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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, competence to understand Miranda warnings, psychosexual evaluations, psychological/parenting evaluations for probate matters, mental health evaluations for individuals on federal probation.

Member of Community Access Board, Bridgewater, MA Oct 2020-Present

- Provide assessments to Massachusetts Department of Correction for civil commitments of Sexually Dangerous Persons.

Allied Staff Member (Forensic Psychologist) Tewksbury State Hospital Jan 2018-Present

- Conduct forensic evaluations for individuals admitted to Tewksbury State Hospital including evaluations pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 123 Sections 15(b), 16(a), 18(a), 16(c).

Independent Forensic Risk Assessment Consultant Jan 2019-present

- Conduct Independent Forensic Risk Assessments (IFRA's) at various Department of Mental Health facilities for the purposes of consultation around treatment recommendations to mitigate future risk.

Forensic Mental Health Supervisor Sept 2016-June 2018

- Forensic Mental Health Supervisor for psychiatry fellows at Bridgewater State Hospital, including reviewing and editing forensic reports.

Forensic Evaluator (Fee for Service) Dec 2015-present

- Conducted 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), December 2015-August 2017.

- Conduct forensic evaluations for individuals admitted to Department of Mental Health facilities, including evaluations pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 123 Sections 15(b), 18(a), 16(a), 16(c), 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.
- 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 16th 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
Doctor of Psychology

Sept 2004-Sept 2009

Sept 2009

Magna cum Laude
Master of Arts in Clinical Practices

June 2006

New York University
Bachelor of Science in Applied Psychological Studies
Magna cum Laude

Sept 2000-May 2004
May 2004

TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE

Qualified as an expert 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
- New Hampshire Licensed Psychologist #1517 – February 2021
- Massachusetts Designated Forensic Psychologist – June 2012
- Massachusetts 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.