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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Psychologist/Private Practice
Kerner Evaluations, San Jose, CA

January 1986
To Present

- Specializes in forensic assessments:
 - Custody Evaluations
 - Expert / Consultant
 - Co-Parenting Coordinator
 - Recommending Mediator
 - Reunification Therapy
 - Psychological Assessments (fitness for duty, differential diagnosis)
- Provide psychotherapy for adults, adolescents, and families
- Consultant to two police departments (San Jose and Salinas Police Departments)
- Fitness for Duty Evaluation (San Jose and Salinas Police Departments)
- Instructor for San Jose Police Academy (CIT), 2008-2010; 2012-2013
- Participant in Domestic Violence Death Review Team of Santa Clara County (2014-2019)

Educational Director/Lead Lecturer
Association for Advanced Training in the
Behavioral Sciences, Ventura, CA

October 1984
To Present

- Develop and regularly present workshops on Psychological Testing and on Abnormal, Behavioral, Clinical Psychology and Law & Ethics nationally for doctoral level students
- Major contributor to written preparatory materials for MFT and psychology licensure
- Primary author for AATBS Ethics chapter EPPP material

Consultant/Trainer
San Jose Police Department, San Jose, CA

January 1998
To Present

- Provide training on substance abuse to all ranking officers in the department
- Work with sex crime investigators towards developing more effective interviewing skills

Adjunct Professor
Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, CA

March 2010
To June 2010

- Taught Advanced Forensic Course in Custody Evaluations

Adjunct Faculty
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

January 1993
To June 1998

- Taught Law & Ethics, Clinical Assessment and Psychological Testing for MFT graduate students

Assessment Coordinator/Director of Training
Stanford University Medical Center, Dept.
Of Psychiatry, Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program

March 1986
To April 1993

- Coordinated psychological and neuropsychological testing in both inpatient and outpatient aspects of the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center
- Supervised pre-doctoral interns in assessment
- Coordinated research projects
- Taught clinical seminar for doctoral interns and medical residents

Family Emergency Counselor/Police Liaison
Mental Research Institute, Emergency
Center, Palo Alto, CA

March 1981
To November 1986

- Provided mobile response to emergencies involving domestic crises, with follow-up therapy, when appropriate
- Served as police liaison with twelve police departments

Family Therapist
Affiliated Psychologists, San Jose, CA

March 1982
To November 1986

- Conducted family, individual and group therapy
- Group therapist for police officers and firefighters with drinking problems

Neuropsychology Intern
Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA

August 1981
To September 1983

- Assessed and tested head-injured patients using standard neuropsychological instruments.
- Provided therapy to head-injured patients and their families.

Youth & Family Counselor
Your House, Redwood City, CA

December 1978
To February 1981

- Served as individual, family and group counselor for adolescent residents and their families, both in crises and for follow-up; developed program for ex-residents and coordinated project assessing effectiveness of Your House program.

Youth Counselor Wilderness Program
Discovery Land, Inc., Bryan, Texas

June 1977
To August 1978

- Led groups of emotionally disturbed adolescents through wilderness experiences (Discovery Land was a residential treatment facility for troubled adolescents, where wilderness living was combined with modern therapeutic techniques.)

Assistant Director Financial Aid
State University of New York, Cortland, NY

January 1975
To July 1975

- Administered/managed a \$120,000 work-study program, determined financial eligibility, approved state loans, and worked with students to resolve financial problems

CONSULTATION - PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant/Adolescent Problems
San Jose, CA

September 1989
To June 1990

- Consulted for staff at West Valley Adolescent Day Treatment Chemical Dependency Program

Consultant/Adolescent Problems
San Jose Fire Dept, San Jose, CA

February 1986
To September 1987

- Assisted in the development of a juvenile firesetter program (Firehawks)

Group Psychotherapist
Stanford Alcohol and Drug Treatment Clinic
Dept of Psychiatry, Stanford Univ. Medical Center
Palo Alto, CA

June 1985
To July 1987

- Led a group of “adult children of alcoholics” (supervised by Stephanie Brown)
- Worked with recovering alcoholics individually

Psychology Instructor
DeAnza Community College, Cupertino, CA

September 1983
To December 1983

- Taught a one-semester course on memory with a specific focus on the cognitive retraining of impaired individuals

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Graduate Resident Hall Director
State University of New York, Cortland, NY

August 1976
To May 1977

- Responsibility for housing, administration, educational activities and resolving situational problems for 220 students; supervised nine resident assistants

Graduate Assistant Instructor
State University of New York, Cortland, NY

September 1974
To November 1974

- Taught an 8-week course as a graduate student in Transactional Analysis through the Counseling Department

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Group Leader/Overseas Development Project
Operation Crossroads Africa, NY, NY

June 1979
To September 1979

- Coordinated cross-cultural project in Sierra Leone, West Africa, involving an interracial group of college students. Responsibility for administration of budget, group process and liaison activities with local and national governments

Kibbutz Member
Kibbutz Beit, Alpha, Israel

October 1975
To August 1976

- Worked and learned Hebrew on an Ulpan (school) within the kibbutz. Conducted a graduate education project on kibbutz life through SUNY at Cortland.

EDUCATION AND AWARDS

- 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award, SUNY Cortland
- 2018 Distinguished Contribution to Psychology Award, California Psychological Association
- 2017 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, Palo Alto University
- 2014 Forensic Psychologist of the Year, Santa Clara County Psychological Association
- 2013 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award, Palo Alto University
- 2004 Kantor Medal, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (professional community service)
- 1995 Santa Clara County Psych Association for Professional Contribution
- 1991 Alumni of the Year Award, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology
- 1985 Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology
- 1982 M.S., Clinical Psychology, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology
- 1975 Graduated State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland, Magna Cum Laude
- 1974-1975 SUNY at Cortland Presidential Scholarship
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TRAINING AND LICENSES

- 1988 Licensed Psychologist, State of California, License #PSY10641, 1988
- 1982 Licensed Marriage, Family and Child Counselor, State of California, License #MT17400 (inactive)
- 1975 Licensed secondary education teacher, State of New York (inactive)

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Author of AATBS Law and Ethics materials and workbook for the CPSE California examination, 2008-2013

Article: Child Custody Evaluations: Standards and Recommendations, by Gwynneth Smith, J.D., M.S, and Michael J. Kerner, PhD, Directions in Psychiatry, 2010

Stress and the Law Profession: The relationship of stress and substance in the law profession. Docket, Vol. 29 #4, January 1994.

Computer Delivery of Memory Retraining with Head-Injured Patients, Cognitive Rehabilitation, Vol. 3, #6, 1985.

Dissertation: Delivery of Memory Retraining with Head-Injured Patients, 1985.

CHAPTERS AND AUDIOTAPES

Co-Author, Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences (AATBS):

Publications:

- Psychological Testing Booklet III for 2011 forward (60 pages)
- MFT Licensing Examination Review Law and Ethics Workbook, from 1997 forward (128 pages)
- Assessment and Diagnosis Booklet I from 1996 forward (60 pages)
- Law and Ethics Booklet II from 1993 forward (60 pages)

Chapters:

- Strategies for Approaching the MFCC Examination, revised 1997
- Strategies for Approaching the MFCC Examination, 1995

Audiotapes:

- A Winning Approach to the Psychology Oral Exam, 1997 (44 pages)
- California Law, 1995 (45 pages)
- Strategies for Approaching Vignettes and Preparing for the Psychology Oral Examination, 1994 (42 pages)

PRESENTATIONS

(The following is some of the numerous seminars delivered nationally through AATBS):

Santa Clara County Minor's Counsel, September 2019

- Topic: "Diagnoses Relevant to Family Law Cases and How Attorneys Should Interface with Dangerous and Suicidal Clients"

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), Evaluator, October 2018

- Topic: Mock trial evaluator

Santa Clara County Minor's Counsel, September 2018

- Topic: "Diagnoses Relevant to Family Law Cases and How Attorneys Should Interface with Dependent and Narcissistic Clients"

National Public Radio (NPR): Your Legal Rights; Chuck Finney (Producer/Host), October 2017

- Topic: Family Law – Move Aways – When One Parent Wants to Move Away with the Children – A Discussion of the Issues of Custody and Visitation

Barrister's Committee, June 2016

- Role of an Expert in Litigation

Brown Bag Series – Judge's Forum, Santa Clara County, September 2013

- The Many Forms of Bias: How to Identify It and How to Overcome It in a Courtroom

Santa Cruz Family Bar Association, June 2013

- Diagnoses Relevant to Family Law Cases w/ Dependent, Dangerous, Narcissistic Clients

Palo Alto University, May 2012

- Forensic Considerations in Evaluation With High Risk Individuals

Brown Bag Series – Judge's Forum, Santa Clara County, September 2011

- Understanding Behavior and Brain Function

Family Law Bar of Santa Cruz County, March 2011

- Understanding Addictive Behavior and Brain Function

Women's Law Committee of Santa Clara County, November 2010

- Understanding Addictive Behavior and Brain Function

JAMS (Judicial Arbitration, Mediation, and ADR Services), June 2010

- Move-away Issues in Custody Evaluations (Panel)

Women's Law Group, Santa Clara County Bar Association, December 2009

- Understanding Substance Abuse in Clients and Co-Workers

Santa Clara County Bar Association, Minor's Counsel Training, November 2009

- Dangerousness, Personality Disorders & The Effects on Custody Evaluations

University of Santa Clara Law School, April 2009

- Legal and Psychological Perspectives Regarding Custody Evaluations

Santa Clara County Bar Association Minor's Counsel Training, November 2008

- The Impact of Parental Personality Disorders on Children

Brown Bag Series – Judge's Forum, Santa Clara County, September 2008

- Assessing and Dealing with Dangerous Clients

Speech to San Francisco 49ers, June 2008

- How Do You Know When Your Drinking is a Problem?

- Barrister's Committee of Santa Clara County, February 2006
- Detecting Chemical Abuse and/or Dangerousness in Our Clients
- Santa Clara Women's Bar Association, November 2005
- Detecting Chemical Abuse in Clients and Coworkers
- Spring Brown Bag Series-Judge's Forum, May 2005
- Assessing and Dealing with Dangerous Clients
- Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, February 2005
- Clinical Practice and Forensics
- Women Lawyer's Committee of Santa Clara County Bar Association, November 2004
- Prevention of Substance Abuse
- Fall Brown Bag Series-Judge's Forum, September 2004
- Substance Abuse & the Family Law Attorney
- Spring Brown Bag Series-Judge's Forum, May 2004
- Dealing with Personality Disorders & Other Dangerous Individuals
- Santa Clara Psychological Association, March 1999
- Stanford University Seminar on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, November 1998
- Cognitive Deficits in Chemical Dependency
 - Domestic Violence Update & What Every Evaluator Needs to Know
- Santa Clara County Psychological Association, January 1995
- Law & Ethics Lecture
- Sunnyvale Police Department, 1995
- Series of 12 workshops on Stress Reduction and Substance Abuse
- San Jose Unified School District, December 1994
- DSM IV Presentation
- San Jose State University, Keynote Speaker 1992
- Substance Abuse Training Workshop
- California Psychological Association, San Diego, 1991
- Evaluating Capacity to Parent
- American Psychological Association, Palm Spring 1990; San Francisco, 1991
- Bonding Studies, co-presented with Terry Johnston, PhD
- Stanford University Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, June 1991
- Alcohol and Drug Awareness Workshop for Pharmacists
- Mandatory Continuing Legal Education:
- Seminar on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Stanford University Medical Center, November 1988
- Cognitive Deficits in Chemical Dependency
- Substance Abuse Assessment and Detection:
- Family Law Symposium, Panel Presenter, Assessment and Evaluation, May 2005
 - Family Law Symposium, Panel Presenter, Assessment and Evaluation, May 2004
 - Santa Clara Bar Association: July 1993, January 1994, July 1994, and January 1995
 - Ivy Associates: October 1993, October 1994
 - Sunnyvale Bar Association: June 1993
 - San Jose Bar Association: January 1993
 - Pillsbury, Madison and Sutro: September 1992

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association
- Association of Family and Conciliation of Courts
- Board member of Palo Alto University
- California Psychological Association
- Domestic Violence Death Review Team of Santa Clara County (Inactive early 2019)
- Santa Clara Psychological Association