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***EDUCATION:***

- **Licensed Psychologist** – Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners, October, 1988
- **Doctor of Philosophy** – Educational Psychology; University of Arizona, Tucson, 1987
- **Master of Education** – Learning Disabilities; University of Arizona, Tucson, 1978
- **Bachelor of Arts** – Liberal Arts (Psychology); University of Arizona, Tucson, 1974

***EXPERIENCE:***

- School Psychologist/Director of Special Education – Southgate Academy, Tucson, AZ, 2006-2009  
Directed Special Education Department K-12, supervised teachers, comprehensive preparation for Arizona Department of Education, Special Education Six Year Monitor
- Bilingual Evaluator – Tucson Alliance for Autism – 2007 - present
- School Psychologist – Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) – 20+ years
- Private Practice – 20+ years  
Provide psycho-educational evaluations for various agencies and individuals, and also provide consultation and/or evaluations to Tucson area school districts.
- Adjunct Professor – University of Arizona – 1996 – present  
Supervise on-the-job training of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral interns, taught practicum and internship classes.
- Special Education Department Head – Cholla High School, TUSD – Jan 1997 – Jun 1997
- Assistant Professor – Northern Arizona University, Spring Semester, 1989
- Diagnostician/School Psychologist – Bilingual Diagnostic Team, TUSD, 1986 – 1991  
Conducted psycho-educational evaluations on limited English proficient children or monolingual Spanish-speaking children.

- Teacher – Sahuaro High School, Tucson, Arizona – 1974 – 1984  
Teacher of learning disabled students.

***MEMBERSHIPS: (Past and Present)***

- Arizona Association for Chicanos in Higher Education
- Arizona Association of School Psychologists (Regional Director, 2 years)
- Council for Exceptional Children
- National Association for Bilingual Education
- National Association of School Psychologists (Nationally Certified)
- Southern Arizona Psychological Association (School Psychology Liaison 3 years)
- Tucson Association for Bilingual Education

***PUBLICATIONS:***

- Dissertation: Cognitive Performance of English and Spanish-Speaking Mexican-American Children on the WISC-R and EIWN-R, 1987
- The Identification of Gifted Hispanic Students, Chapter in Volume II of Critical Issues in Gifted Education, edited by June Maker and Shirley Schiever, October, 1988
- "The Severity of Autism Is Associated With Toxic Metal Body Burden and Red Blood Cell Glutathione Levels," by James Adams, Matthew Baral, Elizabeth Geis, Jessica Mitchell, Julie Ingram, Andrea Hensley, Irene Zappia, Sanford Newmark, Eva Gehn, Robert Rubin, Ken Mitchell, J. Bradstreet and Jane El-Dahr, Journal of Toxicology, in press (2009).

***References Available Upon Request***