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### *Curriculum Vita*

#### *Forensic Experience and Credentials*

##### Present Forensic Appointments/Positions

**Instructor**, Forensic Seminar for Psychiatry Fellows, Institute of Living, Hartford, CT.

**Special Master**, Regional Family Trial Docket, Middletown, CT. Mediation with high-conflict divorcing couples in tandem with an attorney who is also designated a Special Master.

**Credentialed Evaluator**, Connecticut Superior Court for Juvenile Matters, Child Protection Psychological Examiner, conducting psychological evaluations as a court-appointed evaluator.

**Consultant**, Child Protection Team, Burgdorf Pediatric Clinic, Hartford, CT. Multidisciplinary team devising interventions for families served by St. Francis Medical Center and its affiliates.

**Member** of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts both nationally and in Connecticut.

##### Court Ordered Evaluations

I have been court-appointed to conduct psychological evaluations in over 800 cases spanning the past fifteen years in the following Connecticut Superior Court for Juvenile Matters (SCJM) locations:

- Danbury SCJM
- Hartford SCJM
- Middletown Child Protection Session
- Middletown SCJM
- New Britain SCJM
- New Haven SCJM
- Rockville SCJM
- Torrington SCJM
- Waterbury SCJM
- Willimantic SCJM

I have been court-appointed to conduct psychological evaluations in the following Family Court locations:

- Hartford Family Court
- Middletown Family Court
- New Britain Family Court
- New London Family Court
- Norwich Family Court

I have been qualified as an **expert witness** in child protection and family court matters in Connecticut in well over four hundred cases, primarily in the areas of child abuse/neglect, child/family psychology, adult psychological assessment, and child psychological assessment.

In May 2011 I presented at the Annual Child and Youth Law Forum in Connecticut. The topic of my presentation focused on performing objective, valid, and reliable child protection evaluations.

### *Clinical and Research Experience*

#### **July 1995 - present**

##### **Independent Practice**

Private practice serving families, adolescents and children. Psychotherapy, psychological assessment (including child and adult assessment) and group treatment. Specialty areas include child abuse and neglect, custody issues, attachment issues, sexual abuse, and substance abuse.

#### **February 2002 – December 2004**

Embrace, llc, Founding member and president of an agency providing anger management classes, marriage enrichment services and psychological evaluations.

#### **November 1995 - February 1997**

Village for Families & Children, 1680 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Fee-for-service clinical services provided to clients of the outpatient family clinic.

#### **January 1994 - October 1995**

Jill Cohn Center for Head Injury Rehabilitation, 60 Temple St., New Haven, CT 06510

Post-Doctoral Internship in Cognitive Rehabilitation (head injury and acquired brain injury). Cognitive treatment paradigms, psychotherapy, neuropsychological and psychological reports.

#### **August 1992 - January 1994**

Salvation Army Young Parents Program, 225 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06126

Father's Program Coordinator: individual psychotherapy, group psycho-educational program for teen fathers and mothers in urban setting. English/Spanish language groups. Groups at various sites, including locations in Hartford and Alternative Incarceration Centers.

#### **September 1991 - August 1992**

Child & Family Services (now Village for Families & Children)

1680 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Pre-doctoral internship including individual/group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, and research with a primarily urban population. The majority of cases involved concerns of abuse/neglect, disruptive behavior disorders, and parenting issues.

#### **January 1989 - September 1991**

Salvation Army Marshall House Family Shelter, 225 South Marshall Street, Hartford, CT 06105

Counselor for homeless families in urban shelter providing referrals and education.

#### **May 1987 - September 1988**

St. Clare's/Riverside Medical Center, Boonton, NJ 07005. Counselor, Adult Detoxification Unit.

### *Teaching Positions*

#### **2006 to present**

Forensic Seminar for Psychiatry Fellows, Institute of Living, Hartford, CT.

#### **January 1995 – December 2001**

Central Connecticut State University, 1615 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT

Part-time faculty; Psychology. Courses: Physiological Psychology, Life-Span Development

#### **January 1996 – December 2001**

Capital Community Technical College, 61 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT

PT faculty; Psychology. Courses: Child & Adolescent Development, General Psychology.

#### **September 1993 - December 1993**

University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT

Co-taught "Introduction to Clinical Medicine" practicum course to first year medical students. Included interviewing, medical intake, doctor-patient relationships.

### *Education*

1993 - Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology - University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

1991 - M.A. in Clinical Psychology - University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

1988 - B. A. in Psychology - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

### *Practicum/Training Experience*

1990 Neuropsychology Practicum - Jill Cohn Center, New Haven, CT

1989-90 Research Internship, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Middletown, CT

1990-91 Clinical Clerkship, The Learning Clinic (School), Brooklyn, CT

1991 Univ. of CT, Dept. of Education: Research for CT Dept. of Children & Families (Child & Adolescent Social Service Project).

### *Professional Organizations*

American Psychological Association

Connecticut Psychological Association

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

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