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Academic Qualifications:

B.Sc.	Education	University of Connecticut
M.Sc.	Educational Psychology	Southern Connecticut State University
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Psy.D.	Counselling Psychology	Heed University, Florida

Certified to Practice Educational Psychology: New York, Connecticut

Publications:

The Essential Guide to Special Education in Ireland, 1st Edition, Primary ABC, 2005
The Essential Guide to Teaching Children with Autism in Mainstream Classrooms, C. J. Fallon,
 in press

Numerous publications in journals and newspapers including:

Special Education in Secondary Schools, Irish Times Educational Supplement, September 2008

Radio presenter, The Parenting Show, Moncrief, Newstalk Radio, Dublin

Regular Presenter-The Mooney Show, RTE, Ireland

Several national television broadcasts-ADHD-Prime Time, RTE, Ireland

PG Plus Series, RTE, Ireland

Morning Ireland-TV3 Ireland

I am a consultant psychologist with 30 years experience in both clinical and educational settings. Before coming to Ireland eleven years ago I worked for 18 years as an educational psychologist in a public school system in Connecticut, working at every level of schooling from pre-school to secondary school. In that capacity I provided consultation and continuing education provision to special education and mainstream classroom teachers. I am certified to practice educational psychology in the States of Connecticut and New York and am qualified to be an Associate Member of the American Psychological Association.

Before commencing work as an educational psychologist I was employed in the psychiatric in-patient and out-patient unit of a large general hospital in Waterbury CT. In that capacity I coordinated a treatment team dealing with the full range of serious psychiatric illnesses in adolescents and adults. I also conducted individual, group, family and multiple family therapy sessions. I have been consultant psychologist to a residential drug treatment facility located in Watertown, CT as well. For many years I worked in private practice with a forensic psychiatrist in Prospect, CT where we treated and assessed out-patients. A large part of that practice was directed at court ordered assessments of adolescents and adults facing criminal charges ranging

from arson, paedophile activity, homicide and assessments related to traumatic stress disorders. I have assessed dozens of criminal offenders for the courts in Connecticut.

I am a certified practitioner in clinical hypnosis by the Morton Prince Centre for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis in New York City and attended certificate courses in Rational Emotive Therapy at the Albert Ellis Institute in New York as well. I have introductory and intermediate certificates from the Ralph Reitan Neuropsychological Institute. I have completed over 300 hours of supervised internship in both counselling and clinical psychology, including a one year internship at St. Mary's Hospital out-patient mental health clinic, Waterbury, Ct.

I hold two Master's degrees in psychology (counselling and educational) and a doctorate degree in counselling psychology. I have completed post-doctoral studies in the psychology of spirituality.

I have been lecturing at a primary teacher training college, the Froebel College of Education, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Dublin, in special education for the past ten years before entering full-time private practice as a consultant psychologist. Currently I lecture on the master's degree programme in educational psychology at University College Dublin and have provided teaching practice supervision for St. Patrick's College of Education and been engaged in course development in educational psychology, tutoring and teaching practice supervision for Hibernia College (primary teacher training college in Dublin) where I wrote the Educational Psychology online course and serve as the lead tutor on that course. At Hibernia College I also provide tutoring in the area of special education for Higher Diploma students preparing to become primary school teachers.

I have for many years provided in-service development courses for special education and mainstream classroom teachers here in Ireland. During the course of my employment at the Froebel College of Education I created a post-graduate diploma course in special education and a master's degree course in special education in association with Roehampton University, London. I served as the course director for both programmes. I have been involved in the area of whole-school development, with a focus on special education, for many years here in Ireland and have worked with hundreds of primary and secondary schools. I have also provided training in the area of the writing of Individual Educational Plans to these schools. A particular area of my CPD and pre-service involvement with primary and secondary school teachers has revolved around teaching children with ADHD.

I have supervised teachers in the pre-service placement in over one hundred national schools. I have also supervised special education teachers at both primary and secondary school levels. I have also been a presenter at several hundred workshops for parents of children with special education needs, working for the National Parents Council-Primary in that capacity and have worked for the Irish National Teacher's Organisation as a presenter in national seminars on the topic of "Challenging Behaviour". As part of my work as a teaching practice supervisor for three colleges of education I have visited, over the past ten years, hundreds of schools across the country supervising teachers in every class from junior infants to sixth. In this capacity I observe their teaching methodology and pay special attention to their ability to differentiate instruction for the needs of children with special education conditions.

I am the author of the book “*The Essential Guide to Special Education in Ireland*”, published by Primary ABC (soon to be in its 2nd edition) and the author of the forthcoming book, to be published by C. J. Fallon “*Teaching Children with Autism in Mainstream Classrooms*”. I have been a recognised expert witness in dozens of High Court cases adjudicating special education issues that involve Autism and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). I have also provided expert witness testimony in several criminal proceedings in the Circuit Court. I am a recognised expert by the High Court of Northern Ireland in special education and child custody cases.

Currently I am the educational consultant to the Tourette’s Syndrome Association of Ireland and expertise to HADD (Hyperactivity Attention Deficit Disorder) family support group. I was for many years a member of the Editorial Board of REACH, the journal of the Irish Association of Special Education Teachers and have presented seminars and workshops at numerous national and international conferences, written numerous articles for professional and lay journals/magazines, and lectured internationally in Spain, Hungary, Greece, Kenya, the UK, Estonia, Latvia, East Africa and America. I have recently been appointed to the Board of directors of Extern and Extern Ireland, a registered charity providing a variety of services including personal and family support to people in need, including people with emotional and behavioural disorders, challenging behaviour, criminal offending histories, family distress and trauma related conditions.

I have recently returned from Nairobi Kenya where I lectured on the topic, “Understanding and Educating Traumatized Children and Adolescents.” I am now a regular contributor to *Education Insight*, an East African publication on educational and child care issues. I am now in full-time private practice at the Owen Connolly Counselling Centre in Stillorgan, Dublin. My next lecture series in Nairobi, on the topics of Autism in the Classroom, Learning Difficulties in Mainstream Schools and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder will be in December 2013.

During the course of my career I have assessed over 2,000 children, adolescents and adults for a variety of conditions including dyslexia, ADHD, autism, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Conduct Disorder the full range of psychiatric illnesses and forensic assessment of criminal offenders, post-traumatic stress disorder and depression.

I have been associated with the Irish National Teachers Organisation as a trainer for many years and recently completed all the national training in the seminar series entitled “Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviour” I completed, for the INTO, all the national training for the “Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage” intervention programme in the first years of its introduction, 1997-1998.

My experience in clinical psychology began when employed in the psychiatric facilities named above and in private practice with a forensic psychiatric as mentioned above. In that capacity I have assessed clinically and for medico-legal purposes a large number of clients with stress related and anxiety related conditions. I have considerable experience in assessing and treating clients with post-traumatic stress disorder, acute stress disorder and continue to lecture internationally on these topics.

Currently I lecture on attachment theory, cognitive behaviour therapy and adolescent psychopathology at University College Dublin in the Master's programme in Educational Psychology. In addition I have assessed numerous parent/child relationships for court proceedings related to marital breakdown and separation.

I maintain an active private practice and involvement in court work providing expert testimony. Recent cases have involved attachment issues between asylum seeking immigrants and their Irish born children, traumatic stress of asylum seekers trafficked to Ireland for the sex industry, family custody issues and ADHD related criminal offenses.