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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

- September, 1996 **Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA**
Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology
Dissertation: The Stigma of Infertility: An Analysis of
the Psychological Correlates of Infertility as a Felt Stigma
- May, 1989 **Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA**
Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology
Concentration: Counseling Adolescents and Adults
- May, 1987 **Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA**
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Scholar of the College Thesis: Self-Consciousness and Cognitive
Vulnerability to Depression

**LICENSURE/
CERTIFICATION:**

Licensed Psychologist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
License # 7276
Massachusetts Certified Health Service Provider
Certified Juvenile Court Clinician, I & II (CJCC I & II)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

- July 1, 2014-
present **Harvard Medical School**
Massachusetts General Hospital, MA
Instructor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry, Part-time
- December, 1997-
June, 2014 **Harvard Medical School**
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Instructor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry
- September, 1996-
November, 1997 **Harvard Medical School**
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Clinical Fellow in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry

September, 1994-
August, 1996

Harvard Medical School
Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
Clinical Fellow in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry

July, 1993-
June, 1994

Harvard Medical School
Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, MA
Clinical Fellow in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

2015 Partners in Excellence Team Award for Outstanding Community Contributions (Given to the MGH Juvenile Court Consultation Program by Partners HealthCare/MGH)
2014 Annual Richard W. Barnum, M.D. Distinguished Service Award (From the Department of Mental Health; May 29, 2014)
Division of Forensic Mental Health Award for Extraordinary Service (From the Department of Mental Health; June, 1990)

COMMITTEES:

December, 2014-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital Psychology Steering Committee
Meet with other psychology leaders in the MGH Department of Psychiatry to discuss current topics, collaborations, and mentorship.

September, 2007-
September, 2010

Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Committee (CJCC Committee)
Reviewed reports for CJCC candidates, and assisted in the determination of certification criteria for the CJCC process.

CURRENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

October, 2012-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Boston, MA:

Program Manager, Juvenile Court Consultation Program
Responsible for overseeing MGH Court Clinic contracts in both Suffolk County and Norfolk County, including financial aspects of the contracts, supervision of clinical staff, coordination of clinical resources, and development of collaborative relationships with DMH and the Trial Court.

Consultant, Law and Psychiatry Service

Conduct a range of forensic evaluations including parenting evaluations, and psychological testing. Offer associated expert witness consultation and testimony.

December, 2000-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
(previously through Children and the Law Program, now
through Law and Psychiatry Service/Juvenile Court
Consultation Program)

Clinical Director, Norfolk County Juvenile Court Clinic

Managerial responsibilities include supervision of Court Clinic staff, coordination of clinical resources, development of quality improvement initiatives, and development of collaborative relationships with community resources. Clinical responsibilities include conducting pediatric forensic evaluations and psychological testing regarding issues of delinquency, Child Requiring Assistance (formerly CHINS) petitions, Care and Protection petitions, Termination of Parental Rights cases, section 35 substance abuse commitments, and emergency mental health evaluations.

PREVIOUS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

December, 1997-
September, 2012

Massachusetts General Hospital, Children and the Law
Program, Boston, MA:

April, 2006-
September, 2012

Manager of Court Clinic Contracts, Children and the Law
Responsible for overseeing MGH Court Clinic contracts in both Suffolk County and Norfolk County, including financial aspects of the contracts, supervision of clinical staff, coordination of clinical resources, and development of collaborative relationships with DMH and the Trial Court.

December, 1997-
September, 2012

Staff Psychologist--Children and the Law Program
Conducted pediatric forensic evaluations and psychological testing regarding issues of child abuse and neglect, custody, guardianship, visitation, and attachment. Appointed as Guardian *ad Litem* for the purpose of such evaluations. Supervised post-doctoral fellows in pediatric forensic psychology.

July, 2004-
August, 2005

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Law and Psychiatry Service

Director of Training, Children and the Law Program

Administration and oversight of Post-Doctoral Training Program in Pediatric Forensic Psychology. Applicant selection, organization of weekly seminar series, supervision and evaluation of post-doctoral fellows, case and supervisory assignments, and teaching. Clinical responsibilities include forensic evaluations, clinical assessment, consultation, and psychological testing.

December, 1997-
November, 2000

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Law and Psychiatry Service

Staff Psychologist, Norfolk County Juvenile Court Clinic

Conducted pediatric forensic evaluations and psychological testing regarding issues of delinquency, CHINS petitions, Care and Protection petitions, and Termination of Parental Rights petitions.

September, 1997-
November, 1997

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Law and Psychiatry Service

Advanced Post-doctoral Fellow--Children and the Law Program

Advanced fellowship in pediatric forensic psychology. Specialized training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on issues of child abuse and neglect, custody, guardianship, visitation, attachment, and Guardian *ad Litem* appointments. Additional training in the use of psychological testing for forensic evaluations.

Advanced Post-doctoral Fellow--Norfolk County Juvenile Court Clinic

Advanced fellowship in pediatric forensic psychology. Specialized training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on delinquency issues, CHINS petitions, Care and Protection petitions, and Termination of Parental Rights petitions. Additional training in the use of psychological testing for forensic evaluations.

September, 1996-
August, 1997

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Law and Psychiatry Service

Post-doctoral Fellow--Children and the Law Program

Fellowship in pediatric forensic psychology. Specialized

training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on issues of child abuse and neglect, custody, guardianship, visitation, attachment, and Guardian *ad Litem* appointments. Additional training in the use of psychological testing for forensic evaluations, and in providing court testimony.

Post-doctoral Fellow--Boston Juvenile Court Clinic
Fellowship in pediatric forensic psychology. Specialized training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on delinquency issues, CHINS petitions, Care and Protection petitions, and Termination of Parental Rights petitions. Additional training in the use of psychological testing for forensic evaluations, and in providing court testimony. Served as clinical supervisor of Masters' level students from the Graduate School of Education, Harvard University.

September, 1995-
August, 1996

Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
Post-doctoral Fellow--Developmental Evaluation Center
Fellowship in developmental psychology through the Department of Psychology. Specialized training in the assessment of infants and children with developmental disabilities, including Pervasive Developmental Disorder/Autistic Disorder and Mental Retardation. Advanced training with the Sexual Abuse Treatment Team and the Consultation/Liaison Program for the Dialysis Unit.

September, 1994-
August, 1995

Children's Hospital, Boston, MA
Pre-doctoral Intern--Department of Psychology
APA-approved pre-doctoral internship in psychology. Rotations included Developmental Evaluation Center, Inpatient Psychiatry Unit, Sexual Abuse Treatment Team (Intensive Rotation), Neuropsychological Assessment, Consultation/Liaison Program with Solid Organ Transplant/Dialysis Unit, and Bereavement Program.

July, 1993-
August, 1994

MSPCC, Lawrence, MA
Fee for Service Clinician--The Family Counseling Center
Position focused on psychological assessment of children and adults, including court-ordered evaluations.

July, 1993-
June, 1994

Cambridge Hospital, Cambridge, MA
Testing Apprentice--Department of Psychiatry
Specialized training in psychological assessment of the adult

psychiatric population through the Division of Psychology.

September, 1992-
May, 1993

Chenery Middle School, Belmont, MA

Intern--School Psychology

Advanced Practicum Placement in school psychology for grades 6, 7, 8. Specialized training in child psychotherapy, psychological testing, and the provision of consultation services to parents and teachers.

May, 1989-
September, 1992

Center for Health and Development, Inc., Boston, MA

Director--Forensic Day Treatment Program at MCI

Framingham

Responsible for all aspects of day treatment program for women with chronic mental illness who were incarcerated or awaiting trial. Served as program liaison for the Department of Corrections and the Division of Forensic Mental Health. June, 1990 received the **Division of Forensic Mental Health Award for Extraordinary Service.**

September, 1988-
May, 1989

MCI-Framingham, Framingham, MA

Intern--Division of Forensic Mental Health

Masters'-level internship in counseling psychology. Provided clinical services to women with chronic mental illness who were incarcerated or awaiting trial.

May, 1986-
May, 1989

Eikos Community Services, Inc., Brighton, MA

Psychiatric Counselor--Eikos Community Services

Counselor in half-way house system serving adults with chronic mental illness.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

July, 2016-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

**Department of Psychiatry, Residency Training Program
in Child Psychiatry**

Seminar on Forensic Issues

September, 2012-
Present

Boston Juvenile Court Clinic Seminar Series

Routinely teach the following seminars: Care and Protection/Termination of Parental Rights Cases, Delinquency Cases and Risk Assessment of Juveniles, Section 35 Petitions and the Role of the Court Clinician, and Expert Witness Testimony.

September, 2010-
Present

Suffolk University, Boston, MA
Adjunct Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Psychology
(formerly, Graduate Program in Education and Human Services)
Human Sexuality (Fall, 2010 – Fall, 2016)
Group Counseling (Spring, 2011 - Spring 2017)

October, 2006-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Department of Psychiatry, Residency Training Program
in Child Psychiatry
Coordinator and Supervisor of Court Consultation Rotation

July, 1998-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Department of Psychiatry, Residency Training Program
in Child Psychiatry
Seminar on Child Physical and Sexual Abuse

January, 2004-
May, 2005

Suffolk University, Boston, MA
Adjunct Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Program in Education and Human Services
LifeSpan Development (Spring, 2004)
Research Methods (Fall, 2004)
Adult Development (Spring, 2005)

September, 1993-
May, 1994

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Department of Counseling, Developmental Psychology
and Research Methods
Practicum in School Counseling, Grades 5-12 (two semesters).
Internship in Counseling, Licensure Track (two semesters).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

May, 1997-
November, 1999

Yensrad Associates, Inc., Peabody, MA
Statistician providing data analysis and statistical consultation to the Southeastern Area Office of the Department of Mental Health.

May, 1995-
September, 1996

New England Medical Center, Boston, MA
Co-investigator for The Longitudinal Study of the Psychological Experiences Associated with Infertility, sponsored by the Department of Reproductive Endocrinology.

PUBLICATIONS:

Sugarman, M. & **Darsney, C.** (2002). Physical Abuse and Neglect and Sexual Abuse. In L. Finberg & R. Kleinman (Eds.), Saunders manual of pediatric practice (2nd ed., pp. 203-211). Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders Company.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Darsney, C. (September 12, 2016). Effects of Trauma on Child Victims of Sexual Assault and Sexual Exploitation. Presented at *4th Special Victim Counsel Child Course*, sponsored by The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Schmitz, P., Pratt, A., & **Darsney, C.** (June 16, 2016). Issues Related to Section 35 Evaluations for both Adults and Juveniles. Presented at *Update of Substance Use Issues and Forensic Mental Health Populations*, sponsored by the Department of Mental Health Forensic Services and University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Law & Psychiatry Program, Leominster, MA.

Darsney, C. (May 20, 2016). Child Maltreatment. Presented at *Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem Spring Conference, Allegations of Child Abuse in Custody Evaluations*, Lexington, MA.

Darsney, C., Fuhrmann, G., & Merritt, V. (May 12, 2016). Care and Protection: Overview and Role for Juvenile Court Clinicians. Presented at *Juvenile Court Clinician's Conference*, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (April 2, 2015). Section 35 Commitments: The Role of the Court Clinician. Presented at *Norfolk County Juvenile Court Substance Abuse Symposium*, Dedham, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (November 21, 2014 and December 4, 2015). Section 35 Commitments: The Role of the Court Clinician. Presented at *Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Specialty Training*, sponsored by the Department of Mental Health and University of Massachusetts Medical School, Shrewsbury, MA.

Darsney, C. (October 23, 2014). Section 35 Commitments: The Role of the Court Clinician. Presented at *Juvenile Court Department Fall 2014 Education Conference*, sponsored by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of the Trial Court Judicial Institute and the Administrative Office of the Juvenile Court, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (September 2, 2014). Understanding Adolescent Brain Development. Presented at *South Shore Vocational Technical High School*, Hanover, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (June 27, 2014). Understanding Adolescent Brain Development. Presented at *Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, Connecting for Success 2014*, Upton, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (February 25, 2014). Care and Protection Petitions, Parenting Evaluations, and Termination of Parental Rights. Presented at *Essex County Juvenile Court Clinic*, Lynn, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (June 28, 2013). Understanding Personality Disorders. Presented at *Department of Children and Families, Coastal Area Office*, Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (March 30, 2013). Psychological Testing and Child Custody Evaluations. Presented at *Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology*, Newton, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (February 5, 2013). Raising a Teenager is Like Trying to Nail Jell-o to a Wall, and Other Facts about Adolescent Development. Presented at *PAC Series, South Shore Vocational Technical High School*, Hanover, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (June 3, 2011). The Experienced Evaluator: Are We Experienced, or Are We Jaded? Presented at *The Maine Judicial Branch Family Division: "Communication and Motivation: Keys to Effective Representation of Parents in Child Protection Cases,"* Augusta, Maine.

Meyers, D., Esq. & **Darsney, C.** (June 3, 2011). Communication Toolkit Part II. Presented at *The Maine Judicial Branch Family Division: "Communication and Motivation: Keys to Effective Representation of Parents in Child Protection Cases,"* Augusta, Maine.

Darsney, C. (June 2, 2011). Empathy Exhaustion. Presented at *The Maine Judicial Branch Family Division: "Communication and Motivation: Keys to Effective Representation of Parents in Child Protection Cases,"* Augusta, Maine.

Meyers, D., Esq. & **Darsney, C.** (June 2, 2011). Communication Toolkit Part 1. Presented at *The Maine Judicial Branch Family Division: "Communication and Motivation: Keys to Effective Representation of Parents in Child Protection Cases,"* Augusta, Maine.

Ayoub, C., Blitzman, Hon. J., **Darsney, C.**, Kinscherff, R. (May 11, 2011). Beyond the CV: Expert Opinion for Juvenile Courts in the Era of *Daubert/Lanigan*. Presented at *Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE): "Juvenile Delinquency & Child Welfare Law Conference,"* Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (May 3, 2011). Juvenile Violence Risk Evaluations. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (March 22, 2011). Impact of Sexual Abuse on Children. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (November 9, 2010). Child Maltreatment. Presented at *Massachusetts Trial Court Office of the Commissioner of Probation: Probation Officers as Mandated Reporters*, Clinton, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (October, 2010, and January, 2009, 2007 & 2005). Termination of Parental Rights Cases: Legal Issues, Burden of Proof, and Parenting Evaluations. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (June, 2009). Parents with Mental Illness. Presented for the *Massachusetts Department of Children and Families*, Weymouth, Massachusetts and Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (November, 2008). Parental Mental Health: Its Impact on Parenting. Presented at *Massachusetts Department of Children and Families Statewide Legal Staff Meeting*, Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (September 2008, 2007, & 2006). The Role of the Guardian *ad Litem*: Category E & F Standards. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Lamacchia, J. and **Darsney, C.** (June, 2008). Developmental Implications for Juvenile Court Clinic Assessment and Recommendations. Presented at *Developmental Concepts and Issues in Law, Policy and Forensic Practice*, sponsored by the Department of Mental Health, Forensic Division, and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Leominster, Massachusetts.

Smith, D., McCrone, A., Smith, M., Quirion, P., Johnston, J., Huettner, S., and **Darsney, C.** (December, 2007). Paternity & Parenting: From the Basics to the Cutting Edge. Presented at *Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Inc.*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (December, 2007 & December, 2006). Assessment of Violence Risk and the Youthful Offender. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (November, 2007). Clinical Issues with Court-Involved Youth: The Role of the Juvenile Court Clinic. Presented at *The Internship Collaborative, Westwood Youth and Family Services*, Westwood, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (May, 2007). The Role of the Juvenile Court Clinic in Delinquency, CHINS, and Care and Protection Cases. Presented at *The Clinical Seminar Series, The Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C. (April, 2005, April, 2003 & May, 2002). Removal from the Commonwealth: Legal Issues, Implications for the Child. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Medoff, D., Shumaker, D., & **Darsney, C.** (March, 2005). Cognitive and Personality Test Data for Physicians with Disruptive Behavior: A Preliminary Report of a Reference Sample. Presented at *Society for Personality Assessment Annual Scientific Exchange and Workshops, Chicago, Illinois.*

Darsney, C., & Jackman, C. (March, 2005). Religious and Ethnic-Cultural Issues in Forensic Assessment. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C. (January, 2005). Pediatric Forensic Psychology in the Juvenile Court. Presented at *The Clinical Seminar Series, Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C. (December, 2004). The Best Interests of the Child: The Application of Attachment Theory. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C., & Grice, A. (June, 2003 & June, 2004). When Probate Cases Enter the Juvenile Court. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C., & Grice, A. (February, 2004). Religious and Ethnic-Cultural Issues in Forensic Assessment. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C., & Grice, A. (January, 2004). Forensic Evaluations in Juvenile Court. Presented at *The Clinical Seminar Series, The Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C. (December, 2002, May, 2002 & April, 2001). The Use of Props and Tools in Evaluating Sexual Abuse. Presented at the *Sexual Abuse Seminar Series, The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

Darsney, C. (April, 2003, April, 2002 & April, 2001). Axis I & II Disorders: Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Effect on Parenting Capacity. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Schouten, R., Reade, J., Medoff, D. & **Darsney, C.** (October, 2001). The Evaluation of Disruptive Physicians. American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, 32nd Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (April, 2001, March, 2000 & February, 1999). Custody Evaluations with Allegations of Sexual Abuse--Considerations. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C., & Carr, T. (March, 2001). Ethnic-Cultural & Religious Issues in Forensic Assessment. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (January, 2001). Supervised Visitation Issues: A Continuum for Protecting the Child and the Parent-Child Relationship. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (January, 2001). Care and Protection Petitions: Assessing Parenting Capacity. Presented at *The Clinical Seminar Series, The Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (May, 2000). Religious Issues in Custody Disputes. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (April, 2000 & April, 1999). Mental Illness and Characterological Disorders--Diagnosis, Prognosis, Effect on Parenting Capacities. Presented at *The Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (November, 1998). The Developmental Impact of Removal from the Home. Presented at the *Massachusetts Trial Court, Office of the Commissioner of Probation, Training for Probation Officers Program, "Conducting Field Visits on Care and Protection Cases."*

Darsney, C. (June, 1998). Making Sense of Sexual Abuse Evaluations. Presented at *The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic*, Boston, Massachusetts.

Darsney, C. (January, 1998). The Role of the Guardian ad Litem. Presented at *The Clinical Seminar Series, The Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Psychological Association

Society for Personality Assessment

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children