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## **VITA**

### **Education and Degrees**

- Ph.D. 1980 Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan  
Major: Clinical Psychology  
Minor: Developmental Psychology
- M.A. 1980 Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan  
Major: Clinical Psychology
- B.A. 1972 University of California, Santa Barbara, California  
Major: Psychology

### **Areas of Specialization**

Assessment and treatment of children, adolescents, adults, couples and families.

Divorce - dynamics, impact, assessment and methods of amelioration; 730  
Custody Evaluations, treatment of minors, consultation with and treatment  
of parents, Reunification Therapy, mediation, co-parenting facilitation, parent  
coordination, and consultation with attorneys.

Assessment and enhancement of bonding and attachment between children  
and caregivers.

Assessment and treatment of child, adolescent, and adult trauma – including  
resultant from sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, and other life events.

## **Professional Experience**

**Current** Clinical Psychologist in private practice (California license PSY 7324, issued January, 1982). Assessment and treatment of children, adolescents, adults, couples and families. Forensic psychology – assessment of children, adolescents and adults in the context of Family Court, including 730 Custody Evaluations (more than two hundred and fifty performed); dependency matters the context of Juvenile Dependency Court, including bonding studies (more than four hundred performed); expert witness testimony; consultation with attorneys; and presentation of workshops to law organizations on subjects interfacing psychology and law. Certified New Ways For Families facilitator. Consultation and workshops in the treatment of children and adolescents, crisis intervention, effective parenting, and optimal self-management.

Adjunct Professor, California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, San Diego. Teaching graduate classes in child and adolescent psychotherapy since 1984.

### **Past**

- 02/85-06/89 Psychology Director, Southwood Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center - Southbay, Chula Vista, CA. Development and coordination of pre and post doctoral psychology internship program and group therapy program; supervision and training of psychology interns; staff training; consultation with child, adolescent and substance abuse programs; direct services, including adolescent group therapy.
- 09/85-02/86 Consultant, California Center on Victimology, San Diego, CA. Program development, treatment consultation and psychological assessment of clients.
- 07/84-02/85 Consultant, Boys and Girls Aid Society, El Cajon, CA. Development and facilitation of adolescent substance abuse group; staff supervision in facilitating the group.

- 11/82-02/85 Clinical Coordinator, Adolescent Inpatient Substance Abuse Unit, Southwood Mental Health Centers, Chula Vista, CA. Development and coordination of unit program; staff supervision and training; group therapy with patients and their families.
- 04/82-10/82 Clinical Director, Morning Star, Encinitas, CA. Residential treatment program for adult schizophrenics based, in part, on a re-parenting model. Program and treatment development and coordination; co-facilitation of group therapy; training and supervision of doctoral psychology interns.

### Conferences, Workshops and Lectures

#### **Conferences**

Effects of Divorce on Adolescents. Co-presenter at the San Diego Chapter of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, November 2010 seminar.

Neurological Substrates of Attachment. Co-presenter at the San Diego Chapter of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, November 2009 seminar.

Controversies in Parent Alienation. Co-presenter at the Family Law Section of the San Diego County Bar Association, September 2009 seminar.

Family Conflict in Film. Co-presenter at the Certified Family Law Specialist Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association 2007 Spring Seminar.

Psychological Aspects of Family Law. Co-presenter at the Certified Family Law Specialist Committee of the San Diego County Bar Association 2006 Spring Seminar.

Interviewing Children. Co-presenter at the Minor's Counsel Subcommittee of the San Diego County Bar Association, April 2005 seminar.

Keynote Speaker for the 1997 California Association for Play Therapy Statewide Conference on Play Therapy.

The Role of Empathy in Working with Children. Presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 1996 California Conference.

Psychological Assessment in Custody Matters. Presented at the Certified Family Law Specialists' Conference, 1993.

### **Workshops**

Caregiver-Child Interaction Scoring System for Custody Evaluations. Presented to mental health professionals.

Psychological Assessment in Court Testimony. Presented to attorneys and judges.

Crisis Management. Presented for the San Diego County Department of Social Services, and at mental health clinics and psychiatric inpatient facilities.

Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents. Presented at mental health clinics and psychiatric inpatient facilities.

Strategic Self-Management. Presented to business and professional organizations.

### **Lectures**

Experiential Group Therapy with Adolescents. Presented to mental health professionals through clinics and graduate schools

Play Therapy. Presented to mental health professionals through mental health clinics and psychiatric inpatient units.

Effects of termination of parental rights on foster children. Presented to attorneys and social workers.

Effective Parenting. Presented to parents through schools and community organizations.

Single-Parent Parenting. Presented to organizations for single parents.

Substance Abuse in Adolescents. Presented to adolescents and their parents through schools and community organizations.

Managing Life Difficulties and Traumas in Adolescence. Presented to adolescents and their parents through schools and community organizations.

### **Research and Publications**

#### **Custody Assessment**

Stollak, G.E., and Volcani, Y. (2000). An adequate psychological examination in child custody cases. In N. R. Robbins, S. Bassett, and R. E. Lee (Eds.). *Expert witnesses*. Lansing, MI: Family Law Section, Michigan State Bar.

#### **Children's Psychosocial Adjustment**

Development of the *Parent Administered Child Test*<sup>™</sup> (the *PACT*<sup>™</sup>) (also known as the *Multi-Person Administered Child Test*<sup>™</sup> (the *M-PACT*<sup>™</sup>), a web-based measure of children's psycho-social adjustment.

Volcani, Y., Stollak, G.E., Thompson, E., Benedict, H., and Ferguson, L.R. *Children's Psychosocial Adjustment and Family Alignment Patterns*. Paper presented at the 1983 meeting of the American Psychological Association, Anaheim, CA.

Volcani, Y., Stollak, G.E., Thompson, E., Benedict, H., and Ferguson, L.R. *Children's Psychosocial Adjustment and Family Alignment Patterns*. Paper presented at the 1983 meeting of the American Psychological Association, Anaheim, CA.

Volcani, Y., Stollak, G.E., Benedict, H., and Ferguson, L.R. *Parents' Perception of Their Caregiving Behaviors and Children's Adjustment*. Paper presented at the 1980 meeting of the American Psychological Association, Montreal, Canada.

Volcani, Y. *Children's Psychosocial Adjustment as Related to Family Alignment Patterns*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation, Michigan State University, 1980.

### **Children's Fantasy Play**

Volcani, Y., Stollak, G.E., Benedict, H., and Ferguson, L.R. *Sandtray Play: Children's Fantasy Play and Parents' Perception of Their Caregiving Behaviors*. Paper presented at the 1982 meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Volcani, Y. *Children's Fantasy Play as Related to Caregiver Behaviors and Child Psychosocial Adjustment*. Unpublished Master's Thesis, Michigan State University, 1980.

### **Adult Psychosocial Adjustment**

Volcani, Y. The Tale of SAGAS™: Bringing Apperception Tests into The Cyber World (2000). *CyberPsychology & Behavior*, 3, 2:1-5.

Development of the *Self Administered Global Apperception Scale*™ (the *SAGAS*™) a web-based measure of adults' psychosocial adjustment.

### **Treatment Outcome**

Rusk, T., Goltz, B., and Volcani, Y. Crisis Clinic: Intake and Follow-Up Data. Paper presented at the 1971 meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association, Montreal, Canada.

## **Other**

e-Psychology – use of technology to assess and enhance psychological well-being:

06/09-present Co-founder and President of Effect Technologies, Inc., a software development company which has created a proprietary method of assessing the emotional impact words have on the reader or listener (www.effectcheck.com).

06/01-01/06 Founder and President of MyTreehouse, Inc., a software development company which focused on computer games for children that enhance their psychological, emotional and social competence.

10/99-01/02 Founder and President of Psychological Testing Services International™, a provider of empirically-based personality assessment administered through the Internet. Included in this is development of and ongoing research with the Parent Administered Child Test™ (also known as the Multi-Person Administered Child Test™), and the Self Administered Global Apperception Scales™, projective measures of children's and adults' psycho-emotional functioning.

Member of dissertation committees at the California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, in the areas of psychological assessment in custody matters; the effects of child-centered play techniques on parent-child relationships and children's adjustment; and interventions with socially inhibited children.

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Psychological Association

Association for Play Therapy

Association of Family, Court and Community Professionals

International Society of Mental Health Online

San Diego Psychological Association