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### **Education:**

Psy.D. – 1999

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY at ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES**

Clinical Psychology Concentration: Individual, Family and Children

Doctoral project on the application of multicultural models of understanding to oppressed populations. Recipient of the Allan Rhoads Scholarship.

M.A. in Clinical Psychology -- 1997

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, LOS ANGELES**

J.D. -- 1981

**UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL**

B.A. -- 1978

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES**

*Magna cum laude* graduate; Four Year National Merit Scholarship; Chancellor's Marshall; College of Letters & Science Honors Program; National Mortar Board Society.

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### **Professional Associations:**

**American Psychological Association** (1995 to present)

**California Psychological Association** (2009 to present; Member, Ethics Committee, 2012 to 2013; Convention Committee, 2013 to 2015).

**Los Angeles County Psychological Association** (Past President & LACPA's Representative to the California Board of Psychology, 2012 to 2013; President, 2011; President-Elect, 2010; Board of Directors, 2008 to 2013; Former Member, Forensics Committee; Psychoanalytic Psychology Committee, 2004 to 2012, & Co-Chair, 2008 to 2009; Recipient of Distinguished Service to LACPA Award, 2013).

**Wright Institute Los Angeles Alumni/ae Association** (President, 2007 to 2009; President-Elect, 2005-2006; Board of Directors, 2002 to 2014).

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### **Professional Experience:**

September 2013 to present

**CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY, Sacramento, California**

**President and Board Member.** One of five licensed members appointed by Governor Brown to the governmental board licensing and regulating the practice of psychology for psychologists in the State of California. Elected President effective January 1, 2016.

February 2002 to present

**PRIVATE PRACTICE, Beverly Hills, California**

**Clinical Psychologist.** Psychoanalytic psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and couples. Forensic consulting.

July 2001 to present

**WRIGHT INSTITUTE LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, California**

**Adjunct Faculty and Clinical Supervisor.** Instructor for postdoctoral courses in psychoanalytic psychotherapy with gay and lesbian clients, practice development and legal and ethical concerns in private practice; clinical supervisor for postdoctoral fellows.

July 2001 to December 2005

**ANTIOCH UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES, Marina Del Rey, California**

**Adjunct Faculty.** Instructor for graduate study in interpersonal process of psychotherapy, law & ethics, assessment & treatment planning, and family systems theory.

October 2000 to December 2002

**CALIFORNIA GRADUATE INSTITUTE, Los Angeles, California**

**Graduate Instructor.** Instructor for graduate study in law & ethics and history & systems of psychology.

September 1999 to present

**CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY at ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, California**

**Adjunct Associate & Assistant Professor and Adjunct Instructor.** Instructor for graduate study in history & systems of psychology, sex roles & gender, clinical interviewing, law & ethics, professional roles, social bases of behavior, and program development & evaluation. Certificates of commendation for excellence in teaching awarded by the Student Government Association.

September 2000 to February 2002

**ELAINE SCHULMAN, Ph.D., Los Angeles, California**

**Psychological Assistant.** Long-term analytic psychotherapy with adults and adolescents.

September 1998 to September 2000

**WRIGHT INSTITUTE LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles, California**

**Postdoctoral Fellow & Psychology Intern.** Long-term, analytically-informed treatment of adult population, individual and conjoint modalities. Training in psychoanalytic theory and practice, treatment of trauma, sex and sexuality, primitive mental states, group process, and couples therapy.

September 1997 to August 1998

**CENTER FOR HEALTHY AGING, Santa Monica, California**

**Intern -- Department of Mental Health Program.** Group and long-term individual therapy with older adults. Individual clients with primary diagnoses of severe Axis I disturbances or Axis II character disorders. Co-facilitator of two groups, one for gay men over 55 years of age and the other a process group for day rehabilitation clients suffering from chronic mental illnesses, including schizophrenia. Specialized training in neuropsychological testing, aging and mental health, standards of legal competency, psychopharmacology, chronic mental illness, individual and group therapy with older adults, and the diagnosis and treatment of senility and dementia.

September 1996 to July 1997

**LOS ANGELES GAY & LESBIAN CENTER, Los Angeles, California**

**Practicum Intern -- Mental Health Services Department.** Performed therapy in crisis, short-term and long-term treatment modalities with varied population of adults, couples and adolescents. Conducted intake interviews with individuals and couples seeking counseling services. Intensive training in domestic violence, sexual orientation identity development, crisis intervention, substance abuse and chemical dependency, intervention with adolescents, and HIV-related issues.

October 1995 to June 1996

**VERDUGO MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, Glendale, California**

**Testing & Assessment Clerk.** Performed adult and child psychological testing and assessment of chronically mentally ill clients. Conducted intake interviews for adults seeking outpatient counseling services. Intensive training in assessment and administration of various diagnostic measures and tests.

**Other Professional Experience:**

January 1995 to December 2004

**LAW OFFICES OF STEPHEN C. PHILLIPS, Los Angeles, California**

**Sole Proprietor** of part time legal practice specializing in business and litigation consulting for small businesses and individual entrepreneurs in a wide array of commercial endeavors.

July 1985 to December 1994

**SHAPIRO, POSELL, ROSENFELD & CLOSE, Los Angeles, California**

**Managing Partner, Litigation Department Chairperson, Partner and Associate** of a twenty-five-person firm in Century City. Conducted business litigation in state and federal courts as well as other tribunals for varied client base. Extensive deposition, jury and bench trial experience as lead counsel in complex commercial disputes, employment, real estate, entertainment and franchising matters. Left to prepare to pursue studies in clinical psychology commencing in the Fall of 1995.

July 1984 to July 1985

**SYLVESTER & OPPENHEIM, Sherman Oaks, California**

**Litigation Associate** in a three-person civil litigation firm.

September 1981 to July 1984

**WYMAN, BAUTZER, ROTHMAN, KUCHEL & SILBERT, Los Angeles, California**

**Litigation Associate** in a large law firm specializing in entertainment transactions and litigation.

September 1980 to June 1981

**CHICAGO LAWYERS COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, INC.**

**Prison Paralegal Training Project Coordinator** for a pilot program designed to train Illinois state prison inmates in legal research and writing.

**Community Organizations:**

Parkhill School (a non-public school for severely emotionally disturbed children) (Vice-President, 2009 to 2010; Board of Directors, 2005 to 2010).

Wright Institute Los Angeles (a post-graduate center for psychoanalytic training with a large, low-cost psychotherapy clinic) (Chairperson of the Board of Directors, 2014 to present; Board of Directors, 2007 to present).

**Government Service:**

Board Member, California Board of Psychology (September 2013 to June 1, 2020)

California Board of Psychology Task Force on Psychological Assistants (Subject Matter Expert, 2008).

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## Clinical & Research Interests:

Forensic psychology; sexually compulsive behavior and its treatment; object relations; gay affirmative psychodynamic therapy; the psychology of oppression; behavioral and chemical addictions; chronic mental illness; and gerontological psychology.

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## Publications:

Phillips, S.C. (2010). Notes on the treatment of gay men: Avoiding some common therapeutic errors. *Los Angeles Psychologist* (September-October 2010), 8 -10.

Phillips, S.C. (2010). The dilemma of diagnosis in clinical practice: Over diagnosis, under diagnosis and insurance fraud. *California Psychologist* (November-December 2010), 23-24.

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## Professional Presentations:

July 26, 2015

**THE NEW FRONTIERS OF DIVORCE: CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN FAMILY LAW PRACTICE.** Primary presenter on the psychological and sociological impact of the United States Supreme Court decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015) at a continuing legal education program sponsored by, among others, the Family Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and the Iranian American Lawyers Association.

April 23, 2015

**ETHICS, LAW, AND THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY: NAVIGATING THE COMPLEXITIES OF PRACTICE.** Primary presenter on behalf of the California Board of Psychology at the daylong Ethics Institute during the California Psychological Association's annual convention. The presentation focused on the enforcement of regulations, standards and laws by the Board of Psychology, the licensing and regulatory board for the state, following complaints from consumers of psychological services.

March 27, 2015

**SEXUAL COMPULSIVITY/ADDICTION: THE ENDLESS SEARCH FOR INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY.** Sole presenter at a continuing education program on sexually compulsive or addictive use of internet pornography, including an examination of the demographics, legal and personal consequences, theories of and research concerning the etiology of the behavior, and its multimodal treatment, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Psychological Association.

July 27, 2013

**PIERCING THE VEIL OF CULTURE: CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN FAMILY PRACTICE.** One of several panelists at a day long continuing education program highlighting the myriad of cultural variables to be considered in the practice of family law sponsored by the Los Angeles County Bar Association Family Law Section, the Iranian American Lawyers Association, and a variety of other associations and law firms.

April 13, 2013

**PSYCHOLOGIST AS CANCER PATIENT AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL: PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES, EVIDENCE-BASED FINDINGS, AND PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS.** Primary presenter on the professional implications of a cancer diagnosis and its treatment for practicing psychologists at the California Psychological Association's annual convention.

February 3, 2012

**COMMON ETHICAL CONCERNS OF THE CONTEMPORARY CLINICAL PRACTITIONER.** Sole presenter on every day ethical issues encountered by mental health clinicians, sponsored by the Iranian Psychological Association of America.

October 13, 2012

**THE PSYCHOLOGIST AS CANCER PATIENT: PROFESSIONAL, PERSONAL AND PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES.** Primary presenter on the professional implications of a cancer diagnosis and its treatment for practicing psychologists at the Los Angeles County Psychological Association's annual convention.

June 16, 2012

**SUPERVISION: TWO CONTRASTING APPROACHES.** Featured presenter on ethical and legal considerations as to supervision in a program on psychoanalytic and psychodynamic supervision, sponsored by the Wright Institute Los Angeles Alumni/ae Association and the New Center for Psychoanalysis.

April 15, 2012

**LAW & ETHICS: THE FINE ART OF DOCUMENTING THE THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP.** Sole presenter at a continuing education program on the record keeping requirements and related risk management considerations for licensed psychotherapists sponsored by the Iranian Psychological Association of America.

November 11, 2010

**PORNOGRAPHY, SEXUAL COMPULSION AND THE INTERNET: MEETING THE THERAPEUTIC CHALLENGE.** Sole presenter at a half day program on the assessment and treatment of sexually compulsive behavior on the internet sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee of the Los Angeles County Psychological Association. (Condensed versions of this program were subsequently presented in 2011 at the UCLA Couples and Sex Therapy Training Program and the New Center for Psychoanalysis Advanced Training in Food-Related Disorders, Compulsions and Addictions Lecture Series.)

October 23, 2010

**GAY MEN AND PSYCHOTHERAPY: ERRORS AND ADVANCES.** Sole presenter on unique concerns, recent advances and common therapeutic errors in the treatment of the gay male client/patient at the Los Angeles County Psychological Association's annual convention.

October 24, 2009

**LEGAL AND ETHICAL UPDATES FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE.** Sole presenter on recent changes in the laws, regulations and Code of Ethics for clinical psychologists at the Los Angeles County Psychological Association's annual convention.

April 4, 2008

**SEXUAL COMPULSIVITY: ITS DYNAMIC UNDERPINNINGS AND ITS MULTIMODAL TREATMENT.** Sole presenter on the etiology and treatment of sexually compulsive fantasies and behavior sponsored by the San Gabriel Valley Psychological Association.

May 5, 2007 & March 15, 2008

**DEVELOPING YOUR PRIVATE PRACTICE.** Co-presenter at a program for young psychologists on the legal, ethical and practical considerations in opening a private practice sponsored by the Los Angeles County Psychological Association.

October 29, 2005

**SEXUAL COMPULSIVITY: PSYCHODYNAMICS AND TREATMENT.** Co-presenter on the causes and treatment of sexual compulsivity at the Los Angeles County Psychological Association's yearly convention.

September 24, 2005

**SUPERVISION: A CONTEMPORARY PSYCHODYNAMIC APPROACH.** Primary presenter on law and ethics in a program on psychoanalytic supervision sponsored by the New Center for Psychoanalysis and the Wright Institute Los Angeles Alumni/ae Association.

November 6, 2004, April 2, 2005, March 24, 2007 & February 23, 2008

**LAW & ETHICS: THE APPLICATION AND NEGOTIATION OF RULES IN A PSYCHOANALYTIC SETTING.** Primary presenter at a mandatory continuing education course in legal and ethical constraints in a psychoanalytic setting sponsored by the Los Angeles Institute and Society for Psychoanalytic Studies.

September 18, 2004

**PSYCHOANALYTIC PSYCHOTHERAPY WITH OLDER ADULTS: A COURSE IN AGING AND LONG TERM CARE.** Moderator/organizer of a mandatory continuing education event on psychoanalytic psychotherapy, geropsychiatry and care for the aged jointly sponsored by the Los Angeles Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, the Southern California Psychoanalytic Society and Institute, and the Wright Institute Los Angeles Alumni/ae Association.

January 24, 2002, January 22, 2003, January 21, 2004 & August 13, 2008

**BIAS AND THE CHANGING FACE OF LOS ANGELES: MEETING A NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE LEGAL PROFESSION.** Primary presenter at mandatory continuing legal education programs examining the legal and ethical responsibilities of lawyers relative to diversity and multiculturalism sponsored by the Century City Bar Association. (Exact title of program varied from year to year.)