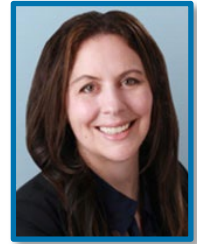




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Licensed Neuropsychologist

EDUCATION

- **The Wright Institute**, Berkeley, CA (2004)
PsyD degree
- **University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA (1999)
Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland

Clinical Neuropsychologist, Department of Neurology and Neurosurgery

August 2009-present

- Provide neuropsychological assessment to children in an inpatient and outpatient setting.
- Referrals vary with a focus on pre-surgical testing and post-surgical outcomes. Traumatic brain injury, learning disabilities, and developmental delay also make up referral pool.
- Conduct WADA testing for surgical candidates.
- Run weekly support group for children and adolescents with chronic illness.
- Psychotherapy and supportive counseling provided to children and their families.
- Conduct biofeedback as part of therapeutic care.

Owner, Private Practice

Clinical Neuropsychologist, Pleasant Hill, CA

May 2011 – present

- Provide neuropsychological assessments to an outpatient population.
- Adults and children.
- Legal work, including expert witness testimony, legal report writing experience, and worker's compensation cases.
- Presurgical evaluations for bariatric surgery and spinal cord stimulator procedures.

Presbyterian Hospital, Rehabilitation Center

Clinical Neuropsychologist, Charlotte, NC

October 2007 – August 2009

- Provide neuropsychological assessments to an outpatient population consisting of traumatic brain injury, dementia, and psychiatric clients.
- Evaluate psychological issues on an in and outpatient basis including chronic pain, gastric bypass, and psych educational needs.
- Evaluate and treat inpatient psychiatric patients; children and adults.
- Psychotherapy provided to an adolescent and adult population.

Carolina Center for Development and Rehabilitation

Clinical Neuropsychologist, Charlotte, NC

March 2006 – October 2007

- Provide neuropsychological assessments to in and out patient population of children and adults.
- Specializing in capacity evaluations, dementia, rehabilitation, psychiatric illnesses and traumatic brain injury.
- Referral questions include medication evaluations, treatment recommendations, diagnostic consideration, and appropriate living setting/ level of care.
- Provide on-going psychotherapy to a limited number of patients, including those involved in cognitive rehabilitation.

Queens University of Charlotte

Adjunct Faculty, Charlotte, NC

May 2006 – August 2009

- Classes taught include Abnormal Psychology and Developmental Psychology at the undergraduate level.
- Course formats include in-class, online and hybrid modalities.

University of Phoenix

Online Faculty

April 2008 – present

- Classes taught include Advanced Abnormal Psychology at the graduate level.

Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Neuropsychologist, San Francisco, CA

July 2005 – March 2006

- Neuropsychologist on a large-scale study involving cognitive retraining in patients with schizophrenia
- Duties include: Administering a wide variety of neuropsychological assessments to patients schizophrenia from under-served populations, as well as data manipulation using SPSS and Microsoft Excel

Supervisor: Sophia Vinogradov, M.D.

Neuropsych Alliance, Ltd.

Independent Contractor, Geriatric Specialty, Oakland, CA

July 2005 – March 2006

- Provide neuropsychological assessments to an in-patient geriatric population at a wide variety of skilled nursing facilities.
- Medicare provider, specializing in capacity evaluations, dementia, rehabilitation and psychiatric illnesses in a skilled nursing facility environment.
- Referral questions include medication evaluations, treatment recommendations, diagnostic consideration, and appropriate living setting/ level of care.

Owner of Group Practice: Brent Hughey, Ph.D.

San Francisco General Hospital/ University of California at San Francisco, Neuropsychology Services,
San Francisco, CA

Postdoctoral Fellow

August 2004 – June 2005

- Administered, scored and interpreted Neuropsychological evaluations to both in and outpatient populations; Rotation on Traumatic Brain Injury Unit at SFGH
- Referrals come from a wide variety of sources in the community and hospital, including neurology, psychiatry, general medicine, and psychosocial medicine. Routinely provide feedback to referring provider.
- Special attention has been paid to geriatric, dementia, inpatient capacity referrals, as well as referrals involving Social Security Disability eligibility.
- Duties also include attending weekly 3-hour long educational seminars on topics specific to Neuropsychology and case presentation.

Supervisor: Alicia Boccellari, Ph.D., Director, Division of Psychosocial Medicine.

Argosy University, Master's and Doctorate of Counseling Psychology Programs, Point Richmond, CA
Faculty Member

January 2004 – 2006; current adjunct

- Classes taught include Maladaptive Behavior, Introduction to Psychological Testing, Ethics and Law, Addiction Studies, and Quantitative Research Techniques.
- Duties also include acting as Chair of student dissertation committees, as well as weekly faculty meetings and student guidance activities.

Supervisor: Lou Rappaprt, PhD, Associate Dean and Program Director

Kaiser Permanente, Departments of Chemical Dependency and Neuropsychology, Walnut Creek, CA
July 2002 – July 2004

Pre-doctoral intern

- Administered, scored, and interpreted Neuropsychological batteries as referred by staff; referrals most often related to assessing cognitive functions after long term substance abuse and traumatic brain injury

- In terms of Chemical Dependency, co-led group therapy for individuals in early recovery from drug/alcohol addiction and codependency.
- Conducted initial intake interviews, which included detoxification level assessment, diagnostic impression, and treatment plan formation.
- Co-facilitated weekly adult education meetings covering topics relevant to addiction and recovery

Supervisors: Corinne Young, Psy.D. Chemical Dependency: Catharine Kibira, Ph.D.

California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA

Practicum Trainee

August 2001-June 2002

- Served a diverse college population by offering long and short-term therapy in an outpatient clinic setting. Clients were referred to the clinic by professors, dormitory advisors, or peers. Cases included patient suffering from adjustment disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, and Axis II diagnoses.
- Conducted intake interviews with multicultural clientele, and provided written reports including mental status and diagnostic impressions.
- Attended three hours weekly of individual supervision, and one weekly group conference to discuss theoretical and clinical issues and development.

Supervisor: Bill Glover, Ph.D.

John George Psychiatric Pavilion, San Leandro, CA

Practicum Trainee

August 1999-June 2000

- In an in-patient setting, provided short-term therapy and crisis intervention to a diverse population of adults presenting with severe mood, psychotic and personality disorders. Patients were referred by community mental health clinics, voluntarily admitted, or brought in by police due to presenting a danger to self or other or being gravely disabled.
- Conducted initial intake interviews and mental status exam weekly with a varied adult low-income population including African American, Latina, Asian, and Indian individuals. Present initial intake, five axis diagnosis and treatment plan to supervising clinical psychologist. Charted daily progress notes on patients based on observations and discussion.
- Led a weekly stress management group, utilizing cognitive behavioral techniques, as well as insight-oriented discussion when appropriate.

Supervisor: Linda Eberth, Ph.D.

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

- California License PSY #20312
- North Carolina PSY #3326

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, California Alumni Association, Berkeley Campus
- Member, Society for Personality Assessment
- Affiliate Member, National Academy of Neuropsychology

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Wright Institute/John George Psychiatric Pavilion

Student Training Liaison

August 2000-June 2001

- Ran monthly meetings with practicum trainees to discuss case material and other concerns. Responsibilities included intervening when problems arose between supervisors and students and developing a monthly evaluation for students and supervisors.
- Conducted and co-created a 30-hour orientation for incoming John George Psychiatric Pavilion practicum trainees. Gave lectures on diagnostic concerns, how to perform a mental status exam, and the proper method of writing progress notes.

University of California at Berkeley, Department of Psychology

Research Assistant

September 1996-May 1999

- Worked on designing a scale to measure the link between aggression and gender.
- Wrote preliminary questionnaire and administered to students in a pre-study.
- Responsibilities included gathering and entering data using STATA computer program.

Supervisor: Seth Roberts, Ph.D.

The Wright Institute, Dissertation Research

Personal Dissertation: "The Impact of Perceptual Body Image Distortion on Affective Components: A Rorschach Investigation."

- Conducted literature review in order to develop a quantitative study exploring the link between body image dissatisfaction and specific Rorschach responses in college age women.
- Administered and scored over 30 Rorschach Inkblot tests. Used statistical procedures to analyze data in order to conduct a correlational examination of findings.

Supervisor/ Dissertation Committee Chairperson: Jen Tellier, Psy.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Charlotte Parents Magazine, "Ask the Expert": *Should We Ignore Childhood Crush? (May 2008); It's OK for Kids to Bare It All, Within Reason (July 2008); Telling the Truth: A Lesson Kids Learn in Stages*

(September 2008); Picking Up Toys: Why Chores Are An Important Part of Growth (January 2009); Childhood Self-Esteem (March 2009).

The County Edge: ***Help kids alleviate the anxiety of heading back to school (January 2009)***

Current contributing author for ***Livestrong.com*** – articles may be found on this site or by request (August 2010 – present).

The Power of Journaling (with Andrea Napier), Halfcourt Press, 2013.