

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Degrees:

A.B. - Oberlin College, 1965

M.A. - New York University, 1967,
Educational Psychology

Ph.D. - New York University, 1972,
Educational Psychology (educational research)

Postdoctoral courses - Michigan State University, Clinical Psychology

Internship: VA Medical Center, Iowa City, Iowa 1982-1983

Current Appointments:

Private Practice, Wilmette, IL

January, 2001-October, 2003, Chicago, IL; October, 2003-present

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Evanston Hospital

Medical staff, 1999-present

Department of Psychiatry, Northwestern University Medical School

Associate Professor, June 1, 1999-present

Cavanaugh and Associates, Chicago, Illinois

Consultant, 1989-1991, 1999-2000; Associate, 1991-1998, 2001-present

Isaac Ray Forensic Group, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

Consultant, 2002-present

Michigan Avenue Neuropsychologists, Chicago, Illinois

Consultant, 2005-present

Experience:

College of Nursing, Rush University, Chicago, IL

Co-investigator, NINR Grant: Measuring Behavior Problems in Young Children of Color (CAPRS- Child and Parent Resources Survey), October 2002-January 2006

Department of Psychiatry, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Medical Group

Pediatric Neuropsychologist, (Jerry J. Sweet, chief neuropsychology) 1999-2000

American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Member, Ethics Committee, 1999-2001, ECTF 2000-2001

Riverside Publishing, Itasca, Illinois

Member, Clinical Advisory Board, Stanford Binet Intelligence Scale, 5th Edition
1998-2001

Section of Child Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois (Elva Poznanski, chief) 1988-1998

Child Psychologist, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and of Psychology and Social Sciences

Educational Development Center, Inc., Newton, MA February-April, 1997

Consultant, Interim Evaluation of Trauma and Humanitarian Assistance Program in the Former Yugoslavia, HPRT & USAID

Commission of Experts, United Nations Commission on War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia, Spring 1994

Consultant

H.E.L.P. (Human Effective Living Programs, Inc), Chicago, Illinois, 1992-1994

Consultant

Rainbow House, Battered Women's Shelter, Chicago, Illinois, 1988-89

Consultant, Children's Programs

Child Development Clinic, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (Dennis Harper, supervisor) 1983-1987

Clinical Psychologist, member of multidisciplinary team to evaluate learning disabled, abused and metabolically disabled children

Psychology Service, VA Medical Center, Iowa City, Iowa, 1985-1987

Consultant

Psychology Service, VA Medical Center, Iowa City (Nils R. Varney, supervisor) 1982-1983

Project Director, Validation of non-verbal aphasia tests in populations of normal and special children

Brain and Behavior Research Unit, Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel, 1979-1981 (Amiram Carmon, director)

Research Associate, Dyslexia Research Project

Department of Family Medicine, Tel Aviv University, 1977-1980 (Max Pollack, director)

Visiting Associate Professor, Coordinator of Pre-Clinical Behavioral Science Education

Child Development Center, Kibbutz Child and Family Clinic, Tel Aviv, Israel, 1975-1981 (Mordecai Kaffman, director)

Developmental psychologist (staff), 1975-1979; Coordinator of Child Development Center, 1979-1981.

Rehabilitation Division, Israel Ministry of Defense, 1975-1976 (Yehuda Ben-Yishay, director)

Research Associate, Project to rehabilitate brain-injured soldiers

Aba Khoushy Medical School, The Technion, Haifa, Israel 1975-1977

Visiting Associate Professor

Office of Medical Education Research and Development, Michigan State University, 1971-1975 (Arthur Elstein, director)

Assistant Professor, 1971-1974; Associate Professor, Coordinator of programs for Human Development, 1974-1975; on leave 1975-1977.

Department of Social Sciences, Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, 1970-1971

Assistant Professor of Psychology

Conceptually Oriented Program in Elementary School Science, New York University, 1969-1970

Evaluation Coordinator

Department of Psychology, Manhattan College, Summer, 1969

Instructor

School of Education, Harvard University, 1969 (Courtney B. Cazden, director)

Consultant--a survey and analysis of language intervention programs for pre-school children

Department of Teacher Education, Wheelock College, 1968-1969

Instructor

Project to Advance Creativity in Education, NYC Board of Education, 1968

Consultant, Umbrella #3, Component 14, development of a pilot parent-child pre-school learning project

Research Center, Yeshiva University, 1967-1968 (Edmund W. Gordon, director)

Researcher-developing a technique for classroom observation of Head Start Classes

Department of Educational Psychology, New York University, 1967-1971

Teaching Assistant--measurement and evaluation, research design and methodology, psychometric methods, social psychology

Institute for Developmental Studies, New York University, 1964-1968 (Martin Deutsch, director)

Assistant Teacher, Research Assistant, Assistant Research Scientist, Consultant to NICCHD grant: Child Rearing and Cognitive Styles of Lower Class Negro Children

Licenses/Certifications:

Iowa State Board of Psychology Examiners #431
Health Service Provider Certification #HSP-92 (Iowa)
Israel Ministry of Health, #635
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National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology

Memberships:

American Orthopsychiatric Association
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
American Psychological Association (12,35,40)
Illinois Psychological Association
International Neuropsychological Society
International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
Midwest Neuropsychology Group
National Academy of Neuropsychology
Society of the Sigma Xi

Awards:

Social Science Research Council Training Grant for workshop "Language, Society and the Child". University of California, Berkeley, Summer, 1968
B.R. Ackerman Award - Special Contribution to Educational Research, New York University, 1971
Visiting Professor, Israeli Center for Psychobiology and Department of Medical Education, Hadassah University Medical Center, 1972
Robert Chin Award- Distinguished Contribution to Social Issues, SPPSI, Division 9, American Psychological Association, 1995

Publications:

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