

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

<b>Diplomate – Board Certification</b> American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology (AAPdN)	December 2009
<b>Doctor of Psychology</b> Clinical Psychology / Neuropsychology Track Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida	August 21, 1993
<b>Education Specialist</b> School of Psychology University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida	June 1989
<b>Master of Arts</b> School of Psychology University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida	June 1987
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> Psychology Major / Developmental Psychology Track Florida International University, Miami, Florida	December 1985

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

<b>Affiliate Assistant Professor – Voluntary Faculty</b> Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida	June 2007-Present
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## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

**Leon & Associates Neuropsychology, Inc.** Independent Neuropsychology Practice  
1997-Present

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**Neuropsychological and Psychological Evaluations** - For clients referred by local agencies, private patients referred for assessment, and limited psychotherapy.

Patients are referred from Memory Disorder Clinics, Pediatric Neurology, Epilepsy Programs, Neurosurgery, Schools, and State Agencies. Provider of contracted services, conducting psychological and neuropsychological evaluations and assessments of clients referred by local agencies, private practices, the judicial system, and provider of limited psychotherapy. Evaluations include comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation for pre-surgical evaluation (Epilepsy/DBS/Spinal Stimulator); Memory Disorders/Dementia; Brain Injury; Learning Disorders; Learning Disorders.

**Expert Witness Services** – Consultations and Neuropsychological Evaluations in Expert Witness Cases, in which professional services are retained as an independent, objective contractor by a third party. Third parties include:

- **Personal Injury Attorneys** (Plaintiff or Defendant). The services requested typically are for an Independent Medical Examination (IME) or a Record Review Consultation. Typical referral questions involve whether or not an instant accident / injury resulted in neurocognitive or psychological sequelae (e.g. carbon monoxide or other toxic exposure, head injury, traumatic event) with the main goal of describing cognitive and emotional status, impairment rating recommendations, treatment recommendations, and/or vocational or educational planning.
- **Insurance Companies or Worker's Compensation Carriers.** Typical referral questions include whether or not there are neurocognitive sequelae following an accident or injury with the main goal of providing assistance with vocational rehabilitation and treatment planning.
- **The Court.** (By Court Order). Competency Assessments, Intellectual Assessments, Psychiatric / Psychological Evaluations, Insanity at the Time of the Offense Assessments, Capacity Assessments, in which the capacity to make decisions (medical or legal) is assessed.
- **Criminal Attorney (Prosecution or Defense).** Assessments for Mitigation of Sentencing (Downward Departure), Dual Diagnosis Placement, Understanding of Miranda Rights, Assessment of Victim for Developmental Disability (for sentencing of defendant) District and Federal Courts. Regional Counsel referrals accepted.
- **Other Referral Sources.** Occasionally, neurologically compromised individuals (those with head injury, stroke, epilepsy, dementia, Parkinson's, etc.) or neuro-cognitively compromised individuals (developmentally delayed, mentally retarded, language impaired,

attention deficit disorders, autism spectrum disorders) are referred for cognitive assessment in order to determine their capacity and/or competency status. Such capacities include ability to make medical/financial decisions, to testify relevantly, to understand / participate in courtroom proceedings, to communicate effectively (receptive / expressive language, etc).

An IME/CME is usually requested to determine the presence or absence of neurocognitive and/or psychiatric impairment, to assess their relationship to a specific event, instant accident or injury, and occasionally to assist with treatment planning.

An IME / CME may be requested to determine disability status for the purpose of obtaining disability benefits and / or permanent impairment rating recommendations. Although psychologists in the state of Florida do not provide permanent disability ratings, neuropsychological testing can provide the data on which the basis of permanent disability ratings can be determined by a statutory-accepted clinician (e.g. psychiatrist, neurologist, etc.).

Caveat: The neuropsychologist attempts to answer specific referral questions related to brain-behavior relationships. The neuropsychologist's role is to "conduct a proper examination" (Ethical Standard 9) and practices only within the bounds of professional competence (Ethical Standard 2) consistent with the American Psychological Association Ethics Code (American Psychological Association 2002).

**MHM / Centurion (Florida Department of Corrections)**  
May 2018

January 2017=

Supervision of Mental Health Clinicians who provide mental health services to Inmates in the Florida Department of Corrections – Oversee Treatment Planning, Inmate Psychological and Intellectual Assessment by Mental Health Staff; Consultation with Psychiatry and Medical Team; Provision of Direct Services to inmates; Crisis Intervention (Self Harm Observation Status; Confinement; Medical Ward, etc); Consultation regarding Sexual Offender Criteria, PreMarital Evaluations, Consultation with Education Staff in addition to supervision of mental health counselors and interns.

**Southeastern Integrated Medicine (SIMED)**  
December 2016

February 2, 2015-

Provision of Neuropsychological and Psychological Services in the Department of Health Psychology. Hospital Privileges at SHANDS Rehabilitation Hospital.

**Pediatric Epilepsy and Neurology Specialists (PENS)**

July 2013-February 2015

Jose A. Ferreira, M.D.

508 S. Habana Avenue, Suite 340, Tampa, Florida

PENS Neuropsychology & Behavioral Health Department:

Neuropsychological Services, Neuropsychological Consultation, Clinical Research

- Provision of neuropsychological assessment / consultation services to pediatric patients with a wide range of pediatric neurological disorders (epilepsy, developmental delay, learning disorders, ADHD, autism spectrum disorders,

behavioral disorders, cognitive and communication disorders) as part of a comprehensive multi-disciplinary team.

- Provision of neuropsychological assessments as a sub-investigator on sponsor initiated multi-centered clinical research protocols.

- Keppra (Partial Onset Seizures) NO1009, NO1103, NO1148
- Depakote (Partial Onset Seizures) MO4714
- Depakote (Migraine) MO3648
- Topamax (Partial Onset Seizures-Infants)
  - Open Label TOPMAT-PET - 102
  - Double Blind TOPMAT-PET - 3001

- Participation in the preparation and implementation of the Comprehensive Multi-disciplinary Symposia on Autism Spectrum Disorders as part of an initiative of the Office of the First Lady (Dispaño de la Primera Dama) of the Dominican Republic September 2010, October 2011, and provision of ongoing consultation services to the Department of Education of Santo Domingo Exceptional Student Education – provision of services to students on the autism spectrum.

**Center For Drug Free Living**  
Adolescent Residential Campus  
5970 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Intercession City, Florida

January 2011–July 30, 2012

Provision of services to adolescent offenders in the juvenile justice system. Primary role of oversight for treatment planning for developmentally delayed juvenile offenders, supervision of psychology intern, master's level clinicians, and consultative services.

**Staff Care Inc. (Locum Tenens)**

July 2010–September 2010

Provision of assessment, consultation, and therapeutic services to inmates of a psychiatric correctional facility (Lake Correctional Institution) and provision of clinical supervision of unlicensed staff members.

**Tampa General Hospital**  
P. O. Box 1289, Tampa, Florida

July 2001–August 2006

Provision of comprehensive neuropsychological services for patients with epilepsy and seizure disorders; neuropsychological evaluation provided to address potential cognitive and behavioral outcomes from neurological surgery performed as a treatment for intractable epilepsy. While at TGH, conducted Wada testing of epilepsy patients to include adults, children, and bilingual patients of all age groups.

**Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Neuropsychologist**

July 2002–August 2004

Neuropsychological assessment and treatment of brain and spinal cord injured patients by providing continuity of care, ongoing patient assessment and management, and interdisciplinary communication.

Adults: Neuropsychological assessment of brain and spinal cord injured patients to include the psychological and behavioral factors that may impact the overall care and treatment outcomes of acutely injured adults and the implementation of any psychological treatment interventions necessary to maximize function, facilitate adaptive coping and promote positive emotional outcomes following traumatic injury, as appropriate in the acute phase of recovery.

The facilitation of optimal adjustment among family members and significant others of traumatically injured adults through comprehensive psychological assessment, supportive therapies, and other interventions as needed, i.e., family therapy, crisis management, and grief counseling.

Children: Neuropsychological assessment and treatment of pediatric brain and spinal cord injury patients including the assessment of psychological and behavioral factors that may impact the overall care and treatment outcomes of acutely injured children, and implementation of any psychological treatment interventions necessary to maximize function, facilitate adaptive coping and promote positive emotional outcomes following traumatic injury, as appropriate, in the acute phase of recovery.

The facilitation of optimal adjustment among family members and significant others of traumatically injured children through comprehensive neuropsychological/ psychological assessment, supportive therapies and other interventions as needed, i.e., psychoeducation, family therapy, crisis management and grief counseling.

**Tampa General Hospital Rehabilitation Center**  
P. O. Box 1289, Tampa, Florida

July 2000-January 2002

Contract Neuropsychology / Psychology Services

Provision of contracted ("pool") psychology services to inpatients and outpatients of the Rehabilitation Center. Experienced in treatment of diagnoses including CVA, spinal cord injury, brain injury, chronic pain, and burns. Provision of consultation services to patients throughout the hospital departments including Pediatrics, ICU, Skilled Nursing Facility, and Acute Care.

**Manatee County School Board**  
Bradenton, Florida

August 1997-June 2002

**Florida School of Professional Technology**  
Brandon, Florida

August 1999-June 2002

Adjunct Faculty Professor of Psychology

Supervised doctoral level clinical psychology students in a psychology assessment practicum and taught cultural diversity.

**Psychological Management Group**  
15436 N. Florida Avenue, Suite 102, Tampa, Florida

June 1996-December 1999

Contract services provider of psychological evaluations for clients referred by various community agencies. Conducted a domestic violence group July 1996-December 1996.

**Family Center of Temple Terrace**  
10007 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 204, Temple Terrace, Florida

January 1993-December 1996

Contract services provider of psychological and neuropsychological evaluations. Experience in individual psychotherapy and couples counseling under the supervision of licensed psychologists.

### **FORENSIC EXPERIENCE**

**Forensic Neuropsychological Examinations**  
**Expert Witness Testimony Experience**

1999-Present

Neuropsychological / Psychological IME / CME

- Traumatic Brain Injury and Toxic Exposure (carbon monoxide)
- Epilepsy Seizure Disorders
- Trial Competency Evaluations
- Sanity Evaluations
- Assessment for Sentencing Mitigation
- Death Penalty Cases
- Sexually Violent Predator Commitment (Jimmy Rice Act)
- Infant / Child / Adolescent Neuropsychological Assessments
- Bilingual (Spanish) Multicultural Assessments

### **FORENSIC TRAINING**

Florida Forensic Examiner Training (Updated September 2014 and August 2018)

Juvenile / Adult Competency Training

Sexually Violent Predator Evaluation Training / Domestic Violence Training

The Sexual Exploitation of Children

Multidisciplinary Investigative Perspectives on Sexual Violence

Introduction to Florida's Sexually Violent Predator Program

Sexual Offender Assessment and Treatment: The Ethical Issues Involved

Domestic Violence Workshop: Current Issues in Domestic Violence

Competency Evaluations, Sanity Evaluations, Understanding of Miranda

(Hillsborough, Manatee, Polk, Dade, Pasco, Sarasota, and Lee Counties)

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### **International Conference on Adolescent Medicine & Child Psychology**

1. Child Psychology Track – Keynote Speech “A Call to Action – Transforming Service Delivery for the Future”
2. Workshop Presentation Child Psychology Track: “Family Systems Intervention with Pediatric Neurology and Health Psychology Patients”

Houston, Texas

September 29th, 2015

### **Florida Psychological Association Annual Conference**

“Family Systems in a Pediatric Neuropsychology Practice”

Orlando, Florida

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### **American Association of Justice Annual Conference**

“Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders – Fifth Edition DSM-5”

Miami Beach, Florida

January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**American Association of Justice Annual Conference: Practical Guidance for Providing Disability Claims: “Understanding Mental Disabilities DSM5”**

Baltimore, Maryland

July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### **Palm Beach Children’s Hospital and Neuroscience Institute – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Neurosciences Conference**

“The Role of the Neuropsychologist in Treatment of Stroke”

West Palm Beach Florida

November 2, 2013

Bay Area and Pinellas County Florida Chapter – **Florida Psychological Association**  
Continuing Education Presentation

“Psychological Aspects of Chronic Pain – Assessment, Treatment, and Consultation”

Tampa, Florida

October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **Florida Psychological Association – Annual Summer Convention 2012**

Neuropsychological Assessment of the Spanish Speaking Patient”

St. Petersburg, Florida

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### **Florida Psychological Association – Annual Summer Convention 2011**

“Ethical Challenges and the Psychological Assessment of Ethnically Diverse Individuals – Developing Cultural Competence”

West Palm Beach, Florida

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### **20<sup>th</sup> International Neurology and Neurosurgery Conference**

Punta Cana, Santo Domingo

(XX Congreso Internacional Neurologia Y Neurocirugia 2011)

“The Role of Neuropsychology in the Assessment of Pediatric Neurological Disorders”

October 19, 2011

**Second Annual Symposium on Autism Spectrum Disorders-Dominican Republic**  
**"Diagnostic Criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorders"** October 15, 2011  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**First Annual Symposium on Autism Spectrum Disorders-Dominican Republic**

**"The Role of the Neuropsychologist in the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder"** November 2010  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**Florida Psychological Association – Annual Summer Convention 2007**  
**"Ethical Aspects of the Psychological Assessment of Spanish Speaking and Developmentally Delayed Individuals"**

**Florida Psychological Association – Annual Summer Convention 2006**  
**"Psychological Assessment of ADHD and Bipolar Disorder:Differential Diagnosis"**

**Florida Psychological Association – Annual Summer Convention 2005**  
**"Individuals With Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA)-The Role of the Psychologist"**

**POST DOCTORAL RESIDENCY**

**Winter Haven Hospital** October 1993-November 1994  
Department of Psychology  
Winter Haven, Florida

Provider of neuropsychological / psychological services to patients of the Swann Rehabilitation Unit and the Child and Adolescent Units. Primary responsibility included assessment of acute and post-acute CVA patients, acute and post- acute brain injury patients, stroke support group, psychoeducation for patients and families following CVA and brain injury, consultative services throughout the hospital. Additionally, community counseling services provided through the clinical counseling center.

**CLINICAL INTERNSHIP**

**APPIC Approved Internship – 2080 Hours** October 1992-October 1993  
**Department of Justice – Federal Bureau of Prisons**  
**Federal Correctional Institution, Tallahassee, Florida**

Provided neuropsychological assessments, psychological assessments, and mental health services to inmates of the Bureau of Prisons. Training experience included five (5) rotations and an outpatient site providing supervised experience outside the correctional setting.

- **Assessment Rotations:** Administrations of neuropsychological and psychological evaluations with interpretation, consultation, and treatment planning within the context of the correctional setting.



- Detention Center (Jail) Rotations: Neuropsychological and psychological evaluations, crisis intervention, psychotherapy, and psychiatric consultation.
- Mental Health Rotations (One and Two): Psychotherapy patients (long term, brief, group), Psychiatric consultation and evaluation. Inmates were administered comprehensive neuropsychological and psychological evaluations. Additionally, consultation with education and medical staff, crisis intervention, and group therapy.
- Drug and Alcohol Program Rotation: Drug abuse treatment program including group therapy, skills training, drug and alcohol education classes, and psychotherapy. Conducted neuropsychological and psychological evaluations and provided consultative services.

The internship program included weekly didactic training. The continuing education seminars covered a wide range of topics concerning psychological services.

### **Rehabilitation Institute of Sarasota, Capital Rehabilitation Hospital**

Sarasota, Florida

Supervisor: Geoffrey Kantor, Ph.D.

Neuropsychological assessment and treatment planning provided to neurologically impaired patients with traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, orthopedic, arthritis, amputee, and chronic pain programs. Both child and adult populations.

### **PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH**

León, Yolanda C.; Benbadis, Selim, Lisicki, Dara, Ramirez, Claudia, Ferreira, Jose. Support for use of the Meyers Neuropsychological System with Pediatric Patients with Epilepsy. Abstract submitted and presented at the American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting, 2014.

León, Yolanda C.; Benbadis, Selim; Sesta, Joseph. The Utility of the Meyers Neurological System for Use with Spanish Speaking Presurgical Epilepsy Patients. Poster presentation American Epilepsy Society Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, 2012.

León, Yolanda C.; Sesta Joseph J.; Benbadis, Selim; Tatum IV, William. The Assessment of Anger in Patients with Epileptic and Psychogenic / NonEpileptic Seizures. **EPILEPSIA**, Volume 47 (s4), 2006. Data presented at the American Epilepsy Society Conference, New Orleans, LA; December 2006.

Lazarou EE; Cataiano, G.; Catalano, MC; León, YC; Gorman, JM. The Psychological Effects of Leech Therapy After Penile Auto-Amputation. **J Psychiatric Practice** 2006 12:119B123

León, Yolanda C.; Sesta, Joseph; Tatum IV, William; Benbadis, Selim. Comparison of Rey-Osterreith Complex Figure Qualitative Errors on Recall Performance Between Right and Left Temporal Lobe Epilepsy Patients. **EPILEPSIA**, Volume 45 (7), 2004. Data presented at the American Epilepsy Society Conference, New Orleans, LA. December 2004.

**Master's Thesis:** The Construct Validity of the State-Trait Curiosity Inventory For Children.

Major professors: James Dickinson, Ph.D. and Charles D. Spielberger, Ph.D.

Spielberger, CD; Gomez-Fernandez, DE; Cano, CJ; León, YC; Pena-Ramos, A. State-Trait Anger Expression Inventory (Spanish adaptation). Not published.

Spielberger, CD; Gomez-Fernandez, DE (1990) Assessment of Anxiety in Spanish Elementary School Children. In Spielberger, CD; Guerrero-Diaz, R; Strelau, J (Ed.S.) Cross-Cultural Anxiety, Volume 4, pp.193-209, Washington Hemisphere Publishing. Translated preliminary manuscript from Spanish to English. Conducted background research for review of the literature. Assisted in preparation of the final manuscript.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK**

**Volunteer Faculty Appointment** 2004-Present  
University of South Florida School of Medicine  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine  
Tampa, Florida

Although a minimum of 20 hours is required, approximately 300 hours a year of pro bono assessments and consultations are conducted. This role is filled by performing neuropsychological evaluations for individuals without funding when a neuropsychological is medically necessary (pre-surgical Parkinson's candidates for deep brain stimulation and pre-surgical epilepsy candidates for temporal lobe resection. An average of two 20-hour assessments are conducted monthly.

**Pastoral Care Committee Board Member** 2002-Present  
Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Florida

Advisory Board member with attendance at quarterly meetings, provision of didactic training for interns and practicum Pastoral Care (chaplain) students, provision of Exit Interviews, participation on regional certification process.

**Speaking Engagements – Volunteer (without stipend)** 2009-2012

• Psychological Perspectives on Chronic Pain October 26, 2012  
Presentation of a one-hour continuing education unit for licensed psychologists at Florida Psychological Association, Bay Region/Pinellas chapters conference on chronic pain. The psychological aspects of assessment and treatment of chronic pain were reviewed with emphasis on Motivation and Effort (Secondary Gain), family systems perspectives related to maintenance of the "sick" role, and cognitive behavioral approaches to healthy adaptive coping.

• Cognitive Behavioral and Family Systems Approaches to Coping with Chronic Conditions September 15, 2012

Annual presentation to the Spasmodic Dysphonia Support Group of Tampa Bay – by invitation. Additional ongoing facilitation of selected topics throughout the year.

- **Hispanic Chapter of Alcohol Anonymous** February 2009,2010,2011  
Invited to present at the annual advisory meeting of the chapter (in Spanish). Each year, a psychological perspective is presented involving healthy adaptive coping skills, communication skills, family systems theory concepts, addiction, faith perspectives, and psychological approaches to recovery.
- **Co-Leader of Catholic Christian Women's Retreat** February 2012 and October 2011  
Served as a volunteer for Spanish speaking women in Sedalia, Missouri. A cognitive behavioral model and family systems perspective was introduced into the theological model of seeing, judging, and acting as part of a ministry to lead women of the faith community toward a more psychologically healthy way of approaching their life's journey to explore, discover, and fulfill their many roles as women (wives, mothers, daughters, friends, neighbors, etc.).

### **Additional Volunteer Service**

Volunteer School Psychologist 2003-Present

West Gate Baptist Christian School, Tampa, Florida

Service as a Consultant Psychologist to assist with assessment and implementation of psychoeducational needs, classroom interventions, set up of exceptional student education accommodations within a private faith-based school setting. In-service training of educators and administrators and crisis intervention.

Volunteer Psychologist

Faith Baptist Church and School, Brandon, Florida

2007-2009

Christ The King Parish School, Tampa, Florida

1999-2006

St. Joseph Parish School, Tampa, Florida

1999-2006

Volunteer Teacher

2008-2009

Faith Baptist Christian School, Brandon, Florida

Taught a senior course "Life Skills" (Psychology of Personal Growth) from a psychological and faith-based perspective. Daily classroom lecture, classroom assignments / projects, in-service training, parent-teacher meetings, student guidance and exam program.

School Violence Prevention Committee

November 1999-December 2001

Florida Mental Health Institute, Chairman: Rick Weinberg, Ph.D.

Served as a consultant psychologist to assist with neurocognitive assessments and implementation of both psychoeducational and psychological needs, classroom interventions, setting up of exceptional student education accommodations within a

private faith-based school setting. In-service training of educators and administrators and crisis intervention. Additionally, neuropsychological assessment of students and elderly members of the congregation (i.e., capacity evaluations, dementia assessments, etc.).

Diocese of St. Petersburg

1999-Present

Provision of assessments of religious candidates (young men in seminary and young women in convent) who are pursuing a vocation in religious life (priests and nuns), who are required to undergo a comprehensive psychological evaluation by a licensed Clinical Psychologist to assess psychological well-being and suitability for religious life.

**International Community / Volunteer Service**

October 2011

**Second Annual Autism Symposium**

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Together with a multidisciplinary team (pediatric neurology, neurosurgery, speech pathology), presented a formal symposium at the behest of the First Lady of Santo Domingo. Presented the role of the neuropsychologist in the assessment and treatment of autism. Concepts related to neurocognitive assessment, adaptive behavior, behavioral interventions, cognitive therapy, and family systems were presented.

**First Annual Autism Symposium**

September 2010

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Together with a multidisciplinary team (pediatric neurology, developmental pediatrics, pediatric psychiatry), organized, implemented and presented a formal autism spectrum disorders symposium at the behest of the First Lady of Santo Domingo. Presented the methods of neuropsychological, behavioral, and psychological assessment and subsequent treatment of autism spectrum disorders. Assessment techniques and instruments were presented to include neurocognitive assessment, developmental assessment, behavioral assessment, assessment of adaptive behavior, and family systems concepts related to intervention were presented.

**Consultant to Department of Education**

October 2011

Dominican Republic

Provided a brief presentation regarding the psychoeducational aspects of identification of, assessment of, and educational programming for students in the autism spectrum.

Ongoing consultation with educators with a long-term goal of implementing a model of early identification and intervention for children and their families.

**Television Show Appearance**

October 2011

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

A weekly educational program aimed at bringing current issues to light in which the role of psychology and pediatric neuropsychology work together as a part of a multi-disciplinary team to identify the needs and treat co-morbidities of children with autism spectrum disorders and

seizure disorders.

**Radio Program Appearance**

September 2010

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Hosted by a local psychiatrist, the daily half-hour program focuses on a different topic of mental health, development and psychiatric issues. The community service involved participating as a panelist with a team of experts (pediatric neurology / psychology / neurology) to discuss, in lay terms, the early symptoms of autism spectrum disorders and co-morbid disorders, including epilepsy and other developmental delays. The concept of family systems, psychoeducational approaches, and neuropsychological assessment were emphasized.

**Television Show Appearance**

November 2004

**"Despierta America"**

Miami, Florida

Interview on an international Spanish channel program (Univision) titled Despierta America, which is broadcast throughout South America, Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean in which a psychoeducational spot was presented featuring epilepsy. This program was co-presented with another TGH/USF Epilepsy Team member, neurosurgeon Fernando Vale, M.D. to bring awareness to the Spanish speaking communities in the U.S. and abroad, specifically with regard to the availability of neuropsychological assessment and surgical intervention of seizure disorders. Other psychological concepts such as coping with chronic illness, psychoeducational sequelae and outcomes, family systems dynamics and intervention, cognitive behavioral and therapeutic approaches were discussed.

**Criminal Justice Community Service**

Service on the Board of Advisors to Life to the Brim. Provision of ongoing consultation and psychoeducation to CEO Mark Johnson and other board members for ongoing programs that facilitate re-entry of felons into the community. The Life to the Brim organization also has juvenile programs, anti-bullying, motivational, coaching, and prevention/intervention programs. As a member of the Board of Advisors, consultation regarding cognitive behavioral, family systems, and behavioral models is provided to

**SUPERVISED PRACTICA**

**700 Hours Clinical Neuropsychology**

Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Florida

Direct Supervision 2-4 hours per week

March 1992-October 1992

Supervisor: Susan Filskov, Ph.D.

Conducted neuropsychological evaluations for patients in a private practice setting. Patients included those with closed head injuries and learning disabilities for forensic evaluations, stroke and epilepsy protocols. This experience tended to increase proficiency in administration and interpretation of intellectual, personality, and neuropsychological assessments.

**200 Hours Psychodiagnostic Laboratory**

June 1991-December 1991

Circles of Care, Community Mental Health Center of South Brevard  
Melbourne, Florida Supervisors: Barry Hensel, Ph.D., Roger Keyser, Ph.D.  
Direct Supervision 1-2 hours per week

Conducted clinical interviews, psychological evaluations and neuropsychological screenings for psychiatric patients (differential diagnosis, treatment planning, etc.). Administration and interpretation of intellectual, personality, and neuropsychological assessments for adult patients.

**200 Hours Children's Medical Center** June 1991-December 1991  
Palm Bay, Florida  
Direct Supervision 1-2 hours per week Supervisor: Thomas H. Peake, Ph.D.

Establishment and development of a pediatric psychology practice within a pediatric medical practice. Assessment of children and consultation with physicians.

**400 Hours CPC** January 1991-June 1991  
Palm Bay Hospital, Palm Bay, Florida  
Direct Supervision 2-3 hours per day Supervisor: Janice Buffaloe, Psy.D.

Conducted neuropsychological evaluations, psychological evaluations and psychosocial assessments on children and adults. Additionally, participated on the multidisciplinary treatment team for the general psychiatric ward treating children and adolescents with a wide range of psychiatric problems, family therapy, participated in group therapy and psychoeducational consultation to the long-term residential treatment center for adolescents.

**200 Hours Community Counseling Center** September 190- June 1991  
Florida Institute of Technology Psychology Associates  
Melbourne, Florida  
Direct Supervision 2 hours per week Supervisor: Thomas A. Peake, Ph.D.

Assessment, therapy, and consultation with outpatient adults. Conducted diagnostic intake interviews and psychosocial histories. Attendance at weekly case staffings.

**200 Hours Center For Student Development** March 1990-September 1990  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Melbourne, Florida Supervisors: Thomas Harrell, Ph.D., Richard Elmore, Ph.D.  
Direct Supervision 3 hours per week

Psychotherapy and diagnostic practicum. Conducted intake interviews, psychological assessments, individual therapy, and psychological evaluations with a college student population. Liaison to the Community Center for Women.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Adjunct Faculty**

August 1999-2003

Florida School of Professional Psychology – ARGOSY

Supervision of practicum students; teaching cultural diversity

### **Adjunct Faculty**

August 1995-December 1996

Hillsborough Community College  
Dale Mabry Campus, Tampa, Florida

Taught courses in general psychology, child development, and development of the life span.

### **Adjunct Faculty**

August 1990-December 1991

Florida Institute of Technology  
Melbourne, Florida

Taught learning strategies – a master's student curriculum – emphasizing study skills, social skills training, and organizational techniques aimed at facilitating adjustment to life within a university setting.

## TEACHING CERTIFICATION

### **State of Florida Certificate Number 641162**

Active through June 2005

Department of Education Teaching Certificate  
Specialty School Psychology Grades PK-12

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **School Psychologist**

August 1990-December 1995

Hillsborough County Schools, Tampa, Florida  
Contracted Services

### **School Psychologist**

August 1998-December 1992

Indian River County District Schools  
Vero Beach, Florida

Consultant school psychologist responsible for provision of psychological and psycho-educational evaluation, consultation, curriculum planning, and participation in multi-disciplinary staffing for educational placement of school children from kindergarten through grade 12.

**School Psychologist**  
Manatee County Schools, Bradenton, Florida

August 1998-August 1999

Responsible for psychological assessments, evaluation, bilingual evaluations, consultation, behavioral interventions, group therapy, crisis intervention, and curriculum based assessment for school children. Evaluation of developmentally delayed children in exceptional educational programs including emotionally handicapped, severely emotionally handicapped, severely emotionally disturbed, educable mentally handicapped, trainable mentally handicapped, severe and profoundly mentally handicapped, physically impaired, and varied exceptionalities (kindergarten through grade 12.

**School Psychologist Intern**  
Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, Florida

August 1987-June 1988

Supervised training internship including psychoeducational assessment, evaluation, bilingual evaluations, consultation, behavioral interventions, curriculum-based assessment, and participation in multidisciplinary staffing.

**Practicum School Psychology**  
Hillsborough County Schools  
Tampa, Florida

August 1996-June 1987

Supervisor: Vito Ricciardi, M.A.

Exposure to psychoeducational assessment, evaluation, and consultation. Assessment included intellectual, academic achievement, process, and personality assessment of school age children.

**Summer Practicum**  
Children's Center  
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

June 1987-August 1987

Summer practicum for school psychology program. Assessment of children referred from private schools in the community.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

**Florida Psychological Association**

August 1989-Present

Board Member, Bay Region Chapter Representative	2001-2012
Chapter Past President, Bay Region Chapter	2000
Chapter President, Bay Region Chapter	1999
Chapter President Elect, Bay Region Chapter	1998
Key Psychologist	2000-2002
Division Member – Neuropsychology Division	
Division Member – Child, Adolescent, and Family Division	
Sustaining Member	1994-Present
Student Member	1989-1993



## **PUBLISHED ARTICLES (Non-Professional Journal)**

### **Tampa Bay Family Magazine – Family Focus Column**

"How Is Your Child Doing In School?"

September 1995

"Can Christmas Be More Than Presents?"

December 1995

### **Todo Tampa Local Spanish Newspaper (Spanish Format)**

"Stress Management for New Parents"

Issue #1 1995

"Effective Communication Between Marital Partners"

Issue #2 1995

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

**American Academy of Pediatric Neurology**

December 2009

**State of Florida Department of Education**

July 1990-June 2005

Professional Educator Certification. Completion of all requirements for school psychologist PK through grade 12.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS / VOLUNTEER SERVICES**

**LEP Committee – Samoset Elementary**

September 1997-June 2000

**LEP Committee Chairperson**

September 1997-1999

**Gifted Plan B Committee**

Academic Year 1998-1999

**Family Focus Monthly Column**

September 1999-June 2000

**Samoset Elementary Newsletter**

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Citizen of the United States; Born in Hillsborough County, Florida

#### REFERENCES

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