

Curriculum Vitae

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Clinical Psychologist

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Academic History:

- 1980 The University of South Dakota
Vermillion, South Dakota
Doctorate: Clinical Psychology (child and adult)
- 1976 California State University at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California
Master of Arts: Clinical Psychology
- 1966 Connecticut College for Women
New London, Connecticut
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science

Clinical Experience:

2019 – present Clinical Director, Overcoming Barriers, Inc. (501 c 3)

2014 – present Private Practice, Bradenton, FL 34208

Treatment of Adults, Children and Families in high conflict separation and divorce
Specialty: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect, Parent Child Contact Problems,
Resist and Refuse Dynamics in Families; Substance Abuse Consultation, Mediation,
Parenting Coordination, Reunification Therapy with Families

2016 – present Women's Resource Center, Bradenton, Florida

Volunteer therapist working with complex family issues and trauma

2007– Co-Founder, Overcoming Barriers, Inc., an intensive program to help children who are at risk for the loss of a relationship with one parent learn tools and skills to reintegrate into the new family system

2001 – 2014 Private Practice, 10 Union Street, Natick, MA 01760
Treatment of Adults, Children and Families in high conflict separation and divorce
Specialty: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect, Parental alienation, Substance Abuse

2000 - 2014 Co-Parenting Assessment Center, Natick MA 01760
Co-Director and Founder. An intensive, specialty clinic with a team approach to systems assessment, recommendations, and interventions for families (parents, grandparents, guardians) going through the transition of separation and divorce)

1998 – 2004 Children & the Law Program, Massachusetts General Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts (September 1998); Senior Clinician, teaching and training to post doctoral students, forensic evaluations including Guardian ad Litem services (specialty in high conflict separation and divorce including domestic violence, child physical and sexual abuse, parental alienation and substance abuse.

1987-1997 Eating Disorder Awareness and Prevention Committee, Chairperson, State of New Hampshire (September 1987); Coordinate all activities in the state with regard to issues of eating disorders including generating a resource directory, coordinating and presenting conferences and aiding schools and community organizations to more effectively cope with early detection, diagnosis and treatment planning for persons with eating disorders

1996-2001 Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Foundation
Nashua, New Hampshire; Director, Slatoff & Ward Psychological, Member of Board of Governors; Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Center, Member of Regional Behavioral Health Integration Committee with Lahey-Hitchcock Clinic, Administrator of Clinical Practice including budgets, hiring, contracting and clinical direction.
Clinical Psychology practice including individual, family and group therapy to children, adolescents and adults.

1990-present Trained Divorce Mediator (September 1990) New Hampshire State Training; Advanced Training in Divorce and Post Divorce Mediation (February 1996); Work with divorcing or post divorced parents, and significant others (if appropriate) to determine the best interests of the children involved in custody or visitation situations over a developmental time period.

1984-1996 Slatoff & Ward Psychological Professional Association
Nashua, New Hampshire (September 1984 – February 1996); President and Clinical Psychologist: Provide out-patient individual, family and group psychotherapy to adults, adolescents, children and families, supervise all new therapists to the practice, coordinate and direct all marketing efforts, administrate the overall financial operations of the practice.

1983-1985 Early Intervention Program; Nashua Memorial Hospital, Nashua, New Hampshire (September 1983 – June 1985); Consultant: Provide evaluation of children with developmental delays ages 0-3; consultation to program staff and to families

1980-1984 Children's Hospital Medical Center' Boston, Massachusetts (September 1980 – July 1984); Director of In-Patient Testing and Consultant to primary care clinic (CCHP); Provide testing supervision to pre-doctoral interns, evaluation of families and Consultation to physicians, family violence program, sexual abuse treatment team

1980-1982 Tufts New England Medical Center (September 1980 – June 1982) Family Crisis Program; Boston, Massachusetts; Staff Psychologist: Provide diagnostic evaluations, psychological testing and short-term treatment to families and children referred for possible sexual abuse

1979-1980 Children's Hospital Medical Center September 1979 – June 1980) Boston, Massachusetts; Pre-Doctoral Intern: Provided assessment and treatment to children and families, worked with the sexual abuse team and the family evaluation clinic

1977-1979 Siouxland Hospital Medical Center (September 1977 – June 1979) Sioux City, Iowa; Staff Psychologist: Provide adult, child and family assessment and treatment; Consultant: Department of Public Welfare

1977-1979 Gordon Chemical Dependency Center (September 1977 – June 1979); Sioux City, Iowa; Consultant: Provide assessment of and treatment to adolescents and families with issues of drug or alcohol dependency

1976-1977 University of South Dakota (September 1976 – June 1977) Vermillion, South Dakota; Instructor: Personality Theory, Department of Psychology, Research Assistant: Division of Allied Health and Indian Affairs

1974-1976 California State University (September 1974 – June 1976) Los Angeles, California; Graduate Assistant and Lecturer in Statistics

1972-1974 High School Redirection September 1972 – July 1974) Brooklyn, New York' Teacher and Counselor to troubled teenagers recently released from prison

1967-1970 New York University (September 1967 – August 1970) New York, New York; Pre-school teacher and Director: nursery school and parent co-operative

Academic Affiliations:

1999-2004 Harvard University Medical School (MGH)
Clinical Associate in Psychiatry (Psychology)

- 1981-1985 Harvard University Medical School
Instructor in Psychiatry
- 1981-1982 Tufts University Medical School
Instructor in Psychiatry
- 1979 Harvard University Medical School
Clinical Fellow
- 1974-1976 California State University at Los Angeles
Lecturer in Psychology

Publications:

Fieldstone, L., Ward, P., Karlan, S., Merlin, R.J. (2021) Blueprint for a More Effective Family Court Intake Process and Beyond: Opening the Umbrella to Process Family Court Cases; Florida Bar Journal, November-December 2021

Fidler, B. F. & Ward, P.A., (2016) Clinical Decision Making in Parent-Child Contact Problem Cases: Tailoring the Intervention to the Family's Needs (pp. 13 – 62) In A. M. Judge & R. M Deutsch (Eds.) Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-Based Interventions for Resistance, Rejection and Alienation. New York, NY. Oxford University Press

Judge, A. M. & Ward, P. A. (2016) The Perfect Storm: High-Conflict Family Dynamics, Complex Therapist Reactions, and Suggestions for Clinical Management (107 – 130); In A. M. Judge & R. M Deutsch (Eds.) Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-Based Interventions for Resistance, Rejection and Alienation. New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Ward, P.A., Deutsch, R. M., & Sullivan, M.J. (2016) Overview of the Overcoming Barriers Approach. (131 – 151). In A. M. Judge & R. M Deutsch (Eds.) Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-Based Interventions for Resistance, Rejection and Alienation. New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Ward, P.A. (2016) “East Group”: Work with Favored Parents. (171 – 192). In A. M. Judge & R. M Deutsch (Eds.) Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-Based Interventions for Resistance, Rejection and Alienation. New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Sullivan, M. J., Deutsch, R. M., Ward, P.A. (2016) Coparenting, Parenting, And Child-Focused Family Interventions. (222 – 242). In A. M. Judge & R. M Deutsch (Eds.) Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-Based Interventions for Resistance, Rejection and Alienation. New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Fidler, B. J., Ward, P.A., & Deutsch, R. D. (2016) Translating the Overcoming Barriers Approach to Outpatient Settings (243 – 273). In A. M. Judge & R. M Deutsch (Eds.) *Overcoming Parent-Child Contact Problems: Family-Based Interventions for Resistance, Rejection and Alienation*. New York, NY. Oxford University Press.

Sullivan, M, Ward, P. and Deutsch, R (2010) *Overcoming Barriers Family Camp: A Program for High-Conflict Divorced Families Where a Child is Resisting Contact with a Parent*, FCR, January 2010.

Klenner, W., Ward, M.A. and Harvey, J.C. (1998) Forward and translation of *Family Wars: The Alienation of Children*, “Zentralblatt fYr Jugendrecht”, June, Germany.

Ward, M.A and Harvey, J.C. (1996). *Family Wars: The Alienation of Children*. In (B. Bricklin, Ed.), *The Best of the Custody Newsletter*. Furlong, PA: Village Publishing.

Ward, M.A. and Harvey, J.C. (1993). “Family Wars: The Alienation of Children.” *New Hampshire Bar Journal - Children’s Law Issue*. 34(1).

Ward, M.A. (1987). “Child Abuse and Neglect.” In, *Home Care: Infant and Child Care*. New York: Delmar Books.

Ward, M.A. (1985). *Child Physical, Sexual and Emotional Abuse*. In, *Cambridge Visiting Nurse Association Manual for Training of Home Health Aides*.

Ward, M.A, Doran, M., and Gomes-Schwartz, B. (1982). “Child Sexual Abuse: Identification and Symptoms at Developmental Stages.” *Parenting Counseling Association of New England Journal*, Vol. II.

Ward, M.A. (1981) “Why Women Don’t Use the Legal System in cases of Sexual Abuse.” Paper and Panel Presentation to the Massachusetts Psychological Association, Boston.

Ward, M.A. (1981). *Impact of Legal, Social, and Psychological Interventions on the family in Cases of Child Abuse*. Paper and Panel Presentation to the Massachusetts Psychological Association, Boston.

Ward, M.A. (1980). “An Examination of Attitudes Toward Rape and Sexual Assault of Women at a Midwestern University.” *Doctoral Dissertation*.

Ward, M.A., and Resnick, P.A. (1979). “Relationships Between Attitudes Toward Rape and Sex Role Perception.” Paper Presented to the American Psychological Association, New York.

Brickman, J., Briere, J., and Ward, M.A. (1978). “The Winnipeg Study: A Preliminary Report.” Paper Presented to the Canadian Psychological Association, Toronto.

Ward, M.A. and Resnick, P.A. (1977). "Victim Responses to Sexual Assault: A Survey of Women at a Midwestern University." Unpublished Manuscript, South Dakota.

Ward, M.A. (1977). "An Evaluation of the Role of the University of South Dakota School of Medicine in the Training of the Community Medical Assistants from the Rosebud Indian Reservation." University of South Dakota School of Medicine.

Presentations:

Parent Child Contact Problems: Alienation and Beyond (with Dr. John Moran); FCPC, 12th Circuit Annual Conference; Sarasota, FL October 2019

Overcoming Parent Child Contact Problems: Best Practices (with the Honorable Marjorie Slabach (ret); FLAFCC Annual Conference; Orlando FL September 2019

Ace's, Trauma and Resiliency (with Chief Justice of the MA Trial Court Paula M. Carey) AFCC International Conference, Washington D.C., 2018

Intensive Interventions When a Child Resists Contact with a Parent (with Dr. Robin Deutsch and Dr. John Moran) AFCC International Conference, full day Institute May 26, 2015 New Orleans, LA.

Alienation, Abuse and Preference (with Dr. Robin Deutsch) Mandatory 3 12 hour GAL training, State of MA 2012

Alienation Abuse and Intervention, Maine Guardian ad Litem Institute, May 30, 2012

Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference Massachusetts Style (with Judge Paula Carey, Dr. Robert Zibbell and Attorney Phyllis Frederico), AFCC International Conference, Chicago, Ill. 2011

Parenting Coordination and Consultation (with Attorney Honora Kaplan and Ruth Whitney) MCLE Family Law Conference April 2011

From Abuse to Alienation: High Conflict Families (with Dr. Robin Deutsch) MA Judge's Symposium May 2010

Forging Families' Futures: Intensive Weekend Workshops (with Drs. Robin Deutsch and Matt Sullivan) AFCC International Conference June 2010

Bipolar Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder: Advanced Training for GAL's (with Attorney Vhanda Marie Khadem and Judge Amy Blake) MCLE October 2009

Overcoming Barriers Summer Program 2008: Short-term intervention with alienated families (with The Honorable Paula J. Carey, Dr. Robin Deutsch, Dr. Matthew Sullivan) AFCC International Conference May 2009

Psychological Abuse: Advanced Training for GAL's, (with Attorney's Sheara Friend and Alex Jones, and Dr. Robert Zibbell) MCLE October 2008

Abuse and Alienation: The Continuum (with Attorney Campbell Harvey) NH Governors Conference on Domestic Violence May 2008

Child Alienation: Legal and Psychological Perspective (with Dr. Matt Sullivan and Judge Paula Carey) AFCC National Conference July 2007

Personality Disorders and the Legal Process MCLE Annual Conference May 2006

Child Sexual Abuse: Advanced GAL Training (with Sue Meyer and Sara McLeod) June 2005

Alienation or Estrangement: NH Conflict Resolution Assn., June 2005

A Pragmatic Approach to Contact Refusal (With Dr. Robin Deutsch and Judge William Fee) AFCC 6th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, October 2004, Nashville, Tennessee

Child Custody and Parenting Plans (2004) National Business Institute, CLE Training (Connecticut)

Mental Health Issues (Character Pathology) and Attorney Reaction and Effective Responses: The Interface Between the Two (2002) 5 hour training for the Pine Tree Public Assistance Groups, Portland, Maine.

The Alienated Child Within An Alienated System (2002) AFCC Conference Presentation with Judge (Ret.) Arline Rotman and Dr. Robin Deutsch, New York

Custody and Time-sharing in NH: Crafting Developmentally Appropriate Parenting Plans (2002) National Business Institute, CLE Training

Mental Illness and Its Impact on Family Law Cases and the Attorney/Client Relationship (2001) New Hampshire Bar Association, Pro Bono CLE Training.

Developmentally Appropriate Parenting Plans (with Hon. Arline Rotman and Dr. Robin Deutsch), (2001) AFCC New England Chapter, Boston, MA

High Conflict Divorce: Parental Alienation and Alignment, Child Estrangement, Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse (2000) Seacoast Guardians ad Litem, Portsmouth, NH.

Effects of Divorce and Custody Arrangements on Children's Behavior, Development and Adjustment (2000) New Hampshire Bar Association CLE Manchester, NH

Effects of Domestic Violence on Infants and Toddlers (1999) Rochester and Laconia Combined Head Start Faculty Training, Concord, NH

Custody and Visitation Designs for Children of Divorce (1997) Professional Relations Network and The New Hampshire Bar Association.

Parental Alienation (1997) The Second World Congress on Family Law and the Rights of Children.

Custody and Domestic Violence: The Best Interest of the Child (1995). New Hampshire Bar Association.

The Effects of High Conflict Divorce on Children. (1993). New Hampshire Bar Association.

Divorce in a Troubled Economy: Parental Alienation Syndrome. (1992) New Hampshire Bar Association.

Child Assault: What a Prosecutor Should Know from a Clinician's Point of View. (1991). New Hampshire Prosecutor's Association Conference.

Child Sexual Abuse Allegations: Understanding the Myths and the Realities. (1990). New Hampshire Bar Association Seminar on Child Custody and Litigation.

Nashua Brookside Hospital: Gathering Point Invited Colloquium Presentations (1990):

- Prevalent Problems in School Aged Children
- A Focus on Attention Deficit Disorder and Sexual Abuse
- On the Front Lines: Working with the Sexually Abused Child and Family

Sexual Abuse: Recognition and Responsibilities. (1990). Physicians' Assistants Association of New Hampshire and Vermont.

Interviewing a Child. New Hampshire Bar Association and New Hampshire Supreme and Superior Courts Guardian Ad Litem Training Programs (1988 and 1989).

The Relentless Pursuit of Thinness. (1989) Nashua Brookside Hospital (Presented with Susan Feister, MD)

Divorce and Custody Disputes: Impact on Family Members. (1988). Forty-Second Annual New England Conference on Counseling and Development.

Eating Disorders. (1988). Massachusetts Department of Health and Human Services Conference on Crises of Adolescence: Issues and Implications.

Eating Disorders and their Effect on Young Women, (Panel with Dr. Lanes and Ms. Kelly); April, Hesser College: (1988).

Children's Responses to Divorce. First Annual Guardian ad Litem Training Program: November 1987.

Kids, Family, and Time: Is There Ever Enough? Nashua Brookside Hospital/Family Series: September 1987.

Signs and Symptoms of Child Sexual Abuse. Nashua Brookside Hospital Workshop: September 1985.

Family Concerns with Developmentally Disabled Children. Nashua Memorial Hospital/Early Intervention Program February 1985.

Evaluating Competency of Children to Testify in Court Cases, Lowell, Massachusetts. Middlesex County District Attorney's Office: September 1984.

Interviewing the Sexually Abused Child, (with Michael Doran). Tufts/New England Medical Center Workshop: Boston; February 1981.

Early Childhood Intervention: Assessment of Parent-Child Interaction and Intervention Methods. State of Massachusetts, Department of Mental Health, Regional Conferences (Regions IV and VI):

Interviewing the Sexually Abused Child for Court, (with Michael Doran). Essex, Massachusetts: November 1980.

Family Violence and Impact on the Family (with Chris Holland), Lexington, Massachusetts. 1980. (High School students and parents).

Family Violence and Family Therapy, (with Tim Schuettge). Leslie College: 1979.

Rape Workshop for Mental Health Professionals, (with Dr. P. Resick). Briarcliff College. Sioux City, IA: 1979.

Group Therapy for Adolescents (3 days). Sioux City, IA: 1979.

Borderline Adolescents and Substance Abuse, (with Bill Monroe). Sioux City, Iowa: 1979.

WKIT-TV, Channel 14 Weekly Call-in Show: Mental Health Issues, Sioux City, Iowa: 1978-1979.

Hospital Affiliations:

Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Center, Allied Health Staff (1990-2002).
Massachusetts General Hospital (1998 – 2004)

Professional Affiliations:

American Psychological Association (1979 – present)
Florida Psychological Association (2016 – present)
Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem (1996 – 2014)
AFCC International, MA and Florida (2002 – present), MA AFCC, FLAFCC
National Register of Health Care Providers in Psychology (1981 – 2011)

Committees:

FLAFCC (2019 – present) Board Member; Co-Chair Conference Committee
FLAFCC Intake Task Force, Co-Chair with Linda Fieldstone, Sandy Karlan and Robert Merlin (article accepted in FL Bar Journal)
Family Court Professional Collaborative, 12th Judicial Circuit of Florida (2017 – present)); Board Member
Co-Chair, Training Committee for the RFP from the Family Court Office to develop standards for GAL in MA, 2003
Member, Committee to Develop Shared parenting Guidelines (MA) 2004
Chair, Education committee – AFCC MA (2006 – 2014)
Board of Directors AFCC – MA (2006 – 2014)
Co-Chair Committee to write Model Parenting Plan Guidelines MA (2009 – 2010)
Board Member, Overcoming Barriers, A non-profit organization whose mission it is to help children and families in high conflict situations (2004 - 2017)
Member, Committee to Review Guardian ad Litem Curricula for the State of MA. Chaired by Chief Justice Paula Carey (2010 - 2014)
Member, Interdisciplinary Settlement Conference Committee MA Chaired by Chief Justice Paula Carey (2010 – 2014)
Member, The Voice of the Child, Committee MA Chaired by Chief Justice Paula Carey (2013 – 2-14)

References:

References, manuscripts, reprints and/or other documentation are available upon request.