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### **Work Experience**

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| Private Practice: General and Forensic Psychiatry                                   | 1987 – Present            |
| Candidate for the US Senate, Maryland Consultant to the Central Intelligence Agency | 2005 – 2006<br>Classified |
| Medical Behavioral Unit: Profiler of world leaders                                  |                           |
| Staff Psychiatrist: Alexandria Mental Health Center, Alexandria, VA                 | 1985 – 1991               |
| Psychiatrist: Springfield Mental Health Center, Springfield, VA                     | 1984 – 1989               |

### **Forensics (Selected)**

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| Expert Witness: Held v State of Montana   | Ongoing        |
| Expert Witness: Psychological Profiles and Report; Juliana v US; The Psychological Damages to Youth Plaintiffs from US Government Inaction on Climate | June 2018      |
| Necessity Defense: Evaluation and Psychological Profile; “Valve Turner”   | 2018           |
| Consultant: The Psychological and Mental Consequences of Climate Change in South Africa   | August 2021    |
| Physicians for Human Rights: Evaluation of Torture Victims Seeking Asylum   | 2010 – Present |

### **Academic Appointments and Teaching Experience**

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| Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, DC | 2022 -           |
| Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry Georgetown Univ School of Medicine, Washington DC                                       | 1998 - 2005      |
| Georgetown Univ School of Medicine Seminar on Psychiatry and the Law   | 1998, 1999, 2000 |

### **Education**

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| Residency in Psychiatry - St. Elizabeth’s Hospital, Washington, DC    | 1982 – 1986 |
| Surgical Internship; Hospital Tokoin; Lomé, Togo (West Africa)        | 1981 – 1982 |
| Internship - American Hospital at Neuilly; Paris, France              | 1980 – 1981 |
| Internship - Hospital St. Anne, Paris, France                         | 1980 – 1981 |
| Doctorate in Medicine: University of Paris, Paris, France             | 1973 – 1982 |
| University of Wisconsin; Madison, Oshkosh, Wisconsin (intermittently) | 1969 – 1973 |
| University of Paris: Sorbonne; Paris, France                          | 1970 – 1971 |

### **Publications (Selected)**

#### **Books**

“Emotional Inflammation: Discover Your Triggers and Reclaim you Equilibrium during Anxious Times”: April 2020 (with Stacey Colino) Sounds True Press  
“Climate and Mental Health” Editor/Contributor, Publisher Pending

#### **Papers, Chapters, Editorials**

“A Parable for Climate Collapse?”; Association of Child and Adolescent Mental Health, August 2021  
“Our Children Face Pre-Traumatic Stress from Worries about Climate Change”; British Medical Journal: November 2020  
“Psychological Impacts of Climate Change and Recommendations”; Health of People Health of the Planet: May 2020 (Chapter); Springer Publishing  
“The Age of Thanatos: Environmental Consequences of the Trump Presidency”; The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: March 2019 (Chapter)  
“The Psychological Impacts of Climate Change – A Call to Action”; The British Journal of Psychiatry: May 2018

“Facing the Great Challenge of our Generation”; A Photo Primer on Global Climate Change for Young Adults: (Introduction); by Frederick W. Krueger (Author)  
“Emotional Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change”; (Forward); by Leslie Davenport (Author)  
“Hold Your Breath - Air Pollution and your Mental Health”; Clinical Psychiatry News: March 2017  
“Climate Change - A Call to Action for Psychiatry”; British Journal of Psychiatry: January 2017  
“Assessing Dangerous Climate Change”; (contributor) James Hansen et al.: December 2013  
“The Psychological Effects of Global Warming on the US and Why the US Mental Health System is not Adequately Prepared”; National Wildlife Federation, with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: February 2012  
“Mental Health Professionals - Our Moral Obligation on Climate”; Huffington Post: April 2009  
“Delivering on Labor Day”; with Dr. Eric Chivian, James Hansen; Huffington Post: Nov. 2013  
“The Insanity Defense”; Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, 2002

### **Service on Boards and Committees (current and past)**

Climate Psychiatry Alliance  
Climate Psychology Alliance – North America  
Interfaith Moral Action on Climate (IMAC)  
Center for Health and the Global Environment; Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health  
Vice President Al Gore’s “The Climate Project”  
Earth Day Network  
The Climate Mobilization  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
ecoAmerica  
National Wildlife Federation  
American Public Health Association: Section on Mental Health  
American Public Health Association: Advisory Board: Climate, Health and Equity  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Government  
Chesapeake Climate Action Network  
Social Climate Leadership Group  
United Planet Faith and Science Initiative  
Equality Maryland

### **Media**

Frequently quoted in the press, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Globe and Mail, Huffington Post (guest blogger); regular guest on local and national radio (I hosted a weekly segment: “The Doctor Is In”). Guest on national and local television and radio hundreds of times to address current events, public health concerns and psychological matters; including commentary on the pandemic, climate & mental health, global terrorism & violence, and various topics in psychiatry: the mental state of hostages, serial killers, arsonists, psychological profiles of national figures, and the insanity defense in court.

### **Recent Presentations (selected)**

I have given hundreds of presentations around the world to educate professionals, policy makers and the public on climate and health. The topics include the emotional toll of climatedisruption, the plight of refugees, environmental injustice, working with communities to build resilience, creating coalitions and using the lessons of behavioral psychologists to craft persuasive messaging.

- The Health Care Policy Podcast with David Introcaso; March 2022
- Organization for Co-Operation and Development: “Climate and Health” Feb 2022”
- Annual Grief Sensitivity Virtual Learning Institute SAMHSA: “Grief Sensitivity – Where We Are Now & Where We Can Go With Our Practice”; February 2022
- International Faith Leaders Presentation; “Climate and Mental Health: Climate Anxiety and the Role of Faith Leaders”; February 2022
- ecoAmerica, The American Psychological Association, George Washington University Climate and Health Institute: Climate Change and Mental Health: Research to Action, Feb 2022
- Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health: “Planetary Health”; February 2022

- NYU Seminar on Client Anxiety: “Legal and Ethical Considerations”; January 2022
- Dartmouth Health Care Foundations: “Unresolved Tensions: Climate Change and Climate Anxiety”; December 2021
- United Nations Conference: “A planetary State of Mind: A Climate Change and Mental Health Program”; November 2021
- Hazon Seal of Sustainability: Keynote; October 2021
- Earth Rangers Webinar: “Building Resilience to Environmental Degradation in Children”; June 2021
- APA Annual Meeting Live Session; May 2021
- Academy of Integrative Health Medicine; Q&A with Dr. Guarneri; March 2021
- University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine: “Mental Health Impacts of the Global Climate Emergency”; February 2021
- New York Psychoanalysis and Climate Conference; Keynote; December 2020
- George Washington University: Global Mental Health Seminar with Janet Lewis; December 2020
- Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis: Keynote: “Framing the Climate Crisis – A Psychological Overview”; December 2020
- Climate Reality: “Mental Health Impacts of Climate Change”; August 2020
- Florida Psychiatric Society - Dr. Abbey Strauss Podcast Interview: “Climate and Mental Health”; August 2020
- Special Olympics: “Resilience in the Time of Covid”; August 2020
- The Daily Optimist: “Emotional Inflammation”; August 2020
- Pro Bono Counseling Center; “Climate Change – The Emotional Toll”; October 2020
- Climate Reality Leadership Training (Mentor); July 2020
- Climate Reality Project: “The Climate Crisis and Mental Health”; June 2020
- Eco America: “Climate Change, the Emotional Toll”; June 2020
- Emotional Inflammation: Politics and Prose; May 2020
- BBNR Podcast: “Wellness during the Covid”; May 2020
- Kresge Foundation: “Resilience Starts with Me”; May 2020
- New York Psychiatric Societies: “What Psychiatrists Should Know”; May 2020
- Special Olympics: “Isolation and the Pandemic”; May 2020
- Emory University Medical School: “Climate Crisis and Clinical Medicine”; May 2020
- Bill McKibben’s class Middlebury College: “Building Resilience - Climate and Pandemic Traumas; April 2020
- Podcast Interview: “Sounds True”; April 2020
- American Psychiatric Association: “Breaking Down Climate Silos”; April 2020
- Climate Elders National Call: “Climate Traumas and the Pandemic”; March 2020
- Johns Hopkins University Climate Change and Mental Health Course: “Round Table Discussion on Mental Health Practice and Policy; February 2020
- Barclays Bank: “Climate Traumas”: New York City; January 2020
- American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting; Symposium: (Chair) “When the Climate Disaster is Slow Moving”; May 2018
- Princeton University: Witnessing Professionals and Climate Change; May 2018
- National Resources Defense Council (Mom’s Clean Air Force): “What Social Psychology Tells Us about Climate Action and Making an Action Plan”; March 2018
- National Geographic/Lindblad Expedition to Antarctica, Featured Speaker  
#1 Climate Change - the Physical and Emotional Toll  
#2 The Charms, Tricks and Secrets of Nature – Turning Awe into Action on Climate  
December 2017
- American Public Health Association; Keynote Speaker: “Duty to Warn and Protect on Climate in the Era of Climate Dangers; November 2017
- Pontifical Academy of Sciences, The Vatican: “Acton on Climate”; November 2017
- Ohio Wesleyan University: “Climate Change – Your health and Your Role”; Sept. 2017
- Citizens Climate Lobby: “Mental Health and Climate”; Washington D.C.; June 2017
- APHA: “Resilience in the Face of Climate Change”; Washington D.C.; June 2017

- American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting: Workshop; (Chair) Duty to Warn and Protect - Climate; May 2017
- American Psychiatric Association: "Disaster Psychiatry – Current Needs in Managing Climate Change"; San Diego, CA; May 2017
- Harvard Global Health Institute: "Human Health in a Changing Climate Symposium"; Cambridge, MA; April 2017
- Climate Reality Project and The Harvard Global Health Institute: "Climate and Mental Health"; Atlanta, Georgia; February 2017
- The Emerging Markets Symposium: "Climate and Your Health"; Oxford, England; January 2017
- California Department of Health: "Your Health and Climate Change"; October 2016
- American Psychiatric Association; "Climate and Health"; Wash. DC; October 2016
- University of Oregon School of Law: "Climate in Court": with Dr. James Hansen and Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, Eugene, Oregon; September 2016