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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 (10/2021-10/2022)
Alabama	1503	Inactive (due to military PCS)

TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) TAP # 17348 Active

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, assisting with examination and cross examination of mental health expert witnesses, and providing subject matter expert testimony. Court testimony includes Federal Court, District, and Superior Court in North Carolina, in Circuit Court in Florida, Court in Montana, 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

Sept 2018 - Jan 2021

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

Provided customized continuing education workshops in the area of school threat assessment and management. Provided 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***
Aug 2009-Aug 2011

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Supervised implementation and administration of the Air Force's 2nd 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 4th 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***
Sept 2007-Aug 2009

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 OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION

Allegations of Alienation or Child Sexual Abuse in Custody Evaluations Aug 2024

David Martindale, PhD
Distance Learning Home Study
CONCEPT Palo Alto University
10 hours

AAFP: Evaluating Risk in Child Pornography Offenders Jun 2024

Kostas A Katsavdakias, PhD, ABPP
Distance Learning Home Study
CONCEPT, with AAFP and Palo Alto University
4 hours

Ethical Considerations for Health Professionals Working with Children and Families May 2024

Health Forum Online
3 hours

Domestic Violence: Best Practices of Healthcare Professionals May 2024

Health Forum Online
2 hours

Medical Error Prevention: A Guide for Mental Health Professionals May 2024

Health Forum Online
2 hours

Advanced Ethical, Evidentiary, and Methodological Issues Sep 2023

David Martindale, PhD, ABPP & Timothy Tippins, Esq
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
3 hours

Family Justice Reform: Values, Services, and Science in a Politicized Environment Sep 2023

Rebecca Henry, Esq & Matthew Sullivan, PhD
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
1.5 hours

Current Controversies in Understanding and Intervening with Parent-Child Contact Problems Sep 2023

Matthew Sullivan, PhD
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
2 hours

- Technology and Evidentiary Issues in Child Custody Cases*** Sep 2023
Simon Rogona III, Chris Mulchay, PhD & Hon Cheryl Joseph
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
1.5 hours
- Social Science Research and Child Custody: Is Anything New Under the Sun?*** Sep 2023
Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, ABPP
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
2 hours
- Just Say No? Drugs, Alcohol, and Family Court*** Sep 2023
Stephanie Tabashneck, PsyD, Esq
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
2 hours
- Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases*** Sep 2023
David Martindale PhD, ABPP & Timothy Tippins, Esq
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Washington, DC
2 hours
- Effective Consultation and Testimony in Cases with Child Victims*** Feb 2023
Kevin Richards, PhD, ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology
Charleston, SC
7 hours
- Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts*** Feb 2023
Christina Pietz, PhD, ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology
Charleston, SC
7 hours
- Criminal Responsibility Evaluations*** Feb 2023
Maureen Reardon, PhD, ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology
Charleston, SC
7 hours
- Criminal Responsibility Evaluations - Case Study*** Feb 2023
Maureen Reardon, PhD, ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology
Charleston, SC
4 hours

<p><i>AAFP: Evaluating Youth Facing Long Term Sentences in Adult Court</i> Antoinette Kavanaugh, PhD, ABPP Distance Learning Home Study CONCEPT, with AAFP and Palo Alto University 4 hours</p>	Jan 2023
<p><i>AAFP: Cultural Considerations in Forensic Psychology</i> Michelle Guyton, PhD, ABPP Distance Learning Home Study CONCEPT, with AAFP and Palo Alto University 7 hours</p>	Jan 2023
<p><i>Supervision of Licensees and Applicants in North Carolina</i> North Carolina Psychology Board 3 hours</p>	Nov 2022
<p><i>Preventing Medical Errors in Behavioral Health</i> Professional Development Resources Distance Learning 2 hours</p>	May 2022
<p><i>AAFP: A New Way to Write Forensic Reports</i> Terry Kukor, PhD, ABPP CONCEPT, with AAFP and Palo Alto University Distance Learning Home Study 4 hours</p>	Mar 2022
<p><i>Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice</i> Randy Otto, PhD, ABPP CONCEPT - Palo Alto University Distance Learning Home Study 10 Hours</p>	Mar 2022
<p><i>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals</i> ATAP Winter Conference Lake Buena Vista, FL 9.75 Hours</p>	Feb 2022
<p><i>Not So Uncommon Topics in Sanity Evaluations</i> Terry Kukor, PhD., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Live Webinar 4 hours</p>	Apr 2021
<p><i>AAFP: Case Law - Criminal Responsibility</i> Robert Cochrane, PsyD., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology Live Webinar 3 hours</p>	Apr 2021

<p><i>Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys</i> 14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to Do When the World Goes Haywire</i> 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> 14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Plenary - Betting on the Voice of the Child</i> 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> 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> 14th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC 1.5 hours</p>	Nov 2020
<p><i>Thinking Differently About the Value of Collateral Information</i> 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> John Norcross, Ph.D., and Gary R. VandenBos, Ph.D., ABPP ContinuingEdCourses.Net Webinar 3 hours</p>	Aug 2020
<p><i>Sustaining Ourselves In Challenging Times: Ethical and Risk Management Perspectives</i> The National Register of Health Services Psychologists Webinar 1 hour</p>	Apr 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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>National Business Institute Wilmington, NC 10 hours</p>	Dec 2019
<p><i>Evaluations in High Stakes Sentencing: Capital, Atkins, Miller Cases</i></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>13th Symposium on Child Custody AFCC Denver, CO 6 hours</p>	Nov 2018
<p><i>Managing Risk in Everyday Practice</i></p> <p>Distance Learning APA 3 hours</p>	Sep 2018
<p><i>Forensic Interviewers and Researchers Talk with Each other and With You</i></p> <p>34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 5.5 hours</p>	Mar 2018
<p><i>Sources of Error in Children's Testimony</i></p> <p>34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 1.5 hours</p>	Mar 2018
<p><i>Child Sexual Exploitation: An Insight into Perpetrator Behavior in Context</i></p> <p>34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 1.5 hours</p>	Mar 2018
<p><i>Managing the Things We Can't Unsee: Key Strategies to Reduce the Impact Of Secondary Trauma</i></p> <p>34th International Symposium on Child Abuse Huntsville, AL 3 hours</p>	Mar 2018
<p><i>Ethics in Forensic Psychology</i></p> <p>Dr. Bob Stinson Concept CE - Distance Learning 4 hours</p>	Jan 2018
<p><i>Child Murder by Parents</i></p> <p>Dr. Philip Resnick Concept CE - Distance Learning 4 hours</p>	Jan 2018

<i>Risk Assessment With Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended</i>	Jan 2018
Global Institute of Forensic Research Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers - Distance Learning Master Class 6.5 hours	
<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>	Jul 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>	Feb 2016
<p><i>NC Gang Free - Academy</i> Hosted by NC Gang Investigators Pinehurst, NC 12 hours</p>	Aug 2015
<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>	May 2014
<p><i>Assessing and Managing Violence Risk</i> Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego 7 hours</p>	May 2014
<p><i>Criminal Competencies</i> Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M. American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego 7 hours</p>	May 2014
<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>	May 2014
<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>	May 2014
<p><i>Duty to Protect - Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations</i> APA Educational Directorate 3 hours</p>	Apr 2014
<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>	Feb 2013
<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>	Feb 2013

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

Jun 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

Analyzing Child Forensic Interviews

Duke Law/Duke University NC - March 2024

10th Annual Whiskey in the Courtroom

Evolving Trends in Forensic Science - Mental Health Evidence

Assessing the Reliability of the CPT (Forensic) Interview of the Child

Jensen Beach, FL - December 2023

RC-4's Parent Representation Conference

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 (Alamance County, Beaufort County, Bertie County, Brunswick County, Carteret County, Craven County, Cumberland 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, Richmond County, Stanly County, Wake County, Wilkes County)

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

15th Circuit - Palm Beach County, Florida; 13th Judicial District - Billings, Montana; Criminal Circuit Court - Norfolk, VA

APPOINTMENTS

Police Civil Service Board - New Bern, NC: Current - Term expired June 2024

North Carolina Psychological Association Psychology and Law Committee: 2022

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

North Carolina Psychological Association

PUBLICATIONS

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

AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal, USAF

Air Force Commendation Medal, USAF

Named the Outstanding/Top PsyD Graduate Student, Florida Tech

Magna Cum Laude, Concord College

Salutatorian, Scott High School