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Licensure/Certification

Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), 2011 (inactive)

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) in Illinois, 2014

Licensed Clinical Psychologist in Illinois, 2016

Licensed Psychologist in Wisconsin, 2016

Licensed Sex Offender Evaluator (LSOE) in Illinois, 2016

Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider (LSOTP) in Illinois, 2018

Licensed Psychologist in Florida, 2021

Work Experience

Specialized Forensic Unit PC

Clinical Psychologist, owner (private practice)

02/2021 – Present - Specialized Forensic Unit PC

09/2016 - 02/2021 - Specialized Forensic Unit LLC

Forensic and clinical psychological evaluations for federal and state (Illinois and Wisconsin) courts/agencies: psychosexual evaluations, phallometric assessment (a.k.a., penile plethysmograph, PPG), adult legal guardianship and protective placement evaluations (in WI; e.g., Watts Hearing review), fitness/competency to stand trial evaluations, fitness to practice profession, insanity defense, civil competencies evaluations (i.e., competency to proceed in legal matters), risk assessments, mitigation assessments (murder and sexual cases), FOID/firearm evaluations, diagnostic clarifications, disability evaluations, evaluations of parents' mental health who are under the supervision of family court, evaluation of juveniles who are involved in criminal justice, trauma evaluations, malingering of symptoms or incompetency evaluations, immigration psychological evaluations, and general diagnostic evaluations (of adults, juveniles, and children).

Wexford Health Sources, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

**Sexually Violent Persons (SVP) and Sexually Dangerous Persons (SDP)
Evaluator/Psychologist**

07/2017 - Present

Conduct psychosexual interviews and evaluate incarcerated adult and juvenile persons who were convicted of specific types of sex offenses and who are at the end of their prison sentences or in sex offender specific treatment settings, in order to determine whether they meet the Illinois Sexually Violent Persons Civil Commitment Act criteria or Sexually Dangerous Persons Civil Commitment Act criteria. Communicate findings related to the diagnoses and the risk of sexual violence to the Illinois Department of Corrections, the Illinois Attorney General Office, and the

Office of the State's Attorney. Review records, write reports, and testify in court or deposition as an expert witness. Have been certified as a court mental health and SVP/SDP expert witness in Illinois counties of Adams, Bond, Bureau, Coles, Cook, DuPage, McHenry, Monroe, Lake, Kane, Kankakee, Peoria, Ogle, Sangamon, Tazewell, and Winnebago.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Shady Oaks Programs, Homer Glen, Illinois
Supervisor of Behavioral Health Services
02/2018 – Present - contracting
08/2014 - 2/2018, Part-Time
07/2007 - 08/2014, Full-Time

The Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Shady Oaks Programs, is a non-profit organization that includes two 16-bed residential facilities and one day training program for male and female adult patients with developmental and physical disabilities. Majority of clients were diagnosed with intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, communication disorders, eating disorders, and mood disorders. Provided professional management for the three programs; organized inpatient and outpatient mental health services for 32 patients; provided supervision, training, and consultation to a team of 48 direct care staff; completed routine and initial psycho-social assessments; completed individualized treatment plans; ensured regulatory compliance for the intermediate care facilities for developmentally disabled individuals; investigated incidents, injuries, and allegations of neglect, abuse, and maltreatment; and communicated the findings to Illinois Department of Public Health.

Wisconsin Department of Human Services (DHS)
Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, Wisconsin &
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, Wisconsin
ABFP¹ Certified Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology
Forensic Psychology Fellow, Full-Time
09/2015 - 09/2016

The Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center is a secure facility that provides specialized treatment services for approximately 310 persons civilly committed under Wisconsin's Sexually Violent Persons (SVP) law, Chapter 980, Wisconsin Statutes. Carried a weekly caseload of 12 hours of group therapy, two individual therapy cases, eight hours of research on Sexually Violent Persons (SVP) population, one assessment report, and three hours of consultation/training direct care staff. Majority of diagnoses included paraphilic disorders, mood disorders, substance abuse disorders, and personality disorders. Provided treatment services guided by the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model. Completed annual re-evaluations for Sexually Violent Persons civil commitments.

The Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI) is a state psychiatric hospital, with various levels of security. Work included competency to stand trial evaluations, restoration treatment for competency to stand trial, risk assessments (for decrease in security levels), supplemental mental examination (to determine whether the individual under NGI commitment can serve his/her time

¹ ABFP stands for the American Board of Forensic Psychology, Inc. The certification refers to training programs in forensic psychology which were determined to meet the ABFP criteria for the five-year experience waiver.

impatiently or in the community), legal adult guardianships and protective placements, and testifying in court on my reports/opinions.

Was an assistant in a research project of Dr. David Thornton focused on developing a dynamic measure for SVP risk evaluations – Structured Risk Assessment - Forensic Version (SRA-FV). The project included weekly reviews of at least two files of patients civilly committed as SVP and scoring their dynamic factors using SRA-FV framework.

Clinical Training Experience

**Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)
State Operated Forensic Services, Saint Peter, Minnesota
APA² Accredited Internship Program
Doctoral Psychology Intern, Full-Time
08/2014 - 08/2015**

The Minnesota Security Hospital is a maximum security psychiatric treatment facility that provides long-term (average stay is six years), multidisciplinary treatment to adult forensic populations of men and women. It includes individuals who have been civilly committed as Mentally Ill, Mentally Ill and Dangerous, Mentally Ill and Chemically Dependent, and Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled. Carried a weekly caseload of six individual therapy cases, six therapeutic groups, and one psychological assessment. Worked on five different units, which included admission/crisis units and units for patients with stabilized mental illness and problematic personality disorders. Majority of diagnoses included acute and chronic psychotic disorders, mood disorders, substance abuse/dependence disorders, paraphilias, and personality disorders. Provided treatment services at pre-trial and post-trial stages, which included competency restoration groups, mindfulness groups, reasoning and rehabilitation groups for patients with antisocial personality disorders, process groups, social skills groups, perceptual conflicts groups, co-occurring disorders, and treatment services at the Good Lives Program (for male patients with problematic sexual behaviors and/or sexual offenses). Completed assessment reports, which included initial psychological assessments for newly civilly committed patients, treatment reports to court, treatment updates to court, special review board assessments (the board that addresses the treatment needs of the patient and protects public safety with regard to civil commitment petitions), competency to stand trial assessments, risk assessments (to determine readiness for provisional discharge), civil commitment assessments under Mentally Ill and Dangerous statute, Mentally Ill and Chemically Dependent, and psycho-sexual evaluations.

**Northwest Neuropsychology Incorporated, Schaumburg, Illinois
Doctoral Advanced Extern
07/2013 - 06/2014**

The Northwest Neuropsychology Inc. is an outpatient private practice clinic. Provided neuropsychological assessments of children and adults focusing on effort level, attention deficit disorders, traumatic brain injury, migraine headaches, chronic pain, neurological conditions,

² APA stands for the American Psychological Association, a scientific and professional organization that represents psychologists in the United States.

memory, and general assessment of personality disorders, impulse control disorders, and thought disorders. Provided assessments/opinions for pre-surgical evaluations for patients who apply for neurostimulators. The experience included exposure to disability evaluations for the Social Security Administration Disability court.

Illinois Youth Center, St. Charles, Illinois
Doctoral Psychotherapy Extern
09/2012 - 07/2013

The Illinois Youth Center - St. Charles is a medium security state correctional facility for juvenile males. Provided crisis management at confinement units, individual and group psychotherapy, and completed assessment screening at an admission unit. Individual therapy was conducted using an integrative approach. Group therapy was focused on social skills, anger management, problem-solving, psycho-education about substances, parole preparation, relaxation skills, relapse prevention, parenting skills, and grief and loss. Majority of diagnoses included mood disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, substance abuse/dependence disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder, conduct disorder, and learning disorders.

Illinois Youth Center, Warrenville, Illinois
Doctoral Diagnostic Extern
08/2011 - 06/2012

The Illinois Youth Center - Warrenville is a maximum security state correctional facility for juvenile females. Completed assessments focusing on personality, intelligence, aptitude, and achievement; performed individual and group psychotherapy incorporating a cognitive-behavioral approach and elements of Dialectical-Behavior Therapy. Majority of diagnoses included mood disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders, substance abuse/dependence disorders, and conduct disorder. The important treatment issues included young motherhood, gender issues, homelessness, severe self-injurious behaviors, and multiple trauma.

DuPage 18th Judicial Circuit Court, Wheaton, Illinois
M.A. Therapy Intern
09/2009 - 06/2010

The DuPage 18th Judicial Circuit Court has a jail, probation, and pretrial departments. It provides outpatient and inpatient treatment services. Provided individual psychotherapy to adult and juvenile offenders and their families in the milieu of their home environment; completed structured intake interviews for the individuals in substance abuse/dependence and sexual offender probation programs; provided ongoing probation and pretrial investigation interviews; developed appropriate referrals to treatment facilities; and provided patients' progress reports in open court. Majority of diagnoses included mood disorders, substance abuse/dependence disorders, anxiety disorders, paraphilias, and psychotic disorders.

Education

The Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Chicago

Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology
APA Accredited Program
2011-2015

Argosy University, Chicago

M.A. in Clinical Psychology
Regionally Accredited by Western Association of Schools and Colleges
2008-2011

Ukrainian National University

M.A. in Psychology, minor in English Literature
Credentialed by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; Regionally Accredited
2004-2005

Ukrainian National University

B.A. in Psychology
Credentialed by Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; Regionally Accredited
2000-2004

Research Experience

Forensic Fellowship Research Project

Developed an updated version of the Structured Risk Assessment - Forensic Version (SRA-FV) instrument for Sexually Violent Persons' treatment needs; supervised by David Thornton, PhD
Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, Mauston, Wisconsin
09/2015 - 06/2016

Doctoral Clinical Research Project

"Mental health problems among a clinical population of art students compared to counseling psychology students"
Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Chicago, Illinois
Completion Date: 06/2013

Master's Research Project

"Psychological reasons for choosing medical specialty"
National University, Ukraine
Completion Date: 06/2005

Authorships

Sexually Problematic Behaviors (SPB) Evaluation Protocol for Males Aged 12 to 25 Years for the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS), Statewide Sexual Behavior Problems (SBP) Program, Clinical & Child Services
Completion Date: 06/2020

Professional Development/Conferences/Trainings

APA, 01/2023

Alzheimer and Other Dementias

Implicit Bias

ATSA, 10/2022

Evaluations of Offenders Specific to the Adam Walsh Act

Identifying and Strengthening Protective Factors Using the SAPROF-SO Version 1

How Does Sexual Deviance Develop?

Finding Our Way Through Unjust Systems

Using Language to Avoid Landmines: How to Convey Scientific Facts and Cut Through Myths

Preventing Abuse Should Not Be Controversial

The Confluence Model of Sexual Aggression: Risk Factors and Implications for Interventions

Risk Assessment With Unique Groups: Child Pornography and Other Non-Contact Sexual Offense

Sexting, Safety and Adolescent Sexuality: Addressing Risks and Vulnerabilities

Completing Assessments With Juveniles for the Purpose of Transfer to the Adult/Criminal Court

APA, 02/2022

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality Orientation

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality Across Lifespan – Childhood and Adolescence

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality Across Lifespan - Adulthood

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality and Childhood Sexual Abuse

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexual Compulsivity

Topics in Human Sexuality: Physical and Emotional Aspects of Puberty

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Preventing Medical Errors: Best Practices for Mental Health Professionals – Psychologists

Florida Statutes and Rules Affecting the Practice of Psychology

IM-CANS, 01/2022

APA Ethics Code 2017 – Ethics, APA, 08/2021

Substance Misuse – Prevention Programs and Policies, APA, 08/2021

Mandatory Abuse Reporting, APA, 08/2021

Preventing Medical Errors: Best Practices for Mental Health Professionals, APA, 08/2021

Illinois Department on Aging – Adult Protective Services – Mandated Reporter, 05/2021

Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 06/2020

Sexually Violent Persons, diagnostics; by D. Thornton, PhD

Pearson Clinical Assessments, 06/2020

Presurgical Evaluations

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), 04/2020

Asylum

DCFS, 04/2020

Mandated Reporter

Sexual Harassment

APA, 04/2020

- The ABCs of PPGs: Understanding PPG Assessments
- Developmental Perspectives in Understanding Problematic Sexual Behaviors
- Forensic and Clinical Assessments in the Contexts of Immigration Proceedings
- Current Issues in the Assessment, Treatment, and Management of Female Sexual Abuser
- The Good Lives Model with Adolescents
- A Fresh Look at the Responsivity Principle in Treating People Who Have Sexually Abused
- 40 Clinical Biases in Forensic Assessment
- Pornography Use in Adolescents with Problematic Sexual Behavior
- Female Sexual Offenders Who Are They and How Do We Treat Them
- APA, 02/2020
 - Alzheimer's Disease
- ATSA, 11/2019
 - Armidilo-S: An Assessment to Manage Risk for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
 - Exploring and Understanding the Experiences of People Who Own Sex Dolls
 - They Need Somebody and Not Just Anybody: Help Seeking Behavior in Minor-Attracted
 - "Ask the Expert" Intellectual/ Developmental Disabilities and Sex Offending Behavior-Panel Discussion
 - Problematic Sexual Arousal in Women
 - Autism and Youthful Offenders: Understanding the Impact of ASD on Your Client
 - Understanding the Complexities and Structure of Hypersexuality
- APA, 08/2019
 - Anabolic Steroid Use, Misuse and Addiction
 - Autism Spectrum Disorders
 - Child Abuse Assessment
 - Clinical Supervision, Legal, Ethical, and Risk Management Issues
 - Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexual Compulsivity
 - Topics in Human Sexuality: Physical & Emotional Aspects of Puberty
- APA, 04/2019
 - Role Conflicts and Emotional Support Animal Certifications
- APA, 02/2019
 - Telepsychology; Cloud Communication and Data Storage
- ATSA, 01/2019
 - Risk Assessment with Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended, James R. Worling, PhD, CPsych
- APA, 11/2018
 - Protecting Patient Privacy When the Court Calls
- The National Register, 06/2018
 - Complying With Subpoenas and Court Orders
- IL ATSA, 03/2018
 - Current Standards for the Assessment and Treatment of Adult Sexual Offenders, Andrew J. R. Harris, PhD, C.Psych.

Help Wanted: Developing an Online Prevention Intervention for Adolescents with a Sexual Interest in Children, Ryan Shields, PhD

Building Bridges to Understanding Sex Offenders with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Department of Health Services (Treatment and Detention Facility for Sexually Violent Persons)

Offending within the Professional Relationship: How Professional Relationships Become Exploitative

ATSA, 10/2017

Psychosexual Evaluations: Keeping Objectivity in Focus

Hypersexuality: Unraveling Its Complexities and Understanding Its Structure

Empirically Assessing Individuals with Sex Offenses and Major Mental Illness, R. Knight, PhD

Child Sexual Exploitation: Victims and Offenders, D. Thornton, PhD

Bringing Balance to Risk Assessment: Introducing the Structured Assessment of Protective Factors for Violence Risk: Sexual Offending Adaptation, D. Thornton, PhD, S. Kelley, PsyD, and G. Willis, PhD

Assessing the Sexual Interest Domain: Hypersexuality, Age-preference, and Sexualized Violence, D. Thornton, PhD

Wisconsin Department of Human Services, 2015 - 2016

The Violence Risk Scale - Sexual Offender Version (VRS-SO)

The Diagnosis and Treatment of Paraphilic Disorders: DSM-5 and Beyond

Female Sex Offenders

Fitness for Duty Evaluations

Static-99-R, D. Thornton, PhD

Static-2002-R, D. Thornton, PhD

A New Look at Psychopathy

SAPROF (Structured Assessment of Protective Factors for Violence Risk) workshop, D. Thornton, PhD

PPG (Penile Plethysmograph Procedure)

PPG and Behavioral Therapy

Best Procedures for Post-Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PCSOT): a Polygraph Examination or a Psychophysiological Detection of Deception (PDD) examination, by the Behavioral Measures Companies

Forensic Seminar 12-month weekly series

Landmark Case Seminar 12-month weekly series

Risk Assessment Seminar nine-month biweekly series

Forensic Psychiatry nine-month weekly series

Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2014 - 2015

MnATSA annual conference

Stable 2007/Acute2007

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition monthly seminar

Forensic Didactic 12-month weekly series

Case Law Seminar 12-month weekly series

Trauma-Informed Care and Treatment

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), 2013

Society of Personality Assessment conference, Chicago, 2012

Clinical and Forensic Assessment of Psychological Trauma, N. Kaser-Boyd, PhD

Integrative report writing, G. Groth-Marnat, PhD

An Attachment Approach to Assessing Pathological Mourning, C. George, PhD

R-PAS, R. Ganellen, PhD

Beyond Traits: Personality Differences as Inter-subjective Themes, N. McWilliams, PhD

Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, H. Schmidt, PhD, 2011

Motivational Interviewing, 2009

Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, 2007

Introduction to Positive Behavioral Support

Site Safety

Supervisory Creating an Abuse Free Environment

Service Award for Work with Adults with Developmental Physical and Behavioral Disabilities, 2004

Current Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association (APA), member

Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse (ATSA), clinical member

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), pro bono trauma/asylum evaluator

Languages

Fluent in English, Russian, and Ukrainian