

Curriculum Vitae
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Summary of Forensic Experience 2007 - present

Criminal:

Expert Testimony Cases: Depositions appr. 10, Trial 2; Mentally Disordered Offender, Competence to Stand Trial, Sexually Violent Predator; Federal Supreme Court Jury Trial 1.
Consultation with attorneys: Over 65 cases from Department of State Hospitals
Violence Risk Assessments: Over 1000 Short Term Risk Assessments, <50 Long Term Violence Risk Assessments, > 20 Sexual Violence Risk Assessments
Main Disorders Assessed and/or Treated: Schizophrenia, Psychopathy, Bipolar, Depression, OCD, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder
Familiarity with Penal Codes: Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial, Mentally Ill Inmate, Mentally Disordered Offender, Sexually Violent Predator
Crimes Assessed and/or Treated: Murder (decapitation, shooting, stabbing, cannibalism, mass murder, serial killing, murder for hire), Serial Rape, Pedophilia, Exhibitionism, Crimes against the White House, Attempted Assassination of a President, Great Bodily Injury, Stalking
Fellowship: High Risk Sexual Offenders Risk Assessment Recidivism

Civil:

Certificate of Merit: Over 2000 evaluations, consultation, and/or report, 340.1
Expert Psychological Injury Evaluations (evaluation, deposition and/or trial):
29 depositions (22 plaintiff; 7 defense)
3 testimony (jury, juvenile, federal)

Specialty Experts Hired for the following cases beginning 06/05/2023:

Case Type	Hiring Legal Team	Services, Outcome	Date
Celebrity Sex Allegation	Plaintiff	Case review, Consulting; ongoing	6/5/2023
Medical Malpractice	Plaintiff	Deposition, Trial; Defense won	9/5/2023
Employment Personal Injury	Defense	Case review, Evaluation; ongoing	10/23/2023
Criminal SVP	Defense	Case review, Consulting; ongoing	10/24/2023
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settled	11/20/2023
Vehicle Collision	Defense	Deposition; Settled	12/1/2023
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation, Deposition; Settled	12/13/2023
Family Law/Dependency Court	Defense	Case Review, Trial; Plaintiff won	2/5/2024
Celebrity Estate and Emotional Abuse	Defense	Deposition; Settlement	3/13/2024
Federal Drug Trafficking	Defense	Evaluation, Testimony; Defense won	3/26/2024
Personal Injury Discrimination	Defense	Evaluation; ongoing	4/4/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settlement	5/15/2024
Sexual Abuse- LDS	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	6/10/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	6/15/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settlement	7/1/2024
Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	7/1/2024
Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	7/1/2024
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Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	7/1/2024
Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	7/1/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	7/15/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settlement	7/17/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settlement	7/21/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settlement	8/15/2024
Personal Injury Discrimination	Defense	Deposition; Settlement	8/16/2024
Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	8/19/2024
Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	8/19/2024
Sexual Abuse-Federal Prison	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	8/21/2024
Domestic Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; ongoing	9/10/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	9/13/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	9/15/2024
Teacher/School Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	10/23/2024
Celebrity Athlete Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Deposition; Settlement	11/13/2024
Celebrity Employment Sexual Abuse	Plaintiff	Evaluation; Settlement	12/19/2024
Sexual Abuse- Catholic Church	Plaintiff	Report; Ongoing	2/7/2025
Medical Malpractice	Plaintiff	Report; Ongoing	2/14/2025

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) with Concentration in Forensics – 2012.

Loma Linda University, California

Dissertation: Gestalt Group Psychotherapy With Incarcerated Schizophrenia: A Qualitative Study

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology – 2009.

Loma Linda University, California

Master of Science in Psychodynamic Psychology- 2006.

University of London, England.

Bachelor of Science in Psychology - 2001.

Colorado State University, Colorado.

CLINICAL AND EDUCATIONAL POSITIONS

August 2023 – present **Content Creator, Instagram (@drlesliedobson; @intentionallydisturbing), Tiktok (@Drlesliedobson), Youtube (@Drlesliedobson), X, LinkedIn, Threads; iHeart Radio Podcast Intentionally Disturbing**

February 2020 – present **Dr. Dobson, Clinical and Forensic Psychology Private Practice, Huntington Beach, CA**

Criminal and Civil Psychological Evaluations, Certificates of Merit, Damage Assessments, and Expert Testimony of violent offenders, victims, mass shootings, serial killers, Sexually Violent Predator, child sexual assault and trauma (religious, clergy abuse, school, trauma) for private law firms
Discrete celebrity and high profile expert psychologist and consultation for defense and plaintiff

Therapy for general mental health and trauma

Threat Assessment and Management Planning

Pro Bono consultation and therapy for infant sleep training, fertility, post-partum

September 2022 – present **The Dobson Cook Wellness Foundation, Long Beach, CA**

Founder; offering free mental health treatment and wellness services based on donation

January 2022 – Feb 2024 **Premier 1st Responder, Long Beach, CA**

Critical Incident Response and Debriefing for Fire and Police Departments

Individual and group therapy for first responders and families

Peer Support Training Specialist

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing (MI),

Cognitive Processing (CPT)

October 2019 – July 2021 **UCLA Health Teaching, Training, and Supervision**

Sept 2018 – July 2021 **Staff Psychologist at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System**

Duties: Disruptive Behavior Committee (violence threat assessment); Suicide Prevention Crisis Line; Dual Diagnosis Treatment Program (i.e., severe mental illness and substance use; developed program, defined caseload, hired staff, used VA qualitative analytics); Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis and Insomnia; Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (treatment and

program development, aligning with national joint commission, data analysis, quality management, writing standards of practice, forming templates for electronic health system, program audits); hiring master level therapists.

- March 2017 – Sept 2018 **Forensic Psychology Lecturer at California Polytechnic University – San Luis Obispo**
Duties: Lecturer for Forensic Psychology undergraduate course with approximately 60 students. Course consists of an overview of forensic psychology, discussion of evidence-based treatment for severe mental illness, legal definitions of insanity, criminal responsibility, diminished capacity, incompetent to stand trial, mental disordered offenders, sexually violent predators, and not guilty by reason of insanity. In addition, course discusses case law and statutes that impact forensic psychology.
- May 2013 – July 2018 **Staff Psychologist at Department of State Hospitals – Atascadero**
Duties: Admission assessments (i.e., cognitive testing, chart review, interview, admission report, diagnosis, treatment planning, individual and group therapy), suicide and violence risk assessments (i.e., SRA, START, PCL-R), short-term individual and group therapy, behavior plans, outpatient liaison with collaterals and attorneys. Long-term treatment unit comprised of individuals held pursuant to PC 1026, 2962 and 2972 primarily. Individual and 6-8 hours of group therapy weekly, psychological assessments, behavior plans, violence risk and sexual violence risk assessment, internship committee selection, intern training, subpoena, deposition, consultation, testimony.
- Sept 2012 – May 2013 **Psychological Fellowship at Sharper Future**
Setting: Forensic/Sexual Violence Outpatient Probation and Parole
Population: Adult, male and female, ages 18-90+.
Major Duties: Individual therapy, group therapy, and both sexual and violent risk assessments for state parole or federal probation (i.e., High Risk Sex Offenders or Probationers). Formal Sex Offense Risk Assessments comprised of actuarial and static sex offender measures. Liaison with parole, probation, attorneys, state housing facilities.
- Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (CASOMB; CA Sex Offender Management Board) – 01/01/2013-present**
- July 2011 – July 2012 **Psychological Internship at Saint Elizabeths Hospital**
Setting: Civil and Forensic Inpatient Public Psychiatric Hospital
Population: Adult, serious mental illness, male and female, ages 18-90+.
Major Duties: District of Columbia Superior Court House, administering competency screeners and full competency evaluations to pre-trial defendants, criminal responsibility evaluations. Psychological and risk assessments, including cognitive, personality, neuropsychological, competency, insanity and malingering. Individual and group therapy, and psychological evaluations. Attendance at trials for crimes against the White House.

Prior unpaid clinical rotations include Loma Linda Veteran Affairs Hospital (i.e., anger, group therapy, PTSD, chronic pain), Los Angeles County Jail (i.e., schizophrenia and severe mental illness, group therapy, psychoeducation of mental health for custody officers, violence and sexual violence education and training), Community Mental Health San Bernardino, private practice.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

- August 2018 – June 2021 ***Staff Psychologist Supervisor and Didactic Leader***
Duties: Supervision and didactics for UCLA psychiatry residents.
- May 2013 – July 2018 ***Staff Psychologist Supervisor at Atascadero State Hospital Internship Program***
Duties: Supervision of psychology intern on admissions unit, long-term treatment, individual therapy, and internship committee decisions. Training on psychological and cognitive assessment, interviewing, therapy, behavior plans, professionalism, interdisciplinary team interactions, editing assessment reports and therapy notes.
- May 2010 – 2011 ***Pre-Intern Supervisor at Behavioral Health Institute***
Duties: Supervision for first year clinical doctoral students. Supervising individual psychotherapy cases with diagnoses ranging from mild to moderate psychopathology. Includes providing feedback, intervention suggestions, theoretical case conceptualizations, critiquing student videos, and editing intake reports.
- Jan. 2010 – June 2011 ***Therapy supervisor and teaching assistant***
Duties: Prepare and provide class lectures, as well as provide supervision for doctoral students. Included providing live feedback, direction, explanation of theory, and case conceptualization.

Prior training experiences available upon request.

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Presentation

Women in Wellness, Authority Magazine, Knoxville, TN, April 2024

What Are Interpersonal Skills? | Built In Magazine – October, 2023

The Psychology of Motivation, Product League, CA – 2023

Thriving As An Introvert: Dr Leslie Dobson On How Introverts Can Thrive & Succeed In A Society That Seems To Favor Extroverts | by Yitzi Weiner | Authority Magazine | Sep, 2023 | Medium

American Group Psychotherapy Conference, San Francisco, CA – 2014

Forensic Media Appearances

Very Scary People: Investigation Discovery, Amazon Prime, HBO MAs season six, episode eight, “Angel of Death”

Dick Wolf Series: coming to Oxygen and Peacock July 2025

America’s Most Wanted: coming April 2025

Court TV: multiple appearances

Nancy Grace: multiple appearances

Publications and Media

An Older Mom Wishes She Hadn't Prioritized Career Over Having Kids (businessinsider.com)
13 Going On 30: The Newest Generation of Influencers Are Kids - Trill Mag

<https://www.buzzfeed.com/meganeliscomb/this-mom-explained-why-shes-not-posting-her-kid-online>

This Mom Explained Why She's Not Posting Her Kid Online Anymore, And It's An Important Wake-Up Call (yahoo.com)

10 Mind Games Narcissists Play in a Relationship, Psychologists Explain - Parade

Good Morning America – Millennials and their Boomer Parents

Nasdaq - How Dr. Leslie Dobson's Experience in Clinical and Forensic Psychology has Set Her Practice Up for Success

Millennials 'frustrated' parents not helping raise grandkids: 'Three-fourth quarter life crisis they're in' (foxnews.com)

Millennials say boomer parents not helping enough with child care: report - ABC7 New York (abc7ny.com)

Millennials Say Boomer Parents Not Helping Enough With Child Care: Report - WorldNewsEra

How To Identify and Deal With 'Energy Vampires' | Well+Good (wellandgood.com)

Socratic Questioning: Examples, Techniques, and More (verywellmind.com)

Women In Wellness: Dr Leslie Dobson On The Five Lifestyle Tweaks That Will Help Support People's Journey Towards Better Wellbeing | by Wanda Malhotra | Authority Magazine | Oct, 2023 | Medium

Alone on Christmas: What to Do on Christmas With No Family (choosingtherapy.com)

The Power of Introverts, Authority Magazine, September 2023

10 Red Flags You're Dating a Gaslighter, Therapists Say — Best Life (bestlifeonline.com)

Dobson L., Burley T., Cook W., & Haerech P. (2014) Gestalt Group Therapy for Incarcerated Schizophrenia. *GROUP*, (1) 2014.

Cook W., Arechiga A., **Dobson L.**, and Boyd K. (2014) Brief Heterogeneous Inpatient Psychotherapy Groups: A Process-oriented Psychoeducational (POP) Model. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, April, 64(2).

Cook W., and **Dobson, L.** (2014) Brief Inpatient Group Programming or Therapy? Towards a POP Model for the RAPID Group. A Rejoinder. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*. April, 64(2).

Cook, W., and Dobson, L. (2014) A response to Walter Stone's False Self. *GROUP*, Winter, 2014.

Stinnett, R., Burley, T., Barrera, K., **Dobson, L.**, Cook, W. (2015) "Schizophrenia" Part III: A Gestalt Analysis and Critique of Cultural and Family Variables. *Gestalt Review*, 19(1).

Burley, T., Stinnett, R., Goldsmith, S., Barrera, K., **Dobson, L.** (2015) "Schizophrenia" Part IV: A Gestalt Conceptualization for Treating the Schizophrenic Patient. *Gestalt Review*, 19(1).

Dobson, L., Burley, T., Cook, W., Haerich, P. (2015) "Schizophrenia" Part V: A Gestalt Approach to Group Treatment of Incarcerated Schizophrenic Patients. *Gestalt Review*, 19(1).

Psychopathy research in progress: (1) Psychopathy and crime classification: the relationship between increased levels of psychopathy and crime classifications; (2) White collar crime: an analysis of psychopathy and entrepreneurials (in progress)

CLINICAL INSTRUMENT EXPERIENCE

Abel Assessment

American National Reading Test

Attention Deficit Disorders Evaluation Scales

Beck Anxiety Inventory

Beck Depression Inventory

Beck Youth Inventories

Behavior Assessment Scales for Children

Boston Naming Test

BVMT

California Verbal Learning Test

California Verbal Learning Test for Children

CAMS Suicide Assessment

CAPS-5 - PTSD	Repeatable Battery for Assess. of Neuro. Status
Columbia Suicide Screener	Revised NEO Personality Inventory
Conners' Continuous Performance Test	Rey Complex Figure Test and Recognition Trial
Conners' Third Edition – Short Form	Rey-15 Item Test
Controlled Oral Word Association Test (FAS, animals)	RIAS
Comprehensive Suicide Risk Assessment (CSRE)	RIST
Delis Kaplan Executive Function Scale	Risk, Need, Responsivity
Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)	Robert's Apperception Test for Children
Geriatric Depression Scale	Rorschach Inkblot
Halstead-Reitan Neuropsych. Battery	Saint Louis University Mental Status Exam
HCR-20 3	Sixteen Personality Factor
High Risk Sex Offender Assessment	SRAFV-L
House Tree Person	Static 99 and 99R
Independent Living Scales	Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms
Judgment of Line Orientation	START short-term risk assessment
LS-CMI	Test of Everyday Attention for Children
Luria-Nebraska Neuropsych. Battery	Test of Memory and Malingering
Mental Status Exam	Trail Making Test A & B
MicroCog	Trauma Symptoms Inventory - 2
Mini Mental Status Exam	Thematic Apperception Test
Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test	Victoria Symptoms Validity Test
Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory- 3	VRAG
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2	Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence
MoCA	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale 3
Neuropsych. Assessment Battery (NAB)	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale 4
Outcomes Questionnaire 45.2	Wechsler Individual Achievement Test 2
Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale	Wechsler Memory Scale - III
Personality Assessment Inventory	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children 4
Psychopathic Personality Inventory	Wide Range Achievement Test 4
Psychopathy Checklist- Revised	Wisconsin Card Sorting Test
	Whitaker Index of Schizophrenic Thinking
	Word Memory Test (Greens)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/JOURNALS

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
American Psychological Association (APA)
American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)
California Psychological Association (CPA)
Orange County Psychological Association (OCPA)
Orange County Forensic Psychologist Committee
Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA)
International Professionals of Innovation
Seak Experts (SEAK)
International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies
United States Conceal and Carry Association (USCCA)

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2024	<i>American Psychology Law Society, APLS, Los Angeles, CA</i>
2024	<i>Surviving Cross Examination, FEWA, Online</i>
2024	<i>Mandated Reporting for Therapists, CPA</i>
2023	<i>Forensic and Correctional Applications of the Personality Assessment Inventory, Palo Alto University, CA</i>

- 2023 *Effective Expert Testimony For Forensic Evaluation*, Palo Alto University, CA
 2023 *Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)*
 2023 *AAFP: Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts*, Dr. Pietz, PhD, ABPP, Palo Alto University, CA
 2023 *Psychological Evaluation in Personal Injury and Rights Cases*, Palo Alto University, CA
 2022 *Gavin de Becker Threat Assessment Conference*, Lake Arrowhead, CA
 2022 *Association of Threat Assessment Professionals*, Orlando, FL
 2020 *Firearms and Weapons*, Long Beach, CA
 2020 *Telehealth*, Los Angeles, CA
 2019 *CAMS Suicide Assessment*, Los Angeles, CA
 2019 *Substance Use Disorders*, Los Angeles, CA
 2019 *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia*, Los Angeles, CA
 2018 *Disruptive Behavior*, Los Angeles, CA
 2017 *START Risk Assessment Training*, Atascadero, CA
 2016 *HCR-20, Static-99 Training*, Coalinga, CA
 2016 *TEDx*, Santa Barbara, CA
 2015 *Psychopharmacology*, Atascadero, CA
 2014-2016 *Supervision Theory and Practice*, Atascadero, CA
 2014 *American Group Psychotherapy Association*, San Francisco, CA
 2014 *Psychopathy Checklist – Revised*, Atascadero State Hospital, CA
 2012-2013 *Abel Assessment, LS-CMI, Static 99, SRA*, Oakland, CA
 2011 *Schizophrenia Conference*, San Francisco, CA
 2011 *ISTSS*, Baltimore, MD
 2011 *CPR certification*, Washington, D.C.
 2011 *Trauma-informed Care*, Washington, D.C.
 2008-2010 *Gestalt Associates Training, year-round*, Los Angeles, CA.
 2010 *APA 118th Annual Convention*, San Diego, CA.
 2010 *Purpose Driven Hypnosis, individual training*, Brea, CA.
 2010 *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Conference*, Inglewood, CA.
 2010 *Co-Occurring Disorders and Justice-Involved People*, Webinar.
 2009 *Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference*, Anaheim, CA.
 2009 *Risk Assessment in Corrections*, Los Angeles, CA.
 2009 *European Gestalt Residential Summer Training*, Buffalo, NY.
 2008 *European Gestalt Residential Summer Training*, Vilnius, Lithuania.
 2008 *Creative Approaches to Play Therapy*, Riverside, CA.
 2008 *Forensic Conference*, Las Vegas, NV.
 2008 *Biofeedback Training*, Loma Linda, CA.
 2007 *Bipolar Symposium*, Newport Beach, CA.

Quarterly training in law, ethics, mandated reporting per ethical and legal state and federal requirements.

REFERENCES

Available on request.