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## **ACADEMIC TRAINING**

**Adelphi University**, Garden City, New York  
Gordon F. Derner Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies  
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, 1989

*Clinical Internship: **Queens Children's Psychiatric Center**,  
Adolescent Unit, Bellerose Queens, New York (9/87-9/88)*

*Third Year Teaching Assistantship: General Studies Program,  
**University College, Adelphi University***

*Second Year Psychodiagnostic Clerkship: **St. John's Hospital**,  
Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, Smithtown New York*

*First Year Clinical Practicum: **Maryhaven Therapeutic Preschool**,  
Mt. Sinai, New York*

**West Georgia College**, Carrollton, Georgia  
M.A. in Psychology, 1976

*Clinical Practicum: Children's Residential Treatment  
**Hamilton County Welfare Department**, Cincinnati Ohio*

**Xavier University**, Cincinnati, Ohio  
B.S. Magna Cum Laude, In Psychology, 1974  
Magdalena Strobl-Link Senior Psychology Award  
Psi Chi & Alpha Sigma Nu honors societies

## **RESEARCH**

*Dissertation: Sandplay: Window on the Child's Representational World  
Copyright 1988, Adelphi University, Derner Institute*

*Research Award: Kalike Award for Excellence in Dissertation Research  
in Developmental Psychology; Derner Institute, 5/21/89*

*Research Coordinator: **Transition to Independence Process  
Demonstration Site**, Robert Morgan Ed. Center, 1999-2004*

*Research Consultant: **FLDOE Service Learning Grant**, 2004-2007*

*Research Site Coordinator, **NSU Parent Training Study**, 2010*

## **LICENSES**

Florida Psychology License PY#0004292, 6/13/90  
Florida School Psychology Certificate, 6/29/89  
Florida Clinical Educator Training Certificate 11/95  
Florida Qualified Supervisor Training Certificate 6/02  
Florida DOE Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified 4/20/17

## EMPLOYMENT

- 9/18-present      **Director of Training**, Psychology Postdoctoral Training Program, College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University
- 4/12-present      **Associate Professor**, Nova Southeastern University, College of Psychology (School Psychology) & **Consulting and Supervising Psychologist**, NSU University School
- 7/89 to 3/12      **School Psychologist** with Miami-Dade County Public Schools  
*Preschool psycho-diagnostician*, FDLRS-South, 7/89-7/90  
*SED Clinician/Coordinator*, M-DCPS, 7/90-8/04  
*Miami-Dade/Monroe TIP Project Co-Coordinator*, 11/99-8/04  
*School Psychologist*, MacArthur South Senior, 8/04-3/12  
*Sexual Minority Network Representative*, 8/04-8/09
- 10/89 to present      **Clinical Psychologist** in Private Practice; Miami & Miami Lakes, Florida, serving children, adolescents, adults, and families
- 8/08 to 11/08      **Adjunct Professor**, Nova Southeastern University, Fischler School of Education and Human Services; **"Inclusive Education for Exceptional Students"** (online graduate level course)
- 11/08-3/12      **Adjunct Professor**, Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Studies, Specialist in School Psychology program  
**"Organization and Operation of Schools"**  
**"Projective and Objective Assessment of Personality"**
- 9/96 to 8/98      **Adjunct Professor**, Miami Institute of Psychology, Miami, Florida  
**"Play Therapy Seminar"**, introduction to Child Psychotherapy
- 9/97 to 8/98      **Clinical Supervisor**, Goodman Clinic, Miami Institute of Psychology
- 1/89-7/89      **School Psychologist**, Nassau County Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Westbury, New York  
*Clinical responsibilities*: Consultation, psychotherapy, and screening of handicapped high school vocational students  
*Teaching Responsibilities*: Created and taught 15 hour in-service course entitled **"Classroom Management Strategies for the Emotionally Handicapped Student"**
- 9/88-7/89      **Adjunct Professor**, Adelphi University, Garden City, New York  
University College ABLE program; **"Abnormal Personality"**
- 9/88-12/88      **Clinical Psychologist**, Queens Children's Psychiatric Center Mobile Mental Health Team  
*Clinical Responsibilities*: Consultation, psychotherapy, psychological assessment with delinquent adolescents  
*Teaching Responsibilities*: **"Group Therapy"** in-service training

- 9/87-9/88                    **Clinical Psychology Intern**, Queens Children's Psychiatric Center  
*Clinical Responsibilities:* Psychotherapy and psychological assessment with Adolescent unit and Juvenile Offenders Unit
- 6/87-6/89                    **School Psychologist**, New York City Board of Education, District 4  
Committee on Special part-time  
Psychological evaluations for NYC students ages 5 to 19
- 6/85-2/87                    **School Psychologist**, Maryhaven Therapeutic Preschool, Mt. Sinai NY  
Play therapy, family therapy, parent group therapy, classroom consultation, and psychological assessment; part time
- 2/82-8/84                    **Clinical Psychologist**, Rebecca Gratz Center, Philadelphia, PA  
Clinician at female adolescent residential treatment center
- 1/80-1/82                    **Director**, Whitmarsh Youth Program, Conshohocken PA  
Direct service; supervision; liaison; grantsmanship
- 9/79-1/80                    **Counselor**, South Philadelphia Community Center, Crime Prevention Association; counseling adolescents; liaison with juvenile court
- 10/76-8/79                    **Therapist/Coordinator**, Northern Kentucky Comprehensive Care Center, Adolescent Unit, Newport Kentucky  
Clinician/coordinator of partial hospitalization unit; supervision

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- May 2018: **“Transition Challenges and Interventions for At-Risk Youth”**, invited Continuing Education workshop, Youth Services Department, Palm Beach County
- February 2018: Attended National Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference and **co-presented “From the Field to the Ivory Tower; Mid-life Career Changes”**
- November 2017: Attended Florida Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference; **participated in presentations on Breaking Bad News, Potential Protective Effects of Gaming, and Legislative Advocacy**
- October 2017: **Organized NSU/Dade Association of School Psychologists collaboration for full day workshop on Ethics, Domestic Violence, and Medical Errors presented by Dr. Gene Cash at NSU Miami Campus**
- September 2017: **Presented on Mindful Choosing (with emphasis on drugs and alcohol)** by invitation to 200 10<sup>th</sup> grade NSU University School students, with NSU practicum students and postdoctoral resident
- August 2017: **Presented on Self-Care, Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment, and Motivational Interviewing/Solution-Focused Therapy in the Schools** by invitation to 80 Palm Beach School District school psychologists with NSU interns and postdoctoral resident.

- June 2017: **Presented on Advocating For and Protecting The Best Interest of Children With Special Needs in Family and Dependency Law Cases** by invitation to “Lunch and Learn” Discussion Series hosted by Miami-Dade Family Court Services
- April 2017: **Presented on the Psychology of Mysticism** by invitation to Dr. Quintar's Psychodynamic Track Inservice seminar at NSU
- March 2017: **Co-facilitated with Dr. Gene Cash annual 3 day “Public Policy Advocacy” training in Tallahassee**
- January 2017: **Presented on Non-Suicidal Self Injury** at joint M-DCPS/Dade Association of School Psychologists/NSU professional development event at Barry University attended by 100 school and clinical psychologists “Crisis Management Strategies for School Psychologists” with NSU postdoctoral resident
- December 2016: **Presented on “Counseling Transgender Students and their Families”** at DASP/NSU professional development event with NSU graduate candidate
- October 2016: Attended Florida Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference; **participated in presentations on Transgender Issues, Transition Issues, and Legislative Advocacy**
- October 2016: **Presented “Preventing Violence in Schools”** to the Colombian students of Universidad de la Sabana at NSU
- September 2016: In collaboration with Dr. Sarah Valley-Gray, Dr. Barbara Garcia-Lavin and the Palm Beach School District, **established the first APA-approved Internship in a Florida Public School District**
- March 2016: **Co-facilitated with Dr. Gene Cash annual 3 day “Public Policy Advocacy” training in Tallahassee** with 15 graduate students
- October 2015: Attended Florida Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference; **participated in presentation on Mindfulness and Eating Disorders**
- February 2015: Attended Trainers of School Psychologists Annual Conference and **co-presented “From the Field to the Ivory Tower”**
- February 2015: Attended National Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference and **co-presented poster on “Belonging and Achievement Among Culturally Diverse Students”**
- October 2014: Attended Florida Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference; **participated in presentations on Mindfulness and Stress Management and Legislative Update**
- March 2014: **Co-facilitated with Dr. Gene Cash annual 3 day “Public Policy Advocacy” training in Tallahassee**
- January 2014: Brief Solution-Focused Counseling in Schools; **Organized and attended 3 full-day workshops in collaboration with NSU and Miami-Dade County Public Schools**
- October 2013: Attended Florida Association of School Psychologists’ Annual Conference; **participated in presentations on Psychological Assessment as Therapeutic Intervention, Projective Assessment: Is it worth the trouble, and Legislative Update**
- March 2013: **Co-facilitated with Dr. Gene Cash annual 3 day “Public Policy Advocacy” training in Tallahassee**

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- October 2012: Attended Florida Association of School Psychologists' Annual Conference; **participated in presentations on Projective Techniques: Why bother? And Advocacy in School Psychology**
- May 2012: Attended Linking Forces XVII Conference on Children's Mental Health and **served as program committee member**
- March 2012: **Co-facilitated with Dr. Gene Cash annual 3 day "Public Policy Advocacy" training in Tallahassee**
- October 2011: **Organized and Moderated "Student Advocacy and Family Support: An Interdisciplinary Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists
- March 2011: **Organized and Moderated "Psychological Intervention Summit: An Interdisciplinary Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists
- September 2010: **Presented "Bullying Prevention and Critical Incident Response" for MacArthur South School Faculty and Administration**
- April 2010: Attended Linking Forces XVI Conference on Children's Mental Health and **served as program committee member**
- September 2009: **Organized and Moderated "Fostering Resilient Children and Families in Trying Times: An Interdisciplinary Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists
- November 2008: **Organized and Moderated "Current Topics in School Mental Health: An Interdisciplinary Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists in collaboration with Nova Southeastern University, North Miami Beach Campus
- October 2008: **Presented "Understanding Psycho-Educational Evaluations"** by invitation, Florida International University School of Law
- May 2008: Attended Linking Forces XV Conference on Children's Mental Health and **served as program committee member**
- March 2007: **Organized and Moderated "Current Topics in School Mental Health: An Interdisciplinary Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists
- November 2003: **Organized and Moderated "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Anxiety in Children and Adolescents Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists
- November 2001: **Organized and Moderated "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Diagnosis and Treatment Of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Symposium"** for Miami-Dade County Public Schools school and clinical psychologists

## **SUPERVISION**

For 23 years, in private practice and through Miami-Dade County Public Schools, I supervised graduate-level practicum and internship students in Clinical Psychology, School Psychology, Mental Health Counseling, Counseling Psychology, and Clinical Social Work. Since August of 2012, I have supervised doctoral students in School and Clinical Psychology for their practicum placements at NSU University School, ChildNet, and the NSU SPACI clinic, as well as post-doctoral residents in Clinical Psychology.

## **GRANT AWARDS**

Authored Project10 Transition Educational Grant:  
**TIGER Project (Transition to Independence via Guided Entrepreneurial ExpeRience) Award: \$2,000** March 2010  
Young Men's Academy at Macarthur South, M-DCPS

**Co-authored "WITHIT"** (Workforce Integration Through Highly Individualized Transition services), a grant designed to provide enhanced transition services to M-DCPS youth with serious emotional disturbance. **Award: \$146,000**, 7/1/04, from the Alliance for Human Services of Miami-Dade County

**Authored annual TIP Mini-grant** applications to the USF-based TIP (Transition to Independence Process) Project 1998-2004: **Total Award: \$22,000**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Caproni, P.M. & Stormer, J. (2015) Technical Assistance Brief (NASP website) on "Guidelines for School Psychology Graduate Programs in the Provision of Continuing Professional Development"

Karpur, A., Clark, H. B., Caproni, P., & Sterner, H. (2005). Transition to Adult Roles for Students With Emotional/Behavioral Disturbances A Follow-Up Study of Student Exiters From Steps-to-Success. *Career Development for Exceptional Individuals*, 28(1), 36-46.

Karpur, A., Caproni, P., Sterner, H., Whitfield, D., Clark, H.B. (2003). Transition to adult roles for students with EBD: A follow-up study of student exiters from a transition program - [extranet.dhss.alaska.gov](http://extranet.dhss.alaska.gov)

Clark, H. B., Belkin, M. T., Obradovich, L. D., Casey, R. E., Gagnon, R. Caproni, P., & Deschenes, N. (2002). Transition from school to community: Navigating rough waters, in KL Lane, FM Gresham, TE O'Shaughnessy - 2002 - *Interventions for children with or at risk for emotional and behavioral disorders*, 299-316

Caproni, P. M. (1988). *Sandplay-Window on the Representational World: A Projective Adaptation of Lowenfeld's World Technique* (Doctoral dissertation, Adelphi University).

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, ADVOCACY, & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**National Association of School Psychologists, Member**

**Florida Association of School Psychologists, Member**

**Dade Association of School Psychologists, Member**

- Past President, 2001-2002
- Executive Board Member, 1990-2015
- Chair, Professional Development Committee, 2001-2015
- Member, Legislative Committee and Professional Development Committee, 1999-present

**September 2018: Youth Mental Health Panel member, Summit on Mental Health, Pembroke Pines FL**

**August 2018: "Recognizing Trauma and Fostering Resilience", invited presentation for Cutler Bay Middle School Staff Orientation, Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

**Coordinated and participated in the February 2018 NSU team response to the Parkland school shooting crisis at Westglades Middle School**

**Assisted in the College of Psychology graduate student debriefing**

**Assisted in March 2018 NSU Parkland Strong NSU Support and Debriefing Session for residence hall staff and residents**

**Assisted in 4/22/18 MSD Staff Debriefing sponsored by MSD Alumni**

**February 2018: "Transgender Student Safety" webinar (youtube.com)**

**Invited Speaker, NSU University School UFO (University Families Organization) December 2017 meeting: "Raising Resilient Kids: Solving the Parent Paradox" (youtube.com)**

**Participated in Coalition for the Education of Exceptional Students (CEES) Legislative & Public Policy Advocacy Training; 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, Tallahassee, Florida**

**Invited Speaker, NSU University School UFO (University Families Organization) October 2015 meeting:**

*"How to Raise Your Child in Today's Entitled World."*

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**Presentation: “Meeting the Challenges of Middle School!”** 8/14 Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School, Miami Lakes, Florida

**Presentation: “Bullying Awareness”** 9/13/13 with Dr. Vivian Perez-Caproni, to 175 Parents and Teachers, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School, Miami Lakes, FL

**Organized and Participated in DASP Pro-Bono Counseling Program** in collaboration with the Haitian-American Organization of Women, Homestead Florida (HOW) to aid victims of the Haitian earthquake (January-June 2010)

**School Consultative Board Member**, 2009-2015  
Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School

**Co-authored DASP Position Statement** regarding Florida State Board of Education Rule 6A-6.03018, “Exceptional Education Eligibility for Students with Specific Learning Disabilities” (October 2008)

**Co-authored DASP Position Statements and Advocacy Strategy** regarding Miami-Dade County Public Schools decision to terminate 41 School Psychologists. All positions were restored. (May, 2008)