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## FORMALE EDUCATION

### *Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)*

September 2024

(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd

Melbourne, FL 32901

### *Internship in Clinical Psychology*

July 2024

(APA Accredited)

Orlando VA Medical Center

13800 Veterans Way

Orlando, FL 32827

### *Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)*

May 2021

(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd

Melbourne, FL 32901

### *Masters in Forensic Psychology (MA)*

May 2021

University of North Dakota

3501 University Avenue

Stop 8357

Grand Forks, ND 58202

### *Bachelor of Arts in Experimental Psychology (BA)*

December 2014

University of South Carolina

1244 Blossom Street

Columbia, SC 29208

### *Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (BA)*

December 2014

University of South Carolina

1244 Blossom Street

Columbia, SC 29208

## CLINICAL AND FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

### **Amy D. James, PsyD, PLLC**

Post-Doctoral Resident

July 2024 to Present

New Bern, NC

- Completing required post-doctoral practice and supervision hours in forensic psychological evaluations including, but not limited to parental capacity, capital and non-capital sentencing, mental status at the time of the offense, adult and juvenile criminal capacities, child custody, recidivism risk, and other and general psychological evaluations occurring in the course of legal action or proceedings

### **Orlando Veteran's Affairs Medical Center**

Clinical Psychology Intern

July 2023 to July 2024

Orlando, FL

- Completed comprehensive clinical psychological evaluations in outpatient (e.g., Substance Use Disorder Clinic and TRuST Trauma Clinic) residential (e.g., Domiciliary), and inpatient settings
- Conducted pre-surgical psychological evaluations (e.g. spinal cord stimulator, organ transplant, dual organ transplant, gender confirmation, and bone marrow transplant)
- Provided evidenced-based individual and group psychotherapy in outpatient, intensive-outpatient (IOP), and residential treatment settings
- Completed violence risk assessments as a disruptive behavior committee member

### **Amy D. James, PsyD, PLLC**

Psychological Technician

March 2018 to June 2023

New Bern, NC

- Administered (March 2018 to July 2019), scored, and interpreted psychological assessment results including the WAIS-IV, MACI, MMPI-2RF, MCMI-IV, PAI, PAI-A, YSR, APS, TSCC, TSCYC, and CBCL
- Independently administered assessments to defendants' in Craven County Jail from March 2018 to July 2019
- Assisted in report writing of forensic evaluations to include parental capacity, competency to stand trial, best interest child custody, mitigation, child-family, juvenile transfer, and sex offender evaluation
- Conducted anger management evaluations that included psychosocial interviews, administration and interpretation of the STAXI-2, and treatment recommendations from March 2018 to July 2019

### **Treasure Coast Forensic Treatment Center**

Practicum Student

December 2021 to December 2022

Indiantown, FL

- Conducted record reviews, clinical interviews, and monthly competency assessments of residents with pending felony charges who were legally deemed as incompetent to proceed (ITP)
- Administered, scored, and interpreted intellectual measures (WAIS-IV), neurocognitive screeners (RBANS), effort measures (Dot Counting Test), malingering measures (M-FAST, Inventory of Legal Knowledge, TOMM) to residents for the purpose of court reports
- Completed competency to proceed, non-restorable, step-down interim court reports
- Participated in program classes for ITP residents that included competency restoration, social skills, and anger management
- Conducted step-down evaluation reports that included psychosocial interviews and risk assessments (HCR-20) for residents who received verdicts of not guilty by reason of insanity (NGI)

### **Community Psychological Services**

Graduate Student Peer Supervisor

May 2022 to December 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted one on one weekly supervision of graduate student clinicians at Community Psychological Services (CPS) utilizing a developmental model
- Provided feedback on supervisee's video recorded session, clinical documentation, case conceptualizations, and psychological evaluations

### **Florida Tech Court Assessment Team**

Practicum Student

August 2021 to May 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted record reviews and psychosocial interviews of defendants with pending legal charges
- Administered, scored, and interpreted clinical and forensic psychological assessments in a secure setting to include malingering and effort measures
- Conducted competency to proceed (CTP) evaluations in a secure setting and co-completed Court reports as a team member

### **Florida Tech Concussion Management Team**

Student Examiner

August 2021 to August 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Administered and scored baseline assessments of Florida Tech undergraduate athletes that included imPACT, Sport Concussion Assessment Tool -5, GAD-7, PHQ-9, Grit Scale, Sleep Quality Questionnaire, Vertigo Questionnaire, and effort measures (Dot Counting Test, Rey Word Recognition Test, and A Random Letter Test of Auditory Vigilance)
- Conducted post-trauma and follow-up post-trauma interviews and evaluations

### **LiveWell Behavioral Health**

Practicum Student

May 2021 to April 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted group and individual therapy for the adolescent and adult intensive outpatient program (IOP) that included topics such as mindfulness, journaling, distress tolerance, emotional regulation, interpersonal skills, journaling, and safety planning
- Completed clinical interviews for psychological testing intakes on adolescents to adults, ranging from ages 13 to 60 and provided therapeutic feedback on psychological evaluations
- Completed comprehensive psychological evaluations that included assessments such as the WAIS-IV, MACI-II, MMPI-2RF, MCMI-IV, MMPI-A, ISB, TAT, WIAT-III, and RBANS
- Conducted specialized, clinical psychological evaluations such as spinal cord stimulator and pre-adoption evaluations

### **Community Psychological Services**

Practicum Student

August 2020 to May 2021

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted psychosocial interviews with new clients beginning therapeutic services
- Provided individual therapeutic services via a telehealth platform to members of the community using various theoretical orientations and evidenced-based interventions
- Administered, interpreted, and monitored therapeutic outcomes measures such as OQ-42 and MMPI-2 results
- Developed and implemented individualized, evidenced-based treatment plans and case conceptualizations

### **Coastal Carolina Neuropsychiatric Center**

Psychological Technician

May 2016 to May 2018

Jacksonville, FL

- Conducted psychosocial interviews for patients ranging from age two through 90 years of age from a diverse of clinical populations across socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities, mental health diagnoses, medical conditions, and armed service members
- Scored and interpreted psychological assessments which included: Wechsler measures, Neuropsychological Assessment Battery (Attention, Executive, Language, Memory, Screening, Spatial modules), ADOS-2, ABAS-3, Vineland-3, BASC-3, SRS-2, MMPI-2RF, MMPI-A, CARS-2, PAI-A, PAI, DRS-2, Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (TSCC), Beck Scales, Post-traumatic Diagnostic Scale (PDS), Adult Self-Report (ASR), and Adult Behavioral Checklist (ABCL)
- Completed comprehensive, clinical psychological evaluations which included: Relevant background information, behavioral observations, assessment results, diagnostic impressions, and recommendations for continued treatment and management

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

The MCMI-IV: From Theory to Clinical Practice Seth Grossman, PsyD Orlando VA Psychological Assessment Series 2 hours CE credit	June 2024
Florida Adult Forensic Examiner's Virtual Workshop Randy Otto, PhD and Chris Slobogin, JD University of South Florida Live Webinar 22.5 hours CE credit	December 2023
Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) Ziad Nasreddine, MD MoCA Cognition 1 hour CE	September 2021
Suggestibility in the Criminal Justice System Jerrod Brown, PhD CONCEPT, with Palo Alto University 1 hour virtual recorded training	March 2019
What is My Next Question? Improving Question Frameworks in Child Interviews Scott Snider, LCSW Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center/ Midwest Regional 2.0 EduNet 1.5 CE credit	January 2019
MMPI, MMPI-2, and MMPI-A in Court: A Practical Guide for Experts and Attorneys H. Pope, J. Butcher, and J. Seelen APA Education Directorate 9 hours CE credit	November 2018
Workplace Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs: Critical Elements Stephen Hart, PhD CONCEPT, with Palo Alto University 1 hour CE	September 2018

School Threat Assessment and Management Training July 2018  
Amy D. James, PsyD  
Audited In-person Workshop  
8 hours

Trauma-Informed Parenting and Custody Evaluations June 2018  
Philip J. Kinsler PhD and Joy Silberg, PhD  
APA Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP)  
3 CE credits

Do U.S. Laws Go Far Enough to Prevent Bullying at School June 2018  
APA Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP)  
1 CE credits

### **RESEARCH & TEACHING**

*Florida Tech Forensic Research Team Member* May 2021 to January 2023

- Administered and scored forensic assessments including the M-FAST, SIRS-2, and TOMM to volunteer student participants in a large scale study on malingering and knowledge

*Court Assessment Team & Forensic Research Team Teaching Assistant* July 2022 to January 2023

- Trained graduate team members on how to administer, score, and interpret forensic assessments such as SIRS-2, TOMM, M-FAST, and SIMS
- Conducted practice evaluations for team members on forensic (SIRS-2, TOMM, MFAST, and SIMS) and the RBANS prior to formal administration of the RBANS for the purpose of court ordered competency to proceed evaluations and forensic research studies

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Call the Doctor! April 2023  
A Study of Parental Medical Non-adherence within Child Custody Proceedings  
Poster Presentation at Florida Tech

An Overview of the RBANS in CPT Evaluations August 2022 - August 2021  
Presenter  
Florida Tech Court Assessment Team

An Overview of Child Custody Evaluations July 2021  
Co-presenter  
Forensic Psychology Student Training (FPST) at Florida Tech

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Psychology-Law Society (Div 41- APA)