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Member, Los Angeles County Juvenile Delinquency Panel

Member, Los Angeles County Superior Court Adult Criminal Panel

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 2019-2021 **FIELDING UNIVERSITY**, Santa Barbara, CA
Post-Doctoral Specialization in Neuropsychology
- 2008-2012 **ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**, Irvine, CA.
Clinical Forensic Psychology Program
Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.)
- 2008-2010 **ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**, Irvine, CA.
Clinical Forensic Psychology Program
Master of Arts (M.A.)
- 2001-2004 **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**, Tucson, AZ
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Sociology
Minor- Criminal Justice

CLINICAL FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

- 08/2016- current **Vienna Psychological Group, Inc.**
San Dimas, CA
Clinical Director, Forensic Psychologist
Private Practice
Forensic & Neuropsychology
- Serve as Clinical Director of the corporation responsible for leadership, management, and direction of all clinical operations of staff.
 - Clinical consultant/supervisor to pre-licensed staff.
 - Develop and present relevant forensic mental health trainings.

- Conduct cognitive and neuropsychological testing and evaluations for psycho-legal purposes (forensic), including assessment of intellectual disability, neurodevelopmental disorders, and traumatic brain injury.
- Conduct mitigation type evaluations – specifically evaluating the mental status at the time of the alleged offense and identifying psychological factors that may have contributed to the offense. I have specific training in PTSD and trauma related disorders and neurodevelopmental disorders.
- Conduct evaluation of suitability for PC 1001.36 (Mental Health Diversion).
- Conduct evaluation of PC 1368 (Competency to Stand Trial).
- Conduct evaluation of PC 1026 (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity).
- Review other experts' evaluations and reports to inform cross-examination.
- Conduct evaluation of malingering (identify or rule out feigning, exaggeration, or malingering of psychiatric symptoms and/or cognitive impairment).
- Conduct pre-employment appeal evaluations for law enforcement candidates (**POST CPE Requirements completed**) and utilize MMPI-3-PCIR, CPI, PAI, 16PF among other psychological measures.
- Provide trauma focused psychotherapy (EMDR Certified). Not accepting new clients at this time.
- Subcontractor for **Gateways Hospitals/CONREP**. Performed comprehensive evaluations to determine whether individuals are suitable for treatment in the community or, given their level of risk, require treatment in a locked setting. The evaluations took place between two Forensic State Hospitals- Patton State Hospital and Metropolitan State Hospital (2017-2019).

9/2017- 01/2018

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Sylmar, CA

Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall- Juvenile Justice

Clinical Psychologist II

Supervisor: Carol Shauger, LCSW

- Screen newly admitted minors and complete full psychiatric assessment.

- Utilize and complete The Massachusetts Youth Screening Inventory (MAYSI-2) on newly admitted minors.
- Provide ongoing clinical interviewing/assessment, consultation, evidence-based practice, interventions, and review of available DMH and/ or Probation mental health history records to minors with more complex or enduring problems to assist in planning treatment.
- Provide on-call crisis assessment and utilize EBP interventions to assess for level of care to minors throughout the juvenile facility (general population, the compound, special housing unit/ CARE units).

05/2015- 9/2017

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health,
with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,**

Los Angeles, CA

Mental Evaluation Team (M.E.T.) & P.M.R.T.

Clinical Psychologist II

Supervisor: Juan Aguirre, L.C.S.W.

Supervisor: Garrett Horne, Psy.D.

- Partnered with a deputy in law enforcement vehicles or civilian team to provide mobile emergency services to persons with a mental health disorder.
- Provide outreach, engagement, and linkage services within Los Angeles County to persons who have or are at risk for mental illness.
- Provide mobile psychiatric assessment and evaluation for voluntary and involuntary hospitalization- depending upon the apparent seriousness of the situation, signs application for immediate 72-hour detention at a LPS hospital facility.
- Provide mobile crisis intervention to communities, families and consumers.
- Respond to consumers decompensating and in need immediate with law enforcement to assist persons facing eviction and suspected of having mental disorders.
- Respond to requests from Adult Protective Services, Department of Children Services, and schools when police assistance is required at the scene .

- Avert violent confrontations between consumers and law enforcement through the use of verbal de-escalation techniques.
- Participate in providing roll-call training (educate & provide mental health trainings at Sheriff's stations).
- Provide consultation services to community agencies, county directly operated clinics; county contracted clinics, family members and schools to advise the consultee on the utilization of the Law Enforcement/Mental Health Teams pertinent to the recognition of mental health crisis dealt with by these facilities.

07/2013- 05/2015

**Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health,
with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,**

Los Angeles, CA

Twin Towers Correctional Facility- Men's Forensic
Outpatient Program

Clinical Psychologist II

Supervisor: Karen Siscoe, PhD.

- Work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary treatment team (services included psychotherapy, diagnostic formulation, housing assignments, and case consultation).
- Conduct individual short-term psychotherapy with pre-adjudicated adult male individuals utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and client centered modalities.
- Operate as an on-call clinician and provided crisis intervention treatment & involuntary psychiatric evaluations.
- Provide intensive psychotherapy treatment & interventions to severe and persistent mentally ill offenders, including several MIST program clients (treatment/ restoration to competency of Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial clients).

9/2012- 7/2013

Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health

Lancaster, CA.

Department of Juvenile Justice- Challenger Memorial
Camp

Clinical Psychologist I

Clinical Supervisor: Tamera J. Wilson, Psy.D.

- Provide continuous and comprehensive clinical services within an integrated multidisciplinary team for juvenile minors incarcerated in mental health dormitory setting.

- Perform clinical interviews with diagnostic assessment.
- Provide short and long term individual treatment utilizing the following interventions & evidenced based practices (EBP's): Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Informed (BDTi), Seeking Safety, and Motivational Interviewing (MI).
- Provide family therapy to assist with reunification of minor and family as well as to assist with transition home from camp.
- Provide individual substance abuse treatment for dual diagnosed minors utilizing principles of Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Matrix Institute resources.
- Conduct weekly ART (Aggression Replacement Treatment) group psychotherapy with 7-8 minors utilizing principles of anger management and mindfulness.
- Provide on-call crisis assessment and interventions (assessing for level of care) to minors throughout the juvenile facility.
- Provide continuous case management, including providing referrals/ resources to link minors to MH services in the community upon their release.
- Work collaboratively with DCFS, Probation Department, and Juvenile Justice After Care Program representatives to ensure ease of minor when transitioning from Juvenile camp to placement in the community.

9/2011- 8/2012

**Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health,
with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,**

Los Angeles, CA

Twin Towers Correctional Facility/ Women's
Community Reintegration Services & Education
Center (WCRSEC)

Pre-doctoral Internship

Psychology Intern

Supervisor: Shelley Sommerfeldt, Psy.D.

Delegated Supervisor: Winnie Louie, Psy.D.

- **WCRSEC-** Provided therapeutic services to mentally ill females in an outpatient setting utilizing the Recovery Model approach.

- Worked collaboratively with a multidisciplinary treatment team (services included psychotherapy, diagnostic formulation, and case consultation).
- Conducted community and field outreach, including jail linkage.
- Provided clients with case management services and aftercare planning.
- Administered and interpreted psychological assessment batteries including cognitive (WAIS III/IV), personality (MMPI/PAI), and malingering scales (TOMM, SIRS).
- Led a *Seeking Safety* group weekly with individuals diagnosed with PTSD & Substance Abuse Disorders.
- Created and led a trauma- focused yoga therapy group weekly.
- Conducted individual short-term psychotherapy with adult female individuals utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and client centered modalities.
- Operated as an on-call clinician and provided crisis intervention treatment with adult females in an outpatient setting.
- Proficient in DMH/ Medi-Cal billing.
- ***Twin Towers Correctional Facility***
Supervisor: Ann Marie O'Keefe, Ph.D.
Delegate Supervisor: Charles Pilavian, Ph.D.
- Provided continuous and comprehensive clinical services within an integrated multidisciplinary team for inmates/ patients housed in mental health service area within LA County Jail.
- Performed clinical interviews with diagnostic assessments.
- Conducted weekly individual therapy- utilizing multiple treatment methods & interventions.
- Interventions included Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Informed, Mindfulness, and Motivational Interviewing (MI).
- Created and led weekly dual diagnosis group psychotherapy with 8-12 patients/ inmates utilizing (MI) & (CBT) techniques.
- Conducted neuropsychological dementia screening assessments with patients referred from the mental health team that included Mini Mental Status Exam (MMSE), Clock Drawing Test (CDT),

Trail Making Test A & B (TMT), Wechsler Memory Scale (WMS) & Stroop.

- Provided on-call crisis assessment to inmates throughout the correctional facility.
- Provide case management and aftercare planning with all patients.
- Provide referral linkages to Full Service Partnerships (FSP) & community mental health centers.

08/2010- 8/2011

College Hospital Costa Mesa, Costa Mesa, CA
122-bed Private Acute Care Hospital accredited by The Joint Commission (Adult & Adolescent rotations)

Psychology Extern

Supervisor: Reily Case, Psy.D., L.C.S.W.

- Conducted weekly individual & group therapy with adult & adolescent inpatients utilizing various interventions and techniques such as CBT, DBT Informed, & MI.
- Evaluated/ Assessed incoming patients on 5150/ 5585 psychiatric status for placement on hospital unit.
- Facilitated daily group therapy with long term care persistently mentally ill adult patients utilizing DBT Informed skills training modules.
- Performed clinical interviews & provided diagnostic formulations.
- Advocated for hospital and patient in probable cause hearings with County of Orange Mental Health Courts.
- Assist in completing temporary conservatorship (T-CON) applications.
- Provided case consultations in weekly treatment team meetings.
- Provided case management & after care planning services to persistent and mentally ill inpatients.
- Conducted crisis assessment and interventions with adolescent and adult inpatients.
- Led daily coping skills, mindfulness, and art therapy groups to adolescent inpatients.

08/2009- 07/2010

Twin Towers Correctional Facility, Los Angeles, CA
Tower 1 Clinician for Service Area 6- South Central
Los Angeles

Psychology Extern

Supervisor: Raphael Romero, Psy.D.

- Conducted weekly individual therapy- utilizing multiple treatment methods & interventions including (CBT) & (MI).
- Led weekly dual diagnosis group psychotherapy with 8-12 patients/ inmates utilizing (MI) & (CBT) interventions.
- Created and led weekly Coping Skills group utilizing humanistic approach providing such topics as housing, managing finances, creating resumes, communication, & working while taking medications.
- Conducted assessments with patients referred from the mental health team which included: cognitive (WAIS IV), personality (MMPI), & Projective (Rorschach).
- Provided case management & after care planning with all patients.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10/2007 – 07/2009

County of Orange Health Care Agency, Santa Ana, CA.

Centralized Assessment Team (C.A.T.)

Mental Health Specialist (MHS), LPS Designated

Supervisor: Greg Masters, L.C.S.W.

- Provided emergency involuntary psychological evaluations (5150) and crisis intervention to adult patients.
- Provided follow up and referral linkages for all evaluations.
- Assisted Orange County Law Enforcement with psychiatric emergency situations including hostile/ violent police calls and crisis debriefing.
- Provided in service mental health trainings to Law Enforcement, colleagues, and interns including topics such as identification and management of mental health issues in the community.
- Conducted community outreach by educating city members and businesses of mental health services available within Orange County, CA
- Represented the County of Orange in probable cause hearings, patient's rights hearings, and Riese hearings.

08/2004 – 10/2007

Tarzana Treatment Center, Reseda, CA
H.I.V. & Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Clinic
Transitional Case Manager
Supervisor: Jose Rodriguez, CAADAC
Clinical Supervisor: Truett Wright, LMFT

- Subcontracted with the **Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department** as a Transitional Case Manager for Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers Correctional Facility to provide transitional linkage from jail to community.
- Reviewed psychiatric evaluation, history and physical, Addiction Severity Index (ASI) assessment, family assessment and past medical records.
- Facilitated and participated in Initial Case Conference (ICC) within time frames established by program policy.
- Conducted program evaluation for the transitional case management services and presented data outcomes to Office of Aids Program & Policy (OAPP).
- Provided regular, comprehensive progress notes charting in client's Medical Record, which document contacts, progress towards identified goals, program participation, referrals, discharge planning and other case management activities.
- Initiated direct contact with outside entities as appropriate, in order to assist client in resolution of legal, financial, housing, medical, and psychiatric and discharge planning issues.
- Facilitated discharge planning efforts, commencing at time of admission on all assigned clients, including areas of housing, employment, medical, psychiatric, finances, aftercare, etc.
- Promoted pre-release planning in LA jail and prisons, solicited and assessed clients' interest in program participation and assured that client met the eligibility criteria as specified by the County.
- Performed comprehensive patient assessments and on-going reassessments during incarceration and post release.
- Developed comprehensive service plan for each client with review/ revisions as needed, based on eligibility and reassessment.

- Provided client with successful linkage to appropriate community services with appropriate follow up.

TEACHING POSITIONS

10/2021- Current

San Diego State University (SDSU) Global Campus.
Lecturer

- Develop and teach an 8-week course of content consisting of lecture videos, group assignments, and tests in online format. Course taught: Forensic Assessment.
- Preparation of syllabus course curriculum in alignment with SDSU goals and objectives.
- Utilize content development tools such as Zoom, Flip grid, YouTube, Canvas, Loom, and Camtasia.
- Maintain weekly office hours for students.
- Evaluate student mastery of material and determine final course grades by evaluation of tests, course activities, and student participation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

06/21- Current

Industry Sheriff's Youth Activity League (YAL)
Industry, CA
Board Member

- Review and approve annual budgets, audit reports, and material business decisions.
- Serve on committees and task forces in taking on special assignments.
- Represent the YAL to stakeholders and acting as an ambassador for the organization.
- Directly volunteering as staff with the YAL programs, including the Sheriff's High Adventure for Responsible Kids (SHARK).

07/21- Current

Forensic Mental Health Association of California
California
Education Committee Member

- Determine education offerings geared toward the professional level of members.
- Help develop educational programs that relate to a wide range of the membership.

- Assist in developing online training.
- Expand, in partnership with other agencies/associations in the industry to develop educational opportunities enhancing the professional growth of the membership.

03/01/22- Current

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCCC)
Los Angeles, CA
Member, District 5 Board of Supervisor Representative

- Develop and implement a continuum responses to juvenile delinquency and to set priorities for the use of grant funds.

PUBLICATIONS

Plaintiff-Juror Race Homogeneity and Award Amount in Civil Lawsuits – Dissertation- 09/2010 (Irvine, CA.)

Juvenile Competency and Adolescent Brain Functioning- Paper 05/2010. Accepted for poster presentation at Forensic Mental Health Association Conference- 03/2011 (Monterey, CA)

Suicide Awareness- Article Contribution in The Professional Peace Officers Association Magazine, The Star & Shield- 07/2018

Opioid Crisis: The Impact on First Responders- International Public Safety Association Info Brief- Publish Date- 08/2018

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

First Responder Mental Health – Presented at the Forensic Mental Health Association Conference- March 2019 (Monterey, CA)

The Importance of Adolescent Brain Development in relation to Franklin Hearing Evaluations: Research to Practice- Presented at the Forensic Mental Health Association Conference- April 2022 (San Diego, CA)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

2008-Present	American Psychological Law and Society (APLS), Member
2017-Present	International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), Member
2020-Present	National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), Associate Member
2021- Present	American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology (AAPdN)
2021- Present	Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC), Member

CERTIFICATIONS

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)- University of Maryland at Baltimore
Certification *Exp: 06/2023*

EMDR Certified Therapist- EMDRIA Approved- Certification Number: 63420.
Expires: 02/28/23

RELEVANT TRAINING

Forensic Training Institute- Reducing Recidivism for The National Association of
Forensic Counselors (Las Vegas, NV)- 2006

Motivational Interviewing of Clients -Tarzana Treatment Center (Los Angeles
County Department of Mental Health Trainings) – 2006, 2007, 2012, 2014

Meeting the STD/ HIV Prevention Needs of Transgender Clients (Tarzana
Treatment Center)- 2006

FEMA- National Incident Management System (Santa Ana, CA)- 2008

FEMA- Introduction to the Incident Command System- 2008

Treating Trauma in Co-Occurring Disorders with Medications (Santa Ana, CA)-
2008

Annual International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services (Vienna,
Austria)- 2008

California Statewide Conference on Co-Occurring Disorders (Long Beach, CA)-
2008

STS- The Sexually Violent Offender- Roy Hazelwood (San Diego, CA)- 2009

STS-Assessing Psychopathy with the Psychopathy Checklist-Revised- (PCL-R)-
Reid Meloy (San Diego, CA)- 2009

Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Intensive Training- Harbor UCLA- 2012

Seeking Safety- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health- 2012

Human Sexuality (Pre-licensure course)- 2013

Aging and long term care (Pre-licensure course)- 2013

Intimate Partner Violence (Pre-licensure course)- 2014

Child Abuse Training (Pre-licensure course) -2014

Juvenile Competency Training, restoration and counseling (2014)

Ending Corporal Punishment of Children- AVAT Conference 2015

Assessment & Treatment of Antisocial Personality Disorders and Psychopathy
(Reid Meloy) – Los Angeles 2015

American Psychological Law Society Conference- San Diego 2015

- Threat Assessment: Past, Present, and Future
(Reid Meloy)
- Teens & Stalking
- Adolescent Forensic Assessment
- Forensic Expert Decision Making
- Risk Assessment with Offenders
- Juvenile Issues with Legal Decision Making
- Forensic Evaluations
- Juveniles & Trauma
- Ethics in Forensic Practice
- Advances in Neuroscience & Substance Abuse
- Emotions & Therapy in Juveniles

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals Conference- Anaheim 2015

- Threat Assessment & Management
- Domestic Violence in the Workplace
- Perspectives on Threat Management

American Bar Association- Child Custody Colloquium (8 hour)- Los Angeles 2015

- Acknowledging Bias

- Therapy & Health Care privilege issues in Custody Litigation
- Legal rights, ethics, and advocacy in parenting plans
- Ethical cross examination of the 730 Evaluator

International Association of Trauma Professionals- Clinical Trauma Professional Program (14 hours)- Pasadena, CA 2016

National Association of Addiction Professionals (NAADAC)-- Substance Abuse Professional's U.S. DOT Alcohol and Drug Testing Regulation Qualification and Re-qualification Independent Study Course- 2016

American Board Professional Psychology- San Diego, CA 2017

- Police Psychology: An introduction to core activities and cultural competencies
- Using the MMPI-2-RF in Public Safety Evaluations: Pre and Post Employment

Essentials of MMPI-2 Assessment- Los Angeles, CA 2017

EMDR - Basic Training Part 1 & 2- Los Angeles, CA 2017

Assisting Individuals in Crisis & Group Crisis Intervention- San Diego, CA 2017 (ICISF)- 24 hours

Survival Skills for the First Responder- San Diego, CA 2017 (ICISF)- 8 hours

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC 101)- Los Angeles, CA 2017 8 hours

Juvenile Transfer Hearings Training & Overview by Forensic Mental Health Association of California- Long Beach, CA- April 2018- 8 hours

Signs of Trauma, Impact of the Brain Over a Life Span- Los Angeles, CA 2018

Gottman Method Couples Therapy- Level 1- Online- 06/2018

Structured Play Therapy- UCSD Extension- San Diego, CA 08/2018- 7 hours

Advanced Assisting Individuals in Crisis & Group Crisis Intervention- San Diego, CA 2018 (ICISF)- 24 hours

Children & CISM- San Diego, CA 2018-7 hours

EMDR Therapy with Children & Adolescents- Online-Jan 2019 through Ana Gomez & The Agate Institute-12 hours

EMDR with First Responders- Dr. Robbie Adler Tapia- March 2019- Costa Mesa, CA-12 hours

American Academy of Forensic Psychology- 2019 Workshops- San Diego, CA November 2019- 14 hours

- Ethical Issues in Forensic Psychological Practice-7 hours
- Assessment and Management of Violence Risk -7 hours

CONCEPT Palo Alto University- March 2020- Book Based
5.5 hours- Best Practices in Forensic Mental Health Assessment: Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial

Mindset Continuing Education- John Violanti, PHD. PTSD: Neurological Associations With Impaired Decision Making Among Police Officers- April 2020- 4 hours

Mindset Continuing Education-Sepideh A. Souris, Psy.D- Essentials of the Psychological Fitness-For-Duty Evaluations of Peace Officers- April 2020- 4 hours

CONCEPT Palo Alto University- April 2020- Book Based
5.5 hours- Evaluation of Capitol Sentencing

American Academy of Forensic Psychology- 2020 Workshops- Las Vegas, NV (Live Online) May 2020- 17 hours

- Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts – 7 hours
- Evidenced-Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility – 7 hours
- Critical Thinking in Forensic Evaluations- 4 hours

American Academy of Forensic Psychology- 2021 Workshops- (Live Online) January 2021- 8 hours

- Psychological Evaluation of Causation and Damages in Personal Injury Cases
- Evidenced Based Insanity Evaluations

Introduction to the MMPI-3- January 2021- 6 hours- LIVE Online- Pearson

MMPI-3-Police Candidate Interpretative Report (PCIR)- January
1 hour- LIVE Online- CONCEPT

Foundations & Discussion of the Second-Opinion Psychological Evaluations
Process of Law Enforcement Candidates- May 2021
3 hours- Mindset Continuing Education

Incorporating the MMPI-3 in Violence Risk Assessments- May 2021
3 hours- CONCEPT

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in United States Corrections
Professionals: Prevalence and Impact on Health and Functioning- May 2021
3 hours

Understanding the Legal Contours of Competence to Stand Trial and the Insanity
Defense: A Primer for Mental Health Professionals- November 2021. 5 Hours.
FMHAC.

High Stakes Sentencing: Capital & Juvenile Murder- June 2022. 20 hours.
CONCEPT Continuing & Professional Studies, Palo Alto University