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Curriculum Vitae – October 2023

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LICENSE

Florida Licensed Psychologist- PY9748

- Originally Awarded: November 18, 2016
- Current License Expires: May 31, 2026

EDUCATION

Psychology Doctorate (Psy. D.), Clinical Psychology

Nova Southeastern University

Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Degree Conferred August 2014
- Forensic Concentration

Master's of Science Degree, Clinical Psychology, October 2011

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Nova Southeastern University

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Psychology, 2007

Fort Wayne, IN

Purdue University

- Minor: Criminal Justice
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Focused research coursework on therapy in the prison setting

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Private Practice

October 1, 2017- Current

Tallahassee, FL

Owner/Operator of Private Practice

- Provide individual and couples therapy to teens and adults with a wide range of psychological concerns
- Conduct Fitness for Duty Evaluations for a Florida County School Guardian Program (firearms assessments)
- Conduct Fitness for Duty Evaluations for a Florida Department of Correction Employees
- Administer Psychological Assessments and Prepare Psychological Reports
- Conduct Compensation and Pension Evaluations for Veterans via contracts with VES and QTC
- Conduct Forensic Examinations for Competency in Leon County
- Conducted Placement Assessments for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Provide clinical supervision to mental health counseling interns and post-doctoral residents

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Florida State Hospital December 2016- November 2018 Chattahoochee, FL
Senior Psychologist

- Conduct forensic psychological evaluations concerning Competence to Proceed and Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity issues within Florida's criminal laws and rules
- Complete competency reports to the court
- Evaluate residents for risk of harm to self and others and assign relevant level of supervision
- Clinical Supervision Provided for Post-Doctoral and Practicum Students
- Work collaboratively with interdisciplinary recovery team members including psychiatrist, social workers, dorm/unit staff, nursing, and team leaders to ensure the proper and treatment of each resident
- Provide crisis intervention

Mental Health Center of Florida November 2015-November 2016 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Post-Doctoral Resident

Supervisor: Ann Monis, PhD

- Conduct psychological evaluations of clients referred by the Department of Children and Families and Primary Care Physicians
- Provide individual therapy to older individuals residing in Assisted Living Facilities

Lisa Saponaro, PhD INC January 2015- November 2015 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Post-Doctoral Resident

Supervisor: Lisa Saponaro, PhD

- Conduct psychological evaluations of clients referred by community mental health agencies, court ordered youth, and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Types of evaluations include: intellectual, learning disability, vocational, treatment recommendation, forensic placement
- Provide individual therapy services to adults and children
- Provide couples therapy

Gerena & Associates February 2015- November 2015 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Therapist

Supervisor: Juliana Gerena, Psy.D.

- Provide individual therapy services to adults and children
- Conduct court-ordered evaluations for youth involved with the Juvenile Justice system
- Conduct individual and family therapy with individuals as part of the G.A.T.E and S.A.F.E programs
- Complete documentation and management of case notes
- Co-facilitated adult and juvenile group therapy

Parent Information Resource Center January 2015- July 2015 Fort Lauderdale, FL

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Senior Counselor- Post-Doctoral Resident

Supervisor: Cynthia Somers, Ph.D.

- Provide individual therapy to adults and children
- Conduct intakes, suicide risk assessment
- Completed documentation including CFARS, intakes, treatment plans, and discharges

Harris County Community Supervision September 2014- Dec 2014 Houston, TX

Clinical Assessment Specialist- Post-Doctoral

Supervisor: Siji John, Ph.D.

- Conduct Psychological interviews in the community and in correctional settings in order to obtain full psychological histories
- Assess risk of recidivism using the Texas Risk Assessment System
- Write comprehensive reports with recommendations for the courts and probation officers

Federal Correctional Complex August 2013- August 2014 Terre Haute, IN

Clinical Psychology Internship

Supervisor: Jacqueline Cranmer, Psy.D.

- Settings include three security levels (low, medium, and high)
- Conducted brief counseling, individual therapy, and group therapy
- Provided crisis intervention support to individuals engaging in self-harm, having thoughts of suicide, homicidal ideation, bouts of anger or conduct issues
- Assessed individuals for learning disability, malingering, suicide risk, ADX referrals, SHU placement
- Consulted with medical and psychiatry departments for medication referrals

Psychological Trainee February 2010-August 2013 Fort Lauderdale, FL

Psychometrician and Therapist

Supervisor: Lisa Saponaro, Psy.D.

- Conducted psychological evaluation of clients referred by community mental health agencies, court ordered youth, and the State of Florida
- Prepared over 125 psychological reports with children and adults (ages 5 to 70)
- Types of evaluations include: intellectual, learning disability, vocational, treatment recommendation, forensic placement
- Provided individual therapy services to adults and children

Federal Correctional Institution August 2011- May 2012 Miami, FL

Psychology Trainee/Practicum Student

Supervisors: Selma De Jesus, Psy.D. and Sherri Skibinski, Psy.D.

- Provided individual therapy services to an adult male population
- Conducted psychological assessments for malingering, diagnosis, personality, and learning disabilities
- Facilitated psycho-educational groups regarding substance use and process group therapy regarding criminal thinking
- Conducted intakes with new inmates

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- Assessed individuals for suicidal ideation
- Performed mental status exams and medication compliance evaluations

Youth Affairs Practicum August 2010-August 2011 West Palm Beach, FL

Psychology Trainee

Supervisor: Shayna Ginsburg, Psy.D

- Conducted family and individual therapy with clients who were voluntary and court ordered by Family Violence Intervention Project (FVIP) and Youth Court
- Conducted psychological evaluations for the Juvenile Firesetters Intervention Program (JVIP)
- Facilitated Parenting Skills group

Forensic Practicum August 2009-August 2010 Fort Lauderdale, FL

Psychology Trainee

Supervisors: David Shapiro, Ph.D., Lenore Walker, Ed.D., Ross Seligson, Ph.D.

- Conducted psychological evaluations for a residential substance abuse treatment center, Legal Aid, and the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program
- Facilitated Survivor Therapy Empowerment Program (STEP) group therapy with incarcerated women in a county correctional setting
- Lead Co-Author of the Juvenile Aggression Reduction Training (JART): a psycho-educational group therapy program for troubled youth
- Conducted psycho-education group therapy (JART and Girl Talk) with incarcerated male and female juveniles in the Juvenile Detention Center
- Attended court to observe the courtroom process and evaluate the mental status of defendants

Mental Health Resource Center August 2007-2008 Jacksonville, FL

Case Worker- Child Protection

- Handled case load of 15 children and families involved with the Department of Children and Families (DCF)
- Prepared for and appeared in court in order to update the court on the child's welfare and the parents progress on case plan tasks
- Conducted home visits to ensure child safety
- Handled various tasks associated with children in care and management of case plan task for parents including, attending treatment team meetings, adoption staffing, travel for medical appointments, consulting with teachers, and developing a meaningful relationship with the children on my caseload

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2010-2014 Power and Control Inventory

- Project leader working towards the development of the Power and Control Inventory (PCI) used to identify men who are likely to batter their partners
- Created items based on Battered Women Syndrome research
- Conducted item creation, created scoring system, sought populations for administration

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- Awarded Presidential Research Grant, May 2012
- Supervisor: David Shapiro, Ph.D., ABPP

2009- 2011 Code of the Street Research

- Goal was to assess Elijah Anderson's Code of the Street (1999) to determine psychological implications and uses in psychological treatment
- Supervisor: David Shapiro Ph.D., ABPP

2009- 2010 Death Penalty Research

- Evaluation of capital cases to determine a relationship between expert testimony and sentence outcome
- Reviewed death penalty cases
- Coded case information
- Supervisor: David Shapiro Ph. D., ABPP

2009-2010 Battered Women Syndrome

- Conducted structured interviews and assessments with female victims of domestic violence in a county jail in order to collect data to validate Battered Women Syndrome
- Supervisor: Lenore Walker Ed. D., ABPP

CONFERENCE/ PRESENTATIONS

Ivy, C., & Powers, R. (2012, May). *Working with At-risk Minority Youth: Are We Listening?* Linking Forces XVII, Miami, FL.

- Presented general attitudes, behaviors, and motivations of juvenile offenders
- Discussed effectiveness of traditional and non-traditional intervention methods
- Suggested techniques that will assist in engaging and building trust in this population

Regis House Inc.

June 14, 2012

Miami, FL

Group Guest Speaker

- Conducted psycho-educational group therapy session with seven at-risk teens

TRAININGS

Forensic Evaluation and Juvenile Justice Training August 10th-11th, 2015

Florida Adult Forensic Examiners Training August 12-15th, 2015; February 14-16th, 2018

References

Juliana Gerena, Psy. D.

G.A.T.E & S.A.F.E Programs, Coral Springs, FL
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