

## Curriculum Vitae

### LICENSES HELD:

Licensed Psychologist - State of California, #PSY10800  
Marriage and Family Therapist - State of California, #MW023203  
(inactive)

### OFFICE LOCATION:

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### EDUCATION & DEGREES

9/81 - 1/86

California School of Professional Psychology  
San Diego, California  
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology - 1986

*Dissertation:* An Exploration of the Construct of Alexithymia from  
Behavioral, Cognitive and Psychoanalytic  
Perspectives

M.A. in Clinical Psychology - 1983

9/78 - 6/80

University of Minnesota  
Institute of Child Development  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
M.A. in Child Psychology - 1980

*Thesis:* The Development of Causal Reasoning in the Narrative

9/74 - 9/78

University of California, San Diego  
San Diego, California  
B.A. in Psychology - 1978 (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)

9/71 - 6/74

Ulysses S. Grant High School  
Van Nuys, California

## PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY WORK EXPERIENCE

1/87 -

### **Licensed Psychologist**

Independent Private Practice of Clinical and Forensic Psychology and Consultation, Mediation, Collaborative Practice, Forensic Case Consultation, Expert Witness Services, Psychological Testing.

1/08 -

### **Divorce/Child Custody Mediator**

National Conflict Resolution Center  
San Diego, CA

1/99– 5/02

### **Director, Dispute Resolution Services**

Real Solutions for Children (Volunteer Position)

3/86 - 3/87

### **Post Doctoral Fellow**

Mesa Vista Hospital  
Child/Adolescent Treatment program.  
Supervisor: Ain Roost, Ph.D.  
Margaret Peshel, Ph.D.

(Duties included group psychotherapy, case Consultation, substance abuse recovery counseling and psychological testing on a locked inpatient acute care and adolescent unit.)

7/85 - 12/86

### **Registered Psychological Assistant**

Supervisor: Janet Lindner, Ph.D.  
(Psychotherapy and psychological assessment in a private practice setting.)

6/85 - 3/86

### **Psychology Fellow**

Southwood Psychiatric Residential Treatment Program  
Supervisor: Yanon Volcani, Ph.D.

(Duties included group and family psychotherapy, substance abuse recovery, program planning, milieu consultation.)

- 9/84 - 6/85 **Predoctoral Psychology Intern**,  
Veterans Administration Hospital Medical Center  
La Jolla, California  
Supervisors: Gary Birchler, Ph.D.  
Lowell Storms, Ph.D.  
(Duties included outpatient emergency triage, inpatient consultation and assessment, co-therapist in outpatient and inpatient substance abuse recovery groups, diagnostic testing. Major focus in psychological aspects of medical illness, couples and family psychotherapy.)
- 6/83 - 7/85 **Registered Psychological Assistant**  
Supervisor: Linda Eaton, Ph.D.  
Psychotherapy in a private practice setting
- 6/83 - 6/84 **Psychology Intern**  
Supervisors: Neal Kline, M.D.  
Ruth Greenwald, Ph.D.  
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy, psychological testing.)
- 8/82 - 7/83 **Psychology Intern**  
California Psychological Services Center, San Diego.  
Supervisors: Neil Ribner, Ph.D.  
Emily Adams, RN, PhD.  
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy.)

## **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS**

***Psychotherapy, Forensics, Collaborative Practice and Psychological Assessment:*** Twenty-five years direct clinical practice as a Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Particular interests are in the areas of Custody Dispute Resolution (Evaluation, Parent Coordination, Collaborative Practice, Mediation, and Consultation), Forensic Consultation/Expert Witness, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Collaborative Practice, Qualified Collaborative Practice Trainer, Psychodiagnostics, Child/adolescent/family psychology, Psychotherapy, Parenting Skills, Effective Communication Skills, Affective and Anxiety Disorders, Behavioral Pediatrics, Psychological and Psychoeducational Assessment (testing). Two years post-doctoral training in clinical child psychology, three years predoctoral training in general clinical psychology. Consulting Psychologist, Mesa Vista Hospital, San Diego, California. Consulting Psychologist, San Diego Center for Children.

***Public/Community Service:*** *Journal of Child Custody* - Editorial Board, *Family Court Review* - Editorial Board, Founding Member – San Diego Family Law Council for Children, Member Board of Directors – Collaborative Family Law Group of

San Diego, Member, Board of Directors – Kid’s Turn San Diego, Program Committee – . Association of Family and Conciliation Courts’ 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Program Committee – Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 44<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Member – Public Education Committee – International Association of Collaborative Professionals, Contributing Editor – Single Parent Magazine, Former Director of Dispute Resolutions Services – Real Solutions Center for Children (Volunteer – Non-compensated), Volunteer Clinical Supervisor - San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, American Psychological Association  
Member, American Psi-Law Society  
Member, Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego  
Member, Board of Directors, Kid’s Turn San Diego  
Founding Member, San Diego Family Law Council for Children  
Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Member, International Association of Collaborative Professionals  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Child Custody*  
Editorial Board, *Family Court Review*  
Editorial Reviewer, The Guilford Press

### **RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

May 2009. (upcoming) Collaboration In Litigation – Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Consulting in Litigated Cases. Presentation to the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA.

April 2009. (upcoming) Advanced Collaborative Team Training. Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CP-CAL (Collaborative Practice, California) Celebration. Long Beach, CA.

March, 2009. (upcoming) Interdisciplinary Team Training in Collaborative Family Law. Two day training as a prelude to “Collaborating Down Under”, an international conference in Sydney, Australia.

March 2009. (upcoming) Neuropsychology and Coaching. Three-hour presentation to “Collaborating Down Under”, an international conference in Sydney, Australia.

March, 2009. 3-day Training – Interdisciplinary Team Model of Collaborative Divorce. Phoenix, Arizona.

February 2009. The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Procedure And Ethics In Objective Child Custody Evaluation Review Work. Presented To The Family Law Staff of Selzer, Caplan, McMahon & Vitek, San Diego, California.

February, 2009. Advanced Techniques In Trial Strategy & Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses. The National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Los Angeles, California.

October 2008. A Demonstration Of Team Process In a Full Team Collaborative Divorce Case. 7<sup>th</sup> Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, Louisiana.

September, 2008. Conducting Reviews and Being Reviewed. 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Albuquerque New Mexico.

May, 2008 Effective Courtroom Technique For The Expert Witness. Full Day Pre-Conference Institute, 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Co-Sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy). Vancouver, Canada

April, 2008 What Neuropsychology Tells Us About How People Change And About Collaborative Coaching. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual European Collaborative Conference, Cork, Ireland.

May, 2007 Expert Testimony – Strategies for Witnesses. 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington, DC. Co-presented with Hon. Arlene Rotman (ret), Philip Stahl, Ph.D.,

October, 2006 Expert Testimony and Cross-Examination. A full day pre-conference institute. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Atlanta, GA. Co-presented with Philip Stahl, Ph.D., The Hon. W. Dennis Duggan, R. John Harper LL.B.

June, 2006. "Growing Up In Dual Households" – How Do I Know If My Kid Needs Counseling. Guiding The Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce with Isolina Ricci, Ph.D., Presented by the San Diego Family Law Council for Children, San Diego, California.

May, 2006. "Effective Communication Styles for Reducing Conflict During Collaborative Divorce and Couples Communication." Retreat of the Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego. San Diego, California.

January, 2006 "Emotional Recovery From Divorce." Presentation to the Second Saturday program, Women's Institute for Financial Education, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, California.

July, 2005. Panel Discussant, "Children of Divorce: Long Term Implications: Theory and Practice". Guiding the Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce with Constance Ahrons, Ph.D., presented by the San Diego Family Law Council for Children.

May, 2005. "The Use and Misuse of Psychological Testing in Forensic Custody Evaluations". Invited presentation, Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association.

July, 2004. "Modified Custody Evaluations: Indications, Contraindications and Frontiers." Invited In-service Presentation to Family Court Services, Superior Court, County of San Diego.

September, 2003. "Focused Psychological Custody Evaluations." Seminar Provided to the Family Law Section, San Diego Bar Association. (Co-presenters: Hon. James R. Milliken – Presiding Judge; Penny Angel Levy, MSW; Timothy Smith, Esq.; Janet Bowermaster, Esq.)

November 2002. "Making Custody Evaluations More Efficient and Cost-Effective." Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations presented by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. (Co-presenters: Hon. H. Ronald Domnitz – Superior Court of California; Nancy Stassinopolous CFLS.)

November 2002. "California Custody Evaluators Supplemental Session." Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations presented by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. (This session offered as part of the mandated 40-hour training for California Child Custody Evaluations).

June, 2002. "Building Resilience in Alienated Children." 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Waikoloa, Hawaii.

September 2001. "Children at Risk: Protecting and Building Resilience in Alienated Children." Northwest Regional Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

February 2001. "Understanding Psychological Tests in Child Custody Evaluations." Brown Bag presentation – Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association.

June, 2000. "The Mini/Modified Psychological Evaluation." The Eighteenth Annual Summer Seminar – Selected Issues in Family Law Practice and Procedure – The Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association.

## **RECENT PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS**

February 2009. New Ways For Families. An intervention program for high conflict families in the Court system. San Diego, CA 4 MCEP Units.

October, 2008. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, Louisiana. (16 MCEP Units)

September, 2008 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (14 MCEP Units)

June 2008. Parent Coordination Training offered by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, taught by Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D. Loyola Law Center, Chicago, IL. (12 MCEP Units)

May 2008. 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (18 MCEP Units)

February, 2008. Mediation Skills Training. National Center for Conflict Resolution. San Diego, CA (32 MCEP Units)

November 2007 Training The Trainers. 24 hour training in training others to become Collaborative Practitioners. Phoenix, AZ. (24 MCEP Units)

October 2007. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (14 MCEP Units)

October, 2007. California Update on Child Custody Evaluations. San Diego, CA (8 MCEP Units)

October, 2007. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Regional Training Conference on Family Violence and Alienation. Columbus, Ohio (14 MCEP Units)

May, 2007. 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC. (18 MCEP Units)

March, 2007. First Annual European Conference on Collaborative Practice. Vienna, Austria.

December, 2006. Training In Parent Coordination. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Baltimore, MD

December, 2006. Ethics and Risk Management For Psychologists. Presented by the American Psychological Association Insurance Trust, San Diego, CA (6 MCEP Units)

October, 2006. 7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Atlanta, GA. (14 MCEP Units)

October 2006. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. San Diego, CA. (13 MCEP Units)

June, 2006. 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Tampa, Florida (17 MCEP Units)

May, 2006. Retreat – Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego (6 Hours)

September, 2005 – Interdisciplinary Team Training in Collaborative Family Law, Scottsdale, Arizona (24 MCEP Units)

May, 2005. 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Seattle, Washington (16.25 MCEP Units)

November, 2004. Therapists at Risk, Part II: Dual Relationships, Countertransference & The Legal and Ethical Considerations. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates (6 MCEP Units)

October, 2004. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Nashville, TN (17 MCEP Units)

May, 2004. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas (17 MCEP Units)

March, 2004. Therapists At Risk (Part I) Risks & The Changing Face of Psychotherapy. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates (6 MCEP Units)

January, 2004. Domestic Violence: Assessment and Treatment. Psycho-Legal Associates. San Diego, CA (7 MCEP Hours)

May, 2003. 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Ottawa, Canada. (16.25 MCEP Units)

November, 2002. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 5<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Tucson, AZ. (13.5 MCEP Units)

June, 2002. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Kona, Hawaii (18 MCEP Units)

November, 2001. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Kiawah Island, SC (13.5 MCEP Units)