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Ph.D. - St. Louis University, July 1976
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M.S. - St. Louis University, January 1975
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A.B. - Rutgers University, June 1971
(Psychology)

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS:

New Jersey Licensed Psychologist (#1305).

Diplomate in Forensic Psychology of the American Board of Professional Psychology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Staff Positions:

2019 – Present

Private practice, Somerset Psychological Group, P.A., Somerville, NJ
Private practice of forensic psychology.

1987- 2018

Private practice, Associates in Psychological Services, P.A., Somerville, NJ. Private practice of clinical and forensic psychology.

1976 -1984, 1986-1987

Psychologist, Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center, Avenel, NJ.
Clinical and administrative roles—including Director of Research (1983-

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1984) and Director of Psychology (1978-1983)—in NJ's correctional facility for sex offenders.

1984 - 1986

Project Specialist, Bureau of Management Information Systems, NJ Dept. of Corrections, Trenton, NJ.

Systems analyst in project to automate NJ's correctional facilities' information processing.

1974 - 1975

Psychology Intern, Department of Institutions & Agencies, Trenton, NJ. Psychology internship in NJ psychiatric hospital system.

Academic Appointments:

1983 - 1985, 1991- present

Clinical Faculty, Department of Psychiatry, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ.

Research collaboration, supervision, and training.

(1994 - Volunteer Faculty Service Award)

(1995 - present: Volunteer Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee)

(1983 - 1985, 1991 - 2001: Clinical Assistant Professor)

(2001 - present: Clinical Associate Professor)

1993 - 2002

Visiting Lecturer, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Rutgers University

Instructor in graduate level objective personality assessment course.

1976 - 1980

Adjunct Instructor, School Psychology Program, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ.

Graduate level clinical course instructor: Intelligence Testing, Projective Testing, Rorschach, Psychopathology, Personality Theory.

Consultation Positions:

1995 – 1996, 2005-2006

Task Force Member, NJ Attorney General's sex offender risk assessment task force

Member of task force that developed Registrant Risk Assessment Scale (RRAS) and Juvenile Risk Assessment Scale (JRAS) to place adult and juvenile sex offenders in risk tiers in accord with Megan's Law.

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1999

Consultant, Seton Hall University Law School Institute of Mental Health and Law
Assisted in writing report to NJ legislature regarding treatment standards for sexually violent predators.

1991 - 1996

Consultant, Psychology Dept., Veterans Administration Hospital, Lyons, NJ.
Consultation and training of psychology staff.

Journal Affiliations:

2009-2014

Associate Editor, *Open Access Journal of Forensic Psychology*

1997- 2009

Editorial Affiliation, *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*
1997 – 2006: Book review editor
2006 – 2009: Editor-in chief

1991

Journal Referee, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*
Review manuscripts regarding suitability for publication in journal.

PUBLICATIONS:

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