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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Alliant International University – California School of Forensic Studies Forensic Psychology – Clinical Licensure Track <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> – Degree Received: 8/2010 <i>Master of Arts</i> – Degree Received: 5/2008	2006 – 2010 Fresno, Ca.
University of California Davis Psychology – Emphasis: Biology <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> – Degree Received: 12/2005	2003 – 2005 Davis, Ca.
Diablo Valley College Psychology <i>Academic Honors</i>	2001 – 2003 Pleasant Hill, Ca.

CLINICAL LICENSES

California Board of Psychology

License Number: PSY 25886

New Hampshire Board of Psychology

License Number: 1687

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Criminal Forensic Assessment Certificate Concept, Palo Alto University (145 Hours, 11 Courses)	September 2024
Neurocriminology Informed Professional (NIP) American Institute for The Advancement of Forensic Studies (42 Hours, 14 Courses)	November 2024
Juvenile Forensic Assessment Certificate Concept, Palo Alto University (150 Hours, 12 Courses)	In Progress

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Kaiser Permanente

Psychologist – Emergency Department

10/2022 – Present
Roseville, Ca. & Sacramento, Ca.

- Provide mental health assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and crisis intervention services for adult, adolescent, and children who present for psychiatric evaluation with a broad range of mental health needs.
- Develop, implement, coordinate, and evaluate clinical treatment programs for the diagnosis, treatment, and/or referral of Health Plan members with acute or chronic mental illness.
- Chart in accordance with state and NCQA regulations and in keeping with accepted community standards.
- Collaborate with psychiatrists in screening and evaluating patients for psychotropic medications.
- Utilize resource of public/private agencies and community organizations to meet the needs of treatment.
- Provide appropriate support to member's family, including explanation of treatment, instructions in how to support treatment and interventions to increase acceptance of and adherence to treatment.
- Report safety concerns to mandated reporting agencies.

RPK Forensic Psychological and Consultation Services Inc.

Owner, Forensic Psychologist

07/2020 – Present
Folsom, Ca.

- Evaluate adult and juvenile males and females for Competence to Stand Trial/Represent Self (PC 1368, PC 1369, PC 1370), Appropriateness for Mental Health Diversion (PC 1001.36), Violence Risk Assessments, PC 288.1 evaluations, General Diagnostic and Criminal Responsibility (PC 1026, PC 1027) to defendants that are in custody and out of custody.
- Complete psychological evaluations including court reports, making treatment recommendations when appropriate.
- Testify as an Expert Witness.
- Provided clinical supervision to one registered psychological assistant.
- Provided mentorship to six licensed psychologists.
- Expert Reviewer for the California Board of Psychology - Serve as evaluator for cases in which a psychologist has had a grievance levied against them. Additionally, provide fitness for duty evaluations for the Board in cases where a psychologist has been on suspension and wishes to have their license reinstated.
- Complete forensic evaluations for adults for the Criminal Expert Panels:

Stanislaus County	08/2024 – Present
Nevada County	08/2024 – Present
Solano County	08/2024 – Present
State of New Hampshire (Office Of Forensic Evaluators)	08/2023 – Present
Yolo County	08/2023 – Present
Department of State Hospitals	09/2022 – 09/2023
Alta Regional Center	09/2022 – Present
Sacramento County Conflict Criminal Defenders	08/2022 – Present
Placer County	07/2022 – Present
San Joaquin County	03/2022 – Present
Amador County	02/2021 – Present
Sacramento County	07/2020 – Present

- Complete forensic evaluations for juvenile including competency, diagnostic, and risk assessments for the following for the Criminal Expert Panels:

Stanislaus County	08/2024 – Present
Yolo County	08/2023 – Present
Sacramento County	03/2023 – Present
Alta California Regional Center	09/2022 – Present
Placer County	07/2022 – Present

**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Mule Creek State Prison**

Senior Psychologist Supervisor

03/2020 – 08/2022
Ione, Ca.

Enhanced Outpatient Program & Clinical Correctional Case Management System Hybrid Program – A Facility (A-EOP/CCCMS)

- Directed, planned, organized, and coordinated the work of 18 - 20 staff of various disciplines including clinical psychologists, social workers, recreational therapists, and office technicians as well as provided leadership and functional direction for a multidisciplinary staff engaged in a specialized treatment program.
- Ensured inmate-patients are being provided the appropriate Mental Health treatment as per the Program Guide and in response to HQ Sustainability Tours, and Coleman driven Corrective Action Plans (CAPS).
- Performed psychological assessment and treatment to inmate-patients in a mainline outpatient unit and assisted in the direction of the program of the facility.
- Assisted in the review and development of policy and recommendations for response and intervention.
- Developed, coordinated, and delivered instruction and training for employees
- Monitored and ensured OnDemand Performance Report for compliance of various quality management indicators.
- Sat on interview panels for psychologists, social workers, and correctional lieutenants.
- Served as a department-wide expert and psychology consultant.
- Completed progressive discipline and performance evaluations as necessary.
- Identified and directed type of treatment for disruptive, aggressive/violent behavior within the unit
- Collaborated with medical, nursing and custody to ensure patient care.
- Mentored psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers for the Suicide Risk and Self Harm Evaluation (SRASHE) Program.
- Completed quarterly Partnership Roundtable trainings for custody and mental health staff.
- Attended and participated in UCC/ICC (custodial classification committees).
- Led Interdisciplinary Treatment Team (IDTT) ensuring for proper documentation, diagnosis, appropriate level of care and treatment planning.
- Completed Gender Affirming Evaluations.
- Testified at the State Personnel Board.
- Completed quarterly Chart Audit Tool (CAT) Audits monitoring for appropriate documentation.
- Reviewed, evaluated, and performed clinical studies/assessments and provided psychological consultation to the management and implementation of the institution's health care quality management system.
- Identified program areas that may be in need of improvement, and monitored compliance with policies, procedures, State and Federal laws, and court orders.
- Applied knowledge and understanding of trends in psychology and methods for the assessment and modification of human behavior and data management systems to develop data collection methodologies, validate data, and analyze performance trends.
- Monitored implementation of statewide and local health care quality improvement initiatives, including corrective action plans, and take action to support effective implementation.
- Worked in collaboration with other health care professionals to implement a network of improvement committees to oversee the health care quality management system and manage improvement activities.
- Provided data on performance trends, including findings from audits, surveys, and reviews, to inform priority setting, and guide health care staff in aligning priorities with the statewide Performance Improvement Plan and the Primary Care Model elements.
- Coordinated, initiated, revised procedures and policies to ensure compliance with existing and new regulations and guidelines.
- Established local processes that coordinate and communicate behavior change/improvement activities in support of the annual health care quality performance plan and evaluate initiatives in priority areas.
- Trained and oriented new Mental Health employees.
- Assessed behavior problems and mental disorders; diagnosed and recommended psychological treatment.
- Maintained charts in accordance with and consistent with APA ethical guidelines.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
California State Prison, Sacramento

04/2013 – 03/2020
Folsom, Ca.

Senior Psychologist Supervisor
Psychiatric Services Unit-A (PSU-A)

- As of March 2016: Senior Psychologist Supervisor (Psychiatric Services Unit, A Facility)
- Directed, planned, organized and coordinated the work of 12-20 staff of various disciplines including clinical psychologists, social workers, recreational therapists, and office technicians as well as provided leadership and functional direction for a multidisciplinary staff engaged in a specialized treatment program.
- Performed psychological assessment and treatment to inmate-patients in a lock-up/administrative segregation unit and assisted in the direction of the program of the facility.
- Planned, organized, developed, and directed the program and coordinated a special inmate-patient treatment program (Behavioral Incentive Program), which utilized psychological techniques as its main nonmedical emphasis.
- Monitored and ensured OnDemand Performance Report for compliance of the PSU Certification process.
- Served as a department-wide expert and psychology consultant.
- Completed progressive discipline and performance evaluations as necessary.
- Ensured inmate-patients were being provided the appropriate Mental Health treatment as per the Program Guide and in response to HQ Sustainability Tours, and Coleman driven Corrective Action Plans (CAPS).
- Collaborated with medical, nursing and custody to ensure patient care.
- Completed policies and regulations for pilot programs:
 - Indecent Exposure Program
 - Treatment aimed at 22 of the institutions' most frequent IEXers (inmate-patients who engage in indecent exposure and sexual misconduct).
 - Step Down Program
 - Treatment of inmate-patients who have exhibited good behavior while housed in the Psychiatric Services Unit to receive privileges not typically allowed in a Lock Up Unit.
- Mentored psychologists, psychiatrists and social workers for the Suicide Risk and Self Harm Evaluation (SRASHE) Program.
- Completed quarterly Partnership Roundtable trainings for custody and mental health staff.
- Led Interdisciplinary Treatment Team (IDTT) ensuring for proper documentation, diagnosis, appropriate level of care and treatment planning.
- Provided back up coverage for Chief Psychologist and Chief of Mental Health, in their absence.
- Led Performance Improvement Work Program (PIWP) for Mental Health Consults.
- Completed quarterly Chart Audit Tool (CAT) Audits monitoring for appropriate documentation.
- Completed monthly CQI Audits in alignment with the PSU Certification.
- Participated in interview panels to hire Correctional Sergeants, Psychologists, Social Workers, and Recreational Therapists.
- Attended and participated in UCC/ICC (custodial classification committees)
- May 2018 – June 2019: Change Team Member and Quality Management Subcommittee Co-Chair
 - Selected to assist in putting together a Pilot Program aimed at changing maladaptive behaviors of high utilizing inmate-patients.
- March 2015 – March 2016: Senior Psychologist Specialist (Quality Management)
- Reviewed, evaluated, performed clinical studies and assessments and provide psychological consultation to the management and implementation of the institution's health care quality management system.
- Identified program areas that may be in need of improvement, and monitored compliance with policies, procedures, State and Federal laws, and court orders.
- Applied knowledge and understanding of trends in psychology and methods for the assessment and modification of human behavior and data management systems to develop data collection methodologies,

validate data, and analyze performance trends.

- Monitored implementation of statewide and local health care quality improvement initiatives, including corrective action plans, and took action to support effective implementation.
- Worked in collaboration with other health care professionals to implement a network of improvement committees to oversee the health care quality management system and manage improvement activities.
- Provided data on performance trends, including findings from audits, surveys, and reviews, to inform priority setting, and guide health care staff in aligning priorities with the statewide Performance Improvement Plan and the Primary Care Model elements.
- Coordinated and initiated/revised procedures/policies to ensure compliance with existing and new regulations, guidelines, etc.
- Established local processes that coordinate and communicate behavior change/improvement activities in support of the annual health care quality performance plan and evaluate initiatives in priority areas.
- May 2014 – March 2015: Senior Psychologist Specialist (Lock Up Specialist)
- Provided backup coverage for Psychiatric Services Unit (PSU) supervisors, as needed.
- Provided clinical consultation for primary clinicians, recreational therapists and psychiatric technicians.
- Daily coordination of PSU I, II and III Group therapy coverage.
- Provided weekly training/clinical supervision to RT/PT group facilitators.
- Conducted observations and audits of group therapy and group therapy documentation.
- Tracked, coordinated, and reviewed group syllabi.
- Conducted quarterly chart audits.
- Provided new employee orientation to new PSU clinicians and group facilitators.
- Other duties included conducting Inmate Appeals (602), Self-Harm reviews, and Keep in Cell (KIC) plans.
- November 2013 – May 2014: PSU-B and April 2013 – November 2013: EOP-B
- Performed psychological evaluations to determine eligibility for the Correctional Clinical Case Management (CCCMS) and the Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP) level of care.
- Provided group and individual brief psychotherapy, case management, sensitivity training, and of behavior modification, to male inmates in the EOP/PSU program.
- Completed Tarasoff Warning as required when threats are made to identifiable staff, inmates, or persons in the community.
- Rotated Clinician of the Day duties: On receipt of Central Office inquiry, conducted face-to-face assessment of the inmate-patient to address issues of concern that generated the inquiry. Facilitated any required housing changes (CTC), with the facility's correctional/mental health staff to ensure the inmate's safety. Notified originating staff at Central Office of results of the assessment/interventions.
- Completed crisis evaluations and interventions.
- Completed conference calls with Department of State Hospitals (DSH) regarding PC7301 DRB inmate-patients.
- Provided assessment and crisis intervention to inmate-patients in preparation of transfer for admission to the Mental Health Crisis Beds.
- Completed Department of State Hospitals (DSH) referrals for acute and intermediate care.
- Attended and participated in interdisciplinary treatment team meetings.
- Led interdisciplinary treatment team meetings (IDTT) in the absence of Senior Psychologist Supervisor.
- Completed psychological evaluations for Rules Violations Reports (RVR).
- Participated in peer review.
- Trained/oriented new Mental Health employees.
- Assessed behavior problems and mental disorders; diagnosed and recommended psychological treatment.
- Maintained charts in accordance with and consistent with APA ethical guidelines.
- Participated in Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT) Recruitment Committee.
- Facilitated psycho-educational/process groups: Depression Management; Thinking for a Change; Illness Management Recovery; Stress Management; and Education.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran

11/2010 – 04/2013

Corcoran, Ca.

Staff Psychologist

Co-Occurring Disorders Program – (COD/EOP)

- June 2011 – April 2013: Co-Occurring Disorders Enhanced Outpatient Program (COD/EOP).
- Program provided substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and related rehabilitative services that address the “thinking errors” common among incarcerated men, with the goals of preparing men to build responsible, and law abiding lifestyles after their release and return to the community.
- Worked closely with Substance Abuse Providers (SAP), Psychiatric Technicians, Custody and Psychiatry.
- Facilitated biweekly Illness Management Recovery (IMR) psycho-educational/process groups.
- Participated in Opening/Closing meeting with the inmates and SAP.
- Performed psychological evaluations with treatment recommendations to determine eligibility for the Correctional Clinical Case Management (CCCMS) program and the Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP).
- Provided group and individual psychotherapy, brief intensive therapy, sensitivity training, behavior therapy, conditioning, and other forms of behavior modification, to male inmates in the General Population (GP) and the CCCMS and EOP programs.
- Completed psychological evaluations for those deemed appropriate for Non-Revocable Parole.
- Consulted with individuals outside of the institution to enhance the inmate’s adjustment to the prison setting and facilitate release into the community.
- Completed Hunger Strike evaluations, mental health evaluations for RVR’s, Treatment for Hepatitis C evaluations, and Suicide Risk Evaluations (SRE).
- Completed crisis evaluations and interventions.
- Provided evaluation and crisis intervention to inmates for potential admission to the Mental Health Crisis Beds or to the Department of Mental Health (DMH).
- Participated in the pre-release planning process and referral for community-based continuity of care.
- Completed Department of Mental Health (DMH) referrals for acute and intermediate care.
- Coordinated, attended, and led interdisciplinary treatment team meetings.
- Participated in the development of an individualized treatment and discharge/parole plans.
- Evaluated behavior problems and mental disorders; diagnosed and recommended psychological treatment,
- Maintained charts in accordance with and consistent with APA ethical guidelines.
- Attended weekly individual and group supervision and case consultation.
- Participated in staff meetings, peer reviews, quality management and improvement audits.
- Trained/oriented new Mental Health employees.

GeoCare Inc./South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center

8/2009 – 8/2010

Psychology Intern

Florida City, Fl.

- Provided intensive treatment to male and female patients committed by the Courts as either Incompetent to Proceed to Trial (ITP) or Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity (NGRI). Ethnically parallels the population of South Florida (Caucasian, Hispanic, African American, Haitian, and Caribbean). Many patients have serious mental illness; affective, personality disorders, malingering, developmental disorders and neurological symptoms.
- Completed individual therapy with Florida’s only adjudicated female Sexually Violent Predator (SVP).
- Completed psychoeducational therapy groups: ITP Competency Restoration and NGRI Manage Your Risk
- Completed individual psychotherapy and crisis intervention.
- Participated in biweekly multidisciplinary treatment team meetings.
- Participated in two hours of individual supervision and two hours of group supervision per week.
- Participated in weekly didactic training seminars.
- Completed Return to Court, Malingering, and Step-Down psychological evaluation reports.

- Completed functional behavioral analysis and developed individualized behavioral programs.
- Completed initial forensic psychological evaluation reports upon admission.
- Completed monthly competency evaluations utilizing the Competency Assessment Tool (CAT).
- Maintained charts in accordance with APA ethical guidelines.
Served as a translator for all hospital disciplines to Russian-Only speaking patients.
Translated competency information packet to be provided to Russian-Only speaking patients.
- Completed interpretative assessment reports making court recommendations, utilizing:
 - Structured Clinical Interview
 - Folstein Mental Status
 - HCR-20: Assessing Risk for Violence
 - Trail Making Parts A and B
 - M-FAST: Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test
 - WRAT-IV: Wide Range Achievement Test-4
 - WMS-IV: Weschler Memory Scale-4
 - BSS: Becks Suicide Scale
 - BDI-II: Becks Depression Inventory-2
 - BHS: Becks Hopelessness Scale
 - BAS: Becks Anxiety Scale
 - TOMM: Test of Memory Malingering
 - SIRS-2: Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms-2
 - WAIS-IV: Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale-4

W. Gary Cannon Psychological Services Center

5/2008 – 5/2009

Intervention Supervisor: Laura Geiger, Psy.D

Fresno, Ca.

Psychological Trainee

Batterer's Intervention Program Rotation

- Conducted psycho-educational orientation sessions to new clients.
- Provided intensive treatment to court-ordered adults.
- Conducted weekly psycho-educational/process group therapy.
- Conducted weekly individual therapy to those deemed inappropriate for the group setting.
- Completed a structured clinical interview for intake into the program.
- Conducted initial screenings to determine appropriateness for placement: psychodynamic, child/family, health/integrative, domestic violence, or sex offender.
- Conducted quarterly interview reviews of client's progress.
- Completed progress reports assessing lethality risk, participation, and progress.
- Presented case conceptualization to peers and agency supervisors.
- Maintained client charts in accordance with state and county regulations.
- Maintained appropriate documentation practices consistent with APA ethical guidelines.
- Worked with Fresno County Probation to determine level of risk and probability of recidivism.
- Attended weekly individual and group supervision and case conceptualization.
- Program development: ensured that program was in compliance with state and county guidelines.
- Engaged in psychological assessments including juvenile offenders-providing differential diagnosis to those seeking treatment in the community, utilizing the following:
 - Structured Clinical Interview
 - Folstein Mental Status
 - PIY: Personality Inventory for Youth
 - SASSI-A: Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory- Adolescent
 - WRAT-IV: Wide Range Assessment Test-4
 - WISC-IV: Wechsler Intelligence for Children-4
 - Rotter's Incomplete Sentence Blank
 - J-SOAP: Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol
- Wrote interpretative reports making court and treatment recommendations.

Quality Care Group Homes Inc.

8/2007 – 9/2008

Primary Adolescent Psychotherapist

Fresno, Ca.

- Provided intensive residential treatment to adolescents in a six bed Level 11 Sex Offender group home, with significant behavioral, psychiatric, and/or substance abuse difficulties.

- Provided weekly individual therapy, utilizing sex offender curriculum.
- Provided monthly family therapy.
- Provided crisis counseling and intervention.
- Wrote quarterly therapeutic progress reports submitted to probation officers.
- Completed progress notes.
- Attended weekly individual and group supervision sessions.
- Led weekly psycho-educational/process group therapy: Sex Offender Treatment; Recreational Art Therapy; and Anger Management.
- Completed psychological assessments and wrote interpretive reports utilizing:
 - Structured Clinical Interview
 - Folstein Mental Status
 - CRS-R: Conners' Rating Scale-Revised
 - CBCL: Child Behavior Checklist
 - WRAT-IV: Wide Range Assessment Test-4
 - MACI: Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory
 - WISC-IV: Wechsler Intelligence for Children-4
 - WASI: Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Valley State Prison for Women
Forensic Psychology Student

7/2007 – 5/2008
 Chowchilla, Ca.

- Practicum student for the largest female prison inmate population in the United States; ranging from minimum to maximum level of security.
- Provided group and individual psychotherapy, sensitivity training, behavior therapy, conditioning, and other forms of behavior modification, to female inmates in the General Population (GP) and the Correctional Clinical Case Management System (CCCMS) programs.
- Conducted initial screenings for mental health treatment and developmental disorders.
- Developed curriculum and facilitated weekly psycho-educational/process group therapy: Domestic Violence Victims; Bipolar Symptom Management; Lifer's Support; Depression Symptom Management; and Enhanced Outpatient Program (EOP) Social Skills.
- Completed chart review and maintained charts in accordance with state regulations.
- Participated in weekly individual and group supervision, and treatment team meetings.
- Administered assessments and wrote interpretative reports, utilizing the following instruments:
 - Structured Clinical Interview
 - Folstein Mental Status
 - QT: Quick Test
 - WCS: Wisconsin Card Sort
 - TSI: Trauma Symptom Inventory
 - BDI-II: Becks Depression Inventory-2
 - SASSI-III: Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory-3
 - SIRS: Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms
 - TONI-III: Test of Nonverbal Intelligence-3
 - GAMA: General Ability Measure for Adults
 - WAIS-III: Weschler Adult Intelligence Scale-3
 - ASIQ: Adult Suicidal Ideation Questionnaire
 - BAI: Becks Anxiety Inventory
 - MCMI-III: Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-3
 - MMPI-II: Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2
 - WRAT-IV: Wide Range Assessment Test-4
 - PAI: Personality Assessment Inventory

Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center (Empower Yolo)
Sexual Assault Response Team Advocate, Russian Translator, Bilingual Shelter Advocate

7/2004 – 8/2006
 Woodland, Ca.

- 07/2004 – 08/2006: Sexual Assault Response Team Advocate
- Provided peer counseling and advocacy to sexual assault victims during the forensic evidentiary exams.
- Provided crisis intervention and follow-up with the victim.
- Accompaniment at detective interviews, district attorney's office, and court.
- 07/2004 – 08/2006: Russian Translator
- Assisted as a translator in Russian to all Russian-only speaking clients.

- 03/2005 – 08/2006: Bilingual Shelter Advocate
- Provided counseling, advocacy, crisis management, conflict resolution, and referrals to shelter residents.
- Program development: revised paperwork to ensure that clients were fully informed of the program.
- Developed curriculum and facilitated psycho-educational/process therapy groups: Life Skills, Alcohol and Other Drugs, Anger Management, and Domestic Violence
- Fundraising and fund development.
- Completed follow-up screenings to deem client's appropriateness for shelter.
- Provided orientation and intake to new residents and exit paperwork.
- Accompanied residents on civil stand-bys and during legal proceedings.
- Provided crisis line coverage.
- Daily documentation in confidential clients files.
- Worked with the court system to obtain protective restraining orders for victims.
- Participated in weekly case management meetings and monthly staff meetings.
- Presented to the community, schools, and local agencies about domestic violence and sexual assault.
- Provided recruitment and training of new employees and volunteers.

Women Escaping a Violent Environment Inc.

11/2005 – 3/2006
Sacramento, Ca.

Sexual Assault Response Team Advocate

- Provided peer counseling and advocacy for sexual assault victims during the forensic evidentiary exams.
- Provided crisis intervention and follow-up with the victim.
- Accompaniment at detective interviews, district attorney's office, and court

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor

2011 – 2013

Argosy University

- Master's Level Forensic Psychology courses taught to ten to fifteen students in an online forum.
 - Psychology of Criminal Behavior (Summer 2011)
 - Individual Assessment (Summer 2011)
 - Evaluation and Treatment of Offenders (Winter 2012, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Fall 2012)
 - Consultation, Triage and Testimony (Summer 2013)
 - Maladaptive Behavior and Psychopathology (Summer 2013)

Tutor

2008 Summer, Fall

Alliant International University- California School of Forensic Studies

Fresno, Ca

- Assisted students in administering, scoring, and report writing of forensic psychological assessments.
- Classes: Assessment I: Cognitive and Intellectual Testing (Summer 2008); Assessment II: Socio-Emotional and Personality Testing (Fall 2008)

Teaching Assistant- Treatment IV: Theory and Practice of Group Psychotherapy

2008 Fall

Alliant International University- California School of Forensic Studies

Fresno, Ca

- Reviewed and graded assignments.

Teaching Assistant- Assessment II: Socio-Emotional and Personality Testing

2008 Spring

Alliant International University- California School of Forensic Studies

2008 Summer

Fresno, Ca

- Taught class in the absence of the professor.
- Graded assessment profiles and protocols: PAI, MCMI, MMPI-2, MACI, MMPI-A.
- Held a weekly lab session.
- Assisted students in writing interpretive reports.

Teaching Assistant- Assessment I: Cognitive and Intellectual Testing

Alliant International University- California School of Forensic Studies

2007 Fall-Two Classes
2008 Spring-One Class
2008 Fall-Two Classes
Fresno, Ca

- Taught class in the absence of the professor.
- Graded protocols: Cognistat, Trail Making Parts A and B, WAIS-III, WAIS-IV, WISC-IV, WRAT-IV.
- Held a weekly lab session.
- Assisted students in writing interpretive reports and reviewed the interpretive reports.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Folsom Sea Otters

2023 - Present

Board Member – Communications Director (2023-2024)

Executive Board Member – Director of Marketing (2024 – Present)

- Develop policy and guided operations.
- Provide the agency with fundraising, reviewing documents, communicating with the community, and offering fiscal guidance.

Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center

2013 - 2014

Board Member

- Members are deeply committed to helping victims and have a governing board, consisting of ten community representatives who serve without compensation.
- In conjunction with the Executive Director developed policy and guided operations.
- Provided the agency with fundraising, legal consultation, reviewing documents, assessing feasibility, and offering fiscal guidance.

RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Fresno High School Institutional Review Board

10/2008
Fresno, Ca

- Committee member for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for senior psychology students.

Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

10/2004 - 11/2005
Woodland, Ca

Court Appointed Special Advocate

- Appointed by a Judge to advocate for a child who has been abused, neglected, or at-risk.

The House

4/2004 – 12/2005
Davis, Ca.

Crisis Peer Counselor

- Completed 100 hours of University Counseling Center mandated training.
- Provided in-person crisis peer counseling to UC Davis students.

- Provided educational presentations to student organizations on campus.
 - 3/2005–6/2005: Large Group Leader - Trained thirty incoming volunteers. Training emphasized effective communication, crisis intervention, active listening skills, and personal growth.
 - 6/2005–12/2005: Selection and Training Coordinator - Updated application, conducted interviews, recruited and selected volunteers. Trained Large Group Leader.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jury Decision Making Research 5/2008 – 8/2010
 Dissertation Chair: Debra Bekerian, Ph.D. Fresno, Ca.
Dissertation - The Payne of Gender Justice of Victim Impact Statements in Cases of Domestic Violence

- Conducted literature review concerning victim impact statements, gender justice and domestic violence.
- Designed a study to measure the effect of victim impact statements in cases of domestic violence while examining the effects of gender stereotypes and emotions of mock jurors.
- Involved in idea development, design, instrument construction, data collection, entry, and analysis.

Jury Decision Making Research 8/2007 – 5/2008
 Advisor: Rachel Latter, Ph.D. Fresno, Ca.
Master's Thesis - The Payne of Victim Impact Statements in Domestic Violence Cases

- Conducted literature review concerning victim impact statements and domestic violence cases.
- Designed a study to measure the effect of victim impact statements in cases of domestic violence while manipulating the gender of the victim and the batterer.
- Involved in idea development, design, instrument construction, data collection, entry, and analysis.

Jury Decision Making Research 1/2007 – 5/2007
 Supervisor: Brian Orazetti, JD Fresno, Ca.
Research Assistant- Alliant International University

- Research regarding right wing authoritarianism and invoking the death penalty.
- Involved in idea development, research design, data collection, and data entry.

Memory and Cognition Research 1/2005 – 3/2005
 Supervisor: Neal Kroll, Ph.D. Davis, Ca.
Research Assistant- University of California, Davis

- Examining the memory of simple/complex shapes in neurophysiological memory encoding and retrieval processes by the examination of memory of impaired individuals and by measurement of physiological correlates of memory processes, through the use of neuroimaging techniques.
- Involved in data collection.

Creativity and Genius Research 4/2004 – 6/2004
 Supervisor: Michael Lombardo, Ph.D. Davis, Ca.
Research Assistant- University of California, Davis

- Involved in tracking and coding information.

CERTIFICATION

Certified Correctional Health Professional (CCHP)

- Participation in NCCHC's Certified Correctional Health Professional program signifies your leadership, commitment, and expertise. Certification recognizes the mastery of national standards, and the knowledge expected of leaders in this complex, specialized field.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault – *Victim Advocate*

- Meets the standards set forth by the California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 18294 and California Penal Code 13837 (for domestic violence) and Penal Code 1035.2 (for sexual assault) through curriculum approved by the State Office of Emergency Services.
- Obtained certification through the Yolo County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center.
- Annually complete 12 units of Continuing Education to maintain certification.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center of Yolo County

Supervisor: Rachel Latter, Ph.D.

1/2008 – 5/2008

Fresno, Ca.

- Analyzed whether the agency had met of its requirements of the RCC grant of the 2007-2008 fiscal year.
- Identified the strengths and weaknesses in meeting the requirements and presented agency with report.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS AND TRAINING

Mental Health Services Trainer

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

2010 - 2022

- Provide system wide staff training on suicide assessment and interventions.
- Provide training on forensic issues of people with developmental disabilities in a correctional setting.

Pleshchuk, R. (2008). The Payne of Victim Impact Statements in Cases of Domestic Violence. Presented at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology annual conference.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership 101

Sacramento State University

2017

Sacramento, Ca.

- Leadership training for supervisors/managers employed by California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Florida Forensic Examiner Training

Lecturer: Randy Otto, PhD, ABPP (21 Hours)

10/2009

Pembroke Pines, Fl.

- Focused on Competence to Proceed and mental state at the time of the offense (“sanity”) evaluations:
 - Conduct evaluations for the courts, forensic assessment, report writing, and expert testimony
 - Interpret laws and legal principles of criminal procedure relevant to forensic evaluation
 - Identify the ethical obligations and rules of evidence when conducting forensic assessments
 - Implement effective strategies for communicating with attorneys, judges, and juries.

Victim Offender Reconciliation Program of the Central Valley Inc.

10/2008
Fresno, Ca.

Lecturer: Doug Knoll, JD (21 Hours)

- Attended training on Restorative Justice and mediation.
- Mediator for meetings between offenders and victims providing the opportunity for communication, restitution, and reconciliation.

Citizens Police Academy - Fresno Police Department

1/2007 – 5/2007
Fresno, Ca.

- Attended course designed to inform the public of the procedures of the Fresno Police Department.

SPECIAL HONORS AND AWARDS

Employee of the Month Award (February 2013)

2/2013

California Substance Abuse and Treatment Facility and State Prison at Corcoran – Corcoran, Ca.

Employee Recognition HEART Award

3/2010

South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center- Florida City, Fl.

- *Teamwork Award*
 - Demonstrated: ability, willingness and flexibility to work with others to accomplish common goals; to work as a team player; the ability to go above and beyond to assist co-workers.

Human Corps Community Service Award

5/2005

University of California, Davis

- *Gold Award Winner*
- *Award of Excellency Winner*
- *Outstanding Individual Recipient*
 - Bestowed by the Human Corps office: this award honors one student who has worked hard to serve their school, community, or world at large.
 - This award is supported by the highest level of campus administration.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA) 2024 - Present

The American Institute For the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS) 2024 - Present

Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse (ATSA) 2023 - Present

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) 2023 - Present

Western American Correctional Health Services Association (WACHSA)	2023 - 2024
American Academy of Forensic Psychology Inc. (AAFP)	2023 - Present
Society for Personality Assessment (SPA)	2023 - Present
Sacramento Valley Psychologist Association (SVPA)	2023 - Present
Society for the Advancement of Actuarial Risk Need Assessment (SAARNA)	2023 - Present
California Psychological Association (CPA)	2023 - Present
Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC)	2023 - Present
American Psychological Association (APA)	2022 - Present
American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)- <i>Student Affiliate</i>	2010 - 2011
Florida Psychological Association (FSA)- <i>Student Affiliate</i>	2009 - 2010
International Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology - <i>Student Affiliate</i>	2008 - 2011
Fresno Area Psychological Association- <i>Student Affiliate</i>	2008 - 2010
Society of Criminal and Police Psychology	2008 - Present
California Psychological Association (CPA)	2007 - 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education and Training in Psychology: Division II ▪ Psychologists in Public Service: Division IV ▪ Clinical Psychopharmacology: Division V 	
American Psychological Association of Graduate Students	2006 - 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American Psychology Law Society: Division 41 ▪ Society for the Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology Division: Division 48 	
National Scholars Honor Society	2006 - Present

LANGUAGE

Bilingual: Russian and English