

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. University of Connecticut: Department of Educational Psychology, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, 1973.

M.A. University of Connecticut: Department of Educational Psychology, Learning Disabilities, 1971.

University of Connecticut: Department of Psychology: Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology, 1968-1969.

B.A. State University of New York at Buffalo, Department of Psychology, 1968 (with High Distinction).

Queens College, New York: Major- Psychology; Minor- Education, 1964-1966.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Professor of Special Education, Rhode Island College, 1982-present.

Associate Professor of Special Education, Rhode Island College, 1978-1982.

Assistant Professor of Special Education, Rhode Island College, 1973-1978.

Independent Educational Evaluator for Students with Down's Syndrome, Asperger's Syndrome and Learning Disabilities, Cranston, Pawtucket and Providence, 2010-2011

Consultant, to the Department of Astrophysics at Harvard University on a matter pertaining to readability of science-based test questions October 2009 through July 2010.

Coordinator, Graduate Traineeship and Master's Program, Emotional and Behavioral Disorders, 1978- present.

Special Education Coordinator, Rhode Island College Learning Center, 1973-1985.

Instructor (part-time), Eastern Connecticut State College, Willimantic, spring, 1973. Graduate instructor: Tests and Measurements

**ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Imber, S.C. & Crosby, N.E. A Glasserian Glissando: PowerPoint presentation on the applications of reality therapy to classroom instruction. Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y. July 13, 2002. (guest presentation.)

Imber, S.C. Legal Aspects of Special Education.: a PowerPoint presentation on significant legal foundations in special education. Manhattanville College, Purchase, N.Y July 13, 2002 (guest presentation.)

Imber, S.C. Assessment. Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institution, Howard Complex, Fall Semester 2001. (A three credit graduate workshop).

Imber, S.C. Instructor, Workshop on Legal Aspects of Special Education: Special

Education 580: Rhode Island College, July, 1999-2001 (A three credit graduate workshop).

Imber, S.C. Instructor, Workshop on Legal Aspects of Special Education: Special Education 480: Rhode Island College, July, 1996. (A one credit graduate workshop)

Imber, S. & Caparco, J. A Workshop on Preventing School Violence: Special Education 480(20) Three Credit Graduate Course. Rhode Island College, 1994-1995

Imber, S.C. Preventing School Violence Workshop, Dartmouth Senior High School, Dartmouth, Massachusetts. August 16 through August 19, 1993.

Instructor, Glasser Reality Therapy Workshop, Rhode Island College, summer, 1990.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Dr. Augustine Capotosto, Jr., Chairperson and Member of the Rhode Island Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education regarding teacher certification. An argument for requiring special education teachers to have coursework in behavior management, March 9, 1989. (This matter prevailed October, 1989).

### **PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS:**

Pressman, R.M. & Imber, S.C. (2011) Relationship of Children's Day Time Behavior Problems with Bedtime Routines/Practices: a Family Context and the Consideration of Faux – ADHD. *The American Journal of Family Therapy*.

Imber, S.C. Southeast Magazine (SOCO), Guest Columnist on Parenting, *Kids Don't Come with a Manual!* January through July, 2010.

Imber, S.C. Overview of the Massachusetts Regulations on Independent Educational Evaluations. Federation for Children with Special Needs **NEWSLINE**, Boston, MA, December 16,2009.

Imber, S.C. Independent Educational Evaluations: Parents Plights and Rights, Rhode Island Family Magazine, October, 2009.

Imber, S.C. Tuning into Your Child's World at School: Parents Plights and Rights, Rhode Island Family Magazine, September, 2009.

Imber, S.C. [Assemble Roster of Evaluation Specialists](#), LRP Special Education Connection, March 17, 2009. Based upon an interview with an LRP editor.

Imber, S.C. & Cortiella, C. Independent Educational Evaluations, *Exceptional Parent*, December, 2008.

Imber, S.C. Contributor to the Purple Haze, an article on Indigos, Street Level: A publication of New York University, Gabriela Magda, Fall 2008.

Imber, S.C. [Grant right to IEE regardless of parents' notification efforts](#), LRP Special Education Connection, October 4, 2004.

Imber, S.C. Independent Educational Evaluations, LRP Special Education Connection,

[Smart Starts -- SmartStart: Evaluations -- Independent Educational Evaluations \(IEEs\)](#), September 30, 2004.

Imber, S.C. Independent Educational Evaluations, LRP Special Education Connection, Live *Back- to School* chat on IEEs, LRP on-line LRP Chat Room Conference, September 30, 2004.

Imber, S.C. [Evaluators who serve as district consultants aren't truly 'independent'](#), LRP Special Education Connections, September 23, 2004.

Imber, S.C. [Minimize financial burdens by avoiding costly IEE mistakes](#), LRP Special Education Connection, September 17, 2004.

Imber, S.C. [Back-to-School Chat: Get expert advice on IEEs today](#), LRP Special Education Connection, September 13, 2004.

Imber, S.C. & Radcliff, D. *Independent Educational Evaluations under IDEA-97: It's a Testy Matter!* *Exceptional Children*, fall, 2003.

**Imber, S.C. *The Miranda Warning: Readability and the Rights of Children with Disabilities*. Submitted for review. *Virginia Law Review*, March, 2003.**

**Imber, S.C. *The Miranda Warning: Readability and the Rights of Children with Disabilities*. It's a TestyMatter, *The Electronic Journal of Forensic Psychonomics*, <http://users.sgi.net/~lastone/>, 2001.**

Imber, S.C. - Independent Educational Evaluations: It's a Testy Matter! Paper presented at an IDEA-97 seminar. The Biltmore Hotel, Providence, RI. Lorman Education Services. April 11, 2001

Imber, S.C. - The Miranda Warning: Readability and the Rights of Children with Disabilities; Paper presented at an IDEA-97 seminar. The Biltmore Hotel, Providence, RI. Lorman Education Services. April 11, 2001.

Pine, J. & Imber, S. - *Issues on School Violence*, "School Talk". A Channel 36 Videotape Production, Moderated by Nardja Varney, October, 1996. (Originally videotaped with the Attorney General in June, 1993.)

Imber, S.C. (Ed.) *Emotional and Behavioral Disorders: A book of Readings*, Second Edition. Longman Publishing Group, New York, ISBN 0-89568-294-X. (Out of Print).

Imber, S. "Relationship of trust to academic performance," *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* (28:1) 1973, pp 145-150.

### **GRANTS:**

Federal Application for Graduate Traineeship: Section pertaining to Emotional Disturbance, Special Education, approved 1986, 1983, and 1980

Faculty Research Grant: The Relationship of Trust, Emotional Adjustment and Academic Achievement. Rhode Island College, May 1977.

Co-Author of the Rhode Island College Department of Special Education Application for Personnel Preparation Guide for Traineeships (Behavioral Disorders).

**PRESENTATIONS: REGIONAL AND NATIONAL:**

Imber, S.C. Independent Educational Evaluations under IDEA 2004: It's a Testy Business! The Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America's National Conference, Coco Beach Hotel, July 14, 2012 Danvers, MA.

Imber, S.C. The ABCs of IEPs. A Power Point presentation for parents and educators. Somerset Parent Special Education Advisory Committee, the Old Town Hall, Somerset, MA January 19, 2010

**EDITORIAL CONSULTANT:**

Guest Consultant, The SpecialEd Connection, LRP, -Carry out thorough personal evaluations to stave off IEE demands, on line article, October 29, 2007

Editorial Consultant: to Today's School Psychologist, Responding to Parent's Request for Psychoeducational Evaluation, Volume 1, Issue 1, August, 1997.

Editorial Consultant to the Special Educator, Dealing with Student Evaluations, Internal and External, Volume 13, Issue 3, August 15, 1997.

**MEDIA PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER RECENT ACTIVITIES:**

Participant in the 5<sup>th</sup> National Satellite Broadcast from Harvard University on Violence Prevention. Racial Bias. Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island April 14, 2000.

Coordinated several training workshops on PowerPoint and Excel for students in various special education courses during the (re: technology applications to lesson planning, lesson adaptations and presentations), Gaige Hall Computer Laboratory, Rhode Island College, Providence Rhode Island, Summer and Fall Semesters, 1998- present.

**COURT RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Consultant and Expert on a matter of school placement, Seattle Family Court Arbitration, August '13

Consultant and Expert Witness on a Matter for due process hearing, July 2012 re Appropriate placement.

Consultant and Expert Witness on a matter for due process hearing re Free Appropriate Public Education November 2012 through January, Rhode Island (case settled).

Consultant and Expert Witness on a matter for due process hearing re independent educational

evaluations, December 2012 (testimony given on December 19, 2012), Rhode Island.

Independent Educational Evaluator and Expert on a 504 matter re a student with ADHD, federal court, New Jersey 2011-12.

Expert Employed by law firm on matter pertaining to the degree to which a child with severe disabilities suffered loss of functioning due to an accident, Superior Court, Philadelphia, 2011-12.

Consultant and Independent Program Evaluator, on a matter of Due Process (Lowell Juvenile Court And Malden, MA) for a child with blindness and other severe disabilities (through Public Counsel) November 2011 through January 2012.

Review of records, consultation and expert opinion within a written report, re a Due Process Hearing, Massachusetts, November, 2011

Evaluation and expert consultation on a 504 Discrimination federal law suit for an adult, New Jersey, October, 2011.

Review of records, consultation and expert testimony on a matter pertaining to special education, Hawaii, October, 2011.

Review of records and the development of a written report on a 504 Discrimination Law Suit re College (TASA), Pennsylvania, May, 2011

Retained on a criminal matter, regarding an individual with disabilities Barnstable, MA, November, 2009 – March 2010.

Retained on a matter of Due Process Hearing re a child with Learning Disabilities, Southeast MA, September 2008-October 2009.

Retained by an Arizona law firm as a consultant and expert on a matter of negligence of an adolescent child with autism, February 2009.

Consultant for parents on a matter of fee reimbursement for an IEE, Program Quality Assurance (PQA, Department of Education) and mediation, Massachusetts, January - March 2009.

Consultant and Expert Witness on a matter of Due Process, South County, RI on a matter of independent educational evaluations, January 2009.

Consultant and Expert Witness on a matter of child custody, Stoughton District Court, November 2008-February 2009.

Consultant for a Functional Behavioral Analysis and Behavior Intervention Plan re a Mediation Agreement for a child with Down's syndrome Attleboro, MA December 2008-March 2009.

Special Education advisor for an adolescent with learning disabilities, for a due process hearing Connecticut, August- December 2008.

Consultant, Independent Educational Evaluator, and Expert Witness on a matter of Due Process (Lowell Juvenile Court and Malden, MA) for a child with blindness and other severe disabilities, 2008.

Consultant, Independent Educational Evaluator and Expert Witness on a Family Court matter re private vs. public education for an adolescent with disabilities. Kent County, Warwick RI, 2007-08

Consultant to Attorney Thomas Zraik, on a matter pertaining to independent educational evaluations based upon a case in the Northern Ohio District Court for appeal to the Sixth Circuit, April 2007.  
Consultant, Independent Educational Evaluator and expert witness on a matter pertaining to a student with learning disabilities, August 2006. (Rhode Island Due Process Hearing).

Consultant and expert witness: Pre-trial and trial testimony pertaining to the Massachusetts Miranda Warning. Massachusetts Superior Court. June 1987.

Intellectual and Academic Evaluation (adult), Rhode Island Superior Court. Evaluation report and consultation. June 1987.

Child evaluation pertaining to a case of medical malpractice. Providence, Rhode Island; 1987.  
April 27-29, 1995.

Consultation pertaining to funding of a vocational student (fall, 1986).

Expert witness/consultant. Evaluation of a behaviorally disordered student. Rhode Island Legal Services, Newport, Rhode Island. Federal Court; December 1986.

Evaluation review of a learning disabled adolescent. Rhode Island State Department of Education, Hearing Review; October 1986.

Consultant/expert witness: Pre-trial and trial testimony pertaining to Rhode Island Miranda Warning. Rhode Island Superior Court. October 1987.

Independent evaluator in Rhode Island and Massachusetts for various public school systems and parents. Evaluations have been utilized in special education hearings since 1980.

Consultant/expert witness: Class action suit against the State of Rhode Island. Area of testimony: Programs for emotionally disturbed/behaviorally disordered children and adolescents. Federal Court, fall, 1975.

### **PROFESSIONAL HONORS:**

Rhode Island College, 30 years of service as a professor of Special Education (December 4, 2003)  
Inducted into the W.C. Mepham High School (Bellmore, New York) Who's Who for service in the field of Special Education, April 7, 2002, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York.

Professional Advisory Board for the Rhode Island Association for Children and Adults with Learning

Disabilities, from January 1987.

Nominated for the Thorp Award for Scholarship: Rhode Island College, 1982; 1983.

Presented with the Founding Father Award: First President of the Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children, Providence, Rhode Island, March 1982.

Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award as the first New England Regional Coordinator of the Council for Children with Behavior Disorders 1977-1980 (this award was presented at the Second New England Regional CCBBD Conference on Behavior Disorders, May 30, 1980).

United States Public Health Grant (Clinical Psychology), University of Connecticut, 1968-1969.  
Graduated with "High Distinction" in Psychology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1968.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

American Psychological Association (1974-present)

Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (1985-88)

Business Network International (BNI): Member from 2004- present, Capital City Connection, Providence, RI

Chamber of Commerce, Providence, member, 2006 – 2008.

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA) July 2007 – present.

Council for Administrators of Special Education

Council for Diagnostic Services

Council for Exceptional Children (1973 – present)

Division of Learning Disabilities (1973 – present)

International Association of Forensic Linguists- Associate Membership  
International Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (1973 – present)

International Council for Diagnostic Services  
International Council for Exceptional Children (1973 – present).

Rhode Island Psychological Association (RIPA)

Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders  
Technology and Media Division of the Council for Exceptional Children

**OFFICES HELD:**

Member, Leadership Committee of the Anti-Violence Coalition (Statewide) two-year term of office, Elected December 1997- October 2000.

CCBD--AD Hoc Committee to Study Nominations and Elections (Chairperson), 1985.

Past-President and Executive Board Member, International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, 1984-1985 (elected).

Delegate to the 63rd International Council for Exceptional Children's Delegate Assembly, Anaheim, California, April 18-19, 1985.

President, International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, 1983-1984 (elected).

President-Elect, International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, 1982-1983 (elected).

Vice-President, International Council for Children with Behavioral disorders, 1981-1982 (elected).

President and Founding Member: Rhode Island Association for Behaviorally Disordered Children, 1981-1982 (elected).

Regional Coordinator, International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders, New England Region, 1976-1980 (appointed).

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:**

Current Certification: Rhode Island Department of Education: All Current Through August 31, 2019

Grades Pre-K to 12, Students with Intellectual Disabilities

Birth to Kindergarten, early childhood special education, Mild/moderate Disabilities, Special Education, elementary to middle level, mild/moderate disabilities.

Grade 7-12, special education, middle to secondary level, mild/moderate

Disabilities Special Education Administrator

Grades Pre-K to 12, School Psychologist

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: COLLEGE**

Governance Committee, Feinstein School of Education & Human Development, Rhode Island College, December Spring 2012. (FSEHD Charter Committee)

Committee on Portfolio Assessment, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, September, 2002 (Special Education Department Representative).



Minority Recruitment and Cultural Diversity Committee, (Chair, 1995-1999),  
Feinstein School of Education and Human Development.

Committee on Minority Recruitment and Cultural Diversity, Co-Chair, Fall (1993-1999).

Rhode Island College Council, 1976-1977; 1978-1979.

Participant, Rhode Island College Faculty Retreat, Alton-Jones Campus, University of Rhode Island,  
fall, 1978.

Planning Committee Member, Rhode Island Council Retreat, Wayfarer Inn, Providence, Rhode Island,  
fall, 1977.

Curriculum Committee, 1977-1979.

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE:**

**Member of the Special Education Department Advisory Committee (DAC) fall semester, 2012 –spring 2013**

**Member of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee (continued service including fall 2012-spring 2013)**

**Special Education Department Representative for the American Federation of Teachers, fall - spring 2013**

**Appointed as a Teaching and Exit Portfolio Coordinator, Department of Special Education, Feinstein  
School of Education and Human Development, Rhode Island College, October, 2002.**

Participant: The Multicultural Inclusion College School Project (MICS), Chair: Dr.  
Patricia-Medeiros Landurand, 1994-1996.

Graduate Admissions and Retention Committee (GARC).

Undergraduate Admissions and Retention Committee (UARC): Chair 1990-1999.

Coordinator: Graduate Programs in Behavioral Disorders. Ad Hoc Committee on the Rhode Island  
College Learning Center (chair).

Coordinator: Graduate and Traineeship Master's Program in Behavioral Disorders.

**CONSULTATION:**

Consultant and Evaluator, Committee of Public Counsel Services, Listed as an Expert in Forensic  
Matters, reauthorized in 2011 (originally listed in 1987).

Consultant and Evaluator, Block Island School, New Shoreham, RI, November 2009 – June  
2010. Associate Member of the Massachusetts Parent Advisory Committee, 2004-present.

Consultant, the Groden Center, Providence, Rhode Island, 2002-2003

Listed Consultant and Expert, Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense  
Lawyers. Forensic Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Committee for Public

Council Division, Trial Unit, 1994-present.

Project Consultant. State Department of Education Special Education Grant: To address the needs of elementary level children with behavioral disorders in the least restrictive environment. Central Falls Public Schools, Rhode Island, 1985-1986.

Special education consultant, Rhode Island College Learning Center, 1973-1985.

Consultant and Featured Guest: WEAN's Award Winning Radio Series "Your Family" with John Martin, CBS Affiliate Station, Providence, Rhode Island, September 1980-June 1981.

### **OTHER:**

Imber, S.C. Columnist, SOCO Magazine (Southeastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire), 'Kids Don't Come with a Handbook! January through July 2010 (monthly column).

Imber, S.C. Guest Columnist, Rhode Island Jewish Herald. Parents Plights and Rights. 1981-1994.

### **MEDIA PRESENTATIONS:**

Channel/Station	Name of Program and Interviewer	Topic Format
Hurricane Radio	Melissa Tera	Storm Radio: Special Education Issues, Fall River, MA September 25, 2011
What's News	Independent Educational Evaluations  <i>"School Discipline and School Violence"</i>	Staff Report-re Sabbatical Spring 2009, Research on Independent Educational Evaluations. March 3, 2010 Newspaper interview with George LaTour, Rhode Island College. June 1993
Channel 36	<i>School Talk</i> "Issues on School Violence"	An interview with Nardja Varney (May 14. 1993)
Attleboro, Cable	<i>Russ Gorman Show</i> "School Violence"  <i>Ask the Doctor</i>	An interview with Russ Gorman (May 1993)  An interview with Dr. Robert Greene, New Bedford, MA 1987