
CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

July 2002 to July 2004

Training programme in child, adolescent and family psychiatry
NSW INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

1999 to May 2003

Psychiatry Fellowship Training Programme
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF
PSYCHIATRISTS

1994 to 2003

PhD in Psychological Medicine
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Project title: The structure and correlates of the alcohol dependence syndrome
Supervisor: Professor John Saunders
Completed part-time, conferred May 2003

1986 to 1991

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (with Honours)
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Prize for first place in Psychiatry.
Fifth year option term in Psychiatry (Drug & Alcohol)

Current employment (since January 2004):

Consultant Child, Adolescent & Family Psychiatrist

PRIVATE PRACTICE
Hornsby, NSW

Employment History

January 2004 to June 2012

*Consultant Military, Occupational, General Adult and Drug & Alcohol
Psychiatrist*
Royal Australian Air Force Base, Richmond NSW 2755

January 2004 to January 2011

Medical Director

CORAL TREE FAMILY SERVICE

Coral Tree Family Service is a statewide service providing intensive residential interventions to the families of pre-adolescent children with complex emotional and behavioural difficulties. Coral Tree at that time provided about 100 one-week family admissions per year to families from suburban, rural and regional NSW.

July 2002 to December 2003

Fellow in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

NSW INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

January 1999 to June 2002

Psychiatric Registrar

NORTHERN SYDNEY AREA HEALTH SERVICE

February 1998 to May 1998

Squadron Medical Officer, 33 Squadron

KUWAIT CITY

January 1996 to January 1998

Senior Medical Officer

RAAF BASE DARWIN

January 1994 to December 1995

Senior Medical Officer (1995)

Medical Officer (1994)

RAAF BASE RICHMOND

January 1992 to December 1993

Hospital Intern/Resident

Medical Officer (1994)

HORNSBY HOSPITAL NSW

Clinical and Medicolegal Practice

Dr Krabman conducted regular detailed clinical assessments of children, parents and families from throughout New South Wales in his role as Medical Director of Coral Tree Family Service from 2004 to 2011.

Since 2010, Dr Krabman has developed a special interest in medicolegal assessments relating to child and family issues, as a court expert in the Family Court of Australia and the Children's Court.

Dr Krabman maintains a busy clinical practice, providing treatment and advice to children, adolescents, and their parents.

Dr Krabman has become skilled in provision of treatment to children and families who are engaged in family law processes or are adapting to final orders, and is happy to be contacted by parents in this context, or by legal representatives enquiring about treatment for their clients. He does not provide treatment to families for whom he has prepared single expert reports. Currently he is only accepting such referrals where there has already been a single expert report or family report prepared, and he is able to be provided with a copy of the same.

Membership/Involvement in Professional Organisations

Fellow of Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)

Accredited Member, Faculty of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, RANZCP

Accredited Member, Faculty of Addiction Psychiatry, RANZCP

Member, Australian Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Member, Children's Court Clinic Professional Advisory Group 2010 to the present.

Member, NSW Committee for Advanced Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 2006 to 2011.

Scientific Program Coordinator, Faculty of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, RANZCP, NSW Branch, 2006 to 2008

Committee member, Section on Addiction Psychiatry RANZCP 2003 to 2009. Secretary/
Treasurer 2005 to 2009

Continuing Professional Development/Medical Education

Dr Krabman meets the expectations of the RANZCP each year for Continuing Professional Development (CPD), which is a requirement of his ongoing specialist registration. Each year, he significantly exceeds minimum hours of CPD required.

Dr Krabman attends the annual conference of the AFCC Australian Chapter, and attends other mental health and legal conferences or seminars. These are opportunities to hear from and to interact with leading national and international colleagues working with children, parents and families, and in particular working with high conflict or court-involved families. Dr Krabman often presents or takes part in panel discussions at these conferences.

Presentations and training attended in recent years include:

- Professor Mark Dadds *How to do Family Therapy for Children with Conduct Problems Really Well* Full day workshop Sydney March 2020
- Dr Chris Lennings *Master Class: Understanding Risk Assessment in Child Protection* Full day workshop Sydney March 2020
- Dr Sol Rappaport *Psychological Testing in Family Law Matters* Webinar, International AFCC, Sept 2019. Accessed as a recording via AFCC Website in September 2019
- Dr Catherine Boland *Hearing children's voices and opinions* and *Particular issues around assessment of LGBTI populations* and Mr Vincent Papaleo & Mr Phil Trudinger *Developmental considerations for children in separated families* AFCC Master class Family Report Writer Training Melbourne May 2019
- A range of clinicians and a judicial officer, including Dr Randy Alexander (paediatrician, Florida USA), Dr Jon Jureidini (child, adolescent & family psychiatrist, Adelaide), Justice Johnstone (President of Children's Court NSW) *Risk and Unexplained Injury & Illness (Munchausens Syndrome by Proxy, Fabricated or Induced Illness by Proxy)* Sydney, Nov 2018
- Dr Lyn Greenberg *Early Intervention with Resistance-Refusal Dynamics* Full day pre-conference Institute, AFCC Conference, Adelaide Aug 2018
- Prof Nick Bala *Parental Alienation: Social Contexts and Legal Responses* Lecture, AFCC Conference, Adelaide Aug 2018
- Prof Jennifer McIntosh, Ms Evelyn Tan *The Developmental Significance of Early Attachment Security, and the Trouble with Parent Conflict and Violence, New Evidence*, AFCC Conference, Adelaide Aug 2018
- Ms Anna Butler and Ms Emma Buxton-Namisnyk Domestic Violence Death Review Team NSW *The Intersection of Family Law, Separation and Domestic Violence* Hunter Valley Family Law Conference, Hunter Valley Aug 2018
- Dr Lyn Greenberg *Decision making and parenting plan management with special needs kids* Full day pre-conference Institute, AFCC Conference, Melbourne, Aug 2017
- Dr Sarah Calvert *Child abuse: considering the evidence and the outcomes* Workshop, AFCC Conference, Melbourne, Aug 2017
- Dr Ben Jones *Untested allegations of sexual abuse: the role of family report writers in assisting the Court* Workshop, AFCC Conference, Melbourne, Aug 2017
- Ms Barbara Jo Fidler *Parent-Child Contact Problems II: More News You can Use* Webinar, International AFCC, Jul 2017
- Mr Matt Garrett and Ms Cathy Zervos, *Programs for men who use controlling and abusive behaviours* Seminar, Family Violence Seminar Program, Newcastle, May 2017
- Dr Phil Stahl *Emerging Issues in Relocation Cases* Webinar, International AFCC, Oct 16

- Ms Alison Soutter *Understanding the needs and capabilities of parents with learning difficulties* Presentation, Children's Court Clinic Professional Development Day Sydney, Oct 16
- Ms Alison Soutter *The impact of abuse and trauma on children affected by disabilities* Children's Court Clinic Professional Development Day, Sydney Oct 16
- Various presenters including Dr Jenni Neoh (Alienation) and Ms Virginia McKendrick (Aboriginal families) *Assessment of children and their relationships* Clinical Competency Session, Family court of Australia Family Consultant National Conference, Melbourne Jul 2016
- Prof Elizabeth Elliot *Understanding the Impact of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Australia*, Plenary, Children's Court Clinic Symposium, Sydney, Jul 2016
- Dr Phil Stahl, Dr Robert Simon *Cognitive Bias – The greatest risk to objectivity in child custody disputes* Workshop, AFCC Conference, Sydney, Aug 2015
- Dr Andrea Landini *Dynamic Maturational Model of Attachment: Attachment & Psychopathology* four day course, Sydney, Oct 2012

Literature reading/ review

Dr Krabman sources and reads literature and organises information and opinion to inform his clinical work and in preparation for presentations and teaching/ lecturing/ consultation opportunities. Topic areas examined in recent years include:

- Assessment and treatment of tic disorders in children and adolescents
- "Adverse Childhood Events" research, and Trauma-Informed Practice in schools
- Family violence: mental health and parenting impacts on victims, characteristics of perpetrators including parenting practices, treatment programs for perpetrators, filicide
- Family law relocation cases
- Drug and alcohol testing in clinical, medicolegal and child protection contexts
- The impacts of parental personality disorders, anxiety, stress and eating disorders on parenting capacity.
- Care arrangements for infants and toddlers of separated parents
- Circumstances where a child rejects one parent and favours another
- Forensic interviewing of children
- DSM 5 Paraphilic disorders and their impacts
- Treatment of nightmares associated with life trauma
- Medication treatment options for bipolar disorder and borderline personality disorder
- Treatment of behavioural disorders in childhood and adolescence

Dr Krabman attends regular Peer Review Meetings for his medicolegal and clinical work.

Teaching/lecturing/consultation

Lecturer, NSW Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Advanced Training Program 2005 to 2020, regarding Disorders of Conduct and Parent Management Training, and more recently regarding Family Violence.

Provision of continuing education and clinical consultation to Family Court and Children's Court Clinicians, Independent Children's Lawyers and on occasion to Judicial Officers, regarding mental health issues relevant to family law matters, in particular regarding the assessment of parenting capacity & risk to the child and parental capacity to change, in the context of parental mental illness, personality dysfunction, and/or substance misuse, and in the context of parental conflict and/or family violence.

Provision of clinical supervision to psychiatric registrars undertaking basic training and advanced training in child and adolescent (and forensic) psychiatry (2004 – 2011, 2017)

Supervision of treatment team at RAAF Alcohol Rehabilitation and Education Program (AREP) inpatient alcohol dependence treatment program in Richmond, NSW (2004 - 2012)

Presentations and workshops for professional colleagues in mental health and in law, including:

- “Assessing challenging parents with narcissistic or borderline traits” Presentation at NSW Family Consultants Professional Development Day December 2020
- “‘It’s my life!’ A workshop for lawyers (and other professionals) who meet with children who are subject to family law or children’s court proceedings. How can we make the most of this opportunity, in a respectful and effective way?” with Andrea Evans, solicitor, Pre-conference workshop AFCC Conference, Brisbane, Jul 2020 [postponed to 2021 because of COVID-19 precautions]
- “Competencies for assessing and interviewing children in separated families” and “Assessment of family violence issues in the family court” AFCC Master class Family Report Writer Training Melbourne May 2019
- “Talking with Children” Presentation at NSW/ACT Child Representation Conference March 2019
- “Effective Therapy for Family Violence Perpetrators: The ABC’s of Anger Management, Behaviour Change and Counseling” Presentation with Dr Ben Jones, clinical psychologist, at the National Family Law Conference, Brisbane, October 2018
- “‘A little bit’ of Family Violence? When might it be in the best interests of the children to spend time with a parent, even though that parent has been the perpetrator of family violence? How does one appraise parenting capacity and risk (including risk of ongoing or recurrent family violence), and how does one consider options for parenting arrangements, in settings where the perpetrator appears to have strengths as a parent, and the victim appears to have vulnerabilities? Can the security and wellbeing of the victim be protected in settings where the children are to spend ongoing time with the perpetrator, and if so, how?” Workshop at AFCC Conference, Adelaide, Aug 2018, subsequently presented at Legal Aid NSW Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Conference Nov 2018
- “‘It’s my life’: New and age-old issues in seeking to respond to both the culturally and neurodevelopmentally determined individuation, agency, and eloquence of the court-involved adolescent, and the needs of this vulnerable population for adult protection, containment, wisdom, guidance and support.” Presentation at Hunter Valley Family Law Conference, Hunter Valley Aug 2018
- Video-taped lecture and paper regarding “Adult Mental Health and Behavioural Issues”, to form part of new National Legal Aid Independent Children’s Lawyer (ICL) Training Program, May 2018

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- “He Said, She Said... Careful, respectful, reflective, incisive, constructive engagement with a narrative of family violence” Presentation at Family Violence Seminar Program for legal practitioners, Newcastle, May 2017
 - “Family violence from the other side: The perpetrator of family violence as person, parent, and family law protagonist” Presentation at the Law Council of Australia Family Law Intensive, Sydney, February 2017
 - “All, or nothing?: Family assessment and planning for post-separation parenting in the context of parental borderline personality dysfunction” Presentation and discussion at the Family Court of Australia Family Consultant National Conference, Melbourne, July 2016
 - “The child’s experience of ‘family’: meeting with current and prospective households, as an important component of the assessment of the parent-child dyad, of parenting capacity and of risk to the child” Master Class presentation at Children’s Court Clinic Symposium July 2016
 - “‘My name’s James, and I want to live with my dad.’ The child’s wishes: Where do I find them? How do I convey their content and context to the court, with appropriate respect and wisdom?” Presentation at Western Australian Family Pathways Network Annual Conference, Perth, May 2016
 - “Family violence before, during, and after separation: What do children experience, how do they adapt, and what are the developmental implications of these adaptations? How might the family law process and outcome help or harm these children?” Presentation at the Greater Sydney Family Law Pathways Network Professional Development Event, Sydney, March 2016
 - Chair of “A Master Class for Authorised Clinicians and Children's Court Clinic staff. How do we assess children’s views and wishes? Professional sharing of our assessments, processes and resources” at Children’s Court Clinic Professional Development Day, Parramatta, October 2015
 - “Dealing with Child Sexual Abuse Allegations” Participant in Plenary Session at the Association of Family And Conciliation Courts – Australian Chapter, 2nd Annual Conference, Sydney, August 2015
 - “Distortion, Distress, Disruption, Damage and Danger: Personality function and dysfunction in the context of conflicted parental separation” Presentation for the National Family Court/ Federal Magistrates Court Child Dispute Services 2015 Seminar Series March 2015
 - “How adults who have experienced mental health or drug and alcohol problems tell their stories; as patients, as people, as partners and as parents, and what these stories tell us about current and future parenting capacity and risk” Presentation at Children’s Court Clinic Professional Development Day March 2015
 - “Parent and Child Mental Health Issues in the Family Court: The Uses and Abuses of DSM 5” Presentation at 16th National Family Law Conference, Sydney NSW October 2014
 - “Court-Ordered Therapy: Powerful, Pointless or Perverse?” Presentation at Family Law Residential, Gold Coast QLD August 2014
 - “ ‘I’m fine’: Respectful and effective engagement with the sad, wary, wily, dis-integrated, coerced and coercive children of warring adult carers” Keynote address at 2013 Coffs Harbour Family Law Pathways Network Conference on ‘working with families in intractable conflict’ May 2013
 - “As we are: Promoting the threatened mental and physical health of overweight children and adolescents and their families through countercultural acceptance, proximity, engagement, expectation, and respectful change-talk” Keynote presentation at SWPDA (Student Welfare and Personal Development Association of NSW) annual conference, August 2012
 - “Rocks and hard places: Improving the odds of both survival and thrival in our work with troubled and troubling adolescents, and the adults charged with their care”. Keynote Address, Community Services Psychological Services Conference, Sydney, May 2012

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- “The nurturing eye: Maintaining an effective relational stance towards children and adolescents with conduct disorder, and the adults charged with their care” Keynote presentation at annual Redbank Conference, Redbank House, Westmead November 2011.
 - “The psychological and systemic impacts of decisions around the prescribing of psychotropic medication to an adolescent: Understanding these effects, eliciting them at interview, and taking them into account in our work with adolescents and their families” Presentation to Ryde Eastwood Mental Health Professionals Network meeting, May 2011
 - “ ‘Raising’ the vulnerable child: Assisting parents to minimise secondary disability by maintaining their role as developmental guide in the face of their child’s primary illness, disability, emotional or behavioural disturbance.” Presentation at Childrens Hospital Westmead Department of Psychological Medicine, 30th March 2011
 - “ My child, my friend, my enemy, my partner, my prisoner, my lodger, my specimen or my patient?: The importance of relational stance in effective engagement with troubled and troubling children and adolescents” Presentation to staff of Nexis child and adolescent inpatient unit, Newcastle, July 2010
 - “ ‘We tried that, and it didn’t work’ Dysjunctions as opportunities in ‘parent training’ work” Presentation to parenting educators, Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service, November 2009
 - “Turning points: Instigating change with ‘stuck’ families through an intensive family intervention” Presentation with Matt Symond, clinical psychologist, at the 30th Australian Family Therapy Conference October 2009 Sydney
 - “ Common and Uncommon Sense: Assisting parents who are experiencing mental illness to protect, nurture and guide the development of their children, Assisting children whose parents are experiencing mental illness to understand and adapt to their circumstances” Presentation at Northern Sydney Area Child Protection Network breakfast meeting September 2009
 - “Balancing common and uncommon sense: When a parent with mental illness decompensates to the point where acute removal of the child is necessary, what factors does one need to consider in determining the likely outcome in terms of that adult's future capacity to be ‘good enough’ to meet this child's developmental needs over the period until that child reaches adulthood?” Presentation At Children’s Magistrates Conference, Parramatta NSW April 2009
 - “ Natural born killers? Some thoughts about relational and potentially reversible contributing factors to emotional & behavioural difficulties in preadolescent children identified as callous & unemotional from a young age” Presentation at meeting of NSW Faculty of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry RANZCP, October 2008
 - “ The ‘three contexts’ parenting group: Assisting parents to understand and address the interrelating impacts of child, family and broader contextual factors on their child’s serious, persistent emotional & behavioural difficulties” Presentation at Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, RANZCP, annual conference, October 2008 Port Douglas QLD
 - “ ‘He hit me first’, ‘I wish he was dead’, and ‘Now he’s copying’: Sibling relationships in conflicted families” Presentation to staff at Coral Tree Family Service July 2008
 - “ ‘He never backs me up’ and ‘She never gives me a chance’: The importance of the supporting parent role in the formulation and treatment of the parents of children with emotional & behavioural difficulties” Presentation at Annual Congress of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists May 2008 Melbourne

Presentations to teachers, school counsellors and teachers' aides in mainstream and special education settings regarding the management of children with emotional and behavioural difficulties, including in recent years:

- “Jumping at shadows: Overcoming barriers to engagement with school and to readiness for learning, in children and parents who have experienced trauma” and “Leaning into fear” [anxiety management] Presentations at NSW Department of Education Northern Region Professional Learning Event, Sydney, June 2020 [by Zoom] & March 2019.
- “Leaning into fear: Enabling anxious students to engage constructively with developmentally necessary uncertainty and risk” Presentation at Northern Region Learning and Support Teacher Network (Primary and Secondary), Sydney, Sept 2017
- “Integration or alienation? Assisting school communities to engage and connect with troubled and troubling children and their parents so as to provide these children with an effective ‘schooling’” Keynote address at Department of Education and Training Illawarra and South East Region 2012 School Counsellor Conference – Engaging and Connecting, Mittagong, April 2012.
- “‘All in a day’s work’: The application of a developmental approach to some child and adolescent behavioural difficulties which are commonly experienced in the school setting” Presentation to Ryde Area School Link Child and Adolescent Mental Health Network meeting November 2010
- “Sad kids: Assisting children who are experiencing depression to adapt and thrive in the school environment.” Joint presentation with Kerrie Haines, Principal of Arndell School, to Northern Sydney Area Behaviour Network, August 2010.
- “Understanding and responding to aggression in the school context” Joint presentation with Kerrie Haines, Principal of Arndell School, to Northern Sydney Area Behaviour Network, September 2009
- “Working in ‘the zone’ : Providing effective guidance to troubled and troubling children and adolescents” Keynote presentation at Northern Sydney Area Teachers Aides’ Conference April 2009
- “My child, my friend, my enemy, my prisoner, my partner, or my student? Cultivating and maintaining an effective relational stance in individuals and staff teams working with problem kids in the school setting” Presentation to Ryde Area School Link Child and Adolescent Mental Health Network meeting August 2008
- “Helping children & adolescents with oppositional defiant disorder adapt to and thrive within the school environment” Keynote presentation at Northern Sydney Area Teachers Aides’ Conference April 2008

Research/ QI

In his role as Medical Director of Coral Tree Family Service from 2004 to January 2011: Supervision of psychology masters student/ NSW Institute of Psychiatry research fellow and of undergraduate health sciences students carrying out research projects at Coral Tree Family Service.

Publications

Krabman, P. & Saunders, J. B.(1996) Diagnostic criteria for substance misuse and dependence In Rommelspacher, H. & Schuckit, M. (eds) *Bailliere's Clinical Psychiatry, International practice and research: Drugs of Abuse*. p. 375-404 Bailliere Tindal: London.

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