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CURRICULUM VITAE

MEDICAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

- May 1963 - Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree from the University of Toronto
- 1963-1964 - Intern at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.
- 1964-1965 - General Practice Residency at the Toronto East General Hospital, Toronto.
- 1965-1967 - Staff Physician at M.J. Boylen Hospital, Baie Verte, Newfoundland.
License to practice medicine in Newfoundland.
- 1967 to present - License for independent practice of medicine in Ontario. College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, registration no. 20887.
- 1967-1971 - Postgraduate training in Psychiatry at University of Toronto. Resident in Psychiatry at Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, Queen Street Mental Health Center, Wellesley Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital and C.M. Hincks Treatment Center.
- 1970 - Diploma in Psychiatry, University of Toronto
- 1971 - Certified as a Specialist in Psychiatry by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 17 November 1971.
- 1972 - Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, 23 September 1972.
- 1971-74 - Staff Psychiatrist at Queen Street Mental Health Center (one year full-time, two years half-time).
- 1972 to present - Private practice of Psychiatry, Toronto.

MEMBER:

Ontario Medical Association
Canadian Medical Association
Ontario Psychiatric Association
Canadian Psychiatric Association
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
Canadian Mental Health Association

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND REFUGEE EXPERIENCE:

- 1978 to present - Member of the Medical Network of Amnesty International, Canadian Section (English Speaking) [AICS(ES)] since its formation in 1978. Psychiatric assessment of refugee claimants and provision of testimony at refugee hearings, through the Medical Network until the creation of Canadian Center for the Victims of Torture in 1983.
- 1982 to present - National Coordinator of the Health Network of AICS(ES)
- 1983 to present - Member of the Canadian Center for Victims of Torture (CCVT), Toronto. Psychiatric assessment of more than 1,500 individuals who claimed that they had suffered torture, other severe government persecution, or the effects of civil conflict. These included referrals from CCVT, other agencies, lawyers, and the RCMP War Crimes Division. Provision of testimony at refugee determination hearings and criminal court.
- Member of the Board of the Canadian Center for Victims of Torture 1987 to 1991, 2002 to 2008.
- 1995 to 2001 - Member of the Board of Vigil – Toronto (an agency for rejected refugees) Secretary 1995-96. Chairperson 1996-97.
- 2003 to 2006 - Council member of the Council of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT). One of two elected North American Council members.

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- "Mental Health, Human Rights and the Death Penalty" by M. Michellepis, F. Allodi, C. Dunbar, D. Payne, K. Thornburn. Presented at the workshop on "The Institutionalization of Violence and the Responsibility of the Mental Health Professions" at the World Federation of Mental Health Meeting, July 1983.
- "Torture and Human Rights in Chile", letter to the Editor, Canadian Medical Association Journal, Vol. 131, 15 August 1984.
- "Why physicians should oppose the death penalty", Canadian Medical Association Journal, Vol. 136, 15 May 1987.
- "Psychiatrists and human rights abuses in the world". Presented at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, London, Sept 1987.
- Book Review of I Swear by Apollo by Don Gillmor, The Globe and Mail, 18 July 1987.
- Reports on Somali torture victims reported in National Academy of Science's report Scientists and Human Rights in Somalia, National Academy Press, 1988 and Amnesty International's report Somalia: a Long-Term Human Rights Crisis, September 1988.
- "Psychological Problems of Refugee Claimants in Interviews and Hearings", unpublished, March 1989, revised Nov 1992.
- "The Medical Network: Saying 'No' to human rights abuses", Canadian Medical Association Journal, Vol. 141, 1 Aug 1989.
- "The Psychiatric Sequelae of Torture: Diagnosis and Treatment". Presented at the XVIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Toronto, 20-24 June 1990.
- Psychiatric consultant to the Inter-Church Committee for Refugees' report "Civil Rights and the Refugee Claimant Backlog", October 1990.
- "The Role of Psychiatrists in Human Rights". Presented at the XVIII Int. Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vancouver, 24 June 1992.
- Book review of Life, Death and Aid: the Médecins Sans Frontières "Report on World Crisis Intervention", Canadian Medical Association Journal, Vol. 151, p 1471, 1994
- "Relating to Survivors in Bureaucratic Settings: Developing Sensitive Office Procedures" in Community Support for Survivors of Torture: A Manual, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, 1995.

- Health care in Ethiopia: So few resources for so many needs, Canadian Family Physician, Vol. 44: October 1998.
- Canadian MDs deliver water to parch Ethiopia, Canadian Medical Association Journal, Vol. 159, 2 July 1998.
- Malawi: The Importance of Primary Health Care, Canadian Family Physician, Vol. 47: November 2001
- "Refugees and the Experience of Violence: Coping with the Effects of War and Torture" Presented at: The Shared Citizenship Public Lecture Series, Muck Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto, 8 April 2004
- Working with Refugees and Survivors of Torture and War: Experiences and Observations of the Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture. with L. Andermann, M. Ahmed, T. Dremetsikas, D. Stein and R Meier. Poster presentation at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, 16 October 2004.
- The Debate about Trauma and Psychosocial Treatment for Refugees with Clair Pain and Dr. Pushpa Kanagaratnam, book chapter to be published in *Refuge and Resilience*, Springer Publishing.
- Editor of *Health Care and Human Rights*, the Bulletin of the Amnesty International's Medical Network in Canada. 1983 to present.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Annual General Meeting of AIUSA, Chicago, July 1984.
- Saskatoon Regional Meeting of AICS(ES), on torture victims, Saskatoon, November 1984.
- Canadian Institute of International Affairs, "Torture and Medical Ethics" on the Implications of the UN Convention Against Torture, Toronto, 15 January 1985.
- Ethics Committee, Canadian Medical Association, Ottawa, April 1987. Presentation on Amnesty International's concerns on Health and Human Rights.
- USA Congressional Human Right Caucus, Washington, October 1988 (on Somali torture victims).

- Ontario Legal Aid Plan, Training seminars for lawyers on the Immigration Panel, Toronto, 2 May 1989, 28 February 1991, 28 March 1991, 2 May 1991.
- McGill University School of Social Work, Seminar on “Working with Refugees who are Torture Victims”, Montreal, 9 February 1990.
- East Toronto Community Mental Health Workshop, “The Refugee Experience”, Toronto 18 October 1990.
- Alberta Multicultural; and Native Mental Health Association, Keynote speaker at Conference on “Post-Traumatic Stress: The case of immigrants and refugees”. Edmonton, 6-7 December 1990.
- National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C. Workshop on “Science and Human Rights: The case of Somalia”, 26 June 1991
- Hong Fook Mental Health Association Conference: “Conditional Critical: Refugee Mental Health”, Toronto, 25 September 1992.
- Presentations at in-service training for members of the Immigration Refugee Board and other Immigration staff, Toronto, 8 May 2000, 27 October 2000, 5 July 2001, 20 December 2001, 24 May 2002.
- The Shared Citizenship Public Lecture Series, Muck Centre for International Studies, “Refugees and the Experience of Violence: Coping with the Effects of War and Torture”, 8 April 2004
- St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Toronto, program on Human Rights in a Diverse Community, “Assessment, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture Survivors”, 5 March 2008.
- London Cross Cultural Learner Centre, Keynote speaker at conference on “Life as a Refugee” 19 June 2009.
- Canadian Refugee Health Conference, Session on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Presentation on practical issues in management and treatment, 25 November 2009
- Canadian Refugee Health Conference, Session on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. “Factors of Resilience and Vulnerability in the Outcome of Torture Victims”, 3 June 2011.
- Ontario Medical Association Section on GP-Psychotherapy, “Assisting Victims of Torture and War”, 5 October 2011

Court Testimony:

Immigration and Refugee Board: Testimony at more than twelve Refugee Determination Hearings.
Accepted as expert in psychiatry.

Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Mahar Arar (June 2005).
Accepted as an expert in psychiatry and in the psychological effects of torture.

Ontario Provincial Court: Testimony at more than ten trials. Accepted as an expert in psychiatry.

Ontario Superior Court: Testimony at trials of Abdullah Kadr (2009) and Abdul Shahnawaz (1999).
Accepted as expert in psychiatry

Federal Court of Canada: Testimony at hearings of Mahmoud Jaballah (2011) and Mohamed Mahjoub
(2011). Accepted as expert in Psychiatry

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