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PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

EDUCATION

SUNY Brockport - Brockport, New York Brockport, New York

Master of Science in Education-1988
Major: Counseling

Bachelor of Science-1985
Major: Developmental & Behavioral
Disabilities/Health
Minor: African-American Studies

Post Graduate Work: (61 total graduate credits) SUNY Brockport, California State University at Los Angeles, Indiana Wesleyan University, Loyola Marymount University, University of New England.

LICENSURE

Licensed Professional Counselor, Issued by State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, #001282 (Issued 2002)

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Issued by the State of New York, Office of the Professions, #01661 (Issued 2006)

BOARD CERTIFICATION

Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator, Diplomate, #0023 (Issued 2007)
Specialized Training in Child Custody
National Board of Forensic Evaluators

National Certified Counselor, # 23147 (Issued 2001)
National Board of Certified Counselors

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Member: National Board of Forensic Mental Health Evaluators Advisory Board,
June 2008-October 2008

Member: Policy and Procedure Committee, National Board of Forensic Mental Health
Evaluators, June 2008-October 2008

CERTIFICATIONS

School Counselor K-12, Professional: Issued by State of Connecticut. (Issued 1999)
Community College Counselor, Status: Life. Issued by State of California. (Issued 1990)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association, Member, 2002 - Present
International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors, 2008-Present
Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education, Member 2007-Present

POST MASTERS TRAINING

MFLC (Military & Life Family Consultant) Air Force Culture
Milford, CT – July 2008
Managed Health Network Government Services

Sharing Gang Intelligence: Bridging the Gap
Milford, CT, Teleconference -June 2008
National Institute of Corrections

Domestic Violence
Cromwell, CT - June 2008
Patrick DeChello, PhD, LISW

Improving School Climate to Support Student Achievement
School Shooters and Bullying
Hamden, CT - April 2008
Jo Ann Freiberg, PhD
Vivian Batterson, MA, NCSP

Child Custody Evaluators Certification Training
National Board of Forensic Mental Health Evaluators
Daytona Beach, FL – April 2008
Norman Hoffman, PhD, EdD, LMHC, LMFT
Valerie Watt, PhD, LCSW

NBFE Credentialing Affiliate Training Workshop
National Board of Forensic Mental Health Evaluators
Daytona Beach, FL – April 2008
Norman Hoffman, PhD, EdD, LMHC, LMFT

Psychic Events in the Lives of Clinicians and Clients
Trumbull, CT – April 2008
Beth Weschler, LICSW

Validity Indicator Profile (VIP)
Milford, CT – March 2008
Richard Frederick, Ph.D.

Bipolar Disorder in Childhood and Adolescence
North Haven, CT – March 2008
George Davis Gammon, M.D.

MMPI-2 Forensic Applications Part 1&2, Basic Applications Part 1
Kent State University Department of Psychology
Atlanta, GA – February 2006
Paul A. Arbisi, Ph.D., ABAP, Yossef Ben-Porath, Ph.D. & John Graham, Ph.D.

Conducting Effective Mental Status & Risk Assessments
Trumbull, CT – February 2006
Karl LaRowe, MA, LCSW

Grief & Trauma After Sudden & Violent Death
CMI Education Institute
Stratford, CT – January 2006
Bette Spear, LMHC, LMFT

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support
Bridgeport, CT – December 2005
Bridgeport Board of Education Professional Development Center

Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse in New York State
New York State Nurses Association – November 2005

Substance Abuse Prevention
Bridgeport, CT – November 2005
Bridgeport Board of Education Professional Development Center

National Board of Forensic Evaluators
NBFCE Credentialing Workshop
Ormond, FL – October 2005
Norman Hoffman, Ph.D., Ed.D., LMFT, LMHC

Bipolar Disorders in Children and Adults
Trumbull, CT – August 2005
Thomas E. Will, Psy.D., MPH

Spanish: A Whole Brain Accelerated Learning Approach, Level 1
Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior
Rhinebeck, NY – July 2005
Judith Serrano, Ph.D.

Borderline Personality Disorder
Rocky Hill, CT – June 2005 & July 2005
Jane Dresser, MN, M.Ed., APRN-BC

De-Escalation Strategies, Physical and Psychological Management Techniques, (PMT),
Bridgeport, CT – March 2005
PMT Associates

Teaching Students to Get Along
University of New England
Biddeford, ME – January 2005
Faculty

Anger Management & the Indigo Child
Middlefield, CT – November 2004
Patrick DeChello, Ph.D.

ADHD, Aspergers, OCD and Tourettes
Hartford, CT – October 2004
Dr. Stevens

Understanding Anxiety
North Haven, CT – October 2004
Mark Schneider, Ph.D.

Managing Students in a Diverse Classroom
University of New England
Biddeford, ME – September 2004
Faculty

How to Get Parents on Your Side
University of New England
Biddeford, ME – June 2004
Faculty

Dealing with Difficult Students
University of New England
Biddeford, ME – June 2004
Faculty

Ethical Issues in Professional Counseling
Milford, CT – September 2003
The Hatherleigh Company, APA approved

Drug & Alcohol Training
Bridgeport, CT – March 2003
Drug Enforcement Association (DEA)

American with Disabilities Act
Bridgeport, CT – February 2003
Melissa Marshall, JD

Juvenile Competence to Stand Trial – Jeanette DuVal, LCSW
Mitigating Circumstances in Capital Cases – Julie Schroeder, Ph.D.
Why Women Kill Their Children – Judy Slosar, LCSW & Mary Crawford, LCSW
Testimony on the Witness Stand – Judge Sol Goddard, JD, MSW, ACSW
Larry Braunstein, JD

Annual Conference of National Organization of Forensic Social Work
St Louis, MO- May 2002

Behavioral Health Services in the Aftermath of Critical Incident Trauma
The Center for Trauma Response Recovery and Preparedness
Yale University & University of Connecticut – January 2002
DMHAS, DCF

Aggression Replacement Training
Bridgeport, CT – January 2002

Raves and Ecstasy
Bridgeport, CT – March 2002
Regional Youth/Adult Substance Abuse Project

Gang Recognition & Behavior
Loyola Marymount University
Los Angeles, CA – August 2001
Faculty

Measuring Equity in School Change
Bridgeport, CT
January 2001
Department of Higher Education

De-Escalation Strategies, Physical and Psychological Management Techniques, (PMT),
Bridgeport, CT - January 2000
Bridgeport Board of Education Professional Development Center

Gang Member Alternatives Training
CTS Associates
New York City, NY – June 1999
Sgt Louis Savelli (NYPD)

School Emergency Response To Violent Events Training
Mt. Morris, NY - October 1998
NYS Police Department

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, Crisis Prevention Institute
Geneseo, NY - March 1998
Genesee Valley BOCES (Geneseo) Staff

Alcohol Use and Abuse
SUNY Brockport
Brockport, NY – May 1997
Gary Metz, MS Ed., CASAC, NCACII, MAC, CPP

Intensive Street Gang Training: City of Carson, California
Youth Services
South Central Los Angeles, CA & Compton, CA - April 1997
Ernie Paculba & Patrick O'Connor

Strategies for Preventing Conflict and Violence
Indiana Wesleyan University
Marion, Indiana – October 1996
Faculty

Human Sexuality
California State University at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA – 1994
Faculty

PUBLIC SERVICE

Military & Life Service Consultant (MFLC)
Managed Health Network Government Services for the US Military
Ready: Air Force, Worldwide: as needed

ACA Northern Illinois University Pro Bono Counseling Initiative
Served as pro-bono therapist for students involved in the NIU shooting
Milford, CT - May-August 2008

ACA Virginia Tech Pro-Bono Counseling Initiative
Served as pro-bono therapist for students involved in the Virginia Tech shooting
Milford, CT - May-September 2007

New Haven County, Connecticut
Served as Pro-Bono therapist for individuals displaced due to Hurricane Katrina
Milford, CT - 2006

New York State Gang Summit
New York State Office of Children and Family Services
Received recognition for professional commitment and dedication to the work necessary to
reduce the need for youth gangs and violence in New York State
Albany, NY – November 2005

New Haven, Connecticut
Served as therapist for emergency responders in New York City affected after 9/11
Milford, CT – 2002-2003

CLINICAL EXPERTISE

Psychological Testing and Evaluation – I am trained and qualified to administer, score, and interpret both objective and projective testing instruments, including, but not limited to the Personality Assessment Inventory, Minnesota Multiphase Personality Inventory (MMPI), Thematic Apperception Test, and a host of other testing Instruments.

Clinical skills include brief and long-term psychotherapy (individual and family) for adults, adolescents, and children involving depression, relationship issues, criminal street gang involvement, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder other adjustment problems. Evaluations, assessments and diagnosis performed. Highest professional level of “3” received from Pearson Assessments.

EAP experience with employees of all levels. Effective interface and liaison between employees and outpatient services, families, insurers, and the employer.

Expert witness consultation and testimony – criminal street gangs: psychological issues, organizational structure, culture & co morbidity with mental health issues. (A list of court cases can be furnished upon request).

Forensic evaluations in criminal justice housing issues – adult & juvenile, gang membership, employment matters.

Communicated and worked successfully with attorneys in death penalty, RICO, state and federal cases and psychological evaluations. Worked collaboratively with the Jerome Frank Legal Services - School of Law, Yale University. Selected as Gang Expert Panel Member, Harvard University School of Public Health, Education Development Center, Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative.

Clinical and court experience with people of various ethnic backgrounds (African-American, Latino/a, Native American), varied socio economic levels (urban, suburban and rural), clients and patients incarcerated (adult and juvenile), clients and patients on parole and inmates serving life without parole and living on death row.

Specialty in working with children (ages 5 and up) and adolescents in clinical and school settings. Psychotherapy, play therapy, social skills instruction, mediation and conflict resolution performed.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

National Board of Forensic Evaluators (NBFE)

Daytona Beach, FL - Affiliate Trainer

Affiliate Trainer for professionals pursuing a CFMHE certification. Instruction on NBFE's written exam, writing forensic mental health evaluations and presentation for oral exam.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Health Department – Adjunct Faculty

Taught courses in Alcohol Use and Abuse, HIV Issues, HIV Testing, Illegal Drugs.

Instructed drug and alcohol course for students disciplined for using illegal substances on campus.

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Department of Psychiatry -Instructor (Pier Diem)

Taught Maximizing Academic Adolescent Excellence (MAAX) to first generation middle school students in an urban setting with the goal of encouraging college pursuit.

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

Department of Professional Studies – Adjunct Faculty

Taught courses in Gang Recognition and Behavior, Recognizing Cults and Gangs, Understanding Gang Graffiti (course written/not instructed).

TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

Presenter, "Gangs 101" & "Counseling Gang Members, presentation for mental health staff & law enforcement. Milford, CT. July 2008.

Keynote Speaker, "Counseling Gang Members/New Jersey Laws," Coastal Learning Center, PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ, October 2007.

Presenter, "Bridgeport Gangs/Gang Laws," Casey Family Services Bridgeport, CT, August 2007.

Keynote Speaker, "Counseling Gang Members: Therapeutic Approaches," Coastal Learning Center, Tuckerton, NJ, March 2007.

Presenter, "Counseling Gang Members," Monroe County Probation Officer's Association Annual Training, Rochester, New York, May 2006.

Presenter, "Counseling Gang Members: Therapeutic Approaches," Gangs 103, South Hampton Youth Bureau Gang Seminar, Wading River, NY, April 6, 2006.

Presenter, "Counseling Gang Members," Bridgeport Board of Education Guidance Staff, Bridgeport, CT, March 15, 2006.

Presenter, "Gangs 101", Bridgeport Board Of Education Guidance Staff Bridgeport, CT, February 15, 2005.

Presenter and Panelist, "Counseling Gang Members," New York State Gang Summit, Albany, NY, November 15, 2005.

Presenter, Legal Case Presentation on Gang Issues
Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Yale University Law School
New Haven, CT - March 1, 2004.

Trainer, "Gang Liaison Training," Bridgeport Board of Education
Bridgeport, CT, February – March 2004.

Presenter, "Managing Difficult Students," Yale University, Department of Psychiatry,
New Haven, CT - February 2002.

Keynote Speaker • Teleconference Speaker • Presenter, National Teleconference.

- "Gangs: Intervention and Rehabilitation"

- "Today's Youth: Part of the Solution Not Part of the Problem"

Staying Safe and Smart. Greenville County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Greenville, South Carolina, October 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

Contributing Author – Social Issues Firsthand: Gangs. Published by Gale Cengage Learning.
Scheduled for release October 2008.

Book Jacket Review – Invited. Left for Dead: Faith, Family and the Mob. Written by R.K.
Jensen, Aaron Communications, 2005.

Referenced – Family Abuse, Causes, Consequences and Responses, by Sylvia Mignon, Carl
Larson and William Holmes. Allyn & Bacon, 2001.

Contributor, "Important Information About Street Gangs," for NY State Senator John Sampson,
1999.

Book Reviewer, Homegirls, Enslow Publishing, July 1999.

Writer, Understanding Gang Graffiti, graduate course written for the University of the Pacific,
1998.

Writer, Multicultural Issues, graduate course written for the University of the Pacific, 1997.

Author, "Gangs," book proposal for children under age 8, for Boulden Publishing Company.

PROFESSIONAL FORENSIC/MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE

Affiliate Trainer

National Board of Forensic Mental Health Evaluators (NBFE)
Milford, CT; 4/08-10/08

Psychotherapist/Expert Witness/Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator

Clinical-Legal Private Practice, Milford, CT; 2/02 – Present

Adjunct Faculty – Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

9/01 – 12/01

Instructor (Per Diem) – Yale University, Department of Psychiatry
New Haven, CT; 7/01-4/03.

School Counselor – Bridgeport Board of Education, City of Bridgeport.
Bridgeport, CT; 10/99- 3/07

School Counselor (Therapeutic) – Genesee Valley Board of Cooperative Educational
Services (BOCES), Batavia, NY; 2/98 -7/99

Director of College Placement and Guidance, The Aquinas Institute,
Rochester, NY; 8/96-1/98

Assistant to the Director/Project Director/Adjunct Faculty, Monroe Community College,
Rochester, NY; 10/94-8/96 (Grant Funded Project)

Health Educator/Adjunct Faculty, University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, CA; 7/92-7/93 (Grant Funded Project)

Counselor, Rolling Hills High School, Palos Verdes Estates, CA
Culver City High School, Culver City, CA
Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, CA
Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, NY
7/87-7/91

Social Worker, Hillside Children’s Center, Rochester, NY; 3/86-7/87

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Mentor, The Bridgeport Mentoring Program - “CATCH”. Bridgeport, CT. 1999-2001.
Youth Counselor, Los Angeles, CA and Rochester, NY, 1988-1999.
Event Coordinator, Voice of the Future Inc., (Youth Day), Rochester, NY,
1995-1997.

A vitae specific to work as a Gang Expert Witness is also available