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EDUCATION

1990 – 1997 California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA

- M.A., Clinical Psychology
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology

1984 – 1988 State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

- B.A. in Psychology
- B.A. in Philosophy

Licensed Psychologist, California 1999 to Present (License #: PSY16095)

AWARD

2018 Fay Honey Knopp Award Winner -California Coalition on Sexual Offending

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Forensic Institute (SFFI)

April 2008 – Present

San Francisco, CA

- Founder
- Clinical Director
- Forensic Psychologist

The practice specializes in assessment and treatment of criminal offenders. A majority of the practice focusses on and sexual offenders. This includes high risk sexual offenders, internet offenders, and sexually violent predators (SVP). Psychological assessments and testing regarding sexual offender risk, diagnosis, treatment, testimony, and consultation are provided. Specific assessments include a wide variety of risk assessment measures (Static-99R, Static-2002R, Stable 2007, VRAG-R, SRA: FV, etc.), Penile Plethysmograph, Abel Screening, Polygraph, and personality assessments are also provided for violence risk, flight risk, death penalty mitigation, competency, and insanity. SFFI is a CASOMB certified treatment program.

Blue Rock Institute (BRI)

April 2012 - Present

San Francisco, CA

- Founder/Director
- Chief Financial Officer
- Psychologist

Blue Rock Institute's mission is to prevent sexual misconduct. As founder and director my goal is develop/maintain a clinic that is rooted in science and driven by compassion. BRI is a multidisciplinary team that promotes innovative, effective interventions for individuals and communities by identifying and understanding healthy, as well as problematic, sexual behavior. BRI restores individuals, families, and communities harmed by sexual misconduct. We also educate and intervene where the potential for sexual harm exists. BRI/SFFI is an internationally recognized center because it integrates the highest quality, empirically-based, humanistic approaches toward the prevention, treatment, and assessment of sexual misconduct.

Private Practice – Psychotherapy/Assessment

June 1996 – Present

San Francisco, CA

- Psychologist

The practice focuses on treatment and assessment for individuals with compulsive disorders, impulse control issues, anxiety, and sexual disorders. Individuals and couples with issues related to communication, intimacy, and sexual dysfunction are provided both group and/or individual therapy. Treatment is also provided for individuals who have been subject to sexual assault, molestation, or harassment as children or adults. Consultations, trainings, and workshops are offered to agencies, professional organizations, and institutions of higher education on the assessment and treatment of sexual disorders.

California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO)

January 2009 - 2011

California

- Board Member
- Chair, Adult Best Practice, and Guidelines for Assessment and Treatment

CCOSO is a recognized leader in providing expertise, training, education, and legislative guidance in treatment, management, and research related to sexual offending. CCOSO and its chapters strengthen local and statewide agencies and professionals to enhance community safety. Dr. Flinton was a board member and chair of the Adult Standards Committee. He was appointed to develop and author the best practice standards for the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders for the organization and its members.

California Institute of Integral Studies

August 2008 – 2011

San Francisco, CA

- Adjunct Professor – Psychological Testing – Objective Measures

Provided instruction to doctoral level graduate students regarding the development, validity, application, and interpretation of objective psychological testing instruments. Students are also taught how to administer mental status exams, how to consult with other professionals regarding assessments, and how to write psychological reports.

San Francisco Sexual Offender Management Alliance
January 2005 – 2013
San Francisco, CA

- Co-Chair

Co-chaired the San Francisco Management Alliance and developed protocols to assess quality assurance and a system map regarding management of sexual offenders in the community. The committee established a collaborative that includes the police sex crimes unit, prosecutor's office, defense attorneys, parole department, probation department, and victim advocacy organizations. The committee is co-chaired by the San Francisco District Attorney.

Pacific Forensic Psychology Associates (Sharper Future)
June 1995 – January 2008
San Francisco, CA

- Founding Board Member
- Director of Clinical Programs and Research
- Psychologist

Provided assessments and individual and group psychotherapy to offenders. Population served included individuals in the criminal justice system. Performed psychological assessments, testing, Penile Plethysmograph, Abel Screening, and evaluations for various social services and criminal justice agencies, and private attorneys. Special emphasis was on offering services to individuals with impulse control disorders including substance abuse, aggression, and predatory behavior, as well as those with a history of sexual offenses. Participated in the design and implementation of an intensive sexual offender treatment program that is utilized in Northern and Southern California.

Generation 5
December 2001 – March 2004
San Francisco, CA

- Founding Board Member

Generation Five is a non-profit organization that brings together diverse community leaders working to end child sexual abuse within five generations. The program provides leadership training to community members, activists, and agency professionals and fosters national strategy and information exchange on child sexual abuse. The program works in collaboration with service providers to ensure that affordable, culturally relevant support is available to survivors, offenders, and affected families. Primary responsibilities included providing the organization with up-to-date research and consultation regarding pragmatic, political, and cultural factors that affect child sexual abuse as a community issue. Also provided training to staff, other professionals, and national organizations regarding child sexual abuse.

University of San Francisco
August 2000 – 2004
San Francisco, CA

- Consultant

Provided consultation and ongoing training to faculty and staff regarding the assessment and treatment of substance abuse. Worked closely with the Office of Student Affairs in developing interventions for students.

Cornell Corrections, Inc.
July 1990 – December 1998
San Francisco, CA

- Addiction/Mental Health Specialist

Designed and implemented the drug/mental health treatment component of residential community corrections facility. Performed mental health and substance abuse assessments and provided group and individual treatment to pre-release felons and probationers. Consulted with case managers and administrative staff regarding treatment and release planning. Provided on-site crisis intervention with felons including those with psychotic disorders, high suicide risk, and drug dependence/abuse. Provided in-service training to staff regarding crisis intervention and managing difficult clients. Taught "Family Patterns Class," "Anger Management," "Moral Reconation Therapy," "Drug Education," and "Relapse Prevention" to residents.

University of San Francisco
August 1995 – June 1996
San Francisco, CA

- Psychology Intern

Provided individual, couples, and group psychotherapy to students, faculty, and staff in a university setting. Facilitated a weekly "Anxiety/Panic Group." Presented seminars on "Stress Management" and "Treatment of Substance Abuse." Facilitated discussion groups for university staff regarding confidentiality.

Center for Special Problems, Department Of Social Services
September 1993 – July 1994
San Francisco, CA

- Psychology Intern

Provided psychotherapy with individuals with a history of domestic violence and/or sexual offenses; gender identity issues; substance abuse problems; and victims of crimes. Provided group treatment with adult survivors of sexual abuse. Performed intake assessments and crisis intervention. Participated in intern training in related areas.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Special Topics in Assessment and Treatment: Sexual Offenders and People at Risk of Perpetrating

- American Psychological Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA 08/10/2018

Sexual Coercion: From Persuasion to Sadism

- ATSA 2017 Annual Conference, Kansas City Kansas, 10/27/2017
- NYATSA 2018 Annuals Conference, Saratoga Springs, New York, 05/22/2018
- NYATSA 2019 Annuals Conference, Saratoga Springs, New York, 05/23/2019

The Agonistic Continuum in the Courtroom: Accurate Assessment, Credible Communication

- ATSA 2016 Annual Conference, Kansas City Kansas, 11/04/2016

Creating Directions in Prevention: Meaning and Purpose

- Cal. Coalition on Sexual Offending Annual Confer., L.A., CA, May 09, 2019
- NYATSA 2019 Annuals Conference, Saratoga Springs, New York, 05/23/2019

New Directions in Prevention: What this means for ATSA Members

- ATSA 2016 Annual Conference, Kansas City Kansas, 11/03/2016

From Diagnosis through Treatment: Using the DSM-5 to guide treatment planning and progress

- Iowa Department of Corrections, Sioux City, Iowa, May 15, 2015

Using DSM-5 to Diagnose Controversial Paraphilias

- Wisconsin Department of Correction, Madison, Wisconsin, May 7, 2016
- California Forensic Mental Health Conference, March 17, 2016
- Assoc. for the Treatment of Sex Offenders Confer., Montreal Quebec, CA, Oct. 16, 2015
- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Annual Conference May 15, 2015
- Assoc. for the Treatment of Sex Offenders Conference, San Diego, CA, Oct. 31, 2014
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Clinical Supervision: An essential ingredient to enhancing treatment outcome with sexual offenders

- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Annual Conference May 15, 2015

A Clinician's Approach to Promoting Healthy Sexuality While Stopping and Preventing Sexual Misconduct

- Massachusetts Assoc. for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Annual Conf. April 10, 2015
- University of California -San Francisco- Domestic Violence Confer. Nov. 15, 2014
- Society For the Scientific Study of Sexuality- Annual Conf., Omaha Neb., Nov. 8, 2014

The Institutionalization and De-Institutionalization of Sexual Offenders

- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Annual Conference May 9, 2014

The Use of Psychosexual Measures (MSI-II, PPG, and AASI- 3) in Assessing and Monitoring Sexual Offenders

- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Conference April 28, 2014
- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Conference May 09, 2019
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Exposing Exhibitionism

- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Conference January 27, 2014

Positive Approaches to Treatment Planning for Sexual Offenders

- Association For the Treatment of Sexual Offenders October 31, 2012

Engaging Resistance: Creating Partnerships for Change

- Iowa Department of Corrections, May 5, 2015
- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Annual Conference May 8, 2013
- Coalition on Sexual Offending Annual Conference, San Mateo, CA, 2006
- Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Boston, MA, April 2007
- Coalition on Sexual Offending Annual Conference, San Mateo, CA, 2006
- Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Boston, MA, April 2007
- Cal. Coalition of Sexual Offending –San Leandro, CA, May 13, 2019

Personality Profiles of Convicted Sexual Offenders and Convicted Internet Sexual Offenders as Differentiated by the Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory – III

- California Coalition On Sexual Offending Annual Conference May 9, 2013

The Institutionalization and De-Institutionalization of Sexual Offenders: A management and treatment planning guide for sex offender community reintegration

- San Francisco Forensic Institute, San Francisco, December 12, 2012

Lying and Deception in Forensic Interviewing and Psychotherapy

- San Francisco Forensic Institute, San Francisco, CA November 15, 2011

Assessment and Treatment of Paraphilias

- Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA, October 12, 2011

Clinical Supervision: An essential ingredient to enhancing treatment outcome with forensic populations

- California Coalition of Sexual Offending Annual Confer., San Mateo, CA, May 11, 2011

Rape-related Diagnostic and Treatment Issues

- Cal. Coalition of Sexual Offending –San Leandro, CA, July 27, 2009

A Presentation on the San Francisco Sexual Offender Management Alliance

- Cal. Sexual Offender Management Board, Sacramento, CA, May 21, 2009

Conceptual and Clinical Issues in the Assessment of "High-Impact" Paraphilias

- Cal. Coalition on Sexual Offending Annual Confer., L.A., CA, May 15, 2009

Identifying Paraphilic Disorders in Non-Criminal Justice Settings

- Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA, July 2008

Positive Approaches to Sexual Offender Treatment: The Good Lives Model

- California Coalition on Sexual Offending, Atlanta, GA, May 2008

Engaging Men in Sexual Offender Treatment

- American Counseling Association Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, February 2008

So What Can I Do? Healthy Sexuality Training for Sexual Offenders

- Assoc. for the Treatment of Sex Offenders Conference, San Diego, CA, October 2007

Current Risk Assessment and Treatment to Manage Sex Offenders on Supervision

- U.S. Federal Pretrial Services, Tahoe, CA, September 2007

Assessment and Treatment of Paraphilias

- Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA, August 2007

Critical Issues and Considerations for the Courts and Judges in Sex Offender Management

- Judges of the Superior Court of San Francisco, S. F., CA, May 2007

Legal and Clinical Issues in the Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Offenders

- A presentation to the entire judicial body of the 9th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, Sonoma, CA, October 2006

Assessment and Treatment of Paraphilias

- Stanford School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA, July 2006

Engaging Resistance: Creating Partnerships for Change

Sexual Offender Assessment and Treatment: Integrating Containment with Treatment

- A Training for Probation/Parole Agents, conducted at various County and Federal Probation Parole Offices, CA, 2002 through 2006

Changing the Change Agent: Transforming Resistance in the Criminal Justice System

- Cal. Coalition On Sexual Offending Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2004

Clinical Uses of the Polygraph in Sexual Offender Treatment

- Cal. Coalition on Sexual Offending Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2004

Common Goals, Divergent Interests? A Facilitated Discussion between Sex Offenders Treatment and Management Personnel and Sexual Assault Victim Advocates

- Center on Disease Control 3rd Annual Sexual Assault Prevention Conference, Los Angeles, CA 2003

A Knife, a Tattoo, and a Key: What to Do About Sexual Offenders in the Community

- Cal. Coalition Against Sexual Assault Annual Conference, Los Angeles, 2002

Assessing and Treating Violence: What Works and What Doesn't

- AHIMSA Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2001

Intervention Strategies for Victims of Sexual Assault on Campus

- University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, 2001

Violence on Campus

- Dean's Luncheon, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, 2001

Assessing the Denying Offender

- National Police Commission, Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, Quezon City, Philippines, 2000

Offender Management

- Department of Justice/Probation and Parole of Butuan, Butuan, Philippines, 2000

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sexual Risk Assessment: Forensic Version (SRA: FV)

Researcher- SFFI is a site for data collection to validate this instrument

Abel Assessment of Sexual Interest

Researcher – Researched and supervised the administration of assessments to non-offending adults for a normed data collection.

California Institute of Integral Studies

Researcher – The Effects of Altered States of Consciousness on Aggression, Anxiety, and Locus of Control in Incarcerated Adolescents.

State University of New York at Stony Brook

Research Assistant – Researched, surveyed statistics and administered behavioral assessments for an abused children's program.

State University of New York at Stony Brook

Research Assistant – Studied children with inadequate social skills and participated in the development and employment of social skills training.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

American Psychological Association (APA)

American Psychology – Law Society (APLS)

Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC)

PUBLICATIONS

Katerina, K., Demidova, Yu, Elliott, H., Flinton, C.A. Weiss, P., Fedoroff, J.P., **Psychological Treatment of Problematic Sexual Interests: Cross-Country Comparison.** International Review of Psychiatry, 31:2, 169-180,

Flinton, C.A. (2012). **A Sexual Offender Treatment Guide.**

Flinton, C.A. (2010). **Current Applications: Strategies for Working with Sexually Aggressive Youth and Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems.** Editors: Prescott, D.S. & Longo, R.E. Holyoke, MA: NEARI Press. Chapter Two.

Flinton, C.A., (primary author/editor/chair) (2010). **CCOSO Guidelines and Best Practices: Adult Male Sex Offender Treatment.** <http://ccoso.org/papers/adultguidelines.pdf>

Flinton, C.A. & Scholz, R. (2006). **Engaging Resistance: Creating Partnerships for Change in Sexual Offender Treatment.** Brandon, VT: Safer Society Foundation, Inc.

Flinton, C.A. (1997). **The Effects of Progressive Relaxation on Anxiety in Incarcerated Adolescents.** UMI Dissertation Abstracts International