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#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

Sam Houston State University (APA Accredited Doctoral Program) August 2003 -December 2006

Dissertation: Examining PAI Profiles among Forensic and Civil

Psychiatric Patients

M.A. Clinical Psychology

Sam Houston State University September 1999- August 2003

Thesis: Internet Misuse by Pedophiles: Implications for Risk

Assessment, Treatment and Monitoring

B.A. Psychology

**Arizona State University** August 1995 - May 1997

Graduate Certificate Behavior Analyst

Florida Institute Of Technology January 2022 - December 2023

#### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

# Galusha Forensic & Clinical Psychological Services, PLLC Forensic Clinical Psychologist

Chester, Virginia & League City, Texas (December 2013 – present)

As an expert in clinical and forensic psychology, provide consultation and conduct clinical and forensic psychological evaluations including court-ordered and privately retained criminal and civil forensic evaluations. Testify regarding my professional opinion and recommendations. Contract psychologist with Bay Forensic Psychology in Norfolk, Virginia; NeuroForensics Integrated, PLLC (previously McGarrahan & Associates) in Dallas, Texas; and Catalyst Life Services in Mansfield, Ohio.

## Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health – Texas Clinical Director – Psychologist

League City, Texas (September 2021 – December 2022)

As a member of executive leadership, supervised clinicians and BCBAs at a residential treatment center for children, adolescents and young adults with a range of presenting issues

including severe emotional/behavioral disturbance, serious mental illness, autism spectrum disorder and ID/DD. Adapted and implemented a residential intensive autism/IDD program which started with 10 beds in January 2022, and expanded to 20 beds by December 2022. This included training staff in ABA principles, data collection and interventions, conducting Functional Behavioral Analysis and developing Positive Behavior Support Plans. Assigned to several corporate affinity groups including the groups for Commercially and Sexually Exploited Children, Autism/IDD, and Family Engagement. Other duties included crisis intervention and policy review/revision, as well as quality management audits and initiatives.

## Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services

#### **Director of Clinical Services**

Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, VA (November 2018 – August 2021)

As a member of the executive leadership team, supervised and oversaw the clinical services departments (Psychology, Social Work, Admissions, Rehab Services, Peer Support Specialists and Treatment Team Coordinators) at a state psychiatric facility in Virginia serving adult and geriatric patients. Co-chaired the Multidisciplinary Review Team with the Medical Director. Chaired the Hospital Clinical Leadership Committee and the Recovery Committee. Served as member of the Incident Command, covering hospital emergency preparedness including pandemic response. Involved in the development and oversight of clinical programming, and hospital-wide policies and procedures. Approved and coordinated all unit transfers. Liaised with community partners to ensure coordination of patient care. Reviewed documentation for compliance with joint commission and CMS standards. Served as a voting member on the Institutional Forensic Privileging Committee for ESH and Chair of the Agency Research and Human Subjects Committee.

## Forensic Evaluator - Part-time

Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Danville, Virginia (January 2016 – August 2021) Conducted court-ordered evaluations and testified as requested.

## **Director of Psychology and Forensic Services**

Central State Hospital, Petersburg, VA (November 2016 – November 2018)

Supervised the Psychology and Forensic Services Departments at a state psychiatric facility. Developed and implemented evidenced based treatment programs for both forensic and civil inpatient populations. Designed and oversaw the implementation of the DBT program for patients with personality disorders and the Health Advocacy Team for patients with co-occurring serious/chronic medical issues. Designed and implemented a Doctoral Internship Program that was approved for APPIC membership. Acted as Clinical training director and supervisor for the Doctoral internship program. Provided psychotherapeutic and assessment services as needed to psychiatric inpatients. Participated in clinical leadership committee to determine best practice for clinical staff and patients at the hospital. Provided expert witness testimony in Courts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Graduate of the Virginia SystemLEAD leadership program.

#### **Coordinator, Forensic Evaluation Team**

Central State Hospital, Petersburg, VA (December 2012- November 2016)

Conducted Competency to Stand Trial, Sanity Evaluations and Pre-Sentencing Sexual Offender Evaluations with inpatient defendants at a Maximum Security State Psychiatric Hospital. Testified regarding professional opinion and recommendations. Supervised

psychologists, social workers, postdoctoral residents and research assistants assigned to the Forensic Evaluation Team and reviewed all forensic reports to be submitted to the Courts. Communicated with the courts and attorneys as a point of contact for the forensic evaluation team and as a representative for the hospital/DBHDS. Coordinated the postdoctoral resident program. Assisted Forensic Services Department as needed to facilitate admissions and discharges. Qualified as an expert witness in Circuit, District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## MHM Services, Inc.

## **Chief Psychologist**

Correctional Mental Health Center – Jessup, Maryland (July 2009-June 2010)

Oversaw and managed the provision of mental health services at a 150-bed male and 12-bed female inpatient Correctional Mental Health Centers (CMHC). Responsible for the direct supervision of 11 clinical staff and two administrative staff. Services supervised and provided included crisis intervention/management, behavior management plans, suicide risk assessment, psychological assessment, individual and group therapy. Approved all admissions to and discharges from the CMHC. Assisted with preparation of RFP for contract rebid.

## **Psychologist, Assessment Supervisor**

Wyoming State Penitentiary – Rawlins, Wyoming (March 2008 – June 2009)

Implemented the new sexual offender treatment program at the Wyoming State Penitentiary, a maximum-security facility for adult male offenders. Conducted sexual offender intake assessments, risk assessments and psychosexual evaluations. Provided psycho-educational and psychotherapy groups. Provide clinical and assessment supervision to Masters and Doctoral level (LCSW, LPC, Psy. D.) clinicians. Educated and Informed the Parole Board, as well as correctional and FHS employees on topics relevant to sexual offender treatment. Made recommendations to and participated in Multidisciplinary team meetings regarding classification, placement, risk level and treatment needs of inmates.

## Wyoming State Hospital - Evanston, Wyoming

## Psychological Resident (November 2006 – March 2008)

Conducted competence to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, and risk assessment (to assess for likelihood of both violent and sexual recidivism) evaluations. Provided individual therapy to forensic inpatients (NGMI clients and clients with legal obligations). Testified as an expert witness regarding evaluatee's competence to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, and dangerousness/ risk for re-offense. Provided training on mental health topics to new employees, CNAs, and psychology interns.

## **Predoctoral Psychology Intern (**September 2005 – August 2006)

APA & APPIC Accredited Internship Program

**Primary Rotation: Criminal Justice Services.** Conducted competence to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, and risk assessment evaluations. Provided individual and group therapy to forensic inpatients (NGMI clients and clients with legal obligations). Testified regarding competence to stand trial and mental status at the time of the offense.

**Secondary Rotation: Outpatient Services.** Conducted general psychological evaluations, as well as evaluations for social security benefits and department of vocational rehabilitation. Provided individual and group therapy to outpatient clients. Taught a class on Schizophrenia and conducted the Voices Workshop to visiting nursing students.

**Outplacement: Frontier Psychological Associates.** Provided psychological assessments, and individual, couples and family therapy to clients at a small private practice.

## **Graduate Practicum Placements**

Federal Prison Camp - Bryan Texas (September 2004- May 2005)

Conducted psychological evaluations, individual and group therapy, and neuro-feedback with incarcerated female offenders in a minimum-security setting.

ADAPT Counseling - Houston, TX (August 2003 – August 2004)

Conducted intake evaluations and psychological assessments with outpatient children/adolescents and their families. Conducted sexual offender risk assessments and forensic assessments with adults and adolescents. Facilitated psychotherapy and psychoeducational outpatient groups with adolescent perpetrators of sexual offenses. Provided individual therapy to children/adolescents who were either perpetrators or victims of sexual abuse. Provided family counseling to help families cope with the effects of sexual abuse and to facilitate family reunifications when appropriate. Worked closely with Child Protective Services and Juvenile Probation to facilitate the provision of services and to assist with placement planning and family reunification efforts. Conducted screenings/intake evaluations for sexually assaultive juveniles incarcerated at Burnett-Bayland Reception Center, juvenile detention center, to make treatment and placement recommendations and to determine eligibility for the on-site sexual offender unit. Led psycho-educational groups for adolescents on the sexual offender unit and for those awaiting transfer to the sexual offender unit.

Psychological Services Center, Sam Houston State University (January 2003 – August 2003) As the Clinic Coordinator, performed telephone intakes, conducted chart reviews, and acted as a liaison to community organizations. Provided individual therapy to adults and children. Facilitated psycho-educational groups for parents and children who have assaulted a parent, through Montgomery County youth services. Conducted forensic (including competency, sanity, risk assessment evaluations for the courts, as well as adult and juvenile probation) and general psychological evaluations.

Sex Offender Treatment Program, Hightower Unit, TDCJ (January 2002– December 2002) Led psychotherapy and psycho-educational groups with incarcerated adult male sex offenders. As a member of the treatment team, made decisions regarding the maintenance and evolution of the therapeutic community. Performed intake interviews, mental status exams and psychological evaluations. Conducted sex offender risk assessments. Attended a weeklong correctional employee in-service training and received monthly training on mental health issues.

Psychology Department, Eastham Unit, TDCJ (January 2001 – May 2001)
Provided individual therapy and co-led anger management groups with incarcerated adult male offenders.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## **Adjunct Professor**

Virginia Commonwealth University, Psychology Department

Richmond, VA (January 2018 - May 2022)

Taught graduate level courses in Personality Assessment and Psychopathology to doctoral students in the Counseling and Clinical Psychology doctoral programs.

## **Adjunct Professor**

Alabama A & M University, Psychology and Counseling Department Huntsville, AL (January 2011 – December 2012)

Taught two to three graduate level courses per semester. Course taught included Personality Assessment (3 semesters), Individual Testing (3 semesters), Professional Ethics (1 semester) and Psychopharmacology (1 semester).

## **Teaching Fellow**

College of Education and Applied Sciences, Sam Houston State University (September 2000-May 2002)

Taught two sections per semester of Introduction to Psychology per semester. Developed syllabi, lectures and exams, lectured and held weekly office hours.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Thomson, N., Kevorkian, S., Galusha, C., Wheeler, E. & Ingram, I. Assessing the Link Between Schizophrenia and Antisocial Behavior in Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) Acquittees. Biological Psychiatry (2021) 89(9)
- Thomson, N., Kevorkian, S., Galusha, C., Wheeler, E. & Ingram, I. *The Impact of Psychopathy on Treatment for Patients with Serious Mental Illness: Attitudes, Behavior, and Risk*. Biological Psychiatry (2021) 89(9)
- Thomson, N., Kevorkian, S., Galusha, C., Wheeler, E. & Ingram, I. *Anxiety Mediates the Link Between Psychopathy and Aggression in NGRI Acquittees*. International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparitive Criminology (2021) 65(3)
- Thomson, N., Galusha, C., Wheeler, E. & Ingram, I. *PTSD Mediates the Link Between Serious Mental Illness and Addiction*. Biological Psychiatry (2020) 87(9)
- Thomson, N., Galusha, C., Wheeler, E., Ingram, I., & Vassileva, J. *Psychopathy Mediates the Link Between Drug Abuse and Violence for NGRI Acquittees.* Biological Psychiatry (2020) 87(9)
- Galusha, C. (2019, July). You've Been Found Insane. *Now What? Differences in the Treatment of the Criminally Insane*. Paper presented at the XXXVIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health in Rome, Italy.
- Thomson, N., Galusha, C., Wheeler, E. & Ingram, I. *Psychopathy and Intelligence: A Study on Male Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI) Acquittees*. Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment (2019) <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s10862-019-09751-0">https://doi.org/10.1007/s10862-019-09751-0</a>
- Thomson, N., Aboutanos, M., Keihl, K., Neumann, C., Galusha, C. & Fanti, K. *Physiological reactivity in response to a fear-induced virtual reality experience*: Associations with psychopathic traits. Psychophysiology (2019) 56(4)
- Wheeler, E., Ingram, I., Galusha, C., Archer, R. & Wygant, D. *Breaking Bad: Developing a Career in Forensic Assessment*. Roundtable Discussion at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality Assessment Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Galusha, C. (2018, March). Addressing the Reluctant Defendant: A Case Study. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality Assessment Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Galusha, C. (2017, July). Keeping Your Finger Off the Scale: Tools and Strategies to Maintain Objectivity in Forensic Assessment. Paper presented at the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health in Prague, Czech Republic.

- Wheeler, E., Galusha, C., & Ingram, L. (2017, March). *Use of the PAI with an NGRI Population*. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality Assessment Conference, San Francisco, California.
- Wheeler, E., Prokosch, C., Galusha, C., & Vauter, R. (2016, March). *MMPI-2-RF Characteristics of an NGRI Sample.* Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the Society for Personality Assessment Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- Galusha, C. S. (2007, August). Comparing PAI Profiles among Forensic and Civil Psychiatric Patients. Paper presented at the Annual American Psychological Association Conference, San Francisco, California.
- Galusha, C.S., Miller, H.A., & Horsley, S. (2004, March). *Internet Misuse by Pedophiles: Implications for risk assessment, treatment, and monitoring.* Paper Presentation given at American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Swick, C. P., Willoughby, F. W., Edens, J. F., & Bowman, J. Z. (2000, March). *Concurrent Validity of the Abel Assessment for Sexual Interest*. Paper Presentation given at American Psychology-Law Organization Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Brown, S. L., Brown, R. M., & Swick, C. (1997, April). *What is Happiness? An Evolutionary Perspective.* Poster Presentation given at Western Psychological Association 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Tacoma, WA.
- **Editorial Associate** Research Briefs for The American Psychology Law Society Newsletter 2000

#### **MEMBERSHIPS/APPOINTMENTS**

- Virginia DBHDS Commissioner appointed to the Forensic Evaluation Review Panel for the Commonwealth of Virginia 2019 - present
- Credentialed through the National Register of Health Service Psychologists 2012-present
- Professional Member of the Society for Personality Assessment and a current appointed member of the Diversity, Equity & Social Justice Committee
- Professional Member of American Psychology-Law Society
- Profession Member of the Texas Psychological Association

Past Licensure: Maryland #4549 (inactive); Wyoming #462 (inactive); Alabama #1641 (inactive)