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EDUCATION:

- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY** Evanston, IL.
B.S., Industrial Engineering
- LOYOLA UNIVERSITY (CSEW accredited)** Chicago, IL.
M.S.W., Masters of Social Work
- WISCONSIN PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE** Milwaukee, WI.
Graduate/Certificate - Adult Psychoanalysis

EMPLOYMENT:

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Psychotherapist/ Psychoanalyst/Consultant Glenview, IL.

- Provide individual, group and couples therapy with children, adolescents, and adults including diagnoses of severe PTSD, depression and anxiety disorders.
- Specialize in working with children with complex special needs and parents of special needs children such as, parent loss, terminal illness and behavior disorders.
- Act as liaison to schools.
- Run an adolescent girls group- Girls In Transition
- Regularly use a wide range of assessment and treatment procedures including multi-modal psychotherapy and neuro/bio/psycho/social-integrated assessment.
- Provide private supervision for colleagues regarding adult, child and trauma/PTSD cases.
- Consult with businesses to provide Mediation services and Crisis Intervention when needed. As well as, pre-hiring screening.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY Evanston, IL.

Adjunct Faculty

- Supervise Northwestern University Masters students in the Counseling Psychology program.

WISCONSIN PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE Milwaukee, WI

Faculty

- Teach Courses in Psychoanalysis in the Adult Psychoanalytic Program.

CRISIS CARE NETWORK Chicago, IL.

Consultant.

- On-call to provide Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) services throughout Chicago and suburbs.

- Conducted debriefings at more than 60 companies around Chicago for groups and individuals following incidents such as bank robberies and plane crashes.

YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELING Libertyville, IL.
Psychotherapist- Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

- Assessed, diagnosed, and independently treated individuals, children, and couples with a wide range of diagnosis and psychosocial problems.
- Specialized in complex, difficult to treat patients with multiple diagnoses and psychosocial problems.
- Coordinated and instructed a tri-annual parenting course - Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (1992-2002).
- Co-facilitated a long-term women’s psychotherapy group (2001-2005).
- Supervised social work students in group format (2003-2005).
- Presented case studies at staff meetings.

“FLOURISHING FUTURE” and the
MONGOLIAN GOVERNMENT Ullaan Baatar, Mongolia
Consultant.

- Conducted mental status exams on 60 children to facilitate their release from a mental hospital and placement in foster care.
- Consulted with the Children’s Prison on issues of violence and adjustment difficulties for children who are released from prison.
- Instructed classes for new foster parents on PTSD, attachment disorders, child development and discipline.
- Instructed classes for 2 children’s shelters on PTSD, attachment disorders and child development.

IBM Northfield, IL.
Systems Engineer [1989-1991].

Workstations/LAN Specialist: Baxter Healthcare Account

- Provided technical Sales Consultation for sales representatives.
- Provided technical support for customers.
- Organized and instructed technical presentations and demonstrations.
- Managed of specific projects.
- Provided Troubleshooting and crisis management.
- Trained sales representatives on technical equipment.

GRADUATE TRAINING:

ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL Chicago, IL.
Social Work Intern.

- Facilitated individual and group psychotherapy with hospitalized schizophrenic patients.
- Case management of hospitalized schizophrenic patients.
- Mental health liaison to emergency department.
- Discharge planning for hospitalized patients.

YOUTH AND FAMILY COUNSELING

Libertyville, IL.

Social Work Intern.

- Directed Parent/Child program - The Nurturing Parent.
- Assessed, diagnosed and treated children, adults, and couples.
- Instructed child development and parenting courses.
- Facilitated a primary prevention program for parents with young children- Family Circle Program.
- **Received individual and group supervision in excess of required 3000 hours.**

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING:

WISCONSIN PSYCHOANALYTIC INSTITUTE

Milwaukee, IL.

Graduate Psychoanalyst-Adult Psychoanalysis

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION:

1995-present

**Illinois Clinical Social Work License (License No. 149-007816)
Current license issued: 11/30/13; expires: 11/30/15.**

2002-present

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Certification (CISD)

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Local Activities:

2007-2011

President of the Wisconsin Psychoanalytic Institute
Candidate's Organization

National Activities:

2007- present

Member of Committee on Psychoanalysis and the Community

International Activities:

2007-present

Member of IPA (International Psychoanalytic Association)

2007-present

Member of Psychoanalysis in China Organization

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS:

1995-present

Presented at more than 40 seminars and workshops in an array of professional and community forums on Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Child Development, Special Needs Children, Parenting, Divorce and Childhood Grief.

Examples include:

- Siblings of Special Needs Children, presented at King Lab School in Evanston Illinois (Oct. 2005).
- Child Development: Ages 3 to 6, present at St. Joseph School in Vernon Hills, Illinois (Feb. 2006).

- ADHD and the Law, presented at Youth & Family Counseling in Libertyville, Illinois (March 2006).

2013

Presented at the ICA 65th Annual Conference:

“Cleats to Combat Boots: Post-Injury Psychological Interventions for Today’s Veterans”

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- National Association of Social Workers
- Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists
- American Psychoanalytic Association
- American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work