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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Human Development University of California, Davis	1992-2002
Master of Social Welfare University of California, Berkeley	1989-1991
Master of Science, Child Development University of California, Davis	1986-1989
Bachelor of Science, Human Development University of California, Davis	1981-1986

Professional and Certification Training

AFCC Fundamentals of Parent Coordination (16 hours)	December 2025
Beyond Parent-Child Bonds: Integrating Triadic Insights Into Child Custody Evaluations (3 hours)	December 2025
AFCC-AAML Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation, and Settlement (8.25 hours)	September 2025
Deposition and Trial Testimony Training (4 hours)	March 2024
Comprehensive Domestic Violence Training: Everything You Should Know and Understand (20.5 hours)*	January 2024
AFCC California Virtual Conference on the Importance of Early Intervention to Reach All Children (7.5)	February 2022
AFCC Fundamentals of Parent Coordination Training (16 hours)	December 2020
AFCC 14 th Symposium of Child Custody The Future of Child Custody: Stacking the Deck In Favor of Children (22.5 hours)	November 2020
Child Custody Evaluation Training (40 hours)	May 2019
Professional Confidential Mediation Training (40 hours)	October 2018

*This training exceeds the yearly Continuing Education Requirement for 2024

Continuing Education

Ethics and Telehealth (3 hours)	July 2025
Ethics and Boundary Issues (3 hours)	July 2025
California Law & Professional Ethics (6 hours)	May 2023, 2021
California Law & Professional Ethics (6 hours)	July 2019
Understanding The Impact of IPV on PPEs (3 hours)	May 2025
Child Custody Update Training (8 hours)	October 2021, 2022, 2025
Child Custody Update Training (8 hours)	December 2024, 2023
Bullying in Children and Adolescents (3 hours)	July 2023
Domestic Violence Update Training (4 hours)	January 2021, 2022, 2023
Domestic Violence Update Training (4 hours)	November 2025
Transgender & Gender Non-Binary Clients: Clinical Issues & Treatment Strategies	June 2021
Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals (8 hours)	December 2020
Detection of Deception (8 hours)	November 2019
Trauma-Informed Child Custody Practice (8 hours)	September 2019
Intimate Partner Violence, Parenting, And Family Functioning	April 2019
Assessing and Treating Battered Women, Batterers and Their Children (4 hours)	January 2019
Current Theory, Applications, and Research (8 hours)	December 2018
Abuse, Custody & Visitation	December 2018
Parenting Plan and Child Custody Evaluations -a Systemic Decision Tree Approach (8 hours)	November 2018
Fatherhood & Parenting (8 hours)	September 2018
High Conflict Families: Early Identification And Intervention Options (8 hours)	September 2018
Special Circumstances (8 hours)	June 2018
Interviewing, Assessment, and Testimony (8 hours)	April 2018

Clinical Experience

Licensed Clinical Social Worker:	1998 to Present
Qualified Private Child Custody Recommending Counselor	2020
Qualified Child Custody Evaluator:	2020

Subject Fluency

Life Span Social, Emotional, Relational, and Cognitive Development	Private Child Custody Recommending Counseling (PCCRC)
Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychotherapy	Couples Therapy
Parenting Challenges	Family Therapy
Adolescent Development	Grief and Loss

Parent/Child Contact Problems
Divorce Contemplation and Recovery
Blended Family Adjustment
Adoption
Child Abuse (physical, emotional & sexual)
Interpersonal Violence
Addiction
Calif. Sec. 3111 Child Custody Evaluations

Psychological Trauma
Assertiveness Skills Building
Boundary Development
Interpersonal Communication
Personal Growth and Awareness
Co-Parenting Counseling
Parent Coaching
Confidential Mediation

Mentoring/Teaching

University of California, Davis

Peer Mentor, academic years: 1993-96. Provided social and emotional support, general orientation, and guidance for undergraduate and first-year doctoral students.

Woodland Community College Foster Care Education Program

Foster Parent Continuing Education workshops: 1999-2000. Covered the contextual, developmental, and clinical issues in treating infants, children, and adolescents.

City of Davis

Tots to Teens Annual Childhood Mini-Conference workshop presentation 1998. Covered identity development in adolescence.

Yolo Connections, Sister-Friend Project, Woodland, CA

Staff development in-service training. Covered adolescent individuation and identity development.

Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis

Guest Lectures: 1996-1998. Delivered lectures on lifespan social and emotional development, adolescent development, and clinical assessment and treatment of adolescents.

Department of Psychology, California State University, Sacramento

Guest Lecture: 1997. Covered clinical, educational, and cultural issues in working with adolescents.

Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis.

Teaching Assistant: 1986-1989; 1992-1994

Research Experience:

Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis
Principal Investigator for dissertation research project 01/97-2002. Faculty Advisor and
Dissertation Chair: Marc Braverman, Ph.D.

Department of Human and Community Development, Laterality Laboratory, University of
California, Davis

Research Assistant: 1993-1997. Managed data sets, correspondence, and the production of
articles and grant proposals in this lab. Laboratory
Director and Faculty Supervisor: Rosemarie Kraft, Ph.D.

University of California, Davis, Medical Center, Child Protection Center, Sacramento, CA

Research Assistant: 1991. Interviewed children referred to the Child Protection Center for
medical examinations due to suspicion of sexual abuse. Principal Investigator and Faculty
Supervisor: Margaret Steward, Ph.D.

University of California, Davis, Medical Center

Department of Psychiatry, Sacramento, CA

Research Assistant: 1998-1999. Refined and implemented a coding system for videotaped
child interviews and medical procedure data for a study of 3 to 6-year-olds' memories of
painful touch.

Principal Investigator and Faculty Supervisor: Margaret Steward, Ph.D.

Publications:

R. H. Kraft, & L. D. Nickel (1995). Sex-related differences in cognition: development during
early childhood. Learning and Individual Differences, 7(3), 249-271.

R. H. Kraft, & L. D. Nickel (1995). Women in higher education: nontraditional students.
Proceedings from the 8th Annual International Conference on Women in Higher Education,
240-248.

R. H. Kraft, L. V. Harper, & L. D. Nickel (1995). Stability and ear advantage for dichotically
presented environmental sound stimuli: Development during early childhood. Perceptual and
Motor Skills, 80, 611-624.

Memberships

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

The American Psychological Association (APA)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Sacramento County Bar Association (Family Law Section)