

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1994-2001 Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology
Pacific Graduate School of Psychology (APA Accredited)
Palo Alto, CA
Dissertation Topic: Comparison of neuropsychological functioning of asymptomatic HIV positive and HIV negative adolescents and young adults
- 1989-1994 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- November 2003-
Present *Senior Partner*
Behavioral Health Consulting Group
Philadelphia, PA
Providing premium consultative behavioral health services to clients in business, education, and healthcare agencies. Utilizing the latest research and evaluation methods for consultation-liaison services for clients, in addition to consultation for program development and/or education and training for behavioral health issues and needs.
- July 2002-
November 2003 *Clinical Coordinator for Marketing/Business Development*
Friends Hospital
Philadelphia, PA
- Provide internal training, supervision, program development and administrative support/oversight of the Admissions department and Crisis Response Center
 - Managed a staff of 6 clinicians and 12 mental health technicians in the Psychiatric Emergency Room of Friends Hospital
 - Coordinate and develop training programs related to behavioral health issues for external referral sources in conjunction with the education, training and psychology programs
 - Assist in arranging evaluations for clients of referral sources as needed
 - Serve as a clinical liaison between marketing and the clinical programs
 - Target new referral sources and business development opportunities by reviewing and pursuing networking opportunities
 - Serve on the grant committee and participate in grant selection and grant writing initiatives

- Formulate business development action plans for targeted development at the request of the Vice President of Marketing and Business Development
- Participate in unit meetings and hospital meetings to stay current on new regulations, program changes and current trends
- Participate in all aspects of program development/new products and services, planning, budget, contracting, and fund-raising
- Work with personnel to cooperatively handle customer complaints, problems and concerns and take corrective action when necessary
- Available for other clinical/psychological/educational functions as assigned or as needed

APA Psychology Internship

- Lecture and provide supervision for interns/externs
- Review applications and interview prospective intern/externs
- Assist the Director of Psychology Services in developing and administering clinical/administration training programs
- Develop training program for the Admissions/Evaluation Center

Clinical Coordinator for EAP

- Oversee daily operations and other workplace programs
- Clinical oversight and clinical administrative work
- Provide clinical supervision and maintain clinical quality

September 2001-
June 2002

Post-doctoral Training, Child/Adolescent Psychology
Friends Hospital
Youth Evaluation, Assessment and Referral Services
Philadelphia, PA

Supervisors: Suzanne Martin, Psy.D.; Richard Wiener, Ph.D.

- Conducted emergency psychological evaluations to assist with level of care determination for children and adolescents
- Conducted case management of the child/adolescent until they were connected to the appropriate level of care
- Assisted in program development and grant writing
- Obtained supervision for licensing
- Assisted with supervision of interns
- Participated in didactic training
- Conducted marketing/outreach for the evaluation program
- Served diverse patient population that presented with a variety of psychological symptoms

September 2000-
August 2001

Post-doctoral Training, Pediatric Neuropsychology
Tenet Health System
St. Christopher's Hospital for Children/Hahnemann University Hospital
Philadelphia, PA

Supervisors: Sandra Koffler, Ph.D., ABBP/ABCN; Mitzie L. Grant, Ph.D.

- Conducted comprehensive evaluations for inpatients and outpatients, both children and adults; some of the presenting diagnoses included Mitochondrial Disorders, Seizure Disorders, Developmental Disorders, Closed Head Injuries, Traumatic Head Injuries, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and other

- neurological disorders
- Performed comprehensive reports and feedback sessions for patients and families
- Worked as a liaison with several other medical departments including neurology, acute trauma psychiatry and cardiology
- Attended neurology grand rounds and multidisciplinary trauma team meetings

September 1999-
August 2000

Pre-doctoral Internship (APA Accredited)

Jersey Shore Medical Center

Behavioral Health

Neptune, NJ

Supervisors: Jennifer Smith, Ph.D.; Nancy Yeager, Ph.D.

- Conducted psychological assessments
- Performed individual and group therapy
- Performed intake assessments for Behavioral Health
- Received weekly individual and group supervision as well as didactic training seminars
- Rotations included: Outpatient Department, Access Center, Park Place, Transitional Medication Services, Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, Therapeutic Nursery, Monmouth County Head Start Program, Pain Institute, Neuropsychology Liaison Service and Community Outreach

September 1997-
July 1998

Psychology Trainee

University of California, San Francisco/Stanford University

Department of Pediatrics

Division of Adolescent Medicine & Division of Behavioral Pediatrics

San Francisco, CA

Supervisor: Mary R. Crittenden, Ph.D.

- Conducted psychological and neuropsychological assessments of inpatient and outpatient children and adolescents, including administration, scoring, interpretation and test-battery reports
- Conducted feedback sessions with patients, their caregivers, and families
- Met with interdisciplinary division team, provided psychological consultations for teen clinics, and conducted weekly one-on-one therapy sessions for adolescents
- Participated in ward rounds and staffing consultations with patients and their families
- Received weekly individual and group supervision

September 1996 -
July 1997

Psychology Trainee

City and County of San Francisco

Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

OMI Family Center, San Francisco, CA

Supervisors: Joe Camhi, Ph.D.; Dori Mathis, MFCCL

- Attended weekly group and individual supervision with a multicultural team
- Participating member of a treatment team
- Conducted formal intake assessment evaluations, telephone intakes for

children and adults

- Conducted psychotherapy and group treatment with children and adults; crisis intervention; assessment and treatment planning; and case management/outreach
- Gained experience with substance abuse/dual diagnosis, foster care, Department of Social Services, Assembly Bill 3632 requirements, seriously mentally ill adults, and Department of Mental Health documentation

September 1996 -
July 1997

Psychology Trainee

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit

Palo Alto Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA

Supervisor: William Lynch, Ph.D.

- Conducted psychological and neuropsychological assessments of brain injured patients both in an inpatient and outpatient setting. Purpose was to assist with differential diagnosis of patients. Responsibilities included administration, scoring, interpretation, test-battery reports and consultation to referral sources
- Conducted feedback sessions with patients and their caregivers, families, spouses or partners
- Met daily with interdisciplinary unit team
- Participated in admission and discharge staffing consultations with patients and their families
- Received additional training in weekly neuropsychological training seminars which included neuroanatomy, neuropathology, and neuropsychological test administration, scoring and interpretation
- Received weekly individual and group supervision

January 1996 -
August 1996

Psychology Trainee

Kurt and Barbara Gronowski Clinic

Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, CA

Supervisor: Laura Seitel, Ph.D.

- Conducted intake interviews and provided individuals with a Time-Limited Dynamic and Client Centered psychotherapy in a low-cost community mental health clinic setting
- Additional duties included weekly group and individual supervision; attending case conferences and case presentations

January 1996 -
June 1996

Psychology Trainee

Personality Assessment Practicum

Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, CA

Supervisor: Roger Greene, Ph.D.

- Administered psychological measurements to assess personality functioning and assisted diagnosis of client; feedback given to both client and therapist
- Participated in weekly group meetings

August 1992 -
May 1994

Undergraduate Psychology Intern

Volunteer for Crime Victim Assistance Program

Pima County Attorney's Office, Tucson, AZ

Victim Witness Program
Supervisor: Carol DeLuca

- Duties included crisis intervention, counseling, court advocacy and referral for sexual assault and child abuse victims

June 1992 -
August 1992

Undergraduate Psychology Intern
George Washington University Hospital, Washington D.C.
Supervisor: Nancy Breslin, M.D.

- Observed various mental disorders and their treatments (e.g., schizophrenia, multiple personality disorder, substance abuse, depression and anxiety disorders)
- Observed group therapies
- Assisted hospital staff with recreational and occupational therapies
- Observed the hospital treatment team and attended grand rounds

RELATED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

March 1996 -
January 1997

Volunteer
American Indian alcohol and substance abuse treatment program
The Friendship House Association of American Indians, Inc.
San Francisco, CA

September 1994 -
August 1995

Child Advocate
Child Advocacy Council, San Jose, CA

October 1991 -
July 1993

Volunteer Health Care Assistant
Planned Parenthood, Tucson, AZ

September 1990 -
June 1991

Volunteer
Child Care for Abused Children (infant - 3 yrs.)
Casa de Los Niños
Tucson, AZ

RESEARCH

May 1997-
August 2000

Research Assistant
National Children's Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
Study purpose: To gain an understanding of how early asymptomatic stages of HIV impact brain functioning in adolescents and young adults. Duties included helping design and write the research proposal, data collection and data analysis.
Primary Investigators: Patience H. White, M.D.; Amy Wisniewski, Ph.D.

April 1995 -
July 1995

Research Assistant
Stanford University Medical School and the Palo Alto Veterans
Affairs Health Care System

August 1992 - Karen Gruber, Research Fellow, Stanford
May 1994 Research Assistant
University of Arizona, Department of Psychology
Supervisors: Bruce Sales, J.D., Ph.D. and Maureen O'Conner, J.D.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2004 - Present Member, Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth Executive Board
2004 - Present Member, Philadelphia Society for Services to Children Executive Board
2001 - Present Member, Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth, Mental Health Committee
2001 - Present Member, Benchmark Alumni Board
2002 - 2004 Member, Philadelphia's Promise Advisory Board

TEACHING, CONSULTATION and RELATED EXPERIENCE

August 1999 Institute of Human Virology, Baltimore, MD
Internship Training Seminar on HIV and Neuropsychology
May 1998 - Assessment Consultant
June 1998 Fast Forward Software Company, Berkley, CA
June 1996 - Teaching Assistant for Psychological Assessment I, II, & III (3 courses)
June 1997 Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
September 1991 - Mentor Program Coordinator
May 1994 University of Arizona, S.A.L.T. Program, Tucson, AZ
May 1990 - Administrative Assistant
August 1990 School District of Philadelphia STEP Program, Philadelphia, PA

ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE and AWARDS

2001 Alumni of the Year Award, Benchmark School
1999 Alfred Cleary Research Assistantship Award
1995-1997 PGSP Student Council Representative, Student Elected
1992-1994 University of Arizona's Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques (S.A.L.T.) Program, Student Representative

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 1994-Present American Psychological Association
 Division of Clinical Psychology
 Division of Child Youth and Family Services
 Division of Pediatric Psychology
 Division of Rehabilitation Psychology
- 2004-Present National Register for Psychology

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Martin & West (2002). Challenges of Child and Adolescent Assessment. 3 credit continuing education seminar for Foundations Behavioral Health, October 2002.

West, Martin, & Frajerman (2002). Developing Assessment and Referral Services for Children and Adolescents. 3 credit continuing education seminar for the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Annual Convention, June 2002.

West, Wisniewski, White, & Brown (2001). Cognitive functioning and vocational rehabilitation for Adolescent with HIV infection. Symposium presentation for the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Division 22, August 2001.

West, Zalewski, Hofstein, & Nakagawa (1997). Performance of White and Native Americans on the MMPI. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, April 1997.

Nakagawa, Zalewski, Hofstein, & West (1997). Correlation Patterns of Native Americans on the MMPI. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Society Annual Conference, May 1997.

GRANTS AWARDED

Carolyn Sanders Foundation \$2,500 for development of a staff and patient library for the Eating Disorders Program

First Union National Bank, \$45,000 for development of an evaluation and referral service for children and adolescents in the Philadelphia area at Friends Hospital.

First Union National/Wachovia Bank, \$25,000 for uncompensated care for Friends Hospital.

PUBLIC SPEAKING & INTERVIEWS

January 2003, KYW News Radio, Philadelphia, PA

July 2002, Channel 6 5:30 News - interview, Philadelphia, PA

May 2002, KYW News Radio, Philadelphia, PA

February 2002, News Makers CN8, Philadelphia PA

SPECIAL INTERESTS

Travel, Native American Studies, Licensed Private Pilot, and Equestrian Sports

- References, Specialized Training, and Tests Administered/Interpreted Available Upon Request