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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)

Member of CPA Ethics Committee

Co-Chair, CPA Ethics Committee

December 2022 to Present

Assist colleagues in following the APA Ethics Code through phone Consultation.

January 2021 to Present

Member of APA Ethics Code Revision Committee
California representative to the National Revisions Committee

November 2022 to Present

Consultant/Trainer

San Jose Police Department, San Jose, CA
Crises Management Unit

January 1998 to Present

- Provide training on substance abuse to all ranking officers
- Worked with sex crime investigators towards developing effective interviewing skills
- Consultant to police personnel, Crises Management Team

- Board Member, Palo Alto University 2008 to Present
Member of executive committee and trustee of Palo Alto University
- Educational Director/Lead Lecturer October 1984 to 2020
Association for Advanced Training in the Behavioral Sciences, Ventura, CA
- Developed and regularly presented workshops on Psychological Testing, Differential Diagnosis, Behavioral/Clinical Psychology And Law & Ethics nationally for post-doctoral level candidates
 - Major contributor to written preparatory materials for MFT and psychology licensure
 - Primary author for AATBS Ethics chapter EPPP material
- Adjunct Professor March 2010 to June 2010
Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, CA
- Taught Advanced Forensic Course in Custody Evaluations
- Adjunct Faculty January 1993 to June 1998
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
- Taught Law & Ethics, Clinical Assessment and Psychological Testing for MFT graduate students
- Assessment Coordinator/Director of Training March 1986 to April 1993
Stanford University Medical Center, Dept. Of Psychiatry, Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program
- 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 March 1981 To November 1986
Mental Research Institute, Emergency Center, Palo Alto, CA
- Provided mobile response to emergencies involving domestic crises, with follow-up therapy, when appropriate
 - Served as police liaison with twelve police departments

Family Therapist March 1982
Affiliated Psychologists, San Jose, CA To November 1986

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

Neuropsychology Intern August 1981
Valley Medical Center, San Jose, CA 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 December 1978
Your House, Redwood City, CA 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 June 1977
Discovery Land, Inc., Bryan, Texas To September 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 January 1975 to July 1975
State University of New York, Cortland, NY

- Administered/managed the college work-study program, determined financial eligibility, approved state loans, and worked with students to resolve financial problems

CONSULTATION - PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant/Adolescent Problems September 1989
San Jose, CA 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, Palo Alto University (formerly PGSP) (professional community service)
- 1995 Santa Clara County Psych Association for Professional Contribution
- 1991 Alumni of the Year Award, Palo Alto University (formerly PGSP)
- 1985 Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Palo Alto University (formerly PGSP)
- 1982 M.S., Clinical Psychology, Palo Alto University (formerly PGSP)
- 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

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, 2011
- MFT Licensing Examination Review Law and Ethics Workbook, first published 1997 with bi-yearly updates
- Assessment and Diagnosis Booklet I, first published 1996 with bi-yearly updates
- Law and Ethics Booklet II, first published 1993, with yearly updates

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
- California Law, 1995
- Strategies for Approaching Vignettes and Preparing for the Psychology Oral Examination, 1994

PRESENTATIONS

The following are some of the numerous seminars presented:

SuperPsyched Podcast Re Divorce, Children and Custody Evaluations, January 2024:

- <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/206-divorce-children-and-custody-evaluations-mike/id1512883587?i=1000651210078>

San Luis Obispo County Bar Association, Seventh Annual Minor's Counsel Training
March 2023

- Topic: Deconstructing Custody Evaluations: Requirements, Ethics, and Usable Information

Santa Clara County Psychological Association, May 2022

- Topic : Being Prepared for Crisis Moments in Clinical Practice: How to Avoid Potential Problems

California Psychological Association, November 2021

- Topic: Hope for the Best & Prepare for the Worst, Mayhem Moments & Survival Skills in Clinical Practice
- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML), Evaluator, August 2021
- Topic: Mock trial evaluator
- 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 (AFCC)
- 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