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Licensed New Jersey Psychologist- License # 35S100431200, issued 12/19/05.

EDUCATION

Ph.D.: California School of Professional Psychology/Alliant International University, San Diego CA,

Clinical Health Psychology, 2000

M.S.: California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego CA,

Clinical Health Psychology, 1996

M.A.: West Chester University, West Chester PA, Clinical Psychology, 1992

B.S. : Stockton State College, Pomona NJ, Psychology, Dean's List 1986-1990

WORK EXPERIENCE

Health Psychologist

3/3/08- Present

BACHARACH REHABILITATION HOSPITAL, Pomona, NJ

Complete screening for individuals with neuropsychological deficits. Provide ongoing supportive therapy/treatment for patients in the rehabilitation setting. Provide outpatient therapy with medical patients. Provide family support and education regarding patient's disability. Work directly with psychiatrists in developing patient's treatment plan for rehabilitation. Complete consults with trauma patients and assess for cognitive dysfunction and or psychological distress. Complete psychological evaluations for patients that are potential candidates for spinal cord stimulator placement. Complete psychological evaluations for worker's compensation patients. Complete psychological evaluations for bariatric candidates. Educate bariatric patients regarding psychosocial factors impacting surgery and weight loss.

Forensic Mental Health Clinician, Psychologist – Corrections

11/27/06 – 9/08

UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY, UNIVERSITY
CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE, SOUTH WOODS STATE PRISON Bridgetown,
NJ

Completed specialized psychological testing and assessment of clinical needs of adult inmates sentenced to Department of Corrections. Complete specialized forensic evaluations to assess potential risk level of sexually violent offenders. When appropriate made referrals to Deputy Attorney General's office or psychiatric civil commitment. Provided individual, psychotherapy as clinically indicated to inmates diagnosed with a mental disorder. Co-facilitated "Positive Changes" group to help inmates transfer from inpatient therapeutic environment to general outpatient incarceration environment. Facilitated Post Traumatic Stress Disorder group for inmates experiencing symptoms of this disorder. Assisted inmates in effectively managing crises. Was responsible for overall case management for inmates including coordination of treatment and liaison with community agencies. Maintained appropriate inmate records in a timely manner as mandated by policy. Maintained knowledge of trends and developments in the field. Effectively contributed and supported an environment that enhanced the positive self-image of inmates and preserved their human dignity. Provided direct clinical and administrative supervision as assigned to staff and trainees.
Clientele: Adult inmates diagnosed with a mental illness

Psychologist; Intake Clinician; Assessment Specialist of Bariatric Surgery October, 2001 – October 2006

ATLANTICARE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

Performed intake assessment with individuals seeking mental health treatment. Provided psychotherapy in an adult outpatient program with individuals experiencing a variety of psychiatric and social problems including psychotic disorders, substance abuse, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, legal problems. Utilized a biopsychosocial model of care. Provided therapy with cognitive-behavioral orientation to clients experiencing mild, moderate and severe psychiatric symptoms. Co-facilitated women's problem-solving support group. Coordinated services with psychiatrist and case managers. Created and facilitated smoking cessation group. Developed protocol for preoperative psychological assessment of clinically significant obese individuals undergoing bariatric surgery. Worked in partnership with bariatric surgeon regarding appropriate candidates for the surgery. Assessed bariatric patients through clinical interview and objective data. Completed written evaluation.

Clientele: Outpatient adult chronic mentally ill individuals, clinically significant obese individuals, parolees, homicidal, suicidal individuals

Virtual Reality/Biofeedback, Therapist July, 2000 - November 2000

CENTER FOR ADVANCED MULTIMEDIA PSYCHOTHERAPY, San Diego, CA

Applied virtual reality technology with established clinical protocols to treat clients with anxiety disorders and phobias. Provided individual psychotherapy (utilizing cognitive-behavioral therapy model) with clients.

Program coordinator, Clinical administrator, Therapist June 1999 - August 2000

THE LESBIAN and GAY MEN'S COMMUNITY CENTER, HIV MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, San Diego, CA

Developed and revised group program “Learning Immune Function Enhancement” (L.I.F.E.) Co-facilitated L.I.F.E program, offering psycho educational and behavioral counseling as well as facilitated process of groups. Provided individual and group (utilizing cognitive-behavioral therapy model) psychotherapy with HIV infected individuals and family/partners impacted by the illness.

Co-facilitated group supervision for interns

Assisted director of programs in various phases of ongoing programs. Monitored client files. Maintained data files.

Mentored intern students

Supervised clerkship students in the health psychology program from CSPP.

Neurofeedback technician, February- July 1997

NEUROPSYCH INSTITUTE, San Diego, CA

Provided EEG neurofeedback therapy with ADHD/ADD children. Reviewed progress with parents. Coordinated services with classroom teachers.

Counselor/Coordinator

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Mays Landing, NJ, October 1993-August 1995

Provided academic, career, and personal counseling for diverse socioeconomic disadvantaged students enrolled in the Student Support Services (SSS) program, as well as the general student population. Recruited students for SSS, monitored progress, maintained confidential files. Acted as a liaison between students and faculty/administration. Responsible for maintaining information regarding transfer programs to other colleges. Presented workshops such as orientation to college, college skills.

Provide advisement and participated in registration of students. Coordinated tutoring services and workshops for student enrichment, organized cultural trips for students.

Supervised and trained work study and peer mentor students. Administrative duties included grant writing and documentation of reports, maintaining grant statistics, interviewing incoming staff. Worked closely with director of the program in designing and implementing grant objectives. Attended professional meetings and seminars.

Counselor, January 1993-October 1993

COMMUNITY SKILLS PROGRAM-COUNSELING AND REHABILITATION OF NJ, INC

Developed individualized client treatment plan with brain injured and autistic children and adults. Provided supportive services and counseling, evaluated progress. Provided supportive services and counseling to family members of brain injured individuals. Lead community re-entry activities with clients, and provided life skills, cognitive retraining/restructuring. Completed monthly progress reports.

Biofeedback Therapist, July - December 1992

BIOFEEDBACK GROUP, INC., Berlin, NJ

Instructed relaxation techniques, stress management counseling utilizing biofeedback technology. Counseled chronic pain patients.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Psychosocial Oncology, November, 2000- August, 2001
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, CANCER CENTER

Investigated a cognitive problem-solving intervention for spouses of prostate cancer patients. Collaborated and reviewed progress of the study with three co-investigators. Provided participants in the study individual problem-solving therapy during home visits. Addressed sensitive issues in therapy such as grief, marital distress, sexual dysfunction, and incontinence. Maintained documentation, and progress notes. Recruited new participants into the study by outreach coordination with general practitioners, oncologist and urologists. Maintained invoices and issue payment to participants after completion of study. Performed data management and manuscripts writing. Supervised and trained undergraduate and graduate students.

Clientele: Spouses/partners of prostate cancer patients.

Supervisor: James Varni, Ph.D

Research Assistant, September 1995-2000

UNIVERSITY CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, HEALTH OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Assisted project director with various grants. Organized recruitment of subjects for ongoing studies. Conducted literature reviews, reviewed data. Contacted arthritis, cancer and medical patients for participation in studies. Mentored undergraduate students.

Research Project/ Dissertation, completed November 2000

Recruited subjects from rheumatology and family medicine clinics. Analyzed data. Analyzed emotional regulation and it impact on health status. Compared patients fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, osteo arthritis with healthy controls.

Dissertation Chair: William J. Sieber, Ph.D.

Committee members: Perry Nicassio, Ph.D., Melanie Greenberg, Ph.D.

SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Psychological Assistant, April 2001 - August 2001

CENTER FOR COGNITIVE THERAPY, La Jolla, CA

Provided psychotherapy utilizing a cognitive approach, with individuals experiencing a variety of psychiatric disorders including mood disorders, phobias, personality disorders and ongoing psychosocial stressors. Received supervision in cognitive therapy.

Clientele: Outpatient individuals in the community

Supervisor: Craig Wiese, Ph.D.

Psychology Intern, August 1998-1999

THE LESBIAN and GAY MEN'S COMMUNITY CENTER, HIV MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, San Diego, CA

Provided individual and group (utilizing brief therapy model) psychotherapy with HIV infected individuals and family/ partners impacted by the illness. Co-facilitated

L.I.F.E.(Learning Immune Function Enhancement) program, offering psycho educational and behavioral counseling. Provided crisis counseling, intake, telephone crisis call, walk-in screening interviews. Responsible for crisis/suicide beeper rotation throughout the year. Provided information and referral for the community.

Clientele: Outpatient HIV positive men and women.

Supervisor: Delores Jacobs, Ph.D.

Psychology Intern July 1997- July 1998

NORTH COUNTY INTERFAITH COUNCIL, NCIC ANNEX, San Diego, CA

Provided individual, couples, and family psychotherapy. Co-facilitated psycho-educational parenting group. Lead socioeconomically disadvantaged girl's teenage support group. Provided psycho education and therapeutic activities regarding developmental issues. Provided counseling and psychosocial assessment with the Genesis project, a transitional housing program for homeless families. Coordinated services for homeless families with case managers, vocational counselors and social workers. Developed individual and family treatment plans. Attended program committee conferences.

Clientele: Outpatient homeless, low income individuals and families. Individuals with anxiety, depression and relationship issues.

Supervisor: Irene Townsend, Ph.D.

Practicum Student, August 1996-July 1997

CENTER FOR BIOBEHAVIORAL THERAPIES (ANXIETY & STRESS DISORDERS CLINIC), San Diego, CA

Provided biofeedback and neurofeedback therapy with adults and children diagnosed with attention deficient disorder, anxiety, and chronic pain. Instructed relaxation techniques. Educated and implemented stress management with patients.

Clientele: Outpatient adults and children with ADD, anxiety and pain disorders.

Supervisor: Richard Gevirtz, Ph.D.

Practicum Student, Spring -1992

BRYN MAWR REHABILITATION HOSPITAL, Malvern, PA

Lead outpatient geriatric support group. Monitored patient progress and observed and administered clinical tests (WAIS-R, Dementia Rating Scale, Cognistat). Counseled families on patient's post hospitalization needs. Provided patient guidance and support in recovery stage.

Clientele: Inpatient and outpatient stroke and brain injured patients.

Supervisor: Barbara Knickerbocker, Ph.D.

Volunteer Fall 1989

BACHARACH INSTITUTE FOR REHABILITATION, Pomona, NJ

Conducted research thesis. Observed/co-facilitated stress management and weight management group with chronic pain patients.

Supervisor: Kenneth Leight, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, September 2002 –May 2003

RICHARD STOCKTON STATE COLLEGE, Pomona, NJ

Course: Introduction to Psychology

Invited Talk, Guest Speaker, April 30, 2001

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, San Diego, CA

“The Dissertation Process” my experience in completing the dissertation.

Course: “Dissertation and Research”

Instructor: Melanie Greenberg Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant, January - May 2000

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, San Diego, CA

Co-facilitated class discussions, graded papers, assisted students with class assignments, provided class lecture “gender and health”, helped students prepare for final examination by providing review session of class teachings.

Course: “Cultural Aspects of Health”

Instructor: Melanie Greenberg Ph.D.

Invited Talk, Guest Speaker, April 2000

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, San Diego, CA

Created and instructed graduate psychology classes with the lecture “Tracing the Mind-Body Connection”.

Course: Psychopathology

Instructor: Delores Jacobs Ph.D.

Guest Speaker, April 24, 2000

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, San Diego, CA

Course: Cultural Aspects of Health,

“Gay and Lesbian Health”

Instructor: Melanie Greenberg Ph.D.

Adjunct Professor, September, 1994- May 1995

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Mays Landing, NJ

Instructed classes on college skills, critical thinking, and writing skills. Classes were linked with sociology and psychology, content was related to these subjects.

Teaching assistant, Spring -1992

BARNSWORTH SCHOOL, West Chester, PA

Taught day care class, developed creative involvement games to heighten communication skills with children.

PRESENTATIONS

“Time Out for Health” Commercial

June 14, 2006
Topic: "AtlantiCare Smokeout"
News Channel 40 NBC

"Health Update with Robin Stoloff"
October 20, 2004
Appeared on show as guest
Topic: Tips to quit smoking
News Channel 40 NBC

"Assessing impact of emotional regulation with fibromyalgia"
Fibromyalgia Workshop: The Next Advances
November 11-12, 2004
Washington, DC
Poster Session Presentation

"Psychological Aspects of Obesity"
Advances in Obesity Management: April 17, 2004
Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ
Additional author: Mark Besen, Ph.D.

"Comparing strategies for recruitment to clinical trials."
Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Education, October 2001, Los Angeles, CA
Additional authors: Banthia, R., Ko, C., Sadler, G. R., Malcarne, V. L., Varni, J. W., Greenbergs, H. L., Rodriguez, A. R., Amling, C., & Johnstone, P. A. S.

"Dyadic relationship and quality of life in prostate cancer patients and their spouses."
Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Education, October, 2001, Los Angeles, CA
Additional authors: Malcarne, V. L., Sadler, G. R., Varni, J. W., Banthia, R., Salem, C., Amling, C.L., Johnstone, P., Shimizu, K. T., Barkin, I., & Fuerst, H.

"Clinical outcomes of virtual reality therapy in psychology."
California Psychological Association Conference, March 29-April 1, 2001, Costa Mesa, California.
Additional authors: Wiederhold, B.K., Wiederhold, M.D., Gavshon, L.

"Assessing the Impact of Emotional Regulation in Fibromyalgia Patients"
The American Psychosomatic Society 59th annual scientific meeting, Monterey CA, March 8, 2001
Additional author: William Sieber, Ph.D
Poster Session Presentation

The Use of the Internet, Multimedia, and Virtual Reality in Mental Health Treatment
“Treatment of Panic Disorder with Agoraphobia: A Virtual Protocol”
Colloquium at California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego, CA, October
18, 2000

“Assessing impact of emotional regulation with fibromyalgia”
Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference, 20th annual scientific session, San Diego,
CA, March 4, 1999
Additional authors: William Sieber, Ph.D., Robert Kaplan, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Ramundo, M. R. “The role of Emotional Regulation in Fibromyalgia Patients”
Hammonton Gazette Vol. 8 Issue 10 March 10, 2004

Ramundo, M.R. “Assessing the Impact of Emotional Regulation in Fibromyalgia
Patients” (abstract) *Psychosomatic Medicine* January/February, 63:91-190 (2001)

Ramundo, M.R. “Assessing the Impact of Emotional Regulation on Fibromyalgia”
(abstract) *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* Vol. 21, 1999 Supplement

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Psychological Association
National Organization for Women

REFERENCES

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SPECIAL SKILLS/CERTIFICATION

Trained in Expert Witness for child abuse/neglect matters and termination of parental rights matters.

Trained and proficient in EMG biofeedback and EEG.

Domestic Violence training program/approved by San Diego Domestic Violence Council.

Language: Fluent in Italian

INTERESTS

Health Psychology, Research, Teaching, Cognitive Therapy, Emotional Regulation, Art, Cake decorating, Music.