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EDUCATION

- 08/20 Doctor of Philosophy, Fordham University, Bronx, NY
Clinical Psychology, Forensic Specialization (APA Approved Program)
- 05/10 Juris Doctor, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY
- 05/07 Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, Boston University, Boston, MA
Major: Psychology; Minor: Public Health

LICENSURE

- 08/22 to present Licensed Psychologist, North Carolina (# 6204)
- 12/21 to present Licensed Psychologist, New York (# 024674)
- 04/12 to present Licensed Attorney, New York (# 5035225)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 08/22 to present Clinical Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina School of Medicine,
Chapel Hill, NC

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/20 to 07/22 Co-Director of Psychological Assessment, Soffer & Associates, New York, NY
- 01/19 to 07/22 Evaluator and Therapist, Empire State Forensics, New York, NY
- 07/19 to 06/20 Doctoral Intern, Mt. Sinai Services at Elmhurst Hospital Center, Queens, NY
- 07/16 to 06/17 Doctoral Extern, Bellevue Hospital Center Forensic Inpatient Unit, New York, NY
- 08/16 to 05/17 Forensic Psychology Fellow, Lincoln Square Legal Services, New York, NY
- 08/15 to 05/16 Doctoral Extern, Hunter College Counseling and Wellness Services, New York, NY
- 08/14 to 08/15 Doctoral Extern, Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center
- 08/13 to 05/14 Doctoral Extern, Project SHARP Offender Treatment Program, New York, NY

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 01/18 to 06/19 Co-Principal Investigator, Rikers Island Intellectual Disability Screening Study, East
Elmhurst, NY
- 06/15 to 02/18 Research Assistant, Enhancing Performance on Tests of Non-Cognitive Ability
Study, Bronx, NY

- 03/14 to 08/15 Research Assistant, Fordham Risk Screening Tool (FRST) Study, Bronx, NY
- 08/13 to 05/14 Research Assistant, Project SHARP Offender Treatment Program, New York, NY
- 02/12 to 05/13 Research Assistant, New York University Child Study Center, New York, NY
- 08/09 to 05/10 Research Assistant, Professor Deborah W. Denno, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY
- 06/05 to 05/06 Research Assistant, Boston University Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders, Boston, MA

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- 04/11 to 08/13 Court Attorney, Justice Barbara Jaffe, New York Supreme Court, New York, NY
- 08/10 to 03/11 Law Clerk, Judge Thomas R. Vena, New Jersey Superior Court, Newark, NJ
- 05/09 to 08/09 Summer Associate, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, Baltimore, MD
05/08 to 08/08
- 08/08 to 05/09 Judicial Extern, Justice Rosalyn Richter, New York Supreme Court, New York, NY
- 08/08 to 05/09 Legal Assistant, Fordham Law School Immigration Advocacy Project, Newark, NJ

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 08/18 to 12/18 Instructor: Department of Psychology, Fordham University, Bronx, NY
Undergraduate Courses:
- Forensic Psychology (PSYC 3820)
- 08/13 to 05/19 Teaching Assistant: Department of Psychology, Fordham University, Bronx, NY
Undergraduate Courses:
- Research Methods (PSYC 2010)
 - Social Psychology (PSYC 2601)
- Graduate Courses:
- Personality Assessment (PSYC 6119)
 - Clinical Diagnosis (PSYC 7121)
 - Forensic Assessment (PSYC 6190)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018 Summer Research Fellowship, Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$4,000)
- 2018 Grant-in-Aid, American Psychology and Law Society (\$1,000)
- 2016 Research Support Grant, Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$400)
- 2015 Professional Development Grant, Fordham University Graduate Student Association (\$200)
- 2015 Summer Research Assistantship, Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and

Sciences (\$4,500)

- 2013 Centennial Scholarship, Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$114,778)
- 2007 Merit Scholarship, Fordham University School of Law (\$45,000)
- 2003 Presidential Scholarship, Boston University (\$60,000)

HONORS

- 2008 to 2010 Dean's List, Fordham University School of Law
- 2006 London Internship Program, Boston University
- 2003 to 2007 Dean's List, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences
- 2003 to 2007 Honors Program, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

- 03/22 STATIC-99R User Training
Workshop presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference
Instructor: L. Maaiké Helmus, PhD
- 01/21 Use of the CPORT and CASIC Assessment Tools
Virtual workshop presented by MnATSA
Instructor: Michael Seto, Ph.D.
- 10/16 Forensic CBT: An Integrated Approach to Working with Justice-Involved Clients.
Workshop presented at the Albert Ellis Institute, New York, NY.
Instructor: Raymond Chip Tafrate, Ph.D.
- 06/15 Best Practices in the Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial in Juveniles
Workshop presented at the Concept Forensic Training Academy Summer Training Institute, New York, NY
Instructor: Ivan Kruh, Ph.D.
- 01/14 Using the HCR-20 Version 3 to Evaluate Violence Risk
Workshop presented at Fordham University, Bronx, NY
Instructor: Barry Rosenfeld, Ph.D.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

- 06/15 to 05/17 Student Reviewer, *Assessment*
- 08/15 to 12/16 Student Editorial Board, *Law and Human Behavior*
- 08/15 to 03/16 Editorial Assistant, *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*
- 06/14 to 05/17 Student Reviewer, *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*
- 06/14 to 05/17 Student Reviewer, *Psychology, Crime, and Law*
- 08/09 to 05/10 Notes and Articles Editor, *Fordham International Law Journal*

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Wijetunga, C.**, Rosenfeld, B., Aparcero-Suero, M., Quick, E., Garcia-Mansilla, A., & Barber-Rioja, V. (in preparation). Evaluating the classification accuracy of intellectual disability screening tools in a correctional setting.
2. Garcia-Mansilla, A., Bedard, R., & **Wijetunga, C.** (2023). Assessment and treatment of individuals with neurocognitive and neurodevelopmental disabilities in jails. In V. Barber-Rioja, A. Garcia-Mansilla, B. Subedi, & A. Batastini (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of mental health treatment and assessment in jails*. New York, NY: Oxford.
3. Aparcero-Suero, M., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Rosenfeld, B. (under review). Measuring adaptive functioning in a correctional setting: An analysis of the Problems in Everyday Living Test (PEDL).
4. **Wijetunga, C.**, Picard, E., & Rosenfeld, B. (2019). Management of sex offenders in community settings. In W.T. O'Donohue & D. Bromberg (Eds.), *Sexually violent predators: A clinical science handbook*. New York, NY: Springer.
5. **Wijetunga, C.**, Picard, E., & Rosenfeld, B. (2019). Forensic measures for assessing offenders. In R.D. Morgan (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of criminal psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
6. Rosenfeld, B., Galietta, M., Foellmi, M., Coupland, S., Turner-Corn, Z., Stern, S., **Wijetunga, C.**, Gerbrandij, J., & Ivanoff, A. (2019). Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for stalking offenders: A randomized controlled study. *Law and Human Behavior*, *43*, 319-328. doi: 10.1037/lhb0000336
7. **Wijetunga, C.**, Nijdam-Jones, A., Rosenfeld, B., Martinez, R., & Cruise, K. (2018). Using the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-Revised (J-SOAP-II) to assess psychopathy. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *45*, 483-502. doi: 10.1177/0093854817745912
8. Rosenfeld, B., Foellmi, M., Khadivi, A., **Wijetunga, C.**, Howe, J., Nijdam-Jones, A., Grover, S., & Rotter, M. (2017). Determining when to conduct a violence risk assessment: Development and initial validation of the Fordham Risk Screening Tool (FRST). *Law and Human Behavior*, *41*, 325-332. doi: 10.1037/lhb0000247
9. Howe, J., **Wijetunga, C.**, Nijdam-Jones, A., & Rosenfeld, B. (2017). Treatment of psychopathic personality disorder. In P. Sturmey (Ed.), *The Wiley handbook of violence and aggression: Assessment, prevention, and treatment of individuals* (Vol. 2, pp. 1-12). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
10. **Wijetunga, C.**, Rosenfeld, B., Cruise, K., & Martinez, R. (2016). The influence of age and sexual drive on the predictive validity of the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-Revised. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/0306624X16650681

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Wijetunga, C.**, Aparcero-Suero, M., Garcia-Mansilla, A., Barber, V., & Rosenfeld, B. (2023, March). Intellectual disability screening in correctional settings. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
2. Aparcero-Suero, M., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Rosenfeld, B. (2019, March). Measuring adaptive functioning in a correctional setting: An analysis of the Problems in Everyday Living Test (PEDL). Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

3. Akerman, J., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Rosenfeld, B. (2019, March). An examination of the FRST: The nature and correlates of a violence risk screening tool. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
4. Foellmi, M., Rosenfeld, B., Khadivi, A., Nijdam-Jones, A., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Rotter, M. (2017, June). Errors and correct decisions in a violence risk screening instrument. Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Split, Croatia.
5. **Wijetunga, C.**, Rosenfeld, B., & Galietta, M. (2017, March). The impact of gender on the structure and predictive accuracy of the B-SAFER. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
6. Nijdam-Jones, A., Rosenfeld, B., Foellmi, M., Khadivi, A., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Grover, G. (2016, June). Substance use and violence risk assessment. Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, New York, NY.
7. **Wijetunga, C.**, Foellmi, M., Nijdam-Jones, A., Grover, S., Rosenfeld, B., & Khadivi, A. (2016, June). Structural analysis of gender differences on the Historical-Clinical-Risk-20, Version 3 (HCR-20^{V3}). Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, New York, NY.
8. **Wijetunga, C.**, Nijdam-Jones, A., Rosenfeld, B., Martinez, R., & Cruise, K. (2016, March). Using the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-Revised to Assess Psychopathy. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
9. **Wijetunga, C.**, Foellmi, M., Khadivi, A., & Rosenfeld, B. (2016, March). The role of protective factors in violence risk triage. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
10. Foellmi, M., Rosenfeld, B., Khadivi, A., Grover, S., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Nijdam-Jones, A. (2016, March). The Fordham Risk Screening Tool: Equally effective with all patients? Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
11. Rosenfeld, B., Foellmi, M., Khadivi, A., **Wijetunga, C.**, Grover, S., Nijdam-Jones, A., & Rotter, M. (2016, March). Development and initial validation of the Fordham Risk Screening Tool (FRST). Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
12. Foellmi, M., Rosenfeld, B., Khadivi, A., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Grover, S. (2015, June). Risk formulation in violence risk assessment: A qualitative and quantitative study of the HCR-20^{V3}. Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Manchester, England.
13. **Wijetunga, C.**, Foellmi, M., Nijdam-Jones, A., Grover, S., Rosenfeld, B., & Khadivi, A. (2015, June). Concordance between the Violence Risk Appraisal Guide and the Historical-Clinical-Risk Management-20. Poster presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Manchester, England.
14. Nijdam-Jones, A., Rosenfeld, B., **Wijetunga, C.**, & Galietta, M. (2015, March). Predictive accuracy of Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) estimates on treatment and short-term reoffending outcomes with general offenders. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
15. **Wijetunga, C.**, Rosenfeld, B., & Martinez, R. (2015, March). Examining the relationship between

psychopathy and recidivism using the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-Revised. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.

16. **Wijetunga, C.**, Rosenfeld, B., & Martinez, R. (2014, March). Predictive validity of the J-SOAP across discharge settings and offender characteristics. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Wijetunga, C.** (2016, November). Interdisciplinary practice: Forensic psychology. Presented at Lincoln Square Legal Services, Inc., New York, NY.
2. **Wijetunga, C.**, & Rosenfeld, B. (2016, March, April). Using the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-Revised (J-SOAP-II) to assess psychopathy. Presented at the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, Trenton, NJ.
3. **Wijetunga, C.** (2023, February). Psychological testing. Presented at the University of North Carolina School of Law and Duke Law School, Chapel Hill/Durham, NC.
4. **Wijetunga, C.**, & Vitiello, E. (2023, March). Criminal responsibility. Presented at the University of North Carolina School of Law and Duke Law School, Chapel Hill/Durham, NC.