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EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

LICENSED COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGIST

State of Georgia

December, 2000, License #2477

PH.D. – COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

University of Kentucky

Lexington, Kentucky

Completed in December, 1986

MASTER OF ARTS – COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY

University of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina

Completed in August, 1975

BACHELOR OF ARTS – PSYCHOLOGY

Columbia College

Columbia, South Carolina

Completed in May, 1972

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL

March, 2001 – present

University of Georgia

Department of Counseling and Human Development

Teaching: Community Counseling and
 Counseling Psychology

Supervision of doctoral students in counseling psychology

Administrative duties: as assigned by chair

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

August, 2000 – March, 2001

University of Georgia

Department of Counseling and Human Development

Teaching one graduate class per semester

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
July 1996 – February 2001

University of Kentucky Department of Psychiatry
Psychological Services to adult, adolescents and children.
Consultant to First Source (An agency which provides
community-based services to persons with developmental
disabilities). January 1999 – February 2000
Consultant to Kentucky School for the Deaf
February, 1999 – February, 2000
Examiner and Investigator for State Board of Psychology
Expert witness in several trials.
Consultant to Oakwood (a state facility serving persons
with developmental disabilities) 1996 – 1998

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Dec. 1995 – June 1996

University of Kentucky Department of Psychiatry
Program Development and Administration of Project to
develop and implement “levels of care” system for children
in private residential treatment through Cabinet for Children
and Families

PRIVATE PRACTICE
Oct. 1987 – Dec. 1995

Danville, Kentucky
Psychological services to children, adolescents and adults
Consultation to Oakwood, school districts, and agencies upon
request.
Supervision of Masters level psychologists.

PSYCHOLOGIST
Jan. 1985 – Jan. 1986

Southern Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center
Psychological services to adults, adolescents and children.
Director of prevention project related to substance abuse.
Grant writing

PSYCHOLOGY INTERN
Jan 1985 – Jan 1986

Southern Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center
Stanford and Lancaster, KY
Psychological services to children, adolescents and adults.

ASSISTANT TO
DIRECTOR
Aug. 1984 – Dec 1984

Counseling Psychology Services Center
Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology
University of Kentucky
Psychological services to children, adolescents and adults.
Supervision of graduate students.
Administrative responsibilities related to operation of clinic.

PROJECT DIRECTOR
Aug. 1981 – Dec. 1983

Kentucky Society for Autistic Children
Training regarding autism to parents and professionals.

Consultation to schools and agencies serving persons with autism.

Program development and administration.

Grant writing

IN-SERVICE TRAINER

Sept. 1979 – July 1980

Department of Special Education – University of Kentucky
Consultation/training to classroom teachers in Fayette County
Schools who serve children with behavior disorders.

Assistance to faculty working in area of behavior disorders.

BRANCH MANAGER

Jan. 1979 – Sept 1979

Developmental Disabilities Branch

Division of Mental Retardation

Cabinet for Human Resources, Commonwealth of Kentucky

Program development and review.

Administration of programs.

Supervision of staff.

STATE COORDINATOR

Feb. 1972 – March 1978

Programs for Autistic Children

Community Mental Health Services Division

South Carolina Department of Mental Health

Program development and program evaluation. Administration of programs. Supervision of staff and programs. Training of parents and professionals. Consultation to agencies and schools.

Liaison to advocacy group. Grant-writing. Presentations at numerous state and national professional meetings.

AWARDS

MERIT AWARD FOR SERVICE TO AUSTIC CHILDREN

South Carolina Society for Autistic Children

October 1974

YOUTH CAREERIST

Business and Professional Women's Association

Columbia, South Carolina

May 1975

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE

Community Mental Health Services Central Office

South Carolina Department of Mental Health

1977

OUTSTANDING SERVICES AWARD
 Kentucky Society for Autistic Children
 March 1980

DISTINGUISHED PSYCHOLOGY CAREER AWARD
 Kentucky Psychological Association
 November, 2000

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS/AFFILIATIONS

Kentucky Psychological Association
 Government Relations Chairman – 1992 - 1994
 Treasurer – 1993 – 1996
 Vice President – 1996 – 1997
 President – 1997 – 1998
 Past-President – 1998-1999
 Federal Advocacy Coordinator – 1993-1997

American Psychological Association – member since 1989

Legislative Task Force on Custody – Commonwealth of Kentucky - October, 1998 – November, 1999

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS/AFFILIATIONS 1998 - 1999

Danville Independent Schools
 Board Member 1994 – February 2000

Certified Leader for Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – numerous roles and responsibilities

SPECIAL TRAINING

Judevine Center for Autistic Children
 St Louis, MO
 90-hour Teacher Training 1973
 90-hour Administrator Training 1973

University of Alabama at Birmingham
 University Affiliated Facility
 Training Program for Administration of Program Services for Persons with Developmental

Disabilities – 1977 – 1978

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Children

Sponsored by Kentucky Psychological Association, Somerset, KY – October 1995

Issues Effecting Psychological Services to Children

Kentucky Psychological Association Convention, Louisville, KY – November 1998

Role of Appropriate Evaluation in Special Education Services

Forum for IDEA Advocacy Training, Frankfort, KY – April 1999

In-service Trainings at Oakwood in Autism and Behavior Management

Approaches to Improving Relationships – Therapy is Not the Only Choice

Kentucky Psychological Association Annual Convention

Louisville, KY - November 1999

Positive Approaches to Behavior Programming for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Consortium of Agencies Providing Community-Based Services to Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Nashville, TN – October 1999

Panel Presentation – Mental Health Issues Effecting Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Mental Health Institute

Louisville, KY – October 1999

REFERENCES

Sheila Schuster, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist and consultant

Louisville, KY

502-894-0777

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Licensed Psychologist

Former Department Chair – Department of Counseling and Human Development Services

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