

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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**EDUCATION**

- 2004-2008            **Doctorate in Clinical Psychology**  
**Psy.D. (APA-accredited program in clinical psychology)**  
*Pepperdine University, Culver City, CA*
- 2002-2004            **Master of Social Work**  
*San Diego State University, San Diego, CA*
- 1998-2002            **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**  
**Minor in Communication (B.A.)**  
*University of San Diego, San Diego, CA*
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**CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

- 1/2009 – Present    **Forensic Psychologist**  
*Metropolitan State Hospital- Forensic Services Department*  
Duties: Forensic psychologist for individuals hospitalized as incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, or offenders with a mental health disorder. This position has included competency to stand trial and placement evaluations, intake interviews, diagnostic assessments, neuropsychological assessments (in Spanish and English), malingering assessments, risk assessments, cognitive screenings, treatment planning, behavior guidelines, individual therapy, participation in Wellness and Recovery Plan Conferences and providing group therapy (i.e., CONREP Preparation, Managing Symptoms, Women's Process Group, etc.). Secondary duties include expert testimony, providing consultation to psychologists on behalf of the Forensic Services Department, case presentations, and supervision of pre-doctoral interns and practicum students.

- 5/2012 – Present    **Forensic Psychologist**  
*Bernatz Experts*  
Duties: This position involves retrospective and current analyses of capacity and undue influence for dependent/elder adults who are alleged victims in criminal and probate cases. This position involves clinical interviews, psychological testing, medical record review, consultation with the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center (LAEAFC) team members, submission of Capacity Declaration forms to the court, and report writing. Referral questions often pertain to retrospective and current analyses of capacity (e.g., financial capacity, testamentary capacity, contractual capacity, capacity to live independently, capacity to testify,

etc.) and undue influence. Secondary duties include the provision of consultation to the LAEAFC, and expert testimony.

9/20/10 – 2016

**Adjunct Professor**

*The Chicago School of Professional Psychology*

Duties: Classes taught have included Research Methods and Statistics, Advanced Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Clinical Practicum, and Lifespan Development.

1/2009 – 9/2010

**Neuropsychology Department- Postdoctoral Training**

*Metropolitan State Hospital*

Duties: Completed neuropsychological assessments in Spanish and English for a variety of populations including forensic commitments, geriatric patients, and those under LPS, probate and Murphy conservatorships. Referral questions were related to diagnostic clarifications (e.g., Cognitive Disorder NOS, Dementia, etc.), capacity to meet discharge criteria, cognitive malingering and treatment recommendations.

9/2007 – 8/2008

**Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern**

*Metropolitan State Hospital (APA Accredited site)*

*Supervisors: Kirk Hartley, Ph.D., Tulin Ozkaragoz, Ph.D and Edwin Poon, Ph.D.*

Duties: provided group therapy (i.e., Court Preparation, CONREP Preparation, Mind Over Mood, and Spanish Managing My Symptoms) for individuals hospitalized under PC 1370, 1026, and 2972; completed two forensic unit-based rotations, which included cognitive screenings and focused psychological assessments (in English and Spanish), behavior guidelines, individual therapy, transfer and discharge summary notes, case tracking forms, and participation in Wellness and Recovery Plan Conferences; completed cognitive and academic screenings; and attended individual and group supervision. Completed a neuropsychology rotation, including clinical interviews, administered neuropsychological batteries, wrote reports, provided feedback sessions, and case presentations. Referral questions were related to cognitive functioning as a result of a seizure disorder, traumatic brain injuries, stroke, hypoxia, and dementia; 40 hours per week.

7/2006 – 7/2007

**Doctoral Practicum- Psychology Intern**

*Sharper Future (forensics treatment and assessment)*

*Supervisors: Erik Fox, J.D., Ph.D., and Craig Teofilo, PsyD.*

Duties: Co-facilitated group therapy for people on probation and parole for a sexual offense (based on a manualized, CBT approach); provided individual therapy for people on Federal probation; completed intake assessments; conducted psychometric evaluations; completed Child Welfare Service evaluations (which consisted of clinical interviews, psychometric assessments, and final reports); completed quarterly reports;

attended individual and group supervision; and presented clinical cases; 20-30 hours per week.

9/2005 – 8/2006

**Doctoral Practicum- Psychology Intern**

*Bayview Behavioral Health Campus, Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital*  
*Supervisors: Jon Nachison, Ph.D., Preston Sims, Ph.D., Jennifer Bessel, Ph.D., and Rachel Goldenhour, Ph.D.*

Duties: Facilitated group therapy (community gathering, process group, cognitive therapy, thought disorder group, affective disorder group, milieu therapy group, outdoor group, child play therapy group, and adolescent process group); provided individual therapy, conducted psychometric/diagnostic evaluations; developed behavioral plans; attended recovery model supervision meetings; completed a program evaluation on the hospital's transition to the recovery model approach; attended and presented clinical cases in individual, group, and testing supervision; 22 hours per week.

9/2004 – 8/2005

**Doctoral Practicum- Clinic Therapist**

*Pepperdine University Psychological and Educational Clinic*  
*Supervisor: Duncan Wigg, Ph.D.*

Duties: Conducted initial assessments and intakes; diagnosed adults, adolescents, and children with mental disorders; formulated treatment plans; provided brief and long-term psychotherapy to adults, adolescents and children from diverse populations in an outpatient setting; attended and presented clinical cases in individual and group supervision; 10-12 hours per week.

9/2003 – 5/2004

**Second Year Intern- Clinic Therapist**

*UCSD Outpatient Psychiatric Services*  
*Supervisor: Steve Chase, LCSW*

Duties: Completed intakes and made diagnoses; provided individual therapy; facilitated group therapy for bipolar disorder; completed progress notes and process recordings; attended weekly training seminars and grand rounds; presented cases at team meetings; collaborated with psychiatrists and marriage and family therapists; 20 hours per week.

9/2002 – 5/2003

**First Year Intern- Social Work**

*Vitas Hospice*  
*Supervisor: Molly Drummond, LCSW*

Duties: Completed Biopsychosocial assessments; provided individual and family therapy; facilitated a bereavement group; assisted the San Diego Coalition for End of Life Care; attended weekly team meetings and bimonthly social work meetings; completed progress notes and process recordings; collaborated with chaplains, nurses, home health aides, doctors and managers; 16 hours per week.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

4/2020 *Clinical Update on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*  
Michael Howard, Ph.D.

10/2019 *DSH Legal Division Training: Testimony Training/Sanchez Updates*  
Assistant Chief Counsel Alice Lee

6/6/18 *Assessment of Malingering Memory*  
Charles Scott, M.D.

2/2017 *Psychiatrist as Expert Witness; The Insanity Defense; and Principles of  
Psychiatric Legal Report Writing*  
Phillip Resnick, M.D.

2/2017 *SIRS-2; Psychological Report Writing*  
Efi Rubinstein, Ph.D., J.D.

10/2016 *The Court's Perspective on Expert Witness Testimony*  
Garrett Wong, Ed O'Brien, Dan Ross, Harry Goldberg

10/2016 *Psychological Assessment Training Series, Sessions 1-3*  
Dennis Keefe, Ph.D., Kimberly Smith, Psy.D.

9/2016 *Forensic Report Writing*  
Randy Otto, Ph.D., ABPP

9/2016 *Evidence Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility*  
Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP

9/2016 *Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials*  
Phillip Resnick, M.D.

2/2016 *Forensics Meets Geriatrics*  
Adonis Sfera, M.D.

2/2016 *The Detection of Malingering; Paranoia and Violence; Child Murder by  
Parents; The Colorado Batman Movie Massacre: Delusion, Disinhibition,  
or Depravity*  
Phillip Resnick, M.D.

1/2015 *Trauma Resiliency Model*  
Carol Michelson, Ph.D., Michael Sapp, Ph.D.

12/2014 *HCR-20 Version 3*  
Kevin Douglas, LL.B., Ph.D.

3/2014 *Competency to Stand Trial*  
Dr. Teresa George

*1/2014*                      *DSM-5 Overview from Treating to Testifying*  
Dr. Charles Scott  
UC Davis

*10/2013*                    *Understanding Dementia*  
Richard Colman, Ph.D.  
Institute for Natural Resources

***REFERENCES***

Susan Bernatz, Ph.D. (310) 210-1226  
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