Madera County, Forensic Interviewer
2006-2009 Child Sexual Abuse Response Team (CSART), Madera County, Forensic Interviewer
2001-2007 Expert Reviewer for the California Board of Psychology
1993-2000 Editor of the San Joaquin Psychologist, Fresno Area Psychological Association
1999-2000 Editor of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation – Fresno Chapter newsletter.
1999 Education and Media representative for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation-Fresno
2000 President of Medical Executive Committee, Cedar Vista Hospital
2001 Media and Public Relations Chairperson of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
1998 President-elect of the Medical Executive Committee of Cedar Vista Hospital
1997 Public Education and Campaign Committee, Fresno Area Psychological Association
1997 Ad Hoc Credentials Committee, Cedar Vista Hospital
1997 Performance Improvement Committee on Professionalism, Cedar Vista Hospital
1996 President of the Fresno Area Psychological Association (Formerly SJPA)
1996 Hospital Practices Committee, Fresno Area Psychological Association
1995 Prescription Privileges Committee Chairperson, Fresno Area Psychological Association
1995 Hospital Practices Committee, Fresno Area Psychological Association
1993-1995 Secretary of the Fresno Area Psychological Association

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychological Association (APA)
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
San Joaquin Valley Psychological Association (SJVPA)
The National Register of Psychology Providers,
44191

Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC)
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Clinical Member

References available upon request