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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**CURRENT FORENSIC AND CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Psychological Consulting Services, Salem, MA - Partner in forensic practice providing evaluations and consultation regarding a full range of criminal, civil, and domestic matters. Evaluations include competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, sexual dangerousness, aid to sentencing, competence to understand Miranda warnings, sex offender registry, guardianship, conservatorship, child custody/parenting plan evaluations, fitness for duty (workplace). (1994 to present)

Private Practice - Consultation and individual, family, and couples psychotherapy for adolescents and adults (1983 to present)

The Massachusetts Treatment Center for Sexually Dangerous Persons, Bridgewater, MA  
Qualified Examiner - Evaluation of inmates who petition for release. (1994 to present).

**PRIOR FORENSIC AND CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Division of Forensic Mental Health (Mass. DMH) – Performed Mandatory Forensic Reviews (MFR) and evaluations for Child and Adolescent Forensic Consultation Team. (2000 to 2004)

Malden, Lynn, and Gloucester District Adult Court Clinics – Provided administrative and clinical oversight for forensic psychology and social work staff. (1999 to Jan. 2006)

Essex County Juvenile Court Clinic – Principal collaborator with Children’s Friend and Family Service in Essex County Court Clinic. Provided supervision for DFP candidates and consultation to all clinical staff. (1997 to 2002)

Court Psychologist Lynn District Court, Lynn, MA - A full range of forensic evaluations, consultations to judges, probation officers, police officers, attorneys, and other court staff regarding the mental health needs of people in contact with the legal system. (1982-1993)

Essex County Correctional Facility, Middleton, MA - A variety of clinical and forensic evaluations of inmates, consultation to correctional staff and related court personnel. (1991-1993)

Salem/Peabody District Courts, Salem, MA - A full range of forensic evaluations, consultations to judges, probation officers, police officers, attorneys, and other court staff regarding the mental health needs of people in contact with the legal system. (1982)

Director, Counseling Center Gordon College, Wenham, MA - Administrative and clinical responsibility for counseling center; supervision of staff; consultation with faculty and student development staff; coordination with inpatient facilities; psychotherapy. (1974-1987)

Teacher Corps, Department of Education, State University College at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY - Staff consultation to team of educators in a target school. (1973-1974)

Model Cities Community Drug Counseling Center, Buffalo, NY - Clinical consultation to staff. (1972-1973)

Methadone Maintenance Unit, Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo, NY - Group therapist for substance abuse population. (1971-1973)

Rehabilitation Department, Erie County Penitentiary, Alden, NY - Staff consultation; clinical evaluations of inmates; group therapy for substance abusing population. (1969-1972)

Niagara-Wheatfield School District, Sanborn, NY - Assessments of special needs students, consultation to teachers. (1971)

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## TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### CURRENT TEACHING & RESEARCH

Gordon College, Wenham, MA

Professor, Department of Psychology (1986 to present; [on leave 1989-1990])

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology (1980-1986)

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology (1974-1980)

Chairman, Department of Psychology (1986-1988)

Teaching courses in psychopathology, personality theory, law and psychology, counseling; coordination of field placement program; supervision of field placement students.

#### ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Daystar University College, Nairobi, Kenya, Visiting Lecturer (1989-1990)

Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Boston/Waltham, MA - Consultation to Office of Quality Assurance; implemented system of quality assurance for mental health programs operated by or funded by DMH; member of quality assurance and licensing teams. (1978-1981)

Lesley College, Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA - Instructor, (1976-1977)

Family Practice Center, Deaconess Hospital, Buffalo, NY - wrote successful grant proposal to fund residency training program. (1974)

State University of New York at Buffalo, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Community Psychiatry, Operations Research Unit, Buffalo, NY (1971-1974)

Acting Director - Supervised multidisciplinary team of research associates in program evaluation; carried out program evaluation research; wrote numerous grant proposals (1972-1974)

Research Associate - Carried out program evaluation research in mental health, social service, and criminal justice programs. (1971-1972)

Community Mental Health Research and Development Corporation, Buffalo, NY.  
Director of Research - supervised and carried out program evaluation research in mental health, social service and in criminal justice programs. (1972-1974).

Niagara County Community College, Niagara Falls, NY - Instructor in Continuing Education Department. (1970-1971)

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. (Clinical-Community Psychology) State University of New York at Buffalo, 1976  
Buffalo, NY
- M.A. (Clinical-Community Psychology) State University of New York at Buffalo, 1970  
Buffalo, NY
- B.S. (Mathematics) Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 1967

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## INTERNSHIP

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Psychological Clinic, Department of Psychology, State University of New York at Buffalo,  
Buffalo, NY. (1969-1971)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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“Measurement of Patient Satisfaction: A Survey of Practices in Community Mental Health  
Centers,” *Comprehensive Psychiatry*, 16(4), 1975, 399-404, with C. McPhee and J. Zusman.

“A Consumer’s Perspective of Rehabilitative Services in a County Penitentiary,” *International  
Journal of Mental Health*, 2(2), 1973, 94-110, with M. Levine, J. Gelsomino, W. Ayer

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## COLLOQUIA, SYMPOSIA, & ADDRESSES

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Criminal Mental Health Issues, a symposium co-presented with Atty. Mark J. Gillis, Atty. Henry  
Eaton, and Dr. Jeff Minor, sponsored by the Suffolk Lawyers for Justice at Suffolk University  
Law School; January 22, 2009

Experts’ Panel: Discussion of Methodology; Actuarial Tools; Hot Topics, co-presented with  
Atty. Brian Mansfield, Atty. Sondra Schmidt, Dr. Paul Zeizel, Dr. Robert Prentky and Dr.  
Leonard Bard at the MCLE Trying Sexually Dangerous Person Cases Conference on May 8,  
2007

Mentally Ill Sex Offenders and the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act, Co-presented with Attorney  
Mark J. Gillis at the Sexually Dangerous Person: Issues and Controversies Conference sponsored  
by Forensic Health Services, Massachusetts Department of Corrections and The University of  
Massachusetts/Boston; June 24, 2005

Workplace Risk Assessment, presented to Massachusetts/Rhode Island Chapter of EAP Professionals, Braintree, MA September 12, 2003

“Identifying and Accommodating Intellectually Limited Offenders – Part 1: Community Corrections; Part 2: Correctional Facilities,” – Women in Law Enforcement: Empowerment 2002, Essex County Sheriff’s Office, Lynnfield, MA, October 3, 2002

“Assessing Sexual Offenders,” February 2, 2001, presented to Committee for Public Counsel Attorneys, Andover, MA

“Evaluating Sex Offenders: Problems and Possibilities,” March 6, 2000. Sponsored by Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston, MA

“Moral and Legal Dimensions of the Dignity of Risk,” October 20, 1997. Symposium with Attorney Henry W. Clark and Frederic Krell, Ph.D. American Association on Mental Retardation - Region X Conference, Montreal, Canada.

“Out-of-Control, Out-of-Touch, Out-of-Order Parent: Custody and Visitation,” November 16, 1994. Panel Discussion with Hon. Thaddeus Buczko, Attorney Kenneth Lindauer, and Frederic Krell, Ph.D., sponsored by the Essex County Bar Association, Massachusetts Psychological Association, and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Massachusetts Chapter).

“Beyond the Restraining Order: Redefining Family Relationships to Promote Safety,” with Dr. Frederic Krell, Massachusetts Trial Court, Judicial Institute, Domestic Violence Education Project, November 15, 1994 and December 8, 1994.

“Therapeutic Limit Setting for Paraprofessionals” Association of Christians in Student Development with Christopher Carlson, Wenham, MA, June, 1991.

“Difficulties in Assessing Dangerousness” Conference on Medical-Legal Issues, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health, Salem, MA, June, 1985.

“Some Thoughts on Identity” Spring Honors Convocation, Gordon College, Wenham, MA, April, 1984.

“Big School, Small School: Characteristics of Life Stresses and Helpseeking at Three Contrasting Colleges” with David Perkins, Jacob Tebes, O.W. Lacy, and Murray Levine. Presentation at Eastern Psychological Association, Baltimore, MD, April, 1982.

“Developing the Academic Component of Field Experience Education” with Arthur Caccese. Presentation at National Society for Internships and Field Experience Education, Portsmouth, NH, October, 1981.

“The Quality of Mental Health Services at Cambridge Hospital” with Lloyd Stanley and Earnest Cook. Grand Rounds Presentation, Department of Psychiatry, Cambridge City Hospital, Cambridge, MA, July, 1979.

“Making of a Prison Insurrection, with W. Carnahan, F. Festa and E. Katkin. Panel sponsored by the Psychological Association of Western New York, Buffalo, NY, November, 1971.

“Experiences in Working with Prison Officers at the Erie County Penitentiary” with M. Levine and W. Ayer. Invited Colloquium at Yale University Psychoeducational Clinic, Yale University, New Haven, CT, October, 1970.

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#### LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, MEMBERSHIPS

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##### LICENSURE

Massachusetts Board of Registration of Psychologists, #3179 (Since 1982)

##### CERTIFICATIONS

Designated Forensic Psychologist, Division of Forensic Mental Health,  
Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Forensic Mental Health Supervisor, Division of Forensic Mental Health,  
Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Qualified Examiner, Massachusetts Department of Corrections

##### MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association

Massachusetts Association of Guardians *ad Litem*

Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers