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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

PsyPact-certified to practice telepsychology in 42 states¹

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 – 07/31/2023

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

¹ www.psypact.gov/page/psypactmap

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, DeKalb, DuPage, McHenry, Monroe, Lake, Lee, Kane, Kankakee, Peoria, Ogle, Sangamon, Tazewell, 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

ABFP² 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

² 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.

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 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
APA³ 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, paraphilic, 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**

³ APA stands for the American Psychological Association, a scientific and professional organization that represents psychologists in the United States.

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, 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, paraphilic disorders, 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

SAARNA, 04/2025

From Assessment to Treatment for Sexual Recidivism Risk, by Dr. Franca Cortoni

Safer Society Foundation, 01/2025

Structured Assessment of Protective Factors Against Sexual Offending (SAPROF-SO)
Version 1 Training

ATSA, 10/2024

Current Findings about the Psychometric Properties of the CPRT, the SSPI-2, and the Static-99

Opening Remarks and Plenary Session I - Youth as Architects of Prevention

Opening Remarks and Plenary Session III - Breaking the Cycle of Sexual Harm

Paper Presentations: Effectiveness of Stand Strong Walk Tall | Prevention Program | Treatment Needs

Plenary Session II - Clinician Differences and Biases

Plenary Session IV - Safety by Design for Generative AI: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

Psychosexual Evaluations in Court: Part 2 - View from the Witness Stand

Psychosexual Evaluations in Court: Pt I - Psychosexual Evaluations 101

Testing Explanations for Father-Daughter Incest

You Can't Spell Pedophilia without Emotional Identification with Children

American Academy of Forensic Psychology, 06/2024

Evaluating Miranda Rights Waivers & False Confessions

Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts

Brain and Behavior in the Courtroom: History and Applications of Neuropsychology in Forensic Evaluation

Ethics in Forensic Psychology Practice: A Case - Based Approach

Pearson, 05/2024

Detecting Autism amongst the Ever-Broadening Spectrum

WAIS-5 Overview

APA, 03/2024

Mandatory Abuse Reporting

Burnout and Wellness in Social Workers, Psychologists, and Counselors

Brain injuries

Sexuality in Context and Sexually Transmitted Infections

Telemental Health Practice

Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Changing the Culture and Climate that Drives It

Wisconsin Department of Human Services, 03/2024

The Fundamentals of Competency Evaluations and Treatment

APA, 02/2024

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

Florida Statutes and Rules Affecting the Practice of Psychology

Spousal or Partner Abuse Assessment, Detection, and Intervention Strategies

SAARNA, 01/2024

Child Sexual Exploitation Material (CSEM) Risk Tools

SAARNA, 07/2023

Theoretical and Empirical Issues in the use of Protective Factors in Assessment

Monarch clinic, 06/2023

Level II Penile Plethysmograph

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