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*Psychotherapy *Divorce Related Issues

*High Conflict Co-Parenting *Special Master

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Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist #M13811

Education

- 1979 **M.A.** in Counseling with emphasis in Marriage, Family and Child
Counseling-University of San Francisco
- 1977 **B.A.** in Psychology-California State University, Sonoma
- 1973-1974 San Francisco State University

Professional Experience

- 1980-Present **Private Practice**
Mediation and High Conflict Counseling with Families of Divorce
Divorce High Conflict Co-parenting Counseling
Reunification Counseling
Special Master
Therapy with Families and Children
Teen Girls' Therapy Group
Women's Therapy Group
- 1994-2013 **California State University, Sonoma, Psychology Department**
Lecturer Emeritus
Developed curriculum and instruction for the following courses;
Behavior and Emotional Problems of Children
Psychology of the Family
Introduction to Counseling
Introduction to Psychology
Psychology of Learning
Abnormal Behavior
Adolescent Psychology
Child Development
Development of the Person
Marriage and Relationships
Group Process
Behavior and Cognitive Change Processes
Coordinated the Community Involvement Project on campus

- 2005 **CATTA, Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance Center of the California Institute of Human Services California State University, Sonoma**
Instructor - The Impact of High conflict Divorce on Families and Children. Trainings throughout Northern and Southern California.
- 1983-1996 **MFCC Oral Exam Preparation Seminars of Sonoma County**
Director/founder
Developed curriculum and manual; conducted an ongoing supervision preparation course for MFCC applicants in the oral exam.
- 1982-1984 **Board of Behavioral Science Examiners Oral Commissioner**
Testing and evaluation of MFCC applicants in the oral exam.
- 1981-1984 **University of San Francisco**
Instructor
Graduate Masters in Counseling Program. Developed course work for Advanced and Initial Marriage, Family and Child Fieldwork course.
- 1979-1983 **Social Advocates for Youth**
Program Therapist
Family and individual therapy with adolescents and their families on an ongoing and crisis intervention basis.
Overall supervision of graduate interns and individual supervision of interns.
Coordinator of fund raising task group.
Led girls group. Designed curriculum and led parent education course for parents of teenagers.
Trained parents to lead parent course for outreach purposes.
Presentations to community organizations.
- 1982 **Burbank Elementary School Contract Parent Educator**
Workshop training for parents at Burbank Elementary School on communication with youth.
- 1982 **Social Advocates for Youth**
Contract Trainer, Youth Development Bureau
Recruited and Trained on-call Youth and Family Crisis Workers.
- 1980 **University of San Francisco**
Guest Lecturer
Graduate Counseling Program: Theories and Techniques of Adlerian Counseling.
- 1977-1979 **Sonoma County Mental Health Mental Health Aid**
Crisis oriented therapy; individual, marital, family and child on going therapy.
Did admission evaluations, diagnosis, and mental status examinations, hospital consults.
- 1977-1978 **Petaluma School District, Cherry Valley Elementary School**
Teacher's Assistant
Led learning centers with 5 to 6 year old children, assisted in sensory motor.

Fieldwork Experience

- 1975-1976 **Volunteer Program, Big Sister, and Sonoma County Social Service**
Worked with an adolescent girl referred by Mental Health.
- 1975 **Autistic Adolescent Program, Sonoma Developmental Center**
Focused on placement preparation. Modality of therapy milieu and movement.

Conferences and Lectures Presented

- 2012 – 2014 **Court Involved Therapy Mentorship Program**
Sonoma County Bar Association
- 2012 **Sonoma County Bar Association**
Custody-Child's Voice in Courtroom
Presentation to Multi-disciplinary professionals
- 2011 **Sonoma County Bar Association**
Family Law Committee
Presentation for Minor's Council Training:
How and When to bring the child's voice into the court process
- 2010 **Sonoma County Bar Association**
Family Law Committee
Presentation for Minor's Council Training:
Understanding Traumatized Children
The impact of Father's relationship on Children
- 2009 **Sonoma County Bar Association**
Family Law Committee
Presentation for Minor's Council Training
Impact of Violence on Children
- 2008 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter**
Annual Conference
Co-parent Project – For High Conflict Couples
- 2007 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter**
Annual conference
Cutting Edge Issues: Multi-Disciplinary Dilemmas and Solutions
- 2006 **Sonoma County Bar Association**
High Conflict Co-parenting Project
- 1999-2002 **SSU Parenting Class**
Psychological Tasks for Children of Divorce.
High Conflict Divorce Related Issues

- 1997 **PsyChi Honor Society**
Psychological Tasks for Children of Divorce
- 1996 **PsyChi Honor Society**
Current Trends in the Field of Clinical Psychology
- Sonoma County Alcohol Services**
Group Therapy Techniques
- Sonoma County Probation Department,**
Petaluma Psychotherapy Associates
Interviewing Children of Divorce
- Redwood Empire Chapter,**
California Association of Marriage Family and Child Therapists
Interview and Assessment Techniques with Children of Divorce
- 1995 **Sonoma State University**
Adolescent Development, Working with Families and Children
- KSRO Teens on Air**
Teen Suicide
- 1990 **Rohnert Park Police Youth Services Department**
Therapy Techniques with the Resistant Family
- 1986 **Rincon Valley Junior High School Parent's Association**
The Power Struggle
- 1985-1987 **Social Advocates for Youth**
Youth Forum
Talking with Parents: All the Right Moves or Risky Business
- 1980 **American Association of University Women Conference**
"The 80's Families in Transition" Presentation.
Surviving Your Children's Adolescence.
- 1980 **Catholic Community Services**
In-Service Training
Techniques of Family Conflict Resolution and Acting Out Adolescents

Licenses

- 1979 **California State Marriage, Family and Child Counseling**
License Number M13811

Publications

Gilman, J., Schneider, D., Shulak, R. (2005) Children's Ability to Cope Post Divorce: The Effects of Kids Turn Intervention Program on 7-9 year olds. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 42, (3/4), 109-126.

Professional Organizations and Community Contributions

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
Sonoma County Bar Association- Family Law
AFCC- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Co parent Project for High Conflict Co parenting
Special Master Committee Participant
Minors Counsel Education Committee Participant
Chair of the Mental Health Liaison Committee- 2009-2011
Court Involved Mental Health Mentorship Program

Special Awards, Honors

2013 – Pro Bono Award – Family Law

Presented by the Sonoma County Bar Association, Family Law Section

2012 Rex Sater Award for Excellence In Family Law

Presented by the Sonoma County Bar Association, Family Law Section

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented by Sonoma State University, Psychology Department

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Presented by Sonoma State University, Psychology Department Psi Chi

Certificate of Appreciation for Community Services

Presented by Sonoma County Social Service Department

Graduated with Honors

California State University, Sonoma