

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **EDUCATION**

1980	Ph.D. Boston College
1974	M.Ed. Boston College
1969	B.A. Syracuse University

### **LICENSURE**

Psychologist: Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
License Number 2806

### **STATEMENT OF CURRENT PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**

Dr. Shapse is exclusively in private practice specializing in forensic evaluation and related matters, psychological assessment, and individual treatment. Professional activities include consultation and training to business, executive coaching, teaching at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, and invited presentations before professional groups.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Board of Medical Psychotherapists - Fellow and Diplomate

American Psychological Association

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem, (founding member/Past President).

Massachusetts Psychological Association

### ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- 2014 – Assistant Clinical Professor of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine.
- 2009 – 2013 Special and Scientific Clinical Staff of Tufts Medical Center, Psychiatry, Pediatrics-Comprehensive Family Evaluation Center.
- 1992 – 2005 Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology – Continuing Professional Education Programs, faculty.

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Child and Adolescent Task Force, 1992.
- Divorce Center, executive board member, 1990-1995.
- Guardian ad Litem Task Force (founding member).
- Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem, (founding member/Past President).
- Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation. Elected to Board of Directors 1985-1988; 1992.

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2005-2009 Justice Resource Institute–Trauma Center Instructor, Psychological Testing.
- 2003-2009 Justice Resource Institute–Trauma Center, Senior Supervisor, (formerly Arbor Health Systems).
- 1992-1994 Harvard Medical School – Trauma Center, at the Erich Lindemann Mental Health Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Consulting Faculty.
- 1986-1988 Appointed: Rutland Heights Hospital Post Traumatic Stress Advisory Board.
- 1985-1989 Trainer/Consultant, Forum Corporation, Boston, MA.
- 1983-1985 Trainer/Consultant, Forum/Nevison, Concord, MA.
- 1982-1984 Consultant to Magic Garden Day-Care Center, Lincoln, MA.
- 1982- Private practice.

- 1979-1990 Director of Psychological Testing, New Center for Psychotherapies, P.C. Boston, MA.
- 1979-1983 Consultant to The Lakeside School, Peabody, MA.
- 1979-1980 Consultant to the Salem Public School System, Salem, MA.
- 1978-1979 School Psychologist, Bedford Public School, Bedford, MA.
- 1977-1978 Staff Psychologist, Massachusetts Treatment Center, Bridgewater, MA.
- 1975-1977 Lecturer, Quincy Junior College, Quincy, MA.
- 1974-1975 Supervisor, Office of Professional Field Experiences, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.
- 1971-1976 Teacher/Counselor, Thayer Academy, Braintree, MA.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1982-1983 Tufts-New England Medical Center Post-Doctoral Seminar on Neuropsychological Testing.
- 1976-1977 Professional Affiliate Program Newton-Wellesley Hospital Newton, MA.
- 1975-1977 Boston Gestalt Institute Cambridge, MA. Theory, technique and practice of Gestalt therapy.
- 1973-1974 Practicum Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston, MA. Individual and family therapy. Community outreach.

#### GUEST LECTURES/PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- May 10, 2019 “Psychological Assessment in Child Custody Determinations,” keynote speaker. Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem, Inc.
- February 25, 2019 “Unique Legal Custody Issues and Arrangements” (panel member). Boston Bar Association.
- November 9, 2007 Literature Review, “Whose House Is It Anyway—Parenting Plans Revisited.” Massachusetts Association of Guardian *ad Litem*.

- April 11, 2007 “Making Effective Use of Psychological Testing.” Norfolk County Probation Department.
- February 2, 2007 “GAL 202: A post-standards workshop in the “how-to” of family investigations.” Massachusetts Association of Guardians *ad Litem*.
- June 15, 2006 “Children, Trauma & the Courts,” as part of Psychological Trauma: Neuroscience, Attachment & Therapeutic Interventions Pre-Conference Institute. The Justice Resource Institute Trauma Center.
- October 21, 2005 “What Promotes Resilience in Children & Families of Divorce.” The Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation.
- March 4, 2005 “GAL 101+.” Massachusetts Association of Guardians *ad Litem*.
- February 5, 2005 “The LMHC & the Legal System: How to Survive in an Alien Environment.” Massachusetts Mental Health Counselors Association.
- April 2, 2004 “What Every Professional Needs to Know About Divorce: A Risk Management Approach.” Massachusetts Psychological Association.
- November 1, 2003 “Psychological Testing: Scientifically Acceptable or Not? The Massachusetts Association of Guardians *ad Litem* and The Children’s Hospital, Boston.
- March 1, 2002 “Effective Use of Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations.” Massachusetts Psychological Association.
- November 26, 2001 “Families and Divorce: The Clinician as Part of the System.” Eliot Community Human Services, Inc.
- May 23, 2000 “The use of the Million Clinical Multiaxial Inventory in Custody Evaluations.” The Massachusetts Association of Guardians *ad Litem*.
- Oct. 31, 1998 “The Guardian *ad Litem* and Domestic Violence” as part of In the Best Interests of the Child: Domestic Violence-Clinical and Legal Implications for Custody and Access. The Massachusetts Association of Guardians *ad Litem* and The Children’s Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Oct. 22/23, 1998 “Making the Point: Advanced Writing in a Forensic Setting” and “The Role of the Guardian *ad Litem* Investigator” as part of the First Conference for Independent Court Investigators, Boxborough, Massachusetts.

- Oct. 6, 1997      Guest lecturer: "The Role of the Guardian *ad Litem*." Harvard Law School.
- Nov. 8, 1996      "Psychological Testing" as part of A Course in Psychology for the Family Lawyer. Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc. and the Boston Bar Association, Boston, MA.
- Sept. 20, 1996      "Domestic Abuse Allegations and Parental Alienation: Who's Alienating Who?" as part of Facing Up to the Complexities of Family Violence: No Simple Solutions. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Northeast Regional Conference, Boston, MA.
- June 17, 1996      "The Mental Health Professional as Child Advocate." Eliot Community Human Services, Mental Health Lecture Series.
- May 19, 1995      "The Guardian ad Litem as Mediator: Role Conflict or Promising Dispute Resolution Technique?" as part of "A Gathering of Family Mediators in New England." Conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Council on Family Mediation, Westford, MA.
- May 18, 1995      "The Role of the Mental Health Guardian ad Litem" as part of "The Best Interests of the Child: A Training in Complex Custody Cases." Conference sponsored by The Volunteer Lawyers Project, Boston, MA.
- Nov. 4, 1994      "Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations" as part of "In the Best Interest of the Child: The Aftermath of Divorce." Conference sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem and Children's Hospital/Judge Baker Children's Center, Boston, MA.
- Nov. 3, 1994      "The Role of the Guardian ad Litem." Natick Divorce Center.
- May 1, 1994      "Understanding Destructive Relationships." Presented at the Metrowest Conference on Divorce, Framingham, MA.
- April 20, 1993      : "The Stages of Divorce." Presented at the Boston Bar Association, Family Law Committee.
- March 25, 1993      "Client Dissatisfaction: Is it You or the Client?" Presented at the Divorce Center's Professional Breakfast meeting, Newton, MA.
- January 20, 1993      "Psychological Stages of Divorce." Panel moderator. The Divorce Center, Inc., Natick, MA.
- Dec. 3 & 17, 1992      "The MMPI and MCMI: Compared and Contrasted Use in Psychological Test Batteries." Guest lecturer presentation to the Harvard Medical

- School - Trauma Center, at the Erich Lindemann Mental Health Center, Massachusetts General Hospital.
- Nov. 13, 1992      “In the Best Interest of the Child: Investigations & Interventions in Child Custody and Visitation Disputes. Conference organizer, panel moderator and workshop presenter “Custody Oriented Tests and Assessment Instruments.”
- Nov. 2, 1992      Presenter “Fathers and Sons.” Lincoln Library, Lincoln, Massachusetts.
- October 3, 1992      “The Mental Health Professional in the Courts: Child Advocacy as a Guardian ad Litem” presented at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology as part of the Professional Development and Continuing Education Program.
- Nov. 15, 1991      “The Guardian ad Litem in The Probate and Family Court: A Forum on Roles, Functions and Issues. Conference organizer and panel moderator.
- August 19, 1991      “Fathers in Custody Disputes: Perspectives of a Guardian ad Litem.” Presentation as part of the symposium “Men and Parenting Over the Life Cycle” presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association.
- Sept. 24, 1990      “Psychological Testing and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders.” Presentation as part of the in-service continuing education program at the Massachusetts Mental Health Center.
- April 23, 1990      “The Role of the Professional in Divorce and Family Restructuring. Presentation for the in-service continuing education program at the Eliot Community Mental Health Center.
- January 24, 1990      “Coping with Stress: Anger and Loneliness Following Divorce.” Presentation at Framingham Union Hospital.
- May 10, 1989      “Transition, Change and the Future: Families in the 90's.” Presentation at the Winchester Public Schools sponsored by the Community Services Agency.
- April 12, 1989      “After Divorce: Emotional Adjustment and Meeting New People.” Presentation to the Natick Divorce Center
- May 13, 1987      “The Father's Role in Divorce and Custody.” Presentation to the Natick Divorce Center.

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| May 4, 1987      | “Custody Evaluations.” Eliot Clinic Community Mental Health Center invited presentation.  |
| April 24, 1987   | “Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Myth or Reality?” University of Vermont Medical School, Visiting Scholar.  |
| April 17, 1987   | “Divorce Family and Custody Mediation.” Massachusetts Psychological Association Annual Meeting. Panel chairman.   |
| August 13, 1986  | “Sex and Single Life.” A presentation to divorced, separated and single parents. The Divorce Center, Inc., Natick, MA.  |
| January 29, 1986 | “Single Parenting: Its Effect on Children.” A presentation to divorced, separated and single parents. The Divorce Center, Inc., Natick, MA.                             |
| April 3, 1984    | “Listening to your child.” A presentation to parents. Lincoln Nursery School, Lincoln, MA.  |
| March 9, 1983    | “Behavior Mod: Structure and Limit Setting in the Home.” The Lakeside School.   |
| March 2, 1983    | “Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders and the Vietnam Veteran.” University of Massachusetts, Harbor Campus, Department of Psychology, Psi Chi Honorary Society presentation. |
| October 7, 1981  | “Learning Difficulties and Emotional Disturbance.” The Lakeside School.   |
| April 2, 1980    | “Developmental Issues of Emotionally Disturbed Children.” The Lakeside School.  |
| March 5, 1980    | “The Child and the Family.” The Lakeside School.  |

#### MEDIA APPEARANCES

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| March 8, 2001  | NewTV “Investigating the Child’s Best Interest.”                                    |
| April 3, 1994  | WSSH: “Divorce Help” on the Talk America Radio Network, (live, national broadcast). |
| April 11, 1993 | WMJX: “Bay State Forum.”  |
| March 21, 1993 | WBOS: “Who Protects the Children.”  |
| March 7, 1993  | WBCN: “Boston Sunday Review.”   |
| March 8, 1993  | WADN: “Coffee and Conversation,” (live).  |

- March 4, 1993      Nashoba Cable-Community Access TV “Psychologically Speaking.”
- Fall 1989            Taped appearance on “Ready to Go” a children's television program. The segment dealt with what children can do when their parents are in the midst of divorce or custody battles.
- January 13, 1988    WBZ-TV:      People Are Talking.
- July 22, 1987        WBZ-TV: People Are Talking.
- Nov. 14, 1985        WKOX:          Dave Scott Talk Show.

## PUBLICATIONS

Serving as a guardian ad litem. In S. Walfish (Ed.), (2010) *Earning a Living Outside of Managed Mental Health Care*. Washington, DC:American Psychological Association.

### White Papers

Child Custody Evaluations and Psychological Testing—Valid and Invalid Expectations.  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=18058](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=18058)

Cross-Examination of Psychological Testing.  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5081](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5081)

Forensic Psychological Assessment.  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5100](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5100)

Selecting Psychological Tests and the Experts Who Testify.  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5082](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5082)

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Explained).  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5101](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5101)

The Role of the Mental Health Child Custody Evaluator.  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5089](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=5089)

When a Test is Not a Test: Tests Without Forensic Validity.  
[www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=7704](http://www.hgexperts.com/article.asp?id=7704)