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## LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

<b>N.C. Board of Psychology</b>	Licensed Clinical Psychologist - Doctoral Level License #2839 (licensed since 2002, active)
<b>VA. Board of Psychology</b>	Licensed Clinical Psychologist - Doctoral Level License #0810003085 (licensed in 2002, currently inactive)
<b>N.C. Health Service Provider</b>	Certification as a Health Service Provider - Psychologist

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D.</b> <i>Psychology/Law</i>	<b>2001</b> - University of Alabama, APA accredited program Clinical Psychology (Adult and Child clinical training with Forensic specialty)
<b>M.A.</b> <i>Psychology/Law</i>	<b>1998</b> - University of Alabama, APA accredited program Clinical Psychology (Adult and Child clinical training with Forensic specialty)
<b>Forensic Postdoctoral Fellowship</b>	<b>2002</b> - University of Virginia Health System Institute of Law, Psychology, and Public Policy
<b>Forensic Predoctoral Internship</b>	<b>2001</b> - Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Medical Center – Lexington
<b>B.A.</b>	<b>1994</b> -University of Georgia

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

<i>2002-present</i>	<b><u>Behavioral Health-Charlotte, Carolinas Healthcare System; Charlotte, N.C.</u></b> – Coordinator of Forensic Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Direct Carolinas Healthcare System’s Elective Forensic Evaluation program, which provides legal professionals and the community with access to excellent quality comprehensive forensic psychological evaluations, consultation services, and related expert testimony.</li><li>▪ Coordinate contractual forensic services provided by BHC to the Courts of Mecklenburg County and involved agencies.</li><li>▪ Conduct comprehensive forensic psychology assessments and provide expert testimony for criminal, family, civil, juvenile and family courts. Evaluations include competency issues (capacity to proceed, civil competency, competency to waive Miranda rights), criminal responsibility/insanity, sex offender assessment, transfer to adult court, violence risk assessment, juvenile offender treatment needs, fitness for duty, capital mitigation, parenting capacity assessment and custody evaluations.</li><li>▪ Provide supervision and ongoing training to the team of forensic psychologists who supply forensic services on behalf of Carolinas Healthcare System.</li><li>▪ Conduct workshops, provide evaluation/consultation services, and offer expert testimony for legal and mental health professionals on a variety of mental health/forensic issues.</li><li>▪ Provide psychological services, including direct treatment by individual and group psychotherapy, to emotionally disturbed and mentally ill patients in a community mental health setting. Specialty clinical services include Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT-informed therapy).</li></ul>
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**Carolinas HealthCare System; Charlotte, N.C. - Assistant Professor of Psychiatry**

- Teach residents, fellows and medical students who are completing educational programs through Behavioral Health-Charlotte

2002-present

**Carolinas Psychiatry and Behavioral Wellness, Carolinas Healthcare System; Charlotte, N.C. – Private Clinical and Forensic Practice**

- Provide private forensic assessments for Criminal, Civil, Juvenile and Family Courts and attorneys/agencies. (See above for types of evaluations.)
- Conduct seminars and consultation sessions for legal and mental health professionals on a variety of mental health/forensic issues.
- Provide clinical evaluations and individual psychotherapy to individuals with mental illness and/or emotional difficulties.
- Provide psychological fitness to proceed evaluations for various medical procedures.

2001- 2002

**University of Virginia Health System; Charlottesville, VA - Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology**

*Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy:*

- Conducted comprehensive forensic psychology evaluations and provided expert testimony for the Virginia and Federal adult and juvenile criminal court system. Evaluations included competency issues, legal sanity, sex offender assessment, sentencing issues (capital and non-capital), and violence risk assessment.
- Received formal training and certification in multiple advanced forensic skills (e.g., Violence Risk Assessment, Sex Offender Evaluation and Treatment, Assessment of Sexually Violent Predators, Civil Commitment, Juvenile Forensic Issues, Mental Health Law).
- Provided forensic certification training to mental health professionals and mental health consultation services to attorneys.
- Conducted and published research on juvenile violence toward staff in an inpatient psychiatric hospital.

2001-2002

*Western State Hospital, Staunton, VA:*

- Conducted forensic evaluations for the courts of Virginia in community, incarcerated, and inpatient settings. Evaluations included: competency to stand trial, legal sanity, and pre-trial/pre-sentencing response to emergent treatment.
- Provided competency restoration training, individual and group therapy to an inpatient, male forensic psychiatric population.
- Provided clinical consultation regarding problems such as violence risk assessment, management of risk factors, outpatient treatment recommendations, and development of community management plans for insanity acquittees.

2000 - 2001

**Federal Medical Center; Lexington, KY - APA Accredited Internship: Forensic Psychology**

- Responsible for thorough forensic evaluation of pre-trial federal defendants housed in FMC-Lexington. Evaluations included competency to stand trial, mental state at the time of the alleged offense, malingering, personality structure, cognitive functioning, mental health needs, and treatment recommendations.
- Served as unit psychologist within a general housing unit where several hundred male inmates reside. Provided individual and group therapy, brief counseling, individual and group sex offender therapy, and crisis intervention. Individualized treatment and risk management plans were developed and implemented. Provided training to non-clinical staff members and inmates on mental health issues.
- Conducted various specialized evaluations, including sexual offender/victim evaluations, evaluation of inmates in housing segregated from the general population, psychological consultations requested by medical staff, evaluation of treatment needs of inmates entering the institution, suicide risk evaluations, evaluation of inmates' appropriateness for transfer to a less secure facility and/or referral to Federal sex offender treatment program.

**Eastern State Hospital; Lexington, KY**

- Conducted psychological assessments of patients suffering from chronic mental health problems in a state psychiatric facility and provided consultation services as a member of a multi-disciplinary treatment team. Wrote comprehensive psychological reports addressing progress since last assessment, intellectual/cognitive functioning, treatment needs and recommendations.

1999 - 2000

**North Harbor Psychiatric Pavilion; Northport, AL**

- Completed psychological assessments and provided brief individual therapy and process-oriented group therapy for a psychiatric inpatient population.

1999 - 2000

**Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Co-facilitated recreational groups for adult females residing in a domestic violence shelter.

1998 - 1999

**University of Alabama Counseling and Psychological Services; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Conducted brief and long-term psychotherapy and evaluations.
- Provided community outreach and educational services.

1997 - 1998

**Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Completed comprehensive forensic evaluations of male patients at a forensic inpatient psychiatric hospital. Patients either were undergoing forensic evaluation ordered by the Alabama state court or had been committed to the hospital based on a mentally ill adjudication. Evaluations included Competency to Stand Trial, Violence Risk Assessment, Sexual Offense Risk Assessment, transfer to less secure settings, and Mental State at the time of the Alleged Offense.
- Provided individual and group therapy to above patient population. Led several general population groups and a group targeting sexual offenders.
- Provided Competency Restoration training and evaluation. Participated in multi-disciplinary reviews to determine suitability for hospital release and to develop plans to minimize risk to community.

1998

**Tuscaloosa County District Attorney Office; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Provided consultation, including education about mental illness and strategy planning, to attorneys on cases with psychological elements and assisted in jury selection process.
- Provided brief psychological counseling and referral services to crime victims.
- Participated in multi-disciplinary meetings at child victim advocacy service and provided consultation re: the treatment needs of children involved in the prosecution of sex offenders.

1997-1998

**Alabama School-Aged Assessment Program; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Conducted full comprehensive evaluations of children with mental illness, emotional and behavioral disturbances, and cognitive/learning difficulties.

1996 - 1997

**University of Alabama Psychological Clinic; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Conducted psychotherapy in an outpatient community clinic setting with adult, child, and family clients using an eclectic approach.
- Consulted with educational personnel to develop individualized contingency systems for children with behavior problems in school.

1997

**Tuscaloosa County Juvenile Court; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Consulted with judge regarding psychological factors influencing rulings and court-ordered recommendations for Children In Need of Supervision (CHINS), child custody cases, and delinquency cases.

1996-1998

**Instructor & Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, AL**

1996

**Veteran's Administration Medical Center; Tuscaloosa, AL**

- Conducted extensive neuropsychological assessments using a variety of empirical tools with an inpatient and outpatient veteran population, including geriatric patients.
- Led computerized cognitive rehabilitation classes for head injury patients.

**Duke University Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, Research Tech; Durham, NC**

- *Efficacy of Structural Family Therapy with Adolescent Substance Abusers (Grant)*: Systems-oriented, goal-directed family counseling research project.
- *Coding of Classroom Behavior Using the Stony Brook Behavioral Coding System*: MTA study assessing behavioral symptoms of ADHD in an elementary school classroom setting.
- *Ethnic Differences in Parental Expectations (Grant)*: Interviewed Hispanic and non-Hispanic mothers about parenting values and expectations for their children.

1994

**Encounter Multi-Services Community Treatment Center; Atlanta, GA**

- Provided individual and group counseling, compiled treatment plans, and made placement recommendations for juvenile offenders legally committed to the state.

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Brodsky, S.L., Sparrow, V.M., & Boccacini, M.T. (1998). Racial inquiries in depositions and trials. Journal of Psychiatry and Law, 26, (4) 533-546.

Chaplin, W.F. & Sparrow, V.M. (October 1998). Individual differences in evaluational style. Paper presented at the 1998 meeting of the Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology, Woodcliff Lake, N.J.

Chaplin, W.F., Sparrow, V.M., & Manzi, M.C. (October 1999). Toward a general theory of comparative evaluations. Paper presented at the 1999 meeting of the Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology, Woodcliff Lake, N.J.

Chaplin, W.F., Davidson, K., Sparrow, V.M., Stuhr, J., Van Roosemalen, E., & Wallston, K.A. (2001). A structural equation of the expanded Multidimensional Health Locus of Control Scale with a diverse sample of Caucasian/European, Native, and Black Canadian women. Journal of Health Psychology, 6, (4) 477-455.

Hamilton, J.C., Sparrow, V.M., Waxmonsky, J.A., & Deemer, H. (2001). Citation patterns in social psychology and clinical psychology articles in 1986 and 1996: Good news for the social-clinical interface. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 20, (2), 130-146.

Hancock, R., Hart, V.S. & Watters, T. (2010). Capacity to proceed referrals: Red, yellow and purple flags. Workshop for Union County Judges, Monroe, NC.

Hart, V.S., & Shelton, K.K. (2010). Child custody evaluations: Clinical v. forensic roles, standards and guidelines. Workshop for Mecklenburg County Bar Association Fall 2010 Family Law Training. Charlotte, NC.

Hart, V.S., & Stejskal, W.J. (2006). Advanced forensic evaluation: Capacity to stand trial. Workshop for North Carolina Area Health Education Commission (AHEC), Charlotte, NC.

Hart, V.S., & Stejskal, W.J. (2005). Defendants with developmental disabilities: Pretrial evaluations of relevant competencies. Presentation to Psychology Staff at Murdoch Center, Butner, NC.

Hart, V.S., & Watters, T. (2010). Capacity to proceed: Evaluation referrals for attorneys. Workshop for Council for Children's Defense, Charlotte, NC.

Ryan, E.P., Sparrow Hart, V., Messick, D.L., Aaron, J., & Burnette, M. (2004). A prospective study of assault against staff by youth in a state psychiatric hospital. Psychiatric Services 55, 665-670.

Ryan, E.P., Aaron, J., & Sparrow Hart, V. (2004). Reducing assaults among hospitalized youth (letter). Psychiatric Services, 55, 1318.

Sparrow, V.M. (2002). Evaluation of competency to waive *Miranda* rights: Special vulnerabilities in defendants with mental retardation. Presentation at 2002 UVA Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy Advanced Forensic Evaluation Training, Charlottesville, VA.