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Biography:

Born and raised in former East Germany, I completed a Master degree equivalent at Humboldt University, Berlin, in 1995. My doctoral studies were completed in California, at the Palo Alto University, where I graduated in 2002 with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and a specialization certificate in Neuropsychology. I completed predoctoral work in assessment/neuropsychological assessment at the VA Palo Alto, CPMC and St. Mary's Medical Center (McAuley Institute) in San Francisco. For post-doctoral work (2 years) I was invited to UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, where I subsequently was employed until 2008. Additional post-doctoral work in neuropsychological assessment included the VA Palo Alto as well as St. Vincent's School for Boys - a level 12 residential treatment center for mainly foster children with severe psychiatric challenges secondary to abuse and neglect. Since 2006 I have been in private practice in Oakland and Berkeley. I have supervised post-docs and served as a consultant at local clinics. I have been giving talks in the community, clinics and workshops at UCB extension and more recently retained as an expert witness in legal cases.