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**Education:**

M.A./Ph.D. University of South Florida  
(Tampa, FL) – APA Full Accreditation  
Field: Clinical Psychology  
Minor: Behavioral Health

Residency University of Florida Health Science Center &  
Shands Teaching Hospital  
(Gainesville, FL) - APA Full Accreditation  
Specialization: Pediatric/Child Clinical Psychology

M.A. University of Chicago  
(Chicago, IL)  
Field: Social Science  
Thesis Area: Ethics & Psychology

B.A. Tulane University  
(New Orleans, LA)

**Professional Profile:** Thomas M. Brunner, PhD, is a nationally recognized child/pediatric expert who also the senior author of an advanced behavioral science tool for youth that has been adapted into 14 languages. He is a Research Associate of the Center for Research in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology as well as the Founder of the Center for Character Strength Investment (CSI). He has authored numerous scientific publications, including alongside leading experts. Dr. Brunner has received several awards including from the Society for Personality Assessment as well as receiving the Early Career Psychologist Award from the Arizona Psychological Foundation.

Most recently he authored a book chapter in a book surveying expert perspectives on how to translate research into practice. As President of Dr. Brunner & Associates, he works as a clinical, forensic, and consulting psychologist who is regularly consulted by parents, pediatricians, and attorneys within and outside of Arizona. Dr. Brunner has been invited to present at national and regional conferences on topics including best practices, ADHD, risk assessment, and advanced assessment of anger. As a forensic expert, Dr. Brunner regularly provides professional opinions for public and private high stakes legal cases involving youth. He is a Board Licensed Psychologist in the State of Arizona whose consulting work has included helping larger organizations establish best practices protocols. Dr. Brunner is a regular contributor to training seminars within the University of Arizona Child Psychiatry Program.

**How Dr. Brunner is Distinctive:** Dr. Brunner focuses on continually applying advanced and credible science to real-world problems resulting in truly sustainable solutions. As senior author of a precise behavioral science tool that has been adapted into 14 languages, he constantly strives to use the very best assessment methods to give clients the most precise understanding of the contributions to – and targeted solutions for – pressing growth challenges. His ultimate focus is on building the strongest alliances among his clients and any involved professionals so there is a cohesive plan leading implementing targeted recommendations resulting in sustainable solutions.

**Professional and Research Interests:** Consulting with attorneys, physicians, teachers, and adults or parents regarding performance enhancement, clinical and developmental psychology issues; Clinical and health psychology; Using self-report measures to assess multidimensional phenomena, including curiosity, anger, anxiety, and depression; Personality, performance and learning assessment; Assessment of character virtue and moral resilience; Cross-cultural research on emotion and personality; Expert opinion regarding the assessment and treatment of developmental, clinical, and performance issues.

**Community Service & Awards:** Dr. Brunner enjoys giving back to the Community through pro bono services such as his ongoing internship program for mentoring bright young minds. He is also the Founder and Director of the non-profit focused Center for Character Strength Investment (CSI) whose mission is to help cultivate exemplary youth today who will be tomorrow's leaders. One of Dr. Brunner's chief Missions is to help disseminate research related to cultivating strong character in youth (See *Arizona Psychologist* article below). He also donates to numerous school programs including Adopt-A-Classroom and the Tanque Verde School District REACH Gifted Program. Dr. Brunner is humbled by the fact that he was given the Arizona Psychological Foundation's Early Career Psychologist Award in 2010.

**Professional Employment and Experience:**

President of Board of Directors. Carondelet Owners Association, San Rafael Professional Offices.  
Tucson, Arizona. 2010 to present.

Founder and Director, Center for Character Strength Investment (CSI). Tucson, Arizona. 2009 to present.

President, Dr. Brunner and Associates, Clinical, Forensic, and Consulting Psychology. Tucson, Arizona.  
2005 to present.

Approved Psychologist Evaluator, Arizona State Board of Nursing. 2009 to present.

Approved Psychologist Evaluator, Disability Resource Center, University of Arizona. 2009 to present.

Listed Service Provider, Children & Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD),  
Tucson Chapter. 2011 to present.

Research Associate, Center for Research in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology, University of  
South Florida. Tampa, Florida. 2000 to 2014.

Program Consultant and Rehabilitation Psychologist. Carondelet Health Network, St. Joseph's Hospital.  
Tucson, Arizona. 2006-2009.

School Psychologist, Vail Unified School District. Tucson, Arizona. 2007-2008.

Psychology Fellow, Hillsborough County School District. Tampa, Florida. 2004-2005.

Psychology Intern, The Children's Home Residential Facility. Tampa, Florida. 2004-2005.

Psychology Intern, Dorothy Thomas Exceptional Center, Hillsborough County School District.  
Tampa, Florida. 2004-2005.

Psychology Resident. University of Florida Health Science Center & Shands teaching Hospital.  
Gainesville, Florida. 2003-2004.

**Approved Organizational Evaluator for Organizations:**

--University of Arizona Disability Resource Center

--Pima County Conciliation Court

--Arizona State Board of Nursing

### **Organizations Utilizing Dr. Brunner's Assessments Include:**

Department of Homeland Security, Arizona Border Patrol, Department of the Navy, Tucson Electric Power, Pima County Superior Court, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Healthcare Innovations.

### **Inventions/Patents**

State Trait Anger Expression Inventory, Second Edition – Child/Adolescent Version  
 Authors Thomas M. Brunner & Charles D. Spielberger, (2009)  
 Published by Psychological Assessment Resources (PAR)

Conducted multi-site five year research project to create multi-dimensional youth self-report measure of anger. Worked alongside numerous international research teams to adapt the measure into 14 languages including German, Urdu, Turkish, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, Farsi, Italian, Croatian, Turkish, Lithuanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Bengali, and Slavic. This tool has been used in forensic, clinical, school, medical, and athletic settings. Dr. Brunner has presented his research findings and clinical work regarding this measure to national and local audiences. The original work for this measure was part of his doctoral dissertation and received research award from the Society for Personality Assessment.

### **Publications:**

Brunner, T. M. (in press) Charles Spielberger. In B. J. Carducci (Editor-in-Chief) & J. S. Mio & R. E. Riggio (Vol. Eds.), *Wiley-Blackwell encyclopedia of personality and individual differences: Vol. IV. Clinical, applied, and cross-cultural research*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

Rohrman, S, Kupper, K, Brunner, T.M. (March 2017) *STAXI-2 KJ in German*, Hogrefe Verlag, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into German.

Lonigro, A, Schneider, B., Laghi, F, Baiocco, R, Pallini, S., and Brunner, T. (June 2015) *Is Cyberbullying Related to State or Trait Anger?* Psychology in the Schools.

Partridge, A., Mildred, H., and Brunner, T.M. (in progress) Psychometric Evaluation of the State-Trait Anger Expression Inventory – Child and Adolescent Parent Form.

Brunner, T.M & Toale, S. (2014) *The Treatment of Adolescent Anger*. In Grossman, L. & Walfish, S. (Eds.), *Translating Research into Practice: A desk Reference for practicing Mental Health Professionals*.

O'Roark, A, Prieto, J, & Brunner, T.M. (2014) Obituary for Charles D. Spielberger: Visionary. *American Psychologist*. Vol. 69, No. 3, 297-298.

- Toale, S.J. & Brunner, T.M. (2012) Factors Correlated with Moral Resilience in Youths at Risk of Criminality [Abstract], *Prevention in Counseling Psychology: Theory, Research, Practice and Training*, 4 (1), 23-24.
- Brunner, T.M., & Rannow, S.T. (2010) *Assessing the Multidimensional Nature of Moral Resilience in Youth*. The Arizona Psychologist. Arizona Psychological Association.
- Brunner, T.M. (2010) *Comprehensive assessment of an attention-based learning problem: Capturing the relevance of "psychological vital signs."* In Mather, N., & Jaffe, L. E. (Eds.), *Comprehensive Evaluations: Case Reports for Psychologists, Diagnosticians, and Special Educators*. NY: John Wiley & Sons.
- Brunner, T. M. & Spielberger, C.D., (2009) *The State Trait Anger Expression Inventory, Second Edition, Child Adolescent (STAXI-C/A)*. Psychological Assessment Resources: Sarasota, Florida.
- del Barrio, V., Aluja, A., Brunner, T.M., (2007) *STAXI-2 NA TEA Edicioines S.A*. As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Spanish.
- Spielberger, C.D., Moscoso, M.S., and Brunner, T. M. (2005) *The Cross-Cultural Assessment of Emotional States and Personality Traits*. In Hambleton, R.K, Spielberger, C.D., and Merenda, P.F., Adapting Educational and Psychological Tests for Cross-Cultural Assessment. Lawrence Erlbaum Publishers: Hillsdale, NJ.
- Brunner, T.M., & Spielberger, C.D. (2004) *Evaluating anger, anxiety, and depression in aggressive/homicidal and depressive/suicidal children and adolescents*. Ph.D. dissertation. Dissertation Abstracts International.
- Spielberger, C.D., Ritterband, L.E, Reheiser, E., C. & Brunner, T.M. (2003) *The Nature and Measurement of Depression*. International Journal of Clinical and Health Psychology. Vol. 3, No. 2.

**Expert consultation leading to test manual publication and/or cross-cultural usage of STAXI-2 C/A assessment measure**

- Osman, S.R., Brunner, T.M. (In Progress) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Arabic.
- Valiune, D., Brunner, T.M. (In Progress) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Lithuani.
- Majeed,S., Brunner, T.M. (2015) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Urdu.

- Corluka, V., Brunner, T.M. (2013) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Croatian.
- Corluka, V., Brunner, T.M. (2013) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Bosnian.
- Schneider, B., Brunner, T.M. (2013) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Spanish.
- Fung, Lai-Chu, Brunner, T.M. (2013) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Chinese.
- Sanyal, N, Brunner, T.M. (2012) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Bengali.
- Janjusevic, P, Brunner, T.M. (2012) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Slovene.
- Schneider, B, Brunner, T.M. (2012) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Italian.
- Sahin, F.S, Brunner, T.M. (2011) *Cross Cultural adaptation of State Trait Anger Expression Inventory-Second Edition (STAXI-2 C/A)*, As senior author of the English version of this measure, served as content and adaptation expert to adapt into Turkish.

### **Presentations:**

- Brunner, T.M., (August 2016) *Three Ways to Get the Best Results from Your Mental Health Provider* (Member of Panel) AZ Chapter of AFCC Lunch and Learn, Tucson, AZ
- Brunner, T.M. & Toale, S. (2014) *How to use Behavioral Science to Cultivate the Strongest Possible Character in Youth Offenders* (Invited Forensic Presentation for the Pima County Community Justice Board, Pima County Attorney's Office)
- Brunner, T.M. (2014) *Spotting Camouflaged but Common and Dangerous Pediatric Rattlesnakes.* Presentation. 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Health Symposium. University of Arizona Department of Psychiatry. Tucson, AZ.

- Brunner, T.M. & Grover, J. (2014) Common but Dangerous Developmental Derailers that Professionals Often Miss. Lecture. Southern Arizona Occupational Therapy Association. Tucson, AZ.
- Brunner, T.M. (2013) How Behavioral Science is Rapidly and Radically Changing the Business Success Formula. Showcase Presentation. National Association of Women Business Owners, Tucson Chapter. Professional Luncheon. Tucson, AZ.
- Brunner, T.M. (2013) Reviewing the evidence behind a new treatment for attention problems. CHADD adult group, University Medical Center. Tucson, Arizona.
- Brunner, T.M. (2012) Effective Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. Lecture presented to the University of Arizona Child and Adolescent Resident Psychiatrists in Training, University Medical Center. Tucson, Arizona.
- Toale, S.J. & Brunner, T.M (2011) Advanced Assessment of Anger Dynamics that Affect Relationships between Bullies and Victims, Arizona Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, January 2012.
- Brunner, T.M. (2011) Advanced Anger Assessment Using ‘Anger Profiling’ to Assess a Psychological Vital Sign. Continuing Education Presentation. Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Grand Rounds. University Medical Center. Tucson, AZ.
- Brunner, T.M. (2011) Advanced assessment of the pulse of youth anger: A vital sign of our times. Keynote Presentation. 15th Annual Conference on Critical Issues Facing Children & Adolescents. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Brunner, T.M. (2011) Advanced anger assessment & treatment using the STAXI-2 C/A to identify anger profiles. Workshop Presentation. 15th Annual Conference on Critical Issues Facing Children & Adolescents. Salt Lake City, UT.
- Brunner, T.M., Reyes, R., and Toale, S (2011) Advanced Anger Assessment Using the STAXI-2 C/A to Identify Anger Profiles. Poster Presentation (Accepted but unable to present). Society for Child Research Development 2011 Biennial Meeting, Quebec, Canada, March 2011.
- Toale, S. J. & Brunner, T. M (2011) Advanced Assessment of Anger Dynamics that Affect Relationships Between Bullies and Victims, International Association for Relationship Research – Health, Emotions, and Relationships Mini-Conference, Tucson, AZ, October 2011
- Brunner, T.M., Reyes, R., and Toale, S (2011) Advanced Anger Assessment Using the STAXI-2 C/A to Identify Anger Profiles. Paper Presentation. National Association of School Psychology Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.

- Brunner, T.M. (2011) Effective Treatment of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. Lecture presented to the University of Arizona Child and Adolescent Resident Psychiatrists in Training, at University Medical Center. Tucson, Arizona.
- Brunner, T.M. (2010) Conducting Thoughtful Risk Assessment. Ventura County School District. Ventura County, California.
- Brunner, T.M., & Toale, S. J. (2010) Taking the Pulse of a Fundamental “Psychological Vital Sign”, Advanced Assessment of Youth Anger via Anger Profiling. Pamela Turbeville Lecture Series, Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families, University of Arizona. Tucson, Arizona.
- Brunner, T.M. (2010) Reviewing the evidence behind a new treatment for attention problems. Lecture presented at St. Joseph’s Hospital. Tucson, Arizona.
- Rannow, S.T., & Brunner, T.M. (2010) A Key Challenge for Tomorrow's Manager: Cultivating A Culture of Ethics and Morality. Poster Presented at the Society of Consulting Psychology's 20th Annual Mid-Winter Conference, February, 2010. Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Brunner, T.M. (2009) Effectively working with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. Lecture presented to the University of Arizona Child and Adolescent Resident Psychiatrists in Training, at University Medical Center. Tucson, Arizona.
- Brunner, T.M. (2007) Spotting psychological rattlesnakes to avoid a liability bite. Presentation to the Pediatric Physicians Group of the Pima County Medical Society. Tucson, Arizona.
- Brunner, T.M. (2004) Assessing anger in aggressive/homicidal and depressive/suicidal children. Paper presented at the Psychology Department Case Conference, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida, June 2004. Gainesville, Florida.
- Brunner, T.M., Spielberger, C.D, & Engh, B.J. (2003) Assessing anger, anxiety, and depression in aggressive/homicidal and depressive/suicidal children. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, April 2003. Tampa, Florida.
- Brunner, T.M., & Spielberger, C.D, and Kinder, B.N. (2003) Differentiating between aggressive and depressive children based on their anger style. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Personality Assessment, March, 2003. San Francisco, California.
- Brunner, T.M., & Spielberger, C.D. (2002) Differentiating anxiety and depression using affective cognitions. Poster presented to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, August, 2002. Chicago, Illinois.
- Brunner, T.M., & Spielberger, C.D. (2002) Differentiating anxiety and depression using affective cognitions: A Test of Beck’s Hypothesis. Poster presented to the University of South Florida Department of Psychology’s Research Review Fair, September, 2002. Tampa, Florida.



Spielberger, C.D., Brunner, T.M., & Owen, A. S (2001) Differentiating anxiety and depression using factor analysis. A graduate student colloquium talk given as part of the University of South Florida Psychology Department colloquium series September, 2001 Tampa, Florida.

Shroff, H.E., Thompson, J. K. & Brunner, T.M. (2001) Body image and eating disturbance in India: Media and interpersonal influences. Poster presented to the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, August Meeting. Tampa, Florida.

### **Radio/Podcast Interviews:**

Brunner, T.M. (2017) “What Great Psychological Assessment Can Do For You” Interviewed by Lon Woodbury, Woodbury Reports, an independent educational consulting firm. Bonners Ferry, ID.

Brunner, T.M. (2015) “A Pornographic World?” Interviewed by Lon Woodbury, Woodbury Reports, an independent educational consulting firm. Bonners Ferry, ID.

Brunner, T.M. “The Assessment and Treatment of Anger” Interviewed by Dr. Steven Walfish. “Meet the Authors & Experts” series. Hosted by The Practice Institute. Atlanta, Georgia.

### **Research Center Affiliations:**

Founder and Director, Center for Character Strength Investment (CSI). Tucson, Arizona. 2009 to present.

President, Dr. Brunner and Associates, Clinical, Forensic, and Consulting Psychology. Tucson, Arizona. 2005 to present.

Research Associate, Center for Research in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology, University of South Florida. Tampa, Florida. 2000 to present.

Research Coordinator. Center for Research in Behavioral Medicine and Health Psychology University of South Florida. 1999-2001. Tampa, Florida.

Research Coordinator. Anxiety Research Group, University of Arizona. 2007.

### **Teaching/Mentoring Experience:**

Professional Pro Bono Mentor, Mentored/tutored University of Arizona undergraduate students. Graduates often enter nationally-acclaimed programs at the National Institute of Health (NIH), University of Washington, University of Arizona, and Marymount University. 2009-Present.

Instructor, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg Campus. Course: Developmental Psychology. 2002.

Instructor, University of South Florida, Tampa Campus. Course: Research Methods. 1999.

Instructor, University of South Florida, Tampa Campus. Course: Behavior Modification. 1999.

**Awards and Honors:**

2010	Early Career Psychologist Award, Arizona Psychological Foundation
1992	Merit of Distinction, University of St. Andrews
1992	Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Award, Tulane University
1991-1993	Honor Program Student, Tulane University
1991-1992	Honor Board Member, Tulane University

**Grant/Travel awards:**

Society for Personality Assessment Travel Fund Award, March, 2003  
University of South Florida Graduate Student Travel Fund Award, March, 2003  
Society for Personality Assessment Dissertation Research Award, October 2002  
University of South Florida Psychology Department Travel Stipend, September, 2002

**History of Professional Memberships:**

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (Arizona Chapter)  
National Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Arizona State Psychological Association  
Southern Arizona Psychological Association  
Society for Consulting Psychology  
American Psychological Association