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Licensed Psychologist in California, date licensed: April 10, 1992  
Sexual Violent Predator Evaluator: California Department of State Hospitals  
San Diego County Superior Court, Forensic Expert Panel

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Psychological Association, Division 41, Forensic Psychology  
California Psychological Association  
San Diego Psychological Association  
San Diego Psych-Law Society

### **EDUCATION**

2/90 Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, APA Approved Program in Clinical Psychology, California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego  
5/81 Magna Cum Laude, University of San Diego, San Diego, California, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

### **FORENSIC AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIENCE**

12/1/06 - present

Sexually Violent Predator evaluations, clinical screens and related court testimony regarding potential civil commitment of convicted sex offenders, pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code 6600 from 12/1/06 to 8/20/12 as an independent contractor and as Sexually Violent Predator Evaluator employed by the Department of State Hospitals from 8/20/12 to the present.

3/98 - present

Psychologist in private practice in clinical and forensic psychology in San Diego, California. Practice includes conducting psychological evaluations ordered by San Diego Superior Court pursuant to California Penal Codes 2972 and 1026.2 (violence risk assessment and diagnosis), California Penal Code 1027 (criminal responsibility evaluations), juvenile delinquency disposition evaluations pursuant to California WIC 702 and forensic psychological evaluations requested by private attorneys and related court testimony.

6/05 - 9/07

Director of Psychology, Aurora Behavioral Health, San Diego, California. Responsibilities included program development on all units, supervision of psychological evaluations, group and individual psychotherapy by 6 psychology interns and 3 Post-Doctoral Fellows in Clinical Psychology on adult, senior, chemical dependency, child and adolescent units at a private psychiatric hospital and outpatient program.

7/00 - 7/06

Consultant/Supervisor, Bayview Behavioral Health Campus, Chula Vista, California. Responsibilities included program development on child and adolescent unit, supervision of psychological evaluations by psychology interns, supervision of group and individual psychotherapy by psychology interns and individual supervision with Clinical Psychology interns on adult, child and adolescent units at a private psychiatric hospital.

5/98 - 4/99

Counselor, Navy Family Service Center, Point Loma Submarine Base, San Diego, California. Responsibilities included psychotherapy, crisis intervention and referral for Navy personnel and their dependents including individual, couples and group psychotherapy at Point Loma Submarine Base and North Island Naval Base. Conducted "Return and Reunion Program" presentations for deployed Navy personnel overseas aboard the U.S.S. Tarawa and fleet. Served as member of Naval Family Services Child Sexual Abuse Review Hearing Committee, voting on dispositions for Navy personnel suspected of child sexual abuse.

11/94 - 12/95

Counselor, Sexual Treatment Education Program and Services (STEPS), San Diego, California. Responsible for management of intensive outpatient psychotherapy program for juvenile sex offenders, ages 12 to 17. Duties included clinical supervision, hiring and management of clinical staff, program planning and management, conducting treatment team conferences, conducting parenting classes and conducting individual, group, family and multi-family psychotherapy with juvenile sex offenders.

1/94-7/94

Staff Psychologist, Affiliated Psychological Services, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Responsibilities included conducting child custody evaluations, individual, couples and family psychotherapy in group private practice

2/93-1/94

Staff Psychologist, Child Custody and Family Research Center, San Diego, California. Conducted child custody evaluations for San Diego Family Court via private attorney referral.

2/92-3/93

Coordinator of Psychological Services, Psychology Department, Rancho Park Hospital and Residential Treatment Center, El Cajon, California. Responsibilities included responsibility for duties of psychology interns and Post-Doctoral Fellows in Psychology. Coordinated services with other departments and conducted individual and group psychotherapy in psychiatric hospital and residential treatment center for adolescents.

10/91-2/93

Psychological Assistant for Amy Horne, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist. Conducted individual and couples psychotherapy in private practice with supervision by Dr. Horne.

9/90-9/91

Post-Doctoral Fellow in Psychology, Rancho Park Hospital and Residential Treatment Center, El Cajon, California. Responsibilities included conducting psychological evaluations and individual, group and family psychotherapy at psychiatric hospital and residential treatment center for adolescents.

9/86-8/88

Psychology Intern, Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, San Diego, California. APA approved internship in Clinical Psychology. Responsibilities included conducting psychological evaluations, individual, couples, family, inpatient and outpatient group psychotherapy, hospital emergency room consultations and crisis intervention in private hospital.

9/85-6/86

Psychology Intern, Metropolitan Correctional Center, San Diego, California. Conducted dispositional psychological evaluations on federal inmates and conducted psychotherapy with federal inmates under the supervision of Meredith Friedman, Ph.D.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

9/97-5/99

Adjunct Faculty Member, University of San Diego, Department of Psychology. Taught undergraduate courses in Introduction to Psychology and Introduction to Methods of Psychotherapy.

9/95-5/97

Visiting Professor, University of San Diego, Department of Psychology. Taught undergraduate courses in Introduction to Psychology, Human Relations, Introduction to Methods of Psychotherapy and Adult Developmental Psychology.

9/90-12/92

Adjunct Faculty Member, University of San Diego, Department of Psychology.  
Taught undergraduate courses in Introduction to Psychology and Abnormal Psychology.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

10/25/11

“Evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators.” Presentation to the Psychology Department at Aurora Behavioral Health, San Diego.

11/11/10 and 11/18/10

“Evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators.” Presentation to the Psychology Department at Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital, San Diego.

6/28/10

“Evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators.” Guest lecture at Alliant International University, San Diego.

7/8/09

“Evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators.” Guest lecture at Alliant International University, San Diego.

2/3/09

“Evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators.” Presentation to the Psychology Department at Aurora Behavioral Health, San Diego.

10/3/09

“The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Violence Risk Assessments (The VRAG, HCR-20 & the PCL-R).” Presentation to the San Diego Psychological Association, Fall Conference, San Diego.

3/18/09

“How to Start a Forensic Private Practice in Forensic Psychology,” Presentation to the San Diego Psychological Association Forensic Committee.

9/4/08

“Sex Offenders: Characteristics, Evaluation and Treatment: Part Two, Treatment,” Presentation to the San Diego Psychological Association, San Diego.

3/19/08

“Sex Offenders: Characteristics, Evaluation and Treatment: Part One, Evaluation,” Presentation to the San Diego Psychological Association, San Diego.

1/24/07

“Psychopaths in the Mental Health System: Characteristics and Interventions,”  
Presentation to the San Diego mental health and law enforcement community at  
Aurora Behavioral Health, San Diego.

9/28/05

“Instruments to Assess the Risk of Violence: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly,”  
Presentation to the San Diego Psych-Law Society.

9/10/05

“Introduction to Group Psychotherapy,” Co-presented with members of the  
Supervision Task Force of the San Diego Psychological Association to graduate  
students in clinical psychology at Alliant International University, San Diego.

2/22/05

“Instruments to Assess the Risk of Violence: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly,”  
Presentation to the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association.

9/11/04

“Introduction to Group Psychotherapy,” Co-presented with members of the  
Supervision Task Force of the San Diego Psychological Association to graduate  
students in clinical psychology at Alliant International University, San Diego.

2/28/04

“Risk Assessment of Violence in Juveniles,” Co-presented with Christopher  
Carstens, Ph.D. as part of a presentation by the San Diego Psychological  
Association Forensic Committee on Risk Assessment of Violence to the San  
Diego Psychological Association.

7/97-6/99

Consultant and Research Team Member, Doctoral Dissertation at the California  
School of Professional Psychology, San Diego. Dissertation compared two  
treatments for patients diagnosed with Panic Disorder: cognitive training versus  
breathing re-training. Responsibilities included consultation, conducting initial  
diagnostic interviews and conducting weekly cognitive therapy groups for  
patients diagnosed with Panic Disorder.

4/9/99

“Treatment of Juvenile Sex Offenders: Current Practice and Research,”  
Presentation to the Navy Case Review Committee on Sexual Abuse, Naval  
Station, San Diego.

4/22/98

“Treatment of Juvenile Sex Offenders: Current Practice and Research,”  
Presentation to the San Diego Juvenile Bar Association of San Diego.

2/19/88

“Common Diagnoses, Effective Treatments and Potential Services for Juveniles,”  
Presentation to the San Diego Juvenile Bar Association, San Diego.

12/97

Sims, G.P. (1997). The diagnosis of mental disorders using the DSM-IV: A brief overview. San Diego Criminal Defense Newsletter, December: San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association and the Criminal Defense Lawyers Club: San Diego.

2/90

*Sensation seeking, betting behavior and restriction of stimuli in horse race gamblers.* Doctoral dissertation, California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego. Studied the effect of restriction of stimuli on the betting behavior of horse race gamblers at Santa Anita (Arcadia, California) and Golden Gate Fields (Berkeley, California) race tracks.