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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CURRENT FORENSIC AND CLINICAL PRACTICE

Psychological Consulting Services, Salem, MA

Partner in forensic practice providing evaluation and consultation in a variety of criminal, civil and domestic matters including sexual dangerousness, competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, civil commitment, aid in sentencing, and school risk assessments. Services provided to Superior, District, Juvenile, Probate, and Federal Courts in Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. (2005 to present; Associate 1999 to 2004)

Forensic Health Services, Norton, MA

Qualified Examiner to complete Sexually Dangerous Person evaluations and provide related testimony as needed. (2002 to present)

PRIOR FORENSIC AND CLINICAL PRACTICE

Psychological Consulting Services, Inc., Salem, MA - Court Psychologist to Lynn, Malden and Gloucester District Courts providing same-day and extensive outpatient evaluations in criminal and civil matters, including competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, aid-in-sentencing and civil commitment. Provide mental health consultation to courts as requested. (1999 to 2005)

Adolescent Consultation Services, Inc., Cambridge, MA – As Designated Forensic Psychologist to Framingham Juvenile Court, completed extensive evaluations in CHINS and delinquency matters and emergency evaluations regarding treatment needs, including hospitalization. Supervised Juvenile Court Clinician and Doctoral Fellow. (2001)

University of Massachusetts Medical Center and Center for Health and Development, Inc.
Post-Doctoral Fellow in Forensic Psychology (1998 to 1999)

Worcester State Hospital and Bridgewater State Hospital, Inpatient Forensic Services.
Performed evaluations of competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and need for hospitalization of mentally ill inmates.

Central Massachusetts and Boston Metropolitan Area Court Clinics. Provided evaluation and consultation to the courts in criminal and civil matters, including competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, aid-in-sentencing and civil commitment evaluations.

Federal Correctional Institution, Butner, NC, and University of North Carolina School of Medicine

Clinical Psychology Intern (1997 to 1998)

Federal Correctional Institution Forensic and Psychology Services. Performed evaluations of competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and disposition recommendations. Assisted in coordination and implementation of program for inmates with mental health issues who were transferred from a penitentiary environment with the goal of having them successfully reside in a less restrictive setting. Responsibilities included individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, and assistance with monitoring the progress of program participants.

Sexually Aggressive Youth Program, Orange-Person-Chatham Community Mental Health Center, Chapel Hill, NC. Participated in sex offender specific evaluation and treatment of court-referred children and adolescents that included individual and group therapy. Co-facilitated group for parents.

Child Forensic Team, University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Participated on a multidisciplinary evaluation team that provided custody evaluations for the courts.

University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Provided diagnostic evaluation and consultation involving inpatient children and adolescents. Performed crisis and emergency room assessments and consultation. Provided outpatient family therapy. Provided individual therapy and treatment planning for a dually diagnosed autistic adult.

Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, NC, Clinical Research Unit. Provided treatment for adults with first episode or chronic schizophrenia. Responsibilities also included interpretation of neuropsychological testing.

University of Alabama Psychology Clinic, Tuscaloosa, Alabama – As Psychology Clinic Assistant, supervised first and second year clinical graduate students in their development of assessments skills (intelligence, achievement, and personality testing; report writing) and completed comprehensive evaluations of children and adolescents. Performed evaluations of adults, adolescents, and children. Also performed outpatient individual, parent, and family therapy with adults and children as part of psychotherapy practicum. (1995 to 1997)

Taylor-Hardin Secure Medical Facility, Tuscaloosa, AL – Performed admission assessments; intellectual, neuropsychological, and personality testing; and individual and group therapy with an inpatient, adult forensic population. (1995 to 1996)

Indian Rivers Mental Health Center, Tuscaloosa, AL - Evaluated juveniles referred by the Alabama Department of Youth Services to assist in placement decisions. (1995)

Tulane University Office of Student Life, New Orleans, LA - As Associate Director of Student Life/Director of Orientation, educated students on issues such as leadership development, stress management, values and ethics, multiculturalism, interpersonal dynamics, and risk management. Planned, implemented, and assessed the effectiveness of a week-long orientation program for new students and their parents. Supervised officers of 32 student organizations and an orientation staff of 102 students. Developed and coordinated a weekend program for parents. Assumed the duties of the Director in his absence. Prior to that position, as Assistant Director of Student Activities and Greek Affairs/ Assistant Director of Orientation, reorganized student groups and trained student leaders to create more efficient and productive organizations. Developed and executed a recruitment and selection process for the orientation staff. Served as a liaison between student groups and the Tulane administration, parents, and community members. (1990 to 1994)

Iowa State University Student Counseling Center, Ames, IA - Provided outpatient individual and group therapy with university students, as part of counseling practicum, and created and implemented outreach programming. (1989 to 1990)

Iowa State University Student Organizations and Activities Center, Ames, IA – As Greek Affairs Graduate Assistant, supervised student leaders and advised student organizations on organizational structure, management, and program planning. Developed and presented a variety of programs and workshops and taught a class on program development. (1989 to 1990)

Youth and Shelter Services, Ames, IA - Supervised residents of a youth shelter home and co-led daily discussion groups. (1989)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA, AL	1996-1997
Teaching Assistant in Psychological Assessment I (Intelligence and Achievement) and Psychological Assessment II (Child Assessment) – graduate courses	
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA, AL	1996
Instructor in Introduction to Psychology	
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	1988
Teaching Assistant in General Psychology	

EDUCATION

<u>Post-Doctoral Training:</u>	Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program in Forensic Psychology; University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Worcester, MA	1998-1999
Ph.D.	UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, Tuscaloosa, AL	1998
M.S.	IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, Ames, IA	1990
B.S.	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL	1988

LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, AND AFFILIATIONS

Massachusetts Board of Registration of Psychologists (#7737)
Designated Forensic Professional, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
Qualified Examiner – Massachusetts Department of Corrections
Massachusetts Psychological Association
American Psychology - Law Society (APA Division 41)
Association of Threat Assessment Professionals

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Endrass, J.; Rossegger, A.; Urbaniok, F.; Laubacher, A.; Pierce, C.S.; Moskvitin, K. (2011). Procedures for preventing juvenile violence in Switzerland: The Zurich model. *New Directions for Youth Development*, 129 (Spring 2011), pp. 79-87.

Understanding the Statistics of Sexual Recidivism Research. Presentation to Post-Doctoral Fellows. University of Massachusetts, Boston. (April, 2005).

Understanding and Explaining the Statistics of Sexual Recidivism Research. Presentation at Sexually Dangerous Persons: Issues and Controversies conference hosted by Forensic Health Services, the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and Massachusetts Department of Correction. (June 24, 2004).

Pierce, C.S. & Brodsky, S.L. (2002). Trust and Understanding in the Attorney-Juvenile Relationship. *Behavioral Sciences and The Law*, 20, pp. 89-107.

The Competence of Juveniles to Assist in Their Own Defense: An Investigation of Trust and Understanding in the Attorney Relationship. (1998, Doctoral Dissertation)

Schnyder, C., & Brodsky, S.L. (March, 1998). The Importance of Trust in the Attorney-Juvenile Client Relationship. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Biennial Conference, Redondo Beach, CA.

Religiosity, Values and Moral Reasoning of Sex Offenders. (1990, Master of Science Thesis).