

CURRICULUM VITAE

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LICENSURE

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EDUCATION

<u>MEDAILLE COLLEGE, Buffalo, New York</u> Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) – Clinical Psychology	2017
<u>CUNY JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, New York, New York</u> Master of Arts – Forensic Psychology	2009
<u>STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT FREDONIA, Fredonia, New York</u> Bachelor of Arts – Psychology/Legal Studies Summa Cum Laude	2007

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<u>STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO</u> Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences – Department of Psychiatry Buffalo, New York	May 2019 – Present Supervisor: Daniel Antonius, Ph.D.
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Research Assistant Professor, Division of Forensic Psychiatry

Participate in various professional 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.

- Participate in research with the intention to improve intervention and treatment models for mentally ill individuals in the legal system and better understand the psychological, neuropsychological and neurobiological factors that relate to criminal behaviors.
- Provide various trainings, didactics, and lectures to faculty, staff, and students.
- Provide clinical psychotherapy supervision to psychiatry residents.
- Provide supervision and participate in activities related to the Doctoral Psychology Internship.
- Provide psychological consultation services to legal professionals, agencies, and the courts.
- Conduct fitness for duty evaluations for the Erie County Probation Department and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO

June 2021 – Present

Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences – Department of Psychiatry

Buffalo, New York

Supervisor: Daniel Antonius, Ph.D.

Coordinator of Continuing Education for Psychology

Oversee and manage the Psychiatry Department's Continuing Education Program for Licensed Psychologists

- Participate in development of continuing education curriculum and activities.
- Process paperwork related to claims for CE credit.
- Maintain records related to continuing education programming and corresponding claims for CE credit.
- Communicate with the NYS Department of Education related to the state requirements pertaining continuing education for licensed psychologists.
- Coordinate and participate in audits of the continuing education program by the NYS Department of Education.

MEDAILLE COLLEGE

September 2014 – Present

Department of Graduate Counseling and Clinical Psychology

Buffalo, New York

Supervisors: Richard Jacob, Ph.D. & Lynn Horne-Moyer, Ph.D.

Adjunct Professor

Teach graduate-level courses in the Doctor of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) Program and the Masters of Arts in Psychology Program (on-ground and online) and undergraduate-level courses in the Undergraduate Psychology Program. Participate as a committee member for dissertation research projects of students in the Psy.D. program.

Courses taught include:

- Evolutionary Psychology
- Projective Assessment
- Psychology and Substance Abuse
- Psychopathologies
- Social Psychology
- Special Topics in Psychology: Assessment and Evaluation
- Special Topics in Psychology: Careers in Psychology

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

ERIE COUNTY FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

May 2019 – Present

Buffalo, New York

Supervisor: Daniel Antonius, Ph.D.

Clinical Forensic Psychologist

Provide psychological services for 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 (ECHC), Secure Youth Detention Center, and Erie County Medical Center (ECMC).

- Conduct court-ordered forensic psychological evaluations related to adjudicative competency to stand trial (CPL§ 730 Examinations) and mental health evaluations requested by the courts.
- Conduct psychological testing for diagnostic clarification, personality assessment, intelligence and neurocognitive assessments, malingering/feigning assessments, and forensic assessments.
- Conduct suicide risk assessments and violence risk assessments for individuals requiring constant observation.

- Provide individual psychotherapy using various treatment modalities.
- Facilitate group therapy and psychoeducational groups.
- Provide psychological consultation to interdisciplinary treatment team members and security staff.
- Provide various trainings and supervision to mental health staff and student trainees.
- Provide supervision related to the clinical training of undergraduate and graduate level students.
- Participate in multidisciplinary activities including various treatment team meetings and case conferences.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR EVERYONE

March 2020 – Present

Buffalo, New York

Supervisors: Michelle Rechin, LMSW

Consulting Psychologist

Conduct and implement psychological assessments, treatment groups, and individual counseling sessions to a population of developmentally disabled individuals living in residential settings located throughout the Western New York area. Provide clinical supervision, oversight, and consultation to Behavior Intervention Specialists, Social Workers, and student interns in conducting assessments, group and individual counseling sessions, and other clinical activities.

- Conduct clinical assessments and provide counseling (individual and group) on an as needed basis.
- Provide supervision and oversight to Behavior Intervention Specialists and Social Workers in conducting clinical assessments and providing other various clinical services.
- Provide supervision and oversight to Behavior Intervention Specialists in the development of Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Support Plans, and Risk Management Plans.
- Provide clinical guidance in Monthly Clinical Treatment Team Meetings.
- Design and implement training programs in conjunction with the Behavior Intervention Specialist and Social Worker staff.
- Participate as an active interdisciplinary team member in person-centered planning.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CENTRAL NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIC CENTER (CNYPC)

August 2017 – May 2019

Marcy, New York

Supervisor: Nichole Marioni, Ph.D., ABPP

Licensed Psychologist (November 2018 – May 2019)

Associate Psychologist (August 2017 – November 2018)

Provided psychological services within a maximum-security state hospital to an adult forensic inpatient population. Patients presented with a wide variety of psychiatric diagnoses, which included those suffering from acute and chronic emotional disturbances, mood disorders, PTSD, severe psychopathology and psychosis, personality disorders, developmental disabilities, major neurocognitive disorders (TBI, dementia, delirium), concomitant substance use disorders, substance-induced psychopathology, and those found to be at risk for suicidality and/or imminent risk of violence. CNYPC admissions included: Emergency transfers of NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) inmates for psychiatric stabilization or management of extreme behavioral disturbances, commitment of detainees facing criminal charges who have been adjudicated incompetent to stand trial, civilly committed sex offenders, and civilly committed patients who require placement within a maximum-security facility due to risk of dangerousness.

- Conducted psychological testing for diagnostic clarification, personality assessment, intelligence and neurocognitive assessments, malingering/feigning assessments, and forensic assessments.
- Conducted suicide risk assessments and violence risk assessments (NYCRR Part 57).
- Conducted psychological autopsies following inmate-patient suicides in the NYS prison system.
- Conducted court-ordered forensic psychological evaluations related to adjudicative competency to stand trial (CPL§ 730 Examinations, Jackson Relief Evaluations) and not responsible for a criminal offense by reason of mental disease or defect (CPL§ 330.20 Evaluations).

- Developed and assisted in the implementation of Behavior Management Plans (BMPs) for patients who posed a danger to themselves or others via extreme violence or self-injurious behaviors.
- Provided individual psychotherapy using various treatment modalities, as well as case management and discharge planning services to patients.
- Facilitated group therapy and psychoeducational competency restoration groups.
- Provided psychological consultation to CNYPC treatment teams.
- Provided various trainings and supervision within the inpatient setting and throughout NYS via telecommunication.
- Assisted in the development of and provided supervision related to CNYPC's Doctoral Internship in Health Service Psychology.
- Participated in multidisciplinary activities including: Treatment team meetings, weekly hospital clinical review meetings, Admissions Committee, Discharge Committee, and Hospital Forensic Committee, Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee, and Intensive Case Conferences.

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR EVERYONE

July 2012 – August 2017

Buffalo, New York

Supervisors: Michelle Rechin, LMSW & Eric Frank, Psy.D.

Behavior Intervention Specialist

Provided behavioral and psychological services to a population of developmentally disabled individuals living in residential settings located throughout the Western New York area. Provided direct supervision to Behavior Technicians.

- Completed Functional Behavior Assessments of clients exhibiting problem behaviors.
- Developed Behavior Support Plans based upon functional analysis results.
- Assisted in identifying needs for further assessment; researched, identified and administered clinical tools for assessing needs and diagnosis; ensured assessments maintained best practices and professional standards.
- Co-facilitated specialized individual and group therapy to individuals with forensic and sexual offense histories.
- Conducted violence risk assessments using various risk measures (STATIC-99, STABLE 2007, RSVP, HCR-20, VRAG) and capacity assessments under the supervision of the licensed psychologist.
- Provided training to residential management, residential staff, other team members, and involved family members as needed to implement Behavior Support Plans; monitored follow-through; provided additional trainings as assigned.
- Monitored the fidelity of the implementation of behavior programming currently in place through observation, data collection, and analysis.
- Served as a clinical liaison with involved psychiatrists, psychologists, and other mental health professionals.
- Provided clinical mentoring, training, and supervision of Behavior Technicians.
- Participated as an active member of the clinical treatment team for clients receiving behavioral support services.
- Attended Individualized Service Plan meetings and Individualized Treatment Team meetings.
- Presented Behavior Plans to the necessary committees for approval as needed.
- Participated in Developmental Disabilities Alliance of Western New York (DDAWNY) Behavioral Support Committee Activities.

BAKER VICTORY SERVICES

March 2011 – July 2012

Lackawanna, New York

Supervisor: Maria Kane, MA

Behavior Specialist

Provided behavioral support and psychological services to a population of developmentally disabled individuals in residential settings located throughout the Western New York area. Supervised clinical staff and coordinated services of the psychology department within the Developmental Disabilities Division.

- Completed Functional Behavior Assessments of clients exhibiting problem behaviors.
- Developed Behavior Support Plans based upon functional analysis results.

- Completed training of site management and direct care staff on proper implementation of behavior programs and clinical topics.
- Monitored the fidelity of the implementation of behavior programming currently in place through observation, data collection, and analysis.
- Participated as active member of the clinical treatment team for clients receiving behavioral support services.
- Attended client Individualized Service Plan meetings and Individualized Treatment Team meetings.
- Provided on-site individual and group counseling services to clients in residential settings.
- Represented the agency as an active member on the DDAWNY Behavior Support Sub-Committee.
- Participated as a member of the Human Rights Committee to ensure all programming was the least restrictive and clinically appropriate approach.
- Represented the Psychology Department as member of the Vacancy Management/Admissions Committee.

BAKER VICTORY SERVICES

January 2009 – July 2012

Lackawanna, New York

Supervisor: Christopher Nalbach, MHC

Per-Diem Masters-Level Psychologist

Conducted psychological assessments of developmentally disabled individuals in residential settings, located throughout the Western New York area. Evaluated dually diagnosed clients with developmental disabilities, who also presented with co-occurring psychiatric diagnoses.

- Completed the psychological/behavioral component of pre-admission evaluations for potential new admissions.
- Conducted risk assessments of clients presenting with dangerous problem behaviors.
- Performed dementia screens of clients with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities.
- Evaluated clients for the capacity to understand the consequences of their actions and the ability to engage in rational decision-making.
- Conducted sexuality assessments of developmentally disabled clients to determine their capability to consent to sexual activity.
- Provided treatment recommendations to the client's clinical team based on the findings and results from various assessments.
- Worked closely with the treatment team and Behavior Support Department to further psychological and behavioral programming.

DOCTORAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP

CENTRAL NEW YORK PSYCHIATRIC CENTER (CNYPC)

August 2016 – August 2017

Marcy, New York

Internship Director: Nichole Marioni, Ph.D., ABPP

Doctoral Intern

Completed a doctoral internship in health service psychology (2000 hours) at Central New York Psychiatric Center within the inpatient forensic hospital and outpatient mental health units located at Mid-State Correctional Facility and Marcy Correctional Facility Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU). Worked closely with the Psychology Department and mental health staff in the inpatient forensic hospital and outpatient mental health units within state correctional facilities.

Hours: Approximately 40 hours per week.

MAIN INPATIENT ROTATION

CNYPC Inpatient Forensic Hospital

August 2016 – August 2017

Supervisors: Nichole Marioni, Ph.D., ABPP, Laura McCord, Psy.D., Naoko Hashimoto, Ph.D., Alexandra Assalley, Psy.D. & Thomas Umina, Ph.D.

Population Served: Adult forensic inpatient population presenting with a wide variety of psychiatric diagnoses which include those suffering from acute and chronic emotional disturbances, mood disorders, PTSD, severe psychopathology and psychosis, personality disorders, developmental disabilities, major neurocognitive disorders (TBI, dementia, delirium), concomitant substance use disorders, substance-induced psychopathology, and those found to be at risk for suicidality and/or imminent risk of violence. CNYPC admissions include: Emergency transfers of NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) inmates for psychiatric stabilization or management of extreme behavioral disturbances, commitment of detainees facing criminal charges who have been adjudicated incompetent to stand trial, civilly committed sex offenders, and civilly committed patients who require placement within a maximum-security facility due to risk of dangerousness.

Responsibilities:

- Conducted psychological testing for diagnostic clarification, personality assessment (MMPI-2, MMPI-2-RF, PAI, MCMI-III, PPI-R, Rorschach Inkblot Test, HTP, DAPS, PCL-R), intelligence and neurocognitive assessments (WASI-II, WAIS-IV, MoCA, D-KEFS, CPT, Rey CFT), malingering/feigning assessments (SIRS-2, TOMM), and forensic assessments (CAST*MR).
- Conducted suicide risk assessments and violence risk assessments (HCR-20v3).
- Participated in psychological autopsies following inmate-patient suicides in the NYS prison system.
- Conducted shadow forensic psychological court-ordered evaluations related to adjudicative competency to stand trial (CPL§ 730 Examinations, Jackson Relief Evaluations), medical competence, and not responsible for a criminal offense by reason of mental disease or defect (CPL§ 330.20 Evaluations).
- Completed evaluations of mental status and submitted reports for review by the parole board.
- Assisted in the development and implementation of Behavior Management Plans (BMPs) for patients who pose a danger to themselves or others via extreme violence or self-injurious behaviors.
- Provided individual psychotherapy using various treatment modalities, as well as case management and discharge planning services to patients.
- Facilitated group therapy and psychoeducational competency restoration groups.
- Provided psychological consultation to CNYPC treatment teams.
- Participated in multidisciplinary activities including: Treatment team meetings, weekly hospital clinical review meetings, Admissions Committee, Discharge Committee, and Hospital Forensic Committee, Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee, and Intensive Case Conferences.
- Completed research, development, implementation, and data collection for the purposes of tailoring a competency restoration group to the specific needs of cognitively impaired patients.
- Attended and participated in weekly didactic seminars focusing on the following topics: Working in prisons, maintaining professional boundaries, assessment in correctional settings, suicide risk management and intervention, assessing for competence to stand trial, personality assessment, violence risk assessment and the HCR-20v3, Rorschach Inkblot Test, psychopathy, psychological autopsy, and assessing for trauma.
- Attended various grand rounds presented by SUNY Upstate Medical University and supplemental trainings related to mental health and forensics sponsored by CNYPC, OMH, and community agencies.
- Participated in regular weekly individual supervision and group supervision.

CORRECTIONS-BASED OPERATIONS (CBO) ROTATIONS

Mid-State Correctional Facility Satellite Mental Health Unit

February 2017 – August 2017

Supervisors: Alexandra Assalley, Psy.D. & Harold Meyers, LMSW

Population Served: Adult male inmate population incarcerated within a NYS correctional facility. The population served consisted of a diversity of inmates including race, age, and sexual orientation. The Mental Health Unit provides services to inmates with chronic, acute, and situational psychiatric disturbances.

Responsibilities:

- Provided individual psychotherapy using various treatment modalities, as well as case management and discharge planning services to inmates.
- Conducted psychological testing for diagnostic clarification and housing placement (i.e., Special Needs Unit (SNU) housing).

- Completed evaluations of mental status and submitted reports for review by the parole board.
- Shadowed clinical staff on emergency crisis call-outs and Residential Crisis Treatment Program (RCTP) rounds.
- Participated in multidisciplinary activities including: Treatment team meetings and Intensive Case Conferences.
- Participated in regular weekly individual supervision.

Marcy Correctional Facility Residential Mental Health Unit (RMHU) August 2016 – January 2017
Supervisors: Nichole Marioni, Ph.D., ABPP & Lisa Kaelin, LCSW-R

Population Served: Adult inmate-patient population with serious mental illnesses who have received disciplinary sanctions resulting in segregated housing sanctions longer than 30 days. Inmate-patients housed in the RMHU receive a range of services including individual therapy, group programming (four hours per day), and medication management.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitated group treatment focusing on targeting symptom management, anger management, use and purposes of psychiatric medication, relaxation techniques, and coping strategies.
- Provided individual psychotherapy using various treatment modalities, as well as case management and discharge planning services to inmate-patients.
- Conducted psychological testing for diagnostic clarification and housing placement (i.e., Special Needs Unit (SNU) housing).
- Shadowed clinical staff on emergency crisis call-outs and Residential Crisis Treatment Program (RCTP) rounds.
- Participated in multidisciplinary activities including: Joint OMH/DOCCS treatment team meetings and Intensive Case Conferences.
- Participated in regular weekly individual supervision.

CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

UBMD NEUROLOGY/JACOBS NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

July 2015 – June 2016

Buffalo, New York

Supervisor: Ralph H.B. Benedict, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn

Practicum Trainee

Completed a neuropsychological assessment practicum (500 hours) in the Neurology Department within a medical center. Worked closely with the department's neuropsychologist, neuropsychology fellow, and neurology staff in a hospital setting.

- Conducted neuropsychological assessments of patients with cognitive complaints, dementias, Alzheimer's disease, and multiple sclerosis using various measures (MMSE, WAIS-IV, WASI-II, WRAT-4, DKEFS, Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure, CVLT-II, BRIEF, WMS-IV, MMRT, PASAT, COWAT, 9-HPT, JLO, HVLt-R, BVMT-R, SDMT, Boston Naming Test, Beery VMI, CIFA, Clock Drawing Task, TOMM, NAART, Grooved Pegboard Task, Trailmaking Test).
- Completed scoring of neuropsychological testing batteries.
- Completed written integrative assessment reports interpreting neuropsychological data.
- Participated in neurology rounds and consulted with medical treatment teams.
- Participated in consensus diagnosis case conferences for patients seen within the University at Buffalo Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Center.
- Maintained data entry and oversight of research databases containing memory clinic data collected during neurological assessments.

Hours: Approximately 16 hours per week.

ROSWELL PARK CANCER INSTITUTE

Buffalo, New York

September 2014 – June 2015

Supervisor: Jennifer Hydeman, Ph.D.

Practicum Trainee

Completed a therapy practicum (500 hours) in the Psychosocial Oncology Department of a National Comprehensive Cancer Network center. Worked closely with the department's medical psychologists, physicians, and social workers in a medical hospital setting.

- Provided individual outpatient psychotherapy to patients, couples, and families.
- Conducted psychological intake assessments of patients for outpatient services.
- Participated in inpatient medical rounds and consulted with medical treatment teams.
- Conducted inpatient psychological evaluations of adults who were admitted for medical treatment.
- Consulted with the Palliative Care team and assisted with providing mental health services to patients.
- Conducted psychological assessments including cognitive testing (WAIS-IV, MoCA, MMSE), neurological testing (DKEFS, RBANS), personality assessment (PAI), mental health screenings (BDI, BAI, BSI-18, HADS, GDS), and suicide risk assessments with adults in a medical setting.
- Consulted with members of interprofessional team to provide referrals for services to patients.

Hours: Approximately 20 hours per week.

ERIE COUNTY FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Buffalo, New York

September 2013 – May 2014

Supervisor: Daniel Antonius, Ph.D.

Practicum Trainee

Completed a diagnostic practicum (500 hours) at the Erie County Holding Center (ECHC), Secure Youth Detention Center, and Erie County Medical Center (ECMC). Worked closely with the facility's forensic psychologist, psychiatrists, and mental health counseling staff in a correctional setting.

- Conducted psychological assessments of incarcerated adults and youths with psychiatric illnesses in correctional settings.
- Completed psychological testing with inmates including cognitive testing (WAIS-IV), neurological assessment (RBANS, WMS-IV), personality assessment (PAI, PAI-A, PPI-R), projective assessment (Rorschach Inkblot Test, TAT), malingering assessment (SIRS-2), as well as administered other specialized assessment and interview tools (MINI, STAXI-2, STAXI-C/A, Conners 3-SR).
- Assisted with completing mental health intake interviews of inmates and daily rounds for inmates on constant observation.
- Completed diagnostic clinical interviews to assist with diagnosis and treatment recommendations.
- Administered baseline and weekly monitoring assessment for inmates receiving treatment on the Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) within ECHC.
- Co-facilitated psychoeducational group therapy with inmates on the RTU within the ECHC.
- Assisted with completing court ordered competency to stand trial assessments (CPL§ 730.20 Evaluations).
- Observed court proceedings and forensic expert testimony.

Hours: Approximately 16 hours per week.

ADDICTION INSTITUTE OF NY - MOUNT SINAI ROOSEVELT HOSPITAL

New York, New York

May 2008 – January 2009

Supervisor: Robert Gram, LCSW

Graduate Intern

Completed a graduate internship (300 hours) in a voluntary-outpatient addiction treatment facility. Worked closely with the facility's licensed clinical social worker and resident psychologist in a hospital setting.

- Facilitated two 90 minute, twice-weekly group therapy sessions, consisting of 10 to 20 clients each.
- Worked with both voluntary and court mandated clients, as well as clients with dual-diagnoses.
- Oversaw outpatient medical record and chart maintenance.

- Completed weekly outpatient progress notes for each client.
- Prepared weekly urinalysis screenings for each client.
- Completed outpatient pre-admission evaluations and admission reports.
- Developed treatment plans in conjunction with each client.
- Collaborated with supervisor and the resident psychologist to conduct various psychological assessments.

Hours: Approximately 10 hours per week.

BAKER VICTORY SERVICES - BAKER HALL SCHOOL

August 2006 – December 2007

Lackawanna, New York

Supervisor: Faith Morehouse, MSED

Undergraduate Intern

Completed an undergraduate internship (120 hours) in an educational facility for emotionally disturbed youth, ranging from 6 to 21 years of age. Worked closely with the school counselor, psychologist, and social workers in a school setting.

- Worked with a student population classified as emotionally disturbed or conduct disordered.
- Participated in both individual and group counseling sessions with students.
- Conducted achievement and IQ assessments (WRAT-III, WAIS-III) under supervision of the school psychologist.
- Assisted with the development of Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
- Completed regular progress notes for each student.
- Assisted with the discharge planning process of students.
- Participated in meetings of the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and the Behavior Intervention Team.
- Coordinated yearly New York State testing for students.

Hours: Approximately 8 hours per week.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY

February 2020 – Present

Buffalo, New York

Unblinded Programmer

RECOVER: A prospective, multi-center, randomized controlled blinded trial demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of VNS therapy system as adjunctive therapy versus a no stimulation control in subjects with treatment-resistant depression.

ERIE COUNTY FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

2019 – Present

Buffalo, New York

Principal Investigator

Investigation of the predictive validity of Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) reactive and instrumental aggression scales in relation to Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) outcomes in a county jail population.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & COMPLETED PROJECTS

MEDAILLE COLLEGE

Buffalo, New York

June 2015 – July 2017

Advisor: Kathleen Shanahan, Ph.D.

Doctoral Dissertation

Conducted dissertation research focusing on the psychometric assessment of aggression in correctional populations. Worked on a study involving the use of the Reactive and Instrumental Aggression scales of the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) to predict the psychological health and well-being of inmates on a Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) within a jail setting.

- Reviewed existing literature on research topic.
- Completed data entry and coding of data.
- Interpreted and analyzed archival data using SPSS computer software.
- Completed written manuscript of the research study for dissertation defense.

UBMD NEUROLOGY/JACOBS NEUROLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Buffalo, New York

July 2015 – June 2016

Supervisor: Ralph H.B. Benedict, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn

Research Assistant

Worked with the clinical neuropsychologist, neuropsychology fellow, and neurologists to conduct research within the memory disorders clinic of Jacobs Neurological Institute. Worked on current study involving patients diagnosed with dementia followed for regular neuropsychological evaluation.

- Conducted clinical and research neuropsychological testing of patients within the memory clinic.
- Assisted with interview data collection involving patients within the memory clinic.
- Assisted with data entry and coding of data.
- Interpreted and analyzed data using SPSS computer software.
- Maintained oversight of research databases containing memory clinic data.
- Assisted with the write-up of research for publication.

ERIE COUNTY FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Buffalo, New York

December 2013 – June 2014

Supervisor: Daniel Antonius, Ph.D.

Research Assistant

Worked with the forensic psychologist to conduct research at the Erie County Holding Center (ECHC) and Erie County Medical Center (ECMC). Worked on current studies involving: (1) the efficacy of a Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) for inmates within a jail setting and (2) examining the relationship between substance use and aggressive behavior in patients with schizophrenia.

- Conducted research interviews with individuals at both ECHC and an outpatient clinic at ECMC.
- Assisted with assessment data collection involving inmates at ECHC.
- Assisted with data entry and coding of data.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT FREDONIA

Fredonia, New York

April 2006 – June 2007

Supervisor: Andrea Zevenbergen, Ph.D.

Research Assistant

Worked with faculty members to conduct research involving a cross-cultural study on parent-child co-constructed narratives in American and Polish families.

- Assisted with data collection from child subjects.
- Conducted pre-test and post-test interviews of parent subjects.
- Transcribed and coded interview data.
- Interpreted and analyzed data using SPSS computer software.
- Assisted with the write-up of research study for presentation.

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.

CONFERENCE 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.

Zevenbergen, A., Haman, E., Pilat, J., & **Potkova [Ficarro], S.** (July, 2011). *Language specificity in the production of derivations and compounds in Polish and American English-speaking preschool children*. Poster presented at the XII International Congress for the Study of Child Language, Montreal, CA.

DIDACTIC & TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

Ficarro, S. M. & Martin, P.S. (March, 2021). *Forensic Case Presentation*. Didactic presentation for the UB Psychiatry Department Faculty Meeting.

Ficarro, S. M. (November, 2020). *The Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI) and use in forensic settings*. Didactic lecture for the CNYPC Doctoral Psychology Internship Program, Central New York Psychiatric Center, Marcy, NY.

Ficarro, S. M., Martin, P. S., & Sass, D. (March, 2020). *Mental health training series: Suicide risk and prevention*. Staff training for the Erie County Youth Services Center, Buffalo, NY.

Ficarro, S. M., Martin, P. S., & Sass, D. (January, 2020). *Mental health training series: Adolescent development*. Staff training for the Erie County Youth Services Center, Buffalo, NY.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO - DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY 16th Annual Comprehensive Review of Psychiatry Conference	September 2021
AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY-LAW SOCIETY 2020 Annual Conference	March 2020
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO - DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY 15th Annual Comprehensive Review of Psychiatry Conference	September 2019
NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH Diversity, Sensitivity, & Cultural Competence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Matthew Bitten, Advocate Specialist – Bureau of Cultural Competence 	March 2018
NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH Assessing Violence Risk Using the HCR-20v3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Barry Rosenfeld, Ph.D., ABPP 	February 2018
INSTITUTE OF DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH Disaster Mental Health: Response to Mass Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Steven M. Crimando, MA, BCETS, CHS-V 	February 2018
GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC RESEARCH Report Writing for Sexual Offender Evaluators & Treatment Providers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: David Prescott, LICSW 	December 2017
AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 125 th Annual Convention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Address by: Daniel Kahneman, Ph.D. 	August 2017
NYS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS & COMMUNITY SUPERVISION Gang Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Edward Demo, Senior Investigator – Crisis Intervention Unit 	May 2017
NYS OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH DSM-5 Cultural Concepts of Distress & Cultural Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Hextor Pabon, Director – Bureau of Cultural Competence 	March 2017
NYS OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES Best Practices in Evaluation of Competence to Stand Trial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented by: Patricia Zapf, Ph.D. 	December 2016
NYS CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS 19 th Annual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Address by: R. Karl Hanson, Ph.D. 	May 2014
NYS CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEXUAL ABUSERS 18 th Annual Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Address by: Mark Olver, Ph.D. 	May 2013

- COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED August 2012
Analyze This, Change That
- Presented by: Eric Frank, Psy.D.
- WNY SOCIAL WORKERS FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES June 2012
From Service Delivery to Community Building: A New Frontier
- Presented by: Al Condeluci, Ph.D.
- ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION – WNY CHAPTER April 2012
WNY Dementia Care Symposium
- Keynote Address by: Teepa Snow MS, OTR/L, FAOTA
- WNY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES STATE OFFICE November 2011
Dual Diagnosis: Intellectual Disability and Mental Illness
- Presented by: Jack Nocera, Ph.D.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ALLIANCE OF WESTERN NEW YORK March 2010
Renewing Our Passion: Building a Blueprint for Change
- Presented by: Al Condeluci, Ph.D.
- NYS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT – ERIE I BOCES November 2009
Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders: Practical Solutions to Everyday Dilemmas
- Presented by: Tama Crowell, MS CCC/SLP & Cheryl Callahan, MS Ed.

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