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### EDUCATION

<b>California Graduate Institute</b> PhD in Psychology	<b>1981</b>
<b>California State University, Dominguez Hills</b> <b>M.A. Psychology/Applied Behavioral Science</b>	<b>1976</b>
<b>California State University, Northridge</b> <b>B.A. Psychology</b>	<b>1974</b>

### CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Private Practice</b>	<b>1980-1998, Encino, CA</b>
	<b>1994-present Westlake Village, CA</b>

General clinical practice specializing in psychodynamic psychotherapy for children, adolescents, and families. I had maintained a private clinical practice of 25-30 patients per week until 2008. Since becoming a full-time faculty member at CLU, I have reduced my practice to 10 patients per week.

- Psychological diagnostic assessment, neuropsychological and psycho-educational testing and evaluation of adults and children.
- Psychoanalytic psychotherapy.
- Family systems psychotherapy.
- Expert witness for criminal, child abuse, and domestic violence cases.

<b>Clinical Supervisor</b>	<b>2000 – present</b>
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*California Lutheran University Community Counseling Center*

- Provide individual and group supervision for graduate students in Psy.D and MFT programs.
- Provide in-service seminars on child and adolescent psychotherapy.

<b>Certified Mental Health Evaluator</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>
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*QTC Medical Group INC, Diamond Bar, CA.*

- Provide mental status evaluations, reports, and recommendations for California Department of Mental Health.

- Conducted comprehensive psychological examinations and chart reviews of adult patients at various Southern California mental hospitals and nursing facilities.
- Responsibilities included insuring that patients were accurately diagnosed, were receiving the treatment and services they required and that the health care facility was complying with appropriate standards of care.

**Staff Psychologist****1999-2000****1989-1991***Vista Del Mar/ Reiss-Davis/ Julia Ann Singer Child Study Center, West Los Angeles, CA*

- Supervised and conducted didactic training for psychology interns
- Weekly supervision and training in psychoanalytic psychotherapy for children.

**Clinical Director****1982-1986***California Graduate Institute Counseling Center, Westwood, CA*

- Administrated and directed training program for outpatient psychology clinic.
- Managed Clinical staff of 25 interns and 7 clinical supervisors.
- Oversaw patient population of 250.

**Consultant/Psychotherapist****1981-1982***Noble Educational Center, Woodland Hills, CA*

- Provided psychotherapy and psychological assessment batteries for physically and emotionally disabled children.

**Psychological Assistant****1981-1984***Under the supervision of James Gibbons, PhD*

- Provided psychoanalytic psychotherapy to adult and adolescent patients in both inpatient and outpatient settings.

**Psychoanalytic Control Cases****1980-1984***Under the supervision of Robert Greuner, M.D. and Neil Peterson, M.D., training analysts at the California Graduate Institute.*

- Conducted 2, 4-day per week psychoanalyses of adult patients under the supervision of Dr. Greuner. (Analyses completed through termination).
- Conducted 1, 3-day per week psychoanalysis of a child under the supervision of Dr. Peterson. (Analysis completed through termination).

**Senior Staff Therapist****1977-1980***Friends of the Family Counseling Center, Van Nuys, CA*

- Provided family, marital, and child psychotherapy.
- Supervised marriage and family therapy interns.

**Gang Research Caseworker****1973-1976***Los Angeles County Probation Department*

- Provided liaison services between probationers and the courts as well as individual and group counseling to juvenile gang members as part of VISTA-sponsored program.

- Served as a research assistant on an NIMH grant to study juvenile gangs in the Los Angeles area. Robert Stuckey, Principle Investigator/Supervisor.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Associate Professor (Tenured) 2014-present**  
*Graduate School of Psychology; California Lutheran University*

- Core faculty member in Psy.D and MFT graduate programs.
- Development and teaching graduate-level psychology courses: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Personality and Dissociative Disorders, Neuropsychanalysis, Diagnostic Interviewing.
- Program Director, MS Counseling Psychology, MFT Program 2018-2019

**Assistant Professor 2008 - 2014**  
*Graduate School of Psychology; California Lutheran University*

- Core faculty member in Psy.D and MFT graduate programs.
- Development and teaching graduate-level psychology courses: Law and Ethics, Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Personality and Dissociative Disorders, Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy, Diagnostic Interviewing.

**Lecturer/Adjunct Faculty 1998-2008**  
*California Lutheran University*

- Taught ADEP course Psychology of Women and Men
- Taught Undergraduate psychology courses: Psychology of Women and Men, Theories of Psychotherapy, Group Psychotherapy, Introductory Psychology
- Taught various MFT and MA Psychology Courses.

**Lecturer 2000-2004**  
*University of California, Los Angeles Neuropsychiatric Hospital*

- Provided clinical seminars for first and second year psychiatry residents.
- Taught: Diagnosis and Treatment of Personality Disorders, Diagnosis and Treatment of Dissociative Disorders.

**Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology 2004-2005**  
*Phillips Graduate Institute, Encino, CA*

- Taught Biological Bases of Psychopathology, Psychodynamic Psychotherapy

**Adjunct/Associate Professor of Psychology 1995 – 2005**  
*California School of Professional Psychology (now Alliant University), Alhambra, CA*

- Taught all core courses in both the Clinical psychology and Family Therapy programs.
- Taught continuing education seminars at both L.A. and San Diego campuses for licensed professionals on Law and Ethics for Psychotherapists and full-day workshops on the Theory and Treatment of Domestic Violence.

**Adjunct Associate Professor 1992-1999**

*Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles*

- Taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in life-span developmental psychology, marriage and family counseling, general psychology, counseling theories and applied clinical treatment.

**Lecturer****1985-1989***PCG Seminars, Pasadena CA.*

- Provided child abuse training seminars for continuing education to psychologists and MFCC's throughout southern California.

**Professor, Psychology****1982-2000***California Graduate Institute, Los Angeles, CA*

- Taught courses in MFCC theory and practice, human communication, psychopathology, ethics and laws for psychotherapists, child abuse, learning and cognition, personality theory, psycholinguistics, psychoanalytic theory of adolescent development, Lacanian theory.

**ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS/BOOKS**

**Gerson, M. J. (2018) Chapter: *Psychodynamic Theories of the Family*. APA Handbook of Contemporary Family Psychology (B. Fiese, Ed.). American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.**

**Gerson, M. J. (2014). Reconsidering self and identity through a dialogue between neuroscience and psychoanalytic theory. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues: The International Journal of Relational Perspectives* Volume 24, Issue 2, 2014**

**Gerson, M. J. (2014). A Meta-Commentary: Response to the Commentaries of Marks-Tarlow and Solow Glennon. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues: The International Journal of Relational Perspectives*. Volume 24, Issue 2, 2014**

**Gerson, M. J. (2014.). *Clinical Implications for the Expressions of Self and Identity in Adolescent Psychotherapy: Case studies of a vampiress and a gangster*. Manuscript submitted for publication. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues: The International Journal of Relational Perspectives* Volume 24, Issue 6**

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Gerson, M. J.** (n.d.) *Re-Embracing the Magic of Psychotherapy*. Manuscript in preparation.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### 2013

Re-Embracing the Magic of Psychoanalysis. Brown Bag presentation. CLU Chapter of PSI Chi Honor Society for Psychology

### 2012

Diagnosis and Management of Common Psychiatric and Behavioral Disorders in Children and Adolescents. Invited presentation to Sky Lakes Medical Center, Klamath Falls, Oregon. 2012

Applications of Network Theory to Psychology. Brown Bag presentation. CLU Chapter of PSI Chi Honor Society for Psychology

Research Considerations for Studying Self and Identity. CLU Presentation to Psy.D Colloquia.

The Contributions of Gregory Bateson to Psychology. Brown Bag presentation. CLU Chapter of PSI Chi Honor Society for Psychology

Psychology of Violence. Presentation to Pacifica Hospital Medical Center continuing education lecture.

Psychology of Violence. Presentation to Tarzana Hospital Medical Center continuing education lecture.

Psychology of Violence. Presentation to Northridge Hospital Medical Center continuing education lecture.

Psychology Behind Child Abuse. CLU Conference on Child Abuse and Domestic Violence

Legal and Ethical Issues for Psychotherapists: HIPAA and Beyond. Full-day workshop presented at Eisenhower Medical Center, Rancho Mirage Ca.

Systems Thinking for Psychotherapists. Presentation to the CLU Community Counseling Center case conference series.

### 2010

An Update on Modern Systems Thinking for the Behavioral Scientist, Part II. Brown Bag presentation to the faculty of California Lutheran University.

*Neuropsychanalysis of Self and Identity: Three Case Studies.* Brown Bag presentation to the faculty of California Lutheran University

### 2009

An Update on Modern Systems Thinking for the Behavioral Scientist, Part I. Brown Bag presentation to the faculty of California Lutheran University.

*An Update on Modern Systems Thinking for the MFT.* Workshop presentation at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists annual convention, Sacramento, California.

*Neuropsychanalysis of Self and Identity: Three Case Studies.* Symposium presentation, American Psychological Association annual convention, Toronto, Canada.

*Considerations for Lacan's Mental Registers as Neurological Processes;* International Neuropsychanalysis Congress, Paris, France. R. Descartes University.

### 2008

*Neuroscientific Implications for Self and Identity in Adolescents*  
Poster presentation, International Neuropsychanalysis Congress. Montreal, Canada. McGill University

### 2007

*The Therapeutic Role of Suffering, Passion, and Ritual in Psychotherapy;* Invited lecture, Psyche and the Soul Conference, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA.

### 2006

Chair/Discussant, 7<sup>th</sup> International Neuro-Psychoanalysis Congress.  
Pasadena, California.

### 2005

*Neuroscientific Implications for Self and Identity,* Invited Paper, American Psychological Association, Division 39 (Psychoanalysis) Spring Conference, April 2005.

### 2003

*Passion and Suffering in Adolescent Self and Identity Formation,*  
Presented at Association for the Psychoanalysis of Society and Culture Annual Conference, University of Pennsylvania, November 2003.

Transformational Processes of Adolescence: Self and Identity. Article published in The Psychologist. Newsletter of the Los Angeles County Psychological Association.

### 2002

*The Transformational Process of Adolescence: Revisiting Lacan with Complexity Theory II;* Invited paper for presentation at; the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Human Sciences, George Washington University, Washington D.C., April 13, 2002.

### 2001

*The Transformational Process of Adolescence: Revisiting Lacan with Complexity Theory I;* Invited paper for presentation at; The Association for the Psychoanalysis of Society and Culture, at Rutgers University, New Jersey. November 12, 2001.

**1992**

*The psychodynamic effects of childhood trauma on the development of borderline personality disorder.* Paper presented at the annual National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis Conference, New York.

**1990**

*Delayed effects of child abuse on personality structure.* Paper presented at Pine Grove Psychiatric Hospital, CA.

**1989**

*A child's search for sanity.* Paper presented at Pine Grove Psychiatric Hospital, CA, Professional Enrichment Series.

**1986**

*Workshop on domestic violence* (presentation of theoretical and clinical issues regarding the treatment of domestic violence), Westside Women's Center, Los Angeles, CA.

**1985**

*An object relations approach to treating sexually abused children.* Paper presented to the San Fernando Valley Child Abuse Council, CA.

**1984**

*Psychodynamics of child sexual abuse.* Paper presented at the Symposium on Cross-Cultural Issues in Domestic Violence, California State University, Los Angeles, CA.

**1983**

Moderator/presenter. Symposium on Domestic Violence, Sponsored by California Graduate Institute, Culver City, CA.

**1982**

*World madness versus personal sanity.* Paper presented at State of the World Lecture Series, UCLA, CA.

**AWARDS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Award of Excellence for Clinical Supervision, California Lutheran University Graduate School of Psychology, 2016**

**Appointed to American Psychiatric Association Field Trials for DSM-5; Routine Clinical Practice Committee. 2011**

**Appointed to National Advisory Panel and California Advocacy Committee of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, 2009**

**Distinguished Professor Award, California Graduate Institute, 1987**

**Appointed as Oral Exam Commissioner, Board of Psychology, CA, 1988**

**Elected to the Board of Certification for the National Association for the Advancement of  
Psychoanalysis, 1986 and 1989**

**Elected to the Ethics Review Board of the National Association for the Advancement of  
Psychoanalysis, 1989**

**Elected President of Faculty Senate, California Graduate Institute, 1988 and 1989**

### **SERVICE**

**Consultant Clinical Evaluator** **2000 – Present**

*California Department of Rehabilitation*

**Panel Discussant: CLU and Thousand Oaks Library Everybody Reads**

- The Soloist 2010
- The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet 2011
- Grandma Emma's Journey 2016

#### **Public Lectures**

*Presentations to:*

- Business and Professional Women's Club of Conejo Valley
- The Rotary Club of Conejo Valley

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (AAMFT)

American Psychological Association (APA)

Division 39 (Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy) of APA

American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41 of APA)

California Consortium for the Prevention of Child Abuse

California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (Charter Member)

International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Los Angeles County Commission for Women, Task Force on Incest Survivors

Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, Preschool Age Molested Children

Professional Group

National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis (NAAP)

### **LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Psychologist, PSY 8785 (CA)

Marriage, Family, Child Counselor, MN14637 (CA)



Psychoanalytic Psychotherapist, PP 82147, NAAP (National)

Psychoanalyst, P951341, NAAP (National)

CERT Authorization (Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education) as  
Administrator and as Instructor (113935)

Qualified Medical Evaluator for the Industrial Medical Council for the State of California

Qualified Mental Health Examiner for the California Department of Mental Health

## STUDENT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Doctoral Dissertation

June 1980-September 1981

*Idiosyncratic Language as Revealed Through Projective Techniques*

Dissertation Chair: James Gibbons, PhD

- Examined the changes in word choice and syntactic structure among 29 adult psychiatric patients relative to the thematic context of their speech.
- Developed a flow chart/algorithm illustrating decision processes involved in shifting between thematic contexts and emotion words.
- Examined interpersonal and intrapersonal variations of language style utilizing TAT, word association and sentence completion data.

### Master's Thesis

May 1975 – June 1976

*The Aggression Network: A systems analysis.*

Thesis Chair: G. Peter Paulhe, PhD

- Conducted 45 hours of interviews with incarcerated and probationary juvenile gang members in Northern San Fernando Valley and East Los Angeles discussing their understanding of the dynamics of violent altercations.
- Conducted 25 hours of interviews with Los Angeles Police Department juvenile gang officers and instructors at the Police Academy.
- Developed a systems-based model of the decision-making processes used by participants in violent interactions.