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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2004-

Private Practice, 145 44th Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15201

* Conduct Psychological evaluations for over 15 counties in Pennsylvania (Dependency, Criminal and Delinquency, and Child Custody Divisions).

*Conduct Violence Risk Assessments, evaluations assessing Emotional Abuse, Parenting Fitness and Capacity evaluations, Independent Medical Evaluations, Personal Injury Evaluations, BHRS, and Decertification Evaluations.

*Have testified as an expert witness approximately 900 times and have conducted approximately 11,000 forensic evaluations.

*See private practice patients for evaluations and therapy. Patients range from children and adolescents to adults. Part of caseload has consisted of Federal Probation (primarily sexual offenders) patients as well.

2015-2021

Consulting Psychologist - Glade Run Lutheran Services 5648 Friendship Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15206

Provide administrative supervision and conduct evaluations.

2014-2019

**Consulting Psychologist - Socialize Right
Pittsburgh, PA**

Provide consultation regarding bullying, cyberbullying, and micro-aggression.

2001-2005

**Outpatient Clinician, Center for Children and Families (WPIC), Bellefield
Towers, 100 N. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15213.**

Conducted hundreds of diagnostic psychiatric evaluations, intakes, and individual, family, and group treatment for culturally, diagnostically, and socioeconomically diverse populations, as well as consultations with schools. Also, supervised Master's level graduate students.

2000-2001

**Behavioral Health Supervisor/Behavioral Specialist Consultant, Interim
Health Care, 311 South Craig Street, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA, 15213**

Supervised wraparound staff, wrote behavioral treatment plans, and conducted treatment for children and families.

1998-1999

**Pre-doctoral Intern at Counseling and Consultation Services, The Ohio State
University, Ohio Union, 1739 N. High Street, Columbus, OH, 43210-1392**

Worked with diverse undergraduates and graduate students in short term and long term individual/group (co-led eating disorders, depression, stress and anxiety, and graduate student support group) treatment; provided workshops and presentations, outreach, consultation, crisis intervention; performed intake assessment; supervised doctoral graduate practicum students; received intensive individual and group supervision.

1996-1998

**Behavioral Specialist and Mobile Therapist at Interim Health Care (see
above).**

1994-1996

**Intern Therapist, Ielase Institute of Forensic Psychology, 232 First Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA, 15222**

Two year forensic practicum placement; provided evaluation and individual and group treatment to a population widely diverse in age, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and who typically presented with dual diagnoses.

1992

Undergraduate Clinical Internship, Camarillo State Hospital, Camarillo, CA

Supervised experience on sex offender, autistic, adolescent, and schizophrenic units.

GRADUATE EDUCATION:

1993-1999

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

Dissertation Topic: Bullying in Children (The Gestural Bully)

M.A., Psychology (degree obtained in August, 1994), Duquesne University

Graduate School GPA: 3.75

Graduate work consisted of training in:

A) Assessment and Diagnostics: Rorschach (Exner), TAT, DAP, Bender-Gestalt MMPI, MMPI-2, WAIS-R, and WISC-R

B) Research: Rigorous and creative qualitative methodologies

C) Psychotherapy: Individual, group, child, and family modalities of treatment; Training in psychodynamic, psychoanalytic, CBT, Rogerian, NLP/Eriksonian, Developmental and existential approaches

D) Foundations of Psychology: Philosophical and psychological foundations of psychological theory, as well as personality theorists such as Freud, Lacan, Jung, Fairbairn, Klein, and May

E) Developmental/Social Psychology: Developmental and social theorists, emphasizing phenomenological, interpersonal, and postmodern tenets

F) Additional Courses: Courses in Ethics, Statistics, Physiology, Language, and Philosophy

G) Additional Training: Supervised supervision of doctoral students

1989-1993

B.A., Psychology, Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH

Included Fall semester of junior year at University College Dublin, Ireland

Undergraduate GPA: 3.6

TEACHING/PRESENTATIONS:

1997

Taught an advanced placement psychology course at Vincentian Prep School, Pittsburgh, PA.

1994-1995

Taught two introductory psychology courses at Duquesne University, as Adjunct Faculty member.

1994-2017

Dr. O'Hara has made dozens of presentations regarding mental health issues and forensic concerns related to children, adolescents, and families.

In May of 2017, Dr. O'Hara was featured on the *NBC* program, *Comcast Newsmakers*, to speak about bullying and social media.

On 8-26-16, Dr. O'Hara was interviewed by the *Tribune Review* regarding bullying and social media.

Dr. O'Hara was featured on *Essential Pittsburgh* on 5-26-16 to discuss bullying, cyberbullying, and micro-aggression.

In January of 2016, Dr. O'Hara was interviewed by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on bullying.

In April of 2016, Dr. O'Hara presented on *Interviewing Children in Forensic Contexts* at the National Conference of the National Defenders Investigators Association.

In March of 2015, Dr. O'Hara presented at the Pennsylvania Psychological Association in Monroeville, PA, on *Forensic Psychology*.

RESEARCH:

1996-

Have conducted extensive qualitative research investigating conduct disordered children who repeatedly bully and humiliate particular others in a given relation of substantial power difference. Most of this research was included in my dissertation noted above. Also, am conducting research on the usefulness of attachment in the Family Court context.

PUBLICATIONS:

O'Hara, T. (Jan. 6, 2016). *Kids warned to pause, then post when dealing with social media*. Interview in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

O'Hara, T. (March, 2017). *Reflections on Bullying*. The Pennsylvania Psychologist.

SUPERVISION:

- a) Supervised Ph.D. candidates at Duquesne University
- b) Supervised Ph.D. candidates at The Ohio State University
- c) Supervised BSC and MT clinicians while at Interim Health Care
- d) Supervised clinicians while at Center for Children and Families
- e) Supervised licensed clinicians at Allegheny Psychological Services
- f) Supervise licensed clinicians at Glade Run Lutheran Services

PANELS/AFFILIATIONS:

- a) Licensed Psychologist since 2004
- b) Member of Association of Families and Conciliation Courts
- c) impanelled with UPMC
- d) impanelled with Highmark
- e) impanelled with Community Care Behavioral Health
- f) Member of Pennsylvania Psychological Association
- g) Member of Forensic Subcommittee of PPA
- h) Member of Interpersonal Violence Committee of the PPA
- i) Member of Bullying and Cyberbullying Sub-Committee of the PPA
- j) Member of American Psychological Association
- k) prior Board member of Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association
- l) Chair of Volunteering Committee of the GPPA
- m) Past Steering Committee member-A Home Within, providing continuity and emotional support to children in foster care
- n) Mentoring Program (City of Pittsburgh)

FORENSIC TRAINING:

-Completed 24 hours of training through the *American Academy of Forensic Psychology*

-Completed approximately 92 hours of training through the *Association of Families and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)*

- Several trainings involving Risk Assessment and IPV
- Prior participation in weekly consultation group, led by Dr. Robert Coufal, a specialist in sexual offender issues
- Multiple forensic training while at the Ielase Institute (see above)
- Group supervision and training at Allegheny Forensic Associates

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS OVER PAST 10 YEARS:

2023

- a) The Minds, Lives, and Motivations of Mass Attackers
Jan 27th, 2023
Hours: **3**

- b) The Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals Training
Sessions Attended:
Child Sexual Abuse
Substance Use/Misuse
Forgiveness Intervention with Parent-Child Contact
Intimate Partner Violence
Child Interviews
Trauma and Resilience

January 17-19, 2023
Hours: **12**

2022

- a) Family Dispute Resolution Research
December 13th, 2022
Hour: **1**
- b) Integrating Diversity Considerations with the New Guidelines in Parenting Time Evaluations
July 7th, 2022
Hours: **2**

2021

- a) 2021 AFCC AAML Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement.
Sessions Attended:
Direct and Cross Examination of a Child Custody Forensic Evaluator
Current Trends in the Social Science Research Related to Family Law

When a Lawyer Needs a Psychologist: A Conversation About the Role of Mental Health Consultants

September 21-24, 2021

Hours: **6**

b) *Attachment Measures and Theory in Family Law Practice*

Benjamin Garber, PhD

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

September 14, 2021

Hours: **1**

c) *Ethical Issues in Assessment*

Ethical Issues with Covid -19

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

September 4, 2021

Hours: **2**

d) *Assessment and Clinical Response to Suicide Intent or Motivation to Die*

M. David Rudd, PhD, ABPP

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

September 1, 2021

Hours: **1**

e) *Claims and Counterclaims in Parental Alienation Research: What's a Family Court Professional to Do?*

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

January 27, 2021

Hours: **1.5**

f) *A Primer in Child Development for the Family Law Professional*

Robert Simon

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

March 25, 2021

Hours: **1**

g) *Ethical Issues with Covid-19*

Sept 4th, 2021

Hours: **1**

2020

a) *Shared Parenting Research 2020: The Envelope Please . . .*

Marsha Kline Pruett

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

December 17, 2020

Hours: **1**

b) 14th Symposium on Child Custody, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. November 19-13, 2020

Sessions Attended:

Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessment to Withstand Attack

Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?

Resisting Simplicity to Understand Child Resistance: Alienation Meaning in the Field of Family Law

Thinking Differently about the Value of Collateral Information

Hours: **6**

The Future of the Best Practice Evaluation: IBHS and Beyond, Live Webinar

Dan Warner, PhD; Gordon Hodas, MD; RaeAnn Taylor, PhD; Jessica Umbrell, PsyD; Dennis

Valone, EdD; Time Nicklas, MSW; Anne Deaner, PhD; Tamra Williams, PhD

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

September 30, 2020

Hours: **2**

c) *Parenting Coordination in Cases Involving Intimate Partner Violence*

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

September 15, 2020

Hours: **1.5**

d) *Why the World is on Fire: Historical and Ongoing Oppression of Black African American People in the United States*, Live Webinar

Jade Logan, PhD, ABPP

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

August 17, 2020

Hours: **1.5**

e) *Avoiding the Traps of Family Law Issues as a Psychologist*, Live Webinar

Allison Otto, PsyD

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

July 29, 2020

Hours: **1**

f) *Ethical Responses when Dealing with Prejudiced Patients*

Samuel Knapp, EdD, ABPP

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

July 24, 2020

Hours: **1**

g) *Parental Alienation and Misinformation Proliferation*

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

June 25, 2020

Hours: **1.5**

h) *Coparenting Research Year in Review*

Michael A. Saini, PhD

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

January 16, 2020

Hours: **1.5**

2019

a) *Critical Issues in Child Custody: To Share or Not to Share?*

December 4-5, 2019

Philip M Stahl, PhD, ABPP

Hours: **12**

b) 2019 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Fall Conference, Integrating Research into Practice and Policy: The Impact of Families and Children. October 31- November 2, 2019. Session Attended:

Opening Session – Family Law and Social Science: What Should We Believe?

Custody Evaluator Orientation: Best Practice and Domestic Violence Safeguards

Selection Bias in Family Law Research: Reliability at the Cost of Diversity

Research Toolbox: Integrating Research into a Custody Assessment Practice

Hours: **6**

c) *Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania.*

University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, PA Child Welfare Resource Center.

October 28, 2019

Hours: **3**

d) *Novel Approaches to the Assessment and Management of Suicidal Risk in Adolescents.*

David Brent, MD

Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association

September 20, 2019

Hours: **1**

e) *Positive Ethics and the Acculturation Model Applied: Microaggressions and Antiracism, Antisexism, and Antiabilityism.*

Teal Fitzpatrick, PhD

Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association

September 20, 2019

Hours: **3**

f) *Beyond the Basics: Advanced Topics in Mandated Reporting*

Will Hasek, PhD

Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association

September 20, 2019
Hours: **3**

g) *Eight Strategies to Improve Interventions with Suicidal Patients*
Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association
Brett Schur, PhD
September 20, 2019
Hours: **1**

2018

a) *An Evidence-Informed Approach to Parental Alienation*
Michael Saini, PhD
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
September 14, 2018
Hours: **1**

b) *Advanced Issues in High Conflict Child Custody Cases*
Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
December 5-6, 2018
Hours: **12**

2017

a) *Evaluation of Parenting Capacity in Child Protection*
Consolidated Continuing Education & Professional Training
November 3, 2017
Hours: **6**

b) *Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice*
Dr. Randy Otto
Consolidated Continuing Education & Professional Training
October 11, 2017
Hours: **10**

c) *Pennsylvania Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting: 2017*
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
September, 26, 2017
Hours: **2**

d) *The Wrong Prescription: Feminist Perspectives on the Experience and Ethics of Medicalization of Women*
Maureen McHugh, Ph.D.
Chatham University Psychology Continuing Education Program
May 19, 2017
Hours: **2**

e) *Saving Holden Caulfield: Long and short-term strategies for Preventing Youth Suicide*
David Brent, MD
Chatham University Psychology Continuing Education Program
May 19, 2017
Hours: **1**

f) *A Heartfelt Webinar on Diversity*
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
February 17, 2017
Hours: **1**

2016

a) *The Assessment, Management, and Treatment of Suicidal Parents*
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
December 27, 2016
Hours: **1**

b) *Managing Intractable Issues in Child Custody Disputes*
Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
December 7-8, 2016
Hours: **12**

2015

a) *Child Custody conference*
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
November 2, 2015
Hours: **3**

b) *Foundations of Ethical Practice*
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
October 7, 2015
Hours: **6**

c) *Helping Families at Risk for Physical Abuse Using Alternatives for Families: A Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT)*
David Kolko, PhD
Chatham University Psychology Continuing Education Program
Hours: **1**

d) *An Introduction to Forensic Evaluation*
Co-Presenter with Eric Bernstein, PsyD
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
March 19, 2015
Hours: **1.5**

2014

a) *Pennsylvania Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting: 2015*

Pennsylvania Psychological Association

December 15, 2014

Hours: **2**

b) *The Model Standards and Beyond: Custody Evaluations and Risk Management*

David A. Martindale, PhD, ABPP

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

December 8-9, 2014

Hours: **12**

c) *Parent-Child Interaction Overview*

July 24, 2014

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic

Hours: **2**

d) *Secure Attachment: A Foundation for Children's Healthy Development*

Jude Cassidy, PhD

Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center

February 22, 2014

Hours: **3**

2013

a) *Integrate DSM-5 Guidelines for Cultural Competencies in Your Practice*

Leslie Korn, PhD, MPH, LMHC

CMI Education Institute, Inc.

October 23, 2013

Hours: **6**

b) *Ethics in Psychology*

Elite Continuing Education

September 20, 2013

Hours: **3**

c) *Innov clin Practice: Focus Children & Adults*

Professional Resource Exchange, Inc.

Leon VandeCreek, PhD, ABPP & Thomas L. Jackson, PhD

August 29, 2013

Hours: **12**

d) *New Diagnostic Considerations DSM-5, ICD 10-11, PDM Review*

Robert Gordon, PhD, ABPP

J&K Seminars, LLC

May 30, 2013

Hours: **6**

