

# Kate McCallum, Ph.D.

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## EDUCATION

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**September 2018 –  
September 2019**      **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology**  
*Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training  
Denver, Colorado*

**August 2017 –  
August 2018**      **Predocloral Clinical Psychology Internship**  
*United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners  
APA Accredited  
Springfield, Missouri*

**August 2013 –  
August 2018**      **Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology**  
*Sam Houston State University  
APA Accredited  
Huntsville, Texas*

*Thesis:* Evaluators' Integration of Risk Assessment Instrument Results and Clinical Data in Sex Offender Placement Recommendations

*Dissertation:* Latent Subtypes of Psychopathy in a Sex Offender Population

**August 2011 –  
June 2013**      **Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology**  
*University of Denver Graduate School of Professional  
Psychology  
Denver, Colorado*

**August 2007 –  
May 2011**      **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Honors**  
*Occidental College  
Eagle Rock, California*

*Honors Thesis:* The Role of Metacognition in the Process of Conceptual Change

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## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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**May 2021 – Present**      **Denver Health and Hospital Authority – Denver Sheriff's Department**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title:* *Clinical Director (Contract) – The Denver Restoration and Transition Unit*

*Duties:* Oversee clinical operations of the competency restoration unit housed within the Denver County Jail, which uniquely focuses on continuity of mental health care throughout and beyond the adjudicative process  
Perform clinical assessments and competency to proceed screenings for all participants

Ensure contract compliance for clinical services, per agreement with the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health  
Communicate clinical needs and status of participants in weekly multidisciplinary team meetings  
Perform or supervise psychological testing as needed  
Structure and design psychoeducational group content

**June 2020 – Present**      **State of Colorado - Office of Behavioral Health**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title: Forensic Evaluator (Contract)*

*Duties:* Conduct court-ordered psychological evaluations pertaining to competency to proceed, legal sanity, or mental condition of criminal defendants in the state of Colorado

**September 2019 – Present**      **Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training (Denver FIRST)**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title: Affiliate Evaluator, Supervisor*

*Duties:* Conduct forensic psychological evaluations across a range of referral questions  
Provide supervision to doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows in forensic psychology

**June 2019 – Present**      **McCallum Forensic Psychology**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title: Owner/Operator*

*Description:* Private practice offering forensic psychological evaluation services, consultation services, and professional trainings in the state of Colorado

**September 2019 – December 2020**      **Denver Health and Hospital Authority – Denver Sheriff's Department**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title: Psychologist – Men's Mental Health Transition Unit*

*Duties:* Oversaw and provided clinical services for a mental health unit in the Denver County Jail, housing approximately 32 to 40 male detainees diagnosed with serious mental illnesses. The objective of the transition unit is to promote successful transition into the community or general population of the jail through mental health care, social services, and a structured therapeutic community.  
Provided supervision to graduate students and predoctoral interns in psychological assessment and the provision of individual and group therapy to both male and female detainees in the jail  
Attended weekly multidisciplinary team meetings  
Conducted weekly reviews with Denver Sheriff Sergeants of detainees housed in segregation

Co-created a proposal for a state-funded competency restoration unit, which was successfully accepted

**September 2018 –  
September 2019**

**Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training (Denver FIRST)**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title: Postdoctoral Fellow in Forensic Psychology*

*Duties:* Co-authored forensic psychological evaluations speaking to sanity, mental condition, competency, risk, fitness for duty, and decisional capacity  
Supervised graduate students providing outpatient competency restoration services  
Conducted research in the field of forensic psychology  
Taught courses in the forensic psychology graduate program

*Population:* Justice-involved and civilian adults and youth in the state of Colorado

*Supervisor:* Neil Gowensmith, Ph.D.

**August 2017 –  
August 2018**

**United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners**  
*Springfield, Missouri*

*Title: Predoctoral Psychology Intern*

*Duties:* Co-authored court-ordered psychological evaluations speaking to competency, sanity, risk for future dangerousness, and need for inpatient mental health treatment  
Facilitated residential drug and alcohol abuse treatment  
Facilitated DBT group therapy for high security inmates with severe and persistent mental illness  
Facilitated a cognitive behavioral group for anxiety on the work cadre unit  
Provided individual therapy for individuals adjudicated as Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity  
Provided individual therapy for individuals in the work cadre and medical/surgical units  
Designed and facilitated a group-based intervention for individuals on the medical/surgical unit serving life sentences  
Facilitated competency restoration groups for low and high security defendants  
Provided treatment and assessment services to inmates with severe medical and neurological conditions on the medical/surgical unit

*Population:* Pretrial detainees and sentenced male inmates in a federal prison-hospital

*Supervisors:* Lea Ann Preston-Baecht, Ph.D., ABPP, Desiree Rozier, Psy.D., & Vincen Barnes, Psy.D.

*\*Comprehensive review of graduate clinical training experience available upon request\**

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**TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

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**September 2019 – Present**      **Denver Health and Hospital Authority**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Trainings:* *Competency to Proceed* (January 2026). Training provided to graduate psychology interns at the Denver Downtown Detention Center

*EPPP, Licensure, and Job Seeking* (November 2020) Brief invited talk provided to predoctoral interns at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan (CMHI-FL)

*Severe and Persistent Mental Illness* (October 2020). Training provided to graduate psychology interns at the Denver County Jail

*Legal Sanity.* (August 2020). Training provided to graduate psychology interns at the Denver County Jail

*Differentiating Delusion from Extreme Belief.* (December 2019). Training provided to graduate psychology interns at the Denver City and County Jails

**June 2019 – Present**      **McCallum Forensic Psychology**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Guest lectures:* *Serious and Persistent Mental Illness.* (February 2023). Guest lecture provided to graduate students in the International Disaster Psychology program at the University of Denver

*Trainings:* *Motivational Interviewing.* (November 2020). Training provided to Volunteers of America, Colorado

*Motivational Interviewing.* (June & August 2020). Training provided to Volunteers of America, Colorado

*Vicarious Trauma.* (May 2020). Training to be provided to Volunteers of America, Colorado

*Motivational Interviewing.* (November 2019). Training provided to Volunteers of America, Colorado

*Vicarious Trauma.* (October 2019). Training to be provided to Volunteers of America, Colorado

*Motivational Interviewing.* (June 2019). Training provided to Volunteers of America, Colorado

**September 2018 – September 2019**      **Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Courses Taught:* *Ethical and Legal Issues* (Fall 2018; Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program)

*Research in Forensic Psychology* (Co-taught; Fall 2018, Winter 2018-2019, and Spring 2019; Elective Course in the Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program)

*Practicum V* (Co-taught; Winter 2018-19; Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program)

*Group Interventions* (Spring 2019; Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program)

*Practicum III – Lifestyle Development* (Spring 2019; Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Program)

*Guest Lectures/Trainings* *Differentiating Delusional Disorder from Extreme Beliefs.* (March 2019). Guest lecture provided to graduate students in forensic psychology.

*Forensic Psychological Testing.* (November 2018). Training provided to Licensed Clinical Social Workers

*Careers in Forensic Psychology.* (October 2018 & March 2019). Guest lecture provided to a class of undergraduate psychology majors at Metropolitan State University

**October 2017 –  
November 2017**

**United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners  
Bureau of Prisons  
Springfield, Missouri**

*Title:* *Drug Education Instructor*

*Duties:* Taught a 12-hour drug education course to a class of federal inmates

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## **SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE**

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**May 2021 – Present**

**Denver Health – Denver Sheriff’s Department  
Denver, Colorado**

*Title:* *Clinical Director*

*Duties:* Provide supervision to a licensed professional counselor candidate and graduate students in forensic psychology in the provision of clinical services at the Denver Restoration and Transition Unit

**September 2019 –  
Present**

**Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training  
Denver, Colorado**

*Title:* *Supervisor*

*Duties:* Supervise post-doctoral fellows in forensic psychology perform court-ordered or private evaluations across a range of psycholegal issues

**September 2019 –  
December 2020**

**Denver Health – Denver Sheriff’s Department  
Denver, Colorado**

*Title: Supervisor*

*Duties:* Provided individual supervision to graduate students and predoctoral interns providing psychological assessment and therapeutic services in the Denver County Jail

**September 2018 –  
September 2019**                    **Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training (Denver FIRST)**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Title: Supervisor*

*Duties:* Supervised two graduate students providing outpatient competency restoration services

**May 2016 –  
August 2016**                    **Sam Houston State University**  
*Huntsville, Texas*

*Title: Peer Supervisor*

*Duties:* Supervised a first-year doctoral student during their practicum course  
Provided written and oral feedback on foundational therapy techniques

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**September 2018 –  
September 2019**                    **Denver Forensic Institute for Research, Service, and Training (Denver FIRST)**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Supervisor:* William N. Gowensmith, Ph.D.

**August 2013 –  
May 2017**                    **Sexually Violent Predator Policy and Assessment Laboratory**  
*Sam Houston State University*  
*Huntsville, Texas*

*Supervisor:* Marcus Boccaccini, Ph.D.

**August 2012 –  
May 2013**                    **University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology**  
*Denver, Colorado*

*Supervisor:* William N. Gowensmith, Ph.D.

**May 2010 –  
May 2011**                    **Thinking Laboratory**  
*Occidental College*  
*Eagle Rock, CA*

*Supervisor:* Andrew Shtulman, Ph.D.

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## BOOK CHAPTERS

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**McCallum, K. E., & Gowensmith, W. N.** (2021). Tipping the scales of justice: The role of forensic evaluations in the criminalization of mental illness. In K. Warburton & S. Stahl (Eds.), *Decriminalizing mental illness*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

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**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS**


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- Gowensmith, W. N., **McCallum, K. E.**, & Stout, H. G. (2022). Using a mobile app to identify base rates and monitor bias in forensic evaluation. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice*. Advance online publication. doi:10.1080/24732850.2022.2104146
- McCallum, K. E.**, Boccaccini, M. T., Varela, J. G., & Turner, D. B. (2021). Psychopathy profiles and Personality Assessment Inventory scores in a sex offender risk assessment field setting. *Assessment* (1-15). doi:10.1177/10731911211015312
- Alexander, A. A., **McCallum, K.**, & Thompson, K. (2020). Poly-victimization among adolescents adjudicated for illegal sexual behavior: A latent class analysis. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*. doi:10.1080/10926771.2020.1774692
- McCallum, K. E.** & Gowensmith, W. N. (2019). Tipping the scales of justice: The role of forensic mental health evaluations in the criminalization of mental illness. *CNS Spectrums*, 22(1-7). doi:10.1017/S1092852919001275
- Gowensmith, W. N. & **McCallum, K. E.** (2019). Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the least biased of them all? Dangers and potential solutions regarding bias in forensic psychological evaluations. *South African Journal of Psychology*, 1-12. doi:10.1177/0081246319835117
- McCallum, K.** & Boccaccini, M. T. (2017). The influence of risk assessment instrument scores on evaluators' risk opinions and sexual offender containment recommendations. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 44(9), 1213-1235. doi:10.1177/0093854817707232
- Gowensmith, W. N., Sessarego, S., McKee, M., Horkott, S., **McCallum, K.**, Maclean, N. (2017). Diagnostic field reliability in forensic mental health evaluations. *Psychological Assessment*, 29(6), 692-700. doi:10.1037/pas0000425
- McCallum, K. E.**, MacLean, N., & Gowensmith, W.N. (2015). The impact of defendant ethnicity on the psycholegal opinions of forensic mental health evaluators. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 39, 6-12. doi:10.1016/j.ijlp.2015.01.015
- Shtulman, A., & **McCallum, K.** (2014). Cognitive reflection predicts science understanding. Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, 2937-2942.
- McCallum, K.** & Nassab, N. (2012). A graduate student's guide to attending conferences. *Colorado Psychologist*, XL(5), 6-7.
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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**


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- Gowensmith, W. N., **McCallum, K. E.**, & Azama, C. (2020, March). Monitoring potential bias in forensic evaluations with a handheld mobile app. Paper presented to the 2020 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- McCallum, K.**, Alexander, A. A. & Thompson, K. (2019, November). Primary and secondary psychopathy in adolescents who sexually offend. Paper presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Research and Treatment Conference for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Atlanta, GA.
- Alexander, A.A., **McCallum, K.**, & Thompson, K. (2019, November 6-9). Poly-victimization among adolescents adjudicated for illegal sexual behaviors [Poster presentation]. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Gowensmith, W. N. & **McCallum, K.** (2019, October). Monitoring Bias in Forensic Psychological Evaluations. Paper presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, Baltimore, MD.
- McCallum, K.**, Boccaccini, M. T., Henderson, C., & Varela, J. G. (2019, March). Using psychopathy to distinguish otherwise similar subtypes of sex offenders. Paper presented at the 2019 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

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- Gowensmith, W. N., **McCallum, K. E.**, Nadkarni, L., Jennings, M., & Johnson, C. (2019, March). Monitoring potential bias within a forensic evaluation agency. Paper presented at the 2019 annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- McCallum, K.**, Boccaccini, M. T., Henderson, C., & Varela, J. G. (2018, March). A latent class analysis of psychopathy subtypes in a sample of sexual offenders. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Pennington, C. R., Henderson, C. E., Ridge, B. E., Bryson, C. N., **McCallum, K. E.**, Marshall, K. K., & Schmidt, A. T. (2018, February). Exploratory factor analysis of neuropsychological test data suggests a four factor model of executive functioning in an undergraduate sample. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Washington, D.C.
- McCallum, K.**, & Boccaccini, M. T. (2016, August). Examining the relationship of the PCL-R to past treatment success and evaluator opinions of treatment amenability in sex offender risk evaluations. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.
- McCallum, K.**, & Boccaccini, M. T. (2016, March). Do evaluators consider the combination of sexual deviance and psychopathy as a separate risk factor in sex offender risk assessments? Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- McCallum, K.**, & Boccaccini, M. T. (2016, March). Clinical judgment may be more influential in sex offender risk assessments, despite the use of actuarial measures. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Pennington, C. R., Marshall, K. K., Bryson, C. N., **McCallum, K. E.**, Ridge, B. E., Cheiffetz, R. T., Stanford-Galloway, P., & Schmidt, A. T. (2016, February). The role of executive functions in externally-valid decision-making processes. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- Ridge, B. E., Pennington, C. R., Bryson, C. N., **McCallum, K. E.**, Marshall, K. K., & Schmidt, A. T. (2016, February). Connecting the dots: Relating executive dysfunction to the externalizing spectrum of psychopathology. Poster presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA.
- Gonzales Jr., E., Varela, J. G., Damjanovic, T., **McCallum, K.**, & Bate, B. P. (2015, March). Suicidality in a community corrections sample: Expanding the interpersonal theory of suicide with violent criminal perpetration and victimization. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
- Pennington, C. R., Schmidt, A. T., Ridge, B. E., **McCallum, K. E.**, Bryson, C. N., Marshall, K. K., Cheiffetz, R. T. (2015, February). Personality traits influence processing speed performance in a neurologically intact sample. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Denver, CO.
- McCallum, K.**, & Boccaccini, M. T. (2015, March). Integration of actuarial measures in sex offender risk assessment. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
- Chevalier, C., **McCallum, K.**, Bryson, C., & Boccaccini, M. T. (2014, March). Risk instrument use and integration in sexually violent predator evaluations. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- McCallum, K.**, Boccaccini, M. T., & Bryson, C. (2014, March). When and how often are evaluator recommendations inconsistent with results of actuarial measures in risk assessments? Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Nassab, N., **McCallum, K. E.**, & Gowensmith, W. N. (2013, March). Reliability of diagnoses in forensic evaluation. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

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Purta, M., **McCallum, K. E.**, Nassab, N., & Gowensmith, W. N. (2013, March). Consistency of violence risk prediction across professional disciplines. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

Gowensmith, W. N., **McCallum, K.** & Nassab, N. (2012, August). Does a defendant's ethnicity impact the psycholegal opinion of a forensic expert witness? Paper presented at the 120th meeting of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.

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#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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| <b>2012 – Present</b> | American Psychological Association (APA)                 |
| <b>2012 – Present</b> | American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS; APA Division 41) |
| <b>2019 – 2021</b>    | Colorado Psychological Association (CPA)                 |