

## Abbreviated Vitae

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### **Current Employment and Positions Held**

- 9/91 - present Founding Director and Staff Psychologist for Specialized Substance Use/Post Traumatic Stress Outpatient Program (SUPT) at the Fort Meade Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Fort Meade, South Dakota 57741. Responsible for all aspects of five-member clinical team that averages over 5000 visits/year. Duties include individual, group and couples' psychotherapy, clinical supervision and training of counselors and pre-doctoral students, administration/scoring/interpretation of psychological testing, Native American outreach and marketing to local community.
- 2/01 - present Clinical Consultant for "Community Transitions" a division of Black Hills Workshop, 1636 Concourse Ct, Rapid City, SD 57703. Provide clinical supervision, neuropsychological assessment and treatment plan review for this Brain Injury Rehabilitation Program.
- 12/94 - present Private Practice located at 3650 Range Rd., Box 2104, Rapid City SD 57709, Phone # 343-4550. Provide a wide range of psychological services with a speciality in cognitive and personality assessment.

### **Previous Experience**

- 9/99 – 10/05 Vice President - South Dakota Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. An affiliate of the National Council on Problem Gambling, the SDCPG provides statewide prevention programs, education, training, research and facilitates treatment for Problem Gambling.
- 10/95 – 9/99 Minority Veterans Program Coordinator (MVPC) for the Ft. Meade VAMC.
- 9/90 -8/91 Psychology Internship at A.P.A. Approved Fort Meade VAMC consortium in Clinical Psychology (total 2000 hour), included 670 hour clinical rotation at West River Mental Health, Spearfish, SD, 670 hrs. Neuropsychological testing & 660 hrs. acute inpatient Psychiatry.
- 1978 - 1990 Held various positions in the mental health field from therapist and psychometrician in Community Mental Health facilities (California & South Dakota) to Residential Care Manager for children and adolescents (Alaska & New Hampshire).

## **Education**

### Doctorate (Ph.D. - Clinical Psychology)

Received from the California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego, February 1992.

### Master of Arts (M.A. - Clinical Psychology)

Received from the California School of Professional Psychology, San Diego, May 1989.

### Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

Received from Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire, May 1980.

## **Publications/Presentations**

Elia, C., & Jacobs, D.F. (1993). The incidence of Pathological Gambling among Native Americans treated for alcohol dependence. The International Journal of Addictions, 28(7), 659-666.

Elia, C. (1992). Stimulus reduction and boredom in pathological gamblers. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation.

1990 - present. Numerous newspaper/media interviews and presentations given re/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as Pathological Gambling.

## **References**

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