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EDUCATION

Florida Psychoanalytic Center

Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Course

March 2022- present

A two-year advanced training program in psychodynamic psychotherapy for licensed mental health professionals

Pre-Doctoral Internship

September 2016- August 2017

APA-Accredited Program

Florida Department of Corrections, Zephyrhills, FL

Training Director: Thomas Culbreath, Psy.D.

Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology

August 2012- September 2017

APA-Accredited Program

Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Studies, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Forensic Concentration

Clinical Competency Exam Passed: October 2015

Doctoral Research Project

Title: *“Psychopathy from a Neurobiological Perspective: Etiology, Treatment, and Legal Implications”*

Committee: David Shapiro, Ph.D., ABPP (Chair); Lenore Walker, Ed.D., ABPP

Doctoral Research Project Approved: January 2015

Master of Science in Clinical Psychology

August 2012- September 2014

APA-Accredited Program

Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Studies, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

August 2004- June 2012

Minor: Criminology

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Cumulative GPA: 3.9

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Predocutorial Psychology Intern

September 2016- August 2017

Florida Department of Corrections*Supervisor:* Thomas Culbreath, Psy.D.

Zephyrhills, Florida

Population Served: Provided psychological services for male and female inmates in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Training sites included Zephyrhills Correctional Institution, Lowell Correctional Institution, and Florida Women's Reception Center. Inmates presented with acute, chronic, and situational psychiatric disturbances.

Responsibilities: Provided individual therapy and case management services to male and female inmates in an inpatient and outpatient correctional setting. Facilitated a Treating Psychosis group for male inmates with severe and persistent mental illness. Facilitated an Acceptance and Commitment Therapy group for male, outpatient inmates with trauma-related issues. Assisted in preparation for audits; managed and organized service provision for inpatient mental health units. Completed psychological evaluations that include intelligence, personality, malingering, and neurological screening measures. Conducted daily mental health rounds in inpatient units. Provided crisis intervention as needed.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

InPsych Consultants, P.A.

March 2022- present

Weston, Florida

Population Served: Children, adolescents and adults

Responsibilities: Provide comprehensive psychological services including testing and psychotherapy

Licensed Clinical Psychologist**Center for Clinical and Forensic Psychology**

July 2019- present

Hialeah, Florida

Population Served: Assisted living facility residents with severe and persistent mental illness

Responsibilities: Provide psychotherapy for residents on a bi-weekly basis, crisis intervention including facilitation of involuntary hospitalizations

Resident Psychologist

October 2018- July 2019

Institute for Behavioral Science and the Law (IBSL)

Coral Springs, FL

Population Served: Adult and adolescent clients

Responsibilities: Assist in the completion of a variety of forensic evaluations including psychological evaluations, sex offender risk assessments, sanity evaluations, violence risk assessments, fitness for duty evaluations, and immigration-related evaluations.

Resident Psychologist

September 2017- January 2018

Comprehensive Outpatient Recovery Treatment and Evaluation (C.O.R.T.E)

Delray Beach, FL

Population Served: Clients referred by Florida Department of Corrections or Department of Children and Families for court-ordered services.

Responsibilities: Completed psychological, substance abuse, and parental fitness evaluations. Provided expert witness testimony in dependency court proceedings.

Mental Health Clinician August 2015- September 2016
Comprehensive Outpatient Recovery Treatment and Evaluation (C.O.R.T.E)

Delray Beach, FL

Population Served: Clients referred by Florida Department of Corrections or Department of Children and Families for court-ordered psychological services.

Responsibilities: Provided individual and family therapy for clients based on a forensic referral, utilizing psychodynamic and cognitive-behavioral interventions. Completed monthly progress reports and quarterly treatment plan reviews. Maintained regular contact with case managers and attorneys. Provided expert witness testimony in dependency court proceedings. Completed comprehensive psychological and parental fitness evaluations based on a full battery of objective and projective measures. Facilitated Men's Anger Management and Substance Abuse Awareness groups.

CLINICAL PRACTICA EXPERIENCE

Psychology Practicum Student December 2015- June 2016
Federal Correctional Institution, Miami (FCI Miami) *Supervisor:* Marie Trgovac, Psy.D.
16 hours/week

Population Served: Outpatient inmates of varying custody levels, sentences, and diagnoses.

Responsibilities: Completed diagnostic assessments to determine eligibility for the Residential Drug Abuse Program (RDAP). Attended daily community meetings for RDAP and facilitated process groups. Conducted initial and transfer intakes for inmates upon arrival and assigned the appropriate Care Level. Maintained a caseload of Care-2 inmates that required monthly follow-ups with brief therapeutic intervention and quarterly treatment plan reviews. Facilitated a Basic Cognitive Skills group and a Criminal Thinking Errors group on a weekly basis. Conducted a seminar for inmates on Managing Stress Upon Release. Completed comprehensive psychological evaluations to provide diagnostic clarification and recommend the appropriate services. Provided crisis intervention as needed.

Psychology Practicum Student
Comprehensive Outpatient Recovery Treatment and Evaluation (C.O.R.T.E)

Delray Beach, FL

August 2014- August 2015

30- 35 hours/week

Supervisor: Rebecca Parnell, Psy.D.

Population Served: Clients of all ages referred by Florida Department of Corrections or Department of Children and Families for court-ordered psychological services.

Responsibilities: Provided individual, couples, and family therapy to clients based on a forensic referral: anger management, domestic violence (victim or perpetrator), child abuse/neglect, substance abuse, mood disorders, and personality disorders. Completed comprehensive psychological evaluations based on a full battery of objective and projective measures. Completed clinical assessments, Batterer Intervention Program assessments, and substance abuse evaluations. Facilitated Domestic Violence and Parenting Education psychotherapy groups per week. Facilitated Women and Men's Anger Management and Substance Abuse Awareness

groups as needed. Provided expert witness testimony in dependency court proceedings. Completed intake interviews, monthly progress reports, and quarterly treatment plan reviews.

Psychology Practicum Student August 2013- August 2014
Forensic Psychology Practicum *Supervisor: David Shapiro, Ph.D., ABPP;*
Center for Psychological Studies, Nova Southeastern University
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
10 hours/week

Population Served: Children, adolescents, and adults in the various forensic settings described below.

Responsibilities: Provided group therapy and brief psychotherapy in correctional and inpatient hospital settings. Completed competency evaluations for immigration detainees. Completed psychological evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults referred by Department of Children and Families.

- Atlantic Shores Hospital: Facilitated weekly group sessions for men in the inpatient, forensic unit. Clients suffered from long-term mental illness and were declared incompetent to proceed in trial. Topics included cognitive restructuring, mindfulness training, emotional regulation, conflict resolution, drug and alcohol abuse, and trauma resolution.
- Palm Beach County Detention Center: Maximum-security facility. Conducted structured interviews, mental status exams, and suicide risk assessments with inmates in both general population and mental health units. Provided brief psychotherapy and responded to written requests from inmates requesting mental health services. Attended multidisciplinary treatment team meetings.
- Paul Rein Detention Center: Facilitated weekly Survivor Therapy Empowerment Program (STEP) group sessions with incarcerated women. STEP is a trauma- based therapy and psychoeducational program.
- North Broward Detention Center: Facilitated weekly STEP group sessions with male and female inmates in the inpatient unit.
- Juvenile Detention Center: Facilitated weekly psychoeducational group sessions with male and female juveniles ranging from 12-18 years old. Topics included the criminal justice system, emotional regulation, assertiveness training, sexual education, and eating disorders.
- Childnet (DCF) /Guardian Ad Litem: Conducted court-ordered psychological evaluations with recommendations regarding the client's degree of parental fitness.
- Krome Detention Center: Conducted court competency evaluations for individuals being detained and assessed for deportation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). These evaluations also included assessment for neurological impairment and tests of malingering.
- Mental Health Court: Attended Broward County Mental Health Court on a weekly basis. Assisted the court in assessing the mental health issues of the defendants and determining their related needs in order to ensure that proper services were provided upon their release from jail.
- Other: Completed pro-bono psychological assessments for individuals petitioning the U.S.

Citizenship and Immigration Services for a U-Visa. These evaluations focused primarily on assessing the client's personality characteristics and the presence of any symptoms indicative of psychological trauma.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant January 2012- August 2015

Death Penalty and Mental Health Issues

Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Services

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Responsibilities: Analyzed criminal court cases with death penalty sentences and coded them based on mitigating factors and final outcomes. Determined common psychological factors of the defendants that are most likely to result in a reduced sentence of life in prison. Death penalty cases were then reanalyzed and coded based solely on specific factors related to ineffective assistance of counsel and due process.

Graduate Research Assistant August 2013-August 2014

Survivor Therapy Empowerment Program

Forensic Psychology Practicum

Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Services

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Responsibilities: Administered the Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI), Trauma Symptom Inventory (TSI), Detailed Assessment of Posttraumatic Stress (DAPS), and Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory (SASSI) to female inmates at Paul Rein Detention Center and the North Broward Detention Center during weekly group therapy sessions. Trained graduate students on the data collection process. Scored, interpreted, and input data.

Graduate Research Assistant August 2012- August 2014

Revised Battered Woman Syndrome Questionnaire (BWSQ-3)

Nova Southeastern University, Center for Psychological Services

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Responsibilities: Administered the BWSQ-3 to female inmates at Paul Rein Detention Center to assist in establishing the validity and reliability of this measure. Trained other graduate students to administer the BWSQ-3.

SYMPOSIUM AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Howell, T., Schumacher, L., Phillpot A., Caezza, J., Davis, J., Calderin, D., **Rotondo, M.**, Hylton T., Astor, H., Groth, C., & Shapiro, D (August 2015). *Women and the Death Penalty: Sentencing Outcomes and Trauma History*. Poster presented at the 123rd American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON.

Shumacher, L., Phillpot, A., Calderin, D., Groth, C., Howell, T., Caezza, J., Astor, J., Hylton, T.,

Rotondo, M., Shapiro, D. (August 2015). *Why Mental Health Mitigation Fails in Capital Cases*. Symposium presented at the 123rd American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON.

Schumacher, L., Davis J., Howell T., Phillipot A., Calderin, D., Caezza J., **Rotondo, M.**, Astor, H., Hylton, T., Groth, C., & Shapiro, D. (May 2015). *Prevalence of Abuse and Trauma within Capital Defendants*. Poster presented at the 27th Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, New York, NY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Violence Risk Assessment Teaching Assistant August 2014- July 2016
Center for Psychological Studies *Supervisor:* Chad Waxman, Psy.D.
Nova Southeastern University
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Responsibilities: Graded assignments, participated in online chat sessions per week and tracked course participation.

Behavioral Criminology Teaching Assistant May 2014- September 2014
Center for Psychological Studies *Supervisor:* Abigail Tucker, Psy.D.
Nova Southeastern University
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Responsibilities: Created tests and quizzes, graded assignments, tracked course participation, provided feedback to students per week, and answered students' questions about the course and readings.

Behavioral Assessment Teaching Assistant October 2013- December 2014
Center for Psychological Studies *Supervisor:* Jean Thaw, Ph.D.
Nova Southeastern University
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Responsibilities: Graded tests and assignments and assisted students in conducting research for course assignments.

Developmental Psychology: Adults and Older Adults Teaching Assistant
Center for Psychological Studies August 2013- December 2013
Nova Southeastern University *Supervisor:* Michelle Gagnon Blodgett, Psy.D.
 Fort Lauderdale, FL
Responsibilities: Graded tests and assignments.

PRESENTATIONS

Rotondo, M. (2016, October). Self-Harm in Correctional Settings. Presentation conducted for mental health staff at Zephyrhills Correctional Institution in Zephyrhills, FL.

Rotondo, M. (2017, February). Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for PTSD and Trauma-Related Issues. Presentation conducted for mental health staff at Zephyrhills Correctional Institution in Zephyrhills, FL.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Individualities: How Personality Differences Matter for Psychotherapy

The Southeast Florida Association for Psychoanalytic Psychology

November 2016, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

Presenter: Nancy McWilliams, PhD, ABPP

ACT Made Easy: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Depression, Anxiety, Trauma and Personality Disorder

March 2017, Miami, FL

Presenter: Jennifer Patterson, Psy.D. LCPC

4th Annual Juvenile Crime Conference: Kids That Kill

The Broward County Crime Commission

November 2018, Tamarac, FL

Assessment, Management, and Treatment of Sex Offenders Online

Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Conference

March 2019, Altamonte Springs, FL

Presenters: David Delmonico, PhD and Elizabeth Griffin, MA

Introduction to EMDR

Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Conference

March 2019, Altamonte Springs, FL

Presenter: George Deitchman, PhD

Community-Based Registered Sex Offenders: Does One Label Fit All?

Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Conference

March 2019, Altamonte Springs, FL

Presenter: Thomas Glaza, EdD

Psychopharmacology: Essential Information for Mental Health Professionals

September 16, 2021, Live Webinar

Presenter: Dr. Kenneth Carter

Grief Treatment Certification Course: Evidence-Based Strategies for Helping Clients Make Meaning After Loss

January 22, 2022, Digital Seminar

Presenter: Dr. Joy Samuels

Treat Anxiety Fast

Online Course completed March 2022

Presenter: David Burns

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA)
Professional Affiliate

2022- present