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Education:

- A.B. Human Biology (1978)
Stanford University, Stanford, California
- Ph.D. Clinical/Community Psychology (1985)
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Honors:

National Institute of Mental Health Fellowship, 1980-1981. Department of Psychology, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Certificate of Recognition, in acknowledgement of contributions to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Meritorious Service Award to Santa Clara County Family Court, 1994.

Certificate of Appreciation, in acknowledgement of "exceptional work contributed on behalf of the families and children in Superior Court", Family Court Services, Santa Clara County, 1995

Appointment to Task Force, Commissioned by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts on Model Standards for Parenting Coordinators and Special Masters, June 2001, reappointment September, 2003

Appointment to represent the American Psychological Association (APA) on an APA/American Bar Association Collaborative Working Group on Psychological and Legal Interventions with Parents, Children and Families, January, 2007.

Appointment to Co-Chair the Task Force commissioned by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts on the Professional Practice guidelines for court-involved therapists, June, 2008

Positions:

Licensed Psychologist in Private Practice - Providing general psychological services to Children, Couples and Families, specializing in Child and Family Forensic Psychology 1990-present

Consultant – American Psychological Association Parenting Coordination Program in Washington, D.C. 2008-

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Faculty Appointments:

Lecturer - Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, 1991-1994
Assistant Professor - Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, 1994-1998
Clinical Instructor - Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University School of Medicine, 1992-1998
Instructor - 12-hour Child Custody Update Training for California Rule of Court 5.225 Mandate, taught in 8 locations throughout California; contract with Psycho-Legal Associates, 2006

Professional Licenses:

Licensed Psychologist, April 1987 - Present
State of California Board of Medical Quality Assurance,
Psychology Examining Committee, License Number: PSY10214

Professional Organizations:

Member: American Psychological Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Editorial Boards:

Editor: Journal of Child Custody, appointed 2003

Organizational Boards:

Director: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Board of Directors, appointed 2009 for first 3-year term

Founder,
Director Overcoming Barriers, a non-profit organization of innovative programs for high conflict post-divorce coparents

Publications:

Articles:

"Parental Alienation Processes in Post-Divorce Cases," Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Newsletter, Volume 16, 1997.
"The Role of the Special Master", Family Advocate, a publication of the American Bar Association, Vol. 21, no. 1, 1998
"Legal and Psychological Management of Cases with an Alienated Child" with Joan Kelly, Family Court Review, Vol. 39 No. 3, pp. 299-315 July 2001
"Parenting Coordination: Implementation Issues" co-authored with Association of Family and Conciliation Courts task force, Family Court Review, November, 2003
"Parenting Coordination for High-Conflict Families", co-authored with

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- Christine Coates, Robin Deutsch, Hon. Hugh Starnes and Bealysa Sydlik, Family Court Review, Vol. 41, No. 2, pp. 1-17, April 2004
- “Ethical, Legal and Professional Practice Issues involved in Acting as a Psychologist Parent Coordinator in Child Custody Cases” Family Court Review, Vol. 41, No. 3, July 2004
- “Guidelines for Parenting Coordination”, co-authored with Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Task Force on Parenting Coordination, Family Court Review, Vol. 44 No. 1, pp. 164-181, January, 2006
- “Parenting Coordination Practice: A Survey of Experienced Professionals”, co-authored with Karl Kirkland, Family Court Review, Vol. 46 No. 4, pp.622-636, 2008
- “Coparenting and the Parenting Coordination Process” Journal of Child Custody, Vol. 5, Nos. 1/2. Sullivan (Ed.), July, 2008.
- “New Services for Families in the Divorce Transition” Studies and Comments 8, Interventions for the Best Interest of the Child in Family Law Procedures, Hofling, S. (ed.) pp.101-112, 2009
- “Overcoming Barriers Family Camp: A Program for High Conflict Divorced Families where a Child is Resisting Contact with a Parent”, co-authored with Peggie Ward and Robin Deutsch, Family Court Review, Vol. 48, No. 1, pp.116-135, 2010
- “Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy: A best practice approach for mental health professionals”, co-authored with Hon. Linda Fidnick, Kelly Koch, and Lyn Greenberg, Family Court Review, Vol. 49, No. 3, pp. 557-563
- “Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy”, co-authored with the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Task Force on Court Involved Therapy, Family Court Review, Vol. 49, No. 3, pp. 564-581
- “Parenting Coordinator and Therapist Collaboration in High Conflict Shared Custody Cases”, co-authored with Lyn Greenberg, Journal of Child Custody, in press

Book Chapters:

- “ Family Systems”, co-authored with Jamie McHale, The Handbook of Clinical Psychology Vol. II, Chapter 7, Hersen & Gross (Ed.), Wiley, 2008
- “Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases”, co-authored with Elena Hobbs-Minor, Innovations in Interventions with High Conflict Families, Chapter 5, Fieldstone & Coates (Eds.), AFCC, 2008.
- “Parenting Coordination for High Conflict Families”, co-authored with Coates, Deutsch, Starnes and Sydlik, Resolving Family Conflicts, Singer, J. & Murphy, J. (Eds.) Agate, London (2008)

Invited Presentations (selected):

- Special Masters Revisited, presented to the Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts, California Chapter, Annual Conference, January, 1995
- Nightmare Cases: Parental Alienation, Presented to the Family Law and Procedure Institute, California Judges Association, March, 1995

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- Parental Alienation, Presented to the Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts California Conference, February, 1996
- Dealing with Parental Alienation in High-Conflict Custody Cases, Presented to the American Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas, May 1996
- Forensic Mental Health: Basic Principles of Being an Expert Witness, A Panel Presentation to the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Palo Alto, July, 1996
- Special Masters, presented to the Family Law and Procedure Institute, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, March 1997
- Sustaining Marriage and Special Masters, separate presentations given at the 35th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington, D.C., May, 1998
- Parental Alienation, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts California Chapter Annual Conference, January, 1999
- Rethinking Alienation: Developing Protocols and Processes, Invited Address to the Plenary Session at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Southwest Regional Conference, November, 1999
- Special Masters: Making it Work, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Southwest Regional Conference, November, 1999
- Alienation, Alignment or Stuck in the Middle, presented to the Family Court Services Statewide Educational Institute sponsored by the Judicial Council of California, March 2000
- Rethinking Alienation, Pre-conference institute for the 37th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 2000
- Case Management and the Alienated Child: A Team Approach to Entrenched Cases, workshop presentation at the 37th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New Orleans, LA. May 2000
- Rethinking Parental Alienation, presentation at New Approaches to Custody Conflicts Legal Symposium, Sacramento, Ca September, 2000
- Custody Evaluations and the Alienated Child, Pre-Symposium Institute presented at the Fourth international Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, South Carolina, November, 2000
- Parenting Coordinators and Special Masters; Conflict Management for the Long Haul, presented at the Fourth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, South Carolina, November, 2000
- Parental Alienation in the Custody Wars, presented to the continuing Legal education society of British Columbia, January, 2001
- Parental Alienation: Legal and Psychological Case Management, Presented at the statewide educational institute of the Center for Families, Children and the Courts, California, March, 2001
- The ABC's of High Conflict Families and Alienated Children, a pre-conference institute presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Chicago, May, 2001

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- Special Mastering and Alienation Dynamics, presentations at the Custody and Visitation Symposium sponsored by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, North Carolina, June 2001
- Update on Domestic Violence Treatment, presented at the Third Annual Training on Domestic Violence Issues, Contra Costa County, California, September, 2001
- Rethinking Child Alienation, presented at the Colorado State Family Law Interdisciplinary Conference, Denver, October, 2001
- Psychological Aspects of Child Support in High Income Family Law Cases and Interventions in Child Alienation, presented at the NFLS Seminar, October, 2001
- Legal, Economic and Psychological Dimensions of Child Support in Extraordinarily High-Income Cases, presented at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Northern California Symposium, April, 2002
- Parent Coordination and Special Masters: Case Management for High Conflict Families, a pre-conference institute presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Kona, Hawaii, June 2002
- Research and Trends in Children's Adjustment Following Divorce, Presented at the Regional Training Institute of the California Administrative Office of the Courts, October, 2002
- Understanding and Working with High Conflict Families, invited series of Presentations and workshops to the Munich Family Courts, Munich, Germany, November, 2002
- The Use of Parent Coordinators in High Conflict Custody Cases, Presented at a Symposium sponsored by the Center for Psychiatry and the Law, Stanford University Medical Center, January, 2003
- Parenting Coordination: The Challenges of Being Coach and Decision-Maker and Parent Coordination Forum, presented at the 40th Anniversary Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Ottawa, Canada, May 2003
- Parenting Coordination: National Perspectives, Keynote presentation And multiple workshops at the Florida Parent Coordination Training and Legislative Forum, Orlando, Florida, August 2003
- Parental Alienation, presentations to the Hawaii Family Court Judges and Honolulu Family Bar Association, Oahu, Hawaii, November, 2003
- Court Assisted Parenting Program, two day training, Nassau County Supreme and Family Courts, New York, May, 2004
- Parenting Coordinators and High Conflict Divorce, pre-conference institute presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts annual Conference, San Antonio, May 2004
- Parenting Coordination: Working with High-Conflict Divorce, full-day training institute, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 2004
- Parent Coordinators and High-Conflict Families, Pre-conference Institute for the California Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Sonoma, February, 2005
- Understanding and Working with High Conflict Families: A Survival Guide, Seminar for the Hawaii Psychological Association, Honolulu, March, 2005
- Dispute Resolution for Parenting Coordinators: From Facilitator to Arbitrator and Parenting Coordination Consultation: Nightmare Cases, Trials and

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- Tribulations, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts annual conference, Seattle, May, 2005
- Parenting Coordination in the United States, Seminar presented at the GWG Institute, Munich, Germany, September, 2005
- The Parenting Coordination Process, full-day institute presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Colorado, September, 2005
- Case Management and Intervention in Cases of Estrangement, Abuse and/or Alienation, half-day institute presented at the California Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Los Angeles, February, 2006
- Advanced Institute on Parenting Coordination, a one-day training as part of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, May, 2006, Tampa Florida
- Symposium on Parent Coordination, co-presenter with the President of the American Psychological Association, 2006 APA annual conference, August 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Reuniting Parents and Alienated Children, Keynote Address at the 28th Annual Los Angeles Child Custody Colloquium, Los Angeles, September 2006
- Advanced Institute on Parent Coordination, and workshop: Interventions with Alienated Children and their parents: If when and how does it work? Association of Family and Conciliation Courts California Annual Conference, February, 2007, San Francisco.
- The Presumption for Equal Shared Parenting: Pros and Cons Plenary Session, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts California Annual Conference, February, 2007, San Francisco.
- Parenting Coordination Training, Children and Families Institute for the Family Courts of Idaho, Sun Valley, May, 2007
- Parenting Coordination: Does one model fit all? Pre-conference institute and Complexities of Child Alienation: From assessment to options for intervention, presented at the AFCC annual conference, Washington, D.C. May 2007
- Symposium on Parenting Coordination, co-presenter with the Immediate Past President of the American Psychological Association and current Ethics Committee Chair, 2007 APA annual conference, San Francisco, California, August 2007
- The Parenting Coordination Process, pre-conference institute and workshop, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Conference, Columbus, Ohio, September, 2007.
- High Conflict Divorcing Families: Practical Strategies to Prevent and Intervene in Alienation Cases, One-day solo presentation to Custody Consortium, Toronto, Canada, November, 2007
- You Call Yourself and Expert: Critical Evaluation of Expert Testimony in Family Law Cases, presented at the AFCC California Annual Conference, February, 2008
- Advanced Issues in Parenting Coordination: Functional Co-parenting for High Conflict Families, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts solo two-day training, Dallas Texas, February, 2008
- New Ways to Support Divorced and Separated Parents, presented at Interventions for the Best Interests of Children in Family Law Procedures, sponsored by the

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- German Government, Munich, Germany, April 2008
- Appropriate Identification and Consideration of Children's Interests, presented at the American Psychological Association and American Bar Association joint conference on Family Law, Chicago, Illinois, May 2008
- Working with High Conflict: You be the Judge, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 45th annual conference, Vancouver, B.C., May, 2008
- Parenting Coordination: Programs and Practice: Pre-conference Symposium at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Boston, August, 2008
- Advanced Topics in Parenting Coordination: Pre-conference Institute at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 8th International Conference on Child Custody Evaluations, Albuquerque, New Mexico, September, 2008
- Advanced Issues in Parenting Coordination: Functional Co-parenting for High Conflict Families, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts solo two-day training, Kansas City, October, 2008
- Parenting Coordination Training: one-day seminar presented at the New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Rutgers, N.J., December, 2008..
- Parenting Coordination: Practice, research, and the interface between psychology and the law. Full day workshop presented at the American Psychological Association annual convention, August 2009, Toronto, Canada
- Parenting Coordination Conference: a one day seminar, sponsored by the Los Angeles County family court and bar association, Los Angeles, September, 2009
- Parenting Coordination in Cyberspace and Making Court-Involved Therapy Work, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts regional conference, November, 2009, Reno, Nevada.
- Parenting Coordination: An Introduction, a Webinar training created with Drs. Joan Kelly and Robin Deutsch for the American Psychological Association Practice Directorate Continuing Education. www.practicecentral.org/courses.cfm.
- Intensive Interventions for High-Conflict Coparents, a pre-conference institute, and a workshop entitled, Mental Health Ethics: Court Ordered Therapy, presented at the Arizona Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Sedona, Arizona, February, 2010.
- Overcoming Barriers Family Camp: A Program for High-Conflict Divorced Families where a child is resisting contact with a parent, a workshop presented at the California Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, February, 2010.
- Group Weekend Retreat for Alienated and Estranged Families: An Intensive Model, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Denver, June 2010.
- Intensive Interventions with High Conflict Coparents, a one-day training for the Minnesota AFCC annual conference, June, 2010.
- Advanced Topics in Parenting Coordination, a full-day continuation education program presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Diego, August, 2010.
- Ethical and Professional Practice Issues for Court-Involved Therapists, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts regional conference, Cambridge, Mass, November 2010.
- Parenting Coordination: Advanced Practice Issues, a two-day training sponsored by the

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- Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD, December, 2010.
- Ethical and Professional Practice Issues for Court-Involved Therapists, presented at the California Association of Family and Conciliation Courts annual conference, San Francisco, February, 2011.
- When the Parenting Coordination process gets derailed: how to avoid getting hit by the runaway high conflict train, presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Denver, June 2011.
- Keeping Parenting Coordination Cases on track: Advanced Concepts and Case Management Strategies, a two-day training conducted at the Loyola Law School, Chicago, June 2011.
- Advanced Topics in Parenting Coordination, a two-day continuation education program presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, D.C. August, 2011.
- Managing Personality Disordered Clients, Keynote address at the Missouri State Bar Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, August, 2011.
- A Lawyer's Guide to the DSM-IV and Psychological Testing in Child Custody Litigation, an institute presented at the American Association of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) and AFCC conference, Philadelphia, September, 2011.
- Eliciting the Child's Voice for Court Proceedings, Minor's Counsel Training, Sacramento, October, 2011.
- Doing no harm: Avoiding Iatrogenic impact in Family Law Cases, workshop presented at the AFCC regional conference, Indianapolis, October, 2011.