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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

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FORMALE EDUCATION

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne FL 32901

Internship in Professional Psychology

Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Clemson University
Redfern Health Center
Clemson SC 29631

Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)

Dec 2005
(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne FL 32901

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (BA)

May 2003
Minor in Sociology

Concord College
Athens WV 24712

LICENSURE

Florida	PY 11095	Active
North Carolina	LP 3997	Active
Virginia	0810006171	Active
South Carolina	127	Temporary (10/2021-20/2022)
Alabama	1503	Inactive (due to military PCS)

CLINICAL AND FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical and Forensic Psychology

New Bern, NC

Amy D. James, PsyD PLLC

1 June 2013 – Present

Forensic psychological evaluations for capital sentencing, Atkins and Miller cases, non-capital mitigation, mental state at the time of the offense, capacity to proceed, fifth and sixth amendment waiver, child custody, child abuse and neglect, school threat assessment and management, parental fitness and child protection, adult capacity/guardianship, and general psychological evaluations in the course of legal action.

Attorney case consultation, review of expert work product, review of child forensic interviews, assists with examination and cross examination of mental health expert witnesses, and provides subject matter expert testimony.

Court testimony includes Federal Court, District and Superior Court in North Carolina, and United States Court Martial.

Forensic training and consultation to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals.

Applied Forensic Strategies, LLC (owner/operator)

New Bern, NC / Nationally

September 2018 - Jan 2021

Provides forensic training and consultation to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals. Provides NC Bar Association approved CLE. In Jan 2021 this business offering moved under the private practice.

National Criminal Justice Training Center

Appleton, WI / Nationally

April 2018 - Present

Provides customized continuing education workshops in the area of school threat assessment and management. Provides these trainings nationally.

Owner and Chief Executive Officer/Clinical and Forensic Psychological Service Provider Carolina Behavioral Health Innovations, PLLC

New Bern, NC

1 Aug 2011-1 June 2013

Forensic psychological evaluations for parenting capacity, child protection, competency to handle medical and financial affairs, capacity to proceed, mental state at the time, waiver of fifth and sixth amendment rights, child custody, and general psychological assessment and recommendations. Social Security and VA Disability evaluations.

Clinical therapeutic and assessment services for adults and children with specialization in childhood trauma, childhood behavior disorders, parenting education, PTSD, military PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, anxiety, depression, and ADHD.

Executed and organized daily operations of outpatient mental health services for a staff of five full time clinicians.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT)

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Program Manager Active Duty USAF

Sept 2009 – Aug 2011

Supervised implementation and administration of the Air Force's 2nd busiest ADAPT program, serving an active duty population of over 4.5k. Completed over 77 substance abuse evaluations and 1700 hours of direct patient care ranging from education to intensive outpatient. Supervised two certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors and three mental health technicians in assessment/treatment of substance abuse patients.

Completed sanity boards (military equivalent of competency to stand trial/capacity to proceed), Commander Directed Evaluations/Fitness For Duty. Medical disability evaluation boards.

Mental Health Element Chief/Deputy Flight Commander

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Active Duty USAF

Sept 2009 – Aug 2011

Named "Critical Officer" by Installation Commander for excellence in leadership and directorship of the operations of the mental health clinic. Identified systemic problems with mental health clearance of recruits and Airmen leading to early separation due to mental illness or personality disorder/conduct problems. Pushed Wing/CC to pressure Air Force Medical Operation as well as Surgeon General of the Air Force to look deeper into the problems. Problem identification lead to appointment as a critical member of the Airman's Task Force, a leadership organization developed by the 4th Fighter Wing to enhance Airman quality of life and identify Command interest items and solution.

Supervised five licensed mental health providers and seven mental health technicians. Provided direct service through comprehensive psychological evaluations and treatment, individual and group therapy, commander directed evaluations, fitness for duty determinations, and personality/ cognitive assessments. Directed compliance with DoD Instruction regarding proper administration and treatment of positive PDHRA screens.

Traumatic Stress Response Team – Team Chief

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Active Duty USAF

Sept 2009-Dec 2010

Appointed by Installation Commander as the expert on the psychological effects of trauma. Trained and lead TSR team in providing intervention and services following traumatic events on base, in community, and during deployment. First responder to base suicides. TSR members included mental health team, airman and family readiness, and chaplains.

Director of Psychological Health/Deputy Flight Commander

Keesler AFB, MS

Active Duty USAF

May 2008-Aug 2009

Directed 100% of outpatient mental health services while providing leadership for 25 providers and 18 support staff. Executed the behavioral health optimization program and developed productivity standards

in family practice and internal medicine, resulting in a 35% increase in comprehensive behavioral health services to over 56k beneficiaries, saving \$325k per year in network referrals. Optimized commander directed evaluations for six local military treatment facilities, resulting in a 50% increase in service efficiency and 100% compliance with health services inspection.

Selected consultant to the Wing Commander and Medical Group Commander for improving the psychological health of the Wing. Provided mental health education/prevention to base at large, statistics and data analysis of mental health trends affecting base, program development and management. Leadership secured 2009 "AETC Behavioral Health Flight of the Year" award.

Chief, Mental Health Clinic

Keesler AFB, MS

Active Duty USAF

May 2008-Aug 2009

Executed and provided direct oversight of the clinical operations of second largest mental health clinic in the USAF which serviced over 28k beneficiaries. Ensured compliance with HSI/JC/PS standards. Clinically supervised eight mental health providers ensuring state of the art mental health treatment and high return to duty rate. Consultant to medical group regarding high interest patients, joint clinical operations and behavioral health concerns. Provided command consultation, physician consultation. Provided individual, couples, and group therapy as well as comprehensive psychological assessments. Effectively supervised and managed 15 mental health providers and 10 mental health technicians. Engaged in direct conflict resolution with patients, providers and staff, as well as commanders and civilian personnel. Developed productivity standards that ensured timely, efficient, and acute delivery of services.

Staff Clinical Psychologist

Keesler AFB, MS

Active Duty USAF

Oct 2007-May 2008

Provided individual, couples and group therapy. Consultant to commanders and physicians. Completed comprehensive psychological assessments. Oversaw medical readiness training to ensure all active duty members are trained for peacetime and wartime missions.

FORMAL FORENSIC EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Not So Uncommon Topics in Sanity Evaluations

April 2021

Terry Kukor, PhD., ABPP

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

Web

4 hours

AAFP: Case Law - Criminal Responsibility

April 2021

Robert Cochrane, PsyD., ABPP

American Academy of Forensic Psychology

Web

3 hours

Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys

Nov 2020

14th Symposium on Child Custody

AFCC

1.5 hours

<p><i>Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to Do When the World Goes Haywire</i></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack</i></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Plenary - Betting on the Voice of the Child</i></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?</i></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Resisting Simplicity to Understand Child Resistance: Alienation Meaning in the Field of Family Law</i></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Thinking Differently About the Value of Collateral Information</i></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>The Ethics of Self-Care: Where the Personal Is the Professional</i></p> <p>John Norcross, Ph.D., and Gary R. VandenBos, Ph.D., ABPP ContinuingEdCourses . Net Online 3 hours</p>	Aug 2020
<p><i>Evaluating the Validity of Miranda Waivers and the Trustworthiness of Confessions</i></p> <p>Alan Goldstein, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Portland, OR 7 hours</p>	Jan 2020

<p><i>Clinical Neuropsychology for the Forensic Psychologist</i> Robert Denny, PsyD., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Portland, OR 7 hours</p>	Jan 2020
<p><i>Forensic Application of the Personality Assessment Inventory</i> Mark Ruiz, P.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Portland, OR 7 hours</p>	Jan 2020
<p><i>Advanced Custody and Support Issues</i> National Business Institute Wilmington, NC 10 hours</p>	Dec 2019
<p><i>Evaluations in High Stakes Sentencing: Capital, Atkins, Miller Cases</i> Mark Cunningham Ph.D., ABPP Concept Professional Training - Distance Learning Home Study 20 hours</p>	Aug 2019
<p><i>Multidirectional and Intergenerational Effects of Gatekeeping</i> 13th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC Denver, CO 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2018
<p><i>Preparing for a Daubert Challenge: Report Writing and Testimony</i> 13th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC Denver, CO 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2018
<p><i>The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act: What Lawyers, Judges, and Custody Evaluators Need to Know</i> 13th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC Denver, CO 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2018
<p><i>Is Ignorance of Therapy a Due Process Violation? What Professionals Need to Know</i> 13th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC Denver, CO 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2018

<p><i>Providing Effective Testimony in Litigated Child Custody Disputes</i> 13th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC Denver, CO 6 hours</p>	<p>Nov 2018</p>
<p><i>Managing Risk in Everyday Practice</i> Distance Learning APA 3 hours</p>	<p>Sep 2018</p>
<p><i>Forensic Interviewers and Researchers Talk with Each other and With You</i> 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 5.5 hours</p>	<p>March 2018</p>
<p><i>Sources of Error in Children's Testimony</i> 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 1.5 hours</p>	<p>March 2018</p>
<p><i>Child Sexual Exploitation: An Insight into Perpetrator Behavior in Context</i> 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 1.5 hours</p>	<p>March 2018</p>
<p><i>Managing the Things We Can't Unsee: Key Strategies to Reduce the Impact Of Secondary Trauma</i> 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 3 hours</p>	<p>March 2018</p>
<p><i>Ethics in Forensic Psychology</i> Dr. Bob Stinson Concept CE - Distance Learning 4 hours</p>	<p>Jan 2018</p>
<p><i>Child Murder by Parents</i> Dr. Philip Resnick Concept CE - Distance Learning 4 hours</p>	<p>Jan 2018</p>
<p><i>Risk Assessment With Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended</i> Global Institute of Forensic Research Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers - Distance Learning Master Class 6.5 hours</p>	<p>Jan 2018</p>

<i>Risk Assessment for Adult Sexual Offender Recidivism</i>	Sep 2017
Global Institute of Forensic Research	
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers - Distance Learning Master Class	
6.5 hours	
<i>Bringing the Opiate Crisis Into Focus: Parenting Decisions in the Family Court</i>	May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts	
Boston, MA	
6 hours	
<i>Protecting Children Using Collaborative Family Law Practices</i>	May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts	
Boston, MA	
1.5 hours	
<i>Assessing Allegations of Interpersonal Violence in Custody Evaluations A Revised Forensic Model</i>	May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts	
Boston, MA	
1.5 hours	
<i>Introducing a Methodology to Assess Parenting and Guide Intervention</i>	May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts	
Boston, MA	
1.5 hours	
<i>NC Parenting Coordinator Training</i>	Nov 2016
Center for Cooperative Parenting	
UNC Chapel Hill	
24 hours	
<i>Ethical Dilemmas Encountered by Members of APA</i>	July 2016
Ronald Black, LCSW	
CE Classes	
3 hours	
<i>The Roles and Responsibilities of a Psychologist in Crisis/Hostage Situations</i>	Feb 2016
Scott Allen Ph.D., ABPP	
American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans, LA	
7 hours	
<i>Campus and School Violence Threat Management</i>	Feb 2016
Kris Mohandie, Ph.D., ABPP	
American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans, LA	
7 hours	

<p><i>Providing Psychological Consultation on Homicides</i> Mark Zelig, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans, LA 7 hours</p>	<p>Feb 2016</p>
<p><i>NC Gang Free - Academy</i> Hosted by NC Gang Investigators Pinehurst, NC 12 hours</p>	<p>Aug 2015</p>
<p><i>Brief Child Forensic Evaluations in Cases of Alleged Abuse</i> Mark D. Everson, PhD Nancy Berson, MSW, LCSW Wake AHEC 12 hours</p>	<p>May 2014</p>
<p><i>Assessing and Managing Violence Risk</i> Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego 7 hours</p>	<p>May 2014</p>
<p><i>Criminal Competencies</i> Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M. American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego 7 hours</p>	<p>May 2014</p>
<p><i>Test-Based Evaluation of Feigning in Clinical Forensic Assessments</i> Richard Frederickson, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego 7 hours</p>	<p>May 2014</p>
<p><i>Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making In Forensic Psychological Evaluations</i> Randy K. Otto, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology – Sn Diego 7 hours</p>	<p>May 2014</p>
<p><i>Duty to Protect - Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations</i> APA Educational Directorate 3 hours</p>	<p>April 2014</p>
<p><i>Introduction to Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations</i> Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans 7 hours</p>	<p>Feb 2013</p>
<p><i>Law School Crash Course</i> Craig R. Lareau, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans 7 hours</p>	<p>Feb 2013</p>

Advanced Issues in Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations

Feb 2013

Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP

American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans

7 hours

Consultation in Child Protection

June 2012

Susan C. Esquilin, Ph.D., ABPP

American Psychological Association Online Academy

4 hours

Sanity Board Training and Forensic Supervision

Jan 2008-Nov 2009

Lt Col. Mark Hinton MD

Col Kevin Blakely, Ph.D

United States Air Force – Keesler AFB, MS

PRESENTATIONS / TRAININGS PRESENTED

Mental Health Expert Witnesses: A Primer For Attorneys

New Bern, NC - Sep 2019

6 CLE

Psychological Aspects of School Threat Assessment and Management - 8 and 16 hour courses

Five courses in 2018 - Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina, Florida (2)

Seven courses in 2019 - Louisiana, Texas, Maryland, Nebraska, Colorado, Michigan, Alabama

Four courses in 2020 - Iowa and New Hampshire

Five Courses in 2021 - Colorado, Maryland, and Online (3)

Warrior Mindset, Trauma Related Disorders, and Adverse Childhood Experiences: Unraveling the Complexities of the Military/Veteran Defendant

NC Mitigation Specialist Conference

March 2018

4 hours

Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Onslow County Department of Social Services

March 2018

1.5 hours

Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Carteret County Department of Social Services

December 2017

1.5 hours

Clinical versus Therapeutic Services - What You Need, When

Craven County Bar Association

November 2016

30 minutes

Threat Investigation and Violence Risk Assessment for Schools

Governors Task Force on Safer Schools

April 2016

2 hours

Risk factors, Prevention, and Resiliency

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools

December 2015

1 hour

Forensic versus Therapeutic Services Training - Craven County Bar Association

October 2014

30 minutes

Evaluation of Parenting Capacity / Evaluation of Allegations of Abuse and Neglect

Onslow County Department of Social Services

August 2014

1.5 hours

Consultation and Forensic Assessment in Child Protection

Carteret County Department of Social Services

July 2014

1.5 hours

Psychological Consultation in Child Protection

Craven County Department of Social Services May 2012

1.5 hours

Assessment of Parenting Capacity

Pitt County Department of Social Services

May 2014

1.5 hours

TESTIFIED AS EXPERT

Federal Court

District Court (Beaufort County, Bertie County, Carteret County, Craven County, Jones County, Lenoir County, Martin County, Onslow County, Pasquotank County, Pender County, Perquimans County, Pitt County, New Hanover County, Washington County)

Superior Court (Craven County, Forsyth County, Hyde County, Johnston County, Jones County, Onslow County, Pender County, Pitt County, Wake County)

United States Courts Marital (Seymour Johnson AFB, Kessler AFB, Camp Lejeune)

15th Circuit - Palm Beach County, Florida

APPOINTMENTS

Police Civil Service Board - New Bern, NC: Current - Term expires June 2023

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools: 2015-2017

Lead: Threat Assessment Focus Group / Co-Chair: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Gangs

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychology-Law Society (Div 41- APA)
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
North Carolina Psychological Association

PUBLICATIONS:

School Threat Assessment and Management: A Practical Approach (book)
Learning Sciences International 2020

AWARDS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Meritorious Service Medal