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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY, INC.

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Licensure and Board Certification

Licensed Psychologist – California No. PSY34371 Licensed
Psychologist – Colorado No. PSY.0006473 Telehealth
Psychologist – Florida No. TPPY2788 Telehealth
Psychologist – Vermont No. 048.0135114TELE
Licensed Psychologist – Virginia No. 810008843
Licensed Psychologist– Oregon No. 1416

Professional Experience

Vorwerk Forensic Psychology, Inc.
Forensic Psychologist, November 2023-Present

- Conduct forensic psychological evaluations and prepare a report of findings for various types of evaluations including:
    - Personal Injury/Emotional Distress/Damages
    - Testamentary Capacity & Undue Influence
    - Mental Health Diversion
    - Franklin Evaluations – Youthful Offender Psychological Mitigation
    - Competency to Stand Trial
    - Mitigation Reports
    - Psychosexual Assessments
    - Violence Risk Assessments
- Conduct record reviews of medical and legal records, summarize, and integrate research and literature review into report findings
- Interview clients in and out of custody
- Administer and score psychological assessment instruments when needed
- Assess cognitive, behavioral, emotional, and personality functioning in conjunction with other factors related to each specific type of evaluation
- Adhere to county jail, Department of State Hospitals, and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation policies as well as APA ethical standards

- Research and complete continuing education in specific areas of forensic practice

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, San Diego, CA

Clinical Psychology Pre-Doctoral Intern, August 2020-August 2021
Clinical Psychology Post-Doctoral Intern, October 2021-September 2022
Unlicensed Clinical Psychologist, September 2022-July 2023
Licensed Clinical Psychologist, July 2023-November 2023

Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJDCF) is a forensic correctional facility that houses approximately 3,000 minimum to maximum security level male inmates. It accommodates inmates with severe mental illness, high risk medical issues, LGTBQIA status, and issues associated with substance use.

Administrative Segregation Unit Clinician Duties (August 2020 to November 2023):

- Work with a caseload of patients admitted to the Administrative Segregation Unit (ASU) with a variety of mental illnesses and custody classifications to provide individual therapy and group therapy
- Complete weekly suicide risk assessments, initial psychosocial assessments, and treatment planning including diagnosing and assessing chronic and acute risk factors
- Make patient case presentations during weekly treatment team meetings with interdisciplinary staff
- Assess inmates to determine whether placement in the Mental Health Services Delivery System (MHSDS) is appropriate based on mental health needs
- Provide crisis intervention services to patients expressing suicidal and/or homicidal ideation as well as signs of grave disability
- Work alongside an interdisciplinary treatment team including psychiatry, custody, and medical staff to ensure appropriate treatment for patients in treatment planning
- Fill in as needed for lead clinical duties including triaging, leading treatment team meetings, managing a treatment team of six to seven clinicians, organizing staff coverage, and other administrative duties such as reporting on patient movement and collaborating with custody to solve issues as they arise

Mental Health Crisis Bed Duties (October 2022 to November 2023):

- Fill in for crisis bed staff as needed conducting daily mental health rounds with patients housed in the Mental Health Crisis Bed (MHCB) while assessing for continued risk of harm to self and others as well as grave disability
- Provide therapy and crisis interventions to inmates admitted to the Inpatient Hospital/ Outpatient Housing Unit/Mental Health Crisis Beds
- Complete psychosocial intake assessments and suicide risk evaluations for newly admitted patients

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Forensic Report Writing Assistant, June 2018-November 2023

- Training alongside a licensed psychologist who conducts forensic evaluations such as offenders with mental disorders (OMD), competency to stand trial, sexually violent predator, franklin, and mental health diversion evaluations
- Conduct extensive record reviews, summarize records, and complete research and review of the literature to answer the referral question
- Receive structured guidance from supervisor on how to formulate reports and answer referral questions pertaining to criteria such as for release on parole, competency to stand trial, violence risk, diagnostic clarity, and general risk for criminal and sexual recidivism
- Work collaboratively with supervisor to assess cognitive, behavioral, emotional, and personality functioning
- Increase familiarity with the inner workings of the Department of State Hospitals and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Orange County Health Care Agency Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) & Youth Guidance Center (YGC), Orange, CA
PsyD Practicum Student (Therapy & Assessment), August 2019-August 2020

Juvenile Recovery Court is a collaborative program between Children and Youth Behavioral Health Services, probation, and the juvenile court for youth who have committed substance related offenses. Youth Guidance Center is an 80-bed facility providing custody accommodations for youth in order to meet commitment needs of the Juvenile Court. YGC offers two programs aimed at drug and alcohol users with the goal of providing CBT interventions to encourage pro-social thinking and emotional, behavioral, and vocational development.

- Provided weekly individual therapy and case management to a small, diverse caseload of youth, both in custody (Juvenile Hall, probation camps) and outpatient, in the JRC program as well as ran men's process group once a week and conducted psychological testing when necessary
- Completed documentation for Medi-Cal billing on a weekly basis
- Consulted with a diverse population of families of youth in JRC program including low income, LGBTQ, gang affiliated, language barriers, and immigration status issues in order to provide families information and support regarding their youths in the program
- Collaborated and consulted with staff and outside community resources including probation staff, rehabilitation facilities, and wraparound services to connect youths with services that will assist them during and after completing the JRC program
- Once per week a multidisciplinary team including mental health clinicians, probation staff, attorneys, the DA, and the judge meet to discuss all JRC cases followed by attending court where the judge sees each youth to go over progress, violations, and other matters. Practicum students are involved in this

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process and interact with the court on a weekly basis to provide support for youth and updates on youth progress in treatment
- Provided weekly individual therapy and case management to a small caseload of youth in custody prior to shifting to JRC program
- Ran a weekly Seeking Safety group and conducted psychological testing when requested by clinicians and YGC probation staff

View Heights Convalescent Hospital, Los Angeles, CA
PsyD Practicum Student (Assessment), July 2018-August 2019

View Heights Convalescent Hospital is a locked inpatient psychiatric facility for the severely mentally ill who are under conservatorship per the state of California and have been diagnosed with disorders on the psychotic spectrum. Residents are provided with mental health and medical services in an effort to increase stability and independence to discharge to a lower level of care.

- Worked part-time running mental health and substance abuse-based groups on both the acute and stabilization units of the facility (three to four groups per week)
- Conducted one-on-one intake interviews with residents in order to gather history and gauge current symptoms
- Provided full battery assessments for residents in need of testing including assessments/inventories such as PAI, MCMI, MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS, RBANS, TAT, BDI, and BAI
- Integrated and interpreted assessment results, background information, and chart information into confidential psychological evaluations for individual residents
- Developed a substance abuse and relapse prevention curriculum as well as medication compliance curriculum for weekly psychoeducational groups
- Provided milieu therapy when available to offer support to residents before and after groups as well as throughout the day
- Assisted supervisor with research and presentations

The CLARE Foundation, Santa Monica, CA
Behavioral Health Clinician Trainee (Master's Practicum), August 2016-August 2017

The CLARE Foundation is a substance abuse treatment facility providing inpatient and outpatient evidence-based treatment for substance use and co-occurring disorders.

- Worked part-time running mental health-based groups in the men's and women's residential substance abuse treatment facilities including Seeking Safety, relapse prevention, mental health awareness, healthy relationships, art therapy, and more
- Provided individual therapy to a small client case load treating co-occurring disorders, including substance abuse and disorders ranging from depression to bipolar disorder to anxiety to psychoses

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- Worked with a multidisciplinary treatment team of counselors and other therapists to provide all encompassing and informed client care

Additional Experience

Adjunct Student Teacher, Irvine, CA January 2020-April 2020
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Irvine

- Taught ethics and professional issues at the master's level at the TCSPP Irvine campus for the Spring 2020 semester
- Taught on-ground classes every other week to a class of nine master's students involving lecture and case study practice
- Graded weekly discussions as well as written assignments and presentations

Teaching Assistant, Irvine, CA September 2019-December 2020
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Irvine

- Assisted TCSPP faculty member Dr. Gomberg as a teaching assistant for introduction to forensic psychology courses at the master's and doctoral levels for the Fall 2019 and 2020 semesters as well as mental health law and professional development courses at the master's level for Fall and Spring 2020 semesters
- Graded weekly discussion posts, assisted with student concerns in person and through email, updated online Canvas class page when necessary, and provided support and guidance to students with questions about assignments

Education

Doctoral Student, PsyD August 2017-August 2021
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Irvine, CA
Clinical Forensic Psychology
Graduated October 2021
GPA: 4.0

Graduate Student, MA August 2015-July 2017
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Irvine, CA
Forensic Psychology
Graduated October 2017
GPA: 3.98

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The University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO 2010-2014
Bachelor of Arts, Dance
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
Graduated May 2014
Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.7

Supervised Clinical Practica/Internship, Pre-Doctoral Training

- *Psychological Evaluation in Personal Injury & Civil Rights Cases,* May 2024 – Concept Continuing & Professional Studies
- *Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts,* January 2024 – Concept Continuing & Professional Studies
- *HCR-20-V3 Overview,* January 2024 – Concept Continuing and Professional Studies
- *Guide to Authoring the Gender Affirming Surgery Evaluation,* August 2022 – Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility
- *Affirming Care with Gender Minority Patients,* July 2022 – Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility
- *The Chicago School of Professional Psychology's First Annual Dissertation Conference – Developing and Setting Expectations with your Chair, panelist*, November 2020
- *Suicide Risk and Self-Harm Evaluation Training,* August 2020 – Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility
- *Rule Violation Report Mental Health Assessment Part 1 & 2,* August 2020 – Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility
- *Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Duty to Report Training,* August 2020 – Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility
- *Attended 2019 Annual Patton State Hospital Forensic Mental Health Conference* which focused on substance abuse and trauma
- *Sat as a student representative on the Interdisciplinary Committee at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology* while investigating a student complaint which required collaboration with school staff, meetings, and investigative interviews, 2018
- *Suicide Prevention Resource Center Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training*, February 2018 – The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
- *UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs CBT and Relapse Prevention Strategies Training*, May 2017
- *SCRIPT Community Intervention Training for Crisis Negotiation*, March 2017

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Presentations

Orange County Public Defender's Office April 2024
Santa Ana, CA

- Presentation titled "Identifying & Interviewing Clients with Mental Disorders"
- The presentation was given to public defender's in Orange County and focused on defining forensic psychology and forensic psychological evaluations, types of mental disorders, hiring forensic experts, preparing clients for forensic psychological evaluations, tips for interviewing their clients with mental illness, and racial and cultural considerations

Summit on Community Resilience, Intervention, Prevention, and Training (SCRIPT) conference July 2018
Los Angeles, CA

- Presentation was titled "Male Survivors of Sexual Assault and Harassment in the Media" which focused on trauma, male survivors of sexual trauma, underreporting of male sexual assault and how it impacts the population, and the #MeToo movement.

Research Experience

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology May 2018-May 2020
Irvine, CA

- Chair: Linda Gomberg, J.D., Ph.D.
- Completed a dissertation to meet the requirements for the Psy.D. in Clinical Forensic Psychology program at TCSPP
- Title: "Personality Traits as Predictors of Justice System and Death Penalty Attitudes."

Professional Memberships

- American Psychological Association
- American Psychology-Law Society
- Forensic Mental Health Association of California

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