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## INTRODUCTION

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An experienced clinical psychologist, I am now specializing in forensic psychology. My forensic practice is designed to assist you and your clients with psychological services, including federal and state mitigation investigations. I am a dependable, conscientious, and an amicable professional. I have a reputation for integrity and strong communication and analytic skills.

## EDUCATION

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### Doctor of Psychology

The Wright Institute  
Berkeley, CA  
June 2000

### Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Humboldt State University  
Arcata, CA  
June 1994

### Academic Honor Societies

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## EMPLOYMENT/TRAINING HISTORY

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### Private Forensic Practice

2005 - Present

Social Historian in capital case – in process.

Berkeley, CA

Administered pre-employment screening and post-shooting evaluations of police officers, and reported results to officers and commanders in jargon-free terms.

2006-2007 Phoenix, AZ

### Staff Psychologist

#### California State Prison – Solano

Vacaville, CA

2004 - 2005 Provided evaluation and diagnosis, and coordination, planning and delivery of psychological services for male inmates in medium/high security prison. Developed and lead stress management groups for inmates aimed at reducing violence and negative health consequences. Consulted with and supported prison staff regarding inmates with mental illnesses, inmate suicide attempts and deaths, staff death, and job stress.

### Independent Psychological Consultant

2000 - 2004

Produced resource manuals for lay audiences regarding statistics and long-term psychosocial effects of foster care. Applied psychological principles to a successful individualized employee treatment program in non-profit setting, and to a management strategy for a small business. Presented seminar on stress management to cancer survivors and wellness center clients.

**Director of Administrative Service Organization  
California Mental Health Directors Association**

Sacramento, CA

2003 - 2004 Director of statewide mental health access program for children in foster care. Managed projects and solved problems related to the lack of county services, to program functioning, intra-agency communication, policy development, and to the legal issues associated with quality assurance.

**Private Practice/ Psychological Assistant - supervised by Natasha Khazanov, PhD  
(Clinical and Forensic)**

San Francisco, CA

1999 - 2003 Conducted psychological and neuropsychological assessments of adult and adolescent patients, including one capital case and several other criminal cases. Interpreted findings to patients, lawyers, collateral professionals, and other involved parties. Consultations with colleagues were productive in improving client outcomes.

**Staff Psychologist and Director of "Social Skills" Groups**

**Orion Academy**

Moraga, CA

2002 - 2003 Psychologist at college preparatory high school for students with neurodevelopmental disorders: expanded and directed group program, which addressed inherent social/emotional learning deficits in these children. Provided individual psychotherapy, evaluation and treatment planning, crises intervention, and professional consultation.

**Internships and Practica**

Bay Area, CA

1995 - 1999 Conducted psychological assessments qualifying students for Special Education Services, and developed treatment and disposition plans. Coordinated and collaborated with multidisciplinary teams. Contributed long- and short-term, individual, family and group psychotherapy in residential and outpatient settings. Provided emergency psychological care and case-management.

**Saint Mary's Medical Center, 1998-1999**

San Francisco, CA

**Full Circle Programs, 1997- 1998**

San Rafael, CA

**The Wright Institute Clinic, 1996-1997**

Berkeley, CA

**Sunset Mental Health Services, 1995-1996**

San Francisco, CA

**Coordinated Youth Services Council, 1994-1995**

San Rafael, CA

**NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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- **Conducted, researched, and compiled 100's of psychological evaluations used for diagnosis, pre-employment screening, post-trauma evaluation and disposition planning** with a remarkable range of clients: police officers, inmates, adolescents, and adults with a full spectrum of DSM Diagnoses. Settings have been equally diverse. Breadth of experience has developed the unique abilities to gather relevant information from many types of people and then to elucidate the origins of a client's behavior.
- **For 100's of male inmates in the complex setting of a high security prison**, provided quality treatment, psychological case management, emergency interventions, and psychological evaluations. Thereby becoming even more familiar with the dynamics of prison culture, inmates, and the lives that lead them to prison.
- **Planned and launched two small businesses:** Co-founded wellness center and developed independent consulting business. Shared management of over 20 staff. Ability to work collaboratively, to assess the needs of the community and to successfully meet those needs contributed to a client-base of 3,000 registered customers in under a year.
- **Facilitated on-going group communication process and negotiation with more than 150 government, business, and non-profit stakeholders.** Use of innate organization, diligence, communication, diplomacy, and influence skills helped mental health association over conserve 10% of multimillion-dollar budget.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Evaluation and Assessment

- **70 extensive psychological evaluations** completed with varied groups of clients in a number of challenging settings, including California State Prisons, group treatment facilities and an inpatient adolescent psychiatric unit.
- **Adeptly incorporated interviews, multiple records and test data** into comprehensive reports that provided thorough explanations of pathological behaviors, accurate diagnoses, and contributed to treatment plans - all which helped qualify clients for specialized treatment and services.
- **Interpreted assessment results, DSM IV diagnoses and recommendations in functional, demonstrable terms** taking into account the implications of findings for clients' emotional, behavioral, occupational and educational functioning.

### Communication Skills

- **Adapted communication style** to exceptionally diverse populations: prosperous adult women, emotionally developed individuals, newly incarcerated as well as lifetime prisoners, correctional officers, other collateral professionals including MD's and lawyers, and multi-cultural and -generational family members.
- **Wrote** commended psychological reports, treatment plans, program descriptions, resource manuals, professional correspondences and newsletter articles.
- **Expressed diagnoses in practical, observable terms** helping others to better understand the effects of psychological functioning on thinking and behavior.
- **Educated non-psychology professionals** about psychological theory, data and the impact of early life events on later emotional and behavioral development.

### Collaboration and Relationship Building

- **Maintained constructive relationships with individual co-workers and teams** including lawyers and peers, state employees of all ranks, medical professionals, office staff and other colleagues. Contributed to high-level client care and productive working environments.
- **Co-directed multi-discipline wellness center** and created distinctive and effective plans to achieve client and staff service goals. Became locally acknowledged for excellent customer service and employee satisfaction.
- **Successfully managed the complex state political, financial, social and regulatory environment** to help solve numerous problems including: decreasing financial debt, improving intra-agency cooperation and increasing long-term viability of non-profit business.

### Treatment

- Integrated psychotherapy approaches into treatment programs for out- and in-patient **adults and adolescents**.
- **Developed and lead stress management workshop** for 40 prison inmates with lifetime sentences.
- **Provided stress and anxiety management workshops** in group settings. Tailored seminars to audiences ranging from affluent female cancer survivors to adult men incarcerated for murder, rape, drug dealing and armed robbery.

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#### OTHER PAID AND VOLUNTEER WORK

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**Aid homeless or sheltered adults and children; support foster children** Numerous Locations  
1990 – Present Provide food and clothing to homeless or impoverished adults and children, including pregnant teen mothers; mentor, support, and counsel foster children.

**Board Member**

California Youth Council Sacramento, CA  
2005 Non-profit run by and for current and former foster youth.

**Mentor/ Organizer**

Foster Care Education Fund Sacramento, CA  
2004 Mentored adolescent foster children during youth run fundraising fashion show.

**Counselor**

Delancey Street Life Learning Academy –Non-Public High School San Francisco, CA  
2002-2003 Pro-bono counseling for at-risk students.

**Owner/Manager**

Open Door Yoga Studio San Francisco, CA  
2001 - 2002 Co-founded, -managed and -directed multidiscipline wellness center. Studio continued to run successfully for an additional four years before being sold.

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- **American Psychological Association**
  - Division 41- American Psychology - Law Society
- **American College of Forensic Psychology**

#### LICENSURE

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- **California** Board of Psychology License Number: PSY19114
- **Arizona** Board of Psychologist Examiners License Number: 3816

#### REFERENCES

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**Upon request.**