



Toni L. Backman, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

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Licensure: Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Colorado License #2766 (2004)

EDUCATION

1992-1995 **B.S.** Psychology University of Arizona, cum laude
1997-1999 **M.A.** Clinical Psychology, California School of Professional Psychology
1999-2002 **Ph.D.** Clinical Psychology, dual emphases in Child and Forensic Psychology,
California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno, CA
APA-accredited, Graduated with honors
Dissertation: *Examining Parent-Child Relationships in Forensic Attachment Assessments: A Construct Validity Investigation of the Marschak Interaction Method Rating System*
2001-2002 Clinical Psychology Intern, Denver Health Medical Center, Denver, CO
Provided individual, group, and couples therapy; psychological and neuropsychological assessments; and supervision for masters interns in both inpatient and outpatient settings.
2002-2003 Postdoctoral Fellow, Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO
Advanced training in infant mental health, including clinical and developmental assessment, intervention, and consultation. Populations of focus included physically and sexually abused children, substance-abusing pregnant and parenting women, and young children in an outpatient mental health facility.
2003-2005 Senior Postdoctoral Fellow, Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO

Provided parent-infant psychotherapy, developmental assessment, and group therapy focused on parenting, attachment, and child development issues. Developed, implemented, and evaluated a community-based doula program with drug-addicted pregnant and parenting women and contributed to a multidisciplinary investigation of the perinatal vulnerabilities to psychosis. Provided clinical supervision to postdoctoral fellows.

2005- 2009 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Developmental Psychobiological Research Group, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO
NIH-sponsored research fellowship focusing on the examination of at-risk infants, including drug exposed infants and infants genetically at-risk for mental illness.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010 – present **Katz & Loizeaux Forensic Services, LLC**

Forensic Psychologist

Conduct parental responsibility evaluations, intervention services related to parent-child relationships, parent-child observations, and consultation to attorneys. Develop child-centered parenting plans, and constructive post-divorce parent communication and cooperation.

2009 – present **Toni L. Backman, LLC**

Clinical Psychologist

Provide assessment and psychotherapy to children and adults, including family and couples therapy. Provide supervision services to mental health professionals.

2008 – present **California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, Fresno, CA** *Adjunct Faculty*

Teaching responsibilities listed below.

2011 – 2012 **Adventure Montessori School**

Consulting Psychologist

Consult with teachers, administrative staff, and parents around psychological and behavioral issues pertaining to students. Provide infant mental health training and reflective supervision to staff and lead teachers.

2009 – 2010 **University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry**

Senior Instructor

Research director for a community-based doula program with pregnant and parenting women in recovery from substances of abuse. Teaching responsibilities listed below.

2007 – 2009 **University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry**

Instructor/Fellow

Research director for community-based doula program and lead dyadic supervisor for Kempe Center's Postpartum Depression Intervention Program.

04/01 – 08/01 **Fresno County Department of Children and Family Services, Fresno, CA**

Mental Health Professional

- Conducted forensic attachment assessments, bonding studies, and termination of parental rights evaluations of children and their biological, adoptive, and foster parents involved in the child welfare system.
- 2000 – 2001 **Psychological Service Center, California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno**
Senior Therapist
Provided individual and group therapy with court-ordered male and female domestic violence perpetrators and individual therapy with female victims of domestic violence.
- 1999 – 2001 **Psychological Service Center, California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno**
Psychological Trainee
Conducted psychological evaluations, including cognitive, personality, neuropsychological, and forensic assessments.
- 1999 – 2001 **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for Fresno County, CA**
Worked with children living in foster settings, gained information relevant to permanent placement decisions, and submitted written reports to the court.
- 1999 – 2000 **Psychological Service Center, California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno**
Psychological Trainee
Provided individual and group therapy for male domestic violence perpetrators and provided individual therapy for female domestic violence victims and perpetrators.
- 1999 – 2000 **Youth Challenge Community Grant Project, Fresno, CA**
Clinician
Provided individual and family therapy for middle school-aged children identified as at risk for becoming involved in illegal/criminal activities. Part of a state-funded study by the juvenile court system to evaluate the effectiveness of a strength-based prevention program.
- 09/99 – 12/99 **California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno**
Parenting Group Therapy Facilitator
Co-facilitated an experiential parenting program for adult and adolescent mothers with their infants and toddlers.
- 1998 – 1999 **Tulare Youth Services Bureau, Tulare, CA**
Psychological Trainee
Provided individual, family, and group psychotherapy, primarily with a sexually abused population, including perpetrators, victims, and non-offending parents of sex offenders and victims of sexual offenses. Conducted psychological evaluations of children addressing a variety of referral questions.
- 1997 – 1999 **Psychological Service Center, California School of Professional Psychology-Fresno**
Psychological Trainee
Assisted in conducting forensic evaluations, including bonding studies, sex offender evaluations, and child custody disputes.
- 1996 – 1997 **Scottsdale Institute for Behavioral Sciences, Ltd., Scottsdale, AZ**
Case Manager

Administered psychological assessments, coordinated forensic interviews, depositions, testimonies, and therapeutic and supervised visitations. Facilitated social skills group for children with ADHD.

RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- 2003 – 2010 Principal Investigator, UCD School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, Harris Community Doula Training Program and Haven Community-Based Doula Replication Project
- 2003 – 2009 Co-Investigator, UCD School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, Perinatal Vulnerability to Psychosis & Double-blind Trial of Choline during Pregnancy and Risk for Schizophrenia
- 1998 – 2001 Research Practicum, California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno
Developed research methodology/design, addressed ethical and logistical issues involved in conducting child-based research. Focus was on conducting research with children and families, attachment, at-risk parenting, multicultural issues in parenting, and projective assessment techniques.
- 1999 – 2000 Research Assistant, CSPP, Fresno
Comprehensive attachment-based Early Head Start Program for pregnant and parenting teens.
- 1998 – 1999 Research Assistant – Senior Copy Editor and Writer, CSPP, Fresno
Introduction to Forensic Psychology: Issues and Controversies
Published by Academic Press, 2000.
- 1998 – 1999 Rorschach Analysis Seminar, CSPP, Fresno
- 1998 – 1999 Research Assistant – Senior Researcher, CSPP, Fresno
Bonding Evaluations: The Practical Assessment of Parent-Child Attachment
The text addresses issues related to the legal and ethical issues involved in conducting bonding evaluations, cross-cultural issues in attachment, and considerations to be made when working with special populations.
- 08/95 - 12/95 Research Assistant, Love and Trust Laboratory
The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Examination of factors related to dynamics in couples relationships.
- 1993 - 1994 Research Assistant, Infant Cognitive Development Laboratory
The University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
An investigation of object permanence in 6-month-old infants.
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TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Course Directorships

- 2010 – present Early Intervention in Perinatal Mood Disorders, California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, Fresno, CA

2008 – present	Biopsychosocial Factors in Prenatal and Infant-Preschooler Mental Health, California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University, Fresno, CA
2008 – 2010	Topics in Infant Mental Health, Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health, UCDSOM
2007 – 2010	Infant Observation and Therapy Methods, Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health, UCDSOM
Lectures and Trainings	
2004 –Present	Trainer, Haven Peer Support Doula Replication Project Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health Department of Psychiatry, UCDSOM
2004	Trainer, Developmental Assessment Training, American Indian and Alaska Native Program, UCDSOM
2000	Guest Lecturer, California State University – Bakersfield
1999 – 2001	Teaching Assistant, CSPP-Fresno
1999 – 2000	Statistical Analysis Consultant, California State University, Fresno
Clinical Supervision/Teaching	
2007 – 2009	Lead Dyadic Supervisor and Therapist, Postpartum Depression Intervention Program, Kempe Center, UCDSOM
2003 – 2009	Clinical Supervisor, Graduate and Postdoctoral Fellows, Irving Harris Program in Child Development and Infant Mental Health, UCDSOM
2001 – 2002	Clinical Supervisor, Denver Health Medical Center

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Affiliations

- 2004 – present Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health
 1992 – present American Psychological Association
 2003 – 2010 Developmental Psychobiological Research Group

Professional Service and Committees

- 2006 – present Perinatal Loss Memorial Service Planning Committee, UCDSOM
 2009 Health Connect One Annual Conference Planning Committee
 2007 – 2008 Developmental Psychobiology Research Group Biannual Retreat Planning Committee

Review and Referee Activities

- 2003- Guest Reviewer, Journal of Infant Mental Health
 2002- Guest Reviewer, Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect

Invited Extramural Lectures and Presentations

1. Katz, L., **Backman, T.** & Weitzenkorn, G. &. (2012). New Techniques for Working with High Conflict Families. Family Law Institute. Vail, CO.
2. **Backman, T.** (2009). Implementing a Peer-to-Peer Doula Model with Pregnant Women in Recovery. Birth, Breastfeeding, and Beyond Conference. Chicago, IL.

3. **Backman, T.** & Wolff, D., (2009). Bonding with Babies Clean and Sober: Community-Based Doulas at the Haven A Promising Practical Application. Birth, Breastfeeding, and Beyond Conference. Chicago, IL.
4. **Backman, T.,** Bromberg, S., Frankel, K. (2006). Community-Based Doula Program at The Haven: An Ongoing Replication of Chicago Health Connection's Community-Based Doula Model at The Haven Mother's House. Zero-to-Three's Leadership Development Initiative Fellow's Retreat. Denver, CO.
5. Bromberg, S., Cdebaca, L., Smyer, Z., & **Backman, T.** (2006). Partnering for a Community-Based Doula Program for Women Recovering from Substances of Abuse. Strengthening connections: Chicago Health Connection's Networking Conference for Community-Based Doula Programs. Chicago, IL.
6. **Backman, T.,** Bromberg, S. Wolff, D., Miller, J., Cdebaca, L., & Smyer, L. (2005). The Haven's life skills mentor project. Denver Department of Human Services Caseworker Training. Denver, CO.
7. **Backman, T.,** Bromberg, S., & Harmon R. J (2005). An extended community-based doula intervention: Implemented with pregnant addicted women and their children. Developing Community Doula Programs: Supporting Families Through Pregnancy, Birth, and Early Parenting, US Department of Health and Human Services, Region VIII Office on Women's Health. Denver, CO.
8. **Backman, T.** & Wolff, D. (2005). Community-Based Doula model at The Haven Therapeutic Community. Developing Community Doula Programs: Supporting Families Through Pregnancy, Birth, and Early Parenting, US Department of Health and Human Services, Region VIII Office on Women's Health. Denver, CO.
9. Miller, J., **Backman, T.,** & Bromberg S. (2005). Residential substance abuse treatment for adult women and women parenting young children. Colorado Annual Child Welfare Conference. Vail, CO.
10. **Backman, T.** & Disheroon, L. (2003). Child abuse prevention and detection. General Services Administration 14th Annual Child Care Conference. Denver, CO.
11. **Backman, T.** & Hitchcock, D. (2001). Assessment of parent-child attachment in forensic bonding studies. Fresno County Children and Family Services Training. Fresno, CA.
12. Harrison, L. & **Backman, T.** (2000). Solution-focused brief therapy with children and adolescents. Continuing Education Training. Fresno, CA.
13. Harrison, L. & **Backman, T.** (2000). Solution-focused brief therapy: A focus on chronic mental illness, couples, families, and mandated populations. Central Valley Consortium Training. Fresno, CA.
14. **Backman, T.** & Loiodici, T. (2000). Solution-focused brief therapy: A training for youth mental health staff. Fresno County Children and Family Services Training. Fresno, CA.
15. **Backman, T.,** Kerr, M. & Younglove, J. (1998). Expert testimony and the forensic psychologist. California School of Professional Psychology Campus Faire: Faculty Showcase. Fresno, CA.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- Sparks, T, Hunter, S., **Backman, T.**, Morgan, G., & Ross, R. (2012). Maternal parenting stress and mothers' reports of their infants' mastery motivation. Infant Behavior and Development, 35(1), 167-73.
- Bromberg, S., **Backman, T.**, Krow, J., & Frankel, J. (2010). The Haven Mother's House Modified Therapeutic Community: Meeting the Gap in Infant Mental Health Services for Pregnant and Parenting Mothers with Drug Addiction. Infant Mental Health Journal, 31(3), 255-276.
- Hitchcock, D, Ammen, S., O'Connor, K., & **Backman, T.** (2008). Validating the Marschak Interaction Method Rating System with Adolescent Mother-Child Dyads. International Journal of Play Therapy, 17(1), 24-38.
- Book Chapter:
- Backman, T.** (2000). Juveniles' attitudes toward the police. In B. Arrigo (Ed.), Introduction to forensic psychology: Issues and controversies. New York: Academic Press.
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