

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Education:**

1995 Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, University of Oregon  
1992-93 APA Pre-Doctoral Internship, Yale University School of Medicine  
1989 M.S. Clinical Psychology, University of Oregon  
1985 B.A. Psychology, University of Denver

### **Licensure and Certification:**

Minnesota License:	LP4186, September, 1999
Qualified Neutral Under Minnesota Rule 114:	ID# 4990, August, 2009
Board Certified in Forensic Psychology:	October 2018

### **Professional Positions:**

**Psychologist:** Acumen Psychology, Private Practice, Saint Paul Minnesota  
October 2002 to present

Forensic practice includes work in criminal and family court. Criminal court work includes psychological evaluations, including pre-sentence investigations, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, certification to stand trial as an adult, psychosexual evaluations and family court matters with current contracts with Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington Counties, as well as court-related work in many other jurisdictions. Family court work includes psychological evaluations, custody evaluations, consultation, and early neutral evaluations. Clinical practice includes psychotherapy with adolescents and adults, clinical assessments including personality and intelligence testing. Provide supervision and consultation on ethical issues. Manage a team of contract psychologists providing psychological evaluations.

**Consulting Psychologist:** Family, Adolescents, and Children Therapy Services (FACTS)  
May 2011 to May 2013

Consult with clinicians at regular staff meetings regarding client care, diagnosis and case formulation, and ethical issues. Complete psychological evaluations on parents and children, including interview, psychological testing, record review and consultation with families and clinicians.

**Psychologist:** Human Services Incorporated, Oakdale Minnesota (Now Canvas Health)  
April, 2000 to May 2015

Conduct psychological assessments, including personality and intelligence testing as well as forensic assessments, including custody-related assessment, child protection matters, pre-sentence investigations, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, certification to stand trial as an adult. Provide written reports and consultation to clinicians and court personnel. Testify in court. Participate in intern training at APA accredited doctoral internship site. Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children. Primary supervisor for pre-doctoral intern from 2006-2011.

**Supervisor, Mediation and Custody Solutions Program:** Human Services Incorporated, Oakdale Minnesota:  
July 2009 to April 2011

Responsible for development of a new program, providing family court services including mediation, custody evaluations, parenting consulting, and parenting time expediting. Provide some direct service in these areas as well as court testimony. Responsible for clinical and administrative supervision of program.

**Instructor:** University of Minnesota  
January 2008 to May 2008

Co-teach graduate level class in psychological assessment to Ph.D. students. Course includes interviewing, psychological test administration and interpretation, report writing, and providing feedback about assessments.

**Psychologist:** Maplewood Psychological Associates, Maplewood, Minnesota  
September, 1999 to 2005

Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children, including family and couples therapy. Conducted psychological assessments, including administering, interpreting, and communicating results of psychological tests.

**Psychologist:** Community Counseling Center, La Plata, Maryland  
June, 1997 to September, 1999

Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents, and children, including family and couples therapy. Conducted psychological assessments, including administering, interpreting, and communicating results of psychological tests. Conducted forensic assessments for local courts and social services agencies and testified as an expert witness.

**Consultant:** Law Enforcement Assessment Center, Rockville, Maryland  
June, 1997 to September, 1999

Interviewed and provided psychological evaluations of applicants for police and correctional officer positions for several local agencies. Conducted fitness-for-duty evaluations.

**Instructor:** College of Southern Maryland, La Plata, Maryland  
January, 1996 to June, 1999  
Taught introductory psychology and life-span development courses.

**Psychology Associate:** Community Counseling Center, La Plata, Maryland  
March, 1995 to June, 1997  
Under supervision of a licensed psychologist, conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and children. Conducted psychological assessments.

**Psychotherapist:** Current Treatment Center, Stafford, Virginia  
April, 1994 to March, 1995  
Under supervision of a licensed psychologist, conducted individual and group psychotherapy. Conducted psychological assessments. Participated in treatment team meetings/group supervision.

**Psychology Fellow:** Yale University School of Medicine  
July, 1992 to June, 1993  
Completed APA accredited internship. Conducted psychotherapy with adults, adolescents and children in individual, group, and family contexts in an outpatient mental health clinic. Secondary placement in community psychology.

**Instructor:** University of Oregon, Eugene Oregon  
Summer 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, Spring, 1990  
Taught several undergraduate courses, including introductory psychology, statistics, and research methods.

**Membership and Positions in Professional Organizations:**

American Psychological Association, 1995 to present  
Division 41-Psychology and the Law  
Maryland Psychological Association, 1997 to 1999  
Southern Maryland Psychological Association 1995 to 1999  
Secretary, 1997  
Vice-President, 1998  
Minnesota Psychological Association 1999 to present  
Minnesota Psychological Association Ethics Committee 2002 to 2008  
Associate Chair 2005-2006  
Chair 2007-2008  
Minnesota Board of Psychology, July 2012 to December 2019  
Chair Professional Responsibility Examination Committee 2012 to 2019  
Chair Complaint Resolution Committee II 2014 to 2019  
Vice Chair of Board 2014  
Chair of Board 2015 to 2018  
American Psychological Association Ethics Committee 2020

## **Other Professional Activities and Lay Presentations:**

Alternatives for Youth Foster Care Program:

Balancing Responsibilities as a Foster Parent, March, 1999

Alternatives for Youth:

Stress and Stress Management, January, 1999

Hospice of Charles County:

Stress and Stress Management, February, 1998

Minnesota Guardian ad litem Training:

Forensic Evaluations for Family Court

The Consultation Center, New Haven Connecticut:

Workshops on Stereotyping/Labeling, New Haven Public Schools, 1993

Consultant to New Haven Police Department, 1992-1993

University of Oregon Department of Psychology:

Graduate Education Committee, September, 1989 to June, 1990

Student Representative to Faculty Meetings, September, 1990 to June, 1991

Ad Hoc Editorial Consultant, Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 1991

Ad Hoc Reviewer, Consciousness and Brain Circuitry:

Neurocognitive Systems Which Mediate Subjective Experience, Peter G.

Grossenbacher, ed., 1996

Reviewer, American Psychology and Law Society, 2016

## **Professional Presentations and Publications:**

Andrews, J.A., Langhinrichsen, J., Lewinsohn, P.M., & Fischer, S.A. (1989). Suicidal ideation and attempts among adolescents.

Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Behnke, S., Panciera, L., Fischer, S., & Pearson, T. (2007) APA ethics in action:

Minnesota experts discuss mandated reporting, confidentiality, and forensic psychology. Minneapolis MN

Berberogolu, L., Fischer, S., Fischler, G., Lebow, A., Maude-Griffin, P., Panciera, L., Phipps-Yonas, S., & Wright, L. (2004). Comparing the 1992 and 2002 APA Ethical Principles: What's new? Presentation to the annual meeting of the Minnesota Psychological Association.

Fischer, S.A. (2019). Introductory topics in forensic psychology: overview of the field, getting started, and tips for the reluctant forensic psychologist. Minnesota Psychological Association First Friday Forum, St. Paul MN

Fischer, S.A. (2019). The role of your client's therapy in the family court process. Presentation at Family Law Institute, St. Paul MN

- Fischer, S.A. (2011). Understanding and making use of mental health testimony in family court. Presentation at Family Law Institute, St. Paul MN
- Fischer, S.A. (2010). Understanding and making use of mental health testimony in family court. Presentation at Family Law Institute, St. Paul MN
- Fischer, S.A. (2007). Understanding and making use of psychological evaluations. Presentation to the annual meeting of Minnesota Family Based Services Organization.
- Fischer, S.A. (1998). Problems and solutions in psychotherapy with adolescents. Presentation to Southern Maryland Psychological Association, Mechanicsville, MD
- Fischer, S.A. (1996). Short-term psychodynamic psychotherapy. Presentation to Southern Maryland Psychological Association, Mechanicsville, MD
- Fischer, S.A. (1989). Characteristics of non-depressed suicidal ideators. Symposium at the annual meeting of the Oregon Psychological Association, Newport, Oregon.
- Fischer, S.A. (1989). Factors beyond depression related to suicidal ideation in adolescents. Unpublished Master's thesis, University of Oregon.
- Fischer, S.A. (1995). Development and evaluation of group cognitive behavioral therapy for depressed and suicidal adolescents. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, University of Oregon.
- Fischer, S.A. & Panciera, L. (2007). The MPA Ethics Committee: Highlights for the ethical challenges of 2006. Presentation to annual meeting of the Minnesota Psychological Association.
- Fischer, S.A., Helminski, J.F., Grossman, D.E. & Wick, S.M. (2000). Collaborative practice between primary care physicians and psychologists. Presentation at Lakeview Hospital, Stillwater, MN
- Kenning, M, Barnes, A., Fischer, S., Nestingen, S., and Alberg, T. (2016). Who you gonna call? A side by side presentation by the MPA ethics committee and the MN board of psychology on ethics in practice and board practices in investigating complaints. Presentation to Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.
- Lewinsohn, P.M., Rohde, P., Seeley, J.R., & Fischer, S.A. (1991). Age and depression: Unique and shared effects. Psychology and Aging.
- Lewinsohn, P.M., Rohde, P., Seeley, J.R., & Fischer, S.A. (1993).

Age-cohort changes in the lifetime occurrence of depression and other mental disorders. Journal of Abnormal Psychology.

Sands, S., McLeod, R., Renninger, S. & Fischer S. (2019). Looking Ahead at Supervision: Post-doctoral requirements and board related processes. Minnesota Board of Psychology Continuing Education Conference

Schoener, G.R., Rush, J., Fischer, S. A., Niemi, A., & Kautzer, E. (2014). Ethics in the Cloud: Emerging ethical issues for mental health professionals and family law attorneys. Presentation to Minnesota Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Zuckerman, M., Fischer, S.A., Osmun, R.W., & Winkler, B.A. (1987). Anchoring in lie detection revisited. Journal of Non-verbal Behavior.

Zuckerman, M., Colwell, E.L., Darche, P.R., & Fischer, S.A. (1988). Attributions as inferences and explanations: Effects on discounting. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

Zuellig, A., Fischer, S., & Bobbitt, B. (2019). Who makes the rules?: The differing roles of rules, statutes, and ethical principles in guiding professional conduct. Presentation to annual meeting of the Minnesota Psychological Association, Minneapolis MN.