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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Complex Trauma and PTSD
- Child Sexual Abuse Evaluation and Treatment
- Therapy with Court Involved Families
- Parent-Child Contact Problems
- Child Parent Psychotherapy
- Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment
- Doctoral Clinical Supervision and Training
- Art Therapy (Forensic, Inpatient, and Community)
- Expert Witness Testimony (Civil, Criminal & Family Court)
- Murphy Conservatorship and LPS Assessments
- Competency to Stand Trial Evaluation
- Independent Psychological Examinations (IME)
- Federal Disability Adjudications (SSA)
- Clinical and Forensic Consultation in Family Law
- Dangerousness / Risk Assessment
- Psychological Evaluations Across the Lifespan

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSURE

Board Certifications

American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) -*Clinical Psychology* | #8208 | *September 2016*

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)-Certified for interjurisdictional practice across 43 states through the PSYPACT (APII) | #24764 | *March 2026*

Art Therapy Credentials Board – Board Certified Registered Art Therapist (ATR-BC) | #08-048 | *December 2007*

Diplomate, American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress (DAAETS) | #5163 | *July 2010*

State Licensures

California #PSY26360 · New York #027651 · Illinois #071.022479 · Florida #13077 · Hawaii #2304

New Hampshire #7135 · Connecticut #5232

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

AFCC Task Force on Court-Involved Therapy Guidelines

August 2025 – Present

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) — International Multidisciplinary Task Force

Appointed to revise the 2010 AFCC Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy. Contributes to standards development informed by current research, legal frameworks, and clinical expertise. Task Force co-chaired by Kathleen McNamara, PhD, and Lyn Greenberg, PhD.

Court-Appointed Forensic Evaluator -Murphy Conservatorship Panel

August 2016 – Present

Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Conducts competency evaluations for individuals charged with felonies resulting in significant physical harm or death, and LPS evaluations for individuals with severe mental illness subject to involuntary hospitalization. Provides expert testimony.

- Capacity Evaluator -Aging and Disability Services/Adult Protective Services** · *March 2026 – Present*
County of San Mateo
 Conducts decisional capacity evaluations for APS/Elder and Dependent Adult Protection Team (EDAPT) clients. Assesses cognitive domains relevant to medical, financial, testamentary, and independent living decision-making. Completes Capacity Declaration forms and provides expert testimony in probate conservatorship proceedings.
- Federal Disability/Social Security Administration Appointed Expert** *August 2023 – Present*
Mednick & Associates
 Conducts medical chart reviews for SSA disability appeal cases involving mental health impairments in children and adults. Evaluates conditions including PTSD and mood disorders against DSM-based impairment listings. Provides courtroom testimony and responds to interrogatories.
- Court-Appointed Expert - Writ of Habeas Corpus Hearings** *June 2015 – Present*
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda — Psychiatric Facilities
 Assesses inpatients contesting 5250/5260 holds or temporary conservatorships. Testifies on findings of grave disability and danger to self and others.
- Board Examiner** *2021 – Present*
American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP)
 Board certification examinations, ensuring validity, fairness, and compliance with professional standards.
- Board Member** *2020 – Present*
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), San Mateo County
- Board Member** *2023 – Present*
Blue Skies for Children, Oakland, CA (Oakland's sole NAEYC-accredited childcare center)
- Board Member** *2019 – 2022*
Bay Area Psychological Association (BAPA)

EDUCATION

- Adler University · Chicago, IL** *2006 – 2011*
Psy.D., Clinical Psychology
- Columbia University · New York, NY** *2005 – 2006*
Doctoral Coursework in Clinical Psychology
- New York University · New York, NY** *2003 – 2005*
M.A., Art Therapy
- San Francisco State University · San Francisco, CA** *2001 – 2002*
B.A., Psychology
- Academy of Art University · San Francisco, CA** *1997 – 2000*
B.F.A., Advertising Design

PRIVATE PRACTICE

- Therapy Partners of the Peninsula** *January 2014 – Present*
Director · Licensed Clinical Psychologist | Burlingame, CA · Oakland, CA
 Founded and directs a specialized private practice providing trauma-focused psychological services to individuals, children, and families. Clinical expertise includes court-involved family therapy, resist/refuse dynamics, co-parenting coordination, and attachment disruptions in high-conflict family systems. Treatment integrates EMDR, Neurofeedback, TF-CBT, Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP), and Art Therapy across the lifespan.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

San Jose Behavioral Health Hospital · San Jose, CA

June 2024 – Present

Training Director / Clinical Supervisor

133-bed inpatient psychiatric facility. Oversees all psychological testing. Provides doctoral-level supervision: assessment, individual, group, and didactics.

Villa Fairmont Mental Health Rehabilitation Center · San Leandro, CA

June 2024 – Present

Training Director / Clinical Supervisor

Adult psychiatric rehabilitation facility for Alameda County residents with serious mental illness, including LPS Conservatorship and Murphy Conservatorship status. Oversees psychological testing and doctoral training.

Sierra Vista Hospital · Sacramento, CA

June 2019 – Present

Clinical Consultant

171-bed behavioral health facility. Oversight of psychological testing and doctoral clinical supervision.

Fremont Hospital · Fremont, CA

August 2014 – June 2025

Training Director / Clinical Supervisor

148-bed behavioral healthcare facility for adults and adolescents.

Sunol Hills Residential Treatment Center · Fremont, CA

August 2021 – July 2024

Training Director / Clinical Supervisor

Residential mental health facility for adolescents (ages 11–17) and adults.

Nueva School · San Mateo, CA

July 2015 – June 2018

Psychological Testing

IQ testing provided to applicants through school-designated WISC and WPPSI during admission.

Child Trauma Research Program, UCSF · San Francisco, CA

September 2011 – October 2012

Postdoctoral Fellow

Lead program of the Early Trauma Treatment Network (National Child Traumatic Stress Network). Specialized training in Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP). Provided perinatal CPP, co-parenting CPP, trauma-focused assessment, and crisis intervention. Supervisors: Alicia F. Lieberman, PhD; Patricia Van Horn, JD, PhD; Miriam Hernandez Dimmler, PhD.

Miami Children's Hospital · Miami, FL | APA-Accredited Internship

July 2010 – July 2011

Predoctoral Intern

Rotations in outpatient child and adolescent therapy, inpatient psychiatric units, Emergency Department, Palliative Care Team, Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorders, and Intensive Outpatient Program. Full psychological assessment battery.

Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center · Chicago, IL

July 2009 – June 2010

Advanced Therapy Extern

Outpatient and community mental health with adults, adolescents, and children. Individual, family, couple, and group psychotherapy.

Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center · Chicago, IL

July 2008 – June 2009

Therapy Extern

Individual, play, and group therapy with children, adolescents, and families. Mental health assessments, case management, and child advocacy.

Hartgrove Hospital · Chicago, IL

July 2007 – June 2008

Diagnostic Extern

Psychological assessment, diagnostic interviewing, and integrative report writing with children, adolescents, and adults. Crisis intervention and community outreach.

Art Therapy Connection · Chicago, IL

January 2007 – July 2007

Art Therapist

Research, program evaluation, and program development. Analyzed data in development of a volunteer program targeting specific communities in Chicago. Assisted in increasing fundraising awareness in schools.

Jenner Academy of the Arts · Chicago, IL

January 2007 – June 2007

Art Therapist

Led structured art therapy groups for children ages 6–15 in an elementary-school setting experiencing trauma including neglect, abuse, poverty, and violence.

Public School 137 · New York, NY

September 2005 – August 2006

Art Therapist

Funded by the 9/11 American Red Cross Recovery Grant. Led Art Therapy groups for at-risk children ages 6–13. Used creative interventions to support conflict resolution. Collaborated with parents and teachers on treatment plans.

East Brooklyn Family Services · Brooklyn, NY

September 2004 – May 2005

Art Therapy Intern

Worked with families mandated by Child Services to receive therapy. Developed and monitored treatment plans, administered art therapy assessments, and served as child/family advocate in educational, medical, and legal proceedings

Public School 42 · New York, NY

January 2004 – June 2004

Art Therapy Extern

Art therapy for Chinese American children at risk of school failure. Co-facilitated school art therapy groups to support social and emotional development.

Robert Mapplethorpe Treatment Facility · New York, NY

September 2003 – December 2003

Art Therapy Extern

Facilitated art therapy groups for adults with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders; participated in weekly case conferences presenting patients' artwork to the psychiatric clinical team.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New York University · New York, NY

January 2022 – Present

Adjunct Faculty Member / Thesis Advisor / Art Therapy Program

Clinical Interventions for Specialized Populations; Art Therapy with Adults. Graduate thesis advisor.

Notre Dame de Namur University · Belmont, CA

August 2014 – May 2020

Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) / Dissertation Chair / Art Therapy Psychology Doctoral Program

Courses: Art Therapy Practices; Advanced Human Development; Research Methods; Research Project; Research Completion. Dissertation Chair, June 2018 – June 2020.

University of California San Francisco · San Francisco, CA

April 2019 – Present

Guest Speaker - Community Health Systems School of Nursing

Child and Adolescent Psychotherapeutic Modalities.

The Adler School of Professional Psychology · Chicago, IL

September 2008 – June 2010

Adjunct Faculty Member

Courses: Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy; Research Methods; Theories and Methods in Art Therapy and Trauma; Sociocultural and Multicultural Perspectives; Studio Art for Art Therapists.

Argosy University · Chicago, IL

May 2010 – June 2010

Adjunct Faculty Member - Research and Program Evaluation

Course: Research and Program Evaluation

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Harrison, J., San Filippo, M., & Wexler, E. (2026, May). Beyond the courtroom: A clinical team model for complex custody cases. American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML) 49th Annual Symposium: Break on Through -Advocacy, Justice, and the Edge of Vengeance.

Harrison, J., & Drozd, L. M. (2026, May 28). Mind the gap: Generational shifts in understanding children in family courts. AFCC 63rd Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.

- Drozd, L. M., & **Harrison, J.** (2026, May 27). The grievance room: Reenactment as the missing piece for genuine repair [Pre-Conference Institute]. AFCC 63rd Annual Conference: What Lies Beneath -Hidden Forces Shaping Families in Transition. Seattle, WA.
- Harrison, J.**, & Drozd, L. M. (2026, February 8). A bridge to nowhere: Rethinking the existence of relationships in parent-child contact problems. AFCC-CA Annual Conference 2026.
- Drozd, L., Saini, M., & **Harrison, J.** (2025, November). From forced to invited: Trauma-informed accountability in complex parenting plan disputes [Virtual Plenary Session]. AFCC Fall 2025 Virtual Conference.
- Harrison, J.**, & Drozd, L. (2025, February). Intergenerational trauma in chronic conflict families. AFCC Annual Conference.
- Harrison, J. (2017, January). Art Therapy and Social Change. Northern California Art Therapy Association.
- Harrison, J. (2015). Collaborative Problem Solving; Trauma Informed Care. Villa Fairmont Mental Health Rehabilitation Center
- Myers, J., & Hernandez, Y. (2010, October). The Importance of Cyberbullying. 1st Annual S.T.E.P.S for Success Transition Conference, Miami, FL.
- 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.
- Myers, J. (2008, April). Divorce and the Latino and African American Family. Hartgrove Hospital, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2008, February). Angry Girls: Relational Aggression in Clinical Settings. Hartgrove Hospital, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2007, December). Anger Management with Adolescents. Mireles School, South Chicago.
- Myers, J. (2007, April). Community Service Practicum with Art Therapy Connection. Poster presentation, Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2007, December). Leadership in action: Connecting through art. Workshop conducted for the Harris Fellows Student Program, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2007, May). Parent education: A democratic approach to parent-child relationships. Lincoln Park Co-Op, Dreikurs Psychological Services Center, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2007, May). Village in action: Building communication skills through art. Parenting workshop, Jenner Academy of the Arts, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2007, April). The impact of art therapy within a school setting. Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Myers, J. (2006, March). Multiple intelligences and art therapy: Enhancing children's innate abilities. University Settlement Staff Development, Public School 137, New York, NY.

PUBLICATIONS

- Drozd, L., Saini, M., & Harrison, J. (in press). A stepwise approach for assessing and intervening in complex parenting plan disputes. In M. Saini, L. Drozd, & N. Olesen (Eds.), *Parenting plan evaluations: Applied research for the family court* (3rd ed.). Oxford University Press.
- Harrison, J. (2017). Art therapy and social change. In R. Carolan & A. Backos (Eds.), *Emerging perspectives in art therapy* (1st ed.). Routledge.
- Bennington, R., Backos, A., Harrison, J., Etherington-Reader, A., & Carolan, R. (2016). Art therapy in art museums: Promoting social connectedness and psychological well-being of older adults. *The Arts in Psychotherapy*, 49, 1--9.
- Myers, J. (2005). *Dinosaurs get divorced too*. Trafford Publishing.

RESEARCH

Adler School of Professional Psychology · Chicago, IL ·

January 2008 – July 2010

Dissertation: Practicum Students' Experience with Race, Ethnicity, and Culture in Clinical Settings. Explored practitioner awareness, skills, comfort, and experience working with racial, ethnic, and cultural minority clients across training contexts. Defended July 1, 2010. Chair: Dr. Vida Dyson.

New York State Psychiatric Institute · New York, NY ·

September 2005 – July 2006

Contributed to statistical analysis for Dr. Helena Verdeli's research program examining early detection and primary prevention of mood disorders and associated functional impairment in adolescent offspring of parents with bipolar disorder. Participated in adult and child psychiatric Grand Rounds as part of an active clinical research training environment.

New York University · New York, NY ·

September 2004 – May 2005

Master's thesis: Art Therapy and Promoting Differentiation Within the Family Unit. Case study examining the use of art therapy with one family over nine weeks to support individuation and healthy communication among family members. Completed May 2005.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Children's Hospital Oakland · Oakland, CA

June 1999 – December 2000

Provided therapeutic support to children on the burn unit, assisting nursing and child life staff with bedside activities and emotional support for patients and families.

TALK Line Family Support Center · San Francisco, CA

May 2001 – December 2001

Provided support to children and families through a crisis and family services organization offering a 24-hour helpline, parent counseling, and drop-in resources.

Museum of Modern Art San Francisco · San Francisco, CA

February 2001 – June 2002

Conducted art education outreach programs and in-school presentations for children throughout the Bay Area.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & TRAINING

Harvard Medical School/Mass General Brigham · McLean Hospital

2026

Course in Trauma-Informed Care (TIC): Optimizing the Role of TIC in Mainstream Clinical Practice

Stanford Medicine/Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

2026

Cue-Centered Therapy (CCT) Training Program in evidence-based treatment for youth with chronic traumatic adversity

AFCC - Advanced Training on Parent-Child Contact Problems

Jan 2026

AFCC -Safety First: Strengthening Family Law Responses to Violence and Coercive Control

June 2025

AFCC - Advanced Training on Parent-Child Contact Problems

Jan 2025

U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs -Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for DSM-5 (CAPS-5)

December 2024

AFCC - Family Law Attorneys and Mental Health Professionals: Interdisciplinary Reconciliation

February 2024

American Academy of Forensic Psychology - Assessment of Competence to Stand Trial

March 2023

American Academy of Forensic Psychology -Effective Expert Testimony for Forensic Evaluation

March 2023

BCIA -Neurofeedback Training (EEG Biofeedback and Neuroregulation)

July 2022

EMDR Institute -Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)

January 2010

Cincinnati Children's Hospital - Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) [40-hour training]

September 2009

Allegheny General Hospital -Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)

September 2009

National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children -Certified Trauma Specialist (CTS) [40 hours]

July 2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association (APA)

Division 56 (Trauma Psychology) · Division 53 (Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology) ·

Division 43 (Couples & Family Psychology) · Division 37 (Child & Family Policy)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Association of Professionals Solving the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

American Art Therapy Association (AATA)

Bay Area Psychological Association (BAPA)

California Psychological Association (CPA)

Collaborative Practice of San Mateo County

ISTSS (International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies)

National Center for Crisis Management

Psy Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology

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