

# CURRICULUM VITA

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## EDUCATION

1973	B.A. Psychology	California State University, Sacramento
1975	M.S. Psychology	University of Wyoming, Laramie
1977	Ph.D. Psychology	University of Wyoming, Laramie
1977 - 78	Postdoctoral Fellowship	University of California, Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute, Department of Psychiatry

## PRESENT POSITION

Private Practice, Clinical and Forensic Psychology

## PROFESSIONAL SPECIALTIES

1. Forensic Psychological Evaluations
  - a. Child Custody 730/3111 Evaluations – Dr. Nelson meets the court appointment requirements as a child custody evaluator pursuant to California Rule of Court 5.225
  - b. Criminal Forensic
    1. Competency to Stand Trial
    2. Sanity at Time of Offense
    3. Sex Offender 288.1 Assessments
    4. Sentencing Evaluations
    5. Suitability for Probation
  - c. Juvenile/Dependency Court
    1. Assessment of Children, Adolescents and Adults
    2. Delinquency Matters
    3. Parenting Assessments
    4. Family Reunification
    5. Termination of Parental Rights
    6. Parent/Child Assessments

2. Consultation Services to Attorneys
3. Clinical Psychology
4. Developmental Disabilities

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1974 - 1977 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Wyoming
- 1977 - 1978 Post-Doctoral Clinical Psychology Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles, Neuropsychiatric Institute
- 1978 - 1979 Project Director, Training Program for Community Care Providers Serving Developmentally Disabled Individuals, Valley Mountain Regional Center, Stockton, California
- 1979 - 1988 Staff Psychologist, Alta California Regional Center, Sacramento, California  
 Duties: Psychological Evaluations of Children, Adolescents and Adults  
 Court-ordered Evaluations: Competency to Stand Trial, Parental Competency, Competency to Give Informed Consent, Conservatorships  
 Consultation to Staff and Agencies  
 Behavior Modification Treatment  
 Parent Training
- 1980 - 1988 Private Practice (part-time)  
 Consultant - CPC Sierra Vista Hospital  
 Psychological Assessments of Adults and Adolescents on Inpatient Psychiatric Units  
 Consultant to Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services and Juvenile Court (1986 - present)  
 Evaluations of Children and Adolescents for Determination of Placement and Treatment Needs  
 Parent Evaluations for Determining Parental Competency and Reunification Planning  
 Evaluation of Children and Adolescents in Suspected Cases of Child Abuse and Sexual Mistreatment  
 Superior Court Appointments (1985 - present)  
 Competency to Stand Trial  
 Sentencing Evaluations in Child Molest Cases  
 Child Custody Evaluations  
 Civil Commitment Cases  
 Cases Pertaining to the Developmentally Disabled

Assessments of Children and Adolescents with Learning and Behavior Disorders

1980 - 1987 Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis

1988 - Full-time Private Practice, Scripps Psychological Associates, Inc., Clinical and Present Forensic Psychology

### **ADVANCED (POST-DOCTORAL) TRAINING**

Forensic Psychology  
Personality Assessment  
Clinical and Clinical Child Psychology  
Assessment of Child Sexual Abuse  
Child Custody Evaluation  
Domestic Violence  
Developmental Disabilities

### **ACADEMIC HONORS**

Sigma Xi - The Scientific Research Society of North America  
PSI CHI - National Honor Society in Psychology  
B.A. with Honors

### **M.S. THESIS**

Behavioral Control of Smoking with Different Types of Smokers, University of Wyoming, 1975

### **Ph.D. DISSERTATION**

Systematic Desensitization Therapy and Its Possible Therapeutic Efficacy for Treatment of Epileptic Seizures, University of Wyoming, 1977

### **FORMAL TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

Lectures, Method and Instrumentation in Experimental Psychology, California State University, Sacramento, 1972  
Laboratory Assistant in Behavior Modification, California State University, Sacramento, 1973  
Laboratory Instructor in Basic Mechanisms of Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1973  
Laboratory Assistant in Conditioning and Learning, University of Wyoming, 1974  
Drugs and Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1975  
Laboratory Assistant in Conditioning and Learning, University of Wyoming, 1975  
Drugs and Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1976  
Introductory Psychology, University of Wyoming, 1977  
Drugs and Behavior, University of Wyoming, 1977  
The Psychology of Autism, California State University, Sacramento, 1981

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ADDRESSES PRESENTED BY DR. NELSON**

- Public Law 94-142: Implications for Psychological Assessment, Western Law Center for the Handicapped, Los Angeles, CA 1977
- Parent and Family Therapy: Intervention with Families of the Developmentally Disabled, Regional Meeting of the American Association of Mental Deficiency, Newport Beach, CA 1978
- Counseling the Retarded, Department of Psychiatry, University of California, Los Angeles, October, 1978
- Child Abuse and Its Implications, Inservice Training for Stockton Unified School District, Stockton, CA, November, 1978
- General Overview of Developmental Disabilities, Catholic Charities Division of Developmental Services, Stockton, CA, March, 1979
- Child Abuse: Identification and Treatment, Fourth Annual Parent Conference, Stockton, CA, April, 1979
- Autism: Etiology to Management, Inservice Training to Sacramento City Unified School District, Staff Social Workers and School Psychologists, August, 1981
- Psychological Evaluations and Procedures, Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, October, 1989
- Child Custody Evaluations and Procedures, Placer County Family Law Section, Placer County Bar Association, June, 1991
- Evaluation of Sexual Abuse Allegations in Child Custody Disputes, Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, September, 1991
- Allegations of Sexual Abuse Within a Child Custody Dispute: Assessment of Allegations and Therapeutic Implications, Professional Staff, CPC Heritage Oaks Hospital, November, 1991
- Specific Psychological Procedures Used in Child Custody Evaluations, Family Law Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, April, 1993
- Child Custody Evaluations Involving Issues of Parental Alienation, Child Custody Discussion Group, Sacramento County, May, 1995
- Child Custody Cases and Allegations of Child Abuse, Partners in Protection Conference, Sacramento, CA, October, 1995
- Panel Presentation: Representing Parents and Children in Custody and Visitation Matters, Continuing Education of the Bar, Sacramento, CA, November 11, 1995
- The Family and the System, 1996 California Juvenile Law and Procedure Institute, California Center for Judicial Education and Research, Sacramento, CA, April 11, 1996
- Parental Alienation in Child Custody Disputes - Assessment and Treatment, Placer County Family Law Round Table Discussion Group, Auburn, CA, May, 12, 1996
- Psychological Evaluations and Best Interests of Children, Geographic Moves and Best Interests (in Child Custody Disputes), Judicial Council of California, Sacramento, CA, October, 18, 1996
- Evaluating and Managing High Conflict Child Custody Cases: Best Interests of the Child; Attorneys and Psychologists Working Together, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, CA, October, 18, 1997
- Attachment Disorders Etiology and Treatment, Children's Counsel Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, November 17, 1999
- Impaired Parenting Behaviors Panel, Children's Counsel Training, Sacramento County Bar Association, Mc George School of Law, January 11, 2002
- Handling Sexual Assault Cases, Continuing Judicial Studies Program, Judicial Council of California, Summer, 2006

Issues Related to the Use of Psychological Testing in EC 730 Child Custody Evaluations; Certified Family Law Specialists, Sacramento County Bar; September 25, 2007  
Sexually Violent Predators: The Science of Recidivism and Propensity. Continuing Education for Judges. California Bench-Bar Bi-Annual Conference; September 27, 2007  
Panel Presenter: Custody Evaluator and Mediator Training; Family Law Section of the Sacramento County Bar Association, October 9, 2009  
How to Effectively Handle and Work with Dysfunctional and Non-productive Behaviors in Minors' Counsel Cases, Children's Counsel Section, Sacramento County Bar Association, January 26, 2012  
Effectively Representing and Counseling Persons with Mental Health Issues in Child Custody Litigation, Multi-Disciplinary Seminar on Contested Child Custody Cases, Panel Presentation, Sacramento County Bar Association, September 18, 2015  
Mock Trial, Child Custody Evaluations, and Relocation Issues: Current Topics in Custody Cases: Sacramento County Bar Association, Family Law Section, October 21, 2016, Folsom, California

### **CONSULTANTSHIPS**

Albany County Association for Retarded Children Citizens, Laramie, Wyoming  
Harbor Regional Center for the Developmentally Disabled, Los Angeles, CA  
Department of Public Social Services, Crisis Intervention Teams, Child Abuse and Protective Services, Los Angeles, CA  
Dubnoff Center for Child Development and Education Therapy, Los Angeles, CA  
Training Consultant, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Health Services, State of California  
CAPTRON Sheltered Workshop for Adults with Autism  
CPC Sierra Vista Hospital  
Consultant to Variety of Specialized Care Facilities  
State Adoptions, California Department of Social Services  
Expert Case Reviewer, Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer Affairs, Reviewing Child Custody Evaluation Reports, Enforcement Cases

### **COMMITTEES**

Chairperson: Child Custody Evaluation Task Force, Forensic Division, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, 1991  
President and Graduate Student Representative, University of Wyoming, 1975  
  
Executive Committee and Board of Trustees Member, San Joaquin County Child Abuse Council, Stockton, CA, 1978  
President, Forensic Psychology Division, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association, 2004

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Nelson, S., and Ksir, C. "Lack of Anorexia Following Prolonged Intra-gastric Feeding in Rats." Physiology and Behavior, 1975, 14, 673-675.  
Nelson, S.K. "Behavior Control of Smoking with Combined Procedures." Psychological Reports, 1977, 40, 191-196.  
Ksir, C., and Nelson, S. "LSD and d-Amphetamine Effects on Fixed Interval Responding in the Rat." Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior, 1977, 6, 269-272.

Nelson, S.K. "A Comparison of Systematic Desensitization and Relaxation Training for the Treatment of Epileptic Seizures." (Submitted for publication)  
Nelson, S.K, and Billodeau, L.P. "Training in Developmental Services for Residential Care Providers: A Comprehensive Training Package Designed for Training Community Care Providers Serving Persons with Developmental Special Needs." California Department of Rehabilitation, 1979

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/LISTING**

American Psychological Association  
American Psychological Association, Division 41, American Psychology - Law Society  
California Psychological Association  
Sacramento Valley Psychological Association  
American College of Forensic Psychology  
Forensic Psychology Division, Sacramento Valley Psychological Association  
Member, American College of Forensic Examiners  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

### **ADVANCED CERTIFICATION**

Diplomate, Board Certified Forensic Examiner, American Board of Forensic Examiners,  
The American College of Forensic Examiners  
Diplomate, Forensic Clinical Psychology, American Board of Psychological Specialties