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EDUCATION

- 1990– 1991 APA approved internship, La Rabida Children’s Hospital and Research Center.
An affiliate of the University of Chicago.
- 1989-1991 Ph.D. DePaul University, Clinical Psychology Program,
Chicago, IL, APA approved.
Major: Clinical Psychology (Child Track)
Minors: Developmental Psychology, Personality Psychology
- 1987-1989 M.A. DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Major: Clinical Psychology (Child Track)
- 1983-1987 B.S. University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL
Major: Psychology

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2002–Present Partner, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Connections, Libertyville, IL

Conduct Forensic Evaluations, including Child Custody Evaluations,
Psychological Evaluations of adults and children, Statutory Mental Health
Assessments, Competency Evaluations, Mental State at Time of Offense
Evaluations, Sexual Abuse Evaluations and Divorce Mediation

Forensic Consultation to attorneys regarding work product review and trial
preparation. Deposition and trial consultation. Assist attorneys in evaluation of
child custody evaluations and psychological evaluations.

Violence Risk/Threat Assessments; Police/Fire Department evaluations; Fitness
for Duty Evaluations and Pre-Employment Screenings

Psychological Evaluations of children, adolescents and adults; Psycho-educational Evaluations

Developed and implemented a training program for graduate students in psychology in psycho-diagnostic assessment and psycho-educational assessment. Supervised graduate students in psycho-diagnostic and psycho-educational evaluations (2002-2014)

School Consultation including program development, graduate school training, and supervision of graduate students

Family therapy; Individual psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults; Supervise Practicum students, Interns and Post-Docs (2002-2008)

Cofounder and consultant to Connections Day School, South Campus Day School, and Connections Academy East, all private therapeutic day schools for children and adolescents with emotional/behavioral difficulties or high functioning Autism. Supervision of post-doctoral candidates, interns, and practicum students (2015-present)

Cofounder and consultant to New Connections Academy, a private therapeutic day school for 65 children and adolescents with high functioning Autism/Asperger's Disorder. Supervision of post-doctoral candidates, interns, and practicum students (2006-present).

1999-2002 Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Counseling Connection, Lake Bluff, IL

Performed Forensic Evaluations/Consultation, including Custody Evaluations, Divorce Mediation, Statutory Mental Health Evaluations, and Sexual Abuse Evaluations; Violence Risk/Threat Assessments; Competency Evaluations and Police/Fire Department evaluations; Fitness for Duty Evaluations and Pre-Employment Screenings; Psychological Evaluations of children, adolescents and adults; Psychoeducational Evaluations; School consultation; Family therapy; Individual psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults. Supervision of graduate students in psychology.

1995-1999 Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Neuropsych, S.C., Vernon Hills, IL

Forensic Evaluations, including Custody Evaluations and Divorce Mediation; Psychological Evaluations of children, adolescents and adults; Psychoeducational Evaluations; Individual psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults; Family therapy.

- 1994-1999 Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Anxiety Treatment Center, Schaumburg, IL
- Conducted Individual Psychotherapy with children, adolescents, and adults; Treatment of Anxiety Disorders, Depressive Disorders, family issues and behavioral difficulties.
- 1992-1995 Director, Department of Psychological Services, St. Coletta's of Illinois, Palos Park, IL (a residential facility for children, adolescents and adults with Developmental Disabilities and a residential program for adolescents with severe emotional/behavioral difficulties)
- Duties included: Supervision of two masters level clinicians and one Ph.D. level clinician; Development of policies and procedures, training of all new agency employees, crisis intervention, psychodiagnostic assessment, and individual psychotherapy; Consultation to an Intermediate Care Facility for developmentally delayed adults; Behavior management programming for adolescents discharged from psychiatric hospitals who are awaiting long-term placement and are currently residing in a Transition Treatment Group Home; Chairperson of Research Committee, member of Human Rights Committee, member of Behavior Management Committee, member of Admissions/Discharge Committee, and Chairperson of Curriculum Review Committee; Coordinator of all psychiatric services; Program Development; Assist DCFS in determining best interest of child regarding placement.
- 1991-1992 Behavior Management Specialist, Department of Psychological Services, St. Coletta's of Illinois, Palos Park, IL
- Behavior management programming for developmentally delayed and dually diagnosed children, adolescents discharged from psychiatric hospitals who are awaiting long-term placement and are currently residing in a Transition Treatment Group Home, crisis management, staff training, psychodiagnostic assessment, consultation to an Intermediate Care Facility for developmentally delayed adults, consultation to staff at Kennedy School and Kennedy Job Training Center, supervision of interns.
- 1991-1992 Psychotherapist, Midwest Family Resource Associates, Ltd., Wheaton, IL
- Individual psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults. Family therapy.
- 1990-1991 APA approved internship, La Rabida Children's Hospital and Research Center, an affiliate of the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Pediatric internship with multidisciplinary team approach. Internship included individual and family therapy with children and adolescents with chronic illnesses, psychodiagnostic assessment, pain management, individual and family therapy with sexually abused, physically abused, and neglected children and

adolescents, treatment of incontinence disorders, psychological evaluations in a 0-3 diagnostic clinic, consultation to physicians, and consulting to DCFS regarding appropriate placements for abused children.

1989-1990 Mental Health Trainee, DePaul Community Mental Health Center, Chicago, IL

Family assessments, individual child, adolescent and adult therapy, family therapy, psychological testing, screening/intakes, school consultation, drug prevention in an elementary school, live supervision, training workshops, and parent assessments for ability to care for children.

1989-1990 Psychological Tester, Pediatric Ecology Unit, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL

Intellectual and personality assessment of sexually abused, physically abused, and neglected children.

1987-1989 Psychotherapy Practicum, DePaul Community Mental Health Center, Chicago, IL

Individual child, adolescent, and adult therapy, family therapy, co-therapy, live supervision and training workshops.

1987-1988 Community Project Practicum, DePaul Community Mental Health Center, Chicago, IL

Developed and implemented a play therapy group for five aggressive young children with a co-therapist. The group consisted of helping the children understand and express emotions, learn problem-solving skills, and reduce aggressive behavior through a token economy type system.

1985-1987 Counseling Center Practicum, University of Illinois Counseling Center, Champaign, IL

Developed and conducted workshops on assertiveness training, initiating male/female relationships, study skills, test anxiety, and others. Informal counseling of students on academic probation. Coordinator of students on academic probation project. Informal counseling of foreign exchange students to assist their adjustment to the university.

1985-1986 Outreach Volunteer, Champaign County Community Mental Health Center, Champaign, IL

Crisis phone counseling for adolescents and adults. Crisis intervention training.

1986 Outreach Volunteer. Champaign County Children’s Home, Champaign, IL
Worked with severely developmentally disabled children.

BOARD MEMBER/COMMITTEE MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

2015-present President, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Illinois Chapter

2013-present Board Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Illinois Chapter

2013-2015 President-Elect, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Illinois Chapter

2010-2014 Secretary, Illinois Association of Private Special Education Centers

2009-2011 Chairperson, Behavior Committee of the Illinois State Board of Education –
Special Education Department

1997-1999 Board of Directors, Mediation Council of Illinois

1995-Present Member, Custody Evaluator List of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, Lake County,
Illinois

1989 – 1990 Student Representative, Clinical Faculty Committee, DePaul University, Chicago,
IL
Discussion and decisions about curriculum changes and related program issues.

1987-1988 Student Representative, Clinical Faculty Committee, DePaul University, Chicago,
IL
Discussion and decisions about curriculum changes and related program issues.

1985-1986 Committee Member, University of Illinois Suicide Prevention Committee,
Champaign, IL
Developed suicide prevention plans for the University of Illinois.

FACULTY/TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2016 Faculty, Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section Trial Advocacy Institute

2016 Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy: ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy
Institute

2015 Faculty, Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section Trial Advocacy Institute

- 2015 Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy: ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute
- 2014 Faculty, Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Section Trial Advocacy Institute
- 2014 Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy: ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute
- 2013 Faculty, National Institute for Trial Advocacy: ABA Family Law Trial Advocacy Institute
- 2013 Faculty, South Texas College of Law Family Law Trial Institute
- 2012 Faculty, South Texas College of Law Family Law Trial Institute
- 2011 Adjunct Faculty, Midwestern University
- 2011 Faculty, South Texas College of Law Family Law Trial Institute
- 1991 Part-time Faculty, Department of Psychology, St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL
Child Development
- Lecture and discussion on the development of children from fertilization through adolescence.
- 1989 Guest Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL
Introduction to Counseling Psychology
- Lecture and discussion on systematic oriented therapies including structural/strategic Psychotherapy and paradoxical psychotherapy.
- 1988 Guest Lecturer, Department of Psychology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Human Development
- Lecture and discussion on the biological and social basis of aggression.
- 1989 Guest Lecturer, Department of Psychology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Human Sexuality
- Lecture and discussion on prevention and coping responses to date rape.
- 1988-1989 Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Introductory Psychology
- Teaching approximately 25 students each quarter. Grading papers and exams.

1986-1987 Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Speech Communications, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, IL
Communications

Supervision of 5 teaching assistants and their 1200 students for 3 semesters.

1987 Guest Lecturer, Department of Human Services, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL
Resident Advisor Training

Teaching resident advisors communication skills, study skills for their students and test taking skills for their students.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014-present Development of reference data for the SCL-90-R for custody litigants

2011- present Development of reference data for the 16PF with custody litigants

2009-2012 Study of the changes in student's emotional and behavioral functioning following placement in a private therapeutic day school.

1994-1995 Study of the effects of sex education on adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities in regards to their knowledge and behavior.

1994-1995 Committee Member. Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities Research Committee.

1992-1993 Study of cognitive and biochemical similarities/differences between adolescents and young adults with Downs Syndrome and adults with Alzheimer's Disease. The study was conducted in conjunction with the Northwest Institute for Medical Research.

1989-1991 Ph.D. Dissertation titled The Effects of Age and Gender on the Psychological and Behavioral Sequelae of Child Sexual Abuse. This study assessed similarities and differences between male and female sexually abused children using a projective and an objective measure. Similarities and differences between younger and older sexually abused children were also assessed.

1987-1989 M.A. Thesis titled Maltreated and Nonmaltreated Children's Tactics in a Potential Conflict Situation. This study evaluated how abused and nonabused children interacted with each other in a structured play situation. Age and gender differences were also assessed.

1987-1989 Research Assistant, Dr. Linda C. Camras, Department of Psychology, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Facial coding of infants using FACS, EMFACS, and MAX coding systems. Data analysis of a child abuse study. Assisting the development and implementation of a research project studying the emotional development of infants.

1985-1987 Research Assistant, Dr. Edward Diener, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Assisted the development and implementation of a study involving the effects of arousal on performance. Collection of data and data entry for numerous studies relating to happiness and its correlates.

1984-1985 Research Assistant, Dr. Renee Baillergeon, Department of Psychology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Assisted the development and implementation of a study on object permanence in infants.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2015 Advanced Communication Skills for Mediators Dealing with a Variety of Personality Types and Disorders. American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, IL.

2015 Child Interviews, Evaluations and Investigations: Yes: We Finally Have Standards with Entirely Rewritten Legislation. Co-Presenter at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers – Illinois Chapter Annual Conference, Oak Brook, IL.

2015 Addictive Behaviors. Co-presenter at the Innovations-Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation seminar sponsored by the Texas Bar Association and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers-Texas Chapter, Forth Worth, TX.

2015 Placement Considerations for Special Needs Children. Co-presenter at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts national conference, New Orleans, LA.

2015 Should I Stay or Should I Go? Removal Considerations: The Legal and Psychological Perspective. Co-presenter at the Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Conference, New Orleans, LA

2015 Alienating Behavior in Family Law Cases: Is There a Solution? Co-presenter at the Illinois State Bar Association Family Law Conference, New Orleans, LA

- 2014 One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest and Into My Office. Co-presenter at the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 State of the Art Regarding Custody Litigation. Co-presenter at the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers annual conference, Oak Brook, IL.
- 2014 Interpersonal Violence: Understanding it, Identifying it, and Doing Something About it. A presentation for the Lake County Bar Association’s Child Representative Training
- 2014 Should Illinois Adopt Court Rules Based on the California Model for Custody Evaluations: A Panel Discussion presented at the 2nd Annual Symposium on Cutting-Edge Family Law Issues. Sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association
- 2014 Should Illinois Adopt Rules for Custody Evaluations? A Panel Discussion presented by the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- 2014 Crazy – Your Client or Mine? Co-presentation at the Innovations-Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation seminar sponsored by the Univ. of Texas Law School and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers-Texas Chapter, Dallas, TX.
- 2014 Psychological Testing and Cross-Examination. Co-presenter at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts national conference, Toronto, ON.
- 2013 Considerations in Family Court for Children with High Functioning Autism. Co-presenter at the AFCC Regional Training Conference, Kansas City, MO.
- 2013 A Child Custody Trial. Co-Presenter, sponsored by the Illinois State Bar Association, Galena, IL.
- 2013 Coordinate or Litigate? What’s the answer? A joint presentation for the American Bar Association Section of Family Law Conference, Anchorage, AK.
- 2013 Alienation: Protection or Manipulation. Understanding the Complex Issues Surrounding Alienation. A Panel Presentation. Sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers – Texas Chapter, Austin, TX.
- 2012 Talking with Your Children about Divorce. Podcast conducted for the American Bar Association
- 2012 Deconstructing A Child Custody Evaluation. Keynote Address to the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Division, Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK.

- 2012 The Science Behind Relocation: A Risk Assessment Approach. Keynote Address to the Oklahoma Bar Association Family Law Division, Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK
- 2012 Deconstructing a Child Custody Evaluation. A presentation to the Child's Representative Training of the Lake County Bar Association, Grayslake, IL.
- 2012 Cross-Examination of a Custody Evaluator. A co-presentation to the Lake County Bar Association, Family Law Division, Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- 2012 The Science Behind Removal: A Risk Assessment Approach. A presentation to the Lake County Bar Association, Family Law Division, Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- 2011 The Impact of Divorce on Children. Keynote Address to the Oklahoma Bar Association, Family Law Division, Annual Conference, Tulsa, OK.
- 2011 Cross Examination and Psychological Testing in Custody Evaluations. Keynote Address to the Oklahoma Bar Association, Family Law Division, Annual Conference, Tulsa, OK.
- 2011 Impact of Divorce on Children. A presentation to the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Oak Brook, IL.
- 2011 Impact of Divorce on Children. A presentation to the American Bar Association, Family Law Division National Conference, Jacksonville, Florida.
- 2010 Cross Examination and Psychological Testing in Custody Evaluations. A presentation to the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- 2010 Mental Disorders and How Do I Deal With Them. A presentation for the Lake County Bar Association, Child Representative Training.
- 2010 Psychological Testing: The Use and Misuse. A presentation to the Lake County Bar Association, Family Law Division Annual Conference. Memphis, TN.
- 2008 Cross Examination/Psychological Testing in Custody Evaluations. A presentation to the DuPage County Bar Association.
- 2007 Threat, Violence and Risk Assessment: Guidelines for Administrators. A presentation at the Illinois State Board of Education Conference for Private Schools.

- 2007 Conducting Well Crafted Custody Evaluations. A presentation to the DuPage County Bar Association.
- 2007 Psychological Testing in Custody Evaluations: The Research: A presentation at the American College of Forensic Psychology Annual Conference; New Mexico
- 2006 Psychological Evaluations in Custody Evaluations: The Research. A presentation at the Lake County Bar Association, Family Law Division Annual Conference, Savannah, GA
- 2005 Teen Dating and Violence. A presentation for the Circuit Court of Cook County, Second Municipal District, Family Violence Seminar.
- 2004 Child Custody and Time Shared Parenting in Illinois. Sponsored by National Business Institute and provided CEU credits for lawyers and mental health professionals.
- 2004 Psychological Evaluations in Custody Evaluations: The Use of the MMPI-2, MACI, and Rorschach. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2004 Violence and Bullying. Presented to Carmel High School Parents
- 2003 Conducting Custody Evaluations. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, Napa, CA.
- 2003 Addressing Impairments to Mediation. Training Program for the Family Mediation Program of the 19th Judicial Circuit.
- 2002 Psychological Testing and Cross-Examination. Presented to the McHenry County Bar Association, Family Law Division.
- 2002 Violence Risk/Threat Assessment Procedures: Current Views. Presented to the staff of Round Lake School District 116.
- 2002 Teasing, Bullying & Violence. Presented to Kiwanis Club of Des Plaines
- 2002 Teasing, Bullying & Violence. Presented to Round Lake School District Staff
- 2002 Confidentiality in Custody Evaluations. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2001 Violence Risk/Threat Assessment. Presented to Grayslake High School Staff.
- 2001 Teasing and Bullying: Current Views and Prevention. Presented to Grayslake High School Staff.

- 2001 Teasing, Bullying & Violence. Presented to Vernon Hills High School staff.
- 2000 Parental Alienation Syndrome. Presented to the Lake County Bar Association Child Representation Training.
- 2000 Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Explosive Children. Presentation for Special Education District of Lake County.
- 2000 Child Custody and Time Sharing in Illinois. Sponsored by National Business Institute and provided CEU credits for lawyers and mental health professionals.
- 2000 Removal Issues in Custody Evaluations. Presented at Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona.
- 1999 Direct and Cross Examinations of Psychological Testing. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference La Jolla, CA
- 1999 MMPI – 2, Rorschach, and MCMI – III in Custody Evaluations. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, La Jolla, CA
- 1998 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Presentation for United Airlines.
- 1998 Child Custody and Visitation in Illinois. Sponsored by National Business Institute. Provided CEU credits for lawyers and mental health professionals.
- 1997 Cross Examining Expert Witnesses. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 1997 Psychological Testing in Custody Evaluations. Presented at the Lake County Family Law Division Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 1996 Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: What Teachers Can Do. Presented to Antioch, Illinois School Staff.
- 1996 Custody Evaluations. American Day Treatment Centers, Highland Park, Illinois.
- 1996 Sexual Abuse Prevention for Children with Developmental Disabilities. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Illinois Chapter of the American Association for Mental Retardation.
- 1994 Burnout is Preventable: Stress Management and Relaxation Training. Presented at the Midwest Regional Child and Youth Care Conference.
- 1994 Gangs. Panel Member. Midwest Regional Child and Youth Care Conference.

Are Our Client's Really Who We Think They Are? Presented at the Midwest Regional Child and Youth Care Conference.

1992 Burnout is Preventable: Stress Management and Relaxation Training. Presented at the Midwest Regional Child and Youth Care Conference.

PUBLICATIONS

Rappaport, S., Kanter C., & Anast, K. (2016). Special Considerations in Child Custody Evaluations for Children with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder. Family Court Review, 54(1), 81-95.

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Schepard, A., Cadlwell, M., Ventrelli, A., Collins, S., Fujisaka, T., Katz, T., Heineman, S., Rabe, M., Godbout, J., Rappaport, S., Simon R., Firestone, G., Otiz, L, Rottman, A., Stahl, P., & Peskind, S. (2013). Advocacy in Divorce Disputes, Special Printing. National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Boulder, CO.

Rappaport, S. (2013). Deconstructing the Impact of Divorce on Children. Family Law Quarterly, 47(3), 353-378

Rappaport, S. (2012). Telling Your Children About Divorce. The Family Advocate, pp. 24-26.

Rappaport, S.R. (1999). Discipline: Are You Too Lenient. Parenting in the New Millenium, pp 22-23.

Rappaport, S.R., Burkardt, S., and Rotatori, A. (1997). Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum for the Developmentally Disabled. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.

Rappaport, Sol R. (1995). Mental Retardation and Emotional Disorders: Assessment and Psychotherapy. (pp. 119-146). In A. Rotatori, J. Schwenn, B.F. Litton (Eds.), Counseling Special Populations: Research and Practice Perspectives. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.

Rappaport, Sol R. & Hochstadt, Neil J. (1993). Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy: An Intergenerational Perspective. Journal of Mental Health Counseling, 15 (3), 278-289.

Camras, Linda, & Rappaport, Sol. R. (1993). Conflict Behaviors of Maltreated and Non-maltreated Children. Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect, 17, 455-464.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Clinical Psychology
American Psychological Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Illinois Association of Private Special Education Centers
Lake County Bar Association
Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
Society for Personality Assessment

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