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EDUCATION & LICENSURE

Licensed Psychologist 3862-57 2020

Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, Forensic Concentration 2019
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology 2012
Argosy University, San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Criminal Justice 2010
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Principal Owner and Licensed Psychologist

Superior Psychological Services, LLC, 2023-Present

- Conduct outpatient forensic evaluations pertaining to Competency to Proceed to Trial (CST), Criminal Responsibility (NGRI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), Juvenile Waiver, guardianship, and parental fitness
- Administer supplemental assessments relative to the referral question
- Produce summative report with opinion pursuant to applicable state statute
- Deliver expert testimony to the court
- Provide consultation services to legal personnel

Licensed Psychologist and Independent Contractor

Wisconsin Forensic Unit, 2025-Present

- Conduct outpatient Competency to Proceed to Trial (CST) evaluations of adult defendants
- Administer supplemental assessments including malingering measures (e.g., TOMM, ILK, M-FAST)
- Produce summative report with opinion pursuant to the relevant statute
- Provide expert testimony to the court

Licensed Psychologist and Independent Contractor

Clinical Psychology Associates, LLC 2024-Present

- Conduct outpatient evaluations regarding Competency to Proceed to Trial (CST), Criminal Responsibility (NGRI), and Juvenile Waiver of Miranda Rights
- Administer assessments of intelligence, personality, adaptive functioning, and malingering
- Produce summative report with opinion pursuant to the relevant statute
- Provide expert testimony to the court

Licensed Psychologist on the Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU)

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, WI, 2021-Present

- Perform adult inpatient evaluations pertaining to Competency to Proceed to Trial (CST), Supplemental Mental Health Evaluations (SMEs), Guardianship, and Protective Placement
- Administer neuropsychological, forensic, and other psychological assessments for diagnostic clarification and aftercare planning
- Effectively collaborate with county stakeholders regarding aftercare planning for patients
- Facilitate individual and group competency restoration services tailored to patients with acute psychiatric symptoms
- Supervise pre-doctoral interns and post-doctoral fellows
- Provide expert testimony to the court

Licensed Psychologist and Independent Contractor

Optum Healthcare, 2023-2025

- Facilitated trauma-informed psychological evaluations for U.S. military veterans applying for disability compensation through the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA)
- Conducted a thorough review of service records to formulate an opinion regarding the likelihood that a disorder is service-related
- Provided consultation with fellow psychologists regarding diagnoses and applicability to service-related injuries

Licensed Psychologist

Waupun Correctional Institution, Waupun, WI, 2019-2021

- Delivered individual therapy to male inmates housed in a maximum-security institution
- Provided 24-hour crisis care for inmates involved in self-injurious/suicidal behaviors
- Facilitated group therapy for high management inmates housed in the Restrictive Housing Unit
- Authored psychological evaluations for diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations
- Administered various assessments including the MMPI-2-RF, WAIS-IV, RBANS, WMS, TOMM, SIRS-2, M-FAST, and VIP

Psychodiagnostician

Gardner Psychological Associates, Chicago, IL, 2015-2016

- Scored various diagnostic assessments pertaining to child custody and parental fitness evaluations including the MMPI-2, MCMI-III, ABAS, WAIS-IV, WRAT-4
- Aided in writing and editing reports
- Conducted legal research for custody reports, rebuttal depositions, and expert witness testimony

CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Intern- APA Accredited Internship

Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Oshkosh Correctional Institution; Waupun Correctional Institution; Wisconsin Resource Center; Sex Offender Risk Assessment (SORA), 2018-2019

- Completed assessment and therapy rotations with incarcerated male inmates in medium and maximum-security institutions and Behavioral Health Units

- Skilled in integrating various psychological tests including malingering, neurocognitive, intellectual, and personality measures
- Successfully completed Sex Offender Risk Assessment (SORA) rotation and gained direct experience with the Static-99, Stable-2007, and SAPROF
- Conducted eligibility screenings for minimum security transfers
- Provided feedback to inmates regarding diagnostic test results, DSM-5 diagnoses, prognoses, and recommendations

Doctoral Therapy Extern

Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, IN, 2018-2019

- Provided Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) to inmates facing execution
- Delivered individual therapy to inmates housed in general population and special housing units.
- Co-facilitated group therapy for special populations diagnosed with psychotic, mood, personality, behavioral, and substance abuse disorders
- Conducted psychological assessments for housing changes, security step-down, and parole eligibility

Doctoral Diagnostic Extern

Neuropsychiatric Center of Chicago, Hartgrove Behavioral Health Hospital, Joint Commission Approved, Chicago, IL, 2016-2017

- Conducted neuropsychological evaluations for patients suspected of having a neurodevelopmental and/or neurocognitive disorders
- Skilled at administering the following: Grooved Pegboard, Mini Mental Status Examination, Texas Functional Living Scale, NEPSY, RBANS, Stroop Task, Wisconsin Card Sort, Tower of London Test, TOMM, Trails A & B, TOVA, WAIS-IV, WISC-V, and WMS
- Communicated effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team to develop treatment plans
- Co-facilitated Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and process groups with adults and preadolescents with serious mental illness

Doctoral Diagnostic Extern

River Valley Juvenile Detention Center, Joliet, IL, 2014-2015

- Conducted court-ordered psychological evaluations of juveniles for sentencing considerations
- Skilled at administering the following: WISC-IV, WRAT-5, PAI-A, WIAT-III, Rorschach, RISB, and The Conners
- Provided feedback to families regarding diagnostic test results including DSM-5 diagnoses, prognoses, and recommendations

Master Level Intern

California Department of Adult Corrections and Parole, San Diego, CA, 2012-2013

- Provided reintegration counseling for male parolees
- Collaborated with the Parole Board to determine eligibility for discharge and potential recidivism
- Conducted audits of case notes and facilitated new state documentation guidelines to parole officers

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator- Clinical Research Project (CRP), 2016-2019

The Effects of Terror Management Theory (TMT) on Potential Juror Sentence Severity

- Research examined the mitigating effects of inoculation theory on potential jurors' sentence severity after mortality is made salient

Student Coder- Client Centered Clinical Practice Organization, 2016

Dr. Margaret Warner, Principal Investigator

- Interrater reliability was assessed to determine the quality of qualitative coding with a client diagnosed with schizophrenia

Research Assistant, 2014

Probation Department of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, Wheaton, IL

Dr. John Murray, Principal Investigator

- Conducted data analysis on the rate at which judges agree with psychologists' expert diagnostic opinions of Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity and Fitness to Stand Trial cases

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher's Assistant for Integrated Forensic Assessment, 2017

Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Clinical Psychology

Department, Chicago, IL

- Provided remedial testing and writing services for master and doctoral level students
- Facilitated class on forensic assessment with juvenile offenders

Teacher's Assistant for Personality Assessment, 2015

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Clinical Forensic Psychology Department, Chicago, IL

- Created and cofacilitated lab to educate students on the administration, scoring, and theories of assessments
- Provided constructive feedback on appropriate writing of forensic reports and aided in the grading of various coursework
- Facilitated a class on the administration, scoring and interpretation of the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Founder and President, 2016-2018

The Forensic Forum, ISPP at Argosy University, Chicago IL

- Founder and president of a student run organization focused on social activism and community involvement of future psychologists
- Organized campus wide activities including clothing drives for mental health patients, supply drives for Chicago Public Schools, Bingo night at Ronald McDonald House, and various social events
- Supervised Forum officer positions including Treasury, Community Liaison, Social Justice, Social Coordinator, and Youth and Family Liaison

Student Representative, 2016-2018

American Psychology-Law Society, (Division 41) APA

- Disseminated information to student body about opportunities and programs organized by AP-LS
- Helped facilitate AP-LS expansion through student recruitment, information dissemination and membership solidarity

Mentor for the Forensic Concentration, 2015-2018

Mentorship Program at Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University

- Provided guidance and support for newly admitted students to the ISPP graduate program who are interested in forensic work
- Assisted incoming students with time management skills and establishing professional relationships

Student Member, 2013-2015

Forensic Ambassadors Club, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL

- Served as liaison between students and faculty advocating for student issues
- Participated in outreach volunteer events within the community

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The Effects of Terror Management Theory on Potential Jurors' Sentence Severity
Wisconsin Department of Corrections, 2018

Ethical Dilemmas for the Forensic Psychologist: Solitary Confinement, Torture, Racial Injustice, and Human Rights in the U.S. Prison System
Argosy University, 2017

The Effects of Terror Management Theory on Potential Jurors' Sentence Severity
Argosy University Student Research Fair, 2016

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS ATTENDED

Special Topics in Competency Evaluations
Mendota Mental Health Institution, 09/18/2025

AAFP: So, You Wanna be a Board-Certified Forensic Psychologist, Huh?
CONCEPT, Palo Alto University, 2025

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Forensic Psychology Practice, Policy, and Research
NMU School of Medicine, 09/3/2025

Sexual Grooming Behaviors: Applying Research to Practice
NMU School of Medicine, 07/29/2025

AAFP: Bind Over-Waiver Evaluations for Juvenile Court,
CONCEPT, Palo Alto University, 2025

Mock Trial: Building & Enhancing Skills in Expert Witness Testimony
Mendota Mental Health Institute, 07/23/2025

Adolescent Development and the Juvenile Justice System
NMU School of Medicine, 07/22/2025

Geriatric Decisional Capacity: Guardianship Considerations
Wisconsin Department of Corrections, 07/17/2025

Show Me The Way: Mentoring and Supporting Underrepresented Professionals
NMU School of Medicine, 07/15/2025

Gambling Disorder in Legal Settings: Risk, Assessment, and Treatment
NMU School of Medicine, 07/08/2025

Competency Restoration in an Inpatient Environment
CONCEPT, Palo Alto University, 06/16/2025

The Role of Cognitive Testing in Forensic Evaluation: Selection, Relevance, and Limitations
NMU School of Medicine, 06/17/2025

Geriatric Forensic Evaluations
NMU School of Medicine, 06/03/2025

Nuances of Competency to Proceed Pro Se Assessments
NMU School of Medicine, 05/20/2025

American Indian and Alaska Native Justice System Involvement and Access
NMU School of Medicine, 4/22/2025

Ethical Principles in the Practice of Wisconsin Mental Health Professionals
Mendota Mental Health Institution, 01/28/2025

Considerations in Forensic Psychology, 2023

A Guide to Working with Interpreters in Psychological Evaluations
NMU School of Medicine, 2023

Third Annual Special Topics in Competency Evaluations Seminar
Mendota Mental Health Institute, 2019

Ethics and Boundaries: Legal and Professional Standards in Mental Health
Mendota Mental Health Institute, 2018

Detection of Malingering: Theory
Wisconsin Department of Corrections, 2018

Stable 2007 Training, Coughlin Center, 2018

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Test of Measuring Malinger Training, 2018

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Comprehensive Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Training, 2018

The Institute of Professional and Continuing Studies, Introduction and Exploration of the WISC-V

HONORS & AWARDS

Certificate of Appreciation, Student Government Association, Argosy University, 2017

American Psychology-Law Society, (Division 41) Representative of the Semester, 2017

American Psychology-Law Society, (Division 41) Representative of the Semester, 2017

Argosy University, Chicago Student Research Fair- Winner, 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Psychology of Women (Division 35), Professional Affiliate, 2017-2020

American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41), Student Member, 2016-2019

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, 2014-2019

Forensic Ambassadors Club, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, 2014-2015