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

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## **Curriculum Vitae**

### **Work Experience:**

2004-Present:

*Alta Mira Recovery Center, Sausalito, CA.*

Psychologist. As sole psychologist for the program, assess all inpatient clients, score and write all reports, give feedback to clients and their families; Primary Therapist; supervise MFT interns and PhD interns. Co-lead process group twice weekly; co-lead rounds on daily basis.

*Preventive Psychiatry Associates Medical Group, San Francisco, CA. since July 2006.*

Neuropsychological examiner for forensic cases involving personal injury such as psychological trauma.

Primary Neuropsychologist in Archdiocese of L.A. abuse case; Settlement of \$660 million for plaintiffs-July 2007.

*McAuley Institute, St. Mary's Medical Center, San Francisco, CA.*

Attending Psychologist/Neuropsychologist for the adolescent inpatient unit. Carry 1-2 patients at a time, depending on census. Conduct daily individual therapy sessions with each patient, as well as family therapy sessions. At present, the only Spanish-speaking attending; therefore work with all the monolingual Spanish-speaking families. Also speak Hindi, Urdu, and Farsi: Work with the Pakistani, North Indian, Nepali, and Persian patients and their families.

Was expert witness in court trial regarding Fitness (707) report in November 2010 in Fairfield, Solano County, for 17 year old male juvenile. Attorney was Karlene Navarro, J.D.

Independent contractor-Neuropsychologist for Youth Guidance Center in San Francisco (YGC, aka Juvenile Hall); testing both boys and girls, in cases requested by the court/probation office. These cases request recommendations for placement, treatment, and disposition. Generally complete one battery per week since

November 2006. Dr. Norbert Ralph, (415-753-4495) is my supervisor and assigns the cases. Attend court to follow up on IEPs; discharges; and placement options. Work closely with the public defenders, district attorneys, and the probation officers, as well as the Juvenile Hall staff. Cases completed in last year include one alleged murder case, three alleged attempted murder cases, two fitness cases, numerous alleged robbery cases, numerous alleged weapons cases, two alleged terrorism cases, and four cases involving ICE holds. Four of these cases have been publicized in the media.

Sole Neuropsychologist for the Defense in a Juvenile Murder case in Southern California. Tested defendant over period of several months; testified as expert witness on both Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Adolescent Brain Development as it affected the defendant and therefore impacted the case. Trial was in April 2010. Verdict returned April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Case publicized in numerous southern California media outlets.

Neuropsychologist for the defense, in Kidnapping/Rape case in Eugene, Oregon in October 2009. Retained as Expert Witness to testify regarding the defendant's mental capacity to stand trial.

Sole Neuropsychologist in case of sexual abuse by Psychologist in Southern California. Psychologist presently in prison for xxx years; tested six plaintiffs in case of alleged negligence of County of Xxx Xxxx (case not settled yet), civil case, for the County.

Consultant for San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute Early Childhood Development Program; 15 hours a week; worked with teachers and principal as staff support at Bret Harte Preschool in Hunter's Point/Bayview area of San Francisco; also led play groups of 3-4 preschoolers once a week, since November 2004. Completed this position in October 2007.

Neuropsychologist and consultant for Nueva School for the Gifted, Hillsborough. Specialize in testing students at Nueva who may have Learning Difficulties; also testing for admissions.

Neuropsychologist, consultant for St. Ignatius High School, in San Francisco, through Sarah Merrill, M.A., head counselor. Testing students at St. Ignatius who may have Learning Difficulties.

Private testing, as Neuropsychologist, for adolescents and young adults at office in San Francisco. Specialize in psychological diagnoses and Learning Difficulties.

Supervisor for Dr. Jerry Michaels for Alliant University in San Francisco; see four separate Supervisees who are doctoral candidates. Help them with their testing cases.

Presently supervise two doctoral students in PhD Clinical Psychology Program, in various schools.

2002-2004:

McAuley Institute, St. Mary's Hospital, San Francisco.  
Attending Psychologist, Adolescent Inpatient Unit.  
Duties: Carry 3-4 patients at a time, responsible for daily individual therapy, family meetings (with family therapist), Contact with parents, keeping up all legal paperwork (voluntary Status, 5250, etc.), additional neuro/psychological assessment. Member of Medical Staff. Work on-call 2-3 weekends/month.

Contracted neuropsychologist with Family Mosaic, a San Francisco City unit; assess adolescents with both psychological and neuropsychological batteries.

Contracted neuropsychologist with San Francisco Foster Care Mental Health; assess children and adolescents for learning disabilities as well as neuro/psychological deficits. Also

assess adults for fitness to parent; involved in child custody cases.

Neuropsychologist on call for Juvenile Justice System; presently working for defense division; assess adolescents accused of a crime for neuro/psychological diagnosis/prognosis and give recommendations as well as testify in capacity as expert witness.

Neuropsychologist working as assistant to Dr. Jonathan Canick, Ph.D., at California Pacific Medical Center, help Dr. Canick with neuropsychological assessments; presently have temporary medical staff privileges at CPMC.

- 2001-2004: Psychological assistant to Dr. Jonathan Canick, Ph.D., Head Neuropsychologist, California Pacific Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry. Duties: Administer neuropsychological test batteries, score and write reports, conduct feedback meetings for patients with Dr. Canick. Still consult with Dr. Canick several times per annum.
- 2000-2001: Psychological Assistant to Dr. Jan Gregory, Ph.D. Administered and scored psychological/neuropsychological test batteries for private patients (child, adolescents, adults) as well as adolescents on the inpatient unit at McAuley Institute.
- 1999-2000: Completed post-doctoral internship at McAuley Institute, Inpatient Adolescent Unit. Duties: Individual Therapy, Family Therapy, Group Therapy, Psychological and Neuro-Psychological Assessments. Worked with both English- and Spanish-speaking patients and families.
- 1996-1999: Psychological Assistant at McAuley Institute, St. Mary's Hospital, Inpatient Adolescent Unit. Administered both psychological and Neuropsychological batteries. Scored tests, wrote reports, gave feedback to patients and their families.
- 1995-1996: Completed Pre-Doctoral Internship at McAuley Institute, Inpatient Adolescent Unit. Duties: Individual Therapy, family Therapy, Group Therapy, Psychological and Neuro-

Psychological batteries. Scored tests, wrote reports; conducted feedback sessions for patients and their families.

- 1993-1995: Practicum at Laguna Honda Hospital, San Francisco. Assessment intern; administered, scored, and wrote reports of psychological and neuropsychological batteries. Population: Mostly geriatric, some adults and young adults. 1100-bed hospital. Worked with patients with Alzheimer's, Huntington's Chorea, ALS, Muscular Dystrophy, strokes, Korsikoff's Syndrome, and various types of brain damage due to insults, accidents, and severe substance abuse. Also worked on AIDS end-stage unit and hospice unit.
- 1992-1993: Worked at Belle Haven Primary School in East Palo Alto. Psychological and Neuropsychological Assessment for children from kindergarten through eighth grade, for various kinds of learning disabilities, neurological problems, and psychological problems. Feedback to teachers and parents, family counseling.
- 1991-1992: Worked at Centerpoint, San Rafael, drug rehabilitation outpatient and day treatment center. Led group therapy, worked with patients in individual therapy and substance abuse counseling.

### **Education:**

- 1999: Received Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, subspecialty Neuropsychology. Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, GPA: 3.85
- 1983: Received B.A. in South Asian Languages, U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, California. Specifically: Hindi/Urdu.

### **Additional Information:**

Member in good standing: American Psychological Association, California Psychological Association, San Francisco Psychological Association

Speak fluent French and Spanish, moderate Italian, Hindi, Urdu; fair Dutch and Japanese. Am presently studying Arabic.

Lived 18 months in India, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Sri Lanka and Thailand. Worked and traveled in Cuba, France, Italy, Spain, Norway, Ireland, Iceland, and England.

### **Referral Contacts**

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Neuropsychologist: Specialty: forensics.

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Founder of Cornerstone, school system for autistic children

Developed extremely successful method of working with

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