

# **BENJAMIN J. SILBER, Ph.D., ABPP**

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **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

### **Certifications:**

**Licensed Psychologist:** Licensed in Arkansas, License Number 15-20P – October 2015

**Licensed Psychologist:** Licensed by PSYPACT – March 2022

**Division of Aging, Adult, & Behavioral Health Services certified Forensic Evaluator (Qualified Psychologist)** – September 2014

**Board Certified in Forensic Psychology,** American Board of Professional Psychology – October 2021

**Fellow, American Academy of Forensic Psychology** – October 2021

### **Clinical Experience:**

**Forensic Psychologist for Expert Psychological Evaluations,** Little Rock, AR, April 2016 – Present.

*Description:* Private forensic psychology practice providing assessment and consultation services for a range of legal referral questions. Evaluations are performed in jails, prisons, a private office, hospitals, or treatment facilities as needed.

*Duties:* Conducted forensically-relevant evaluations including competence to stand trial (fitness to proceed), culpable mental state (diminished capacity), malingering, violence risk, competence restorability, mental state at the time of the offense (criminal responsibility), disability eligibility, parental capacity, psychological/mental injury, capacity to waive Miranda rights, mitigating circumstances, and fitness for duty. Consultation and expert testimony were provided.

**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.**

*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.

**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.

### **Presentations and Lectures**

1. Presentation: The Community Mental Health Act, Inn of Court Conference, Little Rock, AR, 2016
2. Presentation: Mental Health Considerations in Capital Murder Cases, Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association Conference, Little Rock, AR on 10/13/2016
3. Presentation: Threat Assessment, Psychopharmacology Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas on 02/06/2018
4. Presentation: Detection of Malingering, Henderson College, 04/17/2018
5. Presentation: Overview of Forensic and Correctional Psychology, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 04/30/2018
6. Presentation: Arkansas Statute & Evaluation of Fitness to Proceed, Arkansas Forensic Examiners Training, 07/19/2018
7. Presentation: Evaluation of Malingering, Arkansas Forensic Examiners Training, 07/20/2018
8. Presentation: Overview of Forensic Psychology, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 06/05/2019
9. Presentation: Considerations for Evaluation Referrals, Mental Health CLE, 02/22, 06/19, 06/21, and 06/27/2019
10. Presentation: Psychology and the Death Penalty, Arkansas State Hospital, 07/03/2019
11. Presentation: Evaluation of Malingering, Arkansas Forensic Examiners Training, 07/11/2019
12. Presentation: Intro to DSM-5 Diagnosis, Arkansas Forensic Examiners Training, 07/12/2019
13. Presentation: Personal Injury/Emotional Damages, Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, 04/17/2020
14. Presentation: Effective Fitness to Proceed Restoration Interventions, Arkansas State Hospital, 09/17/2020
15. Presentation: The Mismeasure of Man, Arkansas State Hospital, 10/21/2020
16. Presentation: Overview of Forensic Psychology, Arkansas State Hospital, 08/24/2021
17. Presentation: Intro to DSM-5 Diagnosis, Arkansas Forensic Examiners Training, 10/01/2021
18. Presentation: Cross-Examination of Psychologists – According to a Psychologist, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, 05/13/2022

### **Additional Training Experience**

- I. Audited a Psychiatry and the Law course at the University of Arkansas, School of Law (January – April 2015).
- II. DAABHS Certified Forensic Examiner: 2015 – Present.
- III. Forensic Psychology Workshops Attended:
  1. Forensic Report Writing, San Antonio, TX (September 2014). Presenter: Deborah Collins, Psy.D., ABPP.
  2. Critical Thinking in Forensic Psychological Evaluation, San Antonio, TX (September 2014). Presenter: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP.
  3. Effective and Ethical Expert Testimony, San Antonio, TX (September 2014). Presenter: Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D., ABPP.

4. Insanity Defense Evaluations, San Antonio, TX (September 2014). Presenter: Philip J. Resnick, M.D.
5. Ethical Issues in Forensic Practice, San Antonio, TX (September 2014). Presenter: Alan Goldstein, Ph.D., ABPP.
6. Evidence-Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP.
7. Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Candyce Shields, Ph.D., ABPP.
8. Special Topics in Competency and Criminal Responsibility Evaluations, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenters: Candyce Shields, Ph.D., ABPP. and Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP.
9. Forensic Assessment of Malingering and Feigned Mental Disorders: Theory and Practice, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Richard Rogers, Ph.D., ABPP.
10. Forensic Report Writing, Cincinnati, OH (September 2015). Presenter: Richard L. DeMier, Ph.D., ABPP.
11. Controversies in Forensic Mental Health Assessment, Atlanta, GA (October 2016). Presenters: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP, and Richard L. DeMier, Ph.D., ABPP.
12. Threat Assessment and Management, Atlanta, GA (October 2016). Presenter: Kostas A. Katsavdakakis, Ph.D., ABPP.
13. Assessing and Managing Violence Risk, Las Vegas, NV (November 2017). Presenter: Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP.
14. Ethical Issues in Forensic Psychology Practice, Las Vegas, NV (November 2017). Presenter: Randy K. Otto, Ph.D., ABPP.
15. Evaluating the Validity of Miranda Waivers and the Trustworthiness of Confessions, Las Vegas, NV (November 2017). Presenter: Alan Goldstein, Ph.D., ABPP.
16. Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials, Las Vegas, NV (November 2017). Presenter: Phillip J. Resnick, M.D.
17. Comprehensive Assessment of Malingering, Las Vegas, NV (November 2017). Presenter: Richard L. DeMier, Ph.D., ABPP.
18. Evidence and Testimony for Forensic Psychologists, Providence, RI (November 2018). Presenter: Timothy Tippins, Esq.
19. Tactical Approaches to Formulating and Communicating Criminal Responsibility Opinions, Providence, RI (November 2018). Presenters: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP & Maureen Reardon, Ph.D., ABPP.
20. Assessment of Risk for Violence in Juveniles, Providence, RI (November 2018). Presenter: Debra Baeder, Ph.D., ABPP.
21. Forensic Assessment in Death Penalty Cases: Practical and Ethical Considerations, Providence, RI (November 2018). Presenter: Maureen L. Reardon, Ph.D., ABPP