

# *Curriculum Vitae*

## **MICHAEL A. ELLIOTT, Ph.D.**

Licensed Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist  
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### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Neuropsychologist with over 30 years of experience in psychological and neuropsychological assessment, treatment, and forensic evaluation. Specializing in traumatic brain injury (TBI), personal injury, and complex psychological conditions, Dr. Elliott provides comprehensive diagnostic evaluations, expert witness testimony, and treatment services.

Extensive experience in medico-legal settings, including intellectual, cognitive, personality, and symptom validity assessment. Recognized for integrating clinical expertise with forensic analysis to support litigation, case strategy, and treatment planning.

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### **LICENSURE - Licensed Clinical & Neuropsychologist**

- Licensed Psychologist – California (PSY 14280)
  - Licensed Psychologist – Nevada (PY 0955)
  - Licensed Psychologist – Arizona (PSY005457)
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### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Neuropsychological Assessment (TBI, concussion, cognitive impairment)
- Forensic Psychological Evaluation & Expert Testimony
- Personal Injury & Medico-Legal Analysis
- Cognitive, Personality & Psychopathology Assessment
- Symptom & Performance Validity Testing
- PTSD, Trauma, and Adjustment Disorders

- Psychotherapy (Individuals, Couples, Families)
  - Learning and Behavioral Disorders
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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Founder & Director**

**Michael Elliott & Associates** | Mission Viejo, CA  
1993 – Present

- Lead a multidisciplinary psychological and neuropsychological practice specializing in personal injury and forensic services
  - Conduct comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological evaluations for clinical and legal purposes
  - Provide expert witness testimony in depositions and trial settings
  - Supervise clinicians, therapists, and case management staff
  - Oversee all clinical, operational, and medico-legal aspects of the practice
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### **Clinical & Neuropsychologist**

California, Nevada, Arizona  
1993 – Present

#### **Clinical Psychology**

- Provide psychotherapy and diagnostic services for individuals, couples, and families
- Utilize evidence-based and integrative approaches, including existential and systems-based frameworks

#### **Clinical Neuropsychology**

- Perform detailed neuropsychological assessments with emphasis on traumatic brain injury
  - Conduct forensic evaluations, including cognitive, personality, and symptom validity testing
  - Develop comprehensive medico-legal reports used in litigation and settlement processes
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## **Adjunct Professor**

### **Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology**

2024 – Present

- Teach doctoral-level coursework in Clinical Psychology Assessment
  - Provide advanced instruction in psychological testing and diagnostic methodology
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## **Professor, Core Faculty**

### **Pacifica Graduate Institute**

2011 – Present

- Faculty member in Counseling Psychology and Marriage & Family Therapy programs
  - Former President, Academic Senate; Member, Senate Leadership Council
  - Chair doctoral dissertations and supervise graduate-level clinical training
  - Teaching courses include:
    - Clinical Practice
    - Personality Assessment
    - Research Methods (Qualitative & Quantitative)
    - Ethics and Law
    - Psychopathology
    - Cultural Psychology
    - Neuroscience of PTSD
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## **Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists (ACBIS)**

Brain Injury Association of America

2021

- Completed 500+ hours of direct brain injury experience
  - Certified following advanced training and credentialing
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## **Founding Director, Family & Psychological Services**

Santa Margarita High School

1991 – 2000

- Developed and led comprehensive psychological services program

- Provided assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for students with psychological and learning needs
  - Supervised clinical staff and trained psychotherapists
  - Created psychoeducational workshops and intervention programs
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## **Additional Academic & Clinical Roles**

- **Adjunct Professor**, United States International University (1991–1998)
  - **Adjunct Professor**, University of La Verne (1988–1991)
  - **Counselor**, Santa Margarita High School (1989–1991)
  - **Counselor**, Santa Ana Unified School District (1988–1989)
  - **Teacher**, Los Angeles Unified School District (1985–1988)
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## **EDUCATION**

### **Ph.D., Clinical Psychology (Marriage & Family Therapy)**

United States International University

### **M.S., Counseling**

University of La Verne

### **Pupil Personnel Services Credential**

University of La Verne

### **B.A., Psychology**

California State University, Fullerton

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## **ADVANCED TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS**

- Clinical Practice Guidelines for Concussion & Mild Traumatic Brain Injury
  - Brain Injuries 4.0 – Advanced Neuroanatomy and TBI
  - Harvard-X / Harvard Medical School – Fundamentals of Neuroscience
  - Advanced training in frontal/temporal brain disorders and neurocognitive conditions
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## **FORENSIC & CLINICAL EXPERTISE**

- Extensive experience conducting evaluations for personal injury litigation

- Skilled in integration of neuropsychological data with medical and legal records
  - Provide expert opinions on causation, damage, and functional impairment
  - Experienced in deposition and trial testimony
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## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *The Art and Soul of Couples and Family Therapy*, The Therapist, 2013
- *The Unmotivated Child: A Crisis in Perception*, 1998

### **Works in Progress:**

- *Philosophic Psychology: Counseling for the Cultural Crisis*
  - *Stuck: The New Existential Narrative Psychotherapy*
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## **PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Traumatic Brain Injury: Forensic Implications
- MMPI-2-RF in Personal Injury Evaluations
- Neuropsychological Perspectives on Learning Disabilities
- Ethics, Culture, and Depth Psychology in Clinical Practice

Frequent speaker for professional organizations, schools, and clinical training programs.

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Psychological Association (APA)
  - Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40)
  - California Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (CAMFT)
  - American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
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## **SCHOLARSHIP & ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Dissertation: *The Interaction Between Ontological Death Anxiety, Neuroticism, and Belief in Afterlife*
- Served on 20+ doctoral dissertation committees

- Supervised 80+ graduate theses and clinical trainees
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## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Pre-doctoral Internship – Capistrano by the Sea Hospital (APA-approved)
  - Board Member – Boys Hope Girls Hope of California
  - Board Member – Saint Mary’s & All Angels School
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## **HONORS & DISTINCTIONS**

- Outstanding Dissertation Award – United States International University
  - NCAA Division I All-American
  - Pacific Coast Athletic Association Athlete of the Year
  - CSU Fullerton Athlete of the Year
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## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request