

## Catalina Arata, Ph.D.

Catalina Arata, Ph.D. received her Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Auburn University in 1989. She completed a pre-doctoral internship at the Medical University of South Carolina, where she received specialized training in treatment and assessment of sexual abuse and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder at the National Crime Victim's Research and Treatment Center. After obtaining her doctorate and licensure in the state of Alabama in 1989, she worked for two years at Searcy Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Alabama as a Psychologist I. From 1991 until 2004, she was a faculty member in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama. She obtained tenure and was an Associate Professor. During her years at the University of South Alabama, she taught undergraduate classes in General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Introduction to Measurement and Testing, and Psychology of Gender. She also supervised graduate students and taught graduate level classes in Psychopathology, Introduction to Applied Psychology, Intelligence Testing, and Theories of Psychological Testing.

Dr. Arata has published extensively and has 23 articles in peer-reviewed publications, including *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice*, and *Child Abuse and Neglect*. Her research areas include issues related to the long term effects of child sexual abuse, including sexual re-victimization in adulthood, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, youth violence and abuse, and long-term effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

In addition to her academic interests, Dr. Arata has had a private practice in Mobile, Alabama since 1991. She also worked for two years as a consultant with the Social Security Disability Determination office, helping to review claims for disability. She is currently in full time private practice where her specialties include treatment of adults and children. She employs a Cognitive-Behavioral approach to treatment, focusing primarily on individuals with depression and anxiety. She also conducts treatment and assessment for child and adult ADHD and other learning problems, as well as assessments for infertility/surrogacy. In addition to her traditional therapeutic and assessment work, Dr. Arata is an expert in child custody evaluations and routinely performs court appointed evaluations of families dealing with issues of custody and visitation. She has also conducted forensic evaluations and served as an expert witness for state and federal cases, especially those involving issues related to sexual abuse.

Dr. Arata has been married for twenty years and has three children. She is actively involved in her community and enjoys tennis and reading.

## **Joseph “Joe” Ackerson, Ph.D.**

Dr. Ackerson completed his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with a specialty in Clinical-Child from the University of Alabama in 1993. He also completed specialty training in Clinical Neuropsychology during both his internship (James McClellan VAMC & the Arkansas Children’s Hospital in Little Rock) and fellowship (Braintree Hospital, Boston University School of Medicine). Following his training Dr. Ackerson returned to Birmingham, AL to establish the first exclusively Pediatric Neuropsychology Clinic at the Children’s Hospital of Alabama in 1994. While at Children’s Hospital he was appointed Director of Psychology for Children’s Health System and served as the Associate Clinical Director for Children’s Behavioral Health.

In 1998 Dr. Ackerson accepted an offer to become the Director of Pediatric Neuropsychology for the University of Alabama at Birmingham. While there he served in many roles including administrative, clinical, research, consultation, clinical supervision, and teaching. Funded grants included research, clinical services, and consultation in the areas of traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, and autism. In 2006 Dr. Ackerson transitioned from UAB Sparks Clinics to UAB Department of Genetics where his clinical and research activities continued and expanded into the neuropsychological aspects of certain genetic and demyelinating disorders. In 2009 Dr. Ackerson completed his transition into full-time private practice. Although now a full-time private practitioner, Dr. Ackerson maintains close ties to the academic community and continues to serve in clinical, consultative, research, and teaching/supervision roles.

In every setting he has been in, Dr. Ackerson has been viewed as an innovator and leader. He has served as a founding member of the Prince of Peace Catholic School Board, UAB Autism Clinic, UAB Pediatric Epilepsy Neurosurgery Group, National Multiple Sclerosis Pediatric Steering Committee, and the United States National Genetics Neurocognitive Study Group. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Epilepsy Foundation for Central and North Alabama and Alabama Head Injury Foundation, as well as Chair/Facilitator for the Prince of Peace Pastoral Council. Dr. Ackerson has served as a member for the Alabama Statewide Head Injury Taskforce in 1998 and as Chair for Alabama Statewide Sports Concussion Taskforce since its inception in 2007.

Dr. Ackerson has also been involved with the Alabama Psychological Association (aPA). He has served on the Ethics Committee for several years, served as Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to review the Alabama Social Security Disability Evaluation system, and is a frequent presenter at the annual aPA Convention. He recently served on the Medicaid Insurance Committee for the Alabama Licensed Psychologists Association (ALPA).

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Lucile Bodenheimer entered private practice in Anniston, AL in 1983. Prior to becoming a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in 1998, she was licensed in Alabama as a Licensed Professional Counselor, State Approved Psychometrist, and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Her practice currently includes individual counseling for all ages, couples/marital counseling, family counseling, and Psychological testing including child custody evaluations. She currently provides services for the Division of Disability Determination and has worked with Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Department of Human Resources in the past. She accepts many insurances including but not limited to Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tricare, Medicare, Medicaid, All Kids, Aetna, Value Options, First Health, etc.

Dr. Bodenheimer serves on the board of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance, the local shelter for abused and battered women in Anniston where she has been Vice-President for the past 4 years. She was instrumental in helping establish 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance as a non-profit organization in the early 1980s. She was a founding member of Community Actors' Studio Theatre in 1999 and is the Vice-President of Production. She was the first female Vice-President (1987-89) and first female President of Temple Beth-El (1989-91) in Anniston and served on that board for many years. She has been a member of the Anniston Rotary Club for the past 7 years. She holds memberships in the American Psychological Association and the Alabama Psychological Association. She is a past member of the Alabama Licensed Psychologists Association, the Society for Personality Assessment, Alabama School Psychologists Association, and Psi Chi. During her years in Anniston, local therapists have often called on her as a consultant for professional ethics issues. She worked on the committee that helped establish All Kids in Alabama.

Dr. Bodenheimer was raised in Anniston, attending public schools and graduating from Anniston High School in 1970. She completed a BA in Psychology from Newcomb College of Tulane University in New Orleans, LA in 1974; an MA in Special Education-Learning Disabilities from the University of Alabama-Gadsden campus in 1976, receiving the degree in 1977; and an MA in Clinical Psychology from the St. Mary's University of San Antonio in San Antonio, TX in 1979. She attended Forrest Institute in Huntsville, AL, from 1990-1993, completing her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology at the Georgia School Of Professional Psychology in Atlanta, GA in 1998. She is currently pursuing certification in Forensic Psychology through Taylor Hardin Secure Medical in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Dr. Bodenheimer is married to James W. Holiday, a retired (United Methodist) Chaplain/Lt.Colonel in the U.S. Army who served more than 30 years. He is currently employed by the Department of Defense as the Family Advocacy Program Manager at 1<sup>st</sup> Army Headquarters at Ft. Gillem in Forrest Park, GA where his duties include establishing policy for comprehensive soldier fitness and suicide prevention. She has 2 step-children and 6 grandchildren.

During 2008, Dr. Bodenheimer actively campaigned for the election of Brenda Stedham as a Family Court Judge for Calhoun County. Gov. Bob Riley appointed Judge Stedham as the Republican nominee. She also actively campaigned for Judge Stedham's predecessor, Mannon Bankson, also an appointee of Gov. Riley.

## **Robert DeFrancisco, Ph.D.**

Dr. Robert DeFrancisco has been in private practice at the Brewton Medical Center in Brewton, Alabama since 1978. Prior to that, he was affiliated with the Southwest Alabama Mental Health Center from 1974-1977, where he served as chief psychologist. Dr. DeFrancisco has also been in adjunct professor in psychology for Jefferson Davis Community College, Livingston University (now the University of West Alabama), and Troy State University.

Dr. DeFrancisco received his B.A. degree from Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina, and his M.A. and Ph.D in Psychology from the University of S. Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Dr. DeFrancisco completed his clinical psychology internship in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Kentucky Medical School in Lexington, Kentucky. He also holds a Master's Certification in Psychopharmacology from the Prescribing Psychologist Register and is a Medical Psychologist endorsed by the Academy of Medical Psychology.

In addition to his general clinical practice, Dr. DeFrancisco is a Certified Forensic Examiner with a special interest not only in forensics, but the combined use of psychotherapy and psychopharmacology in the treatment of emotional and mental disorders. He recently published an article in the National Psychologist entitled "From Clinical Psychologist to Clinical Detective".

## Bio for Glen D. King, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP

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Dr. King earned his B.A. with a major in psychology and minor in chemistry from the University of Minnesota in 1968. He earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from The Florida State University in 1970 and 1972 respectively. He completed a full-time, one-year residency in Clinical Psychology, Mayo Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota Medical School, 1971-1972.

Dr. King then served on the faculty of Auburn University for 12 years, rising to the rank of Full Professor and serving as Director and Founder of the Psychology Research and Training Clinic. While at Auburn, Dr. King served as major professor for approximately 40 masters and doctoral students. Dr. King was engaged in part-time private practice in psychology from 1973 until 1983 when he entered full-time private practice with offices in Auburn and Montgomery, with specialties in Clinical and Forensic Psychology.

Dr. King has served a President of the Alabama Psychological Association and on the Board of Examiners in Psychology previously, two years as the Board Chair. He is licensed to practice psychology in Alabama since 1973 and is also licensed to practice psychology in Georgia. He was Board Certified in Clinical Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology in 1979 and is a Certified Forensic Examiner for the Courts of Alabama since 1991. He has conducted 5,000 evaluations for competency to stand trial and mental state at the time of the offense for the Alabama Court system. He has regularly provided professional psychological services for the Attorney Generals Offices for both Alabama and Georgia in their Capital Litigation Divisions. Dr. King has authored or co-authored approximately 50 professional articles and one book. Dr. King serves regularly as an examiner for the Social Security Administration and for the Alabama Department of Adult Rehabilitation Services.

Dr. King earned his J.D. degree from Jones School of Law in 1999, graduating first in his class. He was admitted to the Alabama Bar in May, 2000 and actively practices as an attorney at law.