

1. **Name:** Stephanie M. Ficarro, Psy.D.

2. **Occupation:** Licensed Psychologist

3. **Place of employment:** University Psychiatric Practice; University at Buffalo Department of Psychiatry, Division of Forensic Psychiatry

4. **Present title:** Clinical Forensic Psychologist; Research Assistant Professor; Coordinator of Continuing Education for Psychology

5. **Position currently held:** Participate in various professional, clinical, and academic activities within the Division of Forensic Psychiatry, including:

- Involvement in research projects; training of psychiatry residents, medical students, fellows and psychology externs and interns; and provision of psychological consultation services on a broad range of legal affairs
- Oversee and manage the Psychiatry Department's Continuing Education Program for Licensed Psychologists
- Provide psychological services for and complete evaluations of incarcerated adults and youths with psychiatric illnesses involved with the criminal justice system at the county level within correctional and hospital settings, including the Erie County Holding Center, Erie County Youth Detention Center, and Erie County Medical Center

6. **Briefly describe the subject matter of your specialty:** As a clinical forensic psychologist, I specialize in the understanding of psychopathology and criminal behavior across the lifespan. In my clinical work, I largely provide assessment, treatment, and evaluation of both youth and adults within various forensic settings. Additionally, my research areas of interest focus on the improvement of intervention and treatment models for mentally ill individuals in the legal system and development of a better understanding of the psychological, neuropsychological, and neurobiological factors that relate to criminal behaviors.

7. **Specializations within that field:** Forensic psychology, clinical psychology, child psychology, psychopathology, developmental and neurocognitive disorders, substance use disorders, psychological testing, diagnostic and neuropsychological assessment, risk assessment, adjudicative competence, criminal responsibility, and fitness for duty

8. **What academic degrees are held and from where and when obtained:**

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology; Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Legal Studies – State University of New York at Fredonia (2007)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Forensic Psychology – John Jay College of Criminal Justice (2009)
- Doctor of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) – Medaille College (2017)

9. **Specialized degrees and training:** I have specialized training and degrees in both clinical psychology and forensic psychology.

10. **Licensing in field, and in which state(s):** Psychologist #022928 – State of New York

11. **Length of time licensed:** 4 years

12. **Length of time practicing in this field:** 8 years at Master's degree level; 5 years at doctoral level

13. **Board certified as a specialist in this field:** No

14. **Length of time certified as a specialist:** N/A

15. **Positions held since completion of formal education, and length of time in each position:**

- Associate Psychologist, Central New York Psychiatric Center (August 2017 – November 2018)
- Licensed Psychologist, Central New York Psychiatric Center (November 2018 – May 2019)
- Research Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo – Department of Psychiatry, Division of Forensic Psychiatry (May 2019 – Present)
- Clinical Forensic Psychologist, Erie County Forensic Mental Health Services (May 2019 – Present)
- Fitness for Duty Evaluator, Erie County Sherriff's Office, Erie County Department of Probation, Erie County Medical Center (May 2019 – Present)
- Consulting Psychologist, Community Services for Every1 (March 2020 – Present)

16. **Duties and function of current position:** In my current position at the University at Buffalo, I have an academic appointment as a Research Assistant Professor in the Forensic Division of the Psychiatry Department. I am also contracted to do clinical work and court-ordered evaluations through the Erie County Forensic Mental Health Service at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Youth Detention Center. In my current position, I do both academic and clinical work. In my academic role, I participate in teaching and training of medical students, residents, psychology students and doctoral interns. I am also involved in conducting research of various topics related to forensic psychology and providing consultation services to legal professionals, agencies, and the courts. In my clinical role, I provide psychological services for incarcerated adults and juveniles with psychiatric illnesses involved with the criminal justice system at the county level within correctional and hospital settings, including assessment (diagnostic assessment, court-ordered evaluations) and treatment services (individual and group treatment). Additionally, I conduct civil evaluations, as I am also contracted as a fitness for duty evaluator for the Erie County Sherriff's Office, the Erie County Department of Probation, and the Erie County Medical Center.

17. **Length of time at current position:** 3 years

18. **Specific employment, duties, and experiences:** Following the completion of my Master's degree, I worked for 8 years with individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, providing behavioral support services, treatment, and conducted various assessments (functional assessments, diagnostic assessments, risk assessments for violence and sexual offending). During my graduate training, I performed clinical work within maximum-security correctional facilities

and a secure forensic psychiatric hospital, during which I provided treatment and conducted psychological evaluations with adults and juveniles in correctional settings, including diagnostic evaluations, psychological testing, risk assessments, and court-ordered evaluations for adjudicative competence.

In addition to my current position at the University at Buffalo, I also work as a Consulting Psychologist for Community Services for Every1, a not-for-profit agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns. In this role, I provide consultation and complete evaluations related to various psychological issues (diagnosis, assessment, clinical and behavioral programming, rights restrictions).

19. Whether conducted personal examination or testing of (subject matter/ person/instrumentality): Psychological testing, diagnostic evaluations, competency to stand trial evaluations, risk assessments, fitness for duty evaluations

20. Number of these tests or examinations conducted by you and when and where were they conducted:

- Psychological testing
 - 9 – Central New York Psychiatric Center (2017-2019)
 - 15 – Erie County Youth Detention Center (2019-2022)
 - 1 – Buffalo Federal Detention Facility (2020)
- Diagnostic evaluations
 - 14 – Central New York Psychiatric Center (2017-2019)
 - 46 – Erie County Holding Center (2019-2022)
 - 35 – Erie County Youth Detention Center (2019-2022)
 - 1 – Buffalo Federal Detention Facility (2020)
- Competency to stand trial evaluations
 - 18 – Central New York Psychiatric Center (2017-2019)
 - 259 – Erie County Holding Center (2019-2022)
 - 4 – Erie County Youth Detention Center (2019-2022)
- Risk assessments
 - 5 – Central New York Psychiatric Center (2017-2019)
 - 27 – Community Services for Every1 (2014-2021)
- Fitness for duty evaluations
 - 44 – Erie County Medical Center (2019-2022)

21. Teaching or lecturing by you in your field: Yes

22. When and where your lecture or teach:

- University at Buffalo, Department of Psychiatry (May 2019 – Present)
- Medaille College, Department of Graduate Counseling and Clinical Psychology (September 2014 – Present)

23. Publications by you in this field and titles:

- Publications:

- Roy, S., **Ficarro, S.**, Duberstein, P., Chapman, B.P., Dubovsky, S., Paroski, M.,...Benedict, R.H.B. (2016). Executive function and personality predict instrumental activities of daily living in Alzheimer disease. *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*, 24(11), 1074–1083.
- Professional presentations:
 - **Ficarro, S.M.**, Antonius, D., Leo, R.J., Drake, A.S., Mariotti, B. & Leidenfrost, C.M. (March, 2022). *Psychiatric correlates of pain among incarcerated individuals with serious mental illness*. Paper presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado.
 - Leidenfrost, C. M., **Ficarro, S. M.**, Steele, E. & Antonius, D. (March, 2022). *The applicability of the broaden and build model of positive emotions in a jail setting*. Paper presented at the 2022 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado.
 - **Ficarro, S. M.**, Antonius, D., Leidenfrost, C. M., Shanahan, K., & Teplin, D. (March, 2020). *Use of the reactive and instrumental aggression Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) scales to predict the psychological health and well-being of seriously mentally-ill offenders on a treatment unit within a jail setting*. Poster presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
 - Leidenfrost, C. M., Drake, A., Nercessian, M., Viglietta, S., **Ficarro, S. M.**, Schoelerman, R., Pulluru, V., & Antonius, D. (March, 2020). *The role of substance use and psychopathology in recidivism among seriously mentally ill jail inmates*. Poster presented at the 2020 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
 - **Potkova [Ficarro], S.**, Payne, L., & Ficarro, Z. (May 2014). *Community reintegration: Providing supervision and treatment for developmentally disabled offenders in community-based residences*. Workshop presented at the NYS Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (NYSATSA) 19th Annual Conference, Albany, NY.

24. Membership in professional societies/associations/organizations, and special positions in them:

- American Psychology-Law Society, Division 41 of APA (AP-LS)
 - Member (March 2018 – Present)
 - Annual Conference Submission Reviewer (November 2021 – Present)
- American Psychological Association
 - Full Member (September 2017 – Present)
- Psychological Association of Western New York
 - Member (September 2013 – Present)

25. Requirements for membership and advancement within each of these organizations:

Must be a psychologist or graduate student in psychology or a related field

26. Honors, acknowledgments, and awards received by you in your field: 2021 Outstanding Contributions in Forensic Psychiatry, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Department of Psychiatry, University at Buffalo

27. **Any professional discipline or suspensions:** No
28. **Any convictions of anything other than a speeding ticket:** No
29. **How many times have you been retained as an expert:** 6 (criminal court, family court, federal court)
30. **What area of practice have you been retained on:** Competency to stand trial, psychological/psychiatric diagnosis
31. **What % by a Plaintiff:** 0%
32. **What % by the Defense:** 25%
33. **What % by the Prosecution:** 75%
34. **How many times have you been deposed as an expert:** 0
35. **When was the last time you had your deposition taken:** N/A
36. **Number of times testimony has been given in court as an expert witness in this field:** 5 (criminal court, family court)
37. **Availability for consulting to any party, state agencies, law enforcement agencies, defense attorneys:** Yes, flexible
38. **How many times have you testified as an expert in Court or before an arbitrator:** 5
39. **What services do you offer?** I offer the following professional services for both adults and youth:
- Psychological testing (cognitive, neuropsychological, personality, etc.)
 - Diagnostic mental health assessment and treatment recommendations
 - Competency to stand trial evaluations
 - Criminal responsibility evaluations
 - Risk assessments (violence and sexual offending)
 - Fitness for duty evaluations
 - Trial consultation/case preparation related to psychological issues/questions
 - Review of mental health records and critique of other professionals' psychological reports
 - Expert testimony related to psychological issues/questions
40. **What is your hourly rate to consult:** \$150 - \$300/hour (depending on whether clinical evaluation, psychological testing, etc. is required)
41. **What is your hourly rate to provide deposition testimony:** \$325/hour

42. **What is your hourly rate to provide trial testimony:** \$350/hour

43. **Other fees:** Travel fee at the hourly rate, if travel is required for consultation, evaluation, testimony, etc.