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Curriculum Vitae

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

Board Certification

American Board of Professional Psychology Diplomate in Forensic Psychology
American Board of Professional Psychology Diplomate in Clinical Psychology

Licenses

Texas, Psychologist, 22010
Massachusetts, Psychologist, PY 6060-PR
California, PSY17460, Inactive Status
Florida, Psychologist, PY 8024

Professional Affiliations and Service

Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Psychology
Continuing Education Chair, 2007-2008
President, 2004-2006
Vice President, 2002-2004
Secretary, 2000-2002
Fellow, American Psychological Association (Div 42)
Member, Div 41, American Psychology and Law Society
AP-LS Board, Member at Large, 2006-2008
Fellow, Div 42, Independent Practice
Committee on Professional Practice and Standards, APA, Member 2004-2005, Chair, 2006

CV, Mary A. Connell, Ed.D., ABPP, *Board Certified in Forensic Psychology and Clinical Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology, Updated 08/24/2010*

Professional Practice

- 1981-present Independent clinical and forensic practice, 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. Additionally practice activities include pre-employment psychological screening of law enforcement and firefighter personnel and fitness for duty evaluations and second tier evaluations of air traffic controller candidates.
- 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 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.

Publications

Books and edited volumes

1. Budd, K., Connell, M., & Clark, J. (in press). *Evaluation of parenting capacity in child protection*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Kuehnle, K. & Connell, M. (Eds.) (2009). *The evaluation of child sexual abuse allegations: A comprehensive guide to assessment and testimony*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
3. Perlin, M. L., Champine, P. R., Dlugacz, H. A., and Connell, M. (2008). *Competence in the law: From legal theory to clinical application*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
4. 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.

Chapters in edited volumes

5. Budd, K., Connell, M., & Clark, J. (in preparation). Assessment in dependency proceedings. In R. K. Otto (Ed.), *Handbook of forensic psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
6. Budd, K., Connell, M., & Clark, J. (in preparation). Parenting assessments in dependency proceedings. In R. Roesch & P. Zapf (Eds.), *Forensic assessments in criminal and civil law: A handbook for lawyers*. NY: Oxford University Press.
7. Connell, M., & Younggren, J. (in preparation). Ethical contours in parenting evaluations. In K. Kuehnle & L. Drozd (Eds.), *Parenting plan evaluations: Applied research for the family court*. NY: Oxford University Press
8. Kuehnle, K., & Connell, M. (in preparation). Child sexual abuse evaluations. In R. K. Otto (Ed.), *Handbook of forensic psychology*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
9. Foubister, N. & Connell, M. (in press). Competence to consent to treatment. In E. Y. Drogin, F. M. Dattilio, R. L. Sadoff, & T. G. Gutheil (Eds.), *Handbook of forensic assessment: Psychological and psychiatric perspectives*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
10. Kuehnle, K. & Connell, M. (in press). Managing children's emotional and clinical needs. In M. Lamb, D. La Rooy, C. Katz, & L. Malloy (Eds.), *Children's testimony: A handbook of psychological research and forensic practice* (2nd ed).
11. Kuehnle, K. & Connell, M. (2009). Evaluating child sexual abuse allegations. In R. M. Galatzer-Levy, L. Kraus, & J. Galatzer-Levy (Eds.), *The scientific basis of child custody decisions* (pp. 375-402). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

12. Connell, M. (2009). The child advocacy center model. In K. Kuehnle & M. Connell (Eds.), *The evaluation of child sexual abuse allegations: A comprehensive guide to assessment and testimony* (pp. 423-449). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
13. Connell, M. (2009). The extended forensic evaluation. In K. Kuehnle & M. Connell (Eds.), *The evaluation of child sexual abuse allegations: A comprehensive guide to assessment and testimony* (pp. 451-487). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
14. Connell, M. (2007). Ethical issues in forensic psychology. In R. J. Jackson (Ed.), *Learning Forensic Assessment* (pp. 55-72). New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

Articles

15. Connell, M. (2010). Parenting Plan Evaluation Standards and Guidelines for Psychologists: Setting the Frame. *Behavioral Science & Law*, 28, 492-510. DOI: 10.1002/bsl.942
16. Kuehnle, K. & Connell, M. (in press). Child sexual abuse suspicions: Treatment considerations during investigation. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*.
17. Drogin, E Y., Connell, M., Foote, W. E. & Sturm, C. A. (2010). The American Psychological Association's "Record Keeping Guidelines": Implications for the practitioner. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 3, 236-243.
18. Witt, P. H., Merdian, H.L., Connell, M., & Boer, D.P. (2010). Assessing parental risk in parenting plan (child custody) cases involving Internet sexual behavior. *Open Access Journal of Forensic Psychology*, 2, 116-136.
19. Connell, M. (2008). Changes in the wind: Parenting assessment in family dissolution matters. *Journal of Psychology & Law*, 36, 9-40.
20. Connell, M. (2006). Notification of purpose in child custody evaluation: Informing the parties and their counsel. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 37, 446-451.
21. 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.
22. Connell, M. A. (2003). A psychobiographical approach to the evaluation for sentence mitigation. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 31, 319-354.
23. 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.

Book reviews, conference publications, newsletter contributions, and encyclopedia entries

24. Connell, M. (2009). Civil Competence. In I. B. Weiner & W. E. Craighead (Eds.), *Corsini encyclopedia of psychology* (4th ed., pp. 319-321). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
25. Connell, M. (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.
26. Connell, M. (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.
27. Connell, M. (2008). Child custody evaluations. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law* (pp. 69-71). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
28. Connell, M. (2008). Personal injury and emotional distress. In B. L. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law* (pp. 551-554). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
29. Connell, M. & Younggren, J. N. (2008). Risk management: The clinician in the forensic arena. *The National Psychologist*, 17, 16.
30. Connell, M. (2006). Notification of purpose in custody evaluation: Informing the parties and their counsel. *Texas Psychologist*, 58, 8-11.
31. Connell, M. A. (2005). Book review: Determining damages: The psychology of jury awards, E. Green & B.H. Bornstein. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 33, 523-525.
32. Connell, M. A. (2005). Review of "The Ackerman-Schoendorf Scales for Parent Evaluation of Custody" (ASPECT). *Journal of Child Custody*, 2, 195-209.
33. Connell, M. A. (2004). Book review: Critical issues in child abuse, J. R Conte (Ed.) and Misinformation concerning child sexual abuse and adult survivors by C. L. Whitfield, Silberg, J., & Fink, P. J. (Eds.). *Psychiatry & the Law*, 32, 385-392.
34. Connell, M. A. & Koocher, G. P. (2003). HIPAA in forensic practice. *AP-LS News*, 23, 16-19.
35. Connell, M. A. (2003). Book review: The psychological assessment of abused and neglected children, F. D. Kelly. *Psychiatry and the Law*, 29, 181-184.
36. Connell, M. A. (2003). Book review: *Handbook for child protection practice*, H. Dubowitz & D. DePanfilis (Eds.). *Psychiatry and the Law*, 29, 115-119.
37. 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.

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

Invited scholarly symposia/addresses, professional conferences, workshops

1. 7/19/10 Connell, M., Forensic Mental Health Expertise in Your Case. Prosecuting Complex Cases. Naval Justice School, Newport, Rhode Island.
2. 07/22/09 Connell, M. and McLain, Patrick, Challenging the Prosecution's Sexual Assault/Sexual Violence Expert Witness. Military Defense Counsel Trial Litigation course, July 22-24, 2009, Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas.
3. 04/01/09 Connell, M., Expert Witnesses. Area Defense Counsel Orientation Course. Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama.
4. 10/07/08 Connell, M., Expert Witnesses. Area Defense Counsel Orientation Course. Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, Alabama.
5. 05/03/08 Connell, M. et al., 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
6. 05/03/08 Connell, M. & 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
7. 05/02/08 Connell, M. & 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
8. 10/24/07 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, St. Louis, MO
9. 05/30/07 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
10. 04/25/07 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Newport, Rhode Island
11. 02/21/07 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Ethics in Forensic Psychology, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Albuquerque, New Mexico
12. 01/21/07 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Ethics in Forensic Psychology, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, San Diego, California.
13. 11/02/07 to 11/04/07 Connell, M. et al., 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

14. 10/19/06 Connell, M. et al., AFCC Model Standards: Help or Hindrance? A Debate. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Atlanta, Georgia
15. 10/14/06 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Assessment for Parent Planning in Child Custody Litigation, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Atlanta, Georgia.
16. 08/11/06 Connell, M. Chair, Symposium. Record Keeping Guidelines; Unveiling the Recommended Revision, Committee on Professional Practices and Standards, American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana
17. 05/04/06 Connell, M. Relocation: The Debate, ABA Family Bar Conference, Washington, D.C.
18. 04/21/06 Connell, M. Seminar, Contours of the Child Custody Evaluation, Sam Houston State University, Houston, Texas
19. 03/04/06 Connell, M. 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
20. 01/19/06-01/21/06 Connell, M., et al., 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
21. 01/12/06 Connell, M. Chair, Symposium. Guidelines Parenting (Child Custody) Evaluation Revision, Committee on Professional Practices and Standards, American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana
22. 09/25/05 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Assessment for Parenting Planning in Child Custody Litigation. American Academy of Forensic Psychology, St. Louis, Missouri
23. 08/21/05 Connell, M. Symposium, Applying Heilbrun's Principles of Forensic Mental Health Assessment to the Role of Trial Consultation. American Psychological Association, Washington D.C., Annual Convention.
24. 03/02/05 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Ethics in Forensic Psychology. American Academy of Forensic Psychology, La Jolla, California
25. 01/13/05 to 01/15/05 Connell, M. et al., 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
26. 11/04/04 to 11/07/04 Connell, M. et al., 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
27. 10/19/04 Connell, M. Presentation, Goodbye Child Custody, Hello Parenting Plan, Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices Conference, Austin, Texas

28. 07/31/04 Connell, M. Full day continuing education workshop Custody and Access Recommendations: The Parenting Plan, American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii
29. 07/30/04 Connell, M. et al., Symposium, Child Custody Evaluations: Did We Forget the Child? Developing Parenting Plans, American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii
30. 07/28/04 Connell, M. et al., Symposium, Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice: Sexual Abuse Allegations in Child Custody Matters, American Psychological Association, Honolulu, Hawaii
31. 05/14/04 Connell, M. et al., Symposium, Ethical Challenges for the Expert Witness: The Seductive Power of Counsel--Ethical Soft Spots, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
32. 05/13/04 Connell, M. et al., Symposium, Legal Representation of Children, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
33. 04/22/04 to 04/24/04 Connell, M. et al., 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
34. 03/07/04 Connell, M. et al., Symposium, Forensic psychology in Family Law: Enduring Issues and Emerging Models—Developments in Child Custody Evaluation, American Psychology-Law Society, Scottsdale, Arizona
35. 01/23/04 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Las Vegas, Nevada,
36. 10/23/03 to 10/25/03 Connell, M. et al., 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
37. 10/14/03 Connell, M. Presentation, Effective Communication in the Courtroom, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, Malaekahana, Hawaii
38. 08/14/03 Connell, M. Presentation, Effective Communication in the Courtroom, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, San Marcos, Texas
39. 04/12/03 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Albuquerque, New Mexico
40. 10/02/04 to 10/04/04 Connell, M. et al., 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
41. 08/25/02 Connell, M. Chair, Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse Allegations in Custody Evaluation, American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois

42. 07/11/02 Connell, M. Eye Witness Testimony in the Courts, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, Longview, Texas
43. 02/21/02 Connell, M. Nine Issues to Consider Regarding Preparation of Clients for Child Custody Evaluation, Northern California Family Bar Association, San Francisco, California
44. 02/10/02 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, San Diego, California
45. 01/24/02 Connell, M. Eye Witness Testimony in the Courts, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Project, Longview, Texas
46. 08/26/01 Connell, M. Chair of Symposium, Expert Witness: Three Vantage Points, American Psychological Association, San Francisco, California
47. 02/02/01 Connell, M. et al., Panel, Close Questioning of Mental Health Expert, Texas Bar Association Expert Witness Course 2001, Dallas, Texas
48. 01/17/01 Connell, M. Full day workshop, Advanced Considerations in Child Custody Evaluation, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, San Jose, California
49. 10/19/00 Connell, M. Presentation of Expert Testimony, Fort Worth Chapter, CPAs and Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, Fort Worth, Texas
50. 10/14/00 Connell, M. Forensic Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility, Santa Clara County Psychological Association, Los Gatos, California
51. 03/20/00 Connell, M. Presentation, Forensic Practice Considerations, Texas Psychological Association Professional Education Conference, Houston, Texas
52. 05/25/99 Connell, M. Presentation, Ethical Forensic Practice, Federal Medical Center Psychology Internship Program, Fort Worth, Texas