

Curriculum Vitae

GERALD SWEET, PH.D.

Forensic Psychologist

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

B.A. (Psychology)	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)	1970
M.S. (Clinical Psychology)	University of Rhode Island	1971
Ph.D. (Clinical Psychology)	University of Rhode Island	1974
INTERNSHIP IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Dallas, Texas		1973-1974
NIMH POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY University of Rochester Medical Center Rochester, New York		1974-1976
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY University of Massachusetts Medical Center Worcester, Massachusetts		1991-1992

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

1977	Massachusetts License #1873	
1977	National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology Certificate #21706	
1980	California License #PSY6350	
1992	Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Designated Forensic Psychologist	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995 - Present FORENSIC AND POLICE PSYCHOLOGIST
Behavioral Science Services
Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles, California

Responsibilities include clinical evaluation, treatment, and crisis intervention services for sworn and non-sworn members of 12,000-person law enforcement organization. Provide direct response to and management of critical incidents, including Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) hostage/crisis negotiation situations, officer-involved shootings, officer line-of-duty deaths, workplace violence, suicide, homicide, natural disasters, and other exposures to trauma. Consultation to Department command staff and divisional managers regarding administrative and personnel issues, organizational change and stress, risk management, and disciplinary proceedings. Consultant to Department's Special Operations Bureau (Metropolitan Division including SWAT, K-9, and crime suppression platoons, Air Support Division, and Special Operations Support Division). Consultant to the Department's Counterterrorism and Criminal Investigation Bureau (Explosives Unit, Special Investigation Section, and Counterterrorism training). Crime specific consultation to the Threat Management Unit and other specialized detective units. Department liaison for employees who are hospitalized for mental health evaluation and treatment. Training of Department command staff and supervisory personnel regarding organizational stress and intervention, risk management, will to survive, and violence prevention.

1995 - Present CONSULTING FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST
International Assessment Services
San Francisco, California

Consultation to corporations, educational institutions, private businesses, and other organizations regarding violence in the workplace and related personnel and workplace safety issues. Consult with human resources, management, and legal counsel to assess level of risk and to develop strategies for incident management. Interventions include interviews of employees and other affected individuals, threat assessment, consultation regarding sensitive personnel matters, and risk management strategies for individuals and for the organization. Training in threat assessment and workplace violence for management, human resources, and labor attorneys.

1995 - Present INDEPENDENT PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE
Los Angeles, California

Clinical and forensic practice centering on personal injury, workplace violence, organizational consultation, mental health issues for law enforcement officers, allegations of police officer misconduct, professional ethics and malpractice issues, risk management and liability prevention.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

1991 -1994 CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST

Framingham Heart Center
Framingham, Massachusetts

Consultation to a large outpatient and hospital cardiology practice regarding the psychological aspects of recovery from heart attacks and the process of cardiac rehabilitation. Worked with cardiologists and multidisciplinary staff.

1991 - 1994 CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST

Massachusetts Neurological Association
Boston, Massachusetts

Worked with neurologists, attorneys, and insurance company risk managers on a study of the quality of expert witness testimony in neurological malpractice lawsuits in Massachusetts. Provided psychological, forensic, and methodological consultation.

1989 - 1995 MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM IN PSYCHIATRY AND THE LAW

Harvard Medical School
Boston, Massachusetts

Member of a large group of mental health, medical, and legal professionals involved in the study and practice of health care and the law. Focused on issues regarding standards of care, clinical decision-making, risk management, ethics, malpractice, personal injury, competency, and expert testimony. Worked with Program members in the planning and teaching of continuing education programs and on research programs.

1986 - 1988 UTILIZATION REVIEW/MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Family Health Plan of Massachusetts
Framingham, Massachusetts

Consultant to health maintenance organization regarding issues of utilization management, quality assurance, and standards of hospital care. Worked with the medical director and administrator regarding the development of professional standards and credentialing. Consulted with hospital staffs regarding issues of treatment planning.

1983 - 1987 CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST

Northern Telecom Corporation
Marlborough, Massachusetts

Consultant to communications corporation regarding issues of individual and organizational stress, management-staff relations, and conflict resolution. Conducted training seminars about stress management, burnout prevention, and team-building.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

1981 - 1990 COORDINATOR OF PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES

Framingham Union Hospital
Framingham, Massachusetts

Coordinator for emergency room mental health services provided by a multidisciplinary staff in a 300-bed community teaching hospital. Served as interagency liaison to other clinical facilities, private practitioners, and law enforcement agencies. Supervised the clinical work of mental health consultants. Worked with Medical Director and Nursing Director of the Emergency Room regarding issues of training, security, and management of high risk patients.

1977 - 1995 INDEPENDENT PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE

Framingham, Massachusetts

Hospital and office practice focusing on consultation and treatment. Worked with adults, adolescents, and children. Areas of specialization included patients with stress disorders, issues of dangerousness to self and others, concurrent medical and psychological illnesses, and eating disorders.

1976 - 1989 CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST

Framingham Union Hospital
Framingham, Massachusetts

This position included clinical and administrative responsibility for psychological services provided on an inpatient psychiatric unit and on other clinical units in this general hospital. Member of the management team for the Department of Psychiatry and its clinical programs. Directed weekly treatment review and treatment planning conferences on the psychiatric inpatient unit. Provided clinical consultation for hospitalized medical, surgical, pediatric, and psychiatric patients. Directed the Pediatric-Psychiatric Liaison Service and consulted in Pediatric Specialty Clinics, including adolescent medicine and diabetes. Training and supervision of medical students, graduate students, medical interns and residents.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

1973 - 1974 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERN

Parkland Memorial Hospital
Dallas, Texas

1974 - 1976 ASSISTANT PSYCHOLOGIST AND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Strong Memorial Hospital
Rochester, New York

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS (continued)

1976 - 1989 CHIEF PSYCHOLOGIST
Framingham Union Hospital
Framingham, Massachusetts

1989 - 1991 CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST
Framingham Union Hospital
Framingham, Massachusetts

1991 - 1996 MEDICAL STAFF
Metrowest Medical Center
Framingham/Natick, Massachusetts

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1974 - 1976 INSTRUCTOR IN PSYCHIATRY (PSYCHOLOGY)
University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Rochester, New York

1977 - 1985 CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR IN PSYCHIATRY (PSYCHOLOGY)
Boston University School of Medicine
Boston, Massachusetts

1983 - 1995 ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY (PSYCHOLOGY)
Boston University School of Medicine
Boston, Massachusetts

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

1976 - American Psychological Association
Member of Division 18 (Psychologists in Public Service),
Division 41 (American Psychology and Law Society), and
Division 47 (Exercise and Sports Psychology)

1977 - Massachusetts Psychological Association
Promoted to Fellowship Status: 1986

1978 - 1995 Massachusetts Society of Clinical Psychologists

1995 - California Psychological Association

1996 - Association of Threat Assessment Professionals

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1978 - 1983 Education and Training Committee
Convention Program Committee
Division of Health Psychology
American Psychological Association

1979 - 1984 Cancer Care Committee
Framingham Union Hospital

1979 - 1986 Professional Standards Review Committee (Acting Chair: 1985-1986)
Massachusetts Psychological Association

1980 - 1981 Child Psychiatry Inpatient Unit Planning Committee (Chair)
Framingham Union Hospital

1981 - 1983 Board of Professional Affairs
Massachusetts Psychological Association

1981 - 1991 Child Abuse Evaluation and Review Committee
Framingham Union Hospital

1982 - 1984 Executive Secretary
Massachusetts Society of Clinical Psychologists

1982 - 1989 Quality Assurance Committee (Chair: 1982-1984)
Department of Psychiatry, Framingham Union Hospital

1983 - 1984 Hospital Practice Committee (Chair)
Massachusetts Psychological Association

1983 - 1990 Quality Assurance Committee
Department of Emergency Medicine, Framingham Union Hospital

1984 - 1985 President
Massachusetts Society of Clinical Psychologists

1984 - 1987 Professional Practice Committee
Subcommittee on Hospital Practice (Chair)
Massachusetts Psychological Association

1987 - 1990 Board of Directors, Massachusetts Psychological Association

1992 - 1995 Board of Directors, Massachusetts Psychological Association

1989 - 1990 Psychiatric Advisory Committee
Pilgrim Health Care

1993 - 1995 Legislative Advocacy Steering Committee
Massachusetts Psychological Association

RESEARCH AND FORMAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1971 “A comparison of impulse control in delinquent vs. non-delinquent boys.”
Unpublished paper
- 1971 “A comparison of social schemas in hospitalized schizophrenics, hospitalized neurotics, and staff.” Masters research.
- 1972 “The adolescent in group psychotherapy.” Presentation at Butler Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 1974 “Social schemas: An investigation of cognitive, perceptual, and developmental variables.” Doctoral dissertation.
- 1975 “A case of a mixed psychotic state with severe disturbance in mood, sense of identity, and sexual orientation in the setting of chronic drug abuse and unresolved grief.” Presentation at Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York.
- 1976 “The use of group psychotherapy in the outpatient treatment of separation, grief, and object loss.” Unpublished paper.
- 1977 “Strategies for the inpatient treatment of anorexia nervosa.” Presentation to the Department of Pediatrics, University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 1977 “The diagnosis and management of patient non-compliance.” (with Cavin P. Leeman, M.D.) Presentation to Grand Rounds, Department of Medicine, Framingham Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts
- 1978 “The clinical psychologist in a community general hospital.” Presentation to the 49th Annual Meeting, Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1978 “Postdoctoral training in medical psychology.” Presentation to the 86th Annual Convention, American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- 1978 “The challenge of medical psychology.” Presentation to the 18th Annual Meeting, New England Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1979 “The development of medical-psychological liaison programs on a pediatric service.” Presentation to the 50th Annual Meeting, Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RESEARCH AND FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- 1979 “Hypnosis in medicine.” Presentation to Grand Rounds, Department of Medicine, Framingham Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 1980 “Hypnosis on a general hospital consultation-liaison service.” Presentation to the 51st Annual Meeting, Eastern Psychological Association, Hartford, Connecticut.
- 1980 “Prevention of burnout in psychologists in medical care settings.” Presentation to the 88th Annual Convention, American Psychological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 1981 “Milieu therapy of adolescents.” Presentation to the Academic-Clinical Conference, Department of Psychiatry, Framingham Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts
- 1981 “Cancer: Its impact on the patient, the family, and the professional.” Presentation to the American Cancer Society Professional Education Program, Natick, Massachusetts.
- 1982 “Psychological aspects of Hodgkins Disease.” Presentation to the American Cancer Society Professional Education Program, Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 1982 “Strategies for introducing medical psychology in the community general hospital.” Presentation to the 90th Annual Convention, American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1982 “Emergencies and private practice: Responsibilities, resources, and interventions.” Presentation to the Fall Meeting, Massachusetts Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1982 “Psychological factors in illness and medical treatment.” Presentation to the 91st Annual Convention, American Psychological Association, Anaheim, California.
- 1983 “Hospital practice in Massachusetts: Current status and future directions.” Presentation to the Fall Meeting, Massachusetts Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1983 “Child safety: The psychological impact of the threat and the reality.” Presentation at Framingham Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 1984 “Anorexia nervosa: Strategies for inpatient treatment.” Presentation to the Academic-Clinical Conference, Department of Psychiatry, Framingham Union Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts.

RESEARCH AND FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- 1984 “New developments in medical psychology and general hospital practice.” Presentation to the Fall Meeting, Massachusetts Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1985 “Utilization review: A view from the hospital.” Presentation to the Fall Meeting, Massachusetts Psychological Association, Andover, Massachusetts.
- 1990 “Enduring approaches and recent developments in the treatment of anorexia nervosa.” Presentation to the Greater Framingham Mental Health Lecture Series, Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 1992 “Insane or evil: Understanding high profile crimes of violence.” Presentation at Framingham State College, Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 1995 “Dealing with individual and organizational stress in a large corporation.” Presentation to CALTRANS, Los Angeles, California.
- 1996 “Administrative and psychological dimensions of police misconduct and the disciplinary process in a large law enforcement organization: The Los Angeles experience.” Presentation to the 104th Annual Convention, American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- 1999 “Overview of workplace violence and threat assessment for labor attorneys.” Presentation to the Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker LLP law firm, Los Angeles, California.
- 2003 “The fitness for duty evaluation: Useful strategy or personnel minefield?” Presentation to the Lackie and Dammeier LLP annual conference on "Peace officer rights and association Leadership." Las Vegas, Nevada.