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CREDENTIALS

M.A. Counseling Psychology, 1973. California State University, Chico
B.A. Psychology, 1970. California State University, Chico
Marriage and Family Therapist - California License LMFT7778
Shared Parenting Support Program - Certified Therapist
Child Custody Recommending Counselor
Child Custody Evaluator (Family Code §3110/3111)
Special Master/Parenting Coordinator
2022 Charles Kobayashi Award for Significant Contributions in Family Law

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy - Clinical Fellow
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
American Psychological Association
Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and Evaluators (Past Chair)
Sacramento County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forensic Family Services. 2003 – Present

Over the course of my practice, I have been increasingly influenced by the family systems theory of Murray Bowen. Like Bowen, I think the primary source of our human emotional experience is the family. This view of the family's role in our lives has led me to focus on the effects of divorce on children and the complex issues of child custody disputes. Since 2003 my practice has been primarily devoted to court-involved therapy, mediation, evaluation, and consultation.

Private Practice of Psychotherapy. 1976 – Present

My counseling and psychotherapy practice has always been oriented toward the family. My training was influenced early on in clinical practice by the family systems approaches of the Palo Alto Mental Research Institute and the Bowen Center for the Study of the Family. My practice also includes evidence-based approaches such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Control Mastery Theory.

Mental Health Director. County of Nevada, California. 1977 – 1980.

This position oversaw the development, direction, and management of the Nevada County mental health system under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. The system provided a range of care, including outpatient services, crisis intervention, acute inpatient service, community placement, and long-term care in locked facilities.

Chief of Clinical Services. County of Nevada, California Mental Health Department. 1974 – 1977.

I was responsible for planning, coordinating, supervising, and delivering outpatient

clinical services under the County Mental Health Director's direction. This included recruiting, training, and supervising all clinical staff, in addition to providing outpatient services.

Psychological Assistant. County of Nevada, California Mental Health Department. 1975 – 1980.

This certification, through the Board of Psychology, permitted the administration, scoring, and interpretation of various psychological tests in a mental health clinic setting under the supervision of a board-certified psychiatrist.

Drug and Alcohol Coordinator. County of Nevada, California Mental Health Department. 1973 – 1977.

This position involved planning, administering, and providing drug and alcohol prevention programs for youth in schools, collaborating with the criminal justice system to provide treatment for substance abusers, providing outpatient groups and day treatment services for individuals with dual diagnoses, offering counseling services for all age groups, and providing information, education, and referral services to community resources in coordination with the County Mental Health Director and Substance Abuse Advisory Board.

Academic Appointments - Adjunct Faculty 1973 - 1990

Los Rios Community College Small Business Development Center, Sacramento, CA
Introduction to Management (Business and Industrial Management)

College of the Sequoias, Visalia, CA (Psychology)
The Language of Dreaming

California State Department of Education
Consultant for high school teacher and counselor training

Sierra College, Rocklin, CA (Counseling and Guidance)
Substance Abuse
Counseling Substance Abusers
Advanced Techniques in Counseling Substance Abusers

Yuba College, Yuba City, CA (Psychology)
Psychology of Adjustment

California State University, Chico (Psychology)
Psychology of Personality

RECENT CONTINUING EDUCATION (Partial Listing)

1/2023 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Allison Kephart, Dir. of Legal Services, WEAVE, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2022 The Fundamentals of Parenting Coordination – 16 CE hours. Robin Deutsch PhD, Matthew Sullivan PhD, Debra Carter PhD, Shely Polak PhD. Sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Approved by the American

psychological Association and the National Association of Social Workers.

10/2022 Using New Information to Rethink Established Ideas: Helping Children in Chronically Conflicted Families – 8 CE hours. Andrea Palash, JD, CFLS, AAML Fellow, Susan Rempel, PhD, Michael Jonsson, JD, CFLS, Hon Myrlis Stockdale Coleman, Jack Love, LMFT. Cosponsored by The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter, Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP, The Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, the California Lawyers Association, Family Law Section. Approved by the Judicial Council of California as corresponding to subject areas specified in California Rules of Court, rule 5.210 and 5.225.

1/2022 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Allison Kephart, Dir. of Legal Services, WEAVE, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2021 Suicide Assessment and Prevention - 6 CE hours. Julie West and Kathleen Gates PhD. Vista Continuing Education (approved By the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists).

10/2021 Joint Bowen Family Theory Live Zoom Conference – “Systems Biology Meets Bowen Family Theory” and “Attachment Theory and Bowen Theory: What Difference Do the Differences Make?” – 6.5 CE hours. Michael Kerr MD and Kathleen Kerr MSN MS CNS. Southern California Education and Training in Bowen Family Theory, CPA OPD provider code: SOU042.

10/2021 I Dare You to Parent Me: From Problem to Solution in Refuse/Resist Cases – 8 CE hours. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter (AFCC-CA), Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP, The Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS), the California Lawyers Association, Family Law Section. AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists.

3/2021 Dancing with the Risks – 6 CE hours Law and Ethics. A. Steven Frankel, PhD, JD, ABPP, The Steve Frankel Group, LLC (SFG)

1/2021 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Allison Kephart, Dir. of Legal Services, WEAVE, Inc. (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

12/2020 Shared Parenting Research 2020 webinar – 1 CE hour. Marsha Kline Pruett PhD. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

11/2020 Providing Effective Testimony for Mental Health Professionals webinar – 1 CE hour. Mike Kretzmer, JD, CFLS, AAML. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

6/2020 Approaching Child Custody Evaluation – Old and New Considerations after Winternitz and Sanchez – 2 CE hours. Philip M Stahl PhD, ABPP. The Steve Frankel Group LLC (SFG).

6/2020 Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems – 6 CE hours. Matthew Sullivan PhD, the Hon. Marjorie Slabach (ret.), Sherrol Cassedy JD. The Steve Frankel Group, LLC (SFG).

1/2020 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Steven Banks LMFT (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

9/2019 Trauma Informed Child Custody Practice – 8 CE hours. Developmental, emotional, and behavioral impacts of early exposure to parental conflict and neglect on children. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – California Chapter (AFCC-CA), Association of Certified Family Law Specialists (ACFLS), and Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP.

5/2019 Evaluation of Sexual Abuse and Parent-Child Contact Problems – 7 CE hours. Leslie Drozd PhD. AFCC-CA (CPA OPD Provider Code AFC017). Sacramento, CA.

5/2019 Clinical Assessment of the Family System: Emerging Models – 6 CE hours. Dan Papero PhD, Laura Havstad PhD, Kathy Sheffield LMFT, Patrick Stinson PhD, Mercy Burton Russell MSW. Programs in Bowen Theory, CPA OPD provider code: PRO 019, Santa Rosa, CA.

4/2019 Introduction to EMDR Therapy – 2 CE hours. Kim Johnson LCSW. Sacramento Valley Chapter California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Provider #62279.

1/2019 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Steven Banks LMFT, Larry Nicholas PhD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)). Sponsored by: Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

9/2018 High Conflict Families: Early Identification and Intervention Options – 8 CE hours. Matthew Sullivan PhD, Robin M Deutsch PhD, Comm. Marjorie Slabach, Ret. Sponsored by: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – California, and Bartholomew & Wasznicky LLP.

6/2018 Evaluating Substance Abuse webinar – 1 CE hour. Harry Somers. The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).

2/2018 AFCC California Chapter Annual Conference; Evolution and Innovation – The Art and Science of Solutions for Families in Conflict. 11 CE hours. San Francisco California.

2/2018 Ethics for Counselors by Alice Yick Flanagan PhD MSW. 6 CE hours (Law and Ethics) NetCE Continuing Education.

1/2018 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Claudia Dias JD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.215(j)(2) and 5.230 (d)(1)(A) and (d)(2)) Presented by the Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and Evaluators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

9/2017 Current Critical Issues in Family Law - 8 CE hours. Addressing the Family Law Needs of LGBTQ Clients, Marijuana's Impact on Parenting, and Child's Preference or Child's Voice. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, California Chapter (AFCC-CA) and Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP. AFCC-CA is approved by the California Psychological Association, Office of Professional Development to sponsor continuing professional education for psychologists. The California BBS recognizes CPA continuing education credit for license renewal for LCSW's and LMFT's.

4/2017 Visitation Resistance – 1 CE hour. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts webinar. AFCC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists.

1/2017 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Claudia Dias JD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.230) Presented by the Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and Evaluators and approved by the Judicial Council of California.

10/2016 Current Topics in Child Custody Cases – 8 CE hours. Sacramento County Bar Association – Family Law Section, Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP, provider number 2844.

2/2016 A New Model for Out-Of-Court Separation and Divorce Problem Resolution; The High Conflict Coparent Counseling Project; Stepping up Our Understanding of Parenting Plan Modifications; Research Informed Services for Midrange Conflicted Families; Special Needs Children in Family Court: Addressing Controversies in the Midst of Conflict; Strategic Tips for Child Custody Evaluators and Those Examining Their Work Product at Depositions and Trial. 11 CE hours. AFCC-CA Chapter Annual Conference, San Francisco California.

1/2016 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Claudia Dias JD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.230) Presented by the Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and Evaluators and approved by the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

9/2015 Multidisciplinary Seminar regarding Contested Child Custody Issues – 8 CE hours. Prof. John Myers, et al. McGeorge School of Law. Sponsored by Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP, and the Family Law section of the Sacramento County Bar Association.

4/2015 Hypnosis: Part of a Nutritious Therapeutic Diet – 2 CE hours. Jay Tinsman MFT/Bill Burg MFT, AAMFT California Sacramento District (PCE #91), Sacramento, CA.

1/2015 Law and Ethics 2015 Update – 6 CE hours. Benjamin Caldwell PsyD, AAMFT – California Sacramento District (PCE #91), Sacramento, CA.

1/2015 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Claudia Dias JD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.230) Presented by the Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

10/2014 Healthy Family Systems in Family Law – 8 CE hours. Matthew Sullivan PhD, Steven Friedlander PhD, Bill Eddy LCSW, ESQ. Bartholomew and Wasznicky LLP (PCE #2844), Sacramento California.

2/2014 Split: Children Speak about Divorce, Parenting Plans for Very Young Children, LGTB Families, Intervention with Children Who Resist/Refuse Post-Separation Contact, Complex Collaborative Family Law Cases – 11 CE hours. AFCC-CA Chapter Annual Conference, San Francisco California.

1/2014 Domestic Violence Update Training – 4 CE hours. Claudia Dias JD, (Domestic violence update training CRC 5.230) Presented by the Sacramento Valley Child Custody Mediators and approved by the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts.

10/2011 – 6/2012 Consultation and Training Seminar in Bowen Family Systems Theory – 48 CE hours. Laura Havstad, PhD, Programs in Bowen Theory, Sebastopol, CA.