

## **Biographical Summary**

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### **Academic**

I currently hold the RBC Chair in Children's Mental Health at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). I am a Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Toronto and Director of the CAMH Centre for Prevention Science (Located in London, Ontario). My previous position was Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at the University of Western Ontario (UWO), where I taught graduate and undergraduate courses in child psychopathology, family violence, and professional ethics in Clinical Psychology since 1980. I am a founding member of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and Children at UWO, and past President of Division 37 (Child, Youth, and Family Services) of the American Psychological Association.

I have broad research and clinical interests in abnormal child psychology, with a special focus on child abuse, domestic violence, and developmental psychopathology. I lecture extensively on the topics of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence, based on my own research as well as my knowledge of the field. I have authored or co-authored 15 books and over 100 journal articles on child abuse, domestic violence, abnormal child psychology, and the impact of early childhood trauma on later development in childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. Recent books include *Abnormal Child Psychology, Third Edition* (with E. Mash; Wadsworth, 2005), and *Child Abuse: Implications for Child Development and Psychopathology* (Sage, 1999).

### **Clinical and Forensic**

I am a Registered Psychologist in the Province of Ontario and hold a Diplomate in Clinical Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP), which was granted following peer review of my clinical abilities. I have maintained a clinical practice since 1981 involving children and adults, many of whom were exposed to traumatic events in childhood. I was the Chief Psychologist for the London Children's Aid Society from 1981 through 1995, where I conducted assessments of children and adults primarily in relation to child welfare actions.

I have testified in 38 civil and criminal trials regarded child abuse, adult survivors of child sexual abuse, child welfare, and effects of family violence on children. Many of these trials involved adults who had alleged being sexually abused during childhood. I have been accepted as an expert witness by the General Court of Ontario (Criminal and Civil Divisions), specifically in relation to the issue set forth in the current claim. In 1999 I was appointed by the Ontario Superior Court to be consultant to the liquidator for the Christian Brothers of Ireland in Canada, to evaluate claimants of Mount Cashel who were abused as children living in the orphanage.

### **Recent Honors**

In 1999 I was asked by the United Nations and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies to chair an international committee on Child Abuse in Peacetime. This effort, part of a larger UN initiative on the recognition and prevention of injury and trauma internationally, assisted the agency in establishing "best practices" for victims of various forms of trauma around the world. Expertise on the effects of trauma on children and adolescents was further recognized by the U. S. National Institute of Mental Health, for which I served as Chair of the Violence and Traumatic Stress Committee from 1997-1999. This committee was responsible for evaluating approximately 150 grant proposals yearly related to research on trauma. I am the 2005 recipient of the Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology from the Canadian Psychological Association, and the Outstanding Career Award from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (2000).