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VITAE

EDUCATION

SUNY Brockport - Brockport, New York Brockport, New York

Master of Science in Education-1988
Major: Counseling

Bachelor of Science-1985
Major: Developmental & Behavioral
Disabilities/Health
Minor: African-American Studies

Post Graduate Work (61 credits): SUNY Brockport, California State University at Los Angeles,
Indiana Wesleyan University, Loyola Marymount University, University of New England.

LICENSURE

Licensed Professional Counselor, Issued by State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health,
#001282

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Issued by the State of New York, Office of the Professions,
#01661

BOARD CERTIFICATION

Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator, Diplomate, #0023
Specialized Training in Child Custody
National Board Of Forensic Evaluators

National Certified Counselor, # 23147
National Board of Certified Counselors

CERTIFICATIONS

School Counselor K-12: Issued by State of Connecticut.
Community College Counselor, Status: Life. Issued by State of California.

COURT QUALIFIED

Kentucky, Arizona

COURT APPROVED

Arizona, Connecticut, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey,
New York, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, United States of America (Federal Court),
Wisconsin

COURT/TRIAL TESTIMONY AND CONSULTATION

Gang Expert
State of New Jersey v. Anthony Coleman
Indictment 02-01-0081
Mercer County, New Jersey
April 2008- August 2008
Gangs Mentioned: United Blood Nation, Bloods

Gang Expert
Commonwealth of MA v. James MacDougal
Suffolk Superior Court No. 07-10423
Gangs Mentioned: Bloods, Dominicans Don't Play
April 2008- September 2008

Gang Expert
USA v James McTier, et al, New York, New York, 05Cr401(ILG)
October 2007 – November 2007
Gangs Mentioned: Folk; BGD; Crips

Gang Expert: (1 defendant, incarcerated)
Name Withheld – Habeas Corpus, Danbury, CT, CV05-4000615S
July 2007
Gangs Mentioned: Latin Kings

Gang/Street Dynamics Expert
People v. Martin Bettencourt, Jefferson County, Colorado, 2005CR2469
August 2006-October 2006
Gang Mentioned: Crip and Bloods

Gang Expert/Rap Consultant
People v. Philip Caldarola, Westchester County, New York, Indictment #764/2004
January 2005
Gang Mentioned: Crips

Gang Consultant:
Stupar, Schuster & Cooper, SC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
December 2004
Gang Mentioned: Imperial Gangsters

Gang Expert: (1 defendant, incarcerated)
Kenneth Lambert – Habeas Corpus, Danbury, CT, 01-810589
February 2004- March 2004
Gangs Mentioned: information withheld due to litigation pending

Gang Expert: (7 co-defendants)
State v. Zachary Kloppel, St Paul, Minnesota, Court File No.: KX-02-3878
May 2003- February 2004
Gangs Mentioned: Crips, Folks, Lowertown Gangsters

Gang Expert: (7 co-defendants)
State v. Eric Ballard, St. Paul, Minnesota, Court File No.: KX-02-3878
July 2003- February 2004
Gangs Mentioned: Crips, Folks, Lowertown Gangsters

Gang Expert: Penalty Phase (1 defendant)
State v. Reuben Myron Johnson, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, CR 2001-001604,
October 2003 – January 2004
Gang Mentioned: Lindo Park Crips, Kitchen Crips, West Side Crips

Gang Expert: (7 co-defendants)
State v. Marco Austin, et al., St. Paul, Minnesota, Court File No.: KX-02-3878
June 2003- August 2003
Gangs Mentioned: Crips, Folks, Lowertown Gangsters

Gang Expert: (1 defendant)
State v. Edward Aguilar, Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, CR2001-017278
April 2003 – June 2003
Gang Mentioned: Hollywood 39th Street & Wedgewood

Gang Expert: (1 defendant, incarcerated)
State of Connecticut v. (name withheld), Danbury, Connecticut, litigation pending
February – April 2003
Gang Mentioned: Rollin' 30's Crips

Gang Expert: (1 defendant)
People of the State of New York v. Anthony Jenkins, Poughkeepsie, New York
Indictment 85/2001
February – March 2002
Gang Mentioned: Bloods

Gang Expert: (1 defendant)
United States v. Gregory Pirrone, United States District Court, Brooklyn, New York
00CR1210(RJD)
February 2002
Gang Mentioned: Latin Kings

Gang Expert: Assault Case (1 defendant)
People v. Harold Watkins, Criminal Court, Suffolk County, Long Island, NY
December 2001-January 2002
Gang Mentioned: Rolling 60's Crips

Gang Expert: Capital Habeas Corpus Petition
Ex Parte, Kenneth Foster, San Antonio, Texas
October 2000- Present
Gangs Mentioned: Hoover '74 Crips, Black Gangster Disciples

Forensic Gang Expert: Murder Case (1 defendant)
State of Tennessee v. Michael Warren, Criminal Court, Division I, Davidson Co., Tennessee.
98-D-2496
February- July 2000.
Gangs Mentioned: Gangster Disciples, 4 Corner Hustlers

Forensic Gang Expert: Federal Conspiracy Case (1 defendant)
United States v. Ray Collins, Jr., United States District Court, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
CR 98-40101
February-April 2000.
Gang Mentioned: Palmer Blocc Crips

Forensic Gang Expert: Murder Trial (1 defendant)
State of Wisconsin v. Alejandro Rivera, Superior, Wisconsin.
February 2000.
Gang mentioned: Imperial Gangsters

Forensic Gang Expert: Federal Conspiracy Case (4 co-defendants)
United States v. Adams, et al., United States District Court, District of South Dakota.
CR 98-40101
February –April 1999
Gang mentioned: Palmer Blocc Crips

Gang Expert: State Gang Injunction Case (5 co-defendants)
State of Texas v. Jefferson, et al., 147th Judicial District, Austin, Texas, 98-07051
December 1998
Gang mentioned: Crips

Gang Expert: Capital Murder Trial, Penalty Phase
Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Sophal Phon, Bowling Green, Kentucky.
August 1998
Gang mentioned: Asian Boyz Crips

GANG CONSULTATION

Consultation with various law enforcement personnel, attorneys and corrections personnel across the United States.

- Selected as Gang Expert Panel Member, Harvard University School of Public Health. Education Development Center, Charles Shannon Community Safety Initiative. Summer 2006.
- Yale University Law School, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, New Haven, CT, February 2004- April 2004.
- Technical Consultant, DC Gangs, "The District," TV show, March 2002.
- Connecticut Department of Corrections, New Haven, CT.
- New York City Police Department, CAGE Unit, New York, New York.
- Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, Norman, Oklahoma.
- United States Marshals Service, Shreveport, Louisiana.

PUBLICATIONS & WRITINGS

Contributing Author – Social Issues Firsthand: Gangs. Published by Gale Cengage Learning. Scheduled for release October 2008.

Book Jacket Review – Invited. Left for Dead: Faith, Family and the Mob. Written by R.K. Jensen, Aaron Communications, 2005.

Referenced – Family Abuse, Causes, Consequences and Responses, by Sylvia Mignon, Carl Larson and William Holmes. Allyn & Bacon, 2001.

Contributor, “Important Information About Street Gangs,” for NY State Senator John Sampson, 1999.

Book Reviewer, Homegirls, Enslow Publishing, July 1999.

Writer, Understanding Gang Graffiti, graduate course written for the University of the Pacific, 1998.

Writer, Multicultural Issues, graduate course written for the University of the Pacific, 1997.

Author, “Gangs,” book proposal for children under age 8, for Boulden Publishing Company.

INTERVIEWS/ARTICLES

Interviewed, “Bridgeport Gangs: Deadly or Troublesome,” CT Post, August 20, 2007.

Interviewed, “Yankees Should axe Gang Caps,” amNY-Newsday, August 24, 2007.

Interviewed, “Gang Problem Mobilizes Community,” Holland Sentinel, August 11, 2007.

Featured, “Gangs and Hip Hop,” Backspin Magazine, Germany, March 2007.

Interviewed, “Gangs in Connecticut,” NBC30 News, Hartford, CT, February 2007.

Interviewed, “Critical Steps”, Pulse24 News, Toronto, Canada. August 2005.

Interviewed, “Freeing Youth from the Grips of Gangs,” Counseling Today, American Counseling Association, March 2005.

Interviewed, “Police Sense Resurgence of Gang Activity,” Stamford Advocate, November 21, 2004.

Interviewed, Game Mocks Tragedy, Grand Theft Auto,” MSNBC, November 6, 2004.

Interviewed, “Gangs Are Getting More Sophisticated,” Boston Globe, January 2004.

Featured Guest, Real Life, “Gangs 101,” taped 11/11/03 at CN8 Studios in New Jersey. Aired in eight states via television and nationwide via internet on 11/24/03.

Interviewed, “La Guerra que Bush no quiere library,” La Razon, Madrid, Spain, January 27, 2003.

Interviewed, “Kids and Gangs,” Tavis Smiley Show, National Public Radio Broadcast, August 26, 2002.

Interviewed, “Time for City Hall to Fight Gangs,” London Free Press, Wednesday, July 17, 2002.

Interviewed, Editorial on Gangs, London Free Press, 7/18/02.

Interviewed, "Gangs: Still a Threat for Bored, Lonely Teens," Eagle-Tribune News, February 10, 2002.

Cited, PennPals Newsletter #2, June 1, 2000. www.pennpals.com.

Interviewed, Six-part series to air nationally on FOX: Crisis in Our Community, "New Families of the Streets" (Gangs), Bryan Hickox Productions, January 2000- April 2000.

Interviewed, "White Supremist Groups: Granada Hills Shooting," www.cyberradio.com
August 12, 1999.

Interviewed, "Beatdown: Gang Video Game," WOKR TV (ABC), June 20, 1999.

Interviewed, "Trenchcoat Mafia: Littleton, Colorado," WOKR TV (ABC), April 1999.

Interviewed, "Gangs are Here in Culver City, Experts Say," Culver City News, June 3, 1999.

Interviewed, "Gang Expert Winning Praise," The Henrietta Post, April 21, 1999.

Quoted, "Fate of Teen Killer Moves Closer to Jury," Daily News, August 4, 1998.

Interviewed, "Graffiti: Threats, Boasts, Eyesores", Chattanooga Times, March 1998.

Interviewed, "Why do Friends Clique?", Next Step Magazine, Summer 1997.

Interviewed, Street Gangs in Austin, Texas. Interviewed for Documentary shown on cable TV. Produced by Vertigo Productions. 1997.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association, Member, 2002 - Present

National Organization of Forensic Social Work, Member, 2000-Present.

International Association of Addictions and Offender Counselors, 2008 Present

Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education, Member 2007-Present

COUNSELING

- Counseled over 2,000 gang members: Crips, Bloods, Culver City Boyz, Helms Street, Latin Kings, Santa Monicas, PT Outlawz, Deuce One, The Family (TF), MOB, etc.
- Counseled gang members, schizophrenics, conduct disordered, people on probation and parole, people with substance abuse issues, learning and physically challenged, English Speakers of Other Languages, clients with mental illness and clients from multicultural backgrounds.
- * Provided conflict resolution and mediation with traumatized children and youth.
- Provided group and individual counseling to clients on a weekly basis.
- Incorporated play therapy into counseling with children.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Devised outreach programming.
- Implemented multicultural awareness project aimed at ending gang violence.
- Organized symposium on crime and violence.
- Devised a positive reward system to replace disciplinary system for behavior modification of gang members.
- Instituted peer educator/mentor program, training, and supervision of 150 people.

- Directed Mentor Program and Peer Education Program independently.
- Increased transfer rate of historically underrepresented students from 34% to 71%.

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS/COURSES TAUGHT

Presenter, “Gangs 101” and “Counseling Gang Members,” for professionals in corrections, education and social services. Milford, CT, July 2008.

Keynote Speaker, “Counseling Gang Members/New Jersey Laws,” Coastal Learning Center, PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ, October 2007.

Presenter, “Bridgeport Gangs/Gang Laws,” Casey Family Services, Bridgeport, CT August 2007.

Keynote Speaker, “Counseling Gang Members: Therapeutic Approaches,” Coastal Learning Center, Tuckerton, NJ, March 2007.

Presenter, “Counseling Gang Members,” Monroe County Probation Officer’s Association Annual Training, Rochester, New York, May 2006.

Presenter, “Counseling Gang Members: Therapeutic Approaches,” Gangs 103, South Hampton Youth Bureau Gang Seminar, Wading River, NY, April 6, 2006.

Presenter, “Counseling Gang Members,” Bridgeport Board of Education Guidance Staff, Bridgeport, CT, March 15, 2006.

Presenter, “Gangs 101”, Bridgeport Board Of Education Guidance Staff, Bridgeport, CT, February 15, 2005.

Presenter and Panelist, “Counseling Gang Members,” New York State Gang Summit, Albany, NY, November 15, 2005.

Presenter, Legal Case Presentation on Gang Issues. Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Yale University Law School, March 1, 2004.

Trainer, “Gang Liaison Training,” Bridgeport Board of Education, Bridgeport, CT, February – March 2004.

Presenter, “Managing Difficult Students,” Yale University, Department of Psychiatry, February 2002.

Co Instructor, “Gang Recognition and Behavior,” Loyola Marymount University, 2001-2002.

Co Instructor, “Gangs, Cults, and Mediation,” Loyola Marymount University, Fall 2002.

Instructor, “Maximizing Adolescent Academic Excellence”, Yale University Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine. New Haven, CT, October 2000-April 2002.

Keynote Speaker • Teleconference Speaker • Presenter, National Teleconference.

- “Gangs: Intervention and Rehabilitation”

- “Today’s Youth: Part of the Solution Not Part of the Problem”

Staying Safe and Smart. Greenville County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Greenville, South Carolina, October 1999.

Presenter, Understanding Street Gangs, GV BOCES, Batavia, New York, January 1999.

Presenter, Understanding Urban Street Gangs. Rochester Info. Courses, November 1998.

Presenter, Gangs: Crips and Bloods: SUNY Brockport, Spring 1996.

Faculty, CEL100: Community Service/Monroe Community College

Faculty, SPT 101: Public Speaking/Monroe Community College

Faculty, PUAD 463: Principles of Health Education/University of Southern California

Faculty, PUAD 464: Issues in Health Education/University of Southern California

Presenter, Health Issues: drug and alcohol use, HIV transmission/prevention, mental health,
etc., University of Southern California

POST MASTERS TRAINING

Safe Schools: Preventing School Violence

Milford, CT – November 2008

Access Continuing Education

Improving School Climate to Support Student Achievement

School Shooters and Bullying

Hamden, CT - April 2008

Jo Ann Freiberg, PhD

Vivian Batterson, MA, NCSP

Gang Recognition & Behavior

Loyola Marymount University

Los Angeles, CA – August 2001

Faculty

Gang Member Alternatives Training

CTS Associates

New York City, NY – June 1999

Sgt Louis Savelli (NYPD)

School Emergency Response To Violent Events Training

Mt. Morris, NY - October 1998

NYS Police Department

Intensive Street Gang Training: City of Carson, California

Youth Services

South Central Los Angeles, CA & Compton, CA - April 1997

Ernie Paculba & Patrick O’Connor

For a comprehensive list of all training see attached list

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Affiliate Trainer – National Board of Certified Counselors, Daytona Beach, FL & Milford, CT, 4/08 – 10/08

Psychotherapist/Forensic Expert Witness – Clinical/Legal Private Practice, Milford, CT 2/02 – Present.

Instructor – Yale University, Department of Psychiatry, The Consultation Center, 7/01-4/03.

School Counselor – Bridgeport Board of Education, City of Bridgeport. Bridgeport, Connecticut 10/99- 3/07

School Counselor (Therapeutic) – Genesee Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), Batavia, New York, 2/98 -7/99

Director of College Placement and Guidance, The Aquinas Institute, Rochester, New York, 8/96-1/98

Assistant to the Director/Project Director/Adjunct Faculty, Monroe Community College, Rochester, New York, 10/94-8/96 (Grant Funded Project)

Health Educator/Adjunct Faculty, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, 7/92-7/93 (Grant Funded Project)

Counselor, Rolling Hills High School, Palos Verdes Estates, California
Culver City High School, Culver City, California
Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, California
Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, New York
7/87-7/91

Social Worker, Hillside Children’s Center, Rochester, New York, 3/86-7/87

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Mentor, The Bridgeport Mentoring Program - “CATCH”. Bridgeport, CT. 1999-2001.
Youth Counselor, Los Angeles, CA and Rochester, NY, 1988-1999.
Event Coordinator, Voice of the Future Inc., (Youth Day), Rochester, New York, 1995-1997.

