

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

- 2009 to present      **Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice**  
Specialization in Forensic Psychology and sexual offender evaluation. Contracted by The Joint Forensic Unit in Washington, the Attorney General in Iowa and other agents out of state to conduct Sexually Violent Predator/Persons (SVP) Evaluations and provide court testimony.
- 1992 to 2009      **Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice.**  
Specialization in Forensic Psychology and sexual offender evaluation. Contracted by California Department of Mental Health and agents out of state to conduct Sexually Violent Predator/Persons (SVP) Evaluations and court testimony. Contracted by the California Department of Mental Health to conduct quality assurance, evaluation consultation and training for the California Sex Offender Commitment Program.
- 1995 to 1999      **Consulting Psychologist, Sex Offender Commitment Program, Department of Mental Health, Sacramento, California.**  
Responsible for state-wide training of all clinical staff who perform Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 6600 (Sexually Violent Predator) clinical evaluations on inmates with sex offenses in California State Prison. Performed trainings for California District Attorneys, parole agents and investigators on clinical and legal issues in expert testimony in Sexually Violent Predator trials. Have also provided training to staff at Atascadero State Hospital on performing the clinical evaluation for recommitment of sexually violent predators. Provided training on administration of the Hare Psychopathy Checklist-Revised to the California SVP clinical evaluators. Personally completed over 185 sexually

violent predator initial evaluations. Have provided testimony in Superior Courts in numerous counties in California.

1994 to 1995

**Clinical Psychologist, Atascadero State Hospital, Atascadero, California.**

Clinical psychologist for Mentally Disordered Offenders committed to Atascadero State Hospital Pursuant to Penal Code 2962. Job responsibilities included psychological assessment and group psychotherapy. Conducted evaluations for determining suitability of the patient to be released to a conditional release program, parole or the community. Provided testimony to the California Board of Prison Terms and the San Luis Obispo Superior Court regarding dangerousness.

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**Staff Psychologist, California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, California.**

Member of outpatient treatment team with responsibilities for clinical interview, diagnosis and treatment of new arrivals to California Department of Corrections, Psychiatric Unit. Member of inpatient treatment team performing evaluations with acute psychiatric patients. Performed individual and group psychotherapy for inmates with psychological disorders. Clinical supervisor for psychology trainees in a clinical psychology doctoral program.

Responsibilities beginning in 1993 included Coordinator of Penal Code 2684 Program and Coordinator of Utilization Review. Job duties included performing clinical evaluations and recommending inmates appropriate for transfer to Atascadero State Hospital. Utilization review duties included reviewing inmates in treatment at Atascadero State Hospital to assess need for continued inpatient treatment.

1991 to 1992

**Staff Psychologist, Parole Outpatient Clinic, Fresno, California.**

Responsible for evaluation and treatment of California State male and female parolees with sex offenses, violent offenses and mental disorders. Conducted specialized group psychotherapy utilizing relapse prevention for sex offenders. Performed clinical evaluations, psychometric testing and emergency jail evaluations. Provided testimony to the Board of Prison Terms pursuant to revocation for psychiatric attention.

1989 to 1990

**Psychology Intern, California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo, California.**

1988 to 1989

**Psychological Trainee, San Luis Obispo County Mental Health, San Luis Obispo, California.**

1987 to 1988      **Psychological Trainee, Modesto Counseling Center, Modesto, California.**

1981 to 1984      **Director, Cardiac Rehabilitation and Fitness, Pritikin Center, Downingtown, Pennsylvania.**

Designed and developed a cardiac rehabilitation program that included therapeutic diet prescription, exercise testing and comprehensive education in life-style modification.

Administrative responsibilities included hiring and training of staff, development of policy and procedure, and supervision of daily operations.

1979 to 1980      **Director, Cardiac Rehabilitation and Fitness, Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.**

Designed, developed and implemented a new cardiovascular rehabilitation program, which included facility design, hiring and training of staff, and program marketing.

## **EDUCATION**

**Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology**, California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno, 1987 to 1990.

Dissertation: A one-year follow-up of a weight control study comparing behavioral techniques, nutrition information and exercise

**Master of Science in Psychology**, University of South Alabama, 1986 to 1987.

Thesis: A comparison of behavioral techniques, nutritional information and exercise on weight loss, body composition and lipids

**Master of Science in Adult Fitness and Cardiac Rehabilitation**, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 1978 to 1979

Thesis: The effect of propranolol on ST depression

**Bachelor of Science in Education**, University of Cincinnati, 1977

## **TRAINING**

**Human Sexuality Program**, University of California, Los Angeles, 1992 to 1993. This program consisted of education, clinical supervision and treatment of clients with sexual dysfunctions and sexual deviancy at the Neuropsychiatric Institute, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Phenix, A., Hanson, R. K., & Thornton, D. (2000). Coding rules for the Static-99. Corrections Research: Manual and Forms. Ottawa: Department of the Solicitor General of Canada
- Phenix, A. (2001). Sex offender risk assessment. Innovations in Clinical Practice: A Source Book: Vol. 20. Sarasota, FL: Professional Resource Press.
- Sreenivasan, S., Kirkish, P., Garrick, T., Weinberger, L., & Phenix, A. (2001). Actuarial risk assessment models: A review of critical issues related to violence and sex-offender recidivism assessments. Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law, Vol. 28, 438-448.
- Vognsen, J. & Phenix, A. (2004). Antisocial personality disorder is not enough: A reply to Sreenivasan, Weinberger, and Garrick. Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Vol. 32, 440-442.
- Phenix, A., Doren, D., Helmus, R.K., & Thornton, D. (2008). Coding rules for Static-2002. Ottawa, ON: Public Safety Canada.
- Phenix, A., & Sreenivasan, S. (2009). A practical guide for the evaluation of sexual recidivism risk in mentally retarded sex offenders. Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and Law, Vol. 37, 509-524.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Phenix, A. (March 1997,). "The evaluation of sexually violent predators." Forensic Mental Health Association of California. Asilomar, California.
- Phenix, A. (April, 1997). "The evaluation and treatment of sexually violent predators." California Psychological Association. San Jose, California.
- Phenix, A. (October, 1998) "Evaluating sexual offender's recidivism risk: Research reports and court testimony." Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers meeting. Vancouver, Canada.
- Phenix, A. (March, 2000) "Conducting risk assessment for sexual offenders." California Psychological Association meeting. San Jose, California.
- Phenix, A. (February, 2004) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment," American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, Dallas, Texas.
- Phenix, A. (February, 2006) "Science, Law and the SVP Controversy." American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting, Seattle, Washington.

## **INVITED ADDRESSES**

Phenix, A. (1997, June). "Sexually violent predators: Clinical evaluation and court testimony." First Annual California Sex Offender Treatment Conference. Berkeley, California

Phenix, A. (1997, October). "Sexually violent predators: Commitment issues." California District Attorney's Association Meeting. San Diego, California

Phenix, A. (1997, September and October) "Sexually violent predator training: Strengthening court testimony." Meeting of Los Angeles County District Attorneys. Los Angeles, California

Phenix, A. (1997, October) "Violent sexual predators." California Sexual Assault Investigators Association 19th Annual Training. Irvine, California

Phenix, A. (1998, March) "Sexually violent predators: Issues in trial testimony." California District Attorneys Association meeting at Atascadero State Hospital. Atascadero, California

Phenix, A. (1998, April) "Writing the Sexually Violent Persons Clinical Evaluation." Arizona Sexually Violent Persons Clinical Evaluators at Arizona State Hospital. Phoenix, Arizona

Phenix, A. (June, 1998) "Sexually violent predators. Issues in trial testimony." California District Attorneys Association meeting. Tahoe, Nevada

Phenix, A. (February, 2000) "Evaluating sexual offender recidivism." Florida Sexually Violent Predator Program training. Orlando, Florida

Phenix, A. (July, 2000) "Issues in court testimony for sexually violent predator civil commitment trials." Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association meeting. Orlando, Florida

Phenix, A. (October, 2000) "The Static-99." Alaska Department of Corrections. Anchorage, Alaska

Phenix, A. (February, 2001) "Determining Sex Offender Risk." Specialized Training Services. Las Vegas, Nevada

Phenix, A. (April, 2001) "Determining Sex Offender Risk." Specialized Training Services. Austin, Texas

Phenix, A. (April, 2001) "Determining Sex Offender Risk." Specialized Training Services. Portland, Oregon

Phenix, A. (May, 2001) "Determining Sex Offender Risk" Specialized Training Services. Arlington, Texas

Phenix, A. (May, 2001) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment." California School of Professional Psychology. Fresno, California

Phenix, A. (August, 2001) "Determining Sex Offender Risk." The Colorado Association of Sex Crimes Investigators. Snowmass, Colorado

Phenix, A. (October, 2001) "Psychological & Legal Issues in Civil Commitment," American Prosecutors Research Institute, Biloxi, Mississippi

Phenix, A. (April, 2002) Sexually Violent Predator Workshop, California District Attorneys Association, Santa Barbara, California

Phenix, A. (May, 2002) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment", San Luis Obispo Probation Department, San Luis Obispo, California

Phenix, A. (April, 2003) Sexually Violent Predator Workshop, California District Attorneys Association, Santa Barbara, California

Phenix, A. (May, 2003) Mentally Disordered Offender Training, Board of Prison Terms Deputy Commissioners, Sacramento, California

Phenix, A. (May, 2003) "The Dynamic Risk Factors for Sexual Reoffense," California Coalition on Sex Offending, San Diego, California

Phenix, A. (June, 2003) Mentally Disordered Offender Evaluator Training, Board of Prison Terms Clinical Evaluators, Diamond Bar, California

Phenix, A. (October, 2003) the Sexually Violent Predator Clinical Evaluation, Illinois Department of Corrections, Sexually Violent Predator Unit, Chicago, Illinois

Phenix, A. (October, 2003) Train the Trainers: Static-99 and the Stable-2000 and Acute-2000, Oregon Association for Community Corrections Directors: Statewide Oregon Sex Offender Supervision Network; Oregon State Department of Corrections; and the Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM), Salem, Oregon

Phenix, A. (April, 2004) Sex Offender Risk Assessment: The Use of the Static-99, Stable-2000 and the Acute-2000, Forensic Health Care, Oakland, California

Phenix, A. (May, 2004) Training in the Static-99, Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, New Mexico (scheduled training)

Phenix, A. (August, 2004) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment." Alliant University, Fresno, California

Phenix, A. (November, 2004) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment." California Department of Corrections Mentally Disordered Offender Unit, San Luis Obispo, California

Phenix, A. (August, 2005) "Scoring the Static-99." Pennsylvania Probation Department, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Phenix, A. (October, 2005) "Scoring the Static-99; Train the Trainer." Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Phenix, A. (October, 2005) "The Effect of Aging on Sexual Recidivism." California District Attorneys Association, San Luis Obispo, California

Phenix, A. (November, 2005) "Scoring the Static-99" Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Salt Lake City, Utah

Phenix, A. (February, 2006) "Determining Sex Offender Risk." Santa Barbara County Public Defender Office, Solvang, California

Phenix, A. (February, 2006) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment." Alliant University, Fresno, California

Phenix, A. (June, 2006) "Scoring the Static-99." California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Parole Department, Diamond Bar, Bakersfield and Gault, California

Phenix, A. (June, 2006) "SVP Evaluations and the Actuarials: What Every Defense Lawyer Should Know." Florida Public Defender Association, Orlando, Florida

Phenix, A. (November, 2006) "Scoring the Static-99." Coalinga State Hospital, Coalinga, California

Phenix, A. (May, 2007) "Field Application of Dynamic Risk Factors to Predict Sex Offender Reoffense." California Coalition on Sexual Offending, San Diego, California

Phenix, A. (December, 2007) "Issues in Court Testimony for Sexual Offenders." Atascadero State Hospital, Atascadero, California

Phenix, A. (February, 2008) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment." The Performance Institute, Arlington, Virginia

Phenix, A. (February & March, 2008) "The Static-99: Train the Trainer." California Department of Corrections, California Probation Department & Department of Juvenile Justice, five state-wide trainings

Phenix, A. (December, 2008) "The Static-2002." California Department of Mental Health, Sacramento, California

Phenix, A. (February, 2009) "Sex Offender Risk Assessment." The Performance Institute, Orlando, Florida

Phenix, A. (August, 2009) "The Static-2002." Georgia Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Atlanta, Georgia

Phenix, A. (October, 2009) with Hanson, R. K., & Helmus, L. "The Static-99(R) and Static-2002(R): How to Interpret and Report in Light of Recent Research." Paper presented at the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Research and Treatment Conference of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Dallas, Texas

Phenix, A. (February, 2010) with Epperson, D. L., & Burbank, B. "The Use of Actuarial Risk Assessments Instruments in Sex Offenders: Research and Practice." American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, Washington

Phenix, A. (March, 2010) "The Static-99R and Static-2002R and Related Issues in Evaluating Sexually Violent Predators," Concord, New Hampshire

Phenix, A. (January & February, 2011) "The Static-99R." California Department of Probation and Parole, Rancho Cucamonga, California and Sacramento, California

Phenix, A. (March, 2011) "Current Research on Assessing the Risk of Sexual Offenders." Virginia Sex Offender Treatment Association, Williamsburg, Virginia

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Psychological Association

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

California Psychological Association

Sex Offender Civil Commitment Programs Network