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Summary of Skills: 20+ years of private practice experience; expertise in child, adolescent and adult psychotherapy, individual, couple and family psychotherapy, high conflict custody/divorce matters, family reunification psychotherapy, psychological/educational/employment testing, forensic evaluation/expert witness, graduate-level university teaching, media consultation, program administration and clinical supervision.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology (May 1997)
California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, CA (APA accredited)

M.A. Clinical Psychology (June 1994)
California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, CA (APA accredited)

B.S. (Honors) Psychology (June 1990)
Birkbeck, University of London, London, England

B.S. (Specialist) Psychology, (Minor) Biology (transferred)
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Psychologist PSY 16248
Los Angeles County Psychological Association
Certificate in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy
(Wright Institute Los Angeles)
Certificate in Treatment of Child Abuse and Trauma
(Family Stress Center, SFVCGC)
Peace Officer Psychological Screening (POST-Certified)

MEMBERSHIPS/BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
California Chapter (AFCC-CA)
Member, Los Angeles County Psychological Association
(LACPA)
Past President, Wright Institute Los Angeles
Alumni Board

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

5/95 - present INDEPENDENT PRIVATE PRACTICE

360 N. Bedford Drive, Suite 219
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
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- Long term psychoanalytically-informed psychotherapy in private practice with adults, adolescents, children, couples and families focusing on, but not limited to, trauma, personality disorders, relationship issues, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, high conflict custody/divorce issues, sexual abuse trauma, sexual addictions, eating disorders, body image issues, substance abuse, gender identity disorder, parent-child issues, career conflicts, cultural concerns and anger management.
- Family reunification psychotherapy in high conflict divorce cases.
- Psychological/educational assessment of children and adults. Typical testing concerns are:

AD/HD, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, IQ/Achievement testing, learning disabilities, personality disorders, visual and auditory processing difficulties, dyslexia, gifted and talented IQ testing, diagnostic clarification, test accommodations, pre-employment evaluations.

- Forensic evaluations of children and parents in child custody Family Law cases.
- Forensic evaluations in high value civil litigation cases; personal injury (including child sexual abuse and foster care abuse cases); tort cases; criminal cases; pre-adoption evaluations.
- Media consultations including appearances on radio and television as an expert discussing a wide range of psychological issues (includes Discovery Health Channel shows, 60 Minutes, ABC's Nightline)
- Clinical supervision of psychological assistants.
- Clinical supervision of other pre-doctoral psychology interns, post-doctoral psychology residents and licensed psychologists.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION DUTIES

9/03 – 8/14 The Maple Counseling Center
 11/07 – 8/09 A Home Within
 4/02 – 10/04 Valley Community Center

- Provide psychoanalytically informed clinical supervision to Master's and Doctoral level psychology interns, post-doctoral residents and licensed psychologists.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

9/99-6/07 PART-TIME STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST/ADJUNCT FACULTY

Santa Monica College
 1900 Pico Blvd.
 Santa Monica, CA 90405

- Short-term individual psychotherapy, crisis intervention, program development, outreach and psycho-educational programming with college students in a college campus setting (including with a high percentage of international students).
- Development of campus-based psychological services.
- Consultation with Disciplinary Committee regarding mental health concerns in disciplinary issues with students.

9/98 -9/03 POST-DOCTORAL RESIDENCY TRAINING COORDINATOR/SENIOR SUPERVISING STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST

Family Stress Center
 Child Abuse and Trauma Program
 Child and Family Guidance Center
 16861 Parthenia Street
 North Hills, CA 91343

- Training Coordinator for Postdoctoral residency program in child abuse and trauma including clinical and administrative responsibilities; development of postdoctoral residency training program; selection, training and supervision of postdoctoral residents.
- Senior clinical supervisor for staff therapists/psychologists.
- Individual and group clinical supervision of graduate level psychology interns and postdoctoral residents.
- Development and teaching of seminar on psychodiagnostic assessment to post-doctoral residents.
- Development and teaching of in-depth two year-long seminars on object relations theory, psychodynamic approach to treatment of severe trauma to staff therapists and post-doctoral residents (Level 1 and Level 2)
- Individual, family and group psychotherapy with children aged 2-18 years and their families/caretakers, specializing in treatment of severe trauma, particularly intra-familial and extra-familial child sexual abuse, physical and emotional abuse, neglect, domestic violence and foster

care

- Group psychotherapy with teenage boys who are abuse reactive (sexual offenders); group psychotherapy with non-offending parents of sexually abused boys
- Provided consultations to DCFS social workers, foster care facilities, Probation Department officers, Dependency Court attorneys
- Liaison for school-based mental health program, including administrative duties, liaising with school, LAUSD and DMH personnel, development of procedures and policies, evaluation and coordination of funding sources including OCJP, MediCal, AB3632, VOC and various other grants, clinical and administrative supervision of school-based therapists, organizational consultation.

9/02-3/03

PART-TIME CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST (PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING SPECIALIST)

Children's Institute International
711 South New Hampshire Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90005

- Full psychological and psycho-educational assessments and screenings for children and adolescents involved in the DCFS system presenting with a range of diagnostic challenges.

5/95-3/99

REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT

Carl F. Hoppe, Ph.D.
Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and Psychoanalyst
360 N. Bedford Drive, Suite 215
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

- Psychological assistant to Dr. Carl Hoppe, a highly regarded clinical and forensic psychologist and reknown expert in Child custody evaluations
- Long term psychoanalytically-informed psychotherapy in private practice setting with adults and children, focusing on but not limited to personality disorders, relationship issues, depressive disorders, eating disorders, weight and body image issues, sexual abuse issues, parent-child issues and couples therapy.
- Scoring of Rorschach protocols and other test material in relation to Court ordered custody and other forensic evaluations.
- Assisting in conducting home evaluations and psychological evaluations in relation to custody proceedings.

5/97-8/98

REGISTERED STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST

Project Six
The H.E.L.P. Group
13130 Burbank Blvd,
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401

- Individual, family and group psychotherapy with severely emotionally disturbed and other special needs adolescents in a residential treatment setting, including but not limited to diagnoses of oppositional-defiant disorder, conduct disorder, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, sexual and physical abuse, obsessive-compulsive disorders, ADHD, learning disabilities, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, personality disorders, developmental disorders, substance abuse, along with various multi-problem family issues.
- Supervision of residential staff counselors on program development issues, clinical issues and staff development issues.
- Coordinated care with MediCal and DMH and conducted case conferences with DCFS, DMH, psychiatrists, and teachers.

3/96-3/97

RESEARCH PROJECT DIRECTOR

California Wellness Foundation/King/Drew Medical Center
Los Angeles, CA

- Project Director of a research grant on adolescent pregnancy prevention, exploring factors, which

contribute to adolescent pregnancy. Grant was funded by the California Wellness Foundation through King/Drew Medical Center - UCLA School of Medicine.

- Assisted in the design, implementation and evaluation of pilot and principal research.
- Development of dissemination materials for the project, including the research packet.
- Oversaw recruitment of subjects and data collection.
- Supervision and training of project staff.

INTERNSHIP, PRACTICUM AND CLERKSHIP EXPERIENCES

9/95-3/96

FULL TIME A.P.A. APPROVED INTERNSHIP

Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Clinic
Culver City, CA 90230

- Short term individual psychotherapy with moderate to severely mentally ill adults with a range of diagnoses, including but not limited to diagnoses of major depression, schizophrenia, substance abuse disorders, anxiety disorders, dissociative disorders, sleep disorders and personality disorders.
- Individual psychotherapy with developmentally disabled children and adults.
- Individual and family therapy with children and families with multi-problem family issues.
- Co-facilitated group psychotherapy with severely and persistently mentally ill clients in a partial hospitalization program.
- Crisis intervention with adults.
- Participated in care coordination team, which involved undertaking and overseeing all intakes in agency, evaluation and disposition of cases.
- Consultation, Prevention and Education commitment which involved various psycho-educational projects including guest lecturing, school based interventions and various community projects.
- Psychodiagnostic assessment of children.

10/94-9/95

HALF-TIME INTERNSHIP

Wright Institute Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA 90025

- Long term individual and couples psychoanalytically informed psychotherapy with adults with a range of diagnoses.
- Conducted intake evaluations and prepared written reports.
- Attended weekly case conferences and seminars on a range of topics focusing on psychoanalytic theory and practice.

9/93-8/94

PRACTICUM

San Fernando Valley Child Guidance Clinic (now Child and Family
Guidance Center)
Northridge, CA

- Short term and long term individual and family psychotherapy with children (8 years and older) and parents/guardians presenting for treatment in relation to trauma including but not limited to sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, foster placement.
- Co-facilitated group therapy with mothers of sexually abused latency-aged girls.
- Undertook intake evaluations and prepared written reports and treatment plans.
- Undertook psychodiagnostic assessments using a range of instruments.
- Presented and facilitated discussion on various clinical issues.

9/92-9/93

CLERKSHIP

Rosa Parks Sexual Assault Crisis Center
Los Angeles, CA

- Undertook psychodiagnostic assessments of adult women.
- Short and long-term individual psychotherapy with female survivors of rape and/or childhood

- sexual abuse.
- Crisis intervention for sexual assault hotline.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

7/09 – 12/10 ADJUNCT FACULTY

Antioch University
Culver City, CA

- Teaching classes to Master's level Psychology graduate students in:
- Psychological Testing
- Personality Theory (Object Relations Theory)

6/96 TUTOR- Research Design and Statistics/ Clinical Interventions

California School of Professional Psychology
Los Angeles, CA

- Provided group tutoring to doctoral level students in principles of research design, statistics and critical analysis; provided group tutoring to doctoral level students in theory and practice of psychodynamic and systems interventions.

6/95-9/95 TUTOR - Psychodiagnostic Assessment

California School of Professional Psychology
Los Angeles, CA

- Provided group tutoring to doctoral level students in interpretation and integration of test data in psychodiagnostic assessment in preparation for Comprehensive examinations.

9/93-6/95 TEACHING ASSISTANT - Psychodiagnostic Assessment

California School of Professional Psychology
Los Angeles, CA

- Teaching assistant in Psychodiagnostic Assessment doctoral graduate course.
- Teaching laboratory section re accurate administration, scoring and interpretation of various psychological tests.
- Assessed students' batteries for scoring, interpretation and integration accuracy.
- Evaluated and critiques students' assessment reports.

6/94 TUTOR - Research Design and Statistics

California School of Professional Psychology
Los Angeles, CA

- Provided group tutoring to doctoral level students in principles of research design, statistics and critical analysis in preparation for Comprehensive examinations.

9/93-6/94 TEACHING ASSISTANT - Clinical Interviewing

California School of Professional Psychology
Los Angeles, CA

- Teaching assistant in Clinical Interviewing doctoral graduate course.
- Surveyed major tools, techniques and strategies for conducting clinical interviews including empathic communication skills, professional, ethical and multicultural issues.
- Critiqued and graded students' papers and examinations.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

10/90-7/91
6/92-9/92

COUNSELOR

Mid Valley Youth Center
Van Nuys, CA

- Counselor for emotionally disturbed adolescents (referred by DCFS and Probation) at a residential treatment facility on issues including but not limited to gang affiliation, substance abuse, physical and sexual abuse.
- Supervised residents' activities. Co-facilitated group therapy.

9/89-7/90

SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Social Services
London, England

- Counseling, crisis intervention, long term foster care planning with children, adolescents, families, elderly, physically disabled, developmentally disabled and mentally ill clients.
- Assessed client needs, undertook home visits, family assessments and Court evaluations.