

CURRICULUM VITA

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CREDENTIALS:

Licensed Psychologist #4353, North Carolina
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Licensed Psychologist #1655, South Carolina

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Current Position:

- 8/2012 – Present Psychologist in private practice, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Conduct court-ordered or forensically informed psychological evaluations of children and adults. Areas of specialization:
 - Court-ordered psychological evaluations such as child custody evaluations, parental competency evaluations, substance use/abuse evaluations related to family court proceedings, trauma evaluations, and juvenile competency to stand trial evaluations.
 - Psychological and psychoeducational assessments to aid in treatment planning
 - ADHD evaluations
 - Provide *ex parte* consultative services and expert work product review.

Prior Clinical Experience:

- 5/2013 – 7/2022 Forensic Psychologist, Forensic Evaluations Unit, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
- Provide forensic psychological evaluations for individuals involved with the court system in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Types of evaluations as follows:
 - Parental Competency Evaluations
 - Juvenile Capacity to Stand Trial Evaluations
 - Adult Capacity to Stand Trial Screenings
 - Sexual Offender and Risk of Recidivism Evaluations
 - Multidisciplinary Evaluations (civil guardianship)
 - Violent Offender Risk Evaluations
 - Transfer to Adult Court Evaluations
 - Comprehensive Clinical Assessments

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- Provide consultation and clinical staffing to area mental health professionals.

Director of Training

- Director of Mecklenburg County's forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship (2015 to 2019).
- Provide education and training to area court officials including judges, attorneys, and the Counsel for Children's Rights.
- Provide consultation and supervision to contract forensic evaluators.
- Provide clinical supervision and training to clinically-oriented graduate-level psychology students and post-doctoral fellows.
- Provide supervision and training to law school practicum students, pre-graduate students, psychiatry residents, and other trainees.
- Presentation and discussion with Mecklenburg County Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office Juvenile Team; Children's Defense Team of Council for Children's Rights related to evaluations ordered through Juvenile Court: Delinquency, such as capacity to proceed evaluations, transfer to adult court evaluations, and general risk assessment.

11/2012 – 4/2013

Psychologist, Thompson CCF (independent contractor), Charlotte, North Carolina

- Provide psychological testing services to children and adolescents, including:
 - Sexual offender risk assessments, neuropsychological assessments, psychoeducational assessments, and psychological assessments
 - Review and consult on diagnostic assessments and treatment plans submitted by master's level clinicians
 - Review and approve orders for psychological services

8/2011 – 8/2012

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Southeast Psych, Charlotte, North Carolina

- Provided psychological services to children and adults, including assessment, therapy, and consultation. Areas of specialization and interest as follows:
 - Forensic assessments including court-ordered psychological evaluations, parental competency evaluations, trauma evaluations, juvenile competency to stand trial evaluations, violence risk assessments and sexual offender risk assessments.
 - Psychological and psychoeducational assessments to aid in treatment planning
 - Child and Adult ADHD evaluations
 - Divorce and family conflict
 - Social skills building

8/2010 – 8/ 2011

Internship, Psychology Intern, dual appointment.

- Internship Supervisor and Coordinator: Helen T. Brantley, Ph.D.
- UNC Forensic Psychiatry Services, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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- Provide cognitive, projective, and neuropsychological assessment services and related consultation to UNC's Program on Childhood Trauma and Maltreatment (PCTM)
- Provide long-term therapeutic intervention for children referred to PCTM
- Conduct parental competency evaluations, juvenile competency evaluations, and custody evaluations in high-conflict divorce cases. Services include adult and child forensic interviews, adult and child projective, educational, and cognitive testing, collateral contact forensic interviews, consultation with attorneys, and psycholegal report writing.
- Clients: children, adolescents, adults, and families.
- Site Supervisors: Helen T. Brantley, Ph.D., Nancy Berson, L.C.S.W. (PCTM), Mary Crowson, Ph.D. (PCTM)
- Rogers-Herr Middle School, Durham Public Schools, Durham, North Carolina
 - Provide psychoeducational assessment to students, and related consultation to staff and parents.
 - Work with Exceptional Children team to ensure IDEA compliance.
 - Behavioral Consultation to teachers and support staff.
 - Clients: middle school children, staff, and parents.
 - Site Supervisor: Deborah Lothman, Ph.D.

8/2009 – 8/2010

Psychology Practicum, Neuropsychology Clinic, Center for Development and Learning, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

- Provide neuropsychological evaluations and report interpretation for referred clients. Services include cognitive testing, achievement testing, neuropsychological testing, and family consultation
- Provide neuropsychological evaluations for children with chronic kidney disease enrolled in a nation-wide longitudinal study
- Clients: children and adolescents with neurological disease, chronic pediatric diseases, psychiatric disorders, and neurodevelopmental conditions.
- One day per week for two semesters
- Site supervisor: Steve Hooper, Ph. D.

8/2009 - 8/2010

Psychology Practicum, UNC Forensic Psychiatry Services, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

- Provide parental competency evaluations, juvenile competency evaluations, and custody evaluations in high-conflict divorce cases. Services include adult and child forensic interviews, adult and child projective and cognitive testing, collateral contact interviews, consultation with attorneys, and psycholegal report writing.
- Provide full psychological evaluations for children and adolescents referred to UNC Program on Childhood Trauma and Maltreatment
- Clients: children, adolescents, adults, and families.

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- Two days per week during summer, 2009; one day per week for two semesters
- Site supervisor: Helen Brantley, Ph.D.

- 8/2008 - 8/2009 School Psychologist Practicum, Whitaker School, Butner, North Carolina.
- Individual therapy; group therapy; advanced assessment; dissemination of findings; consultation with family, faculty and staff in a primary residential treatment facility setting.
 - Clients: adolescent boys and girls with severe emotional and/or behavioral disorders
 - Two days per week for two semesters
 - Site supervisor: Ray Newnam, Ph.D.
- 8/2007 - 6/2008 Psychology Advanced Extern, Guilford County Schools, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Description: Advanced assessment, dissemination of findings, administrative consultation, teacher consultation, and behavioral intervention in an elementary school setting
 - One day per week for 2 semesters
 - Field Mentor: Joy Gotshall, M.A.
 - UNC supervisors: Barbara Wasik, Ph.D.; Jennifer Hiemenz, Ph.D.
- 8/2006 - 8/2007 Psychology Extern, Moore County Schools, North Carolina.
- Description: Observation, assessment, dissemination of findings, consultation, and behavioral intervention in a middle school setting
 - One day per week for 2 semesters
 - Field Mentor: Beverly Rouse, M.A.
 - UNC supervisors: John Brantley, Ph.D.; Sam Song, Ph.D.

Research Experience:

- 5/2015 – 8/2022 Forensic Psychologist, Mecklenburg County Forensic Evaluations Unit, North Carolina
- Conceptualize and implement research programs related to evaluations conducted by the Forensic Evaluations Unit. Current projects include:
 - Analysis of Parenting Capacity Evaluation reports for best practices within the field of forensic psychology
 - Pilot study of Juvenile Capacity to Proceed evaluations examining age at offense, prior record, and demographic characteristics of evaluations ordered between 2012 and 2014
 - Recruit, train, and supervise research assistants.
- 7/2006 - 8/2010 Graduate Research Assistant, Writing Skills Development Program, Center for Development and Learning, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Conduct neuropsychological assessment batteries on 20+ subjects per year. Battery consists of 22 tests and subtests from the WISC-IV, WIAT-II, WASI, WJ-III COG, PAL, WRAML-2, VIGIL, and

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CREVT-2; assist with scoring, verification, and interpretation of test results.

- Conduct evidence-based writing skills development interventions 50+ times per year; assist with intervention planning and evaluation
- Subjects: Children in 1st through 08/ 4th grade
- Twenty hours per week
- Primary Investigator: Steven R. Hooper, Ph.D.

9/2004 - 9/2005 Contract Research Assistant, National Research Center on Rural Education Support, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Principal Investigators: Dr. Thomas Farmer, Dr. Lynne Vernon-Feagans and Dr. Wallace Hannum.

- Conducted 25+ reading skills assessment batteries on children in kindergarten and first grades

Selected Teaching and Presentation Experience:

Ongoing, biannual	Presentation and discussion with Counsel for Children's Rights Custody Advocacy Program related to psychological evaluations typically ordered through family court, basics of diagnosis, and developmental concerns related to high-conflict child custody disputes.
Ongoing, yearly	Expert Opinion and Forensic Psychology, UNC Chapel Hill School Psychology doctoral cohort seminar.
Ongoing, yearly	Psychological Testing Referrals and Subpoenas, training for Behavioral Health – Charlotte Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Fellows.
Fall, 2022	How to deal with Social Networking Data: Authenticity and Implications. [with Mulchay, C.; presentation]. Interdisciplinary Forum on Mental Health and Family Law. New York, New York.
Summer, 2022	The Use and Misuse of Mental Health Witnesses and Experts in Effective Advocacy [with Cowan, A.; conference session]. 45th NACC National Child Welfare Law Conference
Spring, 2022	How to deal with Social Networking Data: Authenticity and Implications. [with Mulchay, C.; conference session]. AFCC 59th Annual Conference. Chicago, Illinois.
Spring, 2022	Litigating Forensic Custody Evaluations [with Cowan, A.; conference session]. North Carolina Bar Association 2022 Family Law Section Spring Program. Asheville, North Carolina.
Spring, 2022	Gathering, Interpreting, and Archiving Social Media Data. [with Mulchay, C.; conference session]. AFCC Ohio "Breaking Through Conflict" Conference. Columbus, Ohio
Fall, 2021	Gathering, Interpreting, and Archiving Email, Text, Social Media, and Internet Data in a Forensically Defensible Manner. [with Mulchay, C.;

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- conference session]. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Fall, 2021 Implications of Child Custody Litigation for Mental Health Professionals [presentation]. Central Regional Hospital Grand Rounds, Butner, North Carolina.
- Summer, 2021 The Science of Psychological Evaluations and Juveniles Involved in the U.S. Legal System. [with Cowan, A.; recorded conference session]. American Psychological Association 2021, San Diego, California.
- Spring, 2021 Gathering, Interpreting, and Archiving Email, Text, Social Media, and Internet Data in a Forensically Defensible Manner [with Mulchay, C.; recorded conference session]. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Fall, 2020 Forensic Methods of Gathering Data via Telehealth [with Mulchay, C.; conference session]. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Spring, 2020 Gathering, Interpreting, and Archiving Email, Text, Social Media, and Internet Data in a Forensically Defensible Manner [with Mulchay, C.; Postponed due to CoVID-19]. Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Spring, 2019 Development of appointment orders and Daubert considerations related to Child Custody Evaluations [presentation]. Mecklenburg County Bar Association Family Law Section, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Spring, 2018 Minimizing Bouncebacks: The Recipe for Forensic Evaluations [presentation]. Mecklenburg County Bar Association Family Law Section, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Spring, 2017 The Value of Mental Illness and Trauma: Finding Resilience in Pain [panel presentation]. Comics Arts Counsel, San Diego Comic Con, San Diego, California.
- Spring, 2016 The Exploration of Comic Books on Moral Values: How Comics Influence Adolescent Moral Development [panel presentation]. Wondercon, Los Angeles, California.
- Spring, 2016 Forensic Psychological Evaluations for Dependency Court [presentation]. Mecklenburg County Bar Association Juvenile Law Section, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Fall, 2015 Working with High Conflict/Complex Families [discussion panelist] and Procedural, evidentiary, and ethical considerations for legal and mental health professionals [discussion panelist], Mecklenburg County Bar Association, Charlotte, North Carolina.

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- Spring, 2015 Games Are Good For You! How Gaming Improves Our Lives [presentation]. Penny Arcade Expo (PAX), Boston, Massachusetts.
- Fall, 2013 The Psychometrics of Malingering [presentation]. Carolinas Medical Center Grand Rounds, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Spring, 2012 Childhood Trauma [presentation]. Presbyterian Behavioral Health Symposium, Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Spring, 2011 Predicting North Carolina third grade End of Grade Test of Reading Comprehension scores from Neurocognitive Assessment Data Collected in First, Second, and Third Grade [lecture]. School Psychology Program Meeting, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Spring, 2011 Forensic Psychology, forensically informed assessments, and the ethical implications of forensic practice [lecture]. Advanced Psychology Internship Group Supervision, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Fall, 2010 Forensic psychology, forensically informed assessments, and the ethical implications of forensic practice [lecture]. EDUC 718c Psychological Assessment III, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Fall, 2009 Teaching Assistant (EDUC) 708, School Consultation Methods. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- Spring, 2009 Teaching Assistant (EDUC) 719a, Behavioral Intervention in Counseling and School Psychology I. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

EDUCATION:

- 8/2006 – 8/2011 Doctor of Philosophy Program, School Psychology, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Date of graduation: August 8, 2011.
- APA-accredited program
 - Dissertation- Predicting North Carolina third grade End of Grade Test of Reading Comprehension Scores from First, Second, and Third Grade Data
 - Dissertation Chairperson: Steven Knotek, PhD.
 - Faculty Research Advisor: Stephen Hooper, PhD.
- 1/1995 – 7/1998 B.A., Psychology. University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California
- 9/1993 – 1/1995 A.A., Psychology. Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, California

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MEMBERSHIPS:

North Carolina Psychological Association
 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
 Association Psychology-Law Society
 American Psychological Association

PUBLICATIONS:**Book Chapters:**

1. **Knuth, S. B.** (2020). Child Custody Litigation and Psychological Evaluations. In A. B. Batastini, & Vitacco, M. J. (Eds.), *Forensic mental health evaluations in the digital age: A practitioner's guide to using internet-based data*. New York: Springer.
2. Costa, L-J. C., Kitson, R., **Knuth, S. B.**, Miller, K. M., Yerby, D. C., Anderson, K. L., & Hooper, S. H. (2012). Insights about translation from neuropsychology, self-talk strategies, and interventions. In M. Fayol, D. Alamargot, & B. Berninger (Eds.), *Translation of Thought to Written Text while Composing: Advancing Theory, Knowledge, Methods, and Applications* (pp. 229-248). New York: Psychology Press.
3. Costa, L-J., Hooper, S.R., **Knuth, S. B.**, Kitson, R., Miller, K., & McBee, M. (2012). Predictive and functional relationships in beginning writer's translation processes: Lessons from combining longitudinal and instructional research. In M. Fayol, D. Alamargot, & V. Berninger (Eds.), *Translation of thought to written text while composing: Advancing theory, knowledge, methods, and applications*. New York: Psychology Press.
4. Hooper, S. R., Knuth, S. B., Yerby, D.C., Anderson, K.L. (2009). A review of science supported writing instruction with implementation in mind. In V.W. Berninger, & S. Rosenfield (Eds.), *Translating science-supported instruction into evidence-based practice* (pp. 49-83). New York: Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles:

1. Jones, A. C. T., Batastini, A. B., Vitacco, M. J., Standridge, R. L., & **Knuth, S. B.** (2022). Attorneys, tell your clients to think before they post: Social media data may influence how evaluators view their parental fitness. *Family Court Review* [in press].
2. Garber, B. D., Mulchay, C. & **Knuth, S. B.** (2022): Questionnaires in child custody evaluations: The forgotten ubiquitous medium. *Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody & Child Development*, DOI: 10.1080/26904586.2022.2086657
3. Mulchay, C. & **Knuth, S. B.** (2021). Seven Tips for Gathering and Interpreting Social Media Data. *Association of Family and Conciliation Courts eNEWS*, volume 16, number 6.
4. Demakis, G. J., Gallimore, M., Strzelecki, S., & **Knuth, S. B.** (2021) Civil Competency Restoration: Initial Findings from Psychological-Based Competency Evaluations. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*
5. Hooper, S.R., Anderson, K., Yerby, D.C., Costa, L.J., **Knuth, S.B.**, Childress, A., & McBee, M. (2013). Written language intervention for at-risk second grade students: A randomized controlled trial of the Process Assessment of the Learning Lesson Plans in a Tier 2 response-to-intervention (RtI) model. *Annals of Dyslexia*, 63:44-64
6. Hooper, S. R., Costa, L., McBee, M., Anderson, K. L., Yerby, D. C., **Knuth, S. B.**, & Childress, A. (2011) Concurrent and Longitudinal Neuropsychological Contributors to

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TRAININGS ATTENDED

The following are selected relevant trainings attended:

Special Topics in Forensic Psychology Series: 2021: Forensic Evaluations in the Age of Social Media by Michael Vitacco (Live Webinar). January 2021.

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 14th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, November 2020.

- Fool Me Twice, Shame on Me: Are You Being Conned by a Coercive Controlling Abuser?, L. Frederick, Hon. A. Hirsch, K. Scott, A. Shienvold, & N. Ver Steegh
- Things My Cousin Vinnie Taught Me: Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys, L. Braustein & S. Rappaport
- Drug and Alcohol Testing and Parenting Agreements in Child Custody Cases, Hon. A. Arkin & T. Engelbert
- Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack, D. Martindale & J. Wittmann
- Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?, R. Deutsch, L. Drozd, & Hon. H. Silberman
- Thinking Differently about the Value of Collateral Information, J. Flens & J. Gould

North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services: Bridging the Gap V: Death Penalty Mitigation (Live Webinar). Raleigh, North Carolina. November 2020.

ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB): Enhancing Forensic Decision Making by Itiel Dror (Live Webinar). October 2020.

American Academy of Forensic Psychology: Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology, Washington, D.C., February 2020.

- Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials, P. Resnick
- Evidence for Mental Health Professionals, D. DeMatteo
- Forensic Evaluation in Miranda Waiver and False/Coerced Confession Cases I., B. Frumpkin
- Advanced Threat Assessment and Management, K. Katsavdakis

North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services: Working with Experts in Trial Preparation, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 2020.

American Academy of Forensic Psychology: Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology, Charleston, South Carolina, February 2019.

- Skills for the Responsible Practice of Forensic Psychology in Death Penalty Litigation, J. Eisenberg
- Forensic Evaluation in Disability Matters, E. Landis
- Assessment of Defendants' Trial Competence, L. Hauser

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North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services: Effective Use of Expert Testimony: A Seminar for Experts and Attorneys, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 2019.

American Academy of Forensic Psychology: Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology, Asheville, North Carolina, September 2017.

- Custody Evaluations: The Essentials; Custody Evaluations: Advanced Topics, D. Martindale

American Academy of Forensic Psychology: Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology, San Diego, California, September 2016.

- Forensic Report Writing, R. K. Otto
- Advanced Issues in Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations, P. M. Stahl
- Quality Considerations in Conducting Juvenile Forensic Evaluations, K. Heilbrun
- Assessment of Violence Risk in Juveniles, D. Baeder
- Developmental Considerations in Juvenile Dispositional Evaluations, D. Baeder

American Academy of Forensic Psychology: Contemporary Issues in Forensic Psychology, Charleston, South Carolina, January 2014.

- Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making in Forensic Psychological Evaluation, R. K. Otto
- Introduction to Child Custody Evaluation, J. Gould
- Forensic Mental Health Assessment: A Principles-Based Model, K. Heilbrun

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Phoenix, Arizona, November 2012.

- Research and Practice: Relocation Disputes, W.G. Austin, P.M. Stahl
- An Integrated Model for Child Custody Evaluation Reports, R.L. Kaufman, D.B. Pickar
- Reviewing our Colleagues' Work and Joining the Litigation Team: Ethical Issues, S. M. Lee, R. L. Kaufman, D. A. Martindale
- Understanding How Children of Divorce Add Fuel to the Fire, H. D. Kirkpatrick
- Testifying in Child Custody Cases, S. I. Tucker, R. Tener, D. J. Malarcik

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