

# **Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D., Inc.**

## **CLINICAL AND FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**

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**Child, Adolescent, Adult**

**Psychologist License No. PSY6384 · MFCC License No. M11916**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### ***EDUCATION***

University of Delaware, 1966 · B.A. Degree in Psychology

Virginia Commonwealth University, 1968 · M.S. Degree in Clinical Psychology

Attended the New School for Social Research · Ph.D. Program in Psychology

United States International University, 1978 · Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology

### ***UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION***

Instructor, UCLA extension

Instructor, UCI extension

Assistant Clinical Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Keck School of Medicine, USC July 2005-July 2006

Graduate Faculty, Forensic Psychology Program, Argosy University

Guest Lecturer, Ethical Issues in Forensic Psychology, Argosy University, November 8, 2008

External Reader, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, Pacifica Graduate Institute, December 2008

### ***FACULTY APPOINTMENTS***

Assistant Clinical Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, July 1, 2005 - July 1, 2006

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member, Pacifica University

### ***INTERSHIPS***

University-approved 1500 hours pre-doctoral internship in Clinical Psychology at the California Youth Authority, Youth Training School, Chino, California, 1978-79

1500-hour post-doctoral internship in Clinical Psychology at the California Youth Authority, Youth Training School, Chino, California, 1979-1980

### ***HONORS***

Tuition Scholarship at the University of Delaware

Dean's List at the University of Delaware

Vice President, National Honors Society in Psychology, Virginia Commonwealth University

The U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award; U.S. President's Council in Service and Civic Participation

### **HONORS (continued):**

National Republican Congressional Committee, 2006 National Leadership Award, Honorary Chairman for California Business Advisory Council

Invited Member to People-to-People Citizen Ambassador Programs' Marriage and Family Therapy Delegation to Russia and Poland

Invited by National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to participate in People-to-People Citizen Ambassador Program in South Africa

Listed in Cambridge Who's Who in America, Directory of Executives and Entrepreneurs

### **INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARIES**

Interviewed for New Zealand television documentary on high-profile murder in Auckland, New Zealand, Great Journeys Film Productions, October 28, 2008

### **MEDIA EXPERTISE**

Expert Consultant *CSI: Crime Scene, Vanished, Numbers*

### **CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES**

Licensed Psychologist, California

Licensed Psychologist, Pennsylvania

Licensed Marriage, Family, Child Counselor, California

National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology

Independent Medical Examiner appointment by State of California 1990-present

Certified Expert in Forensic Psychology in San Bernardino and Orange Counties

Court Appointed Expert, San Bernardino County Superior Court Adult and Juvenile Panel

Court Appointed Expert, Orange County Superior Court Adult and Juvenile Panel

Court Appointed Expert, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Adult and Juvenile Panel

Court Appointed Expert, Kern County Superior Court, Adult and Juvenile Panel

Expert Child Custody Evaluator, Orange County, San Bernardino, and Riverside

### **EXPERT PEER REVIEW CONSULTATION**

Expert consultant and expert witness, State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, Enforcement Unit, State Board of Behavioral Science Examiners

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

#### **Family Law**

730 evaluations of child sexual abuse allegations in custody disputes and dependency proceedings

Evaluation and treatment of Department of Social Services cases involving molestation referred by the Courts

Mediation of visitation and disputes in cases referred by the Courts

Psychological evaluation of individuals in adoptions and termination of parental rights cases

730 psychological evaluations for child custody

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE (continued):**

**Family Law**

Conduct bonding studies for Orange County Juvenile Court

733 expert in Family Court custody matters

**Criminal Law**

Evaluation of competency to stand trial (published in area)

Evaluation of sanity at the time of an offense

Evaluation of individuals charged with Penal Code 288 offenses

Evaluation/analysis of criminal intent and state of mind (published in area)

Evaluation of learning disabled offenders

Evaluation of juveniles in cases pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code 707

Psychological evaluation of minors in contested dispositional hearings

Analysis of voluntariness of confessions and Miranda issues

**Personal Injury**

Evaluation of individuals in insurance defense cases

Evaluation of plaintiffs in personal injury cases

**EVALUATION OF SEXUAL DEVIANCE**

Served on task force reporting to San Bernardino County Juvenile Court on assessment of risk with sex offenders

Testified as 733 expert in evaluation of sexual deviance in Orange County Family Law Court

Requested to give presentation on psychological assessment of sexual molestation to Minor's Counsel section of Orange County Superior Court (CLE presentation)

Testify as expert for Orange County District Attorney in sexual molestation matters

Conduct 288.1 P.C. psychological evaluations for Criminal Court

Testify as expert in analysis of police interview techniques in child molestation matters

Conduct expert psychological evaluations of sexually violent predators

Certified in administration and interpretation of Abel Inventory of Sexual Interests Protocol

Ongoing participation in research on various types of sex offenders

**NEUROPSYCHOLOGY**

Expert in neuropsychology

Training and consultation with Dr. Ralph Reitan (author of Halstead-Reitan and Neuropsychological Test Battery)

Specialized training in administration and interpretation of Luria Nebraska Neuropsychological Test Battery

Neuropsychological Test Battery

Specialized Neuropsychological testing for physicians and neurologists

### ***NEUROPSYCHOLOGY (continued):***

Seminars, symposia and laboratory in neuroanatomy and neurophysiology taught by faculty of Jefferson Medical School at Delaware State Hospital

Specialized evaluation of individuals with closed head trauma and traumatic brain injury

Neuropsychological assessment of disorders and diagnosis of partial complex seizure disorder and other neurological disorders

### ***SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT***

Assisted Police Departments of Brea, Anaheim, Santa Ana and Yorba Linda with assessment and management of combative and psychotic individuals whom I evaluated with police for appropriate WIC 5150 certification

Participated in ride-alongs with law enforcement; assisted officers with evaluation and disposition of problematic suspects with substance abuse issues

Evaluation of treatment of officers involved in traumatic experiences, i.e., police pursuit, injured in high speed pursuit and officer involved shootings

Psychological evaluation of officers for peace officer position

Civilian responder, Professional Services Reserve, Orange County Sheriff

### ***ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS***

Involved in training of youth counselors at California Youth Authority in crisis intervention assessment techniques as well as treatment planning

Conducted psychological evaluations for Youthful Offenders Parole Board in the area of annual review and readiness for parole as well as treatment recommendations and evaluations concerning extension of commitment issues

Ph.D. dissertation conducted on treatment of youthful offenders at California Youth Authority Facility in Chino

### ***CRISIS INTERVENTION***

Provided crisis intervention, consultation and services to law enforcement and assessment of mentally disordered and substance abusing individuals; assisted police in evaluating dangerousness to self and others in these individuals

### ***EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN SERVICES***

Provided crisis intervention, assessment, and treatment services to private industry concerning assessment and treatment of employees' psychological and career problems

### ***INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINER***

Provided consultative services to the State of California Employment Development Department concerning psychological evaluation of individuals applying for disability

Provide second opinion psychological evaluations on disability

### ***GOVERNMENT EXPERT***

Expert testimony and case review of remanded SSI cases for Social Security Administration

Government expert for review of psychological providers care; scrutinize for medical necessity and appropriate level of care

### ***CONSULTING POSITIONS***

Consultant to the Bishop of the Diocese of San Bernardino, 1980-1986

Selection Testing of Applicants for Seminary and Ordination to the Deaconate and Ordination to Priesthood, 1980-1986

Outpatient treatment of nuns, brothers, deacons, seminarians, and priests for the Diocese of San Bernardino, 1980-1986

Consulting forensic psychologist services performed for *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* on CBS television, *Vanished*, and *Numbers*

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Psychiatric Social Worker** - June 1966–September 1966, Wilmington Mental Hygiene Clinic, Wilmington, Delaware. Interviewed individuals for case histories. Conducted individual group and family therapy. Member of Community Emergency Crisis Intervention Team. Visited patient's home when emergencies arose.

**Psychological Assistant** - June 1967–September 1967, Central State Hospital, Petersburg, Virginia. Conducted psychodiagnostic evaluations, vocational testing and career counseling. Aided patients in achieving effective adjustment. Reported test results and made recommendations regarding disposition of cases at weekly multi-disciplinary team conference.

**Lecturer and Teaching Assistant** - September 1966–August 1968, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia. Taught classes in Experimental Psychology and Clinical Psychology. Designed and scored tests.

**Consulting Psychologist** - September 1968–March 1969, Virginia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Richmond, Virginia. Conducted Psychological evaluations and outpatient psychotherapy with individuals referred by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Prepared psychological reports. Assisted in disposition of cases.

**Psychology Instructor** - May 1975–May 1976, Goldey Beacom College, Wilmington, Delaware. Taught Psychology and Sociology in special Veterans evening division.

**Psychological Assistant** - 1975. Individual, group, conjoint and family therapy and psychodiagnostic evaluations for private practice group.

**Staff Clinical Psychologist II** - March 1969–May 1976, Delaware State Hospital, New Castle, Delaware. Provided psychological services for a 220 acute chronic care unit and periodically acted as Unit Director. Examined new admissions, conducted clinical interviews, mental status examinations and diagnostic workshops. Administered selected, scored and interpreted results of a wide variety of psychological tests. Performed psychological evaluations of considerable difficulty. Participated in classifying and diagnosing cases. Completed psychodiagnostic evaluations of adolescents and adults.

Conducted individual, conjoint, group and family therapy within patients suffering from a wide range of disorders. Examined defendants for competency to stand trial in criminal and civil proceedings in Family, Municipal and United States District Court and gave testimony. Supervised psychologists, interns, and nurses. Taught therapeutic and diagnostic techniques to students and volunteers. Received supervision from Board Certified Psychologists and Psychiatrists. Periodically served as Acting Chief Psychologist.

**Psychology Associate; Staff Psychologist; Senior Psychologist** - June 1976–May 1983, California Youth Authority, Youth Training School, Chino, California. Aided in the formation and implementation of comprehensive psychological services program for the institution. Conducted individual and group psychotherapy. Treated individuals suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and various psychological problems.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued):**

Supervised and trained staff in treatment techniques and crisis intervention. Conducted psychodiagnostic and psychotherapeutic evaluations for the California Youth Authority Board. Consultant to the First Offenders Program. Directed multidisciplinary team conferences. Provided treatment support services to specialized counseling program. Trained psychiatric nurses and other paraprofessional staff in group and individual therapy techniques. Supervised psychology interns. Formulated individual treatment programs. Supervised psychological and psychiatric staff. In charge of development and implementation of psychological services contracts. Trained psychiatric nurses, interns, and staff. Conducted consultative services for the entire institution. Conducted evaluations and offered testimony before Youth Authority Board. Conducted performance evaluations of psychologists. Prepared and approved invoices for contract psychologists and consulting psychiatrists. Performed evaluations for the Youth Authority Board, medical staff, and youth counselors. Formulated individualized treatment plans. Performed crisis intervention.

***Private Practice*** -1977–Present, Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling.

***Private Practice*** -1980–Present, Clinical Psychology.

***Consultant, Psychological Treatment Services*** - July 1992–November 1992. Clinical neuropsychological and behavioral screening of at-risk infants and children. Psychological testing to assist in identifying psychoeducational, psychological and neuropsychological problems. Short-term interventions with families. Liaison with Department of Social Services and Foster Family Agency to effect and implement recommendations. Clinical assessment, individual and group psychotherapy, clinical hypnosis. Treatment of adults, adolescents and children.

***Probable Cause Hearing Officer*** - March 1994–County of Orange.

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Psychological Association

National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology

American Chemical Society

National Academy of Neuropsychology

American Psychology Law Society, Division 41, American Psychological Association

Society for Personality Assessment

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

American College of Forensic Psychiatry

Forensic Expert Witness Association

Orange County Peace Officers Association

California Psychological Association

Orange County Psychological Association

California Coalition on Sexual Offending

### **POSITIONS HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

Co-Chair, Orange County Psychological Association Information and Referral Service, 1981-1984

Secretary, Inland Southern California Psychological Association, 1981-1983

## **CURRENT EDUCATIONAL ENDEAVORS**

Ongoing forensic supervision and consultation and continuing education from member of American College of Forensic Psychology and Forensic Committee

Currently pursuing board certification in forensic psychology

## **BOOK PUBLICATIONS**

*Careers in Forensic Psychology*, Michael Perrotti, Ph.D., in *Insider's Guide to the Psychology Major and Careers*, A. Rezac, APA Books, Washington, D.C., 2009

*Advanced Forensic Assessment*, Michael J. Perrotti, Ph.D., in process

## **SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND PUBLICATIONS**

*Differentiating Delinquents from Non-Delinquents using the Masculinity-Femininity of Interests Scale* of the Strong Vocational Interest Blank, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1968

*The Effects of Direct Decision Therapy on Locus of Control, Aggression and Self-Concept in Juvenile Offenders*, United States International University, 1979

Pending publication: *Evaluation of Competency to Stand Trial*

*Psychologists Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial*, *The California Psychologist*, July 1997

*Neuropsychological Aspects of Stimulant and Depressant Abuse*, Special Issue, *Neuropsychology*, *the California Psychologist*, August 1997; published in *Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists Newsletter*

## **SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS**

*Psychological Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial*, presented at California Psychological Association Annual Convention, published on audiotape, April 1997

Joint presentation with Carol Telfer of L.A. County Public Defender's office on *Effective Representation of the Learning Disabled Offender: A Case Study*, presented at Annual Conference of the Learning Disabilities Association of California, Costa Mesa, California, October 1992

*Analysis of Criminal Intent in the case of a Learning Disabled Offender charged with murder*, presented to the American College of Forensic Psychology, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 1998

*The Effects of Phencyclidine and Cocaine in Mental States: An Analysis of Two Cases*, presented to American College of Forensic Psychology, Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, May 1999

*The Forensic Psychologist and Private Investigator: A Collaborative Approach*, presented to Los Angeles County Criminal Defense Investigators Association, February 8, 2000

*Effects of Prior Trauma and Victimization, Ethanol Withdrawal and Passive-Dependent Personality Traits on Voluntariness of a Confession*, paper accepted for inclusion and presentation in April 2002 program of American College of Forensic Psychology in San Francisco, California

University of California at Irvine, university extension instruction, Social Ecology 816: *Psychological Profiling and Crime Scene Analysis*, February 13, 2003

*Bonding Study of Infant and Mother in a Correctional Facility*, a symposium presented to the American College of Forensic Psychology, San Francisco, April 2004

### **SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS (continued):**

Presentation on identification of sex offenders: *An Analysis of Sexual Deviance and Child Sexual Abuse Allegations in Family Law Matters*, a presentation to Minor's Counsel, Orange County Superior Court, CLE Program, November 17, 2005

Lecture given for continuing education on the *Art of Forensic Psychology* to the American Association of Medical Transcriptionists state conference, Ontario, California, March 25, 2006.

Symposium proposal, *Effects of Pornography on Children*, submitted to American Psychological Association, December 2007.

Invited presenter, California Coalition on Sexual Offending, 11th Annual Training and Conference; symposium presentation—a forensic case presentation on prefrontal lobe damage and the relationship to specific intent and sexual assault, May 15, 2008

Peer reviewed presentation, *Methodology of the Assessment of False Confession: A Primer of Assessment*, American College of Forensic Psychology, March 2009, San Diego, California

Presentation to Riverside County Public Defender, *Neuropsychological Deficits and Criminal Intent*, February 20, 2009, Riverside, California

Peer reviewed presentation, *Neuropsychological Assessment and the Criminal Courts*, California Psychological Association Annual Conference, Oakland, California, April 18, 2009

*Forensic Assessment of Competency in Juveniles and the Intellectually Disabled*, American College of Forensic Psychology, April 2010

### **RESEARCH/PROFESSIONAL WORK IN PROGRESS**

Member of task force of psychologists developing assessment model and methodology of evaluating risk with juvenile sex offenders for San Bernardino County Juvenile Court

### **EXPERT TESTIMONY**

Conducted psychological evaluations of minors as to fitness in juvenile court matters

Analysis of criminal intent in defendants; have extensively testified at jury trials on the issue of criminal intent

Lectured and conducted workshops for peers on the psychological assessment of defendants as to competency to stand trial

Testified as an expert witness and am published in the area of stimulant and depressant use, especially as it affects the brain and brain behavior relationships

Testified on and recently had a paper accepted in the American College of Forensic Psychology on false confessions; provided expert testimony on involuntariness of confessions

Testified as an expert on interview protocols and police interrogation techniques as concerns child molestation allegations

Testified for the prosecution and defense in matters of competency to stand trial as well as extension of commitment as concerns the issue of dangerousness

Conducted psychological assessments and testified as an expert in the area of bonding studies and potential for reunification in dependency court proceedings

Testified in juvenile court matters in cases of contested disposition

Lectured to peers and testified as an expert on the psychological analysis of learning disabled defendants in criminal matters

**EXPERT TESTIMONY (continued):**

Conducted psychological assessments and testified for the defense and plaintiff in personal injury matters

Conducted psychological evaluation of minors and learning disabled defendants in an analysis of defendant's capacity to understand Miranda

Conducted psychological assessment of defendants in sex offender cases, both as to suitability for probation as well as dispositional matters for Juvenile and Adult Criminal Court

Conducted psychological evaluation of criminal defendants as to the matter of sanity in criminal proceedings

Conducted analysis of video and audio feeds in police vehicles and related this material to matters such as competency of defendants during police interrogation, as well as matters of state of mind of defendants during allegations

Conducted crisis intervention and psychological evaluation of defendants for the police in the field concerning substance abuse evaluations and evaluation of individuals to assist law enforcement as to whether individual is dangerous to self or others to warrant an involuntary commitment hold in a psychiatric facility

Conducted fitness testing for law enforcement applicants

Conducted evaluations to assess competency of criminal defendants to enter into plea bargain agreements

Testified as expert witness in evaluating law enforcement interview techniques in matters involving child sexual abuse and molestation allegations

Testified as expert witness in matters pertaining to criminal street gangs

Served as psychologist for California Youth Authority and conducted psychological evaluations for Youthful Offenders Parole Board as well as on issues of amenability for adult court

Conducted analysis of mental state and neurological status and correlated with serum alcohol levels as well as with chemical tests of stimulants and depressants

Analyzed non-verbal and verbal behavior of criminal defendants and presented data to juries

Served as consultant to counsel and assisted with questioning of expert witnesses

Appointed as expert evaluator for Board of Prison Terms in psychological assessment of mentally disordered offenders

Served as expert for prosecution with assistance in cases involving state of mind during the allegations as well as competency matters

Retained by prosecution and defense in false confession cases

Qualified as an expert and testified on eye witness identification

Qualified as an expert and testified in the area of psychological autopsy

Qualified as an expert and testified in the area of death penalty cases

Evaluated geriatric clients in court proceedings to evaluate competency as a witness

Court appointed expert in custody and visitation matters

Court appointed expert in juvenile court criminal matters, i.e., juvenile fitness, competency, and contested dispositions

***EXPERT TESTIMONY (continued):***

Court appointed expert in dependency court matters, i.e., reunification

Psychological evaluation of individuals involved in terrorist acts against individuals and institutions

Qualified and testified as psychological expert in personal injury civil proceedings

Testify as expert for District Attorney in sexual molestation matters, competency, and sanity

Expert analysis of the effects of pornography on children

Psychological expert in analysis of the effects of sexual abuse and trauma on children

Psychological expert on the effects of posttraumatic stress disorder

***CIVIL LITIGATION***

Testified as expert on developmental disability in Los Angeles County Superior Court

Evaluated cases for defense and plaintiff involving alleged personal injury from brain trauma

Evaluated plaintiffs as concerns competency to enter into fiduciary contracts

Conducted evaluations as to competency to execute a will

Expert in civil matters involving evaluation of closed head injuries and neuropsychological disorders

Deposed as expert in civil litigation involving victims of sexual assault

Testified as expert on traumatic effects of Taser

***FAMILY LAW***

Court-appointed evaluator for custody and visitation issues for Riverside and Orange County Family Law Courts

Conducted EC733 evaluations for Family Court

Conducted bonding studies in cases involving custody and visitation disputes

***DISABILITY***

Government expert, Office of Disability Appeals and Adjudication, offer expert opinion in SSI appeals

***MEDICARE APPEALS***

Government expert, Department of Health and Human Services, offer expert opinion on standard of care and medical necessity

***TREATMENT SPECIALTIES***

Posttraumatic stress (acute and complex) in general population, law enforcement, and Iraq war veterans

Severe trauma in children, adolescents, and adults

Acute depression and anxiety states

Loss and grief

Panic disorder and phobias

Treatment of clergy

***TREATMENT SPECIALTIES (continued):***

Family and marital crises

Parent-teen conflict

Substance abuse

Traumatic brain injury

***EXPERT EVALUATIONS FOR EDUCATION COUNSEL***

Due process evaluations

Parental advocacy

Independent psychoeducational evaluations

***PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES***

Invited book reviewer, Kaplan & Sadock's *Comprehensive Review of Psychiatry*,  
Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, 2009

***GANG EXPERT***

Doctoral research on criminal street gangs and reduction of violence

Psychologist at California Youth Authority

***SECURITY ASSESSMENTS***

Expert evaluator of individuals for high-security classification and presidential security

Expert evaluations concerning military matters