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#### EDUCATION & TRAINING

<b>2017</b>	<b>Colorado State University</b> <i>Doctor of Philosophy, Psychology</i>	<b>Fort Collins, CO</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>Colorado State University</b> <i>Master of Science, Psychology</i>	<b>Fort Collins, CO</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>Holy Names University</b> <i>Bachelor of Arts, Psychology</i>	<b>Oakland, CA</b>

#### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & SPECIALIZED TRAINING

<b>2019 - 2027</b>	SARATSO Certification: Static-99, Stable-2007, Acute-2007
<b>2017, 2024</b>	HCR-20v3 Foundational Training
<b>2017, 2025</b>	Psychopathy Checklist-Revised (PCL-R)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>6/2019 – Present</b>	<b>CA Dept. of State Hospitals – Atascadero</b> <i>Senior Psychologist, Specialist – Forensics</i>	<b>Atascadero, CA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct forensic evaluations on patients pursuant to PC 2962 (Mentally Disordered Offender), PC 1026 (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity) and PC 1370 (Incompetent to Stand Trial).</li><li>• Testify regularly in superior court across California and Board of Parole hearings.</li><li>• Supervise pre-doctoral interns in forensic assessment.</li><li>• Teach four-month seminar in ethics for pre-doctoral interns (2019-2023).</li><li>• Score Static-99R for reporting to the Department of Justice as required by law.</li><li>• Lead grand rounds / trainings for mental health staff.</li></ul>		
<b>1/2025 - Present</b>	<b>Aponte Forensic Psychology</b> <i>Owner</i>	<b>San Luis Obispo, CA</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Per court order or at the request of prosecution or defense counsel, conduct a variety of psychological and forensic evaluations (e.g., criminal mitigation / sentencing, mental health diversion, resentencing / Franklin evaluations, Stoll evaluations, competence to stand trial, mental status at the time of offense / insanity, risk assessment / dangerousness).</li><li>• Testify in superior court as needed.</li><li>• Attorney consultation (e.g., case strategy, record review to identify salient mental health and psychosocial issues, juror voir dire/selection strategy, review of opposing/prior evaluations, education on psychological concepts and research.</li><li>• Provide educational seminars on various topics relevant to mental illness and the law.</li></ul>		

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| 11/2019 – 1/2025 | <b>Central Coast Evaluation Services</b><br><i>Psychologist, Partner</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted psychological and forensic evaluations.</li> <li>• Provided case consultation and recommendations.</li> <li>• Testified in court as needed.</li> <li>• Provided training, supervision, and consultation to contract psychologists.</li> </ul>  | San Luis Obispo, CA |
| 8/2017 – 6/2019  | <b>CA Dept. of State Hospitals – Atascadero</b><br><i>Staff Psychologist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided treatment and assessment services for patients hospitalized pursuant to PC 1370 (incompetent to stand trial).</li> <li>• Supervised pre-doctoral interns in treatment and assessment (e.g., cognitive, psychodiagnostic, malingering, developmental evaluation) of inpatient forensic population.</li> <li>• Led grand rounds / trainings for mental health staff.</li> </ul>   | Atascadero, CA      |
| 8/2016 – 7/2017  | <b>CA Dept. of State Hospitals – Atascadero</b><br><i>Clinical Psychology Intern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted psychological assessments for newly admitted patients.</li> <li>• Conducted diagnostic clarification assessments to assist decisions regarding treatment planning, safety planning, and discharge.</li> <li>• Participated in didactic seminars and shadow forensic evaluations pursuant to PC 1370, PC 2962, and PC 1026.</li> <li>• Provided individual and group therapy.</li> </ul>                                  | Atascadero, CA      |
| 7/2015 – 6/2016  | <b>Neuropsychological Assessment Clinic</b><br>Colorado State University<br><i>Graduate Assistant Director / Clinician</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations under direct supervision of experienced neuropsychologist.</li> </ul>   | Fort Collins, CO    |
| 6/2014 – 7/2016  | <b>Psychological Services Center</b><br>Colorado State University<br><i>Practicum Therapist</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted comprehensive psychological, forensic, and academic evaluations.</li> <li>• Provided individual therapy, social skills interventions groups for adolescents with social anxiety, ADHD, and autism spectrum disorder.</li> </ul>   | Fort Collins, CO    |
| 2/2013 – 7/2015  | <b>Treatment and Evaluation Services</b><br><i>Clinical Extern</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided individual and group therapy to child, adolescent, and adult sexual offenders.</li> <li>• Participated in interdisciplinary team case management and treatment planning comprised of Probation, Department of Human Services, guardian ad litem, and other representatives.</li> <li>• Conducted psychological and psychosexual evaluation and risk assessment for adults and juveniles accused or convicted of sexual offenses.</li> </ul> | Fort Collins, CO    |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Fall 2020 – Summer 2022</b>	<b>Cuesta College</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Introduction to Addiction Counseling; Life Management; Human Development: Life Span	<b>San Luis Obispo, CA</b>
<b>Spring 2016</b>	<b>Front Range Community College</b> <i>Instructor:</i> General Psychology	<b>Fort Collins, CO</b>
<b>Summer 2015 &amp; Summer 2016</b>	<b>Colorado State University</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Forensic Psychology	<b>Fort Collins, CO</b>
<b>Fall 2014, Spring 2015 &amp; Summer 2015</b>	<b>Colorado State University</b> <i>Instructor:</i> Counseling Skills for Addictions	<b>Fort Collins, CO</b>

## OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

<b>6/2008 – 7/2012</b>	<b>Psychotherapy.net</b> <i>Operations Manager</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oversaw production of over 100 psychotherapy educational films.</li><li>• Created educational content to accompany films, including authoring course instructor manuals, conducting editorial interviews for publication, and designing course content for APA-accredited continuing education courses.</li><li>• Managed editorial, film production, sales, and shipping staff.</li></ul>	<b>Mill Valley, CA</b>
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## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

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