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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

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## FORMALEUCATION

### *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 (10/2021-10/2022)
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, in Circuit Court in Florida, 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 - May 2022

Provides customized continuing education workshops in the area of school threat assessment and management. Provides these trainings nationally. Resigned due to private practice work load.

### ***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)  
Program Manager; Mental Health Element Chief/Deputy Flight  
Commander; Traumatic Stress Response Team Chief***

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Supervised implementation and administration the Air Force's 2<sup>nd</sup> busiest ADAPT program, serving an active duty population of over 4.5k while completing substance abuse evaluations and direct patient care ranging from education to intensive outpatient. Supervised clinical and nonclinical treatment staff serving in the substance use program and the general mental health clinic. Forensic services included completion of commander directed evaluations, fitness for duty determinations, sanity boards (military equivalent of competency to stand trial/capacity to proceed), and medical evaluation board examinations.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing to enhance Airman quality of life and identify Command interest items and solution.

Was appointed by the 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;  
Chief, Mental Health Clinic***

Keesler AFB, MS

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.

Selected as the sole 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.

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.

## **FORMAL FORENSIC EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION**

<b>Preventing Medical Errors in Behavioral Health</b> Professional Development Resources Distance Learning 2 hours	May 2022
<b>AAFP: A New Way to Write Forensic Reports</b> Terry Kukor, PhD, ABPP CONCEPT, with AAFP and Palo Alto University Distance Learning Home Study 4 hours	Mar 2022
<b>Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice</b> Randy Otto, PhD, ABPP CONCEPT - Palo Alto University Distance Learning Home Study 10 Hours	Mar 2022
<b>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals</b> ATAP Winter Conference Lake Buena Vista, FL 9.75 Hours	Feb 2022
<b><i>Not So Uncommon Topics in Sanity Evaluations</i></b> Terry Kukor, PhD., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Live Webinar 4 hours	Apr 2021
<b><i>AAFP: Case Law - Criminal Responsibility</i></b> Robert Cochrane, PsyD., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Live Webinar 3 hours	Apr 2021
<b><i>Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys</i></b> 14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<b><i>Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to Do When the World Goes Haywire</i></b> 14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours	Nov 2020

<p><b><i>Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack</i></b></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><b><i>Plenary - Betting on the Voice of the Child</i></b></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><b><i>Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?</i></b></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><b><i>Resisting Simplicity to Understand Child Resistance: Alienation Meaning in the Field of Family Law</i></b></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><b><i>Thinking Differently About the Value of Collateral Information</i></b></p> <p>14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><b><i>The Ethics of Self-Care: Where the Personal Is the Professional</i></b></p> <p>John Norcross, Ph.D., and Gary R. VandenBos, Ph.D., ABPP ContinuingEdCourses.Net Webinar 3 hours</p>	Aug 2020
<p><b><i>Sustaining Ourselves In Challenging Times: Ethical and Risk Management Perspectives</i></b></p> <p>The National Register of Health Services Psychologists Webinar 1 hour</p>	Apr 2020
<p><b><i>Evaluating the Validity of Miranda Waivers and the Trustworthiness of Confessions</i></b></p> <p>Alan Goldstein, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Portland, OR 7 hours</p>	Jan 2020

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

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

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



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

***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 Illness and the Expert's Perspective at Trial***

Live-Remote, NC - April 2022

NC Death Penalty Seminar

***Mental Health Expert Witnesses: A Primer For Attorneys***

New Bern, NC - Sep 2019

6 hours CLE

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

Craven County Schools, NC - 2022

Chowan County Schools, NC - 2022

Colorado, Maryland, Florida, and Online (3) - 2021

Iowa, New Hampshire, and Online (2) - 2020

Louisiana, Texas, Maryland, Nebraska, Colorado, Michigan, Alabama - 2019

Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina, Florida (2) - 2018

***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**

United States Federal Court

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

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

United States Courts Martial (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

North Carolina Psychological Association Psychology and Law Committee: Current

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools: 2015-2017 Lead on 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) Publisher: Learning Sciences International 2020

## **AWARDS**

Air Force Commendation Medal

Meritorious Service Medal