

**Samantha Smithstein, Psy.D.**

Clinical & Forensic Psychologist

License No. Psy19074

**EDUCATION**

Psy.D. Clinical Psychology, December 2000  
California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA

M.A. Clinical Psychology, Spring 1997  
California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA

B.A. Psychology/Social Science, Spring 1990  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Psychological Association (APA), Member  
Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Clinical Member  
California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO), Member

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Co-Founder & Director** 01.10 – Present

*Pathways Institute for Impulse Control*  
San Francisco, CA

Co-developed treatment program, including comprehensive group therapy curriculum. Provide assessment and treatment of individuals with impulse control disorders, including: compulsive stealing, sexually compulsive behavior (and sexual offending), internet and electronic gaming compulsivity, learning disorders, youth and partners of the above. Provide consultation, supervision, and training to those working with or supervising these individuals, including treatment providers, legal experts, graduate programs, and parole and probation departments. <http://www.pathwaysinstitute.net/>

**Clinical & Forensic Psychologist** 6.01 – Present

*Private Practice*  
San Francisco, CA

Provide outpatient individual therapy and assessment to adults, adolescents, and children with a range of psychological issues and functioning; specialization in issues related to relationship and attachment, trauma, parenting, and issues related to sexuality, including LGBT related

issues. Provide clinical and assessment consultation and supervision.

<http://www.samanthasmithstein.com/>

Provided evaluation and testimony related to mental condition and risk potential of sexual and violent offenders, including for the California Sexual Offender Commitment Program (SOCP) from 2006-2010. Provided psychological evaluation and risk assessment evaluations of patients at Coalinga State Hospital (CSH) in 2010. Personally completed close to 200 comprehensive psychological/risk assessments.

**Program Coordinator**

9.01 – 01.07

*Sharper Future Program*

*Pacific Forensic Associates, Inc.*

San Francisco, CA

Conducted formal psychological and forensic evaluations of violent and sexual offenders, adults and youths. Facilitated outpatient, group and individual therapy with adult (male and female) and adolescent sexual and violent offenders, including substance abuse and dependence. Helped develop cognitive-behavioral group therapy curriculum. Provided testimony and administered and interpreted sexual offender-specific instruments. Provided staff and community trainings in areas of specialization. Coordinated treatment for Federal and County Probationers. Selected, supervised and trained staff and trainees in intern program. Interfaced with probation and parole departments and legal experts.

**Child Therapist**

7.96-10.01

*Burt Children's Center*

San Francisco, CA

Provided in-depth therapy for violent and self-abusive (SED) children, ages 4-12, physically and sexually traumatized in infancy and/or early childhood, who reside in a psychiatric treatment center (Level 12). Supervised and facilitated family contact and interface with family court. Facilitated team treatment approach. Provided weekly supervision and quarterly trainings for interns.

**Psychology Intern**

7.00-6.01

*McAuley Institute*

St. Mary's Medical Center

San Francisco, CA

Provided individual and group therapy, psychotropic medication evaluation, and psychological testing for adults and adolescents, ranging from high functioning to recently hospitalized DSM Axis I and II diagnosed patients, through Outpatient Clinic and Partial Hospitalization Program.

**Psychology Intern**

9.97-7.98

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*Center for Special Problems*

Department of Social Services

San Francisco, CA

Provided psychological assessment, individual and group therapy for adult perpetrators and victims of domestic violence and/or sex offenses, dual diagnosis of HIV and substance abuse, sexual and gender identity (transgender), and the severely mentally ill client with any of the above issues. Interfaced with probation and parole depts.

**Psychological Trainee**

9.95-9.96

*OMI Family Center*, point of entry SF County Mental Health, San Francisco, CA

**Psychological Trainee**

9.94-8.95

*Integral Counseling Center, Pierce St.*, low fee counseling center, San Francisco, CA

Was invited back to participate in supervisors training program.

**Residential Treatment Counselor**

9.93-6.94

*Benita House*, group home for adolescent girls, San Francisco, CA

**Staff Counselor**

12.92

*Brotherhood/Sisterhood USA*, adolescent retreat on racism, prejudice and conflict, Los Angeles, CA

**Training Coordinator/Counselor**

8.90-6.93

*Su Casa Family Crisis & Support Center*, domestic violence shelter & outreach program,

**Counselor**

8.89-5.90

*Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center*, hotline/emergency room crisis response, Ann Arbor, MI

**CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS**

05.10 Sexual Addiction & Sexual Offending: A Growing and Dangerous Relationship – (co-presenter) California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO), Regional Conference, San Diego, CA

11.09 CBT, Psychodynamic Treatment, and Risk Factors: A Two-Pronged Approach – Sharper Future, San Francisco, CA

03.08 Attachment Styles and Sexual Offending – Sharper Future, San Francisco, CA

05.07 Outpatient Treatment of Rapists: An Exploratory Investigation and Some Clinical

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Recommendations – (co-presenter) California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO), Regional Conference, San Diego, CA

09.06 Sexual Offending: Evaluations, Diagnosis, and Treatment – (co-presenter) Bay Area Federal Probation Departments, San Francisco, CA

05.05 Exploring Relapse Prevention for Sexual Offenders in the Modern Age: Pros and Cons of a “Harm Reduction” Approach to the Internet – California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO), Regional Conference, San Diego

05.04 The Sexual History Disclosure and Polygraph as Treatment Tools – (co-presenter) California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO), Regional Conference, San Francisco

02.04 Juvenile Sexual Offenders: Assessment and Treatment – Sharper Future, San Fran., CA

01.04 Diagnosis and Treatment of Sexual Offenders – (co-presenter) Seneca Center CEU Workshop, Emeryville, CA

01.03 Diagnosis and Treatment of Sexual Offenders – University of San Francisco, Counseling Center, San Francisco, CA

## RELEVANT TRAININGS

05.10 California Coalition on Sexual Offending 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference (16.5 hrs), Multiple presenters, San Diego, CA

12.09 Static Risk Assessment: Understanding and Applying the 2009 Norms, David Thornton, Ph.D. and Leslie Helmus, Sacramento, CA

10.08 Microexpression Training Tool 2 (METT2) Training, Paul Ekman Group, CA

01.08 Stable 2007 (16 hours), Andrew Harris, Ph.D., Shell Beach, CA

12.07 The Interaction between DSM-IV and the Legal Diagnosis of Mental Disorders (8 hrs), Allen Frances, M.D., Shell Beach, CA

11.07 Association for Treatment of Sex Abusers 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference (12 hrs), Multiple Presenters, San Diego, CA

04.07 Sex Offender Risk Assessment: New Research and Methods (16 hrs), R. Karl Hanson, SAMANTHA SMITHSTEIN, PSY.D.

Ph.D., Shell Beach, CA

- 04.07 Court Testimony in Sex Offender Cases (8 hrs), Amy Phenix, Ph.D., Dale Arnold, Ph.D., and Cameron Page, J.D., Shell Beach, CA
- 03.07 PCL-R: Review of Research, Clinical Use and Case Application (16 hrs), Shoba Sreenivasan, Ph.D., Morrow Bay, CA (incl. scoring 7 cases for inter-rater reliability)
- 12.06 Sex Offender Commitment Program Evaluator Training (16 hrs), Amy Phenix, Ph.D., Morrow Bay, CA
- 05.07 California Coalition on Sexual Offending 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference (16.5 hrs), Multiple presenters, San Diego, CA
- 05.06 California Coalition on Sexual Offending 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference (16.5 hrs), Multiple presenters, San Francisco, CA
- 05.05 California Coalition on Sexual Offending 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference (16.5 hrs), Multiple presenters, San Diego, CA

## PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2007 Co-Researcher  
Outpatient Treatment of Rapists: An Exploratory Investigation  
Sharper Future, San Francisco, CA
- 2000 Lead Co-Researcher  
The Process of Regression in Residential Care: Treatment of Severely Abused Children with Disturbed Attachment, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Fran., CA
- 1990 Domestic Violence Certification, Para-professional Counselor  
Su Casa Family Crisis & Support Center, Artesia, CA
- 1988 Sexual Assault Certification, Para-professional Counselor  
Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness Center, Ann Arbor, MI

## PUBLISHING

*Psychology Today*: What The Wild Things Are: Understandings of Self, Awareness, and Mental Health in an Ever-Changing World

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/what-the-wild-things-are>

*San Francisco Examiner.com*: San Francisco Modern Psychology Examiner

<http://www.examiner.com/x-35577-SF-Modern-Psychology-Examiner>

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