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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
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*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

- 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

- February 2018: **“Transgender Student Safety” webinar (youtube.com)**
- 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 10th 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**
- 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

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

Assisted in the February 2018 NSU team response to the Parkland school shooting crisis at Westglades Middle School, the College of Psychology graduate student debriefing, and the March 2018 NSU Parkland Strong NSU Support and Debriefing Session for residence hall staff and residents

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, Tallahassee, Florida

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

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

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 DASP Pro-Bono Counseling Program in collaboration with the Haitian-American Organization of Women (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)