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Board-Certified Clinical Psychologist in active clinical practice. Over 20+ years in the treatment of both children and adults. Exam chair for the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). NYU Faculty member with significant teaching experience. Highly experienced expert witness on issues including trauma, family dynamics, malingering, risk assessment, disability, competency to stand trial and insanity defense.

EXPERIENCE

San Jose Behavioral Health Hospital, San Jose, CA 06/2024 – Present

Training Director/Clinical Supervisor

Oversee all psychological testing for the hospital including Assessment Supervision, Individual and Group Supervision, and didactics.

Villa Fairmont Mental Health Rehabilitation Center, San Leandro, CA 06/2024 – Present

Training Director/Clinical Supervisor

Oversee all psychological testing for the hospital including Assessment Supervision, Individual and Group Supervision, and didactics.

Mednick & Associates, Wilton, CT 08/2023 – Present

Expert

In federal hearings for the Social Security Administration, I undertake medical chart reviews for disability appeal cases of mental health issues in both children and adults. Provide testimony or respond to interrogatories for each individual case.

Expert Witness, 01/2023 – Present

Provide IME's, forensic evaluations, specialized assessments and testimony for legal professionals in cases involving children and adults across the lifespan in cases of trauma, family dynamics and complex mental health matters.

Sunol Hills Residential Facility, Fremont, CA 08/2021 – 07/2024

Training Director/Clinical Supervisor

Oversee all psychological testing for the hospital. Provide Clinical Supervision to Doctoral Students, including Assessment Supervision, Individual and Group Supervision, and didactics

Sierra Vista Hospital, Sacramento, CA 06/2019 – Present

Clinical Consultant

Oversee all psychological testing for the hospital including Assessment Supervision, Individual and Group Supervision, and didactics.

- Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, Alameda County, CA** 08/2016 – Present
Forensic Evaluator
Perform evaluations for competency for Murphy Conservatorships and LPS Evaluations
- Psychiatric Hospitals, Alameda County, CA** 06/2015 – Present
Expert for Writ Hearings
Testify on behalf of the facility at the writ of habeas corpus hearings. Interview and assess patients for grave disability/danger to self/danger to others contesting a 5250/5260 holds or temporary conservatorships.
- Nueva School, San Mateo, CA** 07/2015 – 06/2018
Psychologist
Performed IQ testing of applicants during admission process
- The Burkard School, San Mateo, CA** 06/2015 – 01/2018
Consulting Psychologist
Provided support to children with self-regulation, executive functioning, and/or social-emotional learning in the classroom.
- Fremont Hospital, Fremont, CA** 08/2014 – Present
Training Director/Clinical Supervisor
Oversee all psychological testing for the hospital including Assessment Supervision, Individual and Group Supervision, and didactics.
- Therapy Partners of the Peninsula, Burlingame, CA** 01/2014 – Present
Private Practice
Treating individuals across the lifespan facing trauma-related challenges, life transitions, mental health challenges interpersonal difficulties, and conflicted family dynamics, particularly those experiencing divorce, blended family adjustment, parent-child contact problems, and helping families repair attachment disruptions and intergenerational trauma.
- University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA** 09/2011 – 10/2012
Postdoctoral Fellowship
At UCSF's Child Trauma Research Program, I received specialized training in Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) from renowned infant mental health expert Dr. Alicia Lieberman, working with children 0-5 and their families to strengthen caregiver-child relationships affected by trauma, separation, and attachment disruption through this evidence-based treatment approach.
- Miami Children's Hospital, Miami, FL** 07/2010 – 07/2011
Predoctoral Internship
Provided outpatient treatment to children, adolescents, and families. Provided inpatient treatment, including crisis stabilization and management of the suicidal patient, along with child and adolescent group therapy, individual therapy, and family therapy. Administered full psychological assessment batteries throughout the year, scoring, interpreting, and integrative report writing. Supervised doctoral practicum students throughout the year.
- Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL** 07/2009 – 06/2010
Advanced Therapy Extern
Worked with adults, adolescents, and children representing various ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Worked primarily in an outpatient and community-focused setting with opportunities to work with various psychiatric and medical populations. Facilitated individual, family, couple, and group psychotherapy.

- Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center, Chicago, IL** 07/2008 – 06/2009
Therapy Extern
Worked with children, adolescents (ages 0 to 18), and their families representing a racially, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse population and demonstrating a wide range of severe psychological, emotional, and physiological symptoms. Conducted individual therapy, play therapy, group therapy, and mental health assessments, and was involved in ongoing case management and child advocacy.
- Hartgrove Hospital, Chicago, IL** 07/2007 – 06/2008
Diagnostic Extern
Interviewed, assessed, and diagnosed children, adolescents, and adults representing a racially, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse population and demonstrating a wide range of severe psychological, emotional, and physiological symptoms. Completed integrative psychological reports based on clients' cognitive, intellectual, and personality functioning and outlined treatment recommendations. Participated in crisis intervention and provided community presentations on various psychological topics.
- Art Therapy Connection, Chicago, IL** 01/2007 – 07/2007
Community Service Practicum
Participated in research, program evaluation, and program development. Analyzed data in the development of a volunteer program targeted toward specific communities in Chicago and assisted in increasing fundraising awareness in schools.
- Jenner Academy of the Arts, Chicago, IL** 01/2007 – 06/2007
Art Therapist
Served as art therapist responsible for co-leading four structured art therapy groups ages 6 to 15 in an elementary-school setting experiencing trauma such as personal crisis, neglect, abuse, poverty, violence, alcohol and drug abuse, poor peer relationships, disabilities, and negative behavior.
- Public School 137, New York, NY** 09/2005 – 08/2006
Art Therapist
Worked as the primary therapist under the American Red Cross Grant for schools affected by 9/11. Responsible for leading eight structured art therapy groups for at-risk children ages 6 to 13 in an elementary-school setting.
- East Brooklyn Family Services, Brooklyn, NY** 09/2004 – 05/2005
Art Therapist Trainee
Served as an art therapist responsible for a caseload of 10 families representing a racially, culturally, and socioeconomically diverse population mandated by Child Services to receive therapy. Developed, implemented, and monitored treatment plans and all necessary referrals for clients. Conducted home visits.
- Public School 42, New York, NY** 01/2004 – 06/2004
Art Therapist Trainee
Under the American Red Cross grant, served as a school art therapist for Chinese American children ages 6 to 12 at risk of school failure and affected by 9/11.
- Robert Mapplethorpe Treatment Facility, New York, NY** 09/2003 – 12/2003
Art Therapist Trainee
Led art therapy groups for adults ages 30-60 living with AIDS. A long-term residential program within Beth Israel Medical Center.

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

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| Board Certification in Clinical Psychology (ABPP) | 09/2016 |
| Board Certified Registered Art Therapist (ATR-BC) | 12/2007 |

LICENSES

California Board of Psychology, #PSY 26360 since 2014

CERTIFICATIONS

Diplomate Recognition, American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress 07/2011
Neurofeedback Certification Training 07/2022
Certified Trauma Specialist (CTS) 06/2009
Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) 06/2009

EDUCATION

Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL
Psy.D., Clinical Psychology 2006-2011

Columbia University, New York, NY
Doctoral coursework in clinical psychology 2005-2006

New York University, New York, NY
MA, Art Therapy 2003-2005

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA
BA, Psychology 2001-2002

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
BFA, Advertising Design 1997-2000

MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 2024-present
Collaborative Practice of San Mateo County 2024-present
Society for Couple and Family Psychology (APA Division 43) 2024-present
Society for Child and Family Policy and Psychology (APA Division 37) 2024-present
Bay Area Psychological Association (BAPA) 2023-present
National Center for Crisis Management 2016-present
California Psychological Association (CPA) 2015-present
American Psychological Association (APA) 2011-present
Trauma Psychology (APA Division 56) 2011-present
Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (APA Division 53) 2011-present
Psy Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology 2011-present
American Art Therapy Association (AATA) 2008-present

FACULTY/INSTRUCTOR

New York University, New York, NY 01/2022 – Present
Adjunct Faculty Member

Courses: Clinical Interventions for Specialized Population

New York University, New York, NY 01/2022 – Present
Thesis Advisor

UCSF School of Nursing, Community Health Systems, San Francisco, CA University of California <u>Guest Speaker</u>	04/2019 – 06/2022
Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, CA Art Therapy Psychology Doctoral Program <u>Dissertation Chair</u>	06/2018 – 06/2020
Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, CA Art Therapy Psychology Doctoral Program <u>Assistant Professor</u> <i>Tenure-track appointment in the Ph.D program</i>	08/2014 – 05/2018
Notre Dame de Namur University, Belmont, CA <u>Adjunct Faculty Member</u> <i>Courses: Research Completion; Advanced Human Development; Research Project; Art Therapy Practices</i>	09/2013 – 07/2014
Argosy University, Chicago, IL <u>Adjunct Faculty Member</u> <i>Courses: Research and Program Evaluation</i>	05/2010 – 06/2010
The Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL <u>Adjunct Faculty Member</u> <i>Courses: Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy; Research Methods; Social Psychology and Individual Differences; Theories and Methods of Intervention in Art Therapy and Trauma; Sociocultural and Multicultural Perspectives in Art Therapy; Studio Art for Art Therapists</i>	09/2008 – 06/2010
DePaul University, Chicago, IL <u>Guest Speaker</u> <i>Course: Leadership in action: Connecting through art</i>	12/2007
Lincoln Park Co-Op, Chicago, IL <u>Parent Educator</u> <i>Course: Leadership in action: Connecting through art</i>	05/2007
Jenner Academy of the Arts, Chicago, IL <u>Parent Instructor (Village in Action Workshop)</u> <i>Facilitated parent education workshops focused on reducing household stress through art-based interventions, teaching nonverbal communication techniques and creative approaches to managing challenging family dynamics.</i>	05/2007
University of Illinois, Chicago, IL <u>Guest Speaker</u> <i>Presentation: The impact of art therapy within a school setting</i>	04/2007
Public School 137, New York, NY <u>University Settlement Staff Development</u> <i>Designed and delivered workshops applying Gardner's Multiple Intelligences theory to art therapy, developing tailored creative interventions that leverage children's diverse learning strengths and innate capabilities.</i>	03/2007

VOLUNTEER WORK

Blue Skies for Children, Oakland, CA 09/2023 – Present
Board Member

Provide strategic oversight and governance to Oakland's only NAEYC-accredited childcare center helping ensure its continued excellence in early childhood education

American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). 01/2021 – Present
Exam Chair/Mentor

Oversee the development and administration of certification exams that rigorously assess the competence and expertise of aspiring psychologists. Collaborate with subject matter experts to create well-structured and comprehensive exam materials, ensuring that the testing process adheres to high standards of fairness and validity.

National Alliance Mental Illness (NAMI), San Mateo, CA 01/2020 – Present
Board Member/Advisor

Support individuals serving as PALS when they have questions or concerns regarding their Peers. Conduct monthly training sessions for PALS and work closely with the coordinator when issues arise.

Bay Area Psychological Association (BAPA), San Mateo County, CA 09/2019 – 12/2022
Board Member

Cultivated and offered professional growth and support. Facilitated vibrant forums for professional and social exchange. Promoted the science of psychology as it relates to issues in the community. Helped cultivate future generations of psychologists. Supported the provision of mental health services to residents in the community.

Museum of Modern Art San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 02/2001 – 06/2002
Docent

Conducted outreach programs, gave presentations, and facilitated in-school projects each year with children in the Bay Area.

TALK Line Family Support Center, San Francisco, CA 05/2001 – 12/2001
Counselor

Worked in the children's playroom within the TALK organization, providing a 24-hour crisis line, parent and child counseling, parent drop-in center, children's playroom, job assistance, and other family support services.

Children's Hospital in Oakland, Oakland, CA 06/1999 – 12/2000
Volunteer

Assisted nursing and child life staff in providing a supportive, nurturing, and therapeutic environment for hospitalized children at the bedside and in play areas. Primary location was on the Burn Unit.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrison, J. & Drozd, L. (2025, February). *Intergenerational Trauma in Chronic Conflict Families*. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Annual Conference.
2. Harrison, J. (2019, 2020). *Child/Adolescent Psychotherapeutic Modalities*. University of California San Francisco.
3. Harrison, J. (2017, January). *Art Therapy and Social Change*. Northern California Art Therapy Association.

4. Harrison, J. (2015, October). *Collaborative Problem Solving*. Villa Fairmont Mental Health Rehabilitation Center.
5. Harrison, J. (2015, April). *Trauma Informed Care*. Villa Fairmont Mental Health Rehabilitation Center.
6. Myers, J., & Hernandez, Y. (2010, October). *The Importance of Cyberbullying*. 1st Annual S.T.E.P.S for Success Transition Conference, Miami, FL.
7. Myers, J., & Ragsdale, B. (2008, June). *Reinventing race, reinventing racism: The 40th anniversary of the Kerner Commission*. Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago.
8. Myers, J. (2008, April). *Divorce and the Latino and African American Family*. Hartgrove Hospital, Chicago, IL.
9. Myers, J. (2008, February). *Angry Girls: Relational Aggression in Clinical Settings*. Hartgrove Hospital, Chicago, IL.
10. Myers, J. (2007, December). *Anger Management with Adolescents*. Mireles School, South Chicago.
11. Myers, J. (2007, April). *Community Service Practicum with Art Therapy Connection*. Poster presentation, Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Harrison, J.** (2017). Art Therapy and Social Change. In R. Carolan & A. Backos (Eds.), *Emerging Perspectives in Art Therapy* (1st ed.). Routledge.
2. Bennington, R., Backos, A., **Harrison, J.**, Etherington-Reader, A., & Carolan, R. (2016). Art therapy in art museums: Promoting social connectedness and psychological well-being in older adults. *The Arts in Psychotherapy*.
3. **Myers, J.** (2005). *Dinosaurs get divorced too*. Trafford Publishing.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Practicum Students' Experience With Culture and Racism in Clinical Settings**, Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL, The author of the dissertation, 2010.
- **New York State Psychiatric Institute**, New York, NY, Co-assistant in early stages of statistical analysis for Dr. Helena Verdeli's research on developing and refining strategies for early detection and primary prevention of mood disorders and associated impairment in adolescent children of parents with bipolar disorder, 2005-2006.
- **Art Therapy and Promoting Differentiation Within the Family Unit**, New York University, New York, NY, The author of a Master's thesis, 2004-2005. □