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Education

Doctor of Psychology, Widener University (May 1994)
Graduation Award for Distinction in Clinical Psychology
Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology, Widener University (Aug 1992)
Bachelor of Arts, Haverford College (May 1987)
Jesuit High School, Tampa Fl.

Licensure

Pennsylvania Licensed Psychologist PS008263L

Current Appointments

Member, Pennsylvania Psychological Association: Insurance and Managed Care Committee (June 2012 – present). Electronic Media Coordination Committee (2013-present).

Cumberland-Perry Mental Health/IDD Advisory Board (October 2015-Aug 2024).

Reviewer, Law School Admissions Test (April 2018 – present)

Reviewer, Disability Cases, Dane Street, (June 2024 – present)

Current Clinical Work

Clinical Neuropsychologist: Private Practice. Conduct neuropsychological evaluations and provide treatment with a diverse population of brain injury, neurological and academically challenged individuals. Diagnostic evaluations, treatment planning, behavioral intervention, cognitive interventions, and consultation with clinical professionals. Conduct IME and Forensic evaluations. (December 2008 – present)

Previous Appointments

Clinical Assistant Professor: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Psychology Department. Taught Doctoral level courses in Research Design and Methodology, Statistics, Biological Basis of Behavior, Introduction to Neuropsychology, Advanced Psychological Assessment, Learning Theories, Rehabilitation Psychology and Dissertation Seminar. Serve on dissertation committees, administrative committees, and mentor student advisees (July, 2002 – July 2009). **Adjunct Faculty** (March 1999 – June, 2002).

Adjunct Faculty: Widener University, School of Human Services. Taught Doctoral level courses in Introduction to Neuropsychology, and Practicum in Neuropsychological Appraisal. Served on dissertation committees. (September, 1994 – August 1998).

Member, Board of Directors: Delaware County Blind/Sight Center (November, 1996 August, 1998).

Previous Clinical Experience

Director of Psychology: Physicians of Rehabilitation, Industrial and Spine Medicine. Managed clinical staff, train interns and practicum students, maintained budget and oversaw billing. Conducted neuropsychological evaluations and provided treatment to a diverse population of brain injured and neurological patients. Diagnostic evaluations, treatment planning, behavioral intervention, cognitive remediation, and consultation with clinical team members. Conducted IME and Forensic evaluations. Provided consultation to business and marketing personnel (June 2000 – December 2008). Staff Neuropsychologist (August 1999 – May 2000).

Neuropsychologist: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Mechanicsburg. Provided neuropsychological assessment and intervention for inpatient and outpatient brain injury, stroke, and neurological patients. Consulted with interdisciplinary clinical team regarding treatment issues and program development. (August, 1998 – July, 1999).

Director of Neuropsychology: Independence Rehab. Administrative duties and coordination of a six-member neuropsychology staff. Assigned and monitored individual cases. Developed and implemented administrative policies and procedures. Managed department budget and material resources (October 1996 – July, 1998).

Neuropsychologist: Independence Rehab. Comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations with acute, outpatient, day program, and residential brain injury patients. Developed rehabilitation service programs. Consulted with geriatric day care and assisted living. Individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, cognitive remediation, and vocational counseling. Director of Program Evaluation - included creation of outcome measures, data analysis, and reporting of results. Director of Internship Training - included supervision of post-doctoral fellows, interns, and practicum students. Consulted with an interdisciplinary team. Marketing activities. (July 1995 – October, 1996).

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Independence Rehab Services and Cooper Hospital Department of Neurosurgery. Comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations with acute, outpatient, day program, and residential brain injury patients. Evaluations for the National Acute Brain Injury: Hypothermia study. Created and developed rehabilitation service programs. Psychotherapy, cognitive remediation, and vocational counseling. Consultation with an interdisciplinary team. (July 1994 - June, 1995).

Training Experience

Internships - Rotation II: Albert Einstein Medical Center, Neuropsychology Laboratory
Neuropsychological evaluation of inpatients on the Geropsychiatry, Psychiatry and Medical wards, as well as outpatient referrals. Participated in ongoing research, and consulted with hospital staff. (July 1993 - June 1994). **Rotation I:** Center for Psychological Services, Widener University. Long- and short-term psychotherapy with adults, couples, and children. Psychological evaluations with adults and children, as well as family assessment. Consulting position with the Philadelphians Concerned About Housing, including psychotherapy, assessment, and program evaluation. (July 1992 - June 1993).

Practicums – Rotation III: New Medico of Philadelphia. Neuropsychological evaluations, individual and group therapy with inpatient brain injury patients. (Sept 1991 - June 1992). **Rotation II:** Southern Home Services. Individual therapy and psychological assessment with children participating in partial hospitalization and day treatment settings. (Sept 1990 - June 1991). **Rotation I:** Delaware County Association for the Blind. Psychological assessment, individual and group therapy with blind and visually impaired adolescents and adults. (Sept 1989 - June 1990).

Summer Internship: Mediplex Rehab Camden. Neuropsychological assessment with brain injury patients. Both inpatient and outpatient settings. (June 1990 - Aug 1990).

Other Experience

Research Assistant: New York State Psychiatric Institute. Analyzed data and organized a data management system, trained data collectors on research instruments and maintained computing facilities for the Training in Community Living Project and the Family Support Demonstration Project. (Sept 1987 - Aug 1989).

Computer Skills: Working knowledge of PC Hardware and operating systems, Windows, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, video conferencing platforms.

Presentations

Adjustment to Blindness, presented to the convention of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. (1991)

Assessment and Treatment of the Blind and Visually Impaired, presented at the 1992 Pennsylvania Psychological Association convention.

Adjustment to Blindness: Psychological and Neuropsychological Aspects, presented to the convention of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. (1993)

State of the Art Vocational Evaluation: Neuropsychological Aspects, presented to the convention of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. (1994)

Adjustment and Rehabilitation for Individuals with Blindness or Visual Impairment, presented to the PA Bureau of Blindness and Visual Services All Staff Training. (1998)

Presentations - continued

Psychosocial Understanding of Blindness and Visual Impairment: The Road to Empowerment, presented to the Spring Conference for Service Providers in the Field of Visual Impairment. (1999)

The Neuropsychology of Psychiatric Disorders, six-hour CE workshop presented to Philhaven (May, 2003)

Beyond HIV and AIDs, Neuropsychological Aspects: three-hour CE workshop presented to York Family Services (Oct, 2003)

Supervision in Crisis Situations: one-hour CE workshop presented at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic medicine (Oct 2005)

The Evidence and Outcomes of Cognitive Rehabilitation: one-hour CE workshop presented to the Capital Area Regional Stroke Symposium (Oct 2007)

Practicing in Hospital Settings: presented to the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Conventions (2008, 2009). Talk done in conjunction with membership in the PPA Hospital Practice Committee.

The Role of Neuropsychological Evaluations in Case Management: presented at the 2011 State Federation of Physician Health Programs conference, April, 2011

Collaborative Management of Sports-Related Concussions: Presented at the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Convention, June 2012

Top Ten Techs for Psychologists: Presented at the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Convention, June 2013

Evaluating Capacity: Presented at the Pennsylvania State Protective Services and Ombudsman Convention, April 2013, and again for the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Convention, June 2014.

A Primer on Assessing and Defending Traumatic Head Injuries in the Wake of the NFL Controversy: Presented at the Munich RE Conference, October 2014

Concussion, mTBI and Post-concussion Syndrome: Presented to Workman's Compensation Conference, October 2014

Heads Up! A Practical Guide to Investigating, Evaluating, and Defending Brain Injury Claims: Presented with Andrew Sysak Esq, at the PAMIC Conference, April 2019

Families with Vision Loss: Presented to the Treating Contemporary Families Conference, May 2022

Don't Lose Your Head: Presented with Josh Bovender Esq, at the PAMIC Conference, April 2024

Numerous talks, inservices and grand rounds presented in the areas of neuropsychology, stress management, interpersonal problem-solving skills, visual impairment, and dementia.

Bibliography

Ellis, D W., Spivack, G., Royer, C., & Goldberg, K. (1995) Treatment Outcome After Coma. Paper Presented to the First World Congress on Brain Injury, 1995

Ellis, D.W., Royer, C., & Goldberg, K. (1996) Definitions, Assessment, and Treatment of the Comatose Patient: A Neuropsychological Perspective, in Leon-Carrion ed. *Neuropsychological Rehabilitation: Fundamentals, Directions and Innovations*, St Lucie Press.

Bramley, Harry, Hong, Justin, Zacko, Christopher, Royer, Christopher & Silvis, Matthew (2015) Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Concussion Syndrome: Treatment and Related Sequela for Persistent Symptomatic Disease. *Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy Review* (In Press)

Emergent Areas of Clinical Practice in Need of Research: Vision Loss and Families, in Browning S. & van Eeden-Moorefield, B, Treating Interpersonal Problems in Contemporary Families: An Inclusive Approach to Engaging Evidence Supported Practice. (APA,2021)