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Clinical & Forensic Psychologist

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St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network, Bethlehem, PA
St. Luke's Hospital & Health Network, Warren Hospital, Phillipsburg, NJ

Current Professional Activities: Independent Practice of Clinical & Forensic Psychology
400 Northampton Street, Suite 506, Easton, PA 18042
[2003-Present]

Diagnostically evaluate and provide psychotherapeutic treatment of adult individuals in a private practice setting.

Perform forensic evaluations of criminally charged individuals to determine mental competence, responsibility, and future violence risk to inform dispositional decisions regarding pre-trial release or commitment, sentencing and/or diversion. Also perform lethal weapons evaluations for Pennsylvania State Police.

Forensic Psychologist, Special Program for Offenders in Rehabilitation and Education (SPORE), Lehigh County Office of Adult Probation & Parole
Allentown, PA [2012 -2017]

Review mental health records, clinically interview and psychologically test incarcerated individuals being considered for a community release program combining intensive monitoring and supervision with mandated mental health treatment. Prepare reports with clinical findings and recommendations to the court. Also respond to judicial requests for violence risk assessment in select cases.

Post-Doctoral Program in Forensic Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia, PA [2011-2017]

Regular participant and presenter in an ongoing professional seminar founded by Dr. Robert Sadoff and attended by a distinguished group of practitioners and guests who share their knowledge and experience regarding a variety of current topics relevant to the understanding and practice of forensic psychiatry and psychology.

Education:

Temple University, Ph.D. 1988, Doctoral Program in Counseling Psychology
Passed Comprehensive Examination with Distinction
Dissertation titled, "The Relationship of Psychopathy and Antisocial Personality Disorder
To the Object Relations and Reality Testing of Alcoholic Men," cited in
The Clinical and Forensic Assessment of Psychopathy: Practitioners Guide, Carl B. Gacano, Editor,
published by Lawrence Erlbaum, 2000.

Pre-Doctoral Internship - Reading Hospital & Medical Center, West Reading, PA – [1997-98]
Completed hospital rotations in adolescent, adult, and geriatric inpatient psychiatric units as well as
forensic rotations in juvenile detention center and adult prison while maintaining an outpatient
psychotherapy caseload in a community mental health setting.

University of Pennsylvania – M.S.Ed.1991
Masters Degree in Psychological Services, Graduate School of Education

The American University, B.A.1976
Communications [Broadcast Journalism], School of Arts and Sciences

Work History:

Forensic Psychologist, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)
New Jersey Department of Corrections, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, Clinton, NJ
[2004- 2007]

Provided psychological assessment and treatment to mentally ill inmates at a women's state prison. Monitored mental status and performed risk assessments in maximum-security hospital and high-risk segregated detention environments. Evaluated inmates being considered for commitment to state forensic hospital or community release. Served as clinical supervisor to several post-doctoral psychologists.

Clinical Teaching and Supervision, Department of Behavioral Health, Warren Hospital
(currently St. Luke's-Warren), Phillipsburg, NJ [2007-2010]

Taught and supervised masters-level therapists engaged in individual and group treatment of adult and geriatric populations in a hospital inpatient/outpatient environment. Employed didactic as well as case presentation and discussion methods to help clinicians deal effectively with therapeutic challenges, improve treatment outcomes and enhance professional growth and satisfaction. Organized and hosted quarterly journal club attended by psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and nurses.

Consultative Examiner, PA Department of Labor and Industry [2005-2008]

Psychologically examined mental disability claimants for Social Security benefits.

Consulting Psychologist, Sleep Disorders Program, St. Luke's Hospital and Health Network
Bethlehem, PA [2006-2009]

Psychological consultant to interdisciplinary team of physicians engaged in the diagnosis and treatment of insomnia.

Psychologist, Kids Peace National Centers, Orefield, PA [1998 -2004]

Performed psychological evaluations of psychiatrically ill/delinquent residential clients, including juvenile sexual offenders, for the purpose of treatment planning and disposition. Many of these evaluations were of a forensic nature such as determining level of risk for violence.

Member, Institutional Review Board (IRB), Kids Peace National Centers [2003-2004]

Assessment Supervisor & Member, Doctoral Dissertation Committee
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine Program in Doctoral Psychology [2002-2004]

Adjunct Faculty, Moravian College, Department of Psychology
Bethlehem, PA [September 2002 to May 2003]

Academically advised students and taught an intermediate-level Lifespan Development class to undergraduates at a private liberal arts college.

Primary Diagnostician, Clinical Neuroscience Research Unit, Eastern PA Psychiatric Institute (EPPI)

Department of Psychiatry, Medical College of Pennsylvania (now Drexel University)
Philadelphia, PA [1993-1994]

Diagnostically evaluated participants in studies investigating the neurobiology underlying aggression in individuals with mood and personality disorders. Research instruments included the Structured Interview for DSM III-R Personality (SID-P) and the Schedule for Affective Disorders (SADS).

Also performed evaluations of patients presenting for clinical trials of new medications for depression and anxiety.

Senior Diagnostician, Center for Studies of Addiction, Departments of Psychiatry,
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Medicine/Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Philadelphia, PA [1995-1997 and 1990-1993]

Assessed the presence of major mental disorders and personality syndromes including psychopathy among veterans in treatment for alcohol and drug dependence and others participating in a variety of inpatient and outpatient treatment outcome studies. Developed extensive experience with structured clinical interviews including the Structured Clinical Interviews for Diagnosis of DSM Axis I and Axis II disorders (SCID), the Structured Interview for DSM-IV Personality (SID-P), the Personality Disorder Examination (PDE), and Hare's Psychopathy Checklist-Revised (PCL-R).

Clinical Coordinator, Bipolar Affective Disorders Unit, University of Pennsylvania
Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia, PA [1989-1990]

Recruited patients for research protocols, assessed symptom severity using the Hamilton Depression/Mania Rating Scale (HDMRS), scheduled diagnostic procedures and managed clinical data.

Memberships:

American Psychological Association
American Psychology-Law Society
Society for Personality Assessment
Lehigh Valley Counseling and Psychological Association

Presentations:

Improving Forensic Reports
Psychopathy: The Value of a Diagnosis to Predict and Warn,
Clinical Assessment of Psychopathic Personality
Current Controversies in the Diagnosis of Psychopathy
Newer Concepts in Risk Assessment
Separating Tough Kids from Psychopaths: Making Diagnostic Distinctions
Among Adolescents with Conduct Disorder
Insomnia: The Interface with Mood, Anxiety and Other Psychiatric Disorders