

Resume

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Degrees:

B.A. Brown University, 1962 (Psychology)

M.A. West Virginia University, 1965 (Psychology)

Ph.D. West Virginia University, 1968 (Psychology)

Postdoctoral Training in the Neurosciences Related to Mental Health.(Mental Health Training Program) University of California at Los Angeles, 1968-1970.

Licensure:

Licensed to practice psychology in the State of New Jersey
(By examinations) NJSI00195700

Licensed to practice psychology in the State of West Virginia
(By examinations) #304

Specialized Training:

Postdoctoral Training in the Neurosciences as related to Mental Health (9/68-12/70)

Supervision and Training in Clinical Psychology (4/81-8/84; 5/87-12/95)

Supervision in School and Clinical Psychology (4/81-12/81)

Neurology (Grand Rounds) (9/83-5/84)

Consultation on Halstead-Reitan Clinical Neuropsychological Test Battery (6/82-3/84)

Rehabilitation of the Traumatically Brain Injured

Rational Emotive Therapy (RET)

Cognitive Behavior Therapy

Hypnotherapy and Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP)

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR Level II)

Thought Field Therapy Training (Algorithm and Diagnostic Treatment levels

Training in the Supervision of Clinical Psychology Interns (9/84-6/85)

Certification in Imago Relationship Therapy

Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol & Drug Abuse (by APA)

Somatic Experiencing Practitioner and Training Assistant

Somatic Experiencing Touch and Bodywork Therapy

SensoriMotor Psychotherapy

Internal Family Systems

Brainspotting

Emotional Freedom Techniques

Reiki Training

Breath Body Mind Techniques

Heart Math Biofeedback

Mindfulness Meditation Trainer

Honors and Awards:

National Defense Education Act Fellowship
United States Public Health Service Pre and Postdoctoral Fellowships
University of Nebraska at Omaha, Graduate Faculty
Elected to the Employee Management Advisory Committee at Weston Hospital
Appointed to Membership in the Human Rights Committee at Weston Hospital
Clinical Privileges and Staff Membership in Department of Psychiatry at Monmouth Medical Center
Appointed to the Professional Advisory Board of the Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder Support Group
Appointed to the Advisory Board to the New Jersey Association of Cognitive Behavior Therapists
Accepted as Expert Witness by Superior Court of Ocean County

Memberships (Past and Present):

American Psychological Association, and Division 40, Clinical Neuropsychology
International Neuropsychological Society
National Academy of Neuropsychologists
Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy
New Jersey Psychological Association
Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapists
Association for the Advancement of Psychophysiology & Biofeedback
United States Association of Body Psychotherapy
Somatic Experiencing Trauma Institute
Imago Relationships International

Work Record:

Licensed Psychologist in private practice full time 12/95-present.

Staff Psychologist and Neuropsychologist,, Monmouth Medical Center, Pollak Mental Health Services, 300 Second Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740 (5/87-12/95)

Job responsibilities included:

Providing comprehensive psychological services, including but not limited to, assessment, evaluation, consultation and psychotherapy within a multidisciplinary team to community clients receiving services from or under the auspices of Pollak Mental Health Services for Children and Adults
Conducting, interpreting, and communicating psychological or neuropsychological testing for both inpatients and outpatients, Children and Adults
Providing biofeedback training to clients
Performing initial diagnostic evaluations, Children and Adults
Developing treatment plans consistent with a comprehensive history and examination of psycho-social dynamics.
Formulating treatment plans through integration of: psychopathology observed, psycho-social background, daily functioning, available support systems, level of activities, physical and legal status of client.
Assessing current mental status in an accurate and timely manner
Providing direct psychotherapy treatment services including, but not limited to,

- individual, group, family, and marital on a continuing basis
- Providing the latest treatment modalities and case management services
- Performing emergency and screening duties as scheduled
- Preparing and maintaining records and reports as they relate to client treatment and correspondence
- Performing other functions as assigned
- Supervising of program students and interns as assigned
- Ensuring the confidentiality of all information handled
- Contacting patients and their families, professional hospital staff, community agencies as well as municipal and legal authorities for treatment planning
- Receiving continuing education in clinical psychology (Two hours/month min.)
- Supervision of Psychology Testing Program and Training of Psychology Interns in Testing including School Psychologists
- Clinical Psychology Supervision was provided by Dr.Wayne Goldman weekly

Work Record (Continued):

Chief Psychologist and Coordinator of Emergency Services, Shore Mental Health Center, Lakewood, New Jersey (8/85-4/87) SMHC served all clients, children and adults

Job responsibilities included:

- Supervising outpatient therapists, emergency service counselors, crisis workers, unlicensed psychology staff, and student interns
- Conducting and supervising psychological evaluations including neuropsychological screenings for clients referred by staff of the Center
- Coordinating the emergency services program with all relevant community and state agencies (including private and state psychiatric hospitals)
- Providing consultation and education to all program elements and staff of the Center, community agencies, police, hospital emergency room staff, families, and others
- Screening clients for voluntary and involuntary hospitalization (also supervising staff that are providing these services). Offering in-service training to staff on various topics
- Providing psychotherapy to clients and ongoing crisis counseling
- Developing, coordinating, facilitating and supervising new programs at the Center
- Reviewing and developing new contracts and grants for the Center
- Providing quarterly reports (statistics) on all activities of emergency services department to the Executive director of the Center
- Serving on the quality assurance/utilization review committee, the clinical chief's committee, and the coordinator's committee
- Supervising and providing psychological services to inmates of the Ocean County Jail
- Supervising psychological evaluations for the Division of Youth and Family Services of Ocean County under a contract with Shore Mental Health Center
- Providing psychological employment screenings for the Probation, Correction and Sheriff's Departments of Ocean County
- Writing clinical policy and procedures

Principal Clinical Psychologist, Admissions Unit, Marlboro Psychiatric Hospital, Marlboro, New Jersey (9/84-8/85)

Job responsibilities included:

- Serving as a member of the interdisciplinary treatment team
- Screening admissions to the hospital for appropriateness
- Conducting complete psychological evaluations, including neuropsychological screening, DSM-III diagnoses and treatment recommendations
- Providing individual, group and family psychotherapy
- Serving as a neuropsychological consultant for staff
- Supervising unlicensed clinical psychologists and psychology interns
- Offering new employees group therapy
- Providing in-services and case conferences for staff
- Assisting the Admissions Unit Coordinator in the development of new programs

Work Record (Continued):

Acting Director of Psychology, Psychology Department, Weston (State) Hospital, Weston, West Virginia (6/84-8/84)

Job responsibilities included:

- Supervising a fourteen member psychology department
- Serving on the Hospital's Administrative Council
- Planning, directing, and coordinating hospital-wide psychological programs
- Maintaining a quality assurance program in psychology
- Interviewing and making recommendations for hiring of new staff
- Providing timely evaluations for the promotion of staff
- Coordinating services between Unit Directors and psychology staff on MR/DD, geriatric, forensic, admissions and adult psychiatric units
- Providing monthly progress reports to the Clinical Director
- Chairing departmental meetings
- Coordinating activities of the psychology consultants
- Serving on the Administrative Complaint Committee
- Coordinating the psychology intern program
- Lecturing on the role of psychology to students of other disciplines (nursing and psychiatry)
- Consulting with staff on difficult cases
- Maintaining ethical, professional, and legal standards of the department

Psychologist, Admissions Unit and a Geographic Unit, Weston (State) Hospital of the West Virginia Department of Health (1/82-5/84)

Job responsibilities included:

- Serving as Psychologist on the Admissions Unit and as a member of the interdisciplinary treatment team
- Conducting complete psychological evaluations including neuropsychological assessments, DSM-III diagnoses, and treatment recommendations for new and re-admissions
- Acting as case manager for selected residents
- Providing group and individual psychotherapy

Screening and testing residents from other units of the Hospital that were referred and selected for the Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery
Administering the Ward Self Government Program and writing special programs
Providing consultation services to staff
Supervising psychology graduate students and several psychology assistants
Providing in-services for psychology assistants, medical students, residents and others
Conducting tours of the Admissions Unit for community workers
Evaluating residents on other hospital units and testifying as necessary for civil commitment and other court proceedings
Evaluating residents for social security benefits
Evaluating residents on other hospital units to determine their competence to consent to medications
Evaluating and presenting problem cases at the Hospital's Multiaxial Staffings
Serving on the Employee Management Advisory Committee, The Human Rights Committee and the Peer Review Committee
Supervision and Training in Clinical Psychology was provided throughout on a Weekly basis to complete supervision for licensure in WV

Psychologist, Greenbrier Training Center for Mentally Retarded, Handicapped and Severely Learning Disabled Children and Adults (ages 7-23); Lewisburg, WV, Residential Treatment and Assessment Facility of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Services (4/81-12/81)

Job responsibilities included:

Serving as Clinical and School Psychologist
Providing Psychological and Neuropsychological assessments of residents for diagnosis and treatment planning, and Neuropsychological assessments for all potential new admissions
Consulting with resident teachers on B-MOD programs
Developing, maintaining and acting as chairman of a behavior management team
Training aides to write and carry out their own behavioral modification programs under supervision
Developing and managing a Token Economy System
Assisting in the development of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
Providing counseling to residents, staff and others
Supervising the evening shift and a psychological assistant
Testifying at court hearings for civil commitment
Supervision and Training in Clinical and School Psychology was provided
In partial fulfillment of Externship requirements for Licensure

Farmer, Shepherd, Honey Producer, Honey Bee Queen Breeder (8/76-4/81)

Honey Bee Specialist (Educator and Inspector), West Virginia Department of Agriculture. seasonal employment, 8/80-10/80).

Honey Bee Queen Breeder and Personnel Consultant, Genetic Systems Inc., LaBelle, Florida. (Seasonal employment, 2/80-5/80)

Assistant Professor Psychology, Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Graduate Faculty, (8/73-7/76)

Job responsibilities included:

Teaching courses in psychology including: Physiological Psychology, Animal Behavior, Introductory Psychology and others.
Supervision of Graduate Students Research
Supervised Master's Thesis on the use of temperature biofeedback to Control migraine headaches.
Participating in Psychology Department Meetings and activities including research in Biofeedback for Consciousness Control

Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Nebraska Psychiatric Institute, (1971-1976)

Job responsibilities included:

Managing a developmental neuropsychobiology laboratory
Supervising students in a mental retardation research training program
Conducting research on the development of sleep in kittens, rats and newborn humans using electrophysiological techniques including evoked potentials, electroencephalograms, electromyograms, electro-oculograms and others

Developing techniques for chronic recording of single units (neurons) in actively behaving kittens

Developing, coordinating and chairing weekly seminars in developmental neuropsychobiology

Providing in-service training to psychiatric residents in specialty areas: biofeedback, neuropsychology and sleep (physiology, pathology, pharmacology, neuroanatomy neurochemistry)

Persisting at interdisciplinary grant writing for the department

Some Research:

LoPresti, R.W. and Goodman, I.J., Intracranial induction of sleep in the avian forebrain. Psychophysiology, 1968, 5(2):199

Sterman, M.B., LoPresti, R.W., and Farichild, M.D. "EEG and behavioral studies of monomethylhydrazine toxicity in the cat. (Control of experimentally induced seizures through brain wave conditioning)." Technical Report, AMRI-TR 69-3, USAF. (Discovered the use of biofeedback to control grand mal and subcortical seizures)

LoPresti, R.W., Oswald, G.I., Meier, G.W. and Copenhaver, J.H. Effects of parachlorophenylalanine on the development of sleep in kitten. Sleep Research Vol. 2 (This study demonstrated serotonin's control of sleep)

LoPresti, R.W. and McGinty, D.J. Sleep in the Phalanger: An Australian marsupial. Psychophysiology, 1970, 7(2):304

DeProspero, T., LoPresti, R.W., and Atkinson, T. A Screening system for neuropsychological testing. Poster session paper presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Waahington, D.C., December 1983.

LoPresti, R.W. A Ritual for resolving chronic, habitual and pathological implicit memory and emotional disorders , including grief and trauma. United States Association of Body Psychotherapy Journal, 2011, 10(2): 32-52

Programs and Projects Developed:

- Group Psychotherapy on a Psychiatric Admissions Unit
- Group Therapy for Treatment Team
- Self Government on a Psychiatric Admissions Unit
- Mealtime Management on a Behavioral Problem Ward (Residents were Functionally retarded and assaultive)
- Adjustment to Medications
- Screening system for Neuropsychological Testing
- Human Rights Committee
- Token Economy
- Behavioral Management Team
- Quality Assurance for Emergency Services at a CMHC
- Aggressive Outreach for Emergency Services at a CMHC
- Comprehensive Psychological Testing Service at a CMHC
- Multifamily Therapy Team at a CMHC;

Programs and Projects Developed (Continued)

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Group
- Men's Psychotherapy Group
- Self-Help Group for ADHD Adults and their Significant Others. (1987 to present)
- Cognitive and Behavioral Therapy Group for Clients with Obsessive Compulsive Disorders
- Behavioral Therapy Group for Clients with Panic Disorders
- Psychotherapy Groups for ADD Adults, Women's ADD Therapy Group
- Workshops and Lectures given at Ocean County College and Brookdale Community College on various topics: Love, Marriage, Anger--ADD Style; ADD on the Job; ADD Management; Infidelity; For Couples Only and others.
- Workshops given to local schools and college class to Special Education teachers on learning disabilities.

References: Available on Request.