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LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

N.C. Board of Psychology	<u>Licensed Clinical Psychologist - Doctoral Level</u> License #2839 (licensed since November 19, 2002, active)
VA. Board of Psychology	<u>Licensed Clinical Psychologist - Doctoral Level</u> License #0810003085 (licensed in 2002, currently inactive)
N.C. Health Service Provider	<u>Certification as a Health Service Provider - Psychologist</u> (certified since 2002, active)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1995-2001	<u>University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, AL</u> APA-accredited terminal doctoral clinical psychology program with subspecialty in Psychology and Law
Postdoctoral Fellowship 2001-2002	<u>University of Virginia Health System; Institute of Law, Psychology, & Public Policy; Charlottesville, VA</u> APA-accredited postdoctoral forensic psychology fellowship
Postdoctoral Internship 2000-2001	<u>Federal Bureau of Prisons; Federal Medical Center; Lexington, KY</u> APA-accredited predoctoral forensic psychology internship
B.A. 1990-1994	<u>University of Georgia; Athens, GA</u> Psychology major

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 1/2024 – present **Forensic Minds Consulting; Charlotte, N.C.** –
Private Forensic Psychology Practice
- Provide comprehensive forensic psychological assessments, consultation and expert testimony for N.C. and Federal Criminal Courts and attorneys/agencies. Evaluations include competency issues (capacity to proceed, civil competency, competency to waive Miranda rights), criminal responsibility/insanity, diminished capacity, mitigation, violence risk assessment, juvenile offender treatment needs, juvenile transfer to adult court, and sex offender evaluations.
 - Forensic Minds Consulting offers an expert team approach to evaluations; this allows a more efficient and effective evaluation process, provides access to the cumulative knowledge base of the expert team, and fosters expert neutrality.
 - Conduct seminars and consultation sessions for legal and mental health professionals on a variety of mental health/forensic issues.
- 3/2024 – present **Behavioral Health-Charlotte, Atrium Health System; Charlotte, N.C.** –
Psychologist
- 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).

- 2016-present **Wake Forest School of Medicine; Charlotte, N.C. – Assistant Professor of Psychiatry**
- Teach residents, fellows and medical students who are completing educational programs through Behavioral Health-Charlotte
- 2002-3/2024 **Behavioral Health-Charlotte, Atrium Health System; Charlotte, N.C. – Coordinator of Forensic Services**
- Direct Atrium Health 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.
 - Coordinate contractual forensic services provided by BHC to the Courts of Mecklenburg County and involved agencies.
 - Conduct comprehensive forensic psychology assessments and provide expert testimony for criminal, family, civil, juvenile and family courts.
 - Provide supervision and ongoing training to the team of forensic psychologists who supply forensic services on behalf of Atrium Health System.
 - Conduct workshops, provide evaluation/consultation services, and offer expert testimony for legal and mental health professionals on a variety of mental health/forensic issues.
 - 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).
- 2018-2023 **Virginia Hart, PhD – Forensic Psychological Evaluations and Consultation; Charlotte, N.C. – Private Forensic Psychology Practice**
- Provide private forensic assessments and provide expert testimony for State and Federal 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.
- 2002-2017 **Carolinas Psychiatry and Behavioral Wellness, Atrium Health System; Charlotte, N.C. – Private Clinical and Forensic Psychology Practice**
- Provide clinical evaluations and individual psychotherapy to individuals with mental illness and/or emotional difficulties.
 - Provide psychological evaluations with an emphasis on psycho-medical issues such as psychological fitness to proceed with recommended medical services.
 - Provide private forensic assessments and provide expert testimony for State and Federal Criminal, Civil, Juvenile and Family Courts and attorneys/agencies. (See above for types of evaluations.)
- 2001- 2002 **University of Virginia School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry & Neurobehavioral Sciences; Charlottesville, VA – Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology**
Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy:
- Completed interdisciplinary postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychology, forensic psychiatry, forensic neuropsychology, and mental health law.
 - Conducted comprehensive forensic psychology evaluations and provided expert testimony for the Virginia and Federal adult and juvenile criminal court system.
 - 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).
 - Led professional forensic certification training for mental health professionals and mental health consultation services to attorneys.
 - Conducted and published empirical 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 –
Predoctoral Internship in Forensic Psychology**
- Conducted thorough forensic evaluations 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, and mental health needs.
 - Served as unit psychologist within a general housing unit where several hundred male inmates resided. Provided individual & group therapy, individual & group sex offender therapy, and crisis intervention. Developed and implemented individualized treatment and risk management plans.
 - Conducted specialized clinical evaluations, including sexual offender/victim evaluations, evaluation of inmates in housing segregated from the general population, suicide risk, facility security level risk assessment, and evaluation of appropriateness for referral to Federal sex offender treatment program.
- 2000 - 2001 **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.
- 1999 - 2000 **North Harbor Psychiatric Pavilion; Northport, AL**
- Completed psychological assessments and provided therapy for a psychiatric inpatient population.
- 1999 - 2000 **Turning Point Domestic Violence Shelter; Tuscaloosa, AL**
- Provided group therapy services for adult females residing in a domestic violence shelter.
- 1998 - 1999 **University of Alabama Counseling and Psychological Services; Tuscaloosa, AL**
- Conducted psychotherapy, psychological evaluations, and community outreach 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 evaluations. Participated in multi-disciplinary reviews to determine suitability for hospital release and to develop community risk management plans.
- 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.
 - 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 judges regarding psychological factors influencing rulings/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 with an inpatient and outpatient veteran population, including geriatric patients.
 - Led computerized cognitive rehabilitation classes for head injury patients.
- 1994 - 1995 **Duke University Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, Research Tech; Durham, NC**
- Assisted in three clinical research studies:
 - *Efficacy of Structural Family Therapy with Adolescent Substance Abusers*
 - *Coding of Classroom Behavior Using the Stony Brook Behavioral Coding System*
 - *Ethnic Differences in Parental Expectations*
- 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.

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clinical interface. Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 20, (2), 130-146.

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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.

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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.