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Education:

APA Approved

Doctoral Program: Ph.D., Counseling Psychology (August 1993)

University: Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85281

Clinical Emphasis Areas: Psychological Evaluations, Child and Adult, Victim Evaluations,
Offender Evaluation, Multicultural Assessment

APA Approved Internship: Ball State University Counseling Center

Dissertation Title: Role Induction as Pretraining: Improving the Working
Alliance in Supervision

Clinical Emphasis: Domestic Violence, Family Assessment, Mediation

Masters Program: Master of Science, Psychiatric Nursing

University: Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287

Clinical Emphasis Area: Therapy with nontraditional and culturally diverse families

Thesis title: Physical Maturity as a Predictor of Peer Acceptance in Adolescence

Graduation Date: May 1989

Undergraduate Program: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University: Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Graduation Date: June 1972

Professional Experience:

Former Chair, Illinois Psychological Association, Ethics Committee (2003-2006)

Responsibilities:

This elected position requires leadership and coordination of the self governance function for psychologists who are IPA members. The chair is elected by the Executive Board of the Illinois Psychological Association. It is a standing committee, each member of which is also elected by the Executive Board. Duties include running quarterly meetings, coordinating complaints against psychologists from receipt of the complaint to the conclusion of the proceedings including the monitoring of any remediation required. The Chair reports to the Executive Board on a quarterly basis. The Chair is also responsible for scheduling and presenting forums, seminars, and workshops requested by members to various groups of psychologists including agency workers, private practice groups, universities, and providing individual consultation to members.

Elected Member: Illinois Psychological Association, Ethics Committee

[1997-current]

Responsibilities:

Standing elected position for the State Association which adjudicates complaints about psychologists and educates psychologists in ethical practices –requires two weeks of on call consultation per quarter

Associate Professor, Coordinator, Forensic Psychology Minor

Illinois School of Professional Psychology

[current]

Responsibilities:

Teaching doctoral level course in forensic psychology, ethics, and psychological evaluation, and psychopharmacology

Advising students, supervision of Clinical Research Projects

Chair, Student Professional Development Committee

Development and Coordination of the forensic psychology minor as a specialty preparation

Private Practice

Custody evaluations
Social Security Disability Appeals expert
Fitness to parent evaluations
Fitness for duty evaluations of Chicago Police Officers
Screening and Fitness for other police departments including Bloomington and Cicero
Competency evaluations including standing trial, NGRI, sentencing, and death penalty
City of Chicago Police Officer screenings
Expert witness testimony
Sexual abuse evaluations and testimony
Sexual offender evaluations
Violence evaluations

Senior Clinical Psychologist

Kane County Diagnostic Center
757 East Fabyan Parkway
Batavia, Illinois 60510
[September, 1993-May 2000]

Responsibilities:

- Forensic and clinical psychological evaluations of juveniles and adults referred by the Court system including court testimony and consultation to State's Attorneys, Public Defenders, private attorneys, and judges
- Inservice Training of court services personnel regarding psychological issues such as suicide and violence assessment, psychopharmacology, and psychopathology
- Administrative Coordination of Psychological Services for Juvenile Court, Sixteenth Circuit, including assignment of cases, coordination with attorneys and judges, consultation with probation officers, and outreach coordination to referral services
- Clinical supervision of postdoctoral residents, predoctoral interns, and doctoral student externs assigned to psychological court services for both therapy and testing
- Clinical supervisor for Juvenile Justice Center Psychologist and consultant to Juvenile Justice Center, including consultation to Challenge Program, a residential treatment program for serious, repeat juvenile offenders

Director of Clinical Services/District Supervisor

Jewish Family and Children Services
2001 North Seventh Street
Phoenix, AZ 85006
[October 1989-September 1990]

Responsibilities: Clinical supervision of staff of fourteen nurses and therapists. Administrative management of district office, including seven support personnel. Brief, cognitive psychotherapy with caseload of twenty individuals and families. Supervision of case management and social services.

Supervisor: Adrian Shalowicz, A.C.S.W.

Clinical Coordinator/Psychiatric Nurse

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center
1800 East Van Buren
Phoenix, AZ 85006
[February 1981-October 1989]

Responsibilities: (1986-1989) Senior clinician supervising staff of ten therapists and nurses. Management of therapeutic milieu on adolescent inpatient unit. (1981-1986) Psychiatric charge nurse/in-service education coordinator.

Supervisor: Kathleen Kendig, R.N.
Mark Loeser, M.A.

Coordinator, Nursing Staff Development

Loyola University Medical Center
Maywood, Illinois
[1973-1977]

Responsibilities: Planning, researching and presenting in-service training for psychiatric staff.
On-

call supervision by rotation of psychiatric services department.

Supervised Clinical Experience:

Psychology Intern

Counseling and Psychological Services Center
Ball State University
Muncie, IN 47306-0895
(317) 285-1736
[August 1992-July 1993]

Responsibilities: Providing diagnostic assessment of troubled families, brief counseling and therapy with individuals, couples and groups (Sexual Abuse Survivors Group; General Process Group). Providing outpatient therapy to a population with disorders including personality, mood, and adjustment disorders, family systems dysfunction, and developmental issues. As a member of Multicultural Diversity Team, providing workshops, presentations, and consultation services to the university community. Topics include multicultural awareness, prejudice reduction, and conflict resolution. Acting as liaison to Asian American Student Association. Supervising two Master's-level counselors for academic year. Received training and supervision in areas of diagnosis and consultation, brief cognitive therapy, couples and family therapy, gender issues, multicultural/minority clients, process group dynamics (Yalom), psychological assessment, consultation and outreach. Attended workshops: mediation, brief therapy with sexual abuse survivors, eating disorders, gay identity development, personality disorders, multicultural counseling, and abusive religion.

Administrative Director: Patsy Donn, Ph.D.
Training Director: Jay Zimmerman, Ph.D.
Supervisor: Jay Zimmerman, Ph.D.

Arizona State Practicum Clinic Supervisor

Arizona State University
Payne Hall, Room 401
Tempe, AZ 85281
(602) 965-5064
[August 1991-May 1992]

Responsibilities: Supervise Master's student practicum (Fall semester), providing group supervision for six beginning Master's students and individual supervision for two students. Supervise marriage and family practicum (Spring semester), providing individual and group supervision for seven advanced Master's students, counseling a diverse population of couples and families regarding issues of abuse, neglect, and violence. Supplemented students' concurrent

course work by providing didactic information on use of DSM III-R in family work, working with multicultural couples and families, and documentation in client files.

Supervisors: Miquel Arcienega, Ph.D.
Richard Kinnier, Ph.D.

Arizona State Doctoral Practicum Student

Arizona State University
Payne Hall, Room 101
Tempe, AZ 85281
(602) 965-5064
[August 1990-May 1991]

Responsibilities: Diagnostic evaluation of children, adolescents, and adults. Individual and couples therapy with adults, individual therapy with adolescents and children, family therapy at a departmentally based community clinic. Clients presented with mood, personality and adjustment disorders, family systems dysfunction and developmental issues. Population included multicultural clients and non-traditional students and families.

Supervisor: Les Snyder, Ph.D.

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center Nursing Master's Internship

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center
Phoenix, AZ 85006
[August 1988-May 1989]

Responsibilities: Marriage and family therapy with culturally diverse families of children and adolescents inpatients involved with criminal justice system in a community hospital setting

Supervisor: Barbara Fargotstein, Ph.D., R.N.

Professional Presentations:

“Ethics in Child Custody Evaluations”

presented at the American College of Forensic Psychology Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico
May 2007

“Ethics In Teaching”

presented at the Illinois Psychological Association Convention
October 24, 2006

“Best Practices: How to Prepare Your Client for a Child Custody Evaluation”

presented with a family court attorney to child custody evaluators (psychologists), family court judges and attorneys
June 2004

“Best Interests of the Child from a Psychologist’s Perspective”

presented to family court judges and attorneys, Twelfth Circuit
May 2003

"The Suicidal Adolescent in Detention"

presented to detention counselors, staff psychologists, and administrators, Kane County
March 1994

"Family Dysfunction and the School-Aged Child"

presented to Arizona Department of Health Symposium for Teachers
March 1991

"Psychotherapy by Nurses in an Agency Setting"

presented at Graduate Student Seminar on Psychiatric Nursing Careers
March 1990

"Sexual Abuse and Implications for Inpatient Treatment"

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center
presented to psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, and counselors
May 1989

"Adolescent Chemical Dependency"

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center
presented to psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, and counselors
February 1989

"The Depressed Couple--A Systems Approach to the Treatment of Depression"

Arizona State University Graduate Seminar on Marital Therapy
Department of Family Studies
November 1988

Presentation of Master’s Thesis (cited above)

Research Symposium, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (by invitation)
July 1988

"Gestalt Dreamwork as a Tool for Overcoming Resistance in Treatment"

Southwest Behavioral Health Institute
May 1988

"Gestalt Therapy: Theory and Practice"

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center
February 1987

"Adolescent Chemical Abuse"

Peoria School District, Peoria, AZ
October 1986

"The Family of the Dying Child"

with Domeena Renshaw, MD, Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, IL
presented to psychiatry residents, nurses, graduate students
March 1976

Other Presentations

"Constructing a Resilient Bubble: Keeping Kids from Gangs and Drugs"

presented to Will County CHAMPS Program parents, January, 1996
presented to parents at Morris and Minooka High Schools, Grundy County,
January, 1996

"I'm So Cold"

Original Story giving voice to a victim of gang violence in the autopsy room
Kane County Gang Impact Panel with Mary Lou Kearns, County Coroner,
presented to juvenile offenders and their parents, Kane County

"Fostering Trust in Families--An Experiential Workshop for Families"

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center, Parent Training Classes
February - May 1987

"The Healthy Adolescent"

Parents Association, Catholic Diocese of Phoenix
April 1985

"Knowing About Drugs"

presented to intermediate students, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
Catholic Diocese of Phoenix
March 1985 and 1986

Publications:

"Responding to Subpoenas"

Illinois Psychological Association Newsletter, a series of three articles to be published Dec. 2007

"Insight Into Education"

interview given to The Naperville Sun, August, 1997

"Risk and Resilience in Children"

interview given to Grundy County newspaper, 1995

"Keeping Kids Out of Trouble This Summer"

Honeywell Corporation Newsletter, 1989

Psychiatric Medications: A Handbook for Patients

St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center, 1986

Memberships:

American Psychological Association
Illinois Psychological Association
Diplomate, American Board of Professional Psychology
Member, American College of Forensic Psychology
Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Psychology
American Psychology Law Society-Division 41 APA