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EDUCATION

University of Texas, Austin, TX

Doctor of Philosophy, August 2007

Educational Psychology (School)

Dissertation: *The Effectiveness of a Classroom-based Intervention for Social Aggression*

University of Texas, Austin, TX

Master of Arts, August, 2002

Human Development and Family Sciences

Masters Thesis: *Synchronous Maternal Behavior in a Play Interaction: How it Relates to Child-Oriented Emotions*

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Bachelor of Science,

Sociology

December 1998

EMPLOYMENT

2009-present

Private Practice, Austin, Texas

Center for Therapeutic Assessment

Psychologist

2018-2020

Didactic TA Supervisor, Fairfield, CA

Child Haven

Group Supervisor/Trainer

2007-2009

Center for Therapeutic Assessment, Austin, Texas

Post-Doctoral Fellow

2006-2007

Children's Assessment Center, Houston, Texas

Psychology Intern

2005-2006	Joel Forgas, Austin, Texas <i>Psychological Diagnostician</i>
2003-2004	University of Texas Elementary School, Austin, Texas <i>School Psychology Intern</i>
2000-2006	University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas <i>Teaching Assistant</i>
1999-2000	Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Dallas, Texas <i>Milieu Therapist</i>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Therapeutic Assessment Institute, Founding Member, faculty, member of the executive committee
 Society for Personality Assessment, Member, Conference Planning Committee (2023-2025)
 Rorschach Congress, Member

HONORS AND AWARDS

Joseph L. Henderson and Katherine D. Henderson Scholarship from the University of Texas at Austin, in the amount of \$1,000. (Fall 2002)

Outstanding Service to the program, 2004-2005, 2003-2004, 2002-2003 Academic Years. Based on service to the School Psychology Program, Department of Educational Psychology.

Outstanding Service to the Therapeutic Assessment Project, 2003-2004 Academic Year. Based on service to the Therapeutic Assessment research project.

Southern Methodist University Transfer Scholarship from Southern Methodist University for half tuition and fees. (Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Fall 1998)

Child Care Scholarship from Plano Senior High School in the amount of \$1,000. (Spring 1994)

Taste of Plano Scholarship from Taste of Plano Fund Raiser in the amount of \$1,000. (Spring 1994)

PUBLICATIONS

- Finn, S.E. and **Schaber P.M.** (2011). Developing a Private Practice Focused on Therapeutic Assessment: Some Things Independent Practitioners Should Know. Independent Practitioner.
- Kamphuis, J.H. and Schaber, P.M. (2021). Therapeutic Assessment. *The Oxford Handbook of Personality and Psychopathology Assessment, Second Edition*.
- Reeves, S., Ricord-Griesemer, S.M., and **Schaber, P.M.** (2005). A proposed ecological intervention targeted at peer aggression. *Student affiliates in School Psychology News*, 5, 13-16.
- Tharinger, D. T., Finn, S. E., Wilkinson, A. D., & **Schaber, P. M.** (2007). Therapeutic Assessment with a child as a family intervention: Clinical protocol and a research case study. *Psychology in the Schools*, 44, 293-309.
- Tharinger, D.T. and **Schaber, P.M.** (2005). Full-Service Schools. In S.W. Lee (Ed) *Encyclopedia of School Psychology* (pp. 212-214). Newberry Park, California: Sage Publications.

WORKSHOP TRAININGS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Aschieri, Filippo and **Schaber, P.M.** (2024). “The Rorschach Test as an Intervention: Using the Test to Change Individuals, Couples, Families, and Groups.” Workshop presented at the XXIV International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods, Copenhagen.
- Aschieri, Filippo and **Schaber, P.M.** (2023). “Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment (TA): Adolescent and Child Model), Presented for CHC faculty via Zoom.
- Aschieri, Filippo and **Schaber, P.M.** (2023). “TA in the Bedroom: Fostering Intimacy in Couples in an Era of Fear and Disconnection” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference for the Society for Personality Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.
- Aschieri, Filippo and **Schaber, P.M.** (2022). “Using the Rorschach and Projective Methods in Therapeutic Assessment” Workshop presented at the XXIII International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Aschieri, Filippo and **Schaber, P.M.** (2021). “Therapeutic Assessment as a Brief Intervention” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference for the Society for Personality Assessment Virtual Conference, Zoom.
- Aschieri, Filippo and **Schaber, P.M.** (2018). “Integrating Multimethod Assessment results in a meaningful way for the client,” Workshop presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Personality Assessment. San Francisco, CA.

Aschieri, Filippo; Imming, Jennifer; and Schaber, P.M.(2012). “Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment,” Workshop presented at the annual conference for the Society for Personality Assessment. San Diego, CA.

Chudzik, Lionel; Aschieri, Filippo; Schaber, P.M. (2015). “Therapeutic Assessment with Difficult Clients: Building a Relationship that Fosters Change.” Workshop presented at the annual conference for the Society of Personality Assessment. New York, NY.

David, Raja and **Schaber, P.M.** (2020). “Live Therapeutic Assessment with a Young Adult and Their Parents.” Workshop presented by the Therapeutic Assessment Institute, via Zoom.

David, Raja and **Schaber, P.M.** (2021). “Virtual Assessment of TA.” Plenary session presented at the 3rd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, October 1, 2021, Zoom.

De Saeger, Hilde and **Schaber, P.M.** (2024). “Embrace the Complexity: Integrating Assessment Results into Client Centered Feedback Sessions.” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference for the Society for Personality Assessment, San Diego, CA.

De Saeger, Hilde and **Schaber, P.M.** (2022). “Integrate and Translate Assessment Data into Client Questions” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference for the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.

De Saeger, Hilde; Kamphuis, Jan; **Schaber, P.M.** (2019). “Therapeutic Assessment (TA) in Clients with Personality Disorder, with a focus on the Restoration of Epistemic Trust,” Workshop presented at the annual conference for the Society for Personality Assessment. New Orleans, LA.

De Saeger, Hilde; Kamphuis, Jan; **Schaber, P.M.** (2018). “Therapeutic Assessment in Patients with Personality Disorder.” Workshop presented at the Annual Conference for the Society for Personality Assessment Conference, Washington D.C.

De Saeger, Hilde and **Schaber, P.M.** (2017). “An Ultra-Brief Model of Therapeutic Assessment to Adults,” 2nd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.

De Saeger, Hilde and Schaber, P.M. (2014) “Planning and Conducting Assessment Intervention Session in Therapeutic Assessment,” Workshop presented at the 1st Annual International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.

Fantini, Francesca and **Schaber, P.M.** (2024). “Skills Training in Therapeutic Assessment with Children, Adolescents, and Families.” A 25 hour accredited specialist course in Sweden. Presented via Zoom.

Finn, S.E.; Frackowiak, Marita, and Schaber, P.M. (2017). "Working with Shame in Psychological Assessment," Workshop presented to the XIInd Congress of the International Society for Rorschach and Projective Methods, Paris, France.

Finn, S.E. and Schaber P.M. (2011). "Planning and Conducting Assessment Intervention Sessions in Therapeutic Assessment." Workshop presented at the annual conference at the Society for Personality Assessment. Boston, MA.

Finn, S.E.; Schaber, P.M. Tharinger, Deborah (2010). "Therapeutic Assessment of Adolescents and Families." Workshop presented at the annual conference for the Society of Personality Assessment. San Jose, CA.

Finn, S.E. and Schaber, P.M. (2006). "Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment," Presentation for the Counseling Psychology Program, University of Texas at Austin.

Finn, S.E. and Schaber, P.M. (2012). "Building a Strong Alliance in the Initial Session of Psychological Assessments with Adult and Adolescent Clients." Workshop presented at the annual conference for the Society of Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.

Frackowiak, Marita and Schaber, P.M. (2016). "Therapeutic Assessment with Children: Using Psychological Testing to Change the Family Story," Workshop presented at the Annual meeting for Texas Psychological Association, Austin, TX.

Frackowiak, Marita; Imming, Jennifer; Schaber, P.M. (2012). "Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment," Workshop for the Fielding Institute. Austin, TX.

Messina, Serena; **Schaber, P.M.**, Santas, Diane; David Raja. (2025). "An Attachment Perspective on the Early Memory Procedure" Symposia presented at the 4th International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Messina, Serena; **Schaber, P.M.**, Santas, Diane; David Raja. (2024). "Fostering Therapeutic Change through the Early Memory Procedure from an Attachment Perspective." Symposia presented at the Annual Conference for Society for Personality Assessment, San Diego, CA.

Palm, Jacob, Finn, S.E., Crisi, A., and Schaber P.M. (2025) "Drawing out meaning: Wartegg-based case conceptualization within the context of CTA." Presented at the International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Schaber, P.M. and Smith, JD (2024). Co-Chair of International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Schaber, P.M. (2023). "Roundtable: TA and the Future Generation of Assessors." Presented at the Pre-Conference Institute on Therapeutic Assessment in collaboration with the Society for Personality Assessment, Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2023). “What we Know from Therapeutic Assessment About How to Make Personality Assessment a Beneficial Experience for Clients,” Keynote speech presented at Expert Insights on Psychological Assessment for the Society for Personality Assessment, Zoom.

Schaber, P.M. (2022). “How can I feel emotions more deeply? Or do I even want to? Using the Rorschach and TCTS to highlight this adolescent’s dilemma of change.” Symposia presented at the XXIII International Society for the Rorschach and Projective Methods, Geneva, Switzerland.

Schaber, P.M. and Thomas, Katherine (2022). “Introduction to Adolescent Therapeutic Assessment.” Workshop presented by the Therapeutic Assessment Institute, via Zoom.

Schaber, P.M. (2021). “How Many Psychologists Does it Take to Make on? Supervising TA in a Community Mental Health Setting.” Roundtable session at the 3rd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, October 8, 2021, Zoom., Sarah Bharier, Psy.D. as chair.

Schaber, P.M. (2021). “Implementing TA in Various Settings: Lessons Learned from Those on the Front Line.” Roundtable presented at the 3rd International Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, September 24, 2021, Zoom.

Schaber, P.M. and Smith, JD (2021). Chair of the Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference. Zoom

Schaber, P.M. (2017). Is She Just Afraid to be Female? Using Collaborative Assessment to Help Parents Understand Their Transgender Child. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, March 18, 2017, San Francisco, CA, as part of symposium, “Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Approaches with Transgender Individuals and Their Families,” Diane Engelman, Chair.

Schaber, P.M. (2017). Why is my daughter afraid of me? Helping Parents Understand Their Daughter Through Extended Inquiry of the Wartegg. Symposium section presented to the Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2016) “Skills Training in Therapeutic Assessment: Taking Your Therapeutic Assessment Skills to the Next Level,” Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2016) “Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment,” Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2016). Journey Through Time: Change Through the Lens of Wartegg Drawings. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, March 12, 2016, Chicago, IL, as part of symposium, “Clinical Assessment of Psychosis and Psychotic Disorders Using the Crisi Wartegg System (CWS),” Jacob Palm, Chair.

Schaber, P.M. (2015). "Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment: Using Psychological Testing as a Brief Intervention." Workshop for the Madigan Health Care System. Ft. Lewis, WA.

Schaber, P.M. (2015). "Skills Training in Therapeutic Assessment," Cambridge Health Alliance, Boston, MA.

Schaber, P.M. (2014) Using the CWS to Explore Split Off Affect States with an Adolescent. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, March 22, 2014, Arlington, VA, as part of symposium, "Using the Crisi Wartegg System in Therapeutic Assessment," Stephen E. Finn, Chair.)

Schaber, P.M. (2014). Using the Crisi Wartegg System in Therapeutic Assessment. Symposium section presented to the Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2014). Working with Referring Professionals: Common Questions and Concerns. Roundtable discussion presented to the Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2014). A Collaborative Approach to the Assessment of Adults who May or May Not Have Autism Spectrum Disorder. Symposium section presented to the Collaborative/Therapeutic Assessment Conference, Austin, TX.

Schaber, P.M. (2014). Using the CWS to Explore Split Off Affect States with Adolescent. Symposium section presented to the Society for Personality Assessment annual convention, Washington D.C.

Schaber, P.M. "Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment," Presentation for the intern program at Travis County Psychology Internship Program, (2013-2024)

Schaber, P.M. (2011). "Collaborative Use of Testing." Milan, Italy.

Schaber, P.M. and Sarah Ricord-Griesemer. (2009). Demystifying the Rorschach. Symposium section presented to the Society for Personality Assessment annual convention, Chicago.

Schaber, P.M. and Wilkinson, A. (2005). Case presentation from the Therapeutic Assessment Project. Symposium section presented to the Society for Personality Assessment annual convention, Chicago.

Tharinger, D., Finn, S., & The Therapeutic Assessment with Children Research Project. (2004). Efficacy and Effectiveness of Therapeutic Assessment with Children: Pilot Results. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HA.

Therapeutic Assessment Immersion Course, Italy, June 2018, May 2014.

*Therapeutic Assessment Immersion Course: Essential Concepts and Skills Training,
Austin, January 2017, May 2015, May 2013, June 2012, May 2011, June 2010.*

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