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*Forensic Child Psychiatric Evaluations, Life Care Plans & Testimony*

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***Education***

1998-2004 Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, California Institute of Integral Studies

1993-1997 B.A., Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley

***Clinical and Assessment Work Experience***

*Ongoing* Private Practice in Clinical Supervision/Consultation, Psychological Assessment, Forensic Evaluations, and Litigation Stress Management. San Francisco and Marin.

*Ongoing* Associate, Psychological Trauma Center, Inc., A Division of the Preventive Psychiatry Associates, Medical Group Inc. Conduct psychological testing, historical interviewing, research, document review, and evaluation of psychological damages of litigants.

*Ongoing* Independent Psychological Evaluator, Human Services Department, Sonoma County. Provide psychological evaluations of parents and children to court investigators.

2007 Independent Psychological Evaluator, Accident Injury and Family Therapy, inc. Provided psychological evaluations for Chiropractors working with physically injured patients.

2006-2007 Testing and Group Psychologist, Boyer House Foundation. Conducted psychological and cognitive assessments for a population of severely disturbed adults and facilitated bi-weekly process groups. Also attended case conferences, team meetings and provided consultation to interns.

2004-2006 Psychological Assistant. Supervised by Elin Sowle, Ph.D. Psychotherapy with adults and couples. San Francisco, CA.

- 2004-2006 Post-Doctoral Fellow. The Boyer House Foundation. Psychological and cognitive assessment, history interviews, process and writing groups.
- 2002-2004 Psychological Assistant. Supervised by Annie Sweetnam, Ph.D. Psychotherapy with adults and couples. San Francisco, CA.
- 2002-2004 Pre-Doctoral Intern. Community Institute for Psychotherapy. Psychotherapy with adults and group work with homeless children (ages 5 through 13). San Rafael, CA.
- 2003-2004 Intake Coordinator. Community Institute for Psychotherapy. Interviewed potential patients and made patient-therapist matches.
- 2000-2002 Psychology Trainee. Counseling & Psychological Services Center: Golden Gate University. Provided psychotherapy to individuals and couples. San Francisco, CA.
- 1999-2000 Psychology Trainee. Berkeley Creative Living Center, Bonita House, Inc. Provided individual, group, and milieu psychotherapy to chronically mentally ill adults. Berkeley, CA.
- 1998-1999 Milieu Therapist. Saint Vincent School for Boys: Catholic Youth Organization. Provided milieu therapy and co-facilitated process groups for boys (ages 9 through 14). San Rafael, CA.

***Teaching/Conference presentations***

- 2008-ongoing Adjunct Faculty, Psychology Doctoral Program, California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS). Teach courses in: Projective and Cognitive Assessment.
- 2008 Adjunct Faculty, Psychology Doctoral Program, John F. Kennedy University. Courses in: Psychodynamic Theory.
- 2008 Guest Lecturer, Community Institute for Psychotherapy, San Rafael. Co-lead a multi-week training for Ph.D. and MFT graduate interns on Dreams and Dream groups.
- 2007-ongoing Individual Supervisor, CIIS Psychological Services Center. Provide weekly, individual supervision to multiple doctoral student trainees.
- 2005-2007 Adjunct Supervisor, Supervision and Training of psychology interns at the Adolescent Inpatient Unit, Mc Auley Institute, St. Mary's Medical Center.
- 2006 Co-Interviewer: NCSPP/PINC ISG Annual Introductory Conference: The Creative Psyche in the Sexed Body with guests:

Ken Corbett, Ph.D. & Donna Bassin, Ph.D. Interviewed Drs. Corbett and Bassin and facilitated conversation between Drs. and the audience.

2006 Presenter, American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) 2006 Conference. Presented paper: "Group Psychoanalysis: Roles and Tasks in the work of Wilfred Bion and Antonino Ferro". Presented with a panel on Psychoanalytic Approaches to Group Treatment of Mentally Ill Patients.

2004 Presenter, NCSPP Scientific Meeting, Student Paper Award Presentation. Presented and discussed my award winning paper: "Hysteria and the Transformation Spectrum." Paper discussed by Lee Rather, Ph.D., Training and Supervising Analyst, Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California.

### ***Committee Work***

2006-ongoing Chair, Education Committee, Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (NCSPP). Run a committee that designs, markets, and facilitates psychoanalytic psychology classes and conferences in Northern California. Involves participation in NCSPP Board Meetings/activities.

2004-2007 Committee Member, Intensive Study Group (ISG), Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (NCSPP). Worked with a committee of 6-8 psychoanalysts and therapists to design and carry out programs for the annual NCSPP Intro-Event and Year-long Intensive Study Groups in San Francisco and the East Bay.

2002-2004 Committee Member, Associate Members, Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (NCSPP). Speakers' Bureau organizer. Invited local psychoanalysts and psychoanalytically oriented clinicians to speak at graduate schools in the Bay Area.

### ***Research and Publications***

2008 *The Key to the Men's Room: What Men Talk About When Women Aren't Around*. By Ken Solin with Dr. Amy Bandera. Wrote advice for women at the end of each chapter. The book details a 15 year men's group process.

Spring, 2006 Book Review: Handing Over: Developing Consistency Across Shifts in Residential and Health Settings, by Barry Mason. *Fort da: The Journal of the Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, Regional Affiliate of the Division of Psychoanalysis* (39), American Psychological Association.

Fall, 2005 “Hysteria and the Transformation Spectrum”, *Fort da: The Journal of the Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, Regional Affiliate of the Division of Psychoanalysis (39)*, American Psychological Association.

2004 Psy.D. Dissertation: Transformations in Hysteria.

### ***Assessment and Forensics Training/Education***

2008 Workshop: Forensic Consultation with the Rorschach. (7 hours) Training by Bruce Smith, Ph.D. and Barton Evans, Ph.D. New Orleans, LA. Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting.

2008 Workshop: A Role-Based Approach to TAT: Research and Practice. (3.5 hours) Training by Sharon Rae Jenkins, Ph.D. and Antoinette Thomas, Ph.D. New Orleans, LA. Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting.

2008 Workshop: Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment: Using Psychological Testing as Brief Therapy (7 hours) Training by Stephen E. Finn, Ph.D. New Orleans, LA. Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting.

2007 Workshop: Advanced Issues in Expert Testimony: Developing and Presenting the Best Evidence (10.5 hours) Training by Stuart A. Greenberg, Ph.D. and Randy K. Otto, Ph.D. Arlington, VA, Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting

2007 Workshop: Using the MMPI-A in Forensic Evaluations (3.5 hours) Training by Robert P. Archer, Ph.D. Arlington, VA, Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting

2006 Rorschach Training Program: Beginning Program (35 hours) Training by Phillip Erdberg, Ph.D., Barry Ritzler, Ph.D. and Anthony Sciarra, Ph.D. San Francisco, CA. Training focused on the fundamentals of administration, scoring and interpretation of the Rorschach test.

### ***Supervision Training***

2007 Clinical Supervision for Psychologists (6 hours) Training through psycheu.com; approved by American Psychological Association.

### ***Psychoanalytic Training/Education***

- 2003-2006 Study Group facilitated by Peter Goldberg, Ph.D. & Jed Sekoff, Ph.D. (Training and Supervising Analysts at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California). Meet weekly to present clinical work and study various psychoanalytic texts.
- 2004-2005 Study Group facilitated by Enid Young, Ph.D. Met weekly to study Bion, Freud, Meltzer, Klein and other psychoanalytic theorists and give clinical presentations.
- 2003-2004 Year-Long Intensive Study Group, PINC/NCSP. Year of intensive study of Freud's concept of the Death Drive and elaboration of this theme in later psychoanalytic scholarship. Instructors included: Charles Spezzano, Ph.D., Mardy Ireland, Ph.D., Enid Young, Ph.D. and Michael Guy Thompson, Ph.D.
- 2003-2004 Intensive study of Wilfred Bion's work with Ivria Spieler, Ph.D., Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California.
- 2002-2004 Study Groups facilitated by Annie Sweetnam, Ph.D. Studied psychoanalytic texts and gave clinical presentations.

### ***Honors & Awards***

Winner of the Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology 2004 Student Paper Award.

### ***Professional Affiliations***

American Psychological Association (APA)  
 American Psychological Association, Division of Forensics (41)  
 Society for Personality Assessment (SPA)  
 California Psychological Association (CPA)  
 Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (NCSPP)  
 American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA)  
 American Psychological Association, Division of Psychoanalysis (39)