

Curriculum Vitae

Christine A. Darsney, Ph.D.

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:

- December, 1997-
Present **Harvard Medical School**
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Instructor in 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

CURRENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

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

April, 2006-
Present

Manager of Court Clinic Contracts

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.

Currently appointed for a three year-term (starting September, 2007) as a member of the **Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Committee (CJCC Committee)**. Review reports for CJCC candidates, and assist in the determination of certification criteria for the CJCC process.

December, 2000-
Present

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, CHINS petitions, Care and Protection petitions, and Termination of Parental Rights petitions.

December, 1997-
Present

Staff Psychologist--Children and the Law Program

Conduct 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. Supervise post-doctoral fellows in pediatric forensic psychology.

PREVIOUS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

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:

October, 2006-
Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Department of Psychiatry, Residency Training Program in Child Psychiatry
Coordinator and Supervisor of Court Clinic 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. (January, 2009, 2007 & 2005). Termination of Parental Rights Cases: Legal
Issues, Burden of Proof, and Parenting Evaluations. Presented at *The Massachusetts General
Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Children and the Law Program, Harvard Medical School,*
Boston, 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

Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem