

MARGARET M. PODKOVA, Psy.D.

LICENSES:

Clinical Psychologist, Illinois; License Number: 071009223

Clinical Psychologist, Arkansas; License Number: 16-06P

EDUCATION:

Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, *Antioch University New England*, Keene, NH. APA Full Accreditation. October 2014.

M.S. in Clinical Psychology, *Antioch University New England*, Keene, NH. APA Full Accreditation. July 2001.

M.A. in Forensic Psychology, *John Jay College of Criminal Justice*, New York, NY. February 2003.

B.A. in Forensic Psychology, *John Jay College of Criminal Justice*, New York, NY. February 2003.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Disability Determination for Social Security Administration; Psychological Consultant; Little Rock, AR (03/2016 –present).

Evaluate medical evidence (e.g., mental health treatment notes, psychiatric hospitalization records, psychological and cognitive assessment) to determine whether claimant's mental health impairments meet the requirements under the Listing of Impairments for Social Security; assess the severity of the mental health impairment and the residual functional capacities; and review appealed disability determinations to assure the initial decision was based on medical evidence from an acceptable source.

Expert Psychological Evaluations; Independent Contractor and Forensic Psychologist; Little Rock, AR (04/2016 –present).

Conduct a variety of forensic and clinical evaluations with adults, juveniles, and children including competence to stand trial (fitness to proceed), mental state at the time of the offense (criminal responsibility), culpable mental state (diminished capacity), competence restorability, malingering, violence risk, fitness for duty, and parental capacity. Provide expert testimony and consultation as needed

United States Penitentiary Marion (Federal Bureau of Prisons); Staff Psychologist; Marion, IL (11/2014 – 03/2016).

Administered, scored, and interpreted a wide variety of personality and cognitive evaluations; prepared comprehensive psychological reports; assisted in interdisciplinary classification of inmates based on behavioral, emotional, organic, substance use, or personality problems; assisted in implementation of appropriate treatment interventions; provided individual therapy to individuals with a wide variety of mental health problems; facilitated various psychotherapy groups (e.g., DBT Skills, Anger Management, Basic

Cognitive Skills, and Criminal Thinking); responded to crisis situations and provided crisis intervention sessions (e.g., threat of self-harm, threat of suicide, threat of harm to others, and sexual victimization); conducted suicide risk assessments when needed; and conducted sexual victimization/predation evaluations on as-needed basis. In addition, as the Mental Health Treatment Coordinator, managed the treatment and care of inmates with mental illness and ensure that all provisions of policy are implemented and coordinate monthly Care Coordination and Reentry (CCARE) meetings.

Federal Correctional Complex (Federal Bureau of Prisons); *Predoctoral Psychology Intern*; Butner, NC (08/2013 - 08/2014). APA accredited.

General Responsibilities: Provided individual therapy to individuals with a wide variety of problems (e.g., anxiety disorders, mood disorders, and psychotic disorders); facilitated and co-facilitated six psychotherapy groups (Competency Restoration, DBT Skills, Schema Therapy, Illness management and Recovery, Forgiveness, and Advanced Intimacy Skills); administered, scored, and interpreted a wide variety of personality and cognitive measures; prepared comprehensive psychological reports; attended multidisciplinary team meetings and weekly clinical and forensic seminars; and provided consultation to non-clinical staff regarding in high stress and ethically unclear situations.

Forensic Assessment Rotation: Conducted forensic evaluations and completed reports for courts on study and observation cases (competency to stand trial, risk assessments, and criminal responsibility); conducted daily rounds on locked down mental health units; lead weekly competency restoration group; and provided expert court testimony on issues of criminal responsibility, competency, and dangerousness.

Commitment and Treatment Program (CTP) for Sexually Dangerous Persons Rotation: Provided individual and group psychotherapy; developed and led a Schema Therapy group for individuals with lower intellectual functioning; completed treatment plans; conducted psychosexual evaluations, and prepared comprehensive reports.

Worcester Recovery Center & Hospital; *Psychology Trainee*; Worcester, MA (07/2012-7/2013).

Facilitated individual and group psychotherapy; performed a variety of assessments (admission, initial risk, fire setting risk, suicide risk, and violence risk); administered, scored, and interpreted psychological (cognitive, personality, and neuropsychological) assessments and prepared comprehensive reports; worked as part of an interdisciplinary treatment team; and attended weekly didactic and Rorschach seminars.

Federal Medical Center (Federal Bureau of Prisons); *Psychology Trainee*, Devens, MA (09/2011-7/2012).

Facilitated individual and group psychotherapy; administered, scored, and interpreted a wide variety of cognitive, personality, and malingering evaluations; assisted in conducting forensic evaluations and in preparing risk assessment reports for the courts; and assisted in development and implementation of group treatment interventions.

Cotland Community Center; *Psychology Trainee*; Soweto, South Africa (08/2011)

Administered, scored, and interpreted psychoeducational assessments with focus on social justice aspects; prepared psychoeducational reports with particular attention to cross-cultural sensitivity; worked within impoverished settings with South African clients and translators; consulted and worked with care workers to implement future agendas within a community setting.

Psychological Services Center; *Psychology Trainee*; Keene, NH (07/2010-06/2011)

Conducted individual, couples, and group therapy; assisted in development of and co-lead a weekly social skills group for boys diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder (Autism spectrum); administered, scored, interpreted, and presented psychological assessments; and performed case management duties (including treatment planning and communication with the Department of Children, Youth and Families).

Community Education Centers, The Harbor; *Senior Counselor*; Newark, NJ (07/2006 - 07/2009).

Managed a caseload of approximately 35 residents reentering society after serving state prison terms; performed intake assessments and monthly behavioral evaluations; developed treatment plans and discharge summaries; conducted individual and group therapy; prepared and conducted didactic lectures related to substance abuse, mental health, and the recovery process; and assisted residents in developing aftercare and relapse prevention plans.

Education Assistance Corporation, Link; *Senior Forensic Case Manager*, Brooklyn, NY (03/2004 - 07/2006).

Managed a caseload of 45 clients; performed intake assessments and referred mentally ill chemically addicted offenders to appropriate treatment programs as alternatives to incarceration; acted as a liaison between New York Supreme and Criminal Court Judges, District Attorney's Office, defense attorneys, treatment providers, and clients to monitor and regularly report clients' progress in treatment; provided weekly counseling sessions; investigated and arranged supportive services for clients including housing and medical coverage; and worked alongside corrections personnel in coordinating discharge plans and referrals to community resources for inmates released from jail.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Podkova, M. & Roysircar, G., (2014). Correctional Officers' Knowledge of Mental Illness and its Relationship with Self-Efficacy. *Poster Presentation at the 2014 American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.*

Privileging Indigenous Voices: Hearing the Wisdom of Generations; 28th Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology & Education at Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York, NY (February, 2011).

Roysircar, G., **Podkova, M.**, & Pignatello, V. (2013). Crisis intervention, social class, and counseling: Macrolevel disaster effects. In W.M. Liu (Ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of social class in counseling*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & LECTURES

Social Security Disability, Mental Health Disability. Presentation at Arkansas State Hospital, October 2016

ADDITIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

1. Assessment of Mental State Defenses in Criminal Cases; Atlanta, GA (October 2016).
Presenter: Maureen L. Reardon, PhD., A.B.P.P.

2. Competencies in the Criminal Process; Atlanta, GA (October 2016). Presenter: Christopher Slobogin, JD, LL.M.
3. Controversies in Forensic Mental Health Assessment; GA (October 2016). Presenters: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., A.B.P.P. and Richard L. DeMier, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.
4. Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials; GA (October 2016). Presenter: Philip J. Resnick, M.D.
5. Evidence-Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility; Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.
6. Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial; Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Candyce Shields, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.
7. 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.
8. Forensic Assessment of Malingering and Feigned Mental Disorders: Theory and Practice; Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Richard Rogers, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.
9. Forensic Report Writing; Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Richard L. DeMier, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.
10. Narcissistic, Antisocial and Psychopathic Personalities: Treatment and risk management; Manchester, NH (October 2010). Presenter: Reid Meloy, PhD, ABPP
11. Violence risk and threat assessment: The state of the science; Manchester, NH (October 2010). Presenter: Reid Meloy, PhD, ABPP

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Fluent in spoken and written Polish.