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Curriculum Vitae

Certifications and Licenses

Certification: Diplomate, American Board of Professional Psychology, in Forensic Psychology
Licenses: Texas, Psychologist, 22010, 1980
Massachusetts, Psychologist, 60601, 1991
California, PSY17460, 2001, Inactive Status
Education: Ed.D., East Texas State University, Commerce, TX
M. A., Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, MO
B. A., Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau, MO

Employment History

1981-present Private practice, clinical and forensic psychology, Fort Worth, TX.
Focus is in forensic consultation and evaluation in civilian and military courts,
generally but not exclusively in cases involving alleged sexual crimes against
adults or children and child abuse.

- 1981-1995 Contract Psychologist, Child Protective Services, Fort Worth, TX,
performing psychological evaluations of parents and children, consulting with
caseworkers, providing testimony in cases involving parental rights.
- 1981-1984 Quarter time Instructor, Psychology Department, Texas Christian
University, Fort Worth, TX
- 1994-1995 Contract Psychologist, First Choice Residential Substance Abuse
Treatment Center, Fort Worth, TX, providing intake psychological
evaluations
- 1980-1985 Psychologist Consultant, Permanent Planning Team, Child
Protective Services, Fort Worth, TX, providing consultation on cases of
children in substitute care.

1980-1981 Psychologist, Tarrant County Mental Health Mental Retardation Services, Fort
Worth, TX, providing administrative supervision to staff and service delivery to
clinic population and to Child Protective Services referrals for psychological
evaluation and treatment.

- 1977-1980 Psychological Associate, Tarrant County Mental Health Mental Retardation Services, Fort Worth, TX, providing evaluation and treatment services to clinic population and to clients referred under a Child Protective Services contract for psychological evaluations and treatment.
- 1976-1977 Field Placement Supervisor, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Fort Worth, TX
- 1974-1976 Child Protective Services Caseworker, Intake, Fort Worth, TX, providing protective services to abusive and neglectful families.
- 1971-1973 Psychological Associate, Buckner Marriage and Family Counseling Center, Dallas, Texas, serving as supervised assistant to Psychologists in a clinic setting providing evaluation and treatment for outpatient families as well as children in the residential facility.

Affiliations and Service

- Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Psychology
Continuing Education Chair, 2007-2008
President, 2004-2006
Vice President, 2002-2004
Secretary, 2000-2002
- Member, American Psychological Association
Member, Division 41, American Psychology and Law Society
AP-LS Board, Member at Large, 2006-2008
- Member, Committee on Professional Practice and Standards, American Psychological Association, 2004-2005, Chair, 2006
- Member, Texas Psychological Association
Member, Board of Representatives, 1999-2001
Public Information Committee, 1996
- Member, Fort Worth Area Psychological Association
President, 1998
President, 1983
- Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Editorial Boards

- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law*
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Child Custody*
Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Journal of Psychiatry and Law*

Publications

- Connell, M. A. (2008). Custody evaluation standards and guidelines: Setting the frame. ABA Section of Family Law/APA Conference, Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future—Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together Handout, Friday's Material, pp. 1-21. Chicago, IL: ABA-SFL & APA.
- Perlin, M. L., Champine, P. R., Dlugacz, H. A., and Connell, M. A. (2008). *Competence in the law: From legal theory to clinical application*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
- Connell, M. A. (2008). Child custody evaluations. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law* (pp. 69-71). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Connell, M. A. (2008). Personal injury and emotional distress. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law* (pp. 551-554). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Connell, M. A. (2008). Ackerman-Schoendorf Parent Evaluation of Custody Test (ASPECT). In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law* (pp. 1-2). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Connell, M. A. (2007). Ethical issues in forensic psychology. In R. J. Jackson (Ed.), *Learning Forensic Assessment* (pp. 55-72). New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.
- Connell, M.A. (2006). Notification of purpose in custody evaluation: Informing the parties and their counsel. *Texas Psychologist*, 58, 8-11. Retrieved July 10, 2007 from <http://www.texaspsyc.org/associations/246/TPA%203%2030%207.pdf>.
- Connell, M.A. (2006). Notification of purpose in child custody evaluation: Informing the parties and their counsel. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 37, 446-451.
- Bush, S. S., Connell, M.A., & Denney, R.L. (2006). *Ethical Practice in Forensic Psychology: A Systematic Model for Decision Making*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Connell, M. A. (2005). Book review: Determining damages: The psychology of jury awards, by Edie Green & Brian H. Bornstein. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 33, 523-525.
- Behnke, D.K., & Connell, M.A. (2005). Child custody evaluations in cases involving sexual abuse: A View from the Bench. *Journal of Child Custody*, 2, 121-136.
- Connell, M. A. (2005). Review of "The Ackerman-Schoendorf Scales for Parent Evaluation of Custody" (ASPECT). *Journal of Child Custody*, 2, 195-209.
- Connell, M. A. (2004). Book review: Critical issues in child abuse, J. R Conte (Ed.) and Misinformation concerning child sexual abuse and adult survivors, C. L. Whitfield, J. S., & P. J. Fink (Eds.). *Psychiatry & the Law*, 32, 385-392.
- Connell, M. A. (2003). A psychobiographical approach to the evaluation for sentence mitigation. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 31, 319-354.
- Connell, M. A., & Koocher, G. P. (2003). HIPAA in forensic practice. *AP-LS News*, 23, 16-19.
- Connell, M. A. (2003). Book review: The psychological assessment of abused and neglected children, by F. D. Kelly. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 29, 181-184.
- Connell, M. A. (2003). Book review: Handbook for child protection practice, H. Dubowitz and D. DePanfilis (Eds.). *Psychiatry and the Law*, 29, 115-119.
- Shuman, D. W., Connell, M. A., Cunningham, M. D., & Reid, W. H. (2003). Interstate practice of forensic psychology: A call for reform and proposal of a model rule. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 34, 233-239.

Connell, M. A. (2002). Book review: Preparing children for court: A practitioner's guide, by L. M. Copen. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 30, 109-112.

Connell, M. A. (2001). Book review: Effective expert testimony, by D. M. Malone and P. J. Zwier. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 29, 71-74.

Paper Presentations, Conferences, Lectures Provided

May 3, 2008, Connell, M. A., *What is in the Best Interests of the Texas FLDS Children?* Panel Discussion. American Bar Association—Section of Family Law/American Psychological Association Conference, Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future—Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together, Chicago, Illinois

May 3, 2008, Connell, M. A. & Herman, G., *Working Groups' Reports*. American Bar Association—Section of Family Law/American Psychological Association Conference, Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future—Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together, Chicago, Illinois

May 2, 2008, Connell, M. A. & Tippins, T., *Custody Evaluation Standards and Guidelines: Setting the Frame*. American Bar Association—Section of Family Law/American Psychological Association Conference, Reconceptualizing Child Custody: Past, Present, and Future—Lawyers and Psychologists Working Together, Chicago, Illinois

October 24, 2007, Full day workshop, *Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, St. Louis, MO

May 30, 2007, Full day workshop, *Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

April 25, 2007, Full day workshop, *Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Newport, Rhode Island

February 21, 2007, Full day workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Psychology*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Albuquerque, New Mexico

January 21, 2007, Full day workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Psychology*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, San Diego, California.

November 2-4, 2006, Three day Intensive Workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Parenting Evaluations in Child Custody Matters, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

October 19, 2006, *AFCC Model Standards: Help or Hindrance? A Debate*. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Atlanta, Georgia

CV, Mary A. Connell, Ed.D., ABPP, *Board Certified in Forensic Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology, Updated 5/8/2008*

October 14, 2006, Full day workshop, *Assessment for Parent Planning in Child Custody Litigation*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia.

Aug 12, 2006, Chair, Symposium. *Guidelines Parenting (Child Custody) Evaluation Revision*, Committee on Professional Practices and Standards, American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana

Aug 11, 2006, Chair, Symposium. *Record Keeping Guidelines; Unveiling the Recommended Revision*, Committee on Professional Practices and Standards, American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana

May 4, 2006, *Relocation: The Debate*, ABA Family Bar Conference, Washington, D.C.

April 21, 2006, Seminar, *Contours of the Child Custody Evaluation*, Sam Houston State University, Houston, Texas

March 4, 2006, Chair, *APA Guidelines for Psychological Evaluation in Child Custody Matters Revision Discussion*, Committee on Professional Practices and Standards, American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida

January 19-21, 2006, Three day Intensive Workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Child Custody Evaluations, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Berkeley, California

September 25, 2005, Full day workshop, *Assessment for Parenting Planning in Child Custody Litigation*. American Academy of Forensic Psychology, St. Louis, Missouri

August 21, 2005, Symposium, *Applying Heilbrun's Principles of Forensic Mental Health Assessment to the Role of Trial Consultation*. American Psychological Association, Washington D.C., Annual Convention.

March 2, 2005, Full day workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Psychology*. American Academy of Forensic Psychology, La Jolla, California

January 13-15, 2005, Three day Intensive Workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Child Custody Evaluations, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Charleston, South Carolina

November 4-7, 2004, Intensive Workshop, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Chicago, Illinois, three day workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Child Custody Evaluations, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*

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October 19, 2004, Presentation, *Goodbye Child Custody, Hello Parenting Plan*, Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices Conference, Austin, Texas

July 31, 2004, Full day continuing education workshop *Ethical Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation*, American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii

July 30, 2004, Symposium, *Child Custody Evaluations: Did We Forget the Child? Developing Parenting Plans*, American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii

July 28, 2004, Symposium, *Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice: Sexual Abuse Allegations in Child Custody Matters*, American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii

May 14, 2004, Symposium, *Ethical Challenges for the Expert Witness: The Seductive Power of Counsel--Ethical Soft Spots*, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas

May 13, 2004, Symposium, *Legal Representation of Children*, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas

April 22-24, 2004, Intensive Workshop, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, New Orleans, Louisiana, three day workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Child Custody Evaluations, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*

March 7, 2004, Symposium, *Forensic psychology in Family Law: Enduring Issues and Emerging Models--Developments in Child Custody Evaluation*, American Psychology-Law Society, Scottsdale, Arizona

January 23, 2004, Full day workshop, *Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Las Vegas, Nevada,

October 23-25, 2003, Three day Intensive Workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Child Custody Evaluations, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Denver, Colorado

October 14, 2003, Presentation, *Effective Communication in the Courtroom*, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, Malaekahana, Hawaii

August 14, 2003, Presentation, *Effective Communication in the Courtroom*, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, San Marcos, Texas

April 12, 2003, Full day workshop, *Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Albuquerque, New Mexico

October 3-4, 2002, Three day Intensive Workshop, *Ethics in Forensic Practice, Child Custody Evaluations, and Parenting Evaluations in Child Protections Matters*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Minneapolis, Minnesota

August 25, 2002, Chair, *Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse Allegations in Custody Evaluation*, American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois

July 11, 2002, Presentation, *Eye Witness Testimony in the Courts*, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, Longview, Texas

February 21, 2002, Presentation, *Nine Issues to Consider Regarding Preparation of Clients for Child Custody Evaluation*, Northern California Family Bar Association, San Francisco, California

February 10, 2002, Full day workshop, *Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, San Diego, California

January 24, 2002, Presentation, *Eye Witness Testimony in the Courts*, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, Longview, Texas

August 26, 2001, Chair of Symposium, *Expert Witness: Three Vantage Points*, American Psychological Association, San Francisco, California

February 2, 2001, Panel, *Close Questioning of Mental Health Expert*, Texas Bar Association Expert Witness Course 2001, Dallas, Texas

January 17, 2001, Full day workshop, *Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation*, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, San Jose, California

October 19, 2000, Presentation, *Presentation of Expert Testimony*, Fort Worth Chapter, CPAs and Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, Fort Worth, Texas

October 14, 2000, Presentation, *Forensic Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility*, Santa Clara County Psychological Association, Los Gatos, California

March 20, 2000, Presentation, *Forensic Practice Considerations*, Texas Psychological Association Professional Education Conference, Houston, Texas

May 25, 1999, Presentation, *Ethical Forensic Practice*, Federal Medical Center Psychology Internship Program, Fort Worth, Texas