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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education History:

Pacific Union College

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Bachelor's graduation: June 2008

Loma Linda University

Degree: Doctorate of Clinical Psychology, Ph.D. Program

Master's graduation: June 2010

Ph.D. graduation: June 2014

Concentration: Neuropsychology/Health Psychology

APA Accredited Ph.D. Program

APA Accredited Internship: Federal Bureau of Prisons – FCC Butner, NC

Arkansas State Hospital/University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology

Completion: August 2015

Selected Clinical Experience:

Forensic Psychologist/UAMS Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry for Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock, AR, Sept 2015 – Present.

Description: State forensic psychiatric hospital housing patients who have allegedly committed a crime and are court ordered to receive evaluations intended to answer legal questions and/or receive treatment for mental illness.

Duties: Conducted forensically-relevant evaluations including competence to stand trial, culpable mental state, malingering, violence risk, competence restorability, and mental state at the time of the offense. Expert testimony in Arkansas state court was provided. Participated in semiweekly forensic seminars (advanced forensic seminar, landmark case seminar, and case conference seminar).

Post-Doctoral Fellow for Arkansas State Hospital, Little Rock, AR, Sept 2014 to Aug 2015.

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Intern at Federal Correctional Complex - Butner, NC (APA Accredited), Aug 2013 to Aug 2014.

Description: A prison complex which houses inmates in five unique correctional institutions (as well as pre-trial, NGRI, and civilly committed individuals in specialized units or programs). The population consists of adult males of all security levels with a highly diverse range of backgrounds from across the country, often the world.

Duties: Conducted a variety of clinical (psychodiagnostic), forensic (dangerousness/violence risk, malingering, criminal responsibility, involuntary treatment, and competence to stand trial), educational (learning disabilities, ADHD, and cognitive disorders), and medically-relevant (interferon treatment and organ transplant) evaluations. Expert testimony was provided in federal court. Duties also included group and individual therapy sessions with patients, crisis management, program development, and consultation services. Participated in weekly general psychology and forensic seminars as well as general psychology and forensic group supervision.

Clerk for Patton State Hospital, Highlands, CA, Sept 2012 to Aug 2013.

Description: Patton State Hospital is a 1,200 bed maximum-security forensic psychiatric hospital housing judicially committed patients under various commitment types.

Duties: Administered a variety of clinical, forensic (competence to stand trial), malingering, and neuropsychological test batteries. Batteries provided diagnoses and recommendations to an interdisciplinary treatment team. Duties also included weekly group therapy and cognitive rehabilitation sessions with patients. Training included weekly training seminars and group supervision on topics regarding forensic and clinical psychology.

Practicum Extern II for Loma Linda University, Behavioral Medicine Center, Redlands, CA, Sept 2011 to Aug 2012.

Description: Private psychiatric hospital with inpatient and partial hospitalization population ranging in age from adolescence to late adulthood. Patients experienced moderate to severe mental illness with a broad range of psychiatric presentations. Clients were often involuntarily hospitalized.

Duties: Responsible for treating and assessing patients. Treatment included psychoeducation, coping skills, CBT, mindfulness, and process groups as well as individual therapy. Assessments were largely psychodiagnostic in nature with some cognitive and malingering evaluations.

Selected Training Experience

Audited a Psychiatry and the Law course at the University of Arkansas, School of Law (January – April 2015).

Forensic Report Writing San Antonio, TX (September 2014) Presenter:
Deborah Collins, Psy.D., A.B.P.P.

Critical Thinking in Forensic Psychological Evaluation San Antonio, TX (September 2014)
Presenter: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Effective and Ethical Expert Testimony San Antonio, TX (September 2014) Presenter:
Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Insanity Defense Evaluations, San Antonio, TX (September 2014) Presenter:
Philip J. Resnick, M.D.

Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice San Antonio, TX (September 2014) Presenter:
Alan Goldstein, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Evidence-Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015)
Presenter: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015) Presenter:
Candyce Shields, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Special Topics in Competency and Criminal Responsibility Evaluations, Cincinnati, OH
(September 2015)
Presenters: Candyce Shields, Ph.D., A.B.P.P. and Terry Kukor, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Forensic Assessment of Malingering and Feigned Mental Disorders: Theory and Practice,
Cincinnati, OH (September 2015)
Presenter: Richard Rogers, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

Forensic Report Writing, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015) Presenter:
Richard L. DeMier, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.