

Vita

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Education

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Case Western Reserve University, 1972.
M.A., Clinical Psychology, Case Western Reserve University, 1968.
B.A., Psychology, Case Western Reserve University, 1967.

Clinical/Administrative Positions

Present	Senior Scholar, Center for Health Care Policy, Case Western Reserve University Co-Chair Scientific Review Committee and Clinical Consultant, Department of Defense Funded Kaptur Center for the Study of Returning National Guard and Reservists, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry Scientific Advisor, Department of Defense Funded Center for the Study of Rural National Guard Reservist Adjustment, Washington and Jefferson College.
1981 - Present	National Consultant, Disabled Veterans of America Private practice, Hudson, Ohio. Providing consultation to health care systems and employee assistance providers. Consultant to research projects.
2006- 2007	Member and Chair of Active Duty Subcommittee, Department of Defense Special Mental Health Task Force. The Task Force was chartered by Congress and appointed by the Secretary of Defense to review and recommend improvements in mental health services for active duty military and their dependents by May, 2007.
2003 – 2004	Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission. The CARES Commission was chartered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the capital asset and clinical needs of the Department for the next twenty years. The Commission conducted national hearings and issued a report to the Department and the Congress with recommendations for facility realignments and enhancements of programs.
1997 - 2002	Director Mental Health Care Line, VA Healthcare System of Ohio (VISN 10). Directed the Network Service Line for Mental Health. Responsible for mental health services at five major facilities and 22 Community Based Clinics, including 849 clinical mental health staff. Also responsible for strategic planning, program development and the refinement of delivery

- systems which focus on the population of veterans with mental health needs in the Network.
- 1989 – 1997 Chief, Psychology Service, Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
Chief of one of the largest, most complex Psychology Services in the VA system.
- 1993 – 1997 Director, Veterans Addiction Recovery Center, Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
Directed the largest substance abuse treatment center in northern Ohio and one of the largest in the VA system. The Center includes over 150 FTEE and a full range of standard and specialized programs for patients with addictions.
- 1990 - 1992 Acting Chief of Staff, Cleveland VA Medical Center, Brecksville Unit, Cleveland, Ohio.
Full-time Acting Chief of Staff at the Brecksville Division of the Cleveland VAMC, which includes 200 Nursing Home Care beds, over 160 inpatient Psychiatry beds, 160 Domiciliary beds, and large ambulatory care clinics for primary care, mental health, substance abuse, and homelessness.
- 1987- 1990 Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, Cleveland VA Medical Center, Brecksville Unit, Cleveland, Ohio.
Full-time Acting Chief of Staff for the Brecksville Division of the Cleveland VAMC.
- 1979 - 1989 Assistant Chief, Psychology Service, Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1974 - 1979 Chief, Drug Dependence Treatment Program, Cleveland VA Medical Center, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1972 - 1974 Staff Psychologist, Drug Dependence Treatment Program and Acute Psychiatric Units, Brecksville Veterans Administration Medical Center, Brecksville, Ohio.

Academic Positions

- 1989 - 2005 Assistant Clinical Professor, Psychiatry Department, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio.
- 1979 – 2002 Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychology, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

National Committees

- Chair, Advisory Committee for the Seriously Mentally Ill Treatment, Research and Evaluation Center, DVA HSR&D Field Office, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Co-Chair, Undersecretary of Health's National Committee on the Severely Chronically Mentally Ill, Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs Special Task Force on Mental Health
- VHA Observer, Task Force on Serious Mental Illness/Severe Emotional Disturbance, American Psychological Association.
- Member, VHA National Clinical Practice Guideline Task Force.
- Member, VHA National VERA Patient Classification Workgroup
- Member, VHA National Mental Health Quality Enhancement through Research Executive Committee
- Member, Executive Committee of VA Mental Health Field Advisory Board

Recent Scientific Activities

Recent Funded Research

Co-Chair Scientific Advisory Committee and Member Steering Committee, Kaptur Center for the Study of National Guard and Reservists in Ohio, Department of Psychiatry, CWRU.

Principal Investigator, The Impact of Provider Education on Implementation of Psychosis Practice Guidelines, VHA Health Services Research and Development Grant, Total direct costs = \$618,000, 1997-2002.

This project studies methods for successfully implementing practice guidelines for the treatment of psychotic patients who are comorbid for substance abuse. It includes innovative approaches to educating providers on the guidelines and studies the effect of these implementation strategies on provider behavior and the outcome of patient over the course of two years.

Co-investigator, "Reducing Alcohol Use in Patients with Hepatitis C"*, Neal Dawson PI, NIAAA, Total Direct Costs = \$1,430,500, 2002-2007.

Co-investigator, "Alcohol Screening and Management: A Controlled Trial," (N. Dawson MD, PI), NIAAA, Total direct costs = \$1,109,320, 1997-2002.

Chair, Advisory Group and Member Research Committee, Serious Mental Illness Treatment, Research and Evaluation Center, VA Health Services Research and Development Field Office, Ann Arbor, Recurring annual funding = \$390,000.

Co-investigator, "Brain Studies of Substance Abusers with PTSD," (W. Semple PhD, PI), NIDA, Total direct costs = \$830,768, 1998- 2002.

Consultant, "Rapid Cycling Bipolar Illness in Substance Abusers", (J. Calabrese M.D., PI), NIMH, 1997-1999.

Co-investigator, "Mental Health Providers Perception of Quality Indicators" (M. Valenstein MD, PI), VA HSR&D , Total Direct Costs = \$145,446, 1998-2000.

Publications

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