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Extensive experience as an expert witness and an independent medical examiner in personal injury and workers' compensation cases. More than 20 years in the assessment and treatment of chronic pain, anxiety, and stress-related disorders, including PTSD, and traumatic brain injuries. Fellow of the American College of Professional Neuropsychology. Board-certified Clinical Neuropsychologist by the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (ABN).

Current Professional Positions

Private Psychological and Neuropsychological Practice. Oakland, CA. (2011-Present).

Forensic Neuropsychology Private Practice. Oakland, CA. (2008 -Present).

Past Professional Positions

East Bay Functional Restoration, Psychologist. Concord, CA. (2007-2012).

Psychological Private Practice. Corte Madera, CA. (2001-2008).

Neuropsychologist, Department of Neuropsychology. Kentfield Rehabilitation Hospital Kentfield, CA. (2001-2006).

Kaiser Permanente Department of Pediatrics, Consultant. Walnut Creek, CA. (1991-2001).

Behavioral Medicine Specialist. Pacific Center for Orofacial Pain and TMJ Disorders, University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, San Francisco, CA. (1990-1996).

Belmont Biofeedback Services, Consultant. Belmont, CA. (1991-1993).

Peninsula Facial Pain Rehabilitation Center, Clinician. Burlingame, CA. (1989-1992).

Phobia and Anxiety Treatment Program, Gladman Memorial Hospital, Consultant. Oakland, CA. (1988-1989).

Behavioral Medicine Clinic, University of the Pacific, Clinician. Stockton, CA. (1986-1989).

Oregon Research Institute, Research Assistant. Eugene, OR. (1986).

Licensure and Certifications

Board-Certified Neuropsychologist (2022-present)

Licensed Psychologist California, PSY17508 (2001-Present)
Qualified Medical Evaluator DWC, No. 143157 (2007-Present)

Clinical Administration

Chief of Neuropsychology. Kentfield Rehabilitation Hospital. (2003-2006)

Presentations

Symptom and Performance Validity Tests: What the Attorney Needs to Know. Litigation Legal Insight. January 2024.

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. North County Bar Association. September 2023.

Symptom and Performance Validity Tests: What the Attorney Needs to Know. Litigation Legal Insight. August 2023.

Symptom and Performance Validity Tests: What the Attorney Needs to Know. Litigation Legal Insight. June 2023.

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. ExamWorks/Farmers Medical Services Unit. April 2023.

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. ExamWorks. April 2023.

Symptom and Performance Validity Tests: What the Attorney Needs to Know. ExamWorks. July 2020.

Clinical Neuropsychology: An Introduction for Claims Adjusters. City and County of San Francisco Workers Compensation Claims Adjusters Group. October 2019.

Understanding Symptom and Performance Validity Testing in Personal Injury Cases. Meyers McConnel Reisz & Siderman April 2018.

Estimating Pre-morbid Functioning. Fielding Graduate University. December 2017.

The Neuropsychological Effects of Heavy Metals and Pesticides. Fielding Graduate University. June 2017.

Symptom and Performance Validity Testing. Cesari Werner & Moriarty. April 2017

The Role of Symptom Validity Testing in the Psychological and Neuropsychological Medical-Legal Evaluation. Laughlin, Falbo, Levy, & Moresi. October 2015.

The Role of Symptom Validity Testing in the Psychological and Neuropsychological Medical-Legal Evaluation. Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi. June 2013.

Chronic Pain: From Neurobiology to Mind Body Health. Continuing Education Course. California Institute of Integral Studies, 2006.

Is Cognitive Impairment A Natural Consequence of Opioid Taking? Worldwide Pain Conference. San Francisco, CA. July 2000.

Dose Stability in Chronic Pain Patients. Poster Presentation, Worldwide Pain Conference. San Francisco, CA. July 2000.

Education

Fielding Graduate University, Orange County, CA. Post-doctoral Certificate in Neuropsychology. 2019.

California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA. Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology, 1999. Dissertation title: The effects of long-term opioid therapy on neuropsychological functioning in chronic pain patients.

The University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA. Master of Arts, Psychology, 1990. Thesis title: Hyperventilation syndrome and anxiety: An assessment based on self-report and physiological measures.

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1982.

Training Positions

Post-doctoral Fellow. Department of Psychiatry and Neuropsychology Service. Laguna Honda Hospital. San Francisco, CA. August 1999 to August 2000

Psychological Assistant. Pacific Pain Treatment Center, San Francisco, CA. March 1996 to June 1999.

Psychological Pre-doctoral Intern. Oakland Community Counseling, Oakland, CA. August 1995 to July 1996.

Psychological Intern. Marina Counseling Center, San Francisco, CA. January 1994 to January 1995.

Psychological Intern. Haight Ashbury Psychological Services, San Francisco, CA. August 1992 to August 1993.

Affiliations

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Professional Member

American Psychological Association, Professional Member
Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology)
Division 40 (Neuropsychology)

California Psychological Association, Division VIII (Neuropsychology)

National Academy of Neuropsychology, Professional Member

Northern California Neuropsychology Forum

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