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Licensed Clinical Psychologist with postdoctoral training in neuropsychology and rehabilitation. Expertise in the areas of geriatrics, forensics, addictions, neuropsychological assessment, and brief therapy.

## **EXPERIENCE**

- Present            **NEUROLOGY & PHYSICAL THERAPY CENTERS  
OF TAMPA BAY**, Tampa, FL. Neuropsychologist.
- Present            **INDEPENDENT PRIVATE PRACTICE**, Tampa, FL  
Psychological, neuropsychological and forensic assessment.
- 1999-2002        **PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT**, Tampa, FL  
Psychological, neuropsychological and forensic assessment.  
Supervisor: Theodore H. Blau, Ph.D.
- 1999              **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**, Melbourne, FL  
Neuropsychological Assessment
- 1998              **WALTON REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**, Augusta, GA.  
Chief Neuropsychologist, Inpatient Psychology Coordinator, Psychological and  
Neuropsychological assessment, individual, group and family intervention with general  
rehabilitation population including brain injury, spinal cord, pediatric, orthopedic and  
stroke units.
- 1996 - 1997     **SUNSHINE PSYCHOSOCIAL GROUP**, Clearwater, FL  
Licensed Psychologist Psychological assessment and treatment for individuals  
participating in comprehensive rehabilitation and/or partial hospitalization program
- 1994 - 1997     **FLORIDA CENTER FOR COGNITIVE THERAPY**, Tampa, FL  
Licensed Psychologist Individual, group, and family therapy; psychological and  
neuropsychological assessment
- 1993 - 1994     **CHARLOTTE INST. OF REHABILITATION**, Charlotte, NC  
Staff Psychologist Neuropsychological and psychological assessment, psychotherapy and  
group therapy with stroke patients
- 1992 - 1993     **REHAB HOSPITAL OF THE PACIFIC**, Honolulu, HI  
Postdoctoral Fellow Neuropsychological and psychological assessment, psychotherapy,  
group therapy with brain injury, spinal cord, stroke and chronic pain patients

- 1991 **PORTLAND VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC**, Portland, OR  
Psychology Technician Research and clinical work with the Operation Desert Storm Outreach/Debriefing Program; research design, testing, debriefing counseling and interviews
- 1990 - 1991 **FLORIDA INST. OF TECHNOLOGY**, Melbourne, FL  
Graduate Assistant Case assignment, student supervision, emergency services, administrative and budgetary duties; Neuropsychological assessment, including treatment planning and report writing. Supervisory assistant in neuropsychological assessment group
- 1989 - 1990 **FLORIDA INST. OF TECHNOLOGY**, Melbourne, FL  
Graduate Research Assistant Vietnam Veterans Agent Orange Grant- Research on personality assessment and treatment planning; course design for coping skills for Vietnam Veterans; stress management for children of Vietnam Veterans Teaching Assistant in Hypnosis and Tests & Measurements
- 1988 - 1990 **HERITAGE HEALTH CORPORATION**, Melbourne, FL  
Clinical Consultant/Eating Disorders Counselor Program evaluation; Group and individual counseling, assessment and treatment planning
- 1987 - 1988 **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**, Tampa, FL  
Teaching Assistant-Experimental Design and statistics. Taught two sections of the undergraduate course
- 1987 **HUTCHINGS PSYCHIATRIC CENTER**, Syracuse, NY  
Database Manager - Program Evaluation Dept.
- 1985 **NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE**, Portland, OR  
Research Assistant - Neuroscience Research
- 1985 **FLORIDA INST. OF TECHNOLOGY**, Melbourne, FL  
Research Assistant, Computer Aided Instructional Software

## **EDUCATION**

- 1997 **BOARD CERTIFIED FORENSIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST**
- 1996 **BOARD CERTIFIED FORENSIC EXAMINER**
- 1991 **POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**  
Rehab Hosp.of the Pacific, Honolulu, HI-Neuropsychology and Rehabilitation
- 1986 - 1992 **FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Melbourne, FL**  
Psy.D. Clinical Psychology-1992  
M.S. Psychology - 1989  
B.S. Psychology - 1986

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2003 McClain, V. & Hines, Jr. J. Exploitation of the Elderly: Warning Signs. *Hillsborough County Bar Association Lawyer Journal*, April, 2003.
- 2000 McClain, V. Establishing Testamentary Capacity. *Hillsborough County Bar Association Lawyer Journal*, December 2000
- 1998 McClain, V., Tindell, S. & Hall, S.. Ethical Dilemmas in Right to Die Issues. *The American Journal of Forensic Psychology*, 17(4), 77-78.
- 1998 McClain, V., Johnson, R., & Tindell, S. Dual Perspectives: Assisting Guardians and Patient Advocacy. *The American Journal of Forensic Psychology*, 16(4), 15-27
- 1993 McClain, V.. Comprehensive Stroke Rehabilitation in an Elderly Gentleman. *Clinical Gerontologist*, Vol. 13 (2)
- 1992 McClain, V. Caregiver Concerns. *Golden Years Magazine*
- 1992 Peake, T.H., McClain, V., Orrell, T., M.S., & Wilson, K. Neuropsychology in the Hinterlands. *Medical Psychotherapy: An International Journal*, Vol. 5, 31-39

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2007 Mental Health Mitigation in Capital Cases. *Life Over Death XXVI Conference* (September 7, 2007), Orlando, FL
- 2006 Mental Retardation : a life and death issue-ACFP *Annual Meeting* (March 18, 2006), San Francisco, CA
- 2006 Maintaining Mental Fitness as a Forensic Psychologist-ACFP *Annual Meeting* (March 17, 2006), San Francisco, CA
- 2005 Neuropsychological Assessment in Personal Injury Cases: Patient Care and Legal Necessities. *ACFP-Annual Meeting* (April, 2005) New Port Beach, CA
- 2004 CLE , Mild Head Trauma (October, 2004)
- 2004 Diminished Capacity: A Viable Defense. *ACFP-Annual Meeting* (April, 2004) San Francisco, CA
- 2003 Epilepsy: Psychosocial Issues (September, 2003)
- 2003 CLE , Mild Head Trauma (October, 2003)
- 2002 The World Trade Center Disaster: Crisis Debriefing and Assistance. *ACFP-Annual Meeting* (April, 2002) San Francisco, CA

- 2001 Special Applications of Forensic Skills in Criminal Cases. *ACFP-Annual Meeting* (April, 2001) Toronto, Canada
- 2000 Establishing Testamentary Capacity. *Hillsborough County Elder Law*
- 2000 Overview of Forensic Psychology: Civil Issues in Forensic Psychology. *ACFE Annual Meeting* (October 26-October 29, 2000) Las Vegas, NV
- 2000 Roles for Forensic and Personnel Psychologists in ADA and Title VII Claims. *ACFP-Annual Meeting* (April 2000) New Port Beach, CA
- 1999 Overview of Forensic Psychology: Civil Issues in Forensic Psychology. *ACFE Annual Meeting* (October 29-November 1, 1999) New York, NY
- 1999 Diplomacy in criminal court testimony: proactive strategies for an expert". 15<sup>th</sup> *Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology* (April 28-May 2) Santa Fe, NM
- 1998 Ethical Challenges in Mental Capacity Evaluations. *6th National Scientific Academy & Retreat*, Naples, FL (October 11-14)
- 1998 Ethical Dilemmas in Right to Die Issues. *14th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology* (April 30-May 3) San Francisco, CA
- 1997 Ethical Challenges in Mental Capacity Evaluations. *5th National Scientific Academy & Retreat* (Dec. 11-13) San Diego, CA
- 1997 Diagnosis and Treatment of Pseudoseizures. *Epilepsy Prevention and Education Coordinators Annual Meeting*. Tampa, FL
- 1997 Future of Death: A Community Response to End of Life Issues: Providers at Risk: *Capacity and Informed Consent. Hospice-Largo, Fl*
- 1997 Mental Capacity in Post-Stroke Clients. *Clearwater Bar Association Elder Law Committee Meeting*, Clearwater, FL
- 1997 Ethically Diagnosing Dementia-Dual Perspectives: Patient Advocacy and Assisting Guardians. *13th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, American College of Forensic Psychology* (April 17-20) Vancouver, BC
- 1994 McClain, V, Hurndon, C., Bustamante, D., & Leazer, J.. Brief Neuropsychological Assessment with Stroke Patients. *Braintree Hospital Rehabilitation Network*, Braintree, MA.

- 1993 McClain, V., Jamison, C., & Hall, H., Quick Determination of Deception Using Forced Choice Methodology. *Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association*, Toronto, CN
- 1992 Ford, J., Greaves, D., McClain, V., Thacker, B., Chandler, P., Sennhauser, S., & Shaw, D. Impact of Operation Desert Storm War Trauma and Readjustment Stressors. Symposium presentation, *International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Convention*, San Diego, CA
- 1992 Ford, J., Shaw, D., Sennhauser, S., Chandler, P., Greaves, D., Thacker, B., & McClain, V. Prevention of PTSD: Outcome Studies with Operation Desert Storm Veterans. Symposium presentation, *Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association*, Washington, D.C.
- 1992 Ford, J., Greaves, D., McClain, V., Shaw, D., Sennhauser, S., Thacker, B., & Chandler, P., M.S. the Portland Operation Desert Storm Family Debriefing Project. Symposium presentation, *Annual Meeting of the Western Psychological Association*, Portland, OR
- 1990 McClain, V., Peake, T.H., Lutz, M., & Philpot, C. Aesthetics, Pragmatics and Insight in Brief Family therapy: What Changes Fast and What Changes Last. *Annual Meeting of the Virginia Psychological Association*, Virginia Beach, VA
- 1990 McClain, V., & Elmore, R.T., Jr. Coping Resources in Vietnam Veterans. *Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association*, Boston, MA
- 1990 McClain, V. & Webbe, F.M. Psychological Readjustment in Bulimics. *Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association*, Boston, MA
- 1990 McClain, V. & Webbe, F.M. Differential Psychopathology in Purging and Non-Purging Bulimics. *Fourth Annual Meeting of the International Conference on Eating Disorders*, New York, NY

**Thesis:** The effects of cognitive-behavioral treatment on psychological readjustment in bulimia nervosa (*cited in position paper for DSM-IV*)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- 1994 Psychological Consultant-Epilepsy Services of W.C. Florida (to present)
- 1990 University Presentations-Eating Disorders
- 1990 Class presentations-Stress Management; Coping Resources for PTSD
- 1989 Program Evaluation for Crisis Services of Brevard, Rockledge, FL

### **AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

International Neuropsychological Society-Full Member  
Outstanding Caregiver Award-1996-Epilepsy Services

Diplomate, Forensic Neuropsychology, 1997, American College of Forensic Examiners  
Diplomate, Forensic Examiner, 1996, American College of Forensic Examiners  
Outstanding Student Award, 1991, Florida Tech  
Sigma Xi, 1990, The National Research Honorary  
Coleman H. Wheeler, Jr., Memorial Summer Fellowship Program in Neurosciences, 1985  
American Psychological Association  
National Academy of Neuropsychology

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- 2007 Florida Psychological Association, When To Report Known or Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect in Florida, (January 28, 2007) (1 CEU)
- 2007 Florida Psychological Association, Integrating the APA Ethics Code with Florida Statutes and Administrative Code Rules for Psychologists, (January 28, 2007) (3 CEU's)
- 2007 Florida Psychological Association, Avoiding Psychological Errors, (February 14, 2007) (1 CEU)
- 2007 Florida Psychological Association, Neuropsychological Assessment of Dementia, (February 4, 2007) (2 CEU's)
- 2007 University of South Florida, Skill Building in Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care (March 29-30, 2007) (12 CEU's)
- 2006 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 22nd Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, San Francisco, CA (March 16-19, 2006) (12 CEU's)
- 2005 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, Newport Beach, CA (April 14-17, 2005) (19 CEU's)
- 2004 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, Newport Beach, CA (April 1-4, 2004) (23 CEU's)
- 2003 Florida Psychological Association: HIPAA Compliance: Modules 1 to 3, Home Study Course (April 6, 2003) (3 CEU's)
- 2003 American Academy of Forensic Psychology: Advanced Forensic Psychology Practice: Issues and Applications, Dallas, TX (March 20-22) (24 CEU's)
- 2002 Florida Psychological Association: The Mind of the Batterer. Home Study Course (August 4, 2002) (1 CEU)
- 2002 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, San Francisco, CA (April 30 - May 1) (14 CEU's)

- 2001 Florida Psychological Association: The Mind of the Batterer. Home Study Course (July 5, 2001) (1 CEU)
- 2001 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, Toronto, CN (April 26-29) (23 CEU's)
- 2001 Life in the Balance 2001: Defending Death Penalty Cases. Albuquerque, NM (March 3-4)
- 2000 The American College of Forensic Examiners, 17th Annual National Academy of Forensic Examiners Symposium, Las Vegas, NV (October 26-29) (7 CEU's)
- 2000 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 16th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, Newport Beach, CA (April 26-April 29) (26 CEU's)
- 1999 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 15th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, Santa Fe, NM (April 28-May 2) (23 CEU's)
- 1999 The Florida Psychological Association, Domestic Violence (1 CEU)
- 1998 The American College of Forensic Examiners, 6th Annual National Academy of Forensic Examiners Symposium, Naples, FL (October 11-14) (15 CEU's)
- 1998 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 14th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, San Francisco, CA (April 30-May 2) (12 CEU's)
- 1998 Florida Network of Victim Witness Services and Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement Community Crisis Response Team Training (NOVA) Daytona Beach, FL (January 5-9)
- 1997 The Florida Psychological Association, Domestic Violence (1 CEU)
- 1997 The American College of Forensic Examiners, 5th Annual National Academy of Forensic Examiners, San Diego, CA (December 11-13)
- 1997 The American College of Forensic Psychology, 13th Annual Symposium in Forensic Psychology, Vancouver, British Columbia (April 17-20) (19 CEU's)
- 1996 The Aging of the Brain, the Aging of the Mind. Morgan, David, Ph.D., Tampa, FL (October 10) (6 CEU's)
- 1996 Sexual Crimes Investigative Course. Hazelwood, Robert R., M.S., Tallahassee, FL (September 10-11) (18 CEU's)
- 1996 Ethical Constraints in Forensic Practice, Shapiro, D., Ph.D., ABPP, ABPP Post Graduate Inst. in Psychology, Portland, OR (June 20-21) (14 CEU's)
- 1996 Criminal Forensic Psychology, Shapiro, D., Ph.D., ABPP, ABPP Post Graduate Inst. in Psychology, Portland, OR (June 17-19) (21 CEU's)

- 1996 "3rd Florida Dual Disorder Conference". U.S. Journal Training, Inc. Orlando, FL (March 13-16) (18 CEU's)
- 1995 Florida Forensic Examiner Training, FMHI. Holiday Inn University Center, Tallahassee, FL (January 20-21) (15 CEU's)
- 1995 Florida Psychological Association, Domestic Violence (1 CEU)
- 1994 Neuropsychology in the Courtroom: The Significance of Symptom Base Rates and Related Issues. Gouvier, W.D., Ph.D. 14th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Orlando, FL (November 5) (3 CEU's)
- 1994 Neuropsychological assessment of Malingering. Price, J.R., Ph.D. 14th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, Orlando, FL (3 CEU's)
- 1994 Stroke Survivors: Rehabilitation and Recovery. Braintree Hospital Rehabilitation Network, Braintree, MA (September 23) (6 CEU's)
- 1993 Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing, Shapiro, F., Ph.D. Honolulu, HI (May 22-23) (3 CEU's)
- 1993 Psychology Licensure Review, Kerner, M. & O'Sullivan, M. San Francisco, CA (March 19-22) 40 CEU's)
- 1992 Attention, Verbal and Non Verbal Memory and Hands on WAIS NI, Kaplan, E., Ph.D., ABPP, (November 6-7)
- 1992 Tricking and Treating: Factitious Disorders in Health Care, Honolulu, HI (October 29)
- 1992 Forensics: Predicting Dangerousness. Webster, C., Ph.D. Lincoln City, OR (April 24) (6.5 CEU's)
- 1991 Family Therapy. Toward a New Partnership: Couple's Work and Men's Work. Napier, A., Ph.D., Orlando, FL (October 27) (6.5 CEU's)
- 1991 The Cognitive Neuropsychology of Dementia. Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, OR (September 27) (6.5 CEU's)
- 1991 Forensics: Current Employment Law Issues. Wake Forest University School of Law, Hilton Head, SC (May 23-24) (12 CEU's)
- 1991 Forensic Neuropsychology. The Clinical and Forensic Assessment of Malingering and Deception. Nova University, FT. Lauderdale, FL (April 26-28) (21 CEU's)