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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

September 1987 - present *Private practice* of psychotherapy, child custody evaluation (listed in San Francisco and Alameda County), Special Master, coparent counseling, and divorce coaching.

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.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

January 2012 – present *Chair*, Ethics Committee, California Psychological Association.

March 2003 – present *Chair*, Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association. (Chair from July 2011.)

May 2005 – present *Expert Reviewer*, California Board of Psychology.

June 2005 – present *Associate Member*, San Francisco Collaborative Practice Group, a multidisciplinary family law group. (Member, 2005-2011.)

- January 2006 – December 2011 *Member and Vice Chair*, Ethics Committee, California Psychological Association. (Vice Chair beginning March 2010.)
Award: 2011 CPA Silver Psi Award for Outstanding Contribution to Psychology
- Jan. 2006 – Dec. 2006 *Parliamentarian*, California Psychological Association
- Jan. 2003 – Nov. 2007 *Chair*, Expertise Series Task Force, Division of Clinical and Professional Practice (Division I), California Psychological Association. The Expertise Series is a set of concise, authoritative documents providing legal and ethical guidance to California psychologists, written by leading psychologists and attorneys.
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).

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.

PUBLICATIONS

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., pp. 31-32.

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

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

Fridhandler, B. (2008). APA policy on ethics in national security settings. *California Psychologist*, 41:5, September/October, p. 30.

Fridhandler, B. (2006). APA passes strong anti-torture resolution. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, September 2006.

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Fridhandler, B. (2006). Psychological torture and the APA. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, June 2006.

Fridhandler, B. (2006). Updates: Patriot Act; Informed consent. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, March 2006.

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

Fridhandler, B. (2005). Responding to possible ethical violations by non-psychologists. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, June 2005.

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

Fridhandler, B. (2004). Informed consent forms: Who are they for?. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, September 2004.

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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.

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Fridhandler, B. (2002). HIPAA and therapist privacy: An idea worth defending. *California Psychologist*, 35:5 (Sept.-Oct.), p. 9.

Fridhandler, B. (2002). Reporting past abuse when the patient is an adult: Behnke and beyond. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, July 2002.

Fridhandler, B. (2002). Williamson v. Liptzin and the weakening concept of the community standard of care. *Briefings: Newsletter of CPA Division of Clinical and Professional Practice*, April 2002.

Fridhandler, B. (2002). Legalizing psychoanalytic psychotherapy. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, April 2002.

Fridhandler, B. (2001). A definition of professional ethics. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, July/August 2001. Also published in newsletter of Alameda County Psychological Association.

Fridhandler, B. (2000). Impact of erosion of confidentiality on psychotherapy. *Briefings: Newsletter of the Division of Professional Practice of the California Psychological Association*.

Fridhandler, B. (2000). Review of "Blaming the brain: The truth about medications and mental health" by Elliott Valenstein. *The San Francisco Psychologist*, March 2000.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

PRESENTATIONS

A day in the life of the CPA Ethics Committee: Preconference Institute. April 19, 2012. Presenter and Chair. Annual Convention of the California Psychological Association.

Brief focused assessments: Ethical issues for assessors. February 12, 2011. Panel: 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.

Can Current Attachment Theory Be Applied in Child Custody Evaluations? June 25, 2010. Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association.

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.

Borderline-level functioning and child custody disputes. October 3, 2008. Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association.

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

The role of research in child custody evaluations. January 26, 2007. Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. January 20, 2007, The Psychotherapy Institute, Berkeley, CA.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. July 8, 2006, Self-sponsored under APA Provider Approval, San Francisco, CA.

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

Empirical, rational, and moral elements in child custody evaluations. March 31, 2006. Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association.

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.

Intersecting Issues in a Custody Case: Weighing Conflicting Considerations. September 9, 2005. Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association.

Issues in child custody evaluation. Presenter (with Megan Lehmer, Ph.D. & William Perry, Ph.D.) May 17, 2005, San Francisco Unified Family Court.

Law and ethics for clinicians: A psychodynamic perspective. March 5, 2005, Community Institute for Psychotherapy, San Rafael, CA.

Dilemmas in Psychotherapist Collateral Information in Child Custody Evaluations. December 17, 2004. Child Custody Evaluation Best Practices Group, San Francisco Psychological Association.

Law and ethics for clinicians: A psychodynamic perspective. October 30, 2004. San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute and Society, Extension Division.

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.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. December 6, 2003, co-sponsored by the San Francisco Psychological Association and Alliant International University.

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.

HIPAA, Psychotherapy Notes, and You. Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center, March 18, 2003.

Overview of HIPAA. Feb. 27, 2003, Marin County Psychological Association.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A home study course. 4-hour audio and written course, approved by the Mandatory Continuing Education for Psychologists Accrediting Agency.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. Feb. 15, 2003, sponsored by California Pacific Medical Center.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. May 4, 2002, sponsored by the San Francisco Psychological Association.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. March 16, 2002, sponsored by the Los Angeles County Psychological Association.

Why do we do psychoanalytic therapy? NCSPP Colloquium on Professional Identity for Associate Members, January 23, 2002.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. December 8, 2001, sponsored by California Pacific Medical Center.

Law and ethics for psychologists: A psychodynamic perspective. June 16, 2001, sponsored by the San Francisco Psychological Association and the Alameda County Psychological Association.

With Kathleen Fahrner, Ph.D. Law and ethics for psychologists. October 28, 2000, sponsored by California Pacific Medical Center.

With Kathleen Fahrner, Ph.D. Law and ethics for psychologists. April 29, 2000, sponsored by California Pacific Medical Center.

With Kathleen Fahrner, Ph.D. Law and ethics for psychologists. December 10, 1999, sponsored by the California Psychology Internship Council and the Wright Institute.

With Steven Reidbord, M.D. A new model of professional activity: Hidden rigor in clinical practice. Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center, April 6, 1999.

Opening Remarks for "The Concept of the Individual in Psychoanalysis Today," sponsored by the Dept. of Psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center and The Extension Division of the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute.

Psychoanalytic explanation of pathological grief: Scientific observation of a single case. Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center, November 4, 1997.

Psychotherapy of Borderline Personality Disorder. Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center, April 1997.

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.

With Mardi J. Horowitz and Charles S. Stinson. Person schemas and emotion. Paper presented to San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute, September 23, 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.

Person schemas in clinical practice. Presentation in the Advances in Psychiatry series, El Camino Hospital, June 6, 1991.

With Mardi J. Horowitz and Charles S. Stinson. Person schemas and emotion. Paper presented to the UCB-UCSF Postdoctoral Program on Emotion.

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.

Issues of definition of coping and defensive maneuvers. Paper presented as part of the symposium, "Assessing the coping and defense maneuvers of individuals", Association for Clinical Psychosocial Research, June 1989.

The "higher-level" inpatient psychotherapy group: Form and function. Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, November 11, 1986.

Psychoanalytic affect theory: A psychologist's view. Grand Rounds, Dept. of Psychiatry, Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center, April 8, 1986.

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
San Francisco Psychological Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

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