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EDUCATION

Doctor of Psychology Forensic Psychology

Alliant International University
California School of Forensic Studies
Los Angeles, California
July 2009

Master of Arts Forensic Psychology

Alliant International University
California School of Forensic Studies
Los Angeles, California
October 2007

Bachelor of Arts International Affairs

University of Colorado at Boulder
College of Arts and Sciences
Boulder, Colorado
May 2003

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

AK Psychological Services, Inc. Owner and CEO

November 2020 – present

Evaluations: As appointed/retained by judges, deputy public defenders, private attorneys, and deputy district attorneys in various county and state jurisdictions, conduct evaluations of adults on matters relating to competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, sentence mitigation, and other legal issues (e.g., mental health diversion, violence risk, sexual violence risk, *Franklin*) and provide expert witness testimony as needed. Consultation: Review the reports of other expert witnesses and help inform cross-examination of these experts. Training: Create and present trainings to attorneys and mental health professionals on topics including forensic assessment, forensic report writing, and expert witness testimony. Provide individual training to mental health professionals seeking to transition from clinical to forensic work or improve their forensic evaluation and report writing.

California Department of State Hospitals, Forensic Services Division, OMD Program Contract Forensic Evaluator

August 2020 – present

Conduct psychological evaluations of individuals referred to the California Department of State Hospitals Forensic Services Division to determine whether they qualify as an Offender with a Mental Disorder (OMD), pursuant to California Penal Code Section 2962, prepare reports for the Board of Parole Hearings, provide expert witness testimony as needed, and attend mandatory OMD Program trainings.

San Diego State University, World Campus Lecturer

October 1, 2019 – present

Develop and teach courses in an online classroom serving students with a variety of educational backgrounds, experiences, and career paths. For an 8-week course, determine course content, create syllabus, create lecture videos and other resources for students, direct students to outside resources as indicated, devise and grade assignments and tests, create course webpage in concert with an instructional design team, and address students' questions and concerns in a timely and collaborative manner.

Course titles: *Forensic Assessment; Forensic Report Writing; Expert Witness Testimony*

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PRIOR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Private Practice

Forensic Psychologist

May 2017 – November 2020

Evaluations: As appointed/retained by judges, deputy public defenders, private attorneys, and deputy district attorneys in various counties, conducted evaluations of adults on matters relating to competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, sentence mitigation, and other legal issues (e.g., mental health diversion, violence risk, sexual violence risk, *Franklin*) and provided expert witness testimony as needed.

Consultation: Reviewed the reports of other expert witnesses and helped inform cross-examination of these experts. Assisted clinically oriented mental health professionals in making the transition to forensic work, guiding them on ethical and legal issues, forensic interviewing, report writing, and expert witness testimony.

Training: Created and presented trainings to attorneys and mental health professionals on topics including forensic assessment, forensic report writing, and expert witness testimony.

California Department of State Hospitals, Forensic Services Division, Conditional Release Program

Contract Forensic Evaluator

January 2018 – August 2020

Conducted psychological testing and evaluation of mentally ill offenders in various Conditional Release Programs (CONREPs) throughout the state, addressing issues such as suitability for restoration to sanity, violence risk, sexual violence risk, and treatment and supervision barriers.

Gateways Los Angeles County and Gateways San Diego County Conditional Release Programs (CONREP)

Contract Forensic Evaluator

August 2015 – July 2020

Conducted forensic evaluations of psychiatrically hospitalized individuals who had been found Guilty but Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or certified as Mentally Disordered Offenders or Mentally Disordered Sex Offenders by Los Angeles and San Diego counties. Utilizing a structured professional judgment approach, assessed their readiness for placement in the State of California's Conditional Release Program, identified risk factors for violent and/or sexual recidivism, formulated treatment and supervision recommendations, and provided expert witness testimony when needed.

Forensic Mental Health Association of California

Director of Education

July 2016 – June 2020

Supervised all training programs of the Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC). Determined training needs of the membership; solicited presenters; created/amended training content as needed; reviewed training materials, including marketing materials, to ensure compliance with requirements of relevant governing boards and associations; attended all FMHAC Board meetings; selected and oversaw student scholars at annual FMHAC conference; provided assistance wherever needed at the annual FMHAC conference; and prepared a report for the annual membership business meeting.

Shaffer Psychological Institute

Psychologist

November 2018 – June 2019

Conducted pre-employment screening evaluations of peace officer candidates for Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), incorporating findings from MMPI-2-RF, California Psychological Inventory (CPI), background history provided by LASD, and clinical interview.

MHM Services, Inc. Conditional Release Programs (CONREP)

Forensic Evaluator

November 2017 – July 2018

Conducted forensic evaluations of psychiatrically hospitalized individuals found Guilty but Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or certified as Mentally Disordered Offenders or Mentally Disordered Sex Offenders by Ventura, Sonoma, Solano, San Luis Obispo, San Bernardino, Riverside, Contra Costa, and various other

California counties. Utilizing a structured professional judgment approach, assessed their readiness for placement in the State of California's Conditional Release Program, identified risk factors for violent and/or sexual recidivism, and formulated treatment and supervision recommendations.

Minnesota Sex Offender Program

Contract Forensic Evaluator

June 2016 – February 2017

Conducted forensic evaluations of individuals who had been civilly committed as Sexually Dangerous and/or Sexual Psychopathic Personalities utilizing extensive record review, clinical interview, collateral interviews, and results from Static-99R, Stable-2007, PCL-R, Acute-2007, and/or RSVP to determine suitability for transfer to a less restrictive setting; provided expert witness testimony during Special Review Board hearings.

Liberty Healthcare Jail Based Competency Treatment Program

Forensic Psychologist

September 2015 – November 2017

Conducted initial comprehensive evaluations of inmates who had been recently found Incompetent to Stand Trial; determined symptoms and behaviors that contributed to their trial incompetence; provided leadership in reviewing and integrating assessment information from a multidisciplinary team to guide treatment plans aimed at speedy restoration of competence; performed subsequent periodic evaluations of competence to stand trial using appropriately selected forensic assessment instruments; used psychological testing to assess for malingering and clarify cognitive deficits when indicated; prepared written reports for the treatment team and courts regarding inmates' progress toward or attainment of trial competence, based on the California legal statute and the Dusky Standard; provided court testimony as needed; contributed and took a leadership role in staff meetings, case conferences, and training activities; and performed suicide risk assessments.

Gateways Los Angeles County and Gateways San Diego County Conditional Release Programs (CONREP)

Director of Evaluations

March 2014 – August 2015

Conducted and oversaw the forensic evaluations of nearly 900 psychiatrically hospitalized individuals who had been found Guilty, but Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI) or certified as Mentally Disordered Offenders or Mentally Disordered Sex Offenders by Los Angeles and San Diego counties; conducted and oversaw the evaluations of individuals recently found NGI or incompetent to stand trial to determine appropriate placement for sanity or competency restoration; supervised the work of 2 full-time Forensic Evaluators, 8-10 contract evaluators, an Administrative Assistant, and an Administrative Secretary; guided evaluators regarding the content and clarity of their reports; guided decisions regarding patients' readiness for placement in the State of California's Conditional Release Program utilizing a structured professional judgment approach, identifying risk factors for violent and/or sexual recidivism; formulated treatment and supervision recommendations; provided expert witness testimony; provided clinical consultation to CONREP staff and state hospital staff; provided psycho-legal consultation to legal professionals; planned and implemented training for staff and contractors; and, in the absence of the Senior Clinical Director, guided decisions regarding rehospitalizations.

Gateways Los Angeles County Conditional Release Program (CONREP)

Evaluation Manager

July 2010 – March 2014

Conducted and oversaw the forensic evaluations of over 600 psychiatrically hospitalized individuals who had been found Guilty, but Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGI) or certified as Mentally Disordered Offenders or Mentally Disordered Sex Offenders by Los Angeles County; conducted and oversaw the evaluations of individuals recently found NGI or incompetent to stand trial to determine appropriate placement for sanity or competency restoration; supervised the work of 1 full-time Forensic Evaluator, 8-10 contract evaluators, and an Administrative Assistant; guided evaluators regarding the content and clarity of their reports; guided decisions regarding patients' readiness for placement in the State of California's Conditional Release Program utilizing a structured professional judgment approach, identifying risk factors for violent and/or sexual recidivism; formulated treatment and supervision recommendations; provided expert witness testimony; provided clinical consultation to CONREP staff and state hospital staff; provided psycho-legal consultation to legal professionals;

planned and implemented training for staff and contractors; and, in the absence of the Clinical Director, guided decisions regarding rehospitalizations.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Forensic Mental Health 101 (Co-presenter): October 2018, October 2019, December 2020

Introduction to Franklin Hearings for Attorneys and Evaluators (Co-presenter): January 2020

The Contribution of Psychiatric Nurses to Multidisciplinary Treatment Teams: February 2017

The Court's Perspective on Expert Witness Testimony (Co-presenter): October 2016

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Gateways Los Angeles County Conditional Release Program (CONREP)

Forensic Clinician

Postdoctoral Training

August 2009 – July 2010

Provided therapeutic services on an outpatient basis to individuals in the State of California's Conditional Release Program. Caseload was comprised of adults released from state hospitals following a Guilty, but Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or Mentally Disordered Sex Offender commitment. Duties included providing individual and group therapy, developing treatment and supervision plans with a multidisciplinary treatment team, continuous monitoring and assessment of clients' risk for dangerousness, identifying potential need for emergency rehospitalizations, providing quarterly reports to the court on clients' appropriateness for continued outpatient treatment, providing opinion reports to the court regarding clients' petitions for restoration of sanity, and attending weekly individual and group supervision.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Division of Juvenile Justice

Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic

Psychology Intern

July 2008 – July 2009

Provided individual and group therapy to incarcerated males, ages 15-21, serving long sentences for various violent and non-violent offenses; conducted crisis interventions; conducted diagnostic interviews; conducted assessments for services utilizing a semi-structured interview and collateral information; conducted psychological assessments utilizing various tests of cognitive ability, achievement, memory, personality, and risk assessment; developed treatment plans with a multidisciplinary treatment team; and attended frequent didactic trainings and weekly individual and group supervision.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Division of Adult Parole Operations, Region IV

Parole Outpatient Clinic

Practicum Student

September 2007 – July 2008

Provided individual and group therapy to adult parolees convicted of sexual offenses; conducted initial assessments for services utilizing a semi-structured interview; conducted psychological assessments of parolees utilizing various tests of cognitive ability, achievement, memory, personality, and risk assessment; attended biweekly didactic trainings and weekly group supervision.

Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.
Adult Inpatient Services and Youth Services
Practicum Student

August 2006 – August 2007

Adult Inpatient Services: Administered the Addiction Severity Index to adult patients on the detox unit and assigned differential diagnoses, devised treatment plans, and wrote reports on the findings; provided crisis intervention to adults undergoing detoxification; provided short-term therapy to adult patients on the detox unit; attended weekly didactic trainings and individual and group supervision.

Youth Services: Provided individual, group, and family psychotherapy to youth, ages 13-18; completed initial assessments and client coordinated care plans for newly admitted youth; attended weekly case conferences and individual supervision.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association

APA, Division 41: American Psychology-Law Society

Forensic Mental Health Association of California