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EDUCATION:

University of California, Santa Barbara, Master of Arts, 1985. Course work completed in Early Childhood Education, Counseling Psychology and Confluent Education.
Thesis: "The Aesthetic Perspective in Early Childhood Education." Observational research at Esalen Institute developing a theoretical model for the educational approach for the Gazebo Preschool at Esalen.

University of Oklahoma, 1974. Master of Education, Educational Psychology.

Oklahoma City University, 1969. Completed graduate work for fifth year teaching credential in the Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

Oklahoma City University, 1968. Bachelor of Arts, Sociology/Psychology, cum laude.

CREDENTIALS:

Marriage and Family Therapist, California license LMFT 23315, 1987 to present

Clinical Member of CAMFT, 1987 to present

California Teaching Credential, 1983-1988

California Community College Instructor's Lifetime Credential

Registered Play Therapist and Supervisor, Association for Play Therapy, 1993 to present

Certified Gestalt Therapist, Gestalt Therapy Institute of Los Angeles, CA, 1997 to present

Credential Supervisor, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapy, 2006-2021

Certified Grief Recovery Specialist, 2011-present

Medical Staff : Cottage Hospital Health Systems, 2009-present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2005-present Founder and Trainer: West Coast Institute for Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents, LLC

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1987-present Private Practice, 540 Alisal Rd. Ste. 1 Solvang, California 93463

2002-2016 Adjunct Faculty, Pacifica Graduate Institute*

1991-2001 Adjunct Faculty, Antioch University*

*Courses Taught: Psychotherapy with Children; Theories of Human Growth and Development; Intimate Systems

2005-present Founding Member of the Violet Solomon Oaklander Foundation.

2009-2010 Clinical Supervisor, Domestic Violence Solutions, Inc.

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1991-1993 Founding Coordinator and member: Association for the Advancement of Gestalt therapy (AAGT)

1984-1987 Clinical staff, CALM (Child Abuse, Listening Mediation, Inc.)

1980-1982 Owner/Director, Gazebo Learning Center, Santa Barbara, CA
Day Care Program for Young Children

1981-1982 Teaching Assistant, University of California at Santa Barbara
College of Education, Confluent Education

1981-1983 Administrative Assistant, Family Therapy Institute of Santa Barbara
Responsible for administrative functioning of the Institute

1979-1980 Work Scholar and staff member at Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA
Under supervision of Janet Lederman, Gazebo School

1978-1979 Secondary Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, Norman Public Schools,
Norman, Oklahoma. Coordinated curriculum planning and teacher training
for grades 6 -12 under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of
Schools. Compiled a manual containing philosophy, goals, objectives,
learning activities, and evaluation procedures for the social studies
curriculum at each grade level. This was used to foster communication and
networking among teachers throughout the system.

1974-1979 Classroom teacher, Norman Public Schools. Nominated for "Outstanding
Teacher of the Year" by Whittier Middle School Faculty, 1977.

1974 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Oklahoma College of Education,
Educational Psychology

1969-1972 Director of Religious Education, First Unitarian Church, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma. Administration and supervision of education and religious
program for 150 children and 50 teachers and staff.

1968-1969 Classroom teacher, Kennedy Junior High School, Oklahoma City Public
Schools. One of five Caucasian teachers selected to participate in a program
for desegregation of Oklahoma City Schools.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Clinical Member
Association for Play Therapy, Registered Play Therapist, Supervisor
Association for the Advancement of Gestalt Therapy
Violet Solomon Oaklander Foundation, Founding Member

PUBLICATIONS:

Bear with Us: Classroom Assessment Manual (1974). University of Oklahoma Press.

No Child Is An Island. In *A Living Legacy of Fritz and Laura Perls, Contemporary Case Studies*. (1996) B. Feder and R. Ronall (Eds.) New York, Bookmaster.

Gestalt Play Therapy. In *Play Therapy: Theory and Practice. A comparative Presentation*. (1997). K. O'Connor and L. Braverman (Eds.) New York, John Wiley and Sons, Inc.
Second revision , 2009.

Resistance: A Field Theory Perspective. In *Gestalt Dialogue. Newsletter of the Integrative Gestalt Center*. (June, 1997) Aotearoa, New Zealand.

A Gestalt View of Child Development: An Historical and Theoretical Perspective. In *Das Handbuch Der Gestalttherapie*. (1999) R. Fuhr, M. Sreckovic, M. Gremmler-Fuhr (Eds.) Gottingen, Germany.

The Pinocchio Syndrome. In *The Heart of Development: Gestalt Approaches to Working with Children, Adolescents, and Their Worlds, Vol. I: Childhood*. (2002) G. Wheeler and M. McConville (Eds.) New Jersey, The Analytic Press.

The Enigmatic Tween. In *Handbuch de Korperpsychotherapie*. (2006) G. Marlock and H. Weiss (Eds.) Stuttgart. Schattauer Verlag.

Lifeline. In *Assessment and Treatment Activities for Children, Adolescents, and Families: Practitioners Share Their Most Effective Techniques* (2008) L. Lowenstein (Ed.) Toronto, Canada.

The Pitchfork Princess: Transforming the Torment of Shame. In *Revista Interamericana de Psicologia*. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Vol. 43, No. 2. May-August, 2009.

Editor of special issue of *International Gestalt Journal*. Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents. Vol. 21, Number 2. 2009.

What is Gestalt Therapy? December, 2009 issue of the Santa Barbara California

Training Presenter: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Training and Keynote Presenter: Pennsylvania APT, Pittsburg, PA

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- 2012 Training Presenter: Singapore City, Singapore
Training Presenter: Symbolon Institute, Nurnberg, Germany
Training Presenter: CAL-APT, San Francisco/Bay Area Chapter
- 2011 Training Presenter: Singapore City, Singapore
Training Presenter: Chesapeake Beach Professional Seminars, LLC:
Chesapeake Beach, Maryland
Training Presenter: San Francisco, California
Conference Speaker: Violent Solomon Oaklander Foundation Conference
- 2010 Key Note Lecture: The Neuroscience of Gestalt Therapy with Children: Rio
De Janeiro, Brazil
Training Presenter: Life Narratives: Tools of Integration in Gestalt
Therapy with Children and Adolescents: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Training Presenter: Breganz, Austria: Gestalt Therapy with Children
And Adolescents. Institut fur Integrative Gestalt Therapy:
Wurzburg, Germany
Training Presenter: Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents:
Symbolon Institut: Nurnberg, Germany
Conference Key Note and Workshop Presenter: Lindsey Wilson College
Play Therapy Conference, Columbia, Kentucky
- 2010 Conference Presentation: International Play Therapy Conference.
Healing The Torment Within: Working in Shame in Gestalt Therapy
with Children and Adolescents. Marrakesh, Morocco.
- 2009 Lecture and Workshop Presenter: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
“Pinocchio: The Child’s Journey in Gestalt Play Therapy”

Workshop Presenter: San Antonio, Texas
“Advanced Training in Gestalt Play Therapy “
Workshop Presenter: CalPoly, San Luis Obispo, CA
Association of Play Therapy National Conference Presenter: “The
Neuroscience of Gestalt Play Therapy.
Central Coast Chapter of APT: “Gestalt therapy approach to Shame and
Anger”
- 2008 CAL-APT Regional Conference Keynote and One day workshop: “Gestalt

Play Therapy”.

Southern CAL-APT Regional Conference: One day workshop: “Gestalt Approach to Shame and Anger”

Two week Training: Symbolon Gestalt Therapy Institute, Nurnberg, DE

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- 2007-2014 Ongoing training program and Summer Intensive in Solvang, CA:
Advanced Training in Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents
- 2007-2008 KITI (Koln Institute for Child Psychotherapy) Cologne, Germany. “Every Child Life Is Worth A Story”
- 2007 Association for Play Therapy National Conference, Hollywood, CA. “Gestalt Therapy Approach to Shame and Anger”
- 2006 -2008 Symbolon Institut fur Gestalttherapie, Nurnberg, Germany.
“Relational Gestalt Child Psychotherapy”
- Institute for Integrative Gestalt Therapy, Wurzburg, Germany. “Basic Training In Gestalt Play Therapy”
- Violet Oaklander Advanced Training.
“Play Therapy Approaches To Shame and Anger”
- 2005 Michigan APT Conference. Workshop presenter.
“Shame and Anger, Clinical Approaches”
- 2004 Pre-Conference Presenter. Association for Play Therapy National Conference,
“Gestalt Play Therapy: Violet Oaklander Model”
- 2003 Invitational opening workshops for the Play Therapy Institute.
North Texas University, Denton, Texas. Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents: The Integrative Experience
- Pre-Conference Presentation, APT Conference, Norfolk, Virginia
“Gestalt Therapy with Children and Adolescents: Oaklander Model”
- 1991-present: Annual Training Programs for:
Symbolon Institute, Nurnberg, Germany
Institut Fur Integrativ Gestalttherapie, Wurzburg, Germany
Koln Institut Child Psychotherapie, Koln, Germany
- 1999 Michigan Annual Play Therapy Conference workshop presentation. “Expressive

Techniques in the Therapeutic Process”

- 1999 Pre-conference presentation for the Texas Play Therapy Annual Conference.
“Using Expressive Techniques to Enliven Self Awareness in Play Therapy,”

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Keynote address for the Texas Play Therapy Annual Conference.

“When You Wish Upon a Star”

Summer course, Antioch University. “Advanced Play Therapy Techniques”

- 1998 Five weekend workshops on different modalities such as sand tray, puppets, drawing, clay, storytelling. “Expressive Techniques in Child Psychotherapy”