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**PROFESSIONAL/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

**Psychological Consulting Services, Salem MA** Oct 2015-Present

- Associate in forensic practice providing forensic evaluations and consultation; evaluations include competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, aid to sentencing, and competence to understand Miranda warnings.

**Forensic Evaluator (Fee for Service)** Dec 2015-Present

- Conduct forensic evaluations for men admitted to Bridgewater State Hospital, including evaluations pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 123 Sections 15(b), 16(a), 18(a), since December 2015.
- Conduct forensic evaluations for individuals admitted to Department of Mental Health facilities, including evaluations pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 123 Sections 15(b), since September 2016.

**Forensic Evaluator (Full-time)** Aug 2010-Oct 2015

Bridgewater State Hospital  
20 Administration Road  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02324

**Responsibilities:**

- Conduct forensic evaluations for men admitted to Bridgewater State Hospital, including evaluations pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 123 Sections 15(b), 15(e), 16(a), 16(c), 18(a).
- From 2012-2014, supervised an unlicensed psychology staff person, including supervision on individual therapy cases and authoring Bridgewater recommitment evaluations.
- Involvement in the psychology intern training program, including conducting Professional Development Seminar (2014-2015) and supervising interns assisting with forensic evaluations.

**Postdoctoral Fellow** Sept 2009-Aug 2010

Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital  
 200 Springs Road  
 Bedford, Massachusetts 01730

Responsibilities:

- Involved with jail diversion program Mission Direct Vet and the implementation of this program in Massachusetts courts
- Developed programming and provided individual and group therapy to veterans diagnosed with severe mental illness
- Conducted assessments with veterans diagnosed with severe mental illness
- Supervised one practicum student with outpatient clinical cases
- Research and evaluation of the Peer Support program

**Predoctoral Fellow**

July 2008-June 2009

Yale University School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry  
 Forensic Drug Diversion Clinic  
 1 Long Wharf Drive, Ground Fl  
 New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Responsibilities:

- Provided evidence-based individual and group therapy to people with substance use disorders involved with criminal justice system (populations worked with: men and women diverted from corrections; men with co-occurring substance abuse and domestic violence; marijuana dependent young adult offenders; women with histories of trauma)
- Conducted psychological assessments and forensic substance dependency evaluations
- Trained in CBT, Motivational Enhancement Therapy, Seeking Safety, Contingency Management, Substance Abuse-Domestic Violence (SADV) integrated treatment
- Provided intensive case management services within the court system
- Co-facilitated women's trauma survivor group
- Attended weekly Law and Psychiatry seminar to discuss cases currently being evaluated; attended the weekly Law and Psychiatry scholarship seminar which focused on selected forensic topics to understand the link between substance use, criminal behavior and violence
- Secondary placement (approx. 15 hrs/wk) at The Consultation Center
  - Facilitated Family Violence Education Program (FVEP) groups. FVEP is a 9 week psycho-educational pre-trial intervention to family violence defendants referred by the court
  - Involved with Program on Male Development, Building Bridges Community Reentry Project conducting pre-release assessments on incarcerated men
  - Developed leadership development curriculum for men who had been previously incarcerated and were in a reentry program

**Practicum Student**

July 2007-May 2008

Federal Medical Center, Devens  
P.O. Box 880  
Ayer, Massachusetts 01432

Responsibilities:

- Conducted psychological and forensic assessments of male inmates
- Facilitated a drug education class for male inmates mandated to drug treatment
- Completed general population mental health intakes
- Provided brief counseling sessions as needed

**Clinician**

July 2006-June 2008

Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children  
335 Chandler Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01605

Responsibilities:

- Provided outpatient individual, family, and couples therapy for a diverse group of adults, adolescents, and children
- Facilitated a support group for adolescent females who had experienced trauma
- Engaged in case consultation with social workers or case managers on a weekly basis
- Attended school team meetings and social service meetings
- Submitted behavior modification plans to schools
- Attended trauma team meeting to discuss issues regarding working with individuals who had experienced trauma; was part of Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA) team working with individuals who were victims of sexual abuse
- Psychological testing and report writing

**Practicum Student**

Aug 2006-May 2007

University of Massachusetts-Amherst Counseling and Assessment Services  
121 County Circle  
Amherst, Massachusetts 01003

Responsibilities:

- Completed intakes for individuals requesting therapy
- Provided individual and couples counseling for undergraduate and graduate students

**Practicum Student**

Aug 2005-May 2006

York Correctional Institution  
200 West Main Street  
Niantic, Connecticut 06357

Responsibilities:

- Provided individual therapy to female inmates presenting with PTSD and dual diagnosis
- Facilitated weekly process group therapy with female inmates in the “social rehabilitation program”
- Facilitated weekly groups on the mental health inpatient unit of the prison working with women with severe mental illness
- Completed psychological assessment batteries with female inmates with severe mental illness
- Case management on the mental health unit for women with severe and persistent mental illness
- Conducted initial mental health evaluations of newly arrested inmates

**Undergraduate Volunteer/Intern**

Jan 2003-May 2004

Beth Israel Medical Center  
 First Avenue at East 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
 New York, New York 10003

Responsibilities:

- Assisted with groups on a locked adult psychiatric unit
- Worked on a locked psychiatric unit as a research assistant working with patients with dementia

**EDUCATION**

University of Hartford West Hartford, Connecticut	Sept 2004-Sept 2009
Doctor of Psychology Magna cum Laude	Sept 2009
Master of Arts in Clinical Practices	June 2006
 New York University	 Sept 2000-May 2004
Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychological Studies Magna cum Laude	May 2004

**TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE**

Qualified as an expert in various Courts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire over 100 times to provide expert testimony related to diagnosis and treatment of mental illness, competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, aid to sentencing, and need for involuntary hospitalization.

**LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

Massachusetts Licensed Psychologist #9245 – September 2010

Designated Forensic Psychologist – June 2012

Forensic Mental Health Supervisor – November 2015

Member of American Psychological Association Division 18 Psychologists in Public Service, Criminal Justice Section, since 2009

Past Section Chair of Division 18 Criminal Justice Section (2015-2017)

Chair of Division 18 Conferences, November 2013 and March 2015

Recipient of Division 18 Criminal Justice Section Early Career Achievement Award (2013)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Lussier, L.R., Easton, C.J. & Baranoski, M. (2009). Presence of counsel in competency evaluation. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*, 37(1), 117-120.

Scott, M. C., Edwards, L., Lussier, L., Devine, S., & Easton, C. J. (2011). Differences in legal characteristics between Caucasian and African-American women diverted into substance abuse treatment. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*, 39(1), 65-71.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

O'Brien-Mazza, D., Lussier, L., Gardner, M., Murphy, P., Harrington-Levey, R. *Program Evaluations of Bedford VAMC Peer Support Services and the New England MIRECC Peer Education Center* presented at VA Mental Health Conference July 2010.

Lussier, L.R., Scott, M.C., Edwards, L., & Easton, C.J. (2009, October). *Psychiatric traits of severely violent substance abusing men*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Baltimore, MD.

Scott, M., Edwards, L., Lussier, L., Devine, S., & Easton, C. (2009, October). *Racial differences in incarceration and substance dependence*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Baltimore, MD.