

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy • California School of Professional Psychology, Berkeley, 1982

Dissertation: “The perception of criminal responsibility in the context of mental disorder: a multidimensional scaling analysis of the language of homicide and insanity.”

Master of Arts, Psychology • California State University, Sacramento, 1977

Thesis: “A multivariate analysis of attentional fluctuations in the perception of aesthetics.”

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology • California State University, Sacramento, 1974

CALIFORNIA PSYCHOLOGY LICENSE: PSY8693 • August 1984

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

- 28+ years experience in the analysis, interpretation and application of case and statutory mental health law, and in the analysis of clinical data relative to established criteria, including: competency, sanity, restoration to sanity, involuntary treatment (*Keyhea* and *Sell*), LPS and *Murphy's* conservatorship, juvenile wardship and amenability (W&I 601, 602 and 707), and extended commitment proceedings (PC 2962 and W&I 1800).
 - 28+ years experience in diagnostic assessment of juvenile and adult offenders, including for treatment amenability, dangerousness, sex offender recidivism, probation eligibility, parole readiness, vocational and educational needs, pre-trial mitigation, post-conviction sentencing recommendations, and capital case mitigation.
 - Developed and administered 27 continuing education courses for psychologists through the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association. Instructed and lectured in college and graduate school classes, at professional meetings, and in training sessions for parole and probation officers and Youth Authority staff.
 - Consulted to the CDCR Legal Affairs Division (2005 - 2006) as an independent expert in a complex San Quentin treatment failure case involving eight psychiatrists and psychologists and involving issues of professional competence, system performance, *Coleman* compliance, standards of care and duties relating to *Keyhea*. Prepared a comprehensive analysis of findings.
 - Provided formal case supervision (i.e., with assumed case responsibility) and consultation to newly licensed psychologists in independent practice. Supervised post-doctoral interns at the UC Davis School of Medicine.
 - Testified in 100+ cases as an expert in all aspects of juvenile and adult criminal law and mental health law. Qualified as an expert in 14 California Counties, and in Federal Court.
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PRE-LICENSURE EXPERIENCE

- 1976 - 1980** *Registered Psychological Assistant, Herbert N. Weissman, Ph.D.*
- Clinical and forensic psychodiagnostic assessment.
- 1979 - 1980** *Psychology Intern*, Sutter Psychiatric inpatient & partial hospitalization services
- 1980 - 1981** *Psychology Intern*, Solano County Community Mental Health Center
- 1981 - 1982** *Psychology Intern*, Kaiser Hospital, Vallejo
- 1983 - 1984** *Staff Psychologist, California Youth Authority, NRCC*

POST-LICENSURE EXPERIENCE

- 1984 - 1988** *Staff Psychologist, California Youth Authority, NRCC*
- 1986 -** *Independent Professional Practice*
- Psychotherapist (until 1994).
 - Criminal Forensic Psychodiagnostic evaluator and consultant (1986 to present):
 - Juvenile Court/Probation treatment planning and disposition recommendation reports.
 - Juvenile Fitness and amenability evaluations.
 - Court appointed sanity, competency, pre-sentencing and treatment amenability reports, sex offender evaluations and “dangerousness” evaluations.
 - Attorney retained mitigation and trial-preparation consultations and evaluations, conditional release and restoration to sanity evaluations.
 - Contract Psychodiagnostic Evaluator: PASSAR Corporation (geriatric and Short-Doyle/LPS inpatients), 1989 - 1990.
 - Administrative Law Hearing Officer (*Keyhea*): California Department of Corrections, 1996 to 2004.
 - Contract MDO Evaluator (Mentally Disordered Offender, PC2962): California Department of Mental Health, 1997 - 2001.

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UC Davis, School of Medicine: Supervision of Post-Doctoral interns in an APA Approved internship program, 1997 - 2001.
 - Guest Lecturer, UC Davis undergraduate psychology survey course: “Forensic Psychology,” three quarters each year 2002 - 2013.
 - Online continuing education course instructor: “Forensic Psychology: Essential Case Readings on Competency and Insanity,” 2004.
 - Instructor, California Defense Investigators Association Annual Education Program: “The Dynamics of Child Abuse,” 1991, and “Homicide: The Law and Psychology,” 1992.
 - Adjunct Faculty Member, California School of Professional Psychology, Berkeley: “Psychology and the Law,” (semester course) Fall 1986.
 - Contract Professional Trainer, DATAC Corporation: “Supervision of Mentally Disordered Offenders” and “Offender Classification Systems,” (repeating workshops; training provider for County Parole and Probation Officers) 1985 to 1989.
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Psychological Association, Member since 1982.
- California Psychological Association, Affiliate or Member 1976 - 2005.
 - Forensic Committee Staff: 1977, 1980, 1981.
 - Committee on Academic Training in Professional Psychology Staff: 1978 - 1980.
 - CPA Position Statement Re: SB 1314. "The role of psychologists in insanity and diminished capacity defenses." Adopted by the Association, June 1980.
 - CPA Position Statement Re: SB 54. "The role of psychologists in insanity and diminished defenses." Adopted by the Forensic Committee, March 1981.
- California Board of Psychology
 - Oral Examination Commissioner (prior licensing system)
 - Subject Matter Expert for Licensing Examination Development Workshops:
 - Law and Ethics
 - Clinical Skills
 - Occupational Analysis
- Sacramento Valley Psychological Association
 - Life Membership Award 2009 (Member since 1992)
 - Forensic Division President 1993
 - President 1997

ADDITIONAL PAPERS AND PROJECTS

- "The fluctuation of attentional strategies across stimulus sets as an information reducing operation." Presented to the Western Psychological Association Convention, Scaling Section (Symposium Chair), 1977.
 - "The role of criminal responsibility in defenses of diminished capacity and insanity." *California State Psychologist*, September 1980.
 - Forensic Psychology Institute Planning Committee, California School of Professional Psychology, Berkeley, Student Representative, 1981 - 1982.
 - "Insanity, *mens rea* and the concept of criminal responsibility." *Bulletin of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology*, Vol. 3, No. 1, August 1982.
 - "A multidimensional scaling analysis of the language of homicide and insanity." Presented to the CPA Convention, 1983.
 - "Insanity and Diminished Capacity: The Current Status of the Law and the Debate," CPA Convention, Symposium Chair, 1983.
 - "Why do kids commit murder? Special to the Bee." *Sacramento Bee*, November 26, 2006.
 - "Current Issues in the Practice of Criminal Forensic Psychology." Sacramento Valley Psychological Association Forensic Division Workshops, September 1994 & May 2008.
 - The Psychology Resource Information System: psyris.com
Online resources and original articles. Includes a professional referral system, an Online Depression Screening and the Brief Psychological Health Index. Launched in 2008.
<http://psyris.com>
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- The Everyday Psychology Blog: <http://everydaypsychology.com>
Original articles: psychological research and topics explained. Launched in 2006.
Selected Articles:
 - What is workplace retaliation? It's about making people afraid.
 - Is your boss paying attention to you? (article about organizational power and relationships)
 - When Leadership Fails
 - Leadership Research: Are we asking the right questions?
 - When it comes to psychological health, management just doesn't get it
 - Stress and Depression reduce worker productivity ... new study, old news
 - Helicopter Parents: disturbing trend or urban myth?
 - Why do people kill? A typology of violent offenders
 - How is mourning possible? ... normal bereavement and the grieving process
 - What we have here is a failure to communicate (article about relationship conflicts)
 - Is existence too painful to endure? (article about explosive acts of violence and rage)
 - Internet safety: do kids really know what's going on?
 - Can loneliness affect your health?
 - The Sense of Coherence (article about health, stress and coping)
 - Why do kidnap victims sometimes fail to escape, even when they have the chance to run?
 - Compulsive shopping: If it's in the diagnostic manual, does that make it an illness?
 - Why did the astronaut crash to earth? ... the strange behavior of Lisa Nowak.
 - Zero Tolerance Policies: no substitute for good judgment
 - Psychology in the Emergency Room: psychotherapy reduces return visits
 - Will Forensic Psychologists be involved in the Phillip Garrido case?
 - Clues to personality found in Austin plane crash pilot's diatribe
 - Psychologists Reject Science? ... Oh My! (article about the empirical treatments controversy).

 - *The Everything Psychology Book*. Foreword Writer. Adams Media, Avon, MA, 2010.

 - HuffingtonPost: “*Rock Star Professor or Memory Magician? Perhaps You Recall,*” Huffpost TED WEEKENDS series re: Professor Elizabeth Loftus, 10/20/2013 (invited submission, “curated” selection).
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