

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

1973	B.A. Psychology	California State University, Sacramento
1975	M.S. Psychology	University of Wyoming, Laramie
1977	Ph.D. Psychology	University of Wyoming, Laramie
1977 - 78	Postdoctoral Fellowship	University of California, Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute, Department of Psychiatry

PRESENT POSITION

Private Practice, Clinical and Forensic Psychology

PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTIES

1. Forensic Psychological Evaluations
 - a. Child Custody 730 Evaluations
 - b. Criminal Forensic
 1. Competency to Stand Trial
 2. Sanity at Time of Offense
 3. Sex Offender 288.1 Assessments
 4. Sentencing Evaluations
 5. Suitability for Probation
 - c. Juvenile/Dependency Court
 1. Assessment of Children, Adolescents and Adults
 2. Delinquency Matters
 3. Parenting Assessments
 4. Family Reunification

5. Termination of Parental Rights
6. Parent/Child Assessments
2. Consultation Services to Attorneys
3. Clinical Psychology
4. Developmental Disabilities

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1974 - 1977 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Wyoming
- 1977 - 1978 Post-Doctoral Clinical Psychology Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute
- 1978 - 1979 Project Director, Training Program for Community Care Providers Serving Developmentally Disabled Individuals, Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton, California
- 1979 - 1988 Staff Psychologist, Alta California Regional Center, Sacramento, California
 Duties: Psychological Evaluations of Children, Adolescents and Adults
 Court-ordered Evaluations: Competency to Stand Trial, Parental Competency, Competency to Give Informed Consent, Conservatorships
 Consultation to Staff and Agencies
 Behavior Modification Treatment
 Parent Training
- 1980 - 1988 Private Practice (part-time)
 Consultant - CPC Sierra Vista Hospital
 Psychological Assessments of Adults and Adolescents on Inpatient Psychiatric Units
 Consultant to Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services and Juvenile Court (1986 - present)
 Evaluations of Children and Adolescents for Determination of Placement and Treatment Needs
 Parent Evaluations for Determining Parental Competency and Reunification Planning
 Evaluation of Children and Adolescents in Suspected Cases of Child Abuse and Sexual Mistreatment
 Superior Court Appointments (1985 - present)
 Competency to Stand Trial
 Sentencing Evaluations in Child Molest Cases
 Child Custody Evaluations

Civil Commitment Cases
Cases Pertaining to the Developmentally Disabled

Assessments of Children and Adolescents with Learning and Behavior Disorders

1980 - 1987 Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis

1988 - present Full-time Private Practice, Scripps Psychological Associates, Inc., Clinical and Forensic Psychology

ADVANCED (POST-DOCTORAL) TRAINING

Forensic Psychology
Personality Assessment
Clinical and Clinical Child Psychology
Assessment of Child Sexual Abuse
Child Custody Evaluation
Domestic Violence
Developmental Disabilities

ACADEMIC HONORS

Sigma Xi - The Scientific Research Society of North America
PSI CHI - National Honor Society in Psychology
B.A. with Honors

M.S. THESIS

Behavioral Control of Smoking with Different Types of Smokers, University of Wyoming, 1975

Ph.D. DISSERTATION

Systematic Desensitization Therapy and Its Possible Therapeutic Efficacy for Treatment of Epileptic Seizures, University of Wyoming, 1977

FORMAL TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Lectures, Method and Instrumentation in Experimental Psychology, California State University, Sacramento, 1972

Laboratory Assistant in Behavior Modification, California State University, Sacramento, 1973

Laboratory Instructor in Basic Mechanisms of Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1973

Laboratory Assistant in Conditioning and Learning, University of Wyoming, 1974

Drugs and Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1975
Laboratory Assistant in Conditioning and Learning, University of Wyoming, 1975
Drugs and Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1976
Introductory Psychology, University of Wyoming, 1977
Drugs and Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1977
The Psychology of Autism, California State University, Sacramento, 1981

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ADDRESSES PRESENTED BY DR. NELSON

Public Law 94-142: Implications for Psychological Assessment, Western Law Center for the Handicapped, Los Angeles, CA 1977
Parent and Family Therapy: Intervention with Families of the Developmentally Disabled, Regional Meeting of the American Association of Mental Deficiency, Newport Beach, CA 1978
Counseling the Retarded, Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles, October, 1978
Child Abuse and Its Implications, Inservice Training for Stockton Unified School District, Stockton, CA, November, 1978
General Overview of Developmental Disabilities, Catholic Charities Division of Developmental Services, Stockton, CA, March, 1979
Child Abuse: Identification and Treatment, Fourth Annual Parent Conference, Stockton, CA, April, 1979
Autism: Etiology to Management, Inservice Training to Sacramento City Unified School District, Staff Social Workers and School Psychologists, August, 1981
Psychological Evaluations and Procedures, Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, October, 1989
Child Custody Evaluations and Procedures, Placer County Family Law Section, Placer County Bar Association, June, 1991
Evaluation of Sexual Abuse Allegations in Child Custody Disputes, Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, September, 1991
Allegations of Sexual Abuse Within a Child Custody Dispute: Assessment of Allegations and Therapeutic Implications, Professional Staff, CPC Heritage Oaks Hospital, November, 1991
Specific Psychological Procedures Used in Child Custody Evaluations, Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, April, 1993
Child Custody Evaluations Involving Issues of Parental Alienation, Child Custody Discussion Group, Sacramento County, May, 1995
Child Custody Cases and Allegations of Child Abuse, Partners in Protection Conference, Sacramento, CA, October, 1995
Panel Presentation: Representing Parents and Children in Custody and Visitation Matters, Continuing Education of the Bar, Sacramento, CA, November 11, 1995
The Family and the System, 1996 California Juvenile Law and Procedure Institute, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Sacramento, CA, April 11, 1996
Parental Alienation in Child Custody Disputes - Assessment and Treatment, Placer County Family Law Round Table Discussion Group, Auburn, CA, May, 12, 1996
Psychological Evaluations and Best Interests of Children, Geographic Moves and Best

Interests (in Child Custody Disputes), Judicial Council of California, Sacramento, CA, October, 18, 1996
Evaluating and Managing High Conflict Child Custody Cases: Best Interests of the Child; Attorneys and Psychologists Working Together, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA, October, 18, 1997
Attachment Disorders Etiology and Treatment, Children's Counsel Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, November 17, 1999
Impaired Parenting Behaviors Panel, Children's Counsel Training, Sacramento County Bar Association, Mc George School of Law, January 11, 2002
Handling Sexual Assault Cases, Continuing Judicial Studies Program, Judicial Council of California, Summer, 2006
Issues Related to the Use of Psychological Testing in EC 730 Child Custody Evaluations; Certified Family Law Specialists, Sacramento County Bar; September 25, 2007
Sexually Violent Predators: The Science of Recidivism and Propensity. Continuing Education for Judges. California Bench-Bar Bi-Annual Conference; September 27, 2007

CONSULTANTSHIPS

Albany County Association for Retarded Children Citizens, Laramie, Wyoming
Harbor Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Los Angeles, CA
Department of Public Social Services, Crisis Intervention Teams, Child Abuse and Protective Services, Los Angeles, CA
Dubnoff Center for Child Development and Education Therapy, Los Angeles, CA
Training Consultant, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Health Services, State of California
CAPTRON Sheltered Workshop for Adults with Autism
CPC Sierra Vista Hospital
Consultant to Variety of Specialized Care Facilities
State Adoptions, California Department of Social Services
Expert Case Reviewer, Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer Affairs, Reviewing Child Custody Evaluation Reports, Enforcement Cases

COMMITTEES

Chairperson: Child Custody Evaluation Task Force, Forensic Division, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, 1991
President and Graduate Student Representative, University of Wyoming, 1975

Executive Committee and Board of Trustees Member, San Joaquin County Child Abuse Council, Stockton, CA, 1978
President, Forensic Psychology Division, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

- Nelson, S., and Ksir, C. "Lack of Anorexia Following Prolonged Intra-gastric Feeding in Rats." Physiology and Behavior, 1975, 14, 673-675.
- Nelson, S.K. "Behavior Control of Smoking with Combined Procedures." Psychological Reports, 1977, 40, 191-196.
- Ksir, C., and Nelson, S. "LSD and d-Amphetamine Effects on Fixed Interval Responding in the Rat." Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior, 1977, 6, 269-272.
- Nelson, S.K. "A Comparison of Systematic Desensitization and Relaxation Training for the Treatment of Epileptic Seizures." (Submitted for publication)
- Nelson, S.K., and Billodeau, L.P. "Training in Developmental Services for Residential Care Providers: A Comprehensive Training Package Designed for Training Community Care Providers Serving Persons with Developmental Special Needs." California Department of Rehabilitation, 1979

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/LISTING

American Psychological Association
American Psychological Association, Division 41, American Psychology - Law Society
California Psychological Association
Sacramento Valley Psychological Association
American College of Forensic Psychology
Forensic Psychology Division, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association
Member, American College of Forensic Examiners
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

ADVANCED CERTIFICATION

Diplomate, Board Certified Forensic Examiner, American Board of Forensic Examiners,
The American College of Forensic Examiners
Diplomate, Forensic Clinical Psychology, American Board of Psychological Specialties