

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

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M. Psych (Forensic), M.A.P.S.

I am a clinical and forensic psychologist who holds the following accreditations:

- Full member of the Australian Psychological Association
- Full member of the APS College of Clinical and Forensic Psychologists
- Member of the Australia and New Zealand Association for Psychology, Psychiatry and the Law (ANZAPPL)
- Associate clinical member of the Australia and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse (ANZATSA)
- Accredited Counsellor with the NSW Children's Commission Child Sex Offender Counsellor Accreditation Scheme - Clinical level with adults and adolescents
- Member of the Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress (ASTSS)
- Authorised Counsellor with Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Services
- Authorised Counsellor for the Victims Compensation Tribunal.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

I have been employed within community and custody-based settings of the criminal justice system (NSW Department of Corrective Services) since 2006, in treatment and assessment positions working with both victims and offenders (younger and adult offenders) presenting with forensic and other mental health concerns. In particular, I have had significant treatment experience with violent, sexual offenders and drug and alcohol offenders. Outside of my primary employment within the public system, I am also engaged in facilitating group treatment programs and providing individual psychological interventions with offenders in the community, facilitating a community-based sex offender treatment program.

In addition, I have also been engaged in psychological practice within the private domain. I have engaged in conducting clinical, forensic, children/family and neuropsychological assessments and report writing. I have also had experience providing therapeutic interventions within community-based public and private mental health settings, specialising in the assessment and treatment of post-traumatic stress (military and civilian populations), immigration, children and family litigation matters. I have also worked for St John of God Health Care as a trauma specialist and have a comprehensive understanding of psychological issues affecting emergency response workers, military personnel and civilian populations. I also hold a part-time academic lecturing position at Macquarie University.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

I have a Masters in Forensic Psychology from the University of Western Sydney in which I completed a research project in the area of malingering within forensic settings. My Post-Graduate research project focussed on jealousy and its relationship with interfamilial homicide. I also have a Bachelor of Arts degree from Macquarie University with a major in Psychology.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS:

I have been actively involved in publishing research papers articles in peer reviewed journals and professional association publications. These publications have been in the areas of sexual offending (including the development of, characteristics of, patterns of and recidivism) and the assessment of refugees and migrants and the immigration they face. I have also presented research at various professional conferences including the International Conference at Monash University Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, 'Working Within the Forensic Paradigm'.

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