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Curriculum Vita

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LICENSES HELD

Psychologist - State of California, PSY10800

Psychologist - State of Hawaii, PSY 1373

Marriage and Family Therapist - State of California, MW023203 (Inactive)

EDUCATION & DEGREES

- 9/83 - 1/86 California School of Professional Psychology
San Diego, CA
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: An Exploration of the Construct of Alexithymia from Behavioral, Cognitive and Psychoanalytic Perspectives
- 9/81 - 6/83 California School of Professional Psychology
San Diego, CA
M.A. in Clinical Psychology
- 9/78 - 6/80 University of Minnesota
Institute of Child Development
Minneapolis, MN
M.A. in Child Psychology
Thesis: The Development of Causal Reasoning in the Narrative
- 9/74 - 9/78 University of California, San Diego
San Diego, CA
B.A. in Psychology (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)
- 9/71 - 6/74 Ulysses S. Grant High School
Van Nuys, CA

PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1/87 - **Licensed Psychologist**
California and Hawaii
Independent Private Practice of Forensic Psychology, Forensic Psychology Consulting, Child Custody Evaluation, Forensic Case Consultation, Expert Witness and Trial Consultation, Mediation, Collaborative Practice, Teaching, Writing.
- 1/14 - 1/15 **Faculty**
Trial Advocacy Institute - American Bar Association
Trial College for Family Law
Boulder, CO
- 1/08 - 1/14 **Child Custody Mediator**
National Conflict Resolution Center
San Diego, CA
- 1/99 - 5/02 **Director, Dispute Resolution Services**
Real Solutions Center for Children (Volunteer Position)
San Diego, CA
- 3/86 - 3/87 **Post Doctoral Fellow**
Sharp Mesa Vista Hospital
Child / Adolescent Treatment Program
San Diego, CA
(Duties included group psychotherapy, case consultation, substance abuse recovery counseling and psychological testing on a locked inpatient acute care and adolescent unit.)
- 6/85 - 3/86 **Psychology Fellow**
Southwood Psychiatric Residential Treatment Program
Chula Vista, CA
(Duties included group and family psychotherapy, substance abuse recovery, program planning, and milieu consultation.)
- 9/84 - 6/85 **Predoctoral Psychology Intern**
Veterans Administration Hospital Medical Center

La Jolla, CA
(Duties included outpatient emergency triage, inpatient consultation and assessment, co-therapist in outpatient and inpatient substance abuse recovery groups, diagnostic testing. Major focus in psychological aspects of medical illness, couples and family psychotherapy.)

6/83 - 7/86 **Registered Psychological Assistant**
Linda Eaton, Ph.D.
San Diego, CA
Psychotherapy in a private practice setting under the clinical supervision of a licensed psychologist.

6/83 - 6/84 **Psychology Intern**
Jewish Family Service of San Diego
San Diego, CA
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy, and psychological testing.)

8/82 - 7/83 **Psychology Intern**
California Psychological Services Center
San Diego, CA
(Duties included individual, couples and family psychotherapy.)

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Forensic Psychology Consulting in Family Law Matters, Mediation, Collaborative Practice, and Psychological Evaluation

Licensed practice as a Psychologist for over 30 years. Expertise focused on the areas of Forensic Psychology as it applies to:

- Family Law Matters
- Forensic Consultation
- Expert Witness
- Case Consultant & Strategist
- Trial Consultation
- Custody Dispute Resolution
- Custody Evaluation
- Parent Coordination
- Mediation
- Coparenting

Practice limited to Forensic Psychology Consulting in Family Law Related Matters.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Guest Editor – Family Court Review special issue on child custody evaluation
- National Center for Juvenile Justice, *Chair, Board of Fellows*
- Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, *Member, Co-Chair International Committee, Member of Scholarship Committee, Former Member of the Board of Directors*
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judge, *Member, Board of Directors, Co-Chair International Committee & Member, Member of Governance and Curriculum Committees*
- International Commission on Couple and Family Relations – *Member, Board of Trustees*
- California Psychological Association, *Member, Past Member Ethics Committee*
- California Bar Association, *Former Member Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct*
- The State Bar Court of California, *Appointed Member of the Executive Committee (First and Only Non-Judicial Appointee)*
- World Congress for Family Law and Children’s Rights, *Member, Board of Directors; Chair, International Board*
- The American Bar Association, *Member*
- Section of Family Law of the American Bar Association, *Member*
- San Diego Family Law Bar Association, *Member*
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, *Member*
- Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia, *Member*
- Journal of Child Custody, *Former Member of the Editorial Board*

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Task force on the development of standards for parenting plan assessments. Family Court Judiciary of the State of Hawaii, *Member*
- Adverse Childhood Experiences Advisory Committee. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. *Member*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Garber, Benjamin and Simon, Robert A. (2024) Looking Beyond the Sorting Hat: Deconstructing the “Five Factor Model” of Alienation. *Family Transitions*, DOI: 10.1080/10502556.2023.2262359

Garber, Benjamin and Simon, Robert A. (2024) Moving Towards Consensus: Joining Bernet and Baker, Emery, and Griffin to better understand the dynamics

of Parent-Child Contact Problems (PCCP). *Family Transitions*, DOI: 10.1080/28375300.2024.2313376

Simon, Robert A. (2023) Parent Child Contact Problems: A Coat of Many Colors. *The International Journal of Family Law*.

Simon, Robert A., McNamara, Kathleen and Stahl, Philip (2023). Guest editors' introduction to the 2023 special issue on parenting plan evaluations. *Family Court Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fcre.12757>

Simon, Robert A. & Sheinvold, A (2023). Hybrid Processes in Child Custody Evaluation. *Family Court Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/fcre.12750>

Simon, Robert A. (2023). Polyparenting: When Children Have More Than Two Parents. *The Family Advocate*, Fall 2023.

The Forensic Psychologist's Role in Custody Cases (An Interview). *Family Lawyer Magazine*. Spring 2022

Simon, Robert A., Michael, Dan H., Lucero, Katherine L and DeAngelis, Guido A. (2021). The Human Side of COVID-19. *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*. 72(1), 5-18.

Simon, Robert A (2021) Experts in Child Custody Litigation. *The Advocate of the American Bar Association, Section of Family Law*

Simon, Robert A. (2020) *Forensic Psychology Consultation in Child Custody Litigation: A Handbook for Work Product Review, Case Preparation and Expert Testimony – 2nd Edition*. Chicago: American Bar Association.

Simon, Robert A. (2018). Insights into the Role of Experts in Child Custody Litigation. *Family News & Views: Newsletter of the New York Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*. 2(2) 11-17.

Simon, Robert A. and Garber, Benjamin (2018). Garber, B.D., Simon, R.A., Individual Adult Psychometric Testing and Child Custody Evaluations: If the Shoe Doesn't Fit, Don't Wear It," *Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Law*, Vol. 30, No. 2

Simon, Robert A. (2018). Attachment: A Concept In Search of Understanding. *Association of Certified Family Law Specialists* (video).

Simon, Robert A. (2018). How Children Get Their Parents. *The Family Advocate*. Spring 2018.

Simon, Robert A. (2018). Divorce as Grief. GPSOLO – Journal of the Small Firm and General Practice Division of the American Bar Association

Simon, Robert A. and Philip M. Stahl (2017). Top 10 Signs of Bias in Forensic Work Products. Article published in the August, 2017 *Newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*

Simon, Robert A. (2012 - present). Forensic Corner: A Monthly Column in the *Newsletter of the Section of Family Law*, American Bar Association.

Simon, Robert A. (2017). Children, Trauma and the Potential For Tort Litigation. GPSOLO – Journal of the Small Firm and General Practice Division of the American Bar Association.

Simon, Robert A. (2016). Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations: An Ethically Informed Approach. *Los Angeles County Bar E-news*. April, 2016.

Simon, Robert A. (2016). 10 Important Elements When Considering Child Custody in Military Families. *Newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*. January, 2016.

Simon, Robert A. (2015). [Therapists as Witnesses](#). *GP/Solo eReport*. American Bar Association. Vol. 4, No. 11.

Simon, R. A. and Willick, D. H. (2016), Therapeutic Privilege and Custody Evaluations: Discovery of Treatment Records. *Family Court Review*, 54: 51–60. doi:10.1111/fcre.12203

Simon, Robert A. (2015). Divorce and Parent Child Boundaries. *The Family Advocate*. Summer, 2015.

Simon, Robert A. (2015). Recognizing Impairment in a High Stakes Profession. *California Bar Journal*. March, 2015.

Simon, Robert A. (2014). Child Custody Evaluations in Military Families. *Family Court Review*. Vol. 52, No. 3, July 2014, p. 440-457.

Simon, Robert A. and Stahl, Philip M. (2014). The Importance of Analysis in Child Custody Evaluations. *Family Law Quarterly*. Vol. 48, No. 1, Spring 2014, p. 35-51.

Stahl, Philip M. and Simon, Robert A. (2013). *Forensic Psychology Consultation in Child Custody Litigation: A Handbook for Work Product Review, Case Preparation and Expert Testimony*. Chicago: American Bar Association.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2013). Irrational Financial Decisions in Divorce. *Family Lawyer*. Winter, 2013.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2013). The Emotional Impact of Divorce. *The Morningstar Advisor*. October, 2013.

Simon, Robert A. (2013). Polyparenting - Psychological Perspectives. *The Family Advocate*. Summer, 2013.

Simon, Robert A. (2012). Top 10 Ethical Issues in Forensic Consulting. *Newsletter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*. June, 2012.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2012). Money Personality and Bias. *The Morningstar Advisor*. June, 2012.

Simon, Robert A. (2012). Ethical Issues in Forensic Psychology. *The California Psychologist*. May, 2012.

Simon, Robert A. and Reckers, Justin (2012). Personality: Basic Concepts. *The Morningstar Advisor*. May, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

September 2024. Pathways Towards Conciliation: What Do Parental Alienation Proponents Need to Do To Be Better Understood in the Broader Context of Parent-Child Contact Problems? Invited Lecture to the Annual Conference of the Parental Alienation Study Group. Oslo, Norway.

August 2024. The Ecology of Family Law – What is Our Impact on the Family – Owing Our Role. Invited Pre-conference Institute to the Annual Meetings of Pacifica Congress. Cairns, Australia.

June 2024. Moving Towards Consensus on Parent-Child Contact Problems: A Discussion (alongside Benjamin Garber, Ph.D., William Bernet, MD, Ashish Joshi, JD). 61st Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Boston, MA.

April 2024. Who Are Difficult People and What Makes Them Tick? Invited webinar to the Ohio Judiciary.

March 2024 Domestic Violence, Coercive Control and Impact on Families. Invited Plenary to the 26th Annual Family Law Conference Miller/DuToit & University of the Western Cape. Cape Town, South Africa.

March 2024 Reflections on Forensic Practice in Highly Contested Family Law Matters – Toxic Personalities, Our Impact on Families and the Need for Change. Invited presentation to the 26th Annual Family Law Conference Miller/DuToit & University of the Western Cape. Cape Town, South Africa.

February 2024 Civility and Why It Matters. Invited plenary address to the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Francisco, CA.

February 2024 A Hybrid Model of Child Custody Evaluation. Annual meeting of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Francisco, CA.

December 2023 A Hybrid Model of Child Custody Evaluation. Invited keynote address to the annual meeting of the Kansas Bar Association. Kansas City, KS.

September 2023 Judicial Well-Being and Judicial Civility. Invited plenary presentation to the Annual Ohio Judicial Conference. Columbus, OH.

September 2023. Forensic Reports – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. Invited workshop presentation to the Annual Ohio Judicial Conference. Columbus, OH.

August 2023 The Fort: Coercive Control. Invited Plenary Panel Presentation to The Pacific Congress. Hobart, Tasmania.

March 2023. Difficult Cases – Difficult People. Invited presentation to the Spring Seminar of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Palm Desert, CA.

March 2023 Civility In The Courtroom – Tools and Approaches. Invited Presentation to the Annual Conference on Juvenile Justice of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Dallas, TX.

March 2023 Parent Child Contact Problems: A Coat of Many Colors. Invited Presentation to the 25th Annual Family Law Conference of MDT/University of the Western Cape. Cape Town, South Africa.

February 2023. Domestic Violence Update. Invited pre-conference institute. Conference of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Costa Mesa, CA

February 2023. Child Custody Litigation – Unintended Consequences. Invited presentation (webinar) to the Northern California Chapter of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists.

January 2023. Child Custody Evaluation incorporating a consensual dispute resolution component. Invited presentation to the Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Newport Beach, CA

October 2022 Resist/Refuse in International Family Law. Invited presentation to the International Bar Association Annual Meeting. Miami, FL.

August 2022. Structure Reduces Anxiety and Soothes Conflict. Invited full day training to Relationships Australia, Cairns, Australia.

August 2022. Roundtable of Issues. Invited presentation to Nicholes Family Law Events. Melbourne, Australia.

August 2022. Resist and Refuse – When Children Won't Go. Invited Plenary Address to the 19th National Family Law Conference – Law Council of Australia. Adelaide, Australia.

July 2022. Getting from Either/Or to Both/And in High Conflict Cases. May 2022. Getting from Either/Or to Both/And in High Conflict Cases. Presentation to the 85th Annual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, NV.

May 2022. Getting from Either/Or to Both/And in High Conflict Cases. 59th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL.

April 2022. Key Aspects of the Best Interests of the Child for Judicial Decision Making. National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges New Judge Institute. Reno, NV.

March 2022 Parental Conflict: Consequences for Children. Invited Presentation to the Annual California Minor's Counsel Training. San Luis Obispo, CA.

March 2022 Structure Reduces Anxiety. Invited presentation to the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. St. Louis, MO.

January 2022 Resist/Refuse...How Do We Understand Children Who Resist Post-Separation Parental Contact? Interview for Divorce Radio.com

November 2021 Structure Reduces Anxiety: Creating Structures to Reduce Family Conflict. Fall meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Cincinnati, OH.

November 2021. Well Being for the Professional in the Age of COVID. Invited Presentation to the Annual Conference of the International Commission on Couples and Family Relationships. Boston, MA

November 2021. Family Law Symposium: Flourishing in Family Law Post COVID – Mediating and Litigating COVID Induced Custody Issues. Beverly Hills Bar Association. Beverly Hills, CA.

October 2021. Mediation and Assessment in the Age of COVID. Invited presentation to the Annual General Meeting of the Family Mediator's Association of the Cape. South Africa.

September 2021. Strategic and Ethical Approaches to Custody Evaluations and the Use of Forensic Consultants. Invited plenary presentation to the Fall meeting of the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Orlando, FL.

August, 2021 . Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations: Key Hurdles for Proving/Disproving – Overcoming Difficult Issues in Family Law. Top Challenges in Arizona Family Law. Phoenix, AZ.

July 2021. More Than Words: Interpreting the Digital Dialogue of Emoji in Domestic Violence and Custody Disputes. Invited Webinar presented to the Illumini Institute (For Family Law Professionals).

June 2021. The Impact of Parental Conflict on Children as seen through the movie "Tommy". Invited presentation to the 8th World Congress for Family Law and Children's Rights. Singapore.

May 2021 Children Resisting Parental Contact: The Resist/Refuse Dynamic in Child Custody Cases. Invited presentation to the annual training of Judicial Officers, The State of Montana – Helena, Montana.

March 2021. A Primer in Child Development for Family Law Professionals. Invited Webinar Presented to the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

July 2020. The Role of Gender in Child Custody Determinations: Cultural Relevance and Irrelevance. Invited presentation to the World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights.

May 2020. The Voice of the Child: The Aftermath. Presentation to the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

May 2020. March 2020. Who Are We? The Role of Parental Identity in Child Custody. Presentation to the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

March 2020. High Conflict Cases – A Full Day Invited Training to the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. St. Louis, MO.

March 2020. Early Neutral Evaluative Mediation: A Hybrid Model for Child Custody Dispute Resolution. Invited Institute at the South African Family Law Conference. Cape Town, South Africa.

March 2020. Mediation, Litigation and Negotiation in Child Custody Disputes: What Models Are Best for What Cases? Invited Plenary Address. South African Family Law Conference. Cape Town, South Africa.

February 2020. Fishbowl or Safe Harbor? Privacy, Confidentiality and Privilege Issues in Custody Litigation. Invited Pre-Conference Institute. Conference of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Francisco, CA.

February 2020. Well-Being for the Judicial Officer. Invited Presentation to the Judicial Officers of the California Bar Court. San Francisco, CA.

November 2019. Psychological Challenges of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Children. Invited Keynote Lecture to the Annual Meeting of the International Commission on Children and Family Relationships. Rome, Italy.

October 2019. Self-Care For the Lawyer. Invited Presentation to the Family Law and Children's Rights Chapter of the Professional Affairs Committee of the Singapore Academy of Law. Singapore.

September 2019. Implicit Bias and Cognitive Bias and the Family Courts. Invited Presentation to the 4th joint meeting of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Diego, CA

September 2019. Psychological Testing: Point Counterpoint. Invited Pre-Conference Institute to the 4th joint meeting of the American Academy of

Matrimonial Lawyers and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Diego, CA

August 2019. Advocacy 101 - How to enhance your A Game. Best practice for all Family Law Professionals. Invited Full Day Preconference Institute. Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sydney, Australia

August 2019. Parenting Coordination – The Debate! Invited Presentation. Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sydney, Australia

July 2019. The role of Gender in Child Custody Determinations. Conference of the International Centre for Family Law, Policy and Practice. University of Westminster School of Law. London, UK.

June 2019. The Danger of Single Story...Simple May Be Convenient but Complex Tells The Truth. Invited Presentation to the Family Law Conference of Malta. Luqa, Malta.

June 2019. What Have We Learned? 100 Years of Custody Evaluation. 56th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Toronto, Canada

May 2019. A Hybrid Approach to Resolving Child Custody Disputes. Invited Presentation through Papaleo and Associates. Melbourne, Australia.

April 2019. Cognitive Bias and Implicit Bias. Invited lecture to the Institute for New Family and Juvenile Court Judges. National Judicial College/National Counsel of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, NV.

March 2019. Master Class: Implicit Bias and Cognitive Bias. 8th Annual Conference of the Washington State Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA.

March 2019. When We Act on The Family, We Change It: Unintended Consequences Are Everywhere. Invited Plenary Address to the 8th Annual Conference of the Washington State Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA.

March 2019. Psychological Testing: Caution Advised. Presentation at the Juvenile Justice Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Las Vegas, NV.

January 2019. Empowerment and Responsibility. Invited Presentation to the 2nd Annual Better Together Conference. Sydney, Australia.

November 2018. Social Media and Custody: Leveraging Modern Technology in Custody Cases. 13th Symposium on Child Custody of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Denver, CO.

October 2018. Domestic Violence: Applied Concepts for the Family Law Judicial Officer. Invited presentation to the Bench – Annual Conference of Judicial Officers of the State of Alaska. Anchorage, AK.

October 2018. 40th Annual Child Custody Colloquium – Examination in Action. Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Los Angeles, CA.

October 2018. Developmentally Informed Parenting Plans for Adolescents. Invited Presentation to the Bench and the Bar. Maui County Bar Association. Maui, HI.

October 2018. A Trio of Contemporary Topics: Excellence in Family Reports; Cognitive and Implicit Bias; The Resistance/Refusal Dynamic. Invited full day training. Family Law Pathways Network of Northern Queensland. Cairns, Queensland, Australia.

October 2018. Being Aware of The Family – What We Do, Why We Do It and Whether “Helping” always “Helps”. Invited Presentaion to the Bi-Annual Conference of Independent Children’s Lawyers. Law Council of Australia. Brisbane, Australia.

September 2018 Mediation – Innovations, Creativity and Applications to High Conflict Family Law Cases. Invited Workshop/Training to the Family Mediators Association of the Cape. Cape Town, South Africa.

September 2018 Cognitive Bias: Applications for Family Mediators. Keynote Address. 3rd Annual Conference of the Family Mediators Association of the Cape. Cape Town, South Africa.

August 2018 Interviewing the Alienated Child. Invited Plenary Address to the Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Adelaide, Australia.

August 2018 When is Enough Enough? Judicial Interventions in Child Custody Cases and Unintended Consequences. Invited Presentation to the Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Adelaide, Australia.

July 2018. The Role of Diagnosis in Forensic Cases. Presentation to the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Denver, CO.

June 2018. Assessing the Four Traumas: Differential Diagnosis and Does it Matter Anyway? 55th Annual Conference of the Association of Family And Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC.

June 2018. Parents, Children and the Constitution: Can't Think of One Without the Others. 55th Annual Conference of the Association of Family And Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC.

May 2018. Difficult People: What Makes Them Tick and What You Can Do To Manage Their Difficulty. Invited address to the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Ojai, CA.

May 2018. Why Sanchez Does Not Apply To Child Custody Matters. Invited Presentation to the Annual Conference of the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Napa, CA.

March 2018. Attachment: Myths and Realities in Child Custody Disputes. Invited presentation to the Northern California Chapter of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Sacramento, CA.

March 2018. Family Violence Update. Invited presentation to the bench and the bar, Maui County Bar Association. Wailuku, Maui, HI.

March 2018. Battered Women's Syndrome: Powerful Evidence or Junk Science? Invited Presentation to the Mid Year Meeting of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Maui, HI.

February 2018. Crafting Child Sharing Plans. Presentation to the International Commission on Couples and Family Relationships. Valetta, Malta.

January 2018. Practical Issues in Family Violence Cases. Invited pre-conference institute to the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Francisco, CA.

January 2018. Mediation – An Introduction. Invited presentation. Better Together, 2018 – a Program of The Equality Project. Melbourne, Australia.

January 2018. Mediation – Applications to Community Disputes. Invited pre-conference institute/training. Better Together, 2018 – a Program of the Equality Project. Melbourne, Australia.

November 2017. Cognitive and Implicit Bias in Family Law. Full Day Invited Preconference Institute. Regional Training Conference. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Milwaukee, WI.

October 2017. Effective examination of expert witnesses in child custody trials. Invited presentation to the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Minor's Counsel Training. Los Angeles, CA.

September 2017. Domestic Violence: Concepts, Differentiation and Assessment. Invited full day training to Family Pathways Network and the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission. Darwin, Australia.

September 2017. Domestic Violence: Concepts, Differentiation and Assessment. Invited full day training to Family Pathways Network. Alice Springs, Australia.

September 2017. Diagnoses in Child Custody Cases: Probative or Prejudicial? 2017 Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation and Settlement. 4th Joint AFCC/AAML Meeting. San Diego, CA.

August 2017. Addressing Cultural Issues When Making Decisions in the Best Interests of Children. (With The Hon. Alexandra Harland). Workshop presentation to the Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Melbourne, Australia

August 2017. Direct and Cross Examination of Experts. Invited Pre-Conference Full Day Training Institute. (With Mary Stavrakakis, Esq.) Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Melbourne, Australia

July 2017 Psychological and Neuropsychological Effects of Trauma. Presentation to the Annual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Washington, DC. July 2017 (upcoming). Effective Multidisciplinary Interventions for the Family Justice Ecosystem. Invited Keynote Address. Family Justice Practice Forum, 2017, Supreme Court of Singapore. Singapore.

July 2017 Perspectives on Family Violence and its Impact on Children and Custody, Care, Control and Access Issues. Invited Plenary Panel Presentation. Family Justice Practice Forum, 2017, Supreme Court of Singapore. Singapore.

July 2017 Assessing and Determining Child's Best Interest in Cases Including Allegations of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Abduction Risks. Invited presentation to Judicial Officers of the National Court of Singapore – Family Justice Week. Singapore.

July 2017 Developing Clinical Competencies: Clinical Bias in Custody Counseling and Assessment. Invited presentation to Mental Health Professionals and The Bar of Singapore - Family Justice Week. Singapore.

June 2017. The Danger of Single Story. Presentation to the World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights. Dublin, Ireland.

June, 2017. Bias and Forensic Psychology – Never the Twain Shall Meet. Presentation to the World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights. Dublin, Ireland.

June 2017. Why Good People do Bad Things. Invited Presentation to the Section of Family Law at the Annual Meeting of the Maryland Bar Association. Ocean City, MD.

April 2017. Why People v. Sanchez Does Not Apply to Child Custody. Invited Webinar for the State Bar of California (with Leslie Ellen Shear, Esq. and Julia Shear Kushner, Esq.). Los Angeles, CA.

April 2017. Forensic Psychology: Applications to Family Law and Child Custody. Invited Presentation to the Office of Legal Aid, Family Court of Western Australia. Perth, Australia.

April 2017. Domestic Violence, Typologies, Families and Judicial Interventions. Invited Presentation to the Office of Legal Aid, Family Court of Western Australia. Perth, Australia.

April 2017. Single Story: Be Thou Not Misled. Invited Presentation to the Judicial Officers of the Family Court of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

March 2017. Examination of Expert Witnesses. The 1st Annual Sorrell Trope Trial Institute. Los Angeles County Bar Association. Century City, CA.

January 2017. Perception or Reality? How our Brains Fool us. Invited Presentation to the 24th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Beverly Hills, CA.

November 2016. Ethical and Effective Management of the Difficult and Impaired Client. Invited Lecture to the 21st Annual Symposium on Family Law of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Columbia, Maryland.

November 2016. How Our Brains Fool Us: Keeping Cognitive Bias from Leading You Astray. 12th AFCC Child Custody Symposium. Atlanta, GA.

October 2016. Forensic Reports and Bias: Detecting and Presenting Evidence. Invited lecture to the Trial Advocacy Institute of the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. San Francisco, CA.

October 2016. Analyzing The Expert: Critiquing Family Reports. Invited Plenary Lecture. 17th National Family Law Conference of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

October 2016. Behind The Scenes: Family Report Fishbowl. Invited Plenary Panel. 17th National Family Law Conference of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

October 2016. Child Development: Basic Foundations for the Family Lawyer. Invited Presentation to the Young Lawyers Day Conference of the 17th National Family Law Conference of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

October 2016. Cognitive Bias: How Our Brains Fool Us. Invited plenary lecture to the 2nd Independent Children's Lawyer Conference of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

October 2016. Substance Abuse and Lawyers: A Clear and Present Danger. Invited plenary address. 86th Annual Meetings of the California Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

October 2016. Dealing With Difficult Clients: Advanced Issues. 86th Annual Meeting of the California Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

August 2016. Critical Forensic Issues in Family Law Interventions and Assessments. Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Brisbane, Australia.

August 2016. Domestic Violence, Child Abuse Abduction Risk. Invited full day pre-conference institute. Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Brisbane, Australia.

July 2017. Clinicians In the Courtroom: Giving Evidence and Cross Examination. Invited presentation at the Family Consultant National Conference of the Family Court and National Circuit Court of Australia. Werribee, Australia.

July 2017. Clinical Bias in Family Law Practice. June, 2016. Invited presentation at the Family Consultant National Conference of the Family Court and National Circuit Court of Australia. Werribee, Australia.

July 2017. Revised Professional Directions – Family Assessments and Reports. Invited presentation at the Family Consultant National Conference of the Family Court and National Circuit Court of Australia. Werribee, Australia.

June 2016. A Trio of Issues: Cognitive Bias, Parenting Plans for Young Children and Court Connected Psychotherapy. Invited presentation to the Bench and the Bar. Kahului, Maui.

June 2016. Testing 1,2,3: The Misuse of Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations. 53rd. Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA.

June 2016. E-discovery and Social Media: A New Challenge For Family Law Professionals. 53rd. Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA.

May, 2016. Child Development and Parenting Plans for Children: Towards an Integrated Approach. Invited Presentation 2016 Idaho Magistrate Judges Conference: The Art of Judicial Decision-Making. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

April, 2016. Special Issues in Court-Connected Psychotherapy in Cases of Disputed Child Custody. Invited Presentation to the Family Law Judiciary, State of Hawaii. Kapolei, O'ahu, Hawaii.

March 2016. Effective Direct Examination of Witnesses. Invited presentation to the Annual Meeting of the Family Law Section of the Nevada Bar Association. Ely, Nevada.

February 2016. How Our Brains Fool Us: Keeping Cognitive Bias from Leading You Astray! Invited Presentation to the USA / Canada Chapter of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Beverly Hills, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

January 2016. Effective and Ethical Use of Forensic Psychology Consultants in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation to the Annual Conjoint Meeting of the Arizona Bar Association and the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Phoenix, AZ.

November 2015. Translating Theory into Practice: The Child's Representative. AFCC Regional Training Conference. Columbus, OH. (with Rebecca M. Stahl, JD, LLM & Kirsten L. Tobin, JD)

November 2015. Special Considerations for Special Needs Children in Child Custody Determinations. Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Chicago, IL.

October 2015. Fishbowl or Safe Harbor? Therapy and Health Care Privilege Issues in Custody Litigation. Invited Presentation 37th Annual Child Custody Colloquium of the Los Angeles County Bar Association - Family Law Section. Los Angeles, CA. (with Leslie Shear, CFLS, IAML & The Hon. Harvey Silberman)

October 2015. The Dark Side: Why Lawyers Do Bad Things - an Encore. Invited

Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the California Bar Association. Anaheim, CA. (with the Hon. Catherine Purcell)

October 2015. Dealing with Difficult Clients in Your Law Practice. Invited presentation at the Annual Meeting of the California Bar Association. Anaheim, CA.

September 2015. A Trio of Issues: Child Custody Evaluation, Clinicians in the Courtroom and Case Consultation. Invited Full Day Institute. Alaska State Psychological Association. Anchorage, AK.

August 2015. Advanced Practice of Forensic Psychological Assessment. Invited presentation to the Australia Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sydney, Australia.

July 2015. Never Married Parents: Special Considerations for Judicial Officers. 78th Annual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Austin, TX.

July 2015. 2015 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D)

May 2015. Special Issues in Custody Evaluations with Military Families. 52nd Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA.

May 2015. Forensic Psychology and Clinical Psychology: Similarities and Differences. Invited presentation to the Idaho Judicial Conference. Boise, ID.

May 2015. The Conundrum of Never Married Parents. Invited presentation to the Idaho Judicial Conference. Boise, ID.

May 2015. Shared Parenting: Controversies and Considerations. Invited presentation to the Spring Meeting of the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Carlsbad, CA.

April 2015. The Rising Tide of Shared Parenting. Invited presentation and Featured Speaker at the 1st Annual Conference of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Portland, OR. (with Leslie Drozd, Ph.D. & The Hon. Katherine Tennyson)

March 2015. Relocation Considerations in the Modern World. Invited presentation to the Section of Family Law, Nevada Bar Association 2015 Family Law Conference. Ely, NV.

March 2015. Essentials of Depositions of Mental Health Experts. Invited presentation to the Southern California Inns of Court. Beverly Hills, CA.

February 2015. Public Perception of Attorney Discipline & Volunteer Adjudicators. Invited presentation to the 2015 Annual Meeting of the National Council of Attorney Disciplinary Boards. Houston, TX.

January 2015. The Use and Abuse of Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations. Invited presentation to the 2015 Law Education Institute Family Law Program. Vail, CO.

November, 2014. The Activities and Roles of Consultants: How Many is Too Many? Plenary Session at the 11th Symposium on Custody Evaluations of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Antonio, TX. (with David Martindale, Ph.D.)

September 2014. Blogging, Tweeting and the New Frontier of Attorney Advertising: How to Stay Within the Ethical Bounds. Presentation to the California Bar Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. (with Merri Baldwin, Esq., Jennifer Becker, Esq. & Larry Doyle, Esq.)

September 2014. Doctor, Can You Help Me? - Using Mental Health Professionals Before, During and After Custody Disputes. Presentation to the California Bar Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. (with Michael Kretezmer, Esq. & Ian Russ, Ph.D., MFT).

September 2014. The Dark Side: When Good Professionals Make Poor Ethical Choices. Invited presentation to the California Bar Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. (with The Hon. Catherine Purcell, California Bar Court).

August 2014. 2014 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

July 2014. Direct and Cross Examination of Mental Health Experts in Custody Litigation. American Bar Association / National Institute of Trial Advocacy Trial College in Family Law. Boulder, CO.

July 2014. The Adult Children of Divorce: Short and Long Term Effects. National Family Law Program of Canada. Whistler, British Columbia, Canada.

June 2014. Dealing with Difficult Clients While Maintaining Your Professional Responsibility. California Bar Association's Solo and Small Firm Summit. Newport Beach, CA.

May 2014. Issues in Parent-Child Observations in Child Custody Evaluations. 51st Annual Meeting of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. Toronto, Canada.

May 2014. Parallel Parenting in High Conflict Divorce. Invited presentation to the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Hamilton, Bermuda.

May 2014. Discovery Versus Privacy: Medical Records and Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation to the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Southern California Chapter. Santa Barbara, CA. (with Daniel Willick, Esq.)

May 2014. Use of Forensic Psychologists as Trial Consultants. Invited presentation to the Annual Symposium of the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Napa, CA.

March 2014. Attachment and Child Custody: Myths and Realities. Invited presentation to the Bench and the Bar. Maui Bar Association. Wailuku, Maui, HI.

March 2014. Considerations in Child Custody Decisions with Never Married Parents. Invited presentation to the Annual Meetings of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Monterey, CA.

March 2014. Recent Developments in Child Custody. Invited presentation to the Annual Meetings of the Family Law Section, Nevada Bar Association. Ely, NV.

February 2014. Child Custody Update: Developmentally Appropriate Parenting Plans and Domestic Violence. Invited presentation to the Bench and the Bar. Maui Bar Association. Wailuku, Maui, HI.

February 2014. Rebuttal Experts in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation to the Southern California Inns of Court, Family Law Division. Century City, CA.

February 2014. Ethical Issues in the Use of Consultants in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation for San Bernardino Bar Association. Ontario, CA.

February 2014. Understanding Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluation. Webinar for the California Bar Association.

November 2013. Fundamental Differences Between Forensic Psychology and Clinical Psychology. Webinar for the California Bar Association.

November 2013. When is Enough Enough? Realistic Bases for Custody Report Critiques. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference. Kansas City, MO. (with Philip M. Stahl, Ph.D.)

October 2013. Psychotherapist-Patient Privileges vs. Best Interest of the Child in Custody Cases. Annual Minor's Counsel Training Program. Los Angeles County Bar Association. Los Angeles, CA. (with Christine Gille, Esq., CFLS & Daniel Willick, Esq.)

August 2013. 2013 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. & Michael Kretzmer, Esq.)

June 2013. Collaborative Divorce Team Practice. An invited two-day training for the Collaborative Practice Group of Hawaii. Honolulu, HI.

June 2013. Advanced Issues in Forensic Psychology Consulting. Invited presentation to "The Study Group" of Attorneys. Beverly Hills, CA.

June 2013. The Clash Between 'Best Interests' vs. Parental Treatment Confidentiality. 50th Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Los Angeles, CA. (with Lynette Berg Robe, Esq., Christine Gille, Esq. & Daniel Willick, Esq.)

May 2013. Family Law Day: Child Custody Evaluation Update - Focus on Attachment, The Use of Consultants and Evaluation of Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Evaluations. Vermont Bar Association. Essex, VT.

May 2013. Direct and Cross Examination of Mental Health Experts: Attachment at Issue. Annual Seminar - Certified Family Law Specialists. North County Bar Association. Del Mar, CA.

April 2013. New Theories in Child Custody - The Science and Sorcery of Attachment. Spring Meetings of the Section of Family Law, American Bar

Association. Anchorage, AK.

April 2013. Forensic Psychology Consulting: Advanced Issues. Invited presentation to the Spring Meeting of the Section of Family Law, American Bar Association. Anchorage, AK. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

April 2013. Child Custody Evaluation: Best Practices and Advanced Topics – Relocation, Alienation, Domestic Violence. Invited full day presentation to Alaska State Court Child Custody Investigators. Anchorage, AK.

March 2013. Critiques of Child Sexual Abuse Assessments. Lecture to the 6th Annual World Congress on Children and Families. Sydney, Australia.

February 2013. Advance Issues in Child Custody. Invited mandatory presentation to the Family Law Judicial Officers, State of Hawaii. Kapolei, HI.

February 2013. Special Issues in Child Custody Evaluation. Invited Full-Day Training for the Bench and the Bar. Maui County, Wailuku, Maui, HI.

December 2012. Effective Use of Experts in Family Law Litigation. Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. Winter Seminar. San Diego, CA.

December 2012. The Effective Use of Forensic Psychology Consulting in Child Custody Litigation. Invited presentation as a part of “Experts in Family Law Proceedings: Effective Strategies and Best Practices”. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Toronto, Canada.

December 2012. Mental Health Expert Roles: Issues and Ethical Dilemmas. Moderated Roundtable Discussion as part of “Experts in Family Law Proceedings: Effective Strategies and Best Practices”. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University. Toronto, Canada.

November 2012. Writing the Analysis: A Critical Element in Custody Reports. 10th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

November 2012. How are Custody Evaluation Reports Used? 10th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (with the Hon Harvey Silberman, Jordan Steinberg, Esq., CLF-S & Susan Dwyer, Ph.D.)

October 2012. Ethical Advice for the Changing World of Technology. Invited presentation at the Meetings of the California Bar Association. Monterey, CA. (with The Hon. Catherine Purcell, Cal Bar Court)

October 2012. Trial Advocacy Institute - Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. San Francisco, CA.

August 2012. 2012 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230. San Ramon, CA. (with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. & Jennifer Kresge, Ph.D.)

June 2012. Do Family Law Professionals Have Privacy Rights? 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL. (with The Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman, The Hon. Thomas Trent Lewis, & Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D.).

June 2012. My Client Did What? 49th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL. (with Mary Ferriter, Esq.)

April 2012. The Tango of the Custody Experts: Evidence Code 730 Evaluations vs. Evidence Code 733 Rebuttals. Orange County Chapter of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Orange, CA. (with Russell Johnson, Ph.D.)

March 2012. Co-Chair, "The New Era in Child Custody" - Children's Testimony, Sponsored by the California Psychological Association and the North County Certified Family Law Specialists. San Diego, CA. (Featuring Sandra Joan Morris, Esq., The Hon Thomas Trent Lewis, Katherine Kuehnle, Ph.D. & Stephen Sparta, Ph.D.)

February 2012. Fundamental Differences Between Forensic and Clinical Psychology. Los Angeles Family Law Attorney Study Group. Los Angeles, CA.

February 2012. Deconstructing Child Custody Evaluations. Study Group of Certified Family Law Specialists. Encino, CA.

November 2011. Guiding the Lives of Children of Divorce and Separation: Listening to the Voice of the Child in Family Court: Are AB1050 & Elkins Good for Children? 7th Annual Seminar of the San Diego Family Law Council for Children. San Diego, CA.

October 2011. Assessing Risk of Violence On Family Law Professionals: Knowing When We Need Be Afraid. The Association of Family & Conciliation

Courts Regional Training Conference. Indianapolis, IN. (with Leslie Drozd, Ph.D.)

October 2011. Ethical Challenges for Family Lawyers in the 21st Century. Pre-Conference Institute at The Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference. Indianapolis, IN.

June 2011. Working With Experts. Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

May 2011. Forensic Work Product Review and Family Law Litigation Consultation: Emerging Trends and Best Practices. 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Orlando, FL.

April 2011. A Primer on Behavioral Finance for the Collaborative Professional. 6th Annual Conference of Collaborative Practice - California. San Diego, CA.

April 2011. Forensic Psychology in Family Law Litigation: Emerging and Enduring Concepts. American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - Southern California Chapter. Newport Beach, CA.

March 2011. It's About the Evidence: Forensic Psychology in the Family Law Courtroom. Foothills Bar Association. El Cajon, CA.

February 2011. A Primer on Behavioral Finance with Pragmatics. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - California Chapter. San Francisco, CA.

November 2010. The Role of Mental Health Professionals and Levels of Input in Family Law Litigation. California Western School of Law. San Diego, CA.

October 2010. Mental Health-Attorney Consultation in Child Custody Cases: From Expert Witness Support to Testimony. Pre-conference Symposium at the Association of Family and Conciliation Court's 9th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Cambridge, MA. (with The Hon. William Fee, The Hon. Dianna Gould-Saltman & Sam Ferrara, Esq.)

October 2010. Behavioral Finance: A Primer with Pragmatics. 10th Annual Texas AFCC Statewide Conference. Houston, TX.

October 2010. Strategies for Effective Expert Testimony in Court. 10th Annual Texas AFCC Statewide Conference. Houston, TX.

August 2010. Brief / Focused Evaluations: A Primer. Symposium presented to the Family Law Section, North County Bar Association. Vista, CA.

August 2010. Trial Consultation in High Conflict Custody Cases. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association. San Diego, CA. (with Richard Gould-Saltman, Esq, CLS-F & Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D.)

June 2010. Doing Less with More - Brief / Focused Custody Evaluations. Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (with The Honorable Jeannie Lowe)

April 2010. The Efficacy of Parent Education Programs and Reunification Therapy in Litigated Child Custody Dispute. Certified Family Law Specialists Spring Seminar. San Diego, CA.

March 2010. An Overview of Behavioral Finance: Overcoming Obstacles to Financial Settlement in Dissolution Proceedings. Financial Planning Association of California. San Jose, CA.

February 2010. Predictors of Positive Adjustment and Adaptation in Children of Divorce. University of San Diego, School of Law. San Diego, CA.

February 2010. Between Psychologist and Attorney: Issues in Objective Review of Child Custody Evaluations. Annual Conference of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Santa Monica, CA.

October 2009. Representing Problem People. Certified Family Law Specialists, Fall Seminar. San Diego, CA.

August 2009. Overview of Issues in Child Custody - The Psychologist's Perspective. California Western School of Law. San Diego, CA.

May 2009. Collaboration in Litigation - Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Consulting in Litigated Cases. 46th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA. (with Jonathan W. Gould, Ph.D., ABPP & Dianna Gould-Saltman, Esq, C-FLS)

March 2009. 3-day Training - Interdisciplinary Team Model of Collaborative Divorce. Collaborative Divorce Team Trainings. Phoenix, AZ.

February 2009. The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: Procedure and Ethics In Objective Child Custody Evaluation Review Work. The Family Law Staff of Selzer, Caplan, McMahon & Vitek. San Diego, CA.

October 2008. A Demonstration of Team Process in a Full Team Collaborative Divorce Case. 7th Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, LA.

September 2008. Conducting Reviews and Being Reviewed. 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Albuquerque, NM.

May 2008. Effective Courtroom Technique for the Expert Witness. Full Day Pre-Conference Institute. 45th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Co-Sponsored by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy). Vancouver, Canada.

April 2008. What Neuropsychology Tells Us About How People Change and About Collaborative Coaching. 2nd Annual European Collaborative Conference. Cork, Ireland.

May 2007. Expert Testimony - Strategies for Witnesses. 44th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC. (Co-presented with the Hon. Arlene Rotman (ret) & Philip Stahl, Ph.D.)

October 2006. Expert Testimony and Cross-Examination. Full Day Pre-Conference Institute. 7th Annual International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Atlanta, GA. (Co-presented with Philip Stahl, Ph.D., The Hon. W. Dennis Duggan & R. John Harper LL.B.

June 2006. Growing Up in Dual Households - How Do I Know If My Kid Needs Counseling. Guiding The Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce. San Diego Family Law Council for Children. San Diego, CA. (with Isolina Ricci, Ph.D.)

May 2006. Effective Communication Styles for Reducing Conflict During Collaborative Divorce and Couples Communication.” Retreat of the Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego. San Diego, CA.

January 2006. Emotional Recovery from Divorce. Presentation to the Second Saturday program, Women’s Institute for Financial Education, Cardiff-By-The-Sea, CA.

July 2005. Panel Discussant, Children of Divorce: Long Term Implications: Theory and Practice. Guiding the Lives of Children of Separation and Divorce. San Diego Family Law Council for Children. San Diego, CA. (with Constance Ahrons, Ph.D.)

May 2005. The Use and Misuse of Psychological Testing in Forensic Custody Evaluations. Invited presentation to the Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

July 2004. Modified Custody Evaluations: Indications, Contraindications and Frontiers. Invited In-service Presentation to Family Court Services, Superior Court, County of San Diego. San Diego, CA.

September 2003. Focused Psychological Custody Evaluations. Seminar Provided to the Family Law Section, San Diego Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (Co-presented with the Hon. James R. Milliken - Presiding Judge, Penny Angel Levy, MSW, Timothy Smith, Esq. & Janet Bowermaster, Esq.)

November 2002. Making Custody Evaluations More Efficient and Cost-Effective. Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Tuscon, AZ. (Co-presented with the Hon. H. Ronald Domnitz - Superior Court of California & Nancy Stassinopolous CFLS.)

November 2002. California Custody Evaluators Supplemental Session. Fifth International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Tuscon, AZ. (This session offered as part of the mandated 40-hour training for California Child Custody Evaluations).

June 2002. Building Resilience in Alienated Children. 39th Annual Conference. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Waikoloa, HI.

February 2001. Understanding Psychological Tests in Child Custody Evaluations. Brown Bag presentation - Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

June 2000. The Mini/Modified Psychological Evaluation. The Eighteenth Annual Summer Seminar - Selected Issues in Family Law Practice and Procedure - The Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAININGS ATTENDED

July 2022. Annual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Reno, NV. (16 hours)

October 2021. Fall Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Cincinnati, OH (12 hours)

July 2021. Annual Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. St. Louis, MO (16 hours)

June 2021. Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (held virtually) (12 hours)

March 2020. Annual Conference of the Family Law Association of the Cape. Cape Town, South Africa.

October 2019. Fall Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Pittsburgh, PA (12 hours)

June 2019. 57th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Toronto, Canada (18 hours)

March 2019. 8th Annual Meeting of the Washington Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA (6.5 hours)

March 2019. Juvenile Justice Conference of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Las Vegas, NV (16 hours)

February, 2019. Spring Seminar of the San Diego Family Law Bar Association. San Diego, CA (4 units)

October, 2018. Child Custody Symposium of the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Los Angeles, CA (7 hours).

October, 2018. Biennial Conference, Family Mediators Association of the Cape. Cape Town, South Africa. (16 hours).

August, 2018. 5th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Australia Chapter. Adelaide, SA, Australia (16 hours).

June, 2018. Presenting and Challenging Expert Witnesses Post-Sanchez. California Family Law Reports – The Rutter Group. Sacramento, CA (6 hours)

June, 2018. Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC (16 hours)

March, 2018. Spring Seminar of the Association of Certified Family Law Specialists. Palm Desert, CA (12 hours).

January, 2018. Annual Meeting of the California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. (14 MCEP hours).

December, 2017. The Custody Evaluator Domestic Violence Institute. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Santa Fe, NM. (13.75 MCEP Hours).

November, 2017. Child Custody in Contested Child Custody Cases. The Rutter Group. Costa Mesa, CA. (7 MCEP Hours).

October 2017. Regional Training Conference. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Milwaukee, WI (12 MCEP Hours).

October, 2017. Child Custody Symposium of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Universal City, CA (6 MCEP Hours).

August, 2017. 4th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Australia Chapter. Melbourne, Australia.

July, 2017. 7th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights. Dublin, Ireland.

June, 2017. 53rd Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Boston, MA. (16 MCEP Hours)

February 2017. California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Costa Mesa, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

October 2016. 12th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluation. Atlanta, GA (12 MCEP Hours)

October 2016. Semi Annual National Family Law Conference. Law Council of Australia. Melbourne, Australia.

June, 2016. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2016. Spring meeting of the Family Law Section of the American Bar Association. Nassau, Bahamas.

July, April 216. Family Consultant National Conference. Werribee, Australia.

February, 2016. California Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA (11 MCEP Hours)

November, 2015. Association of Family & Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Regional Training Conference. Columbus, OH. (12 MCEP Hours)

August, 2015. AFCC Australia Conference. Sydney, Australia. (12 MCEP Hours)

July, 2015. 2015 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230 with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. San Ramon, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

June 2015. 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA. (16 MCEP Hours).

November 2014. 11th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluation. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2014. 51st Annual Meeting of the Association of Family & Conciliation Courts. Toronto, Canada. (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2014. Spring Meetings - Section of Family Law of the American Bar Association. Hamilton, Bermuda. (12 MCEP Hours)

January, 2014. 21st Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Newport Beach, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

October, 2013. 35th Annual Child Custody Colloquium: The Real Families of Los Angeles - How Can We Best Serve Them? Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Universal City, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

October, 2013. Fall Meetings - Section of Family Law of the American Bar Association. Deer Valley, UT. (12 MCEP Hours)

October, 2013. The Use and Abuse of Experts. Fall Seminar - San Diego Family Law Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

August, 2013. Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, HI. (14 MCEP Hours)

June, 2013. Summer Seminar - Certified Family Law Specialists of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (5 MCEP Hours)

May, 2013. 50th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Los Angeles, CA. (16 MCEP Hours)

January, 2013. 20th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Newport Beach, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

December, 2012. 30th Annual Winter Seminar of the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

November, 2012. 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Phoenix, AZ. (16 MCEP Hours)

October, 2012. Annual Meetings of the California Bar Association. Monterey, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

August, 2012. 2012 Child Custody & Evaluation Training for the California Rules of Court 5.225 & 5.230 with Philip Stahl, Ph.D. San Ramon, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2012. 49th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Chicago, IL. (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2012. 36th Annual Symposium of the Northern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers - Modus Operandi: Emerging Trends in Family Law Theory, Practice and Procedure. Napa, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2012. Houston Family Law Trial Institute at South Texas College of Law - Advanced Program in Child Custody. Houston, TX. (32 MCEP Hours)

March, 2012. Co-Chair, The New Era in Child Custody - Children's Testimony, Sponsored by the California Psychological Association and the North County Certified Family Law Specialists Featuring Sandra Joan Morris, Esq., The Hon Thomas Trent Lewis, Katherine Kuehnle, Ph.D. & Stephen Sparta, Ph.D. San Diego, CA. (6.5 MCEP Hours)

February, 2012. The New Frontier. Annual Conference of the California Chapter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Santa Monica, CA. (20.5 MCEP Hours)

January, 2012. 19th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. San Diego, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

December, 2011. 29th Annual Winter Seminar of the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

October, 2011. Regional Training Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Indianapolis, IN. (12 MCEP Hours)

October, 2011. September, 2011 First AAML / AFCC Joint Conference: Advanced Topics. Philadelphia, PA. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2011. 48th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Orlando, FL. (16 MCEP Hours)

May, 2011. 43rd Annual Family Law Symposium - Family Law 2011 - The New Realities. Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Los Angeles, CA. (6.25 MCEP Hours)

April, 2011. Just The Facts: An Advanced Course in Family Law Evidence: Discover, Obtain, Admit and Exclude it. Association of Certified Family Law Specialists 19th Annual Spring Seminar. Indian Wells, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

March, 2011. The Child Custody and Parenting Plan Seminar - Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D. California Psychological Association and the North County Bar Association - Family Law Section. Carlsbad, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

February, 2011. Annual Conference of the California Chapter, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Francisco, CA. (16 MCEP Hours)

January, 2011. Evidence for Forensic Psychologists. American Academy of Forensic Psychology. San Diego, CA. (7 MCEP Hours)

January, 2011. 18th Annual Trial Advocacy Institute of the Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Santa Monica, CA. (12 MCEP Hours)

December, 2010. 28th Annual Winter Seminar of the Certified Family Law Specialists Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

November, 2010. San Diego Family Law Council for Children's 6th Annual Seminar. San Diego, CA. (3 MCEP Hours)

October, 2010. 9th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Cambridge, MA. (18 MCEP Hours)

October, 2010. Annual Meeting of the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Houston, TX. (12 MCEP Hours)

September, 2010. Annual Child Custody Colloquium of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Santa Monica, CA. (7 MCEP Hours)

May, 2010. 47th Annual Meetings of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Denver, CO. (16 MCEP Hours)

February, 2010. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – California Chapter. Santa Monica, CA. (14 MCEP Hours)

November, 2009. Regional Training Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Reno, NV. (12 MCEP Hours)

September, 2009. Controversies in Parental Alienation. Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar. San Diego, CA.

June, 2009. Summer Seminar of the Family Law Section, San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

May, 2009. The 46th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. New Orleans, LA. (18 MCEP Hours)

April 2009. 4th Annual CP-CAL (Collaborative Practice, California) Celebration. Long Beach, CA. (10 MCEP Hours)

March, 2009. Spring Seminar of the Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

February 2009. New Ways for Families. An Intervention Program for High Conflict Families in the Court System. San Diego, CA. (4 MCEP Hours)

December, 2008. Winter Seminar of the Family Law Section. San Diego County Bar Association. San Diego, CA.

October, 2008. 7th Annual Networking and Educational Forum. International Association of Collaborative Professionals. New Orleans, LA. (16 MCEP Hours)

September, 2008. 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Albuquerque, NM. (14 MCEP Hours)

June, 2008. Parent Coordination Training offered by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, taught by Joan B. Kelly, Ph.D. Loyola Law Center. Chicago, IL. (12 MCEP Hours)

May, 2008. 45th Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Vancouver. British Columbia, Canada. (18 MCEP Hours)

February, 2008. Mediation Skills Training. National Center for Conflict Resolution. San Diego, CA. (32 MCEP Hours)

November, 2007. Training the Trainers. 24-hour Training in Training Others to Become Collaborative Practitioners. Phoenix, AZ. (24 MCEP Hours)

October, 2007. 6th Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (14 MCEP Hours)

October, 2007. California Update on Child Custody Evaluations. San Diego, CA. (8 MCEP Hours)

October, 2007. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Regional Training Conference on Family Violence and Alienation. Columbus, OH. (14 MCEP Hours)

May, 2007. 44th Annual Conference - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Washington, DC. (18 MCEP Hours)

March, 2007. First Annual European Conference on Collaborative Practice. Vienna, Austria.

December, 2006. Training In Parent Coordination. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Baltimore, MD. (14 MCEP Hours)

December, 2006. Ethics and Risk Management for Psychologists. American Psychological Association Insurance Trust. San Diego, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

October, 2006. 7th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Atlanta, GA. (14 MCEP Hours)

October, 2006. 5th Annual Educational and Networking Forum. International Academy of Collaborative Professionals. San Diego, CA. (13 MCEP Hours)

June, 2006. 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Tampa, FL. (17 MCEP Hours)

May, 2006. Retreat - Collaborative Family Law Group of San Diego. San Diego, CA. (6 MCEP Hours)

September, 2005. Interdisciplinary Team Training in Collaborative Family Law. Scottsdale, AZ. (24 MCEP Hours)

May, 2005. 42nd Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Seattle, WA. (16.25 MCEP Hours)

November, 2004. Therapists at Risk, Part II: Dual Relationships, Countertransference & the Legal and Ethical Considerations. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates. (6 MCEP Hours)

October, 2004. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 6th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Nashville, TN. (17 MCEP Hours)

May, 2004. 41st Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. San Antonio, TX. (17 MCEP Hours)

March, 2004. Therapists at Risk (Part I) Risks & the Changing Face of Psychotherapy. Home study course offered by Psycho-Legal Associates. (6 MCEP Hours)

January, 2004. Domestic Violence: Assessment and Treatment. Psycho-Legal Associates. San Diego, CA. (7 MCEP Hours)

May, 2003. 40th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Ottawa, Canada. (16.25 MCEP Hours)

November, 2002. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 5th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Tucson, AZ. (13.5 MCEP Hours)

June, 2002. 39th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Kona, HI. (18 MCEP Hours)

November, 2001. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts' 4th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations. Kiawah Island, SC. (13.5 MCEP Hours)