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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

September 1987 - present *Private practice* of child custody evaluation, attorney consultation, coparent counseling, parenting plan mediation, and parenting coordination.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

May 2005 – present *Expert Reviewer*, California Board of Psychology. Provide expert opinions and testimony on complaints against psychologists.

June 2005 – December 2013 *Member*, San Francisco Collaborative Practice Group, a multidisciplinary family law group.

January 2006 – 2016 Ethics Committee, California Psychological Association:
Chair: 2012 – 2015
Vice-Chair: 2010 – 2011, 2016
Member: 2006-2009
2011 CPA Silver Psi Award for Outstanding Contribution to Psychology

Jan. 2003 – Nov. 2007 *Chair*, Expertise Series Task Force, Division of Clinical and Professional Practice, California Psychological Association. The Expertise Series provides authoritative legal and ethical guidance to California psychologists.
Award: 2005 Division I Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology

Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2006 *Ethics Chair*, San Francisco Psychological Association.

July 1994 – September 2006 *Clinical Faculty*, University of California, San Francisco. Clinical supervision and teaching. Highest rank: Associate Clinical Professor.

Jan. 2001 – December 2006 *Member-at-Large*, Board of Directors, Division of Clinical and Professional Practice, California Psychological Association.

July 2000 – Dec. 2003 *Ethics Chair*, Alameda County Psychological Association.

July 1994 – June 1996 *Member*, Board of Directors, California Psychology Internship Council (CAPIC).

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

January 2005 – February 2006 *Adjunct Faculty*, University of San Francisco

September 2004 – May 2005 *Adjunct Faculty*, Alliant International University—California School of Professional Psychology

June 1993 – June 2004 *Chief Psychologist and Director, Psychology Training* (1993 –2004), *Director, Mental Health Clinic* (1996-2004), *Chair, Psychiatry Quality Assurance Committee* (2001-2004), Dept. of Psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco.

Aug. 1991 – Dec. 1991 *Visiting Assistant Professor*, Dept. of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley.

- March 1988 – August 1991 *Residential Scientist*, Program on Conscious and Unconscious Mental Processes (John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation), University of California, San Francisco.
- July 1987 – March 1988 *Staff Therapist*, Family Services of Contra Costa.
- May 1987 – March 1988 *Research Staff Psychologist*, Department of Psychiatry, University of California San Francisco.
- March 1987 - January 1988 *Mental Health Treatment Specialist*, Merrithew Memorial Hospital, Martinez, California.
- March 1987 - February 1988 *Staff Therapist*, Department of Psychiatry, Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, San Francisco.

EDUCATION

- B.A. 1978. University of California, Santa Cruz. Major: Psychology.
- M.A. 1982. University of Massachusetts, Department of Psychology.
- Ph.D. 1985. University of Massachusetts, Department of Psychology. Major: Clinical and Personality Psychology.

LICENSURE

California Psychology License #PSY 10016. Awarded April 15, 1987.

CLINICAL TRAINING

- October 1985 – February 1987 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center (currently California Pacific Medical Center), Department of Psychiatry. Assessment, psychotherapy, psychological testing, and neuropsychological testing of psychiatric inpatients, emergency room patients, medical inpatients, and psychiatric outpatients. Adult and geriatric.
- July 1983 – June 1985 *Psychology Intern*, New York Hospital--Cornell Medical Center, Westchester Division. Assessment, psychotherapy, psychological testing, and neuropsychological testing of psychiatric inpatients and outpatients. Child, adult, and geriatric.
- June 1980 – May 1983 *Practicum Trainee*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Individual psychotherapy.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Fridhandler, B. (2016). The American Psychological Association and the ethics failure of our time, *California Psychologist*, Winter 2016, pp. 35-37.
- Fridhandler, B. (2015). Ethics, law and risk management: Navigating the complexities of practice. *California Psychologist*, 48:1, March/April, 22-24.
- Fridhandler, B. & Lehmer, M. (2014). Ethical issues in coparent counseling. *Journal of Child Custody*, 11, 139-158.
- Fridhandler, B. (2013). Risk management: Avoiding the precipice. *California Psychologist*, 46:2, March/April, 6-8.
- Fridhandler, B. (2012). Is 'making a difference' part of the ethics of our profession? *California Psychologist*, 45:5, Sept./Oct., 31.

Fridhandler, B. (Feature Editor). (2012). Privacy and Ethics: A Fresh Look. *California Psychologist*, 45:2, March/April.

Fridhandler, B. (2010). Clinical record keeping: Breaking out of the circle. *California Psychologist*, 43:5, Sept./Oct., 31-32.

Fridhandler, B. (2009). Giving opinions in therapy cases involved with the courts. *California Psychologist*, 42:3, May/June, 28.

Fridhandler, B. (2008). Science and child custody evaluations: What qualifies as "scientific"? *Journal of Child Custody*, 5, 256-275.

Fridhandler, B. and the 2004 Expertise Series Task Force. (2006). Expertise Series document on informed consent, with commentary. *Board of Psychology Update, Issue No. 13*, June 2006. Sacramento, CA: California Board of Psychology.

Fridhandler, B. (2005). The tale of Joe Lifschutz: Showdown over confidentiality. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, September 2005.

Donner, M. & Fridhandler, B. (2005). The Ewing decision and patient confidentiality. *California Psychologist*, March/April.

Fridhandler, B. and the 2004 Expertise Series Task Force. (2004). Confidentiality, Informed Consent, and Responding to Subpoenas. *Expertise Series* of Division I, California Psychological Association.

Fridhandler, B., Eells, T.D., & Horowitz, M.J. (1999). Psychoanalytic explanation of pathological grief: Scientific observation of a single case. *Psychoanalytic Psychology*, 16, 34-57.

Paulhus, D., Fridhandler, B. & Hayes, S. (1997). Psychological defense: Contemporary theory and research. In R. Hogan, J.A. Johnson, & S.R. Briggs (Eds.), *Handbook of Personality Psychology* (pp. 543-579). San Diego: Academic Press.

Eells, T.D., Fridhandler, B., & Horowitz, M.J. (1995). Self schemas and spousal bereavement: Comparing quantitative and clinical evidence. *Psychotherapy: Theory, Research, and Practice*, 32, 270-282.

Horowitz, M.J., Milbrath, C. Jordan, D., Stinson, C. Redington, D., Ewert, M., Fridhandler, B., Reidbord, S. & Hartley, D. (1994). Expressive and defensive behavior during discourse on unresolved topics: A single case study. *Journal of Personality*, 62, 527-563.

Horowitz, M.J., Stinson, C.S., Fridhandler, B.M., Milbrath, C., Redington, D., & Ewert, M. (1993). Pathological grief: An intensive case study. *Psychiatry: Interpersonal & Biological Processes*, 56, 356-374.

Eells, T.D., Horowitz, M.J., Stinson, C.H., & Fridhandler, B.M. (1993). Self-representation in anxious states of mind: A comparison of psychoanalytic models. In Z.V. Segal & S. J. Blatt (Eds.), *The self in emotional distress: Cognitive and psychodynamic perspectives* (pp. 100-122). NY: Guilford.

Eells, T.D., Fridhandler, B.M., Stinson, C.H., & Horowitz, M.J. (1993). Commentary on R. McNally, "Self-representation in post-traumatic stress disorder: A cognitive perspective." In Z.V. Segal & S. J. Blatt (Eds.), *The self in emotional distress: Cognitive and psychodynamic perspectives* (pp. 92-99). NY: Guilford.

Horowitz, M.J., Cooper, S., Fridhandler, B., Perry, J.C., Bond, M., & Vaillant, G. (1992). Control processes and defense mechanisms. *Journal of Psychotherapy Practice and Research*, 1, 324-336.

Horowitz, M.J., Fridhandler, B., & Stinson, C. (1992). Person schemas and emotion. In T. Shapiro & R.N. Emde (Eds.), *Affect: Psychoanalytic perspectives* (pp. 173-208). Madison, CT: Int. Univ. Pr.

Fridhandler, B. & Tunis, S.L. (1992). Theoretical and methodological comments on self-representation. *Psychological Inquiry*, 3, 38-40.

Tunis, S.L., Fridhandler, B., & Horowitz, M. (1990). Identifying schematized views of self with significant others: Convergence of quantitative and clinical methods. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 59, 1279-1286.

Horowitz, M.J., Markman, H.C., Stinson, C., Fridhandler, B., & Ghannam, J.H. (1990). A classification theory of defense. In J. L. Singer (Ed.), *Repression and dissociation: Implications for personality theory, psychopathology, and health*. Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Pr.

Fridhandler, B. (1986). A conceptual note on state, trait, and the state-trait distinction. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 50, 169-174.

Fridhandler, B. (1985). Outline of a psychoanalytic theory of emotion. Unpublished doctoral dissertation.

Fridhandler, B. & Averill, J. R. (1982). Temporal dimensions of anger: An exploration of time and emotion. In J. R. Averill, *Anger and aggression: An essay on emotion* (pp. 253-280). New York: Springer-Verlag.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Parent-Child Contact Problems: A Case-Based Discussion. January 17, 2024. With Robin Silverman, JD, PhD. Alameda County Bar Association Family Law Section.

Bricks, Sticks or Straw: Strengthening Child Custody Evaluations with Best Record Review Practices. February 9, 2020. Coordinator and presenter. Assoc. of Family and Conciliation Courts—California Chapter Annual Conference.

Law and Ethics, March 16, 2016, San Francisco Department of Public Health Mental Health Services.

Law and Ethics Update, October 9, 2015, Westcoast Children's Center, Oakland, California

Law and Ethics Update for Medical Social Workers, September 25, 2015, sponsored by Psycho-Legal Assoc.

Ethics, Law and Board of Psychology Issues: A Presentation of the CPA Ethics Committee: Preconference Institute. April 23, 2015. Presenter and Chair. With Ellen Stein, PhD, Elizabeth Jenks, PhD, and Stephen Phillips, JD, PsyD. Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, San Diego, California.

Confidentiality across diverse cultures: Clinical and ethical issues. April 25, 2015. With Rut Gubkin, PhD and Jorge Wong, PhD. Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, San Diego, California.

How to make coparent counseling work for your clients. With Megan Lehmer, PhD, March 19, 2015. Bar Association of San Francisco, Family Law Section.

Talking ethics with the CPA Ethics Committee: Preconference Institute. April 10, 2014. Presenter and Chair. Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, Monterey, California.

A day in the life of the CPA Ethics Committee: Preconference Institute. April 11, 2013. Presenter and Chair. Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, Newport Beach, California.

How attachment theory can (and can't) guide custody decisions. October 10, 2012. Presenter and Chair. Bar Association of San Francisco, Family Law Section.

Has the pendulum swung? Revisiting the psychological needs of the child. June 8, 2012. Presenter and Chair. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Brief focused assessments: Ethical issues for assessors. February 12, 2011. Workshop: Brief Focused Assessments in Family Court: Promise and Limitations. Assoc. of Family and Conciliation Courts—California Chapter Annual Conference.

Law and ethics for clinicians: Burdens, dilemmas, possibilities. October 20, 2010, Southern Alameda County Sexual Abuse Consortium.

Gaining a deeper understanding when buttons are pushed: "Splitting" in Collaborative Practice. July 13, 2010, San Francisco Collaborative Practice Group.

Responding to ethical violations by other psychologists. California Psychological Assn. Annual Convention, April 17, 2009.

Law and ethics for clinicians: Burdens, dilemmas, possibilities. March 14, 2009 and March 6, 2010, The Psychotherapy Institute, Berkeley, CA.

Evaluation of parental psychopathology in child custody evaluations. October 18, 2007. Family Law Section, San Francisco Bar Association.

Law and ethics for inquisitive psychologists. April 8, 2006, Los Angeles County Psychological Association, Los Angeles, CA.

Psychologists as child custody evaluators: How do they help? How can they hurt? Chair and moderator. California Psychological Assn. Annual Convention, March 24, 2006. With Commissioner Marjorie Slabach, San Francisco Unified Family Court; Lorie Nachlis, Attorney at Law, Nachlis & Fink; and Megan Lehmer, Ph.D.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A clinician's perspective. December 3, 2005, San Francisco Psychological Association and Alliant International University, San Francisco, CA.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A clinician's perspective. November 12, 2005, Santa Barbara Psychological Association, Santa Barbara, CA.

Legal and ethical issues in psychotherapy. November 5, 2005. Alliant International University, Sacramento Campus.

Legal and ethical issues for psychoanalysts. October 29, 2005, Board of Directors of the Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California, San Francisco, CA.

Law and ethics for clinicians: A psychodynamic perspective. October 15, 2005, Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology, San Francisco, CA.

Issues in child custody evaluation. Presenter. May 17, 2005, San Francisco Unified Family Court.

Expertise for California: Revision of the Division I Expertise Series. Chair and Presenter (Topics: Informed Consent, Confidentiality, and Responding to Subpoenas), Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, San Diego, California, March 26, 2004.

HIPAA and Other Charting Challenges in Private Practice. Presenter (with Dean Given, Ph.D., Pamela Harmell, Ph.D., Edward Jones, Ph.D., and Julian Hubbard, Esq.), Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, San Jose, California, April 5, 2003.

Mandated Child Abuse Reporting: Myths, Realities, and Possibilities. Chair and Presenter (with Michael Donner, Ph.D.), Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association, San Jose, California, April 4, 2003.

Identifying schematized views of self with significant others: A single-case approach. Presentation to the Gordon Allport Series, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Psychology, October 24, 1991.

Defenses and control processes: A case example. Second annual Psychodynamics-Cognitive Science Interface Conference of the Program on Conscious and Unconscious Mental Processes. San Francisco, August 1991.

Defense mechanisms: Recent findings and new directions. 16th Annual Midwinter Conference for Continuing Education in Psychiatry sponsored by University of California Davis Medical School, January 1990.

The moral dimension implicit in psychoanalytic theories of narcissism. Paper presented as part of the symposium, "Narcissism: Controversial Issues in Psychoanalytic Theory and Treatment," American Psychological Association, August 1981.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association

California Psychological Association

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (National and California chapter)

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