

# **Arnold Purisch, PhD**

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Neuropsychology; behavioral change due to traumatic brain injury; psychiatric disorders; forensic psychological evaluation

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## **Description**

Arnold Purisch, PhD is co-author of Neuropsychology for Psychologists, Health Care Professionals, and Attorneys (2007, CRC Press.) An adjunct faculty member in the School of Psychology at Fielding Graduate University, Dr. Purisch is an expert in neuropsychology; behavioral change due to traumatic brain injury; abnormal brain function; psychiatric disorders; medicolegal evaluation and forensic psychological evaluation.

Dr. Purisch has conducted groundbreaking research on how to distinguish mild traumatic brain injury (TBI) from psychiatric disorders and other factors. Further research delves into ways of proving TBI in closed head injuries.

Dr. Purisch received his PhD in clinical psychology from the University of South Dakota in 1978, and became a qualified medical evaluator in 1991.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research

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## **Topics**

Neuropsychology, Traumatic Brain Injury, Forensic Psychology

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## **Affiliations**

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, American College of Professional Neuropsychology, American Psychological Association (F40, M41), California Psychological Association, International Neuropsychological Society, National Academy of Neuropsychology, National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, Orange County Psychological Association

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## **Past Talks**

**Proving traumatic brain injury of closed head injury**  
(September, 2004) Orange County Trial Lawyers Association

**Distinguishing mild TBI from psychiatric disorders and other factors**  
(April, 2003) "Mold and Fungus" conference, sponsored by CLE International

**Emotional and behavioral changes caused by brain injury**

(March, 2003) Saddleback Brain Injury Support Group

**Distinguishing mild TBI from psychiatric disorders and other factors: In assessment and intervention in mild brain injury**

(October, 2002) 9th Annual Conference on Behavior, Clinical Neuroscience, Substance Abuse, and Culture

**Forensic psychological evaluation: In mental health and the law**

(October, 2002) Symposium conducted at the conference on Behavior, Clinical Neuroscience, Substance Abuse, and Culture

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**Education**

**University of South Dakota**

PhD Clinical Psychology

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**Accomplishments**

**Fellow**

(1996) American Psychological Association, Division 40

**Diplomate**

(1994) American Board of Assessment Psychology

**Qualified Medical Evaluator, Clinical Neuropsychology**

(1991) State of California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Industrial Accidents

**Diplomate, Clinical Neuropsychology**

(1986) American Board of Professional Psychology

**Fellow**

(1985) National Academy of Neuropsychology

**Diplomate**

(1983) American Board of Professional Neuropsychology

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