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## **Career Overview**

Accomplished licensed psychologist who has practiced across a variety of areas, from vocational rehabilitation for individuals with severe disabilities to advocacy for children, adolescents and their families within educational and court systems. Professional roles include psychological assessments and psychotherapy; and consultation with medical staffs, legal teams, court systems, managed health care companies, and colleagues. Court-appointed psychological expert in the following systems: Workers Compensation Appeals Board, Family Court, Superior Court of California, Immigration Court. Assistant Adjunct Professor & Core Faculty Member, University of Southern California's Marriage and Family Therapy program.

Strengths include strong collaboration skills with multiple teams, unflappable professionalism, superior listening and conversing skills, and interpersonal interactions based on respect and integrity.

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## **Professional Experience**

### **Licensed Psychologist/Court-Appointed Expert, 1990-present**

Proprietor of successful private psychological practice since 1990. Primary responsibilities include psychological consultation; assessment including extended psychological and psychoeducational test batteries (child to adult); neuropsychological screening; and individual and group psychotherapy (child to adult). Practice focus is on children and adolescents, ages 4 to 17. Practice includes a strong grounding in forensic principles in psychology, with appointment as an expert in multiple courts.

- **Chief Consulting Psychologist** to Pediatric Medical Center in Long Beach, CA, 1992 – 2018. Collaborated with a team of six pediatricians on a diverse variety of cases, including children with learning impairments and emotional disorders ranging from mild to pronounced; community outreach to schools and child advocacy agencies.
- **Expert Witness** in assessment of psychological disability: Workers' Compensation Appeals Board; Family Court; Immigration Court; Superior Court
- **Court-Appointed Expert Witness & Psychologist** specializing in high conflict divorce cases (reunification, individual) – Family Court.
- **Commissioner, Board of Psychology.** Conducted oral examinations for psychology licensure candidates; item writer for written licensure examination.
- **Disability Evaluator** for Value Options, a managed health care company. Provided in-depth assessments to determine issues of residual disability and employability.
- **Featured** author for "The Informed Parent" (InformedParent.com).

### **Adjunct Assistant Professor/Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Master Lecturer/Core Faculty Member: Masters Programs, University of Southern California, 2012-present**

As a core faculty member, teach multiple graduate level courses and fulfill administrative functions including professional advisement and course oversight, Rossier School of Education, Marriage and Family Therapy program.

### **Licensed Marriage Family Child Counselor (MFCC)/Psychological Assistant, 1980-1990**

Performed psychological evaluations and reevaluations, including administration and scoring of psychological test batteries; the development of psychodynamic formulations and recommendations for treatment; and assessment of residual disability and employability. Provided individual and group psychotherapy for outpatient population with impairments ranging from mild to pronounced. Completed in-depth assessments of injured workers to ascertain issues related to disability, including residual impairment and suitability for vocational rehabilitation.

**Department of Counseling Psychology, University of Southern California, 1980-1988**

- **Adjunct Assistant Professor** for graduate-level practicum/field work courses.
- **Field Work Supervisor:** interacted with mental health agencies providing work experience to graduate level psychology students.
- **Teaching Assistant** in graduate-level practicum courses which provided supervised counseling for graduate students.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor/Supervisor, 1971-1980**

Began pursuit of psychological career as a Rehabilitation Counselor with the State of California, conducting vocational rehabilitation evaluations of adults with severe disabilities. Chief responsibilities included development of vocational rehabilitation proposals, implementation of plans and follow-up counseling, and placement assistance. Accepted position as a Rehabilitation Supervisor/Chief Administrator in a private rehabilitation agency beginning in 1976, overseeing a team of eight rehabilitation counselors providing services for individuals with disabilities.

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<b>Employment Summary</b>	<i>Licensed Psychologist, Sandra Smith, Ph.D. Psychological Corporation, Seal Beach, CA (1990-present)</i> <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor/Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Master Lecturer/Core Faculty Member/Field Work Supervisor/Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (2012-present, 1980-1988)</i> <i>Licensed Psychologist/Licensed Marriage Family Child Counselor (MFCC)/Psychological Assistant, Bloch Medical Clinic, Los Angeles, CA (1980-1990)</i> <i>Rehabilitation Supervisor/Chief Administrator, California Vocational Rehabilitation, Los Angeles, CA (1976-1980)</i> <i>Rehabilitation Counselor, State of California, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Pasadena and Hollywood, CA (1971-1976)</i>
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<b>Professional Affiliations</b>	American Psychological Association California Psychological Association National Rehabilitation Association Peer Consultation Group (Founder), Long Beach, CA
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<b>Education</b>	<b>University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California</b> <b>Doctorate (Ph.D.), Counseling Psychology, 1985</b>  <b>University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California</b> <b>Master of Science, Counselor Education, 1978</b>  <b>California State University, Northridge, California</b> <b>Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, 1971</b> <i>Magna cum laude, Minor: History</i>
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<b>Community Outreach &amp; Involvement</b>	Docent, Bolsa Chica Land Trust <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct tours of the Bolsa Chica wetlands for students aged 8 to 12 years old.</li></ul> Volunteer, Michael E. Rodgers Seniors' Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deliver meals to homebound senior citizens.</li></ul>
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***References and Supporting Documentation Furnished Upon Request***