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EDUCATION

B.A. Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, May, 1977
Major – Psychology

M.A. Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, August, 1979
Major - Clinical Psychology

Psy.D. Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, Illinois, January, 1986
Major - Clinical Psychology

FORENSIC SERVICES

Areas of Forensic Expertise:

Capacity/Incapacity/Non-Restorability To Proceed
Involuntary Commitment / Inpatient Treatment
Attorney Consultation / Case Review
Criminal Responsibility NGRI / MSO
Diminished Capacity
Serious Mental Illness
Intellectual Functioning/IDD
Treatment Recommendations / Diagnostic Consultation

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Graduate Assistant. Middle Tennessee State University Diagnostic Center, December, 1977 to April, 1979. Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Provided intellectual and psychological evaluations of juveniles referred by the Tennessee Department of Corrections and Juvenile Court Judges. Over 150 psychological assessments were conducted using a typical battery of a Wechsler, WRAT, Projectives, MMPI, and Bender-Gestalt.

Clinical Internship and Volunteer work. Veterans Administration Hospital, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. September, 1978 to June, 1979. Provided individual and group psychotherapy in an outpatient setting. This experience also included the utilization of biofeedback and participation in diagnostic staffings.

Staff Psychologist Elk-Grove and Schaumburg Townships Mental Health Center, Day Treatment Program. September, 1979 to July, 1983. Elk-Grove Village, Illinois. Provided group psychotherapy in a community-oriented day treatment program. The primary mode of treatment in this program was milieu therapy, with an emphasis on the interpersonal, behavioral, and emotional stability of chronic and severe psychiatric patients.

Psychotherapy Practicum. Loretto Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. Alcohol Program and Education Center (APEC). September, 1980 to June, 1981. Provided individual and group psychotherapy in an alcohol detoxification and rehabilitation program. Intake assessments (routine and from the emergency room), educational seminars, and consultations were also components of this practicum.

Diagnostic Practicum. Elgin Mental Health Center, Elgin, Illinois. September, 1982 to June, 1983. Provided psychological assessments on an intermediate men's unit and a medium security forensic unit of this state psychiatric hospital. The majority of these patients were considered to be Unfit to Stand Trial (UST) or Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI).

Part-time Psychotherapist. Illinois Human Services Foundation. August, 1982 to November, 1984. Hoffman Estates, Illinois. Provided individual and marital therapy in a private practice setting.

Clinical Psychology Doctoral Internship. Ridgeway Hospital, Chicago, Illinois. September, 1983 to August, 1984. Provided individual and family therapy to children and adolescents. Psychological evaluations and admission interviews were also conducted as well as play therapy techniques. Psychology seminars and classes were attended on a weekly basis at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center, Chicago. Internship accredited by the American Psychological Association.

Staff Psychologist. Lake County Health Department, Mental Health Division, Waukegan, Illinois. September, 1984 to December, 1986. Provided individual, marital, and family therapy at a community mental health center general outpatient clinic. Community education and consultation services were also offered. Provided psychological evaluations for Lake County Jail and Lake County 19th Judicial Circuit Court.

Co-led two psychotherapy outpatient groups and conducted a weekly evaluation group for the administration of the MMPI.

Director of Psychological Services, Neuropsychiatric Associates of Illinois, S.C. (Neuropsych). October, 1986 to September, 1994.

Worked as part of a comprehensive group psychiatric practice providing individual, family, and group psychotherapy on an outpatient basis. Supervision of clinical staff and program development were part of these duties. Neuropsych consists of a number of psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, and clinical social workers, and supports a bio-psycho-social model of psychiatric treatment. Diagnostic evaluations, clinical consultations, and emergency services were provided.

Program Director Adolescent Psychiatry and Dual Focus Unit, St. Therese Medical Center, Waukegan, Illinois. October, 1986 to September, 1996. Director of inpatient services for adolescents. Provided individual and family therapy and psychological evaluations. Provided overall clinical direction for programs. Developed and supervised the Mobile Assessment Team (MAT), an emergency response team which offers 24-hour assessments to individuals in the emergency room and in the community.

Clinical Consultant, The Resource Center, Zion, Illinois. September, 1986 to March, 1990. Provided clinical supervision to staff therapists at this community-based agency serving adolescents and families.

At-Risk Advisory Committee, District 60 Board of Education, Waukegan Public Schools, Waukegan, Illinois. November, 1991 to May, 1992. Appointed to participate in planning committee to develop an alternative school for at risk high school students.

Clinical Consultant, Interventions Anderson Road Group Home, Wauconda, Illinois. October, 1994 to July, 1996. Provided case consultation to staff, training workshops, and psychological evaluations at a 16-bed group home for adolescent females.

Program Consultant, Residential Treatment Program, St Therese Medical Center, Waukegan, IL September, 1996 to February, 1997. Participated in the planning and development of a 16-bed residential treatment program for adolescent males referred by DCFS and Juvenile Court Judges.

Director of Psychological Training, St. Therese Medical Center, Waukegan, Illinois. September, 1987 to August, 1997.

Directed and supervised doctoral level psychology students in practicum and internship training.

Professional Advisory Board Warren Township Youth Services, Gurnee, Illinois. April, 1993 to March, 1998. Member of an advisory council that services a community clinic for youth and their families.

President, Youth Services Network of Lake County (YSN), Gurnee, Illinois. December, 1991 to December, 1993. December, 1994 to May, 1998. YSN is an organization of youth serving agencies and providers, which promotes active networking, communication between service providers, and sponsors professional staff training workshops.

Clinical Consultant Omni Youth Services, Buffalo Grove, Illinois. September, 1994 to April, 1999. Supervised all psychological testing for a community-based agency for youth. Provided direct assessment and testing services when indicated.

Private Practice. Shoreline Psychological, Wauconda, Illinois. Owner September, 1994 to July, 2005. Provided individual, family, and marital therapy at an outpatient office in Wauconda, Illinois. Also provided inpatient therapy for patients requiring hospitalization. Psychological testing and forensic evaluations were provided. Member of numerous preferred provider and network managed care panels. Supervised outpatient therapists and psychologists. Expert Witness for a variety of court cases involving PTSD, Capacity to Proceed, and Capacity to Plea.

Clinical Consultant Depke Juvenile Justice Complex, Vernon Hills, Illinois. October, 1998 to September, 2005. Supervised doctoral psychology therapy and diagnostic practicum students, and interns at the Lake County Juvenile Justice Complex. Provided psychological evaluations and treatment recommendations to the 19th Judicial Circuit.

Senior Psychologist Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina. July, 2005 to August, 2006. Supervising Psychologist for the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program of this state psychiatric hospital servicing the Eastern Region of the State of North Carolina.

President, Mental Health Association in Wayne County, Goldsboro, North Carolina. An affiliate chapter of the North Carolina Mental Health Association. February, 2007 to February, 2008.

Director of Psychology & Forensic Services, Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina. August, 2006 to March 31, 2021. Clinical and administrative responsibility for the Department of Psychology and Forensic Services Team. Cherry Hospital is a 251-bed state psychiatric hospital serving 38 counties in Eastern North Carolina. Active in hospital strategic goals, policy development, and hospital administrative leadership. Member of the Executive Leadership Team. Clinical and Administrative supervision for 18 Psychologists and 2 Behavior Program Specialists. Lead Behavior Interventions Committee. Forensic Examiner for patients

adjudicated as Incapable To Proceed (ITP, HB-95). Director of the hospital's Assaulted Staff Action Program (ASAP), a team that provides Critical Incident Debriefing and support to employees injured while on duty. Frequent presenter to community organizations on mental health topics through the Cherry Hospital Speakers Bureau. CIT Instructor with Eastpointe LME/MCO law enforcement training program. Active with Medical Education Committee; provide lectures to third year medical students.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Psychological Consultant, Life, Inc., Goldsboro, North Carolina.

October, 2005 to present. Part time psychological consultant responsible for person centered habilitation plans, service orders, and the supervision of diagnostic evaluations. Life Inc. is a ICF/MR provider with 36 group homes and services located in eastern North Carolina.

School Board Member, North Carolina Virtual Academy, Durham, North Carolina.

March, 2018 to present. Member of the Board of Directors for this Charter School offering on-line (virtual) K-12 public education to students across the state of North Carolina. Chairman, Academic Sub-committee.

Recent Continuing Education in Forensic Psychology:

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

June 21, 2012 – June 23, 2012 Atlanta, Georgia

Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology

Psychopathy in the Courtroom: Current Controversies

Case Law: Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility

Violence Risk Assessment

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

September 4, 2014 – September 7, 2014 San Antonio, Texas

Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology

Critical Thinking in Forensic Psychological Evaluations

Effective and Ethical Expert Testimony

Insanity Defense Evaluations

Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

February 24, 2016 – February 27, 2016 New Orleans, Louisiana

Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology

Test-Based Evaluation of Feigning in Clinical Forensic Assessments

Forensic Report Writing

Forensic Evaluation in Disability Matters

Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

June 20, 2018 – June 23, 2018 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology

Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial

Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials

Comprehensive Assessment of Malingering

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

February 19, 2020 – February 22, 2020 Washington, D.C.

Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology

Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials

Evaluation of Criminal Responsibility

Forensic Evaluation in Miranda Waiver and False/Coerced Confession Cases

Advanced Threat Assessment and Management

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Medical University of the Americas.

September, 2007 to 2016.

Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Saba University School of Medicine.

February, 2008 to 2016.

Adjunct Faculty, Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Chicago, Illinois. January, 2004 to May, 2005.

Lake County University Center Campus

Chicago Loop Campus

Adjunct Faculty, Dominican University. River Forest, Illinois.

August, 2004 to May, 2005. Instructor for “Teach for America” program.

Adjunct Faculty, East Carolina University,

Greenville, North Carolina,

RESEARCH

Independent Honors Project, Carson-Newman College, March, 1977.

Mechanical Desensitization: A New Method of Systematic Desensitization.

Abstract published - Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

October, 1977, Vol.52, p.148.

Master's Thesis, Middle Tennessee State University, August, 1979.
The Effects of Electromyogram Biofeedback Training on the Internal-
External Locus of Control of Psychiatric Outpatients.

Research Proposal, April, 1983.
Participated in the development of a program evaluation project to
be submitted to private foundations. A Follow-up Study of Day
Treatment Patients.

Clinical Research Project (CRP), Illinois School of Professional
Psychology, November, 1985. Functional Versus Dysfunctional Processes in Step-Family
Formation. Doctoral dissertation study examining the process of coalescence and
the development of adaptive functioning in step-families.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduated Cum Laude with Honors in Psychology, Carson-Newman College
Psi Chi Service Award
Outstanding Student of Psychology Award, 1977
Psi Chi Award for Excellence in Psychological Research
YSN Lake County Service Award, 1997
Mental Health Association in Wayne County President's Award, 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA)
National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology
North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA)

LICENSURE

Illinois
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
#71-3564
May, 1987 to present

North Carolina
Licensed Clinical Psychologist
#3100
Health Services Provider Certificate
May 10, 2005 to present

National Provider Identification Number
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