



ELDER ABUSE FORENSIC CENTER
Team Biographies

Kerry Burnight, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
UCI School of Medicine, Geriatrics

Kerry Burnight, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor in Geriatric Medicine the University of California at Irvine's College of Medicine. Dr. Burnight's research background includes work on the medical forensic aspects of elder abuse, models of elder abuse, multidisciplinary approached to elder abuse, and spirituality and aging. Before joining UCI, Burnight was a Congressional Fellow with the U.S. House of Representative's Select Committee on Aging, where she specialized in elder abuse and fraud.

Lisa Gibbs, M.D.
Assistant Clinical Professor
UCI College of Medicine, Geriatrics

Dr. Lisa Gibbs is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor in the program in Geriatrics at the University of California, Irvine. She is board certified in Family Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. She completed medical school at Stanford University School of Medicine. She subsequently completed a Family Medicine residency and then a Geriatric Medicine fellowship at the University of California, Davis in 2000. Dr. Gibbs is a member of the Vulnerable Adult Specialist Team.

Bryan J. Kemp, Ph.D.
Clinical Professor
UCI College of Medicine, Geriatrics

Dr. Kemp obtained his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Aging from the University of Southern California. He has worked in the fields of geriatrics, geriatric mental health and rehabilitation for over 30 years. He currently holds several related positions. At the University of California, Irvine he is Professor of Medicine and Psychology in the School of Medicine. One of his principal roles in this position is to serve as the medical psychologist for the UCI/Orange County Elder Abuse Forensic Center. Dr. Kemp evaluates referrals to the Forensic Center who are alleged victims of financial, sexual or physical abuse. He frequently lectures and trains other professionals on the topics of evaluating capacity, causes of vulnerability and elder financial abuse. He has published over 75 articles and reports, several on elder abuse, including one recently published with Laura Mosqueda, M.D. on an empirical framework for evaluating elder financial abuse. At Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center he is Director of Gerontology Outpatient Programs and Director of the federally-funded Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Aging with a Disability.

Solomon Liao, M.D.
Assistant Clinical Professor
UCI College of Medicine, Geriatrics

Dr. Solomon Liao is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor in the program in Geriatrics at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Liao is board certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He completed medical school in 1994 from the University of California, Irvine and finished his internal medicine residency from Northwestern University in 1997. He then completed his geriatric medicine fellowship at UCLA in 1999. Dr. Liao is a member of the Vulnerable Adult Specialist Team and is also a hospice medical director.

Bonnie Olsen, Ph.D.
Assistant Clinical Professor
UCI School of Medicine, Geriatrics

Bonnie Olsen, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist and Associate Clinical Professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from Colorado State University and her Masters and Ph.D. in Psychology from California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego. One of her principal roles in her position at UCI is to serve as a medical psychologist for the UCI/Orange County Elder Abuse Forensic Center. Dr. Olsen evaluates referrals to the Forensic Center who are alleged victims of financial, sexual or physical abuse. She is a team member of UCI Program in Geriatrics Health Assessment Program for Seniors' conducting cognitive and mental health assessments. Dr. Olsen also maintains a private practice in neuropsychological assessment, cognitive rehabilitation, and psychotherapy. She designed and taught a memory rehabilitation course at Coastline Community College Acquired Brain Injury Program for many years. She has extensive experience in the evaluation of cognitive disorders and in assisting those who provide care for individuals with cognitive or emotional disability.

Aileen Wiglesworth, Ph.D.
Assistant Clinical Professor
UCI School of Medicine, Geriatrics

Aileen Wiglesworth, Ph.D. holds a doctoral degree in Gerontology from the University of Kentucky. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Medicine at the University of California, Irvine College of Medicine. Dr. Wiglesworth is the lead researcher on several projects: (1) "Abuse of Elders with Dementia: Toward a Model of Prediction" by the California Department of Health Services; (2) "Bruising as a Forensic Marker of Physical Elder Abuse" by the National Institute of Justice, (3) "Estimating Incidence of Elder Abuse from Social Services Data" by the Archstone Foundation; and (4) "Development and Validation of a Criterion Standard for Elder Mistreatment" by the National Institutes of Aging.

Tom O’Hanlon
Program Coordinator
Center of Excellence in Elder Abuse and Neglect
UCI School of Medicine, Geriatrics

As program coordinator, Tom O’Hanlon has overall responsibility for implementation of the training programs for the Center, for technical planning and development for the Forensic Center and the Vulnerable Adult Services Team of Orange County (VAST) and administrative duties relating to all aspects of the position. Before joining UCI Program in Geriatrics, his experience includes a broad range of administrative assignments, including Rehab counselor for persons with disabilities, pastor of a large congregation overseeing numerous programs meeting the most popular needs of the community, personnel management, administrative oversight, and program planning. He has over ten years experience in professional caregiving, counseling, community building, and group facilitating. He was a recipient of the AARP fellowship award for Diversity and Aging, 2007, holds a bachelors degree in theology and philosophy, and a master’s degree in gerontology from CSULB.

Carol Mitchell
Program Manager, Adult Protective Services
Social Services Agency, County of Orange

Carol Mitchell is the Program Manager of Adult Protective Services. She has been with APS for six years and previously with Children and Family Services for twelve years. Carol has fifteen years of supervisory experience in the Social Services Agency and has also worked in Program Development and Quality Assurance. She has a Master’s Degree in Counseling from Cal State University, LB and has been a licensed MFT since 1986.

Wendy Aquin
Deputy Director, Adult Services
Social Services Agency, County of Orange

As Deputy Director, Wendy Aquin has overall responsibility for program and policy development, as well as all program operations, for Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, and the Multipurpose Senior Services Program. She has worked for the Social Services Agency for 20 years and previously worked for the Social Security Administration. Before joining Adult Services, her experience includes a broad range of administrative assignments, including facility design and management, purchasing, personnel management, legislative analysis, policy development, contract management, and information management. She is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Mark Odom, LCSW
County of Orange, Health Care Agency
Behavioral Health Services, Older Adult Services

Mark Odom is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has been Service Chief II of Orange County Behavioral Health Services Older Adult Services (OAS) since 1999. In this capacity Mr. Odom supervises a team of multidisciplinary staff who provide mental health and substance abuse services to community dwelling older adults with behavioral health issues and unmet medical needs. Mr. Odom is also responsible for promoting mental health services for seniors by developing partnerships and collaborative opportunities with community based senior service organizations in Orange County. Selected assignments during his tenure at OAS include: Project Director, Orange County Senior Hoarding Intervention Project; Chair, Orange County Task Force on Hoarding; Consultant, Orange County Fiduciary Abuse Specialist Team; Member, Orange County Multidisciplinary Treatment Team. Prior to his current assignment he was Service Chief of the LPS Mental Health Unit located at the Office of the Public Guardian where he supervised a team of clinicians providing mental health services to over 300 of Orange County's most severely and persistently mentally ill older adults. Mr. Odom received his Master of Social Work degree with studies in gerontology from San Diego State University and has been working in the mental health and aging field since 1988.

Ronda Roberts
Elder Abuse Specialist
Domestic Violence Assistance Program
Community Services Program, Inc.

Ms. Roberts holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Administration. She has worked in customer service for a number of years. Ms. Roberts has been with the Domestic Violence Assistance Program (Community Services Programs), serving as the Elder Abuse Specialist, for almost a year. She works with the senior population and Dependent Adults in need of restraining orders. She assists with the court paperwork, court support, and offers referrals as needed. Ronda works out of the Lamoreaux Justice Center in the city of Orange.

Kelly Sheline
Elder Abuse Specialist
Domestic Violence Assistance Program
Community Services Program, Inc.

Kelly Sheline has been employed by Community Service Programs, Inc., a non-profit agency that assists crime victims, since December 2005. She has been the elder abuse specialist at their Domestic Violence Assistance Program since July 2006, assisting clients in obtaining restraining orders. Ms. Sheline has a degree in psychology from California State University, Fullerton and is working on her master's degree in marriage and family therapy at California State University, Fullerton.

Carol Tryon
Geriatric Social Worker
Human Options

Carol Tryon is a geriatric social worker who received her Master's in Social Work from California State University, Long Beach. Her Master's thesis was on Emergency Health Service Providers Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs about Elder Abuse and Interdisciplinary Team Referrals. Her undergraduate degree from California State University, Fullerton was in psychology with a minor in women's studies and gerontology. She has been working with seniors exclusively since receiving her Master's. In 2000 Ms. Tryon was hired by Human Options: Alternatives for abused women and their families to research and develop a program to meet the special needs of older battered women and victims of elder abuse. Safe Options for Seniors is a one of a kind program that helps seniors break the cycle of violence in their families. Ms. Tryon was the past chairperson of the Orange County Family Violence, Elder Abuse committee where she developed and presented training on family violence and elder abuse to law enforcement, probation and social service agencies. In addition she regularly presents domestic elder abuse training for the Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women and for other domestic violence agencies. For the past two year Ms. Tryon has been a member of the planning committee for the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma's International Family Violence conference. Ms. Tryon is a member of the Orange County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition, Orange County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST), National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, and American Society on Aging.

Craig M. Cazares
Deputy District Attorney
Family Protection Unit, Office of the District Attorney of Orange
Elder Abuse Prosecutions

Craig M. Cazares has been employed as a Deputy District Attorney for the County of Orange for the past 15 years. He currently heads the Elder Abuse section of the Family Protection Unit where he handles all felony cases involving the physical or financial abuse of elders and dependent adults that occur in Orange County. While serving in this position, he has prosecuted over 200 cases involving the physical, financial abuse or neglect of elders or dependant adults from their caregivers or family members. Mr. Cazares is active in the education and training of law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals that handle Elder Abuse cases. He also is active in the community education through outreach activities, presentations, and participation in various discussion panels. Mr. Cazares is a graduate of Santa Clara University, and the University of San Diego School of Law.

Steve Howe
Investigator
Family Protection Unit, Office of the District Attorney of Orange
Elder Abuse Prosecutions

Steve Howe brings 22 years of experience as a sworn officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. During his career with LAPD, Investigator Howe worked a variety of assignments which included undercover narcotic investigations, gang enforcement, juvenile investigations, surveillance of organized auto theft and big-rig hijacking rings, and patrol. Since joining the Orange County District Attorney's Office in 2002, Detective Howe spent two years working financial crimes where he investigated major fraud cases involving complex financial crimes and sophisticated scams. In 2004 Howe was reassigned to the Family Protection Unit where he spent two years investigating felony Domestic Violence cases. In 2006 Howe was offered a position as the sole investigator in the Elder Abuse Unit. In his current assignment, Howe works closely with victims, witnesses and police officers to aid in the prosecution of persons who have committed crimes against the elderly. He is closely involved in all phases of the prosecution and enjoys helping victims of physical and financial abuse.

Cherie Hill
Detective, Family Crimes Detail
Anaheim Police Department

Cherie Hill began her law enforcement career with the Anaheim Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Ms. Hill is currently assigned to the Family Crimes Detail for the Anaheim Police Department as a Detective. Ms. Hill handles approximately 40 cases per month dealing with elder abuse, child abuse and domestic violence. Prior to law enforcement, Ms. Hill was a History and English teacher for seven years in the Anaheim and Whittier High School Districts. Ms. Hill holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Teaching Credential in History.

DelRey McKenzie
Investigator
Orange County Sheriff's Department

Investigator McKenzie began her career with Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1987. McKenzie started her career at the Orange County Jail. During this time she was collaterally assigned to the Sheriff's Mounted Unit. She was transferred to North Patrol Operations in 1993. McKenzie was promoted to the Investigations Division in 2000. Her current assignment is Elder Abuse and Disabled Adult Investigations, within the Family Protection/Sex Crimes Detail. Along with her regularly assigned duties, she teaches law enforcement topics to the recruits at OCSD Basic Academy, SSO Academy, and to reserve and civilian staff. McKenzie has been a member of the OCSD Mounted Enforcement Unit for eighteen years. She holds a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University.

Art McDevitt
Investigator
Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department

Before entering law Enforcement, Mr. McDevitt spent thirty-two years as an Engineer/Program Manger in the Aerospace industry. Mr. McDevitt received his BA from Western in electronic engineering and an MBA from Pepperdine. He also holds a Facility Security Certificate from the DOD and a Manager Certificate. Mr. McDevitt served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps spending 18 months in Korea and 6 months in Japan. Mr. McDevitt entered Law Enforcement with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and graduated from the Academy in August 2000. He has worked in the Sex Crimes/Family Violence Unit of the Criminal Investigation division for the past six years. Mr. Mc Devitt has completed more than 1000 hours of POST certified training in Law Enforcement. This training includes more than 160 hours of Elder Abuse related classes. As a Deputy with the OCSD Mr. McDevitt has worked with the Elder Abuse Forensic Center since it's inception in 2002.

Rochelle L. Woolery
Program Coordinator
Council on Aging of Orange County-Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Rochelle L. Woolery has served as program coordinator for the Council on Aging of Orange County Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program since 1992. She previously served as the Protective Services Coordinator from 1988-1992. Ms. Woolery's professional experience in the field of gerontology includes: instructor at Coastline Community College, guest lecturer on Elder Law courses at Western State University College of Law and guest speaker at UCI Medical Center's "Grand Rounds" program. Ms. Woolery is a member of Orange County Adult Protective Services Multi-Disciplinary Team and Advocacy Council and founding member of the UCI Medical Center's Geriatric Medicine Program Adult Abuse Task Force. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from California State University, at San Francisco and participated in the Gerontology Certificate Program at California State University, Fullerton. Ms. Woolery is a State Certified Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

Tim Beason
Supervising Deputy Public Administrator/Public Guardian
County of Orange

Tim Beason has worked with the Orange County Public Administration/Guardian Office for 10 years. He started with the Public Guardian as a Probate Investigator and the start up of the Adult Protective Services Investigators with this office. He has spent the last seven years with the Public Administrators Office. As a Senior Deputy he investigated and administered the estates of decedents. He has 17 years of Law Enforcement experience in Orange County as a Patrol Officer, Motor Officer, Crime Scene and Detective. He has an Advanced POST Certificate and specialized training in Homicide, Fraud, Arson, and Department of Defense Investigator. He is a certified Investigator with the State of California Public Administrator/Guardian Association. He is a member of the Elder Death Review Team (EDRT) and Orange County Vulnerable Adult Specialist Team (VAST). He has a degree in Criminal Justice and Education in Elder Abuse.

Suzette Smith
Senior Deputy Public Guardian
Public Administrator/Public Guardian

Suzette Smith has worked as a probate conservatorship investigator for the Orange County Public Guardian office for 9 years. As a senior deputy she is assigned the more complex Adult Protective Services investigations. In addition she has also been an active member of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center team since its inception in 2003. Prior to these activities she has worked for the Victim Witness Assistance Program and supervised its Victim's of Crime Compensation Program. She has also been involved in volunteer work with domestic violence family members and with the Red Cross as a crises counselor. She has a bachelor's Degree in social Ecology (Criminal Justice) from UC Irvine and a Master's Degree in Psychology from Pepperdine University.