

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

B.A., Brooklyn College. 1964

PhD, New York University, 1973

Certificate in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. New York University, Department of Psychology, Postdoctoral Training Program in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy, 1983

New York State Licensed Psychologist

### Faculty Position

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. Associate Professor of Psychology, 1981 - present; /Assistant Professor, 1974 - 1981.

### PUBLICATIONS

Leftoff, S. and Fried, A. Thinking. In B. Wolman (Ed.) International Encyclopedia of Neurology, Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Psychology. New York: Macmillan, 1977.

Fried, A. and Leftoff, S. Reasoning. In B. Wolman (Ed.) International Encyclopedia of Neurology, Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Psychology. New York: Macmillan, 1977.

Leftoff, S. Perceptual retraining in an adult cerebral palsy patient: A case of a deficit in cross-modal equivalence. Journal of Clinical Neuropsychology. 1, 3, 1979, 227 -237.

Leftoff, S. Learning functions for unilaterally brain damaged patients for serially and randomly ordered stimulus material: Analysis of retrieval strategies and their relationship to rehabilitation. Journal of Clinical Neuropsychology. 3, 4, 1981, 301 -313.

Leftoff, S. Psychopathology in the light of brain injury: A case study. Journal of Clinical Neuropsychology. 5, 1, 1983, 51 - 63.

Leftoff, S. Professionalism of criminal justice workers: Women in policing. Proceedings of the First International Conference on Crime, Justice and Public Order. New York, 1993.

Buddenhagen, A. and Leftoff, S. An educational model of cross-cultural criminal justice Security Journal, 11, 1998, 131 - 132.

Leftoff, S. Healing practices: Writing Chinese culture(s) on the body: confirming identity, creating identity. Fulbright Summer Seminars Abroad Program, U. S. Dept. of Education Curriculum Project. Compiled by National Committee on U. S.– China Relations, New York, 1998.

Leftoff, S. The culture(s) of justice: how many are there? Proceedings of the Fifth Biennial Conference on International Perspectives on Crime, Justice and Public Order. New York, 2001.

Leftoff, S. and Buddenhagen, A. (2003) Transforming narratives: an exploratory study of Navajo peacemaking. Dispute Resolution in Context: Cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary perspectives. CUNY Dispute Resolution Consortium Compendium, 3<sup>rd</sup> compendium, 1 - 12.

Leftoff, S. (2003) Responding to domestic violence in Indian country. National Sheriff's Magazine, March/April, 2003, 36 –37.

Leftoff, S. (2003) Navajo peacemaking: a non-adversarial approach to justice. New York State Psychologist, 25, 3, 19 – 22.

Leftoff, S. (2005) What lies beneath: healing of memories in the new South Africa. Fulbright Summer Seminars Abroad Program, U. S. Dept. of Education Curriculum Project. Compiled in conjunction with the Fulbright South Africa Commission. Johannesburg,

#### NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gay march didn't honor Shepard. Letter to the Editor, New York Times, 10/20/98

Police Dept. shake-up. Letter to the Editor, New York Times, 9/8/00

Old and new paths to achieving justice. Law Enforcement News, 3/31/01

Tragedy compounded. Letter to the Editor, New York Times, 12/26/01

A model of collaboration to fight domestic violence in New Mexico. Law Enforcement News, 4/15/02.

Little things can mean a lot in the heart of Indian Country. Law Enforcement News, 13 – 14, March 2004.

## PRESENTATIONS

Training a verbal learning deficit in a left brain injured patient. New York University Postgraduate Conference: Cognitive and Perceptual Remediation in Brain Damage, New York University Medical Center, 1977.

Learning functions for right and left brain injured patients for serially and randomly ordered stimulus material. International Neuropsychology Society Seventh Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, 1979.

Applications of learning strategies of brain damaged patients to rehabilitation techniques for memory and learning deficits. Invited speaker, Psychology Dept., Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, New York University Medical Center, New York, 1981.

Cognitive retraining following brain injury: its application to memory deficits and psychopathology. American Heart Association Stroke Conference. New York, N.Y., 1981.

Women's Studies in a specialized educational setting: criminal justice. CUNY Conference on Women in Higher Education, 1988.

The network of policewomen. Invited Speaker (with Sgt. L Braxton, Pres., Policewomen's Endowment Association) Police Commissioner's Annual Policewomen's Conference, New York Police Dept., New York, 1989.

Through the ranks for women in policing: affirmative action or affirmative education. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, 1992.

Professionalism of criminal justice workers: women in policing. International Conference on Crime, Justice and Public Order, St. Petersburg, Russia, 1992.

Managerial skills and policewomen. Invited Speaker. Police Commissioner's Annual Policewomen's Conference, New York Police Dept., New York, 1992.

Psychotherapy and breast cancer. American Cancer Society, New York, 1993.

Policewomen and higher education. Invited Speaker. John Jay College Women's Studies Research Seminar, 1994.

Policewomen, the university and the police department. Invited Speaker. John Jay College Graduate Studies Lecture Series, 1995.

Innovations in criminal justice education: combining the perspective of the academic and the practitioner in the classroom (with Capt. J. Jaffee, New York Police Dept.). National Conference on Criminal Justice Education, New York, Oct. 1995

Off-campus teaching and learning opportunities: the Navajo experience (with A. Buddenhagen and student participants). Better Teaching Seminar, John Jay College, Nov. 1997

Learning from each other: a multicultural educational experience. The Hofstra University Native American Conference, New York, April, 1998.

Chi and me: Chinese psychology, Western influence and a Fulbright experience in China. Invited Lecture, Office of Academic Affairs. John Jay College, Dec. 1998.

The cultural construction of a psychiatric population: Cartesian duality, medical hegemony and patients who fall through the cracks. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1998.

Dialogues of disability: whose narrative is it? Society for Applied Anthropology/Society for Medical Anthrology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, March, 2000.

Following a lead: Navajo peacemaking and criminal justice (with Anne Buddenhagen). Session organizers and paper presentation. American Ethnological Society Annual Meeting. Tampa, Fla., March, 2000.

The culture(s) of justice: How many are there? Fifth Biennial Conference: International Perspectives on Crime, Justice and Public Order. Bologna, Italy, June, 2000.

Colonizer and colonized at the interface: Navajo Peacemaking: defining the "self", defining "justice". American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., Dec. 2001.

Postcolonial legal discourse: Navajo peacemaking and the creation of the "psychological". American Anthropological Associaton Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Nov. 2002.

Negotiating identities, defining spaces of postcolonial justice: Navajo peacemakers beyond the Peacemaker Court. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Nov. 2003.

Navajo peacemaking and narratives of transgression: domesticating violence, defining the self. Joint Conference of The Canadian Anthropology Society and the Society for the Anthropology of North America, Merida, Mexico, May 2005.

A kind of Roshomon: Reading (in)justice in Native American archival records. Law and Society Conference, Baltimore, Md. July 2006

Navajo justice in the early reservation years: autonomy, resistance and mutuality. Law and Society Conference, Berlin, Germany, July 2007

Colonizing gender roles, disrupting intimacy and constructing a legacy of intimate violence: an alternative view of contemporary family violence on the Navajo reservation. Invited Address. UN NGO Committee on Mental Health and NGO Committee on the Status of Women. Annual Meeting, New York, NY, March 2008

Trauma, memory and history: what is the relevant time line? Exploring the legacy of colonization of Navajo family relations on contemporary approaches to family violence. Invited Address. Symposium of the International Trauma Studies Center, New York, NY, March 2008

Selective Histories of Transgression: Using Justice and Creating the Imagined Nation: The Case of Navajo Justice in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Western Social Science Assoc. Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 2009

Reading local anxieties through the archival records: reconsidering the Bai-a-lil-lai case as one of multiple moralities. Panel on The Archival Imagination: Reading Navajo Colonial Archives from West to East. Western Social Science Assoc. Annual Meeting. Reno, Nevada, April 2010.

Mediating memory and representing the colonial past in the Navajo Nation Peacemaker Court: social memory in the service of the individual, the collective or the state. Panel on Mediating difficult memories: social justice and contested sites of remembrance. Tenth Biennial Conference: International Perspectives on Crime, Justice and Public Order: Societies in transition. Marrakech, Morocco, June 2010.

Enacting the Major Crimes Act on the Navajo reservation, 1885 – 1935: universalizing the criminal mind or upending the indigenous self? Western Social Science Assoc. Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah, April 2011

Replaying historical silences in postcolonial tribal courts: indigenous “criminals”, contemporary “bad guys” and remembering the “Wild Tribes” in the modern nation-state. Historical Justice and Memory Conference, Swinburne Institute for Social Research, Melbourne Australia, Feb. 2012.

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

University Faculty Development Program Curriculum Development Grant, CUNY, 1989 -1990.  
Women in law enforcement.

Fulbright-Hays Award: Seminars Abroad Program, U.S. Department of Education. China,  
Tradition and Transformation, Summer, 1998.

Dispute Resolution Consortium Research Mini Grant Program, CUNY, 2000 – 2001. Navajo  
Peacemaking and Restorative Justice (with Anne Buddenhagen).

PSC-CUNY Research Award Program, 2001 – 2002. Navajo Peacemaking.

PSC-CUNY Research Award Program, 2002 – 2003. Navajo Peacemaking.

Dispute Resolution Consortium Research Mini Grant Program, CUNY, 2002 – 2003. Navajo  
Peacemaking and the Peacemaker's Role in Restorative Justice (with Anne Buddenhagen).

Exchange Scholar, Criminal Justice Program, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Andhra  
Pradesh, India. Feb. 2003.

Fulbright – Hays Seminars Abroad Program, U. S. Dept. of Education, South Africa 1994 –  
2004: A decade of opportunities and challenges, Summer 2004.

PSC-CUNY Research Award Program, 2004 – 2005. Assessing restorative justice: Navajo  
peacemaking.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Research Award, History of Navajo  
Peacemaking, 2005.

PSC-CUNY Research Award Program, 2005 – 2006. History of Navajo Peacemaking.

PSC-CUNY Research Award Program 2006 – 2007. History of Navajo Peacemaking

PSC-CUNY Research Award Program 2009 – 2010. Searching for the interface between private  
troubles and public issues: grassroots approaches to family troubles and domestic violence, a  
pilot study (with Maria Volpe)

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Peer Reviewer, Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, U.S. Dept. of Education, 1999.

Member of the Board, Patient Services and Rehabilitation Committee, American Cancer Society, 1993 – 1999.

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Chair, Honors Program Development and Design, 2007 – 2010 John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Psychological Association

American Psychological Association Division 39 (Psychoanalysis)

New York State Psychological Association

Psychoanalytic Society, New York University

American Anthropological Association

Society for Psychological Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association