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ADMINISTRATOR, PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR, PROJECT LEADER

Creative problem solver and out of the box thinker who turns research into action and ideas into realities. Extensive clinical and consulting experience, psychology and social work educator, and preventive intervention developer, implementer, and evaluator for community agencies, schools, and courts. Programs have been tested and implemented in various languages, diverse communities, and across countries with the aim of strengthening families and communities.

KEY COMPETENCIES

Clinical and Education Practice Areas

Child Development
Separation and Divorce
Family Mental Health
Parenting/Co-parenting
Group Dynamics
Family Intervention

Skills

Board Member/Leader
Group Facilitation
Staff Supervisor
Critical Thinking
Writing and Editing
Program Initiatives, Oversight and Evaluation

HIGHLIGHTS

- 51+ grants obtained for research and program implementation
- Private practice focused on young adults, couples, and parenting
- 166+ scholarly publications and curricula, in top journals such as Child Development, Journal of Marriage and Family, Family Process, and Journal of Family Studies
- Created [Supporting Father Involvement / Parents as Partners](#) evidence-based co-parenting intervention
 - \$708k grants awarded over first 8 years
 - 32-hour group program evidence-based for >1,000 Black, Hispanic, and White families
 - Implemented across communities in the US, UK, Canada, Malta, Israel, Portugal
 - Reduces risk factors for child abuse and increases protective factors with outcomes for parents, couples, and children, also increases organizational father friendliness and maintains it over time
 - Launched nationally and globally through [Brazelton Touchpoints Center](#)
- Program creator, trainer, supervised Denver-based Center for Out-of-Court Divorce; Consulting developer / evaluator for Massachusetts Hampshire County Family Resolutions Specialty Court – helping families separate in non-adversarial, cooperative structures and minimize cost and distress.
- 14 years administrative experience as a Director at a Yale University / State / Not-for Profit partnership
 - Lead programming development, staff (employees and contractors), professional training, budgets (several million-dollar budget), and program growth / sustainability
- 20 years experience as Director, Chair, and Associate Dean at Smith College (School for Social Work)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Smith College, Northampton, MA

2006 – Present

Led faculty services for 14 team members including staff recruitment, management, and student oversight for learning, advancement, and problem resolution

- Maconda Brown O'Connor Professor, Smith College of Social Work
 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Research, Clinical Research Institute, Jandon Center for Community Engagement, Human Subjects Review, Admissions, Doctoral Program, Personnel Practices, Curriculum, Reaccreditation
- Adjunct Professor, Dept of Psychology, Smith College

- Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Smith College School for Social Work
 - Responsible for faculty services, staff recruitment and supervision, student oversight for learning, advancement, and problem resolution

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Research fellow

2007 – 2010

- Visiting Scholar, Center for Research on Families

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Yale University, New Haven, CT

1990 – 2006

Led program development, staff / professional training, budgets, growth, and sustainability

- Research Associate – Law and Psychiatry Division
- Faculty – The Consultation Center, Connecticut Mental Health Center

Clinical and Consulting Private Practice

1991 – Present

- Work with couples and individuals focused on parenting / coparenting
- Parent Coordinator, Case Management, Parent Coach, Coparent Consultation in family law legal matters
- Summarize and interpret research and serve as fact expert witness for attorneys
- Consult with organizations and task forces on group dynamics in the organization, best practice guidelines, and translational research for use in clinical or community practices
- Ensure research accessibility through curricular and continuing education training programs across disciplines
- Global speaker, providing training to mental health and legal professional; disseminate work through media presentations and guest interviews across electronic and print mediums

EDUCATION

- **Masters in Study of Law – Yale Law School, New Haven, CT**
- **Ph.D – Clinical / Community Psychology, University of CA, Berkeley, CA**
- **Master of Science – Psychological Services in Education, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**
- **Bachelor of Arts – Social Psychology of Education, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

LICENSES / BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

- **Psychologist, License # 9478, State of Massachusetts**
- **Psychologist, License # 027428-01, State of New York**
- **American Board of Couple and Family Psychology, Certification # 83362**

KEY HONORS / RECOGNITION

- **UN/Unicef Lyrics/song selected as emblem for International Early Childhood Peace Consortium**
- **UN Panelist/Speaker** Future of Work, Future of Justice: Strengthening Legal Pathways for Women's Economic Empowerment, Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70).
- **Meyer Elkin Award: Article of the Year, Family Court Review**

- **Parenting National Strategic Policy, Malta, Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity:** Inclusion of SFI program for recognition
- **American Psychological Fellow (Div 43: Society for Couple and Family Psychology)**
- **American Academy of Couple and Family Psychology** – Elected Board Member, Executive Board Secretary (2023)
- **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts**
 - John Van Duzer award for service and leadership
 - President, Board of Directors
 - Stanley Cohen Distinguished Research Award
- **Children and Young People Now** – U.K. national award for “Best Family Support Intervention” (UK version of Supporting Father Involvement (SFI))
- **Enlace de familias / Holyoke Family Network** – Nurturing Fathers Alliance Award
- **National Family Council of Family Relations** – Men-in-Families Best Research Article Award
- **Foundation for Better Living, Telly Award** – “Understanding Divorce” -best DVD in instructional/self-help category
- **Connecticut Coordination Council for Children in Crisis** – Thomas A. Manford Humanitarian Award
- **American Psychological Association** – Children, Youth, and Family Committee
- **State of Connecticut** – Fatherhood Initiative Community Recognition Award

WORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIPS / CONSULTING / GRANT REVIEW

- **Leadership**

- **The Consultation Center of Yale University** – Director of Child and Adolescent Programs
- **Smith College** – Chair of research, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
- **Smith College**
 - Jandon Center for Community Collaboration - Advisory Committee / Faculty Co-Director of Community Engagement and Social Change concentration
 - JED Working Group on Well-Being; Working Group on Holistic Assessment of Teaching
- **Clinical Research Institute (CRI)** – Director
- **Western MA Jewish Family Services** - Development Committee
- **Mishkan Israel (CT) and Beit Ahavah (MA) synagogues** – Board of Directors
- **Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System**, Honoring Families Initiative, Advisory Committee, University of Denver, CO

- **Grant Review Experience**

- Capital Area Substance Abuse Council
- U.S. Department of Education
- Smith College School for Social Work
 - Clinical Research Institute
 - Institutional Review Board (Director)

- **Consultation / Program Development / Organizational Development**

- Consulting on Separation and Divorce; ParentLab; Palo Alto, CA
- Westchester County, NY; Decision Making Program (~100 schools)
- Deschutes County Circuit Court, Informal Domestic Relations Trial Pilot Program Evaluation
- Norlien (Palix) Foundation
- Sesame Workshop, Health Initiative
- Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, Honoring Families Initiative
- Henry A. Luce Foundation, Youth at Risk Division
- Sidwell Friends Middle School; Washington, DC

- **Journal Reviewer**

- American Journal of Community psychology
- Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science
- International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health
- Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law
- Journal of Child and Family Studies
- Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation
- Journal of Family Psychology
- Psychological Reports

- **Dissemination of Research, Research Translation, Policy Initiatives**

- Scholarly articles
- Books
- Curricula
- Presentations: local, national, international
- Media experience: television, radio, newspapers and magazines, cable, youtube

