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PERSONAL DATA

Date of birth: May 2, 1936
Place of birth: Cracow, Poland
Citizenship: Naturalized USA, 1953

Current Position:

Independent private practice of psychotherapy and consultation-1972-present

Previous positions:

Assistant Professor of Psychology Emory University, Atlanta, Ga	1964-1969
Associate Professor of Psychology Direction, Psychotherapy Clinic Georgia State University Atlanta, Georgia	1969-1996

Educational history:

B.A. (cum laude), Brandeis University, Waltham, MA	1958
M.A. Psychology, Clark University, Worcester, MA	1962
Ph.D. Psychology, Clark University, Worcester, MA	1964

Scholarships and Fellowships:

Knights of Columbus Scholarship, 1954
Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarships, 1954-58
John Hay Whitney Foundation Fellowship, 1955-59
USPHS Clinical Traineeship, 1958-61
USPHS Research Fellowship, 1961-1964

Predoctoral Clinical Training Experience:

7/58-9/58 Assistant, Milieu Therapy Program for Autistic Children,
Metropolitan State Hospital, Massachusetts

6/59-8/59 Clinical Psychology Trainee, Brockton, V.A. Hospital,
Brockton, Massachusetts

6/60-6/61 Clinical Internship, Worcester State Hospital, Worcester,
Massachusetts

9/61-1/63 Clinical Practicum, Psychology Clinic, Department of
Psychology, Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts

Postdoctoral Training:

Since 1964 approximately 3,000 hours of training workshops in psychotherapy and group processes, primarily in the areas of Gestalt therapy, Transactional Analysis, Psychomotor therapy, Theme-centered Interactional group leadings, couples therapy, bioenergetics and others. Among the teachers and trainers were Fitz Perls, George Bach, Vivian Guze, Al Pessso, Ruth Cohn, Irma Lee Sepherd, Joen Fagen, and many others.

Professional Activities:

Staff Psychologist, Psychological Center, Emory University, 1964-1969.

Staff, Institute for Psychological Services, Inc., Georgia State University, 1969-1971.

License in Applied Psychology, Georgia, 1964-present

National Register of Independent Health Providers in Psychology

Part-time independent practice of psychotherapy, Psychotherapy Center of Atlanta, 1972-present.

Associate and member of training faculty, Pine River Center, Atlanta, 1974-present.

Elected to Executive Council, American Academy of Psychotherapists. 1st term, 1979-82; second term, 1983-85.

Chairman, 1984 Annual Workshop, American Academy of Psychotherapists.

Program Committee, 1979 Annual Workshop, American Academy of Psychotherapists.

Program Committee, 1986 Institute of Conference, American Academy of Psychotherapists.

Elected, Steering Committee, Atlanta Group Psychotherapy Association, 1970-73.

Affiliate and faculty, Workshop Institute for Living-Learning, New York and Atlanta.

ABPP: Diplomate in Clinical Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology

Consultantships:

In individual assessment: Florida Conference of the Methodist Church, 1965-68.

In group dynamics and organizational development:

Vista Training Program of Volunteers, Atlanta
Urban Training Organization, Atlanta
Hospice, Atlanta
Speakeasy, Inc.

Child Development:

Educational Advisory Board, Family Learning Center, Atlanta
Editorial Board, Developmental Psychology, 1962-72
Director, Georgia State Symposia on the Psychology of Play, 1973-74.

Research Experience and Research Grants:

- 9/57-6/58 Research Assistant, Perception Laboratory, Brandeis University
- 1962-63 Research Associate with Robert Kastenbaum, Ph.D., Cushing Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts. Project title: "Effect of tranquilizing and Antidepressant drugs on psychological Functioning in an aged population."
- 1965-69 Co-investigator (with Albert Rowdan), HHH Research Grant. Project title: "Psychophysics of the development of form perception."
- 1967-68 Co-investigator (with Herbert Kaye), Emory University Research Fund and USOE grant. Project title: "The role of verbal and motor cues in discrimination learning and transfer."
- Since 1969 Projects supported by research grants from Georgia State University: "Physiognomic perception of the human face." "Alternative organismic means in learning and memory." "A comparison of group and individual supervision of psychotherapy."

Teaching Experience:

Undergraduate courses:

Introduction to Psychology
 Introduction to Personality
 Developmental Psychology
 Child Development
 Abnormal Psychology
 Theories of Personality
 Applied Psychology
 Directed Research
 Directed Reading

Graduate Courses:

Advanced Child Development
 Physical, Perceptual, and Cognitive Development
 Social and Personality Development
 Theories of Personality
 Theories of Psychotherapy
 Language and Thought Development

Interviewing and Projective Techniques
Practicum in Psychological Assessment and Psychotherapy
Practicum in Group Psychotherapy
The Psychology of Play and Fairytales
Seminar in Group Processes
Imagery and Guided Fantasy Techniques in Psychotherapy
Psychotherapy II: Theories of Psychotherapy
Psychotherapy I: Schools of Psychotherapy

Direction of theses and dissertations:

25 theses
18 dissertations

Other Clinical and Training Experience:

Since 1975, Director, Psychotherapy Clinic, Department of Psychology,
Georgia State University.

Presentation of Papers:

Kempler, B. & Wiener, M. "The stimulus and response characteristics in personality-perception." APA Convention, 1962.

Kempler, B. & Runner, Bonnie Jo. "Age changes in the use of subjective criteria in perceptual classification." Southeastern Psychological Association Convention, 1965.

Tedford, W. & Kempler, B. "Directional effects on size transposition in preschool children." Eastern Psychological Association Convention, 1967.

Jordan, B. & Kempler, B. "A physiological-behavioral measure of anxiety in introverts." Southeastern Psychological Association Convention, 1967.

Sockloff, A. & Kempler, B. "Visual-manual commonality in size judgments." Southeastern Psychological Association Convention, 1967.

Kempler, B. "A humanistic approach to the teaching of gifted children." Invited address to 1972 Annual Meeting of Georgia Association of Gifted Children, 1972.

Kempler, B. "Play in adulthood." Television interview, Ch. 11, Atlanta, 1974.

Kempler, B. "Play and education." American Association of Elementary and Kindergarten-Nursery Educators, 1973.

Kempler, B. "Life stages of the therapist." Panel, Georgia Psychological Association, Division

E. 1984.

Kempler, B. "The shadow side of self-disclosure." SEPA, 1982, Atlanta, GA.

Workshops offered:

Gestalt therapy demonstration. SEPA, Hollywood, Fla. 1974.

Play and Fantasy in mental health. Georgia Conference on Social Welfare, Atlanta, Georgia 1974.

Gestalt Therapy Training Workshop. Atlanta, Georgia, 1974.

"Play: a child's work." National Elementary –Kindergarten-Nursery Education, Atlanta, Georgia 1974.

Training course in Gestalt therapy—with Irma Lee Shepherd. Atlanta, Georgia, 1974.

Training workshop, theme-centered interactional group leading. Oberlin College, 1974.

Training workshop, theme-centered interactional group leading Atlanta, Georgia, 1974.

"Adults need more play." Annual meeting, Georgia Conference on social welfare. Atlanta, Georgia, 1974.

"Psychology of fairytales." Pine River Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 1978.

Interactive teaching, five day faculty developmental workshop. Oberlin College, 1978.

"Awareness and communication." Pine River Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 1976.

Professional workshop, bioenergetic therapy, theory, practice, Pine River Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 1979.

Psychological meaning of fairy tales. Institute & Conference, American Academy of Psychotherapists, Monterey, Calif., 1980.

Psychological meaning of fairy tales. Annual workshop, American Academy of Psychotherapists, Aspen, Col., 1980.

"Seeing with the third eye, hearing with the third ear." North Carolina Group Psychotherapy Association, Wilmington, N.D., 1980.

"An introduction to the theme-centered interactional method." London Center for Psychotherapy, London, 1980.

“The use of fairytales in psychotherapy.” Invited workshops. Institute and Conference of the American Academy of Psychotherapists, Washington, D.C., 1982.

“The use of fairy tales in psychotherapy.” Southeastern American Academy of Psychotherapists, Savannah, Georgia, 1981.

“By the way lights of a fairytale.” Georgia Psychological Association, Division E, 1985
Stouffer’s Inn, Lake Lanier, Georgia.

Publications:

Kempler, B. & Wiener, M. “Personality and perception in the recognition threshold paradigm.” Psychol. Rev., 1963, 70 no. 4 Reprinted N. Haber, Ed., Contemporary Theory and Research in Visual Perception, Holt Rinehart, 1968.

Kempler, B. & Wiener, M. “Personality-perception: Characteristics response to available part-cues.” Journal of Personality, 1964, 32, no.1.

Rosenfelt, R., Kastenbaum, R. & Kempler, B. “The untestables: Methodological problems in drug research with the aged.” The Gerontologist, 1964, 4, no. 2.