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## **LICENSE, CREDENTIAL, & REGISTRATION**

California Licensed Psychologist PSY25154  
National Register Health Service Psychologist 53599  
NPI 1700958345

## **EDUCATION**

**PsyD Clinical Psychology** 2011  
**California Institute of Integral Studies** San Francisco California

*Dissertation: Toward a Patient-Centered Understanding of Orgonomic (Reichian) Therapy*  
*Integrative Paper: Gay Men and Sexual Compulsivity – A Culturally Informed Perspective*  
*APA accredited during all coursework and at time of graduation*

**MA Clinical Psychology** 2007  
**California Institute of Integral Studies** San Francisco California

**MS Industrial & Organizational Psychology** 2000  
**University of Central Florida** Orlando Florida  
*Thesis: The Relationship Between Personality and Demographic Variables and Satisfaction with Electronic Meeting Support*

**BS Chemical Engineering** (minors in Russian Literature and Physical Chemistry) 1985  
**University of California, San Diego** La Jolla California

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

**Reich's Orgonomic Therapy: Bodywork in Psychotherapy** 2009-2010  
**Orgonomic Institute of Northern California** Mill Valley California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Ten one-day and one 3-hour in-depth trainings over 18 months (70 hours total) in employing bodywork in the practice of Wilhelm Reich's character analytic psychotherapy and orgone therapy*

**Reich's Orgonomic Therapy: Advanced Character Analysis in Psychotherapy** 2009-2010  
**Orgonomic Institute of Northern California** Mill Valley California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Seven one-day in-depth trainings over 18 months (47 hours total) in deepening the practice of Wilhelm Reich's character analytic psychotherapy*

**Reich's Orgonomic Therapy: Intermediate Character Analysis in Psychotherapy** 2008-2009  
**Orgonomic Institute of Northern California** Mill Valley California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Six full weekend in-depth trainings over 9 months (84 hours total) in deepening the practice of Wilhelm Reich's character analytic psychotherapy*

**Reich's Orgonomic Therapy: Introductory Character Analysis in Psychotherapy** 2007-2008  
**Orgonomic Institute of Northern California** Mill Valley California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Six full weekend in-depth trainings over 15 months (81 hours total) in the fundamentals of Wilhelm Reich's character analytic psychotherapy*

**Reichian Orgonomic Therapy Training and Supervision** 2006-2009  
**Orgonomic Institute of Northern California** Mill Valley California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Two- or three-hour group training and supervision on the principles of character analysis that met approximately bimonthly*

**Fundamentals of Wilhelm Reich's Orgonomic Therapy: Be the Instrument of Change** 2006  
**Esalen Institute** Big Sur California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Week-long training workshop in character analytic diagnosis and treatment, problems of psychic contact, working with negative transference, and attuning the therapeutic relationship*

**Character Transformation: From Façade to Self** 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2006  
**Esalen Institute** Big Sur California  
with Richard Blasband MD and Patricia Frisch PhD  
*Three week-long and two weekend training workshops in character restructuring at deep levels of psychophysical being, based on the work of Reich and Jung*

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Angeles Psychology Group, A Professional Psychology Corporation** 2012-present  
**Licensed Psychologist PSY25154 and Founder** Los Angeles California  

- Provide long-term individual, couple, and family psychotherapy, one or more times per week
- Provide ongoing, biweekly character analytic group therapy
- Provide clinical supervision and consultation
- Approaches include character analytic and orgonomic (Reichian) biopsychotherapy coupled with psychoanalytic, psychodynamic, and relational models

**Schierholz Consulting & Psychological Services** 2011-present  
**President** Los Angeles California  

- Design and facilitate workshops for psychotherapists to help them run their private practice like an efficient business
- Provide intense process groups for intact work teams (executive and senior management teams, boards of directors, etc.)
- Provide individual leadership and personality conflict intervention

**Private Practice** 2012-2012  
**Registered Psychological Assistant PSB36586** San Francisco California  

- Provided long-term, once- or twice-weekly individual, couple, and family psychotherapy under the clinical supervision of Elin Sowle PhD PSY13368
- Provided ongoing, biweekly character analytic group therapy
- Approaches included character analytic and orgonomic (Reichian) biopsychotherapy coupled with psychoanalytic, psychodynamic, and relational models

**Private Practice** 2009-2012  
**Registered Psychological Assistant PSB34252** San Francisco California  

- Provided long-term, once- or twice-weekly individual, couple, and family psychotherapy under the clinical supervision of Richard A Blasband MD G5239
- Provided ongoing, biweekly character analytic group therapy
- Approaches included character analytic and orgonomic (Reichian) biopsychotherapy coupled with psychoanalytic, psychodynamic, and relational models

**Access Institute for Psychological Services  
Predoctoral Psychology Intern**

2007-2009  
San Francisco California

- *Provided long-term, once- or twice-weekly individual, couple, and family psychotherapy to a case load of approximately eight individuals, two couples, and one family in a community-based, low-fee, outpatient clinic*
- *Provided adult neuropsychological assessment, integrative report-writing, and consultation using up to 16 assessment instruments*
- *Worked closely with other mental health and medical staff to coordinate patient care and neuropsychological assessment*
- *Patients included multiculturally-diverse, lower to moderate income adults, couples, and families with multiple Axis I, II, III, and IV diagnoses and problems*
- *Vast majority of patients presented with complex characterological and personality disorders*
- *Approaches included psychoanalytic, psychodynamic, and relational models*
- *Participated in 600 hours of extensive curriculum-based didactic training, two hours of weekly individual supervision employing process notes, 1.5 hours of weekly group supervision, and administrative meetings*
- *CAPIC (California Psychology Internship Council) accredited during entire internship and at time of completion*

**RAMS, Inc. (Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc.)  
Practicum II Psychology Trainee**

2006-2007  
San Francisco California

- *Provided once-weekly individual psychotherapy to a case load of approximately nine individual patients in a community-based, low-fee, outpatient clinic*
- *Worked closely with other mental health and medical staff to coordinate patient care*
- *Patients included multiculturally-diverse, low income youth and adults with multiple Axis I, II, III, and IV diagnoses and problems*
- *Vast majority of patients were more severely disturbed, low SES, recent Asian immigrant, Asian-American, and Russian-speaking refugees, many of whom experienced cultural conflicts and difficulties communicating in English*
- *Approaches included psychodynamic and relational models with a strong focus on cultural competence*
- *Participated in weekly individual supervision, group supervision, didactic training, and administrative meetings*

**New Leaf: Services for Our Community  
Practicum I Psychology Trainee**

2005-2006  
San Francisco California

- *Provided once-weekly individual, couple, and group psychotherapy to a case load of approximately five individuals, one couple, and one group in a community-based, low-fee, outpatient clinic*
- *Patients included multiculturally-diverse, low income, LGBTQ adults and youth with multiple Axis I, II, III, and IV diagnoses and problems*
- *Approaches included psychodynamic, intersubjective, cognitive-behavioral, and substance abuse treatment models (abstinence and harm reduction)*
- *Participated in weekly individual supervision, group supervision, didactic training, and administrative meetings*

**The Phoenix Group of Consultants, Inc.  
President**

1992-2011  
Orlando Florida and San Francisco California

- *Founded and grew successful organization development consulting firm focused on large-scale change efforts, with peak annual revenue of \$360,000*
- *Provided organization development consulting services for over 45 clients such as Walt Disney World, Ernst & Young, and many hospital systems, among others*
- *Extensive domestic and international consulting experience, including culture-specific interventions*
- *Provided highly-engaging organizational assessment, process design, and individual coaching*
- *Regularly consulted with senior leaders on effectively planning and implementing sustainable culture change that collaboratively engaged hundreds of affected employees*

- *Designed and facilitated groups through culture assessment, brand development, visioning, strategic planning, process improvement, team building, and empowerment initiatives*
- *Designed and facilitated hundreds of experiential sessions as short as two hours and as long as five days, with as few as 6 participants to as many as 250*
- *Designed and implemented competency-based human resource management systems*

**University Research Corporation/Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Center for Management Development**  
**Manager, Electronic Meeting Support**

1990-1992

Palm Coast Florida

- *Developed programs for and operated the FAA Electronic Meeting Support Center*
- *Provided consultation on the effective use of Electronic Meeting Support as a means to more effectively engage all participants in egalitarian meeting processes*
- *Designed and facilitated small conferences and sessions that utilized Electronic Meeting Support*

**PUBLICATIONS**

Schierholz, N. E. (2011). Toward a patient-centered understanding of orgonomic (Reichian) therapy. *Journal of Psychiatric Orgone Therapy*. <http://www.psychorgone.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/book.pdf>

Schierholz, N. E. (2011). Toward a patient-centered understanding of orgonomic (Reichian) therapy. *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 72-08B. (UMI No. 3457711)

Schierholz, N., & Heitker, S. (1995). *Basics of electronic meeting support*. Alexandria, VA: American Society for Training and Development.

**TEACHING & PRESENTATIONS**

Schierholz, N. (Speaker). (October 2011, January 2012, July 2012, October 2012, & January 2013). *An introduction to orgonomic (Reichian) therapy*. Berkeley, CA: University of California, Berkeley Extension.

Schierholz, N. (Speaker). (October 2011). *An introduction to orgonomic (Reichian) therapy*. San Francisco, CA: California Institute of Integral Studies.

Schierholz, N. (Speaker). (March 2011). *An introduction to orgonomic (Reichian) therapy*. San Francisco, CA: University of California, Berkeley Extension.

**MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

Full Member, California Psychological Association