

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:

Georgia -- #PSY000633

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RECENT ACTIVITY:

Grants:

Hyer, L. & Lian, B. (2021) New Predictor Cognition Decline in Older Adults. Alzheimer's Foundation of America (\$50,000).

Lian, B & Hyer, L. (2020). New Predictor Cognition Decline in Older Adults, Health Care Georgia (\$50,000).

Presentations:

L. Hyer (2021). "Psychotherapy for Older Adults." SEPA (Southeastern Psychological Association), March 19 (3 hours), Savannah GA.

L. Hyer (2020). Role of Cognition in Psychiatric Diagnoses. Gateway Behavioral Health, May 21, 2020 (1 hour). Savannah GA.

L. Hyer (2019). Holistic Model of Care for Older Adults. Memorial Health System, October 2019, Savannah GA.

Current Position:

Professor of Psychiatry, Gateway Behavioral Health and

Mercer School of Medicine

Book In Process:

Psychotherapy of Older Adults: Empirically Supported and Practical. Cambridge Press.

EDUCATION:

- **St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ, baccalaureate in Psychology, summa cum laude, in cursu honorum, in cursu classico, 1965.**
- **Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, masters in Cognitive Psychology and PhD in Psychology, 1970.**
- **Internship: Lehigh University Laboratory School; Northampton County Prison; Allentown State Hospital, PA, 1968-1970.**
- **Diplomate-American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) 1984, 2017.**

Post-Doctoral Education/Training:

- **Clinical Training: Brooke Army Hospital, San Antonio, TX, 1970-1971.**
- **Post-Doctoral Clinical Psychology Training: Lyons, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lyons, NJ, 1972-1973**
- **School and Training: Alfred Adler Institute, New York, NY, 1972-1974, Certificate.**
- **School and Training: New Jersey Academy of Group Psychotherapy, NJ, 1974-1976, Certificate.**
- **Post-Doctoral Fellowship: Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Duke University Medical Center, 1979-1982.**

- **Institute for Advanced Studies in Personality and Psychopathology: Board of Advisors and Senior Fellow**
- **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Coordinator and Special Instructor**

SPECIAL Courses and Workshops (partial list): Formal semester courses.

- **Neuroanatomy course, Neurology Department, Medical College of Georgia.**
- **LISREL Analysis - Duke University Medical Center.**
- **Family Therapy Seminar - Duke University Medical Center.**
- **fMRI Course, Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard University Medical School)**
- **Hundreds of workshops have been attended under the sponsorship of the VA, UMDNJ, Mercer University, University of Georgia, as well as outside auspices.
The following is a partial listing of the topic areas of education workshops - assessment, dementia, psychotherapy, CBT, research, ethics, suicide, depression, dementia, biofeedback, stress, neuropsychology, family/couples therapy, posttraumatic stress disorder, hypnotherapy, alpha/theta feedback, EMDR (level 2), and multiple issues related to later life and posttraumatic stress disorder.**
- **Red Cross - Basic and Advanced Course, Mental Health Disaster Training, CPR**
- **Problem Based Learning – Trainer**
- **Cogmed (licensed health care provider)**
- **Use of GLM and Longitudinal models in SPSS/SAS**

- **HRV-Biofeedback**
- **EMDR therapist**

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS/ACCADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2020-Present:

Professor of Psychiatry. Memorial Health and Gateway Behavioral Health. Duties include courses in psychotherapy and psychological testing, supervision of masters level psychologists, management and supervision of psychology postdoctoral program. Privileges at Memorial Health (HCA), Savannah GA.

2007-2020:

Georgia Neurosurgical Institute (GNI) and Professor Of Psychiatry, Mercer Medical School. Duties include seeing patients in neurosurgery, psychiatry, bariatric clinics, and family practice, as well as teaching in the Medical School (2 courses). Research includes coordinating studies in GNI and family medicine, including 6 clinical trials and grants. Projects include EEG and MCI, LVAD predictors, bariatric surgery predictors, mediators of pain in older back patients, value of spinal cord stimulators, personality and its role in depression/anxiety at late life, value of MBMD and PAI in cognitively compromised older adults, efficacy of cognitive training in MCI, use of duloxetine and opioids in back pain patients. We now have an archive on memory, affect, and function for older adults. In addition, teaching geropsychiatry and geropsychology to geriatric fellows and medical students (clerkship) at Mercer. I have an appointment and teach and supervise Mercer PhD students (4) in Clinical Medical Psychology at the Mercer School of Medicine. I also run the Parkinson's Disease Program in Central Georgia as well as the Traumatic Brain Injury Program. In addition, we have a Memory Clinic (6 manualized sessions or Cogmed). I also teach the Brain and Behavior Course at the Mercer School of Medicine.

2013-Present:

Member of science committee of Alzheimer's Federation of America (AFA) to assist in policy regarding the science of the

disease

1998-2007:

Professor of Psychiatry, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), University Behavioral Health Care, Director of Geriatric Services, Brief Treatment Services, Edison. Other duties include director of outpatient services for older adults, the training of psychology interns and graduate students, geropsychiatric fellows (three), geropsychology postdoctoral fellows (two), teaching graduate level courses, and the procurement of grants.

Director of Psychology Assessment Lab at UMDNJ. Director of Clinical Psychology Internship (2003-2006)(APA approved). Conduct year-long seminars including Psychological Assessment (psychology interns), Geropsychiatric Fellowship Seminar (fellows and staff), and Geropsychology Training (staff). Direct long term care contracts with 4 facilities. This includes two Assisted Living Facilities.

Contract with New Jersey VA Health System to provide training on empirically supported treatments.

Perform WADA testing at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center.

Privileges: University Behavioral Health Care and Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center

Other duties:

**Monitor Outreach grants in Central New Jersey
Consultant to 10 clinical drug trials
NJ State Committee on Suicide
NJ State Committee on HeathEASE**

Special Contracts (current)

**Johnson and Johnson Parker Nursing Facility
Castle Senior Living Assisted Living Facility
Clara Barton Senior Living Facility
Soldiers Home of New Jersey at Menlo Park**

2000-2008:

**Professor of Psychology at the Professional School of Applied Psychology, Rutgers University.
Courses: Empirically Supported Treatments
Objective Personality Tests
Clinical Geropsychology**

1981 - 1998:

**Veterans Administration Medical Center, Co-Director, Augusta War Trauma Project.
Director, Geriatrics Clinic, VA Uptown Division.
Augusta War Trauma Project duties involves direction, treatment and research on trauma patients, the administration of Merit Review grants and a VA Cooperative Study, and the direction of the VA Outreach Program Contract Services for Vietnam veterans (COTR). Also, Coordinator of Geropsychology including the assessment, treatment and planning of older patients at this institution and the Medical College of Georgia. In addition, duties include the Coordinator of Assessment/ Psychotherapy of psychology interns for APA approved internship at the Augusta VA and Medical College of Georgia.
Direct geropsychological and trauma rotations. This position requires that I supervise three psychiatry residents and assist on dissertation committees of the School of Allied Health and Nursing (MCG). Special roles include Coordinator of Geropsychological Education, Director of Suicide Prevention Team, and Quality Control Coordinator for Geriatric Issues.**

1978 - 1998:

Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA (tenured). In addition to the duties noted above, they include the supervision of medical students, two seminars with psychiatric residents. Consultant to psychiatric wards on geriatric and anxiety disorder issues. Special duties include being a Member, Interdisciplinary Geriatrics Committee and

Coordinator of the Vietnam Veterans Contract Program.

1988- 1998:

Professor, Departments of Psychology and Social Work, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Duties included teaching courses and training students.

1982 - 1998:

Private Practice (part-time): Psychological services and consultation for adults. Psychological Services, 2247 Wrightsboro Road., Augusta, GA 30904.

1990 - 1998:

HCI Services, Inc. (Consultant). Duties include the running of seminars and development of manuals for psychologists in the assessment and treatment of long term care patients. In addition, management of healthcare in twelve-area nursing homes.

1978 - 1985:

Instructor in Psychology, Augusta College, Augusta, GA. Special consultant for new geriatric programs.

1979 - 1981:

Post-doctoral fellowship, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC. Responsibilities include: 1) Research assessing the psychosocial environment and its relationship to quality of life of residents in nursing homes, depression/cognitive decline among the institutionally aged, and psychopathology among the aged. 2) Clinical Training focusing on assessment and treatment of elderly patients at the OARS - GET Clinic, Duke University Medical Center. 3) Seminars focusing on the biology/psychology/sociology of aging.

1977 - 1979:

Staff Psychologist, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Augusta, GA. Duties include the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of veterans and development of special programs and

research on aging. Special duties: 1) Coordinator of Clinical Training in Psychology, supervise clinical psychology students and develop staff training programs (seminars, workshops, etc.); 2) Chairman, Disturbed Behavior Committee, direct and train hospital personnel on issues relating to suicide and violence; 3) Family Therapy Coordinator, coordinate hospital program in family therapy; 4) Research (described below).

1973 - 1977:

Staff Psychologist, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lyons, NJ. Duties include: treatment, diagnosis, and testing of inpatient population, research related to the psychopathology, and supervision of clinical psychology interns (including dissertation committee duties). Special duties include Chairman, Vietnam Era Committee (responsible for care of Vietnam Era Veterans) and Principal Investigator of VA Cooperative Study, "Characteristics of psychiatric programs and their relationship to treatment effectiveness." This last task includes the supervision of two research assistants.

1972 - 1977:

Instructor, Somerset Community College, Somerville, NJ. Courses: Abnormal Psychology, Social Psychology Group Process

1974 - 1977:

Instructor, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. Graduate Courses: Educational Psychology, Personality, Tests and Measurements

1974 - 1977:

Instructor of Psychiatry (Psychology), Rutgers, State University of NJ, Medical College. Duties involved coordination of psychological training with the medical school.

1975 - 1977:

Member, Board of Planners and Providers in Health Care, Somerset County, NJ.

1972 - 1976:

Consulting Psychologist, Stevens Institute of

Technology, Laboratory for Psychological Study, Hoboken, NJ.

1970 - 1972:

Captain, U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.

1970-1971--Intern Training, Brooke Army Hospital.

1971-1972--Chief Psychology Section: Kenner Army Hospital, Ft. Lee, VA. Mental Hygiene Consultation Section. Duties include the assessment and treatment of military personnel and dependents. Special duties involve, Director of Army Learning Disabilities and Guidance Center (focus on assessment and treatment of children with educational, emotional and/or neurological problems) and Director of "Cambrian House," 24-hour drug-free treatment facility.

1971 - 1972:

Instructor of Psychiatry (Psychology), Medical College of Virginia. Duties - supervision of medical students.

1967 - 1968:

Instructor of Psychology, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA. Courses: Child and Social Psychology.

1965 - 1968:

**Clinical Research Assistantships/Fellowship;
Instructor of Psychology, Lehigh University,
Bethlehem, PA.**

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES/APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES:

-American Psychological Association

Fellow, Division 17

Fellow, Division 18

Fellow, Division 20

Fellow, Division 29

Fellow, Division 40

Fellow, Division 56

**-Member, Alzheimer's Federation of America: Science Consultant,
2011-Present**

- Member, CONA (Committee on Normative Aging), American Psychological Association, 2008-2010.**
- Member, CoPTGP, Committee on Performance and Training for Geropsychology, American Psychological Association**
- Southern Gerontological Society, Membership Committee, 1985.**
- Senior Citizens Council of Augusta, Education and Planning Committee, 1985.**
- American Board of Professional Psychologists (ABPP), Examiner, 1985-1990.**
- Member, Georgia Psychological Association, 1982 - present.**
- Member, Southern Gerontological Society, 1982 - present.**
- Member, Augusta Area Psychological Association, 1982-1997.**
- Member, International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies**
- Member, American Association of Behavioral Therapy**
- Member, Georgia Consortium on the Psychology of Aging, 1986- present.**
- Member, Panel of Psychologists, Division of Rehabilitation Services, Georgia Department of Human Resources, 1986 - present.**
- Fellow, Gerontological Society of America**
- Member, American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA); Certified Group Psychotherapist (CGP).**
- Member, NJ-ACT, New Jersey Association of Cognitive Therapists**
- Member, New Jersey Psychological Association**

-Chairperson, Suicide & Violence Committee, VAMC Augusta and Medical College of GA

-Member, Care Management Consultants of Georgia

-Board member, Institute for Advanced Studies in Personality and Psychopathology: Board of Advisors and Senior Fellow

-Consultant: Research Triangle Park (RTI), Cary, NC.

-New Jersey Psychological Association, 1998 - present.

-Member, NJ State Committee on Suicide

-Member, NJ State Committee on HeathEASE

AWARDS/HONORS

Veterans Administration Mental Health Director's Award - 1993

Veterans Administration Superior Performance Awards (ten times since 1983).

Fellow, American Psychological Association (Div. 18, 20 and 29, 56)

Fellow, Gerontological Society of America (2005)

Outstanding Psychologist, Psychologists in Long Term Care

Award for Life Time Achievement (2005)

Mentor of the Year (Division 12), American Psychological Association (2007)

EDITORIAL POSITIONS:

Editor of GNI Newsletter. Georgia Neurosurgical Institute.

Clinical Editor, Clinical Gerontologist

Clinical Editor, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Journal

Clinical Editor, Psychology Service and Practice Reviewer

Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology

Journal of Clinical Psychology

Journal of Applied Gerontology

Journal of Aging Studies

Journal of Gerontology

The Gerontologist

Journal of Traumatic Stress

Journal of Personality Disorders

Journal of Personality Assessment

Psychological Reports

Professional Practice

Merit Review and HSR&D (VA) Reviewer

American Board of Professional Psychology Evaluator

NIMH Reviewer

Editorial board of EMDR Journal and Psychological Services