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Member, Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Panel (Est. 2017)

Member, Los Angeles County Superior Court Adult Criminal Panel (Est. 2019)

Member, Los Angeles County Juvenile Competency Panel (Est. 2024)

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 2019-2021 **FIELDING UNIVERSITY**, Santa Barbara, CA
Post-Doctoral Specialization in Neuropsychology
- 2008-2012 **ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**, Irvine, CA.
Clinical Forensic Psychology Program
Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.)
- 2008-2010 **ALLIANT INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**, Irvine, CA.
Clinical Forensic Psychology Program
Master of Arts (M.A.)
- 2001-2004 **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**, Tucson, AZ
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Sociology
Minor- Criminal Justice

CLINICAL FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

- 08/2016- current **Vienna Psychological Group, Inc.**
San Dimas, CA
Founder, Clinical Director, and Forensic Psychologist
Private Practice
Forensic & Neuropsychology
- Serve as Clinical Director of the corporation responsible for leadership, management, and direction of all clinical operations of staff.
 - Clinical consultant/supervisor to pre-licensed staff.
 - Develop and present relevant forensic mental health trainings.
 - Conduct cognitive and neuropsychological testing and evaluations for psycho-legal purposes (forensic), including assessment of intellectual disability, neurodevelopmental disorders, and traumatic brain injury.
 - Conduct mitigation type evaluations – specifically evaluating the mental status at the time of the alleged offense and identifying psychological factors that may

have contributed to the offense. I have specific training in PTSD and trauma related disorders and neurodevelopmental disorders.

- Conduct evaluation of suitability for PC 1001.36 (Mental Health Diversion).
- Conduct evaluation of PC 1368 and WIC 709 (Competency to Stand Trial/Juvenile Competency).
- Conduct evaluation of PC 1026/1027 (Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity).
- Review other experts' evaluations and reports to inform cross-examination.
- Conduct evaluation of malingering (identify or rule out feigning, exaggeration, or malingering of psychiatric symptoms and/or cognitive impairment).
- Conduct pre-employment and fitness for duty evaluations for law enforcement candidates (**POST CPE Requirements completed**) and utilize MMPI-3-PCIR, CPI, PAI, 16PF among other psychological measures.
- Provide consultation to Law Enforcement Agencies.
- Provided trauma-focused psychotherapy (EMDR Certified). Not accepting new clients at this time.
- Subcontractor for **Gateways Hospitals/CONREP**. Performed comprehensive evaluations to determine whether individuals are suitable for treatment in the community or, given their level of risk, require treatment in a locked setting. The evaluations took place between two Forensic State Hospitals- Patton State Hospital and Metropolitan State Hospital (2017-2019).

9/2017- 01/2018

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Sylmar, CA

Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall- Juvenile Justice

Clinical Psychologist II

- Screen newly admitted minors and complete full psychiatric assessment.
- Utilize and complete The Massachusetts Youth Screening Inventory (MAYSI-2) on newly admitted minors.
- Provide ongoing clinical interviewing/assessment, consultation, evidence-based practice, interventions, and review of available DMH and/ or Probation mental health history records to minors with more complex or enduring problems to assist in planning treatment.
- Provide on-call crisis assessment and utilize EBP interventions to assess for level of care to minors throughout the juvenile facility (general population, the compound, special housing unit/ CARE units).

05/2015- 9/2017

**Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, with
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,**
Los Angeles, CA
Mental Evaluation Team (M.E.T.) & P.M.R.T.
Clinical Psychologist II

- Partnered with a deputy in law enforcement vehicles or civilian team to provide mobile emergency services to persons with a mental health disorder.
- Provide outreach, engagement, and linkage services within Los Angeles County to persons who have or are at risk for mental illness.
- Provide mobile psychiatric assessment and evaluation for voluntary and involuntary hospitalization- depending upon the apparent seriousness of the situation, signs application for immediate 72-hour detention at a LPS hospital facility.
- Provide mobile crisis intervention to communities, families and consumers.
- Respond to consumers decompensating and in need immediate with law enforcement to assist persons facing eviction and suspected of having mental disorders.
- Respond to requests from Adult Protective Services, Department of Children Services, and schools when police assistance is required at the scene.
- Avert violent confrontations between consumers and law enforcement through the use of verbal de-escalation techniques.
- Participate in providing roll-call training (educate & provide mental health trainings at Sheriff's stations).
- Provide consultation services to community agencies, county directly operated clinics; county contracted clinics, family members and schools to advise the consultee on the utilization of the Law Enforcement/Mental Health Teams pertinent to the recognition of mental health crisis dealt with by these facilities.

07/2013- 05/2015

**Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health,
with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department,**
Los Angeles, CA
Twin Towers Correctional Facility- Men's Forensic
Outpatient Program
Clinical Psychologist II

- Work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary treatment team (services included psychotherapy, diagnostic formulation, housing assignments, and case consultation).
- Conduct individual short-term psychotherapy with pre-adjudicated adult male individuals utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and client centered modalities.

- Operate as an on-call clinician and provided crisis intervention treatment & involuntary psychiatric evaluations.
- Provide intensive psychotherapy treatment & interventions to severe and persistent mentally ill offenders, including several MIST program clients (treatment/ restoration to competency of Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial clients).

9/2012- 7/2013

Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health

Lancaster, CA.

Department of Juvenile Justice- Challenger Memorial Camp

Clinical Psychologist I

- Provide continuous and comprehensive clinical services within an integrated multidisciplinary team for juvenile minors incarcerated in mental health dormitory setting.
- Perform clinical interviews with diagnostic assessment.
- Provide short and long term individual treatment utilizing the following interventions & evidenced based practices (EBP's): Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Informed (BDTi), Seeking Safety, and Motivational Interviewing (MI).
- Provide family therapy to assist with reunification of minor and family as well as to assist with transition home from camp.
- Provide individual substance abuse treatment for dual diagnosed minors utilizing principles of Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Matrix Institute resources.
- Conduct weekly ART (Aggression Replacement Treatment) group psychotherapy with 7-8 minors utilizing principles of anger management and mindfulness.
- Provide on-call crisis assessment and interventions (assessing for level of care) to minors throughout the juvenile facility.
- Provide continuous case management, including providing referrals/ resources to link minors to MH services in the community upon their release.
- Work collaboratively with DCFS, Probation Department, and Juvenile Justice After Care Program representatives to ensure ease of minor when transitioning from Juvenile camp to placement in the community.

9/2011- 8/2012

Los Angeles County Department Of Mental Health, with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles, CA

Twin Towers Correctional Facility/ Women's Community Reintegration Services & Education Center (WCRSEC)

Pre-doctoral Internship

Psychology Intern

- **WCRSEC-** Provided therapeutic services to mentally ill females in an outpatient setting utilizing the Recovery Model approach.
- Worked collaboratively with a multidisciplinary treatment team (services included psychotherapy, diagnostic formulation, and case consultation).
- Conducted community and field outreach, including jail linkage.
- Provided clients with case management services and aftercare planning.
- Administered and interpreted psychological assessment batteries including cognitive (WAIS III/IV), personality (MMPI/PAI), and malingering scales (TOMM, SIRS).
- Led a *Seeking Safety* group weekly with individuals diagnosed with PTSD & Substance Abuse Disorders.
- Created and led a trauma- focused yoga therapy group weekly.
- Conducted individual short-term psychotherapy with adult female individuals utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and client centered modalities.
- Operated as an on-call clinician and provided crisis intervention treatment with adult females in an outpatient setting.
- Proficient in DMH/ Medi-Cal billing.
- ***Twin Towers Correctional Facility***
Supervisor: Ann Marie O'Keefe, Ph.D.
Delegate Supervisor: Charles Pilavian, Ph.D.
- Provided continuous and comprehensive clinical services within an integrated multidisciplinary team for inmates/ patients housed in mental health service area within LA County Jail.
- Performed clinical interviews with diagnostic assessments.
- Conducted weekly individual therapy- utilizing multiple treatment methods & interventions.
- Interventions included Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Informed, Mindfulness, and Motivational Interviewing (MI).
- Created and led weekly dual diagnosis group psychotherapy with 8-12 patients/ inmates utilizing (MI) & (CBT) techniques.
- Conducted neuropsychological dementia screening assessments with patients referred from the mental health team that included Mini Mental Status Exam (MMSE), Clock Drawing Test (CDT), Trail Making Test A & B (TMT), Wechsler Memory Scale (WMS) & Stroop.
- Provided on-call crisis assessment to inmates throughout the correctional facility.

- Provide case management and aftercare planning with all patients.
- Provide referral linkages to Full Service Partnerships (FSP) & community mental health centers.

08/2010- 8/2011

College Hospital Costa Mesa, Costa Mesa, CA
122-bed Private Acute Care Hospital accredited by The Joint Commission (Adult & Adolescent rotations)

Psychology Extern

- Conducted weekly individual & group therapy with adult & adolescent inpatients utilizing various interventions and techniques such as CBT, DBT Informed, & MI.
- Evaluated/ Assessed incoming patients on 5150/ 5585 psychiatric status for placement on hospital unit.
- Facilitated daily group therapy with long term care persistently mentally ill adult patients utilizing DBT Informed skills training modules.
- Performed clinical interviews & provided diagnostic formulations.
- Advocated for hospital and patient in probable cause hearings with County of Orange Mental Health Courts.
- Assist in completing temporary conservatorship (T-CON) applications.
- Provided case consultations in weekly treatment team meetings.
- Provided case management & after care planning services to persistent and mentally ill inpatients.
- Conducted crisis assessment and interventions with adolescent and adult inpatients.
- Led daily coping skills, mindfulness, and art therapy groups to adolescent inpatients.

08/2009- 07/2010

Twin Towers Correctional Facility, Los Angeles, CA
Tower 1 Clinician for Service Area 6- South Central Los Angeles

Psychology Extern

- Conducted weekly individual therapy- utilizing multiple treatment methods & interventions including (CBT) & (MI).
- Led weekly dual diagnosis group psychotherapy with 8-12 patients/ inmates utilizing (MI) & (CBT) interventions.
- Created and led weekly Coping Skills group utilizing humanistic approach providing such topics as housing, managing finances, creating resumes, communication, & working while taking medications.
- Conducted assessments with patients referred from the mental health team which included: cognitive (WAIS IV), personality (MMPI), & Projective (Rorschach).
- Provided case management & after care planning with all patients.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10/2007 – 07/2009

County of Orange Health Care Agency, Santa Ana, CA.
Centralized Assessment Team (C.A.T.)
Mental Health Specialist (MHS), LPS Designated

- Provided emergency involuntary psychological evaluations (5150) and crisis intervention to adult patients.
- Provided follow up and referral linkages for all evaluations.
- Assisted Orange County Law Enforcement with psychiatric emergency situations including hostile/violent police calls and crisis debriefing.
- Provided in service mental health trainings to Law Enforcement, colleagues, and interns including topics such as identification and management of mental health issues in the community.
- Conducted community outreach by educating city members and businesses of mental health services available within Orange County, CA
- Represented the County of Orange in probable cause hearings, patient's rights hearings, and Riese hearings.

08/2004 – 10/2007

Tarzana Treatment Center, Reseda, CA
H.I.V. & Dual Diagnosis Outpatient Clinic
Transitional Case Manager

- Subcontracted with the ***Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department*** as a Transitional Case Manager for Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers Correctional Facility to provide transitional linkage from jail to community.
- Reviewed psychiatric evaluation, history and physical, Addiction Severity Index (ASI) assessment, family assessment and past medical records.
- Facilitated and participated in Initial Case Conference (ICC) within time frames established by program policy.
- Conducted program evaluation for the transitional case management services and presented data outcomes to Office of Aids Program & Policy (OAPP).
- Provided regular, comprehensive progress notes charting in client's Medical Record, which document contacts, progress towards identified goals, program participation, referrals, discharge planning and other case management activities.
- Initiated direct contact with outside entities as appropriate, in order to assist client in resolution of legal, financial, housing, medical, and psychiatric and discharge planning issues.
- Facilitated discharge planning efforts, commencing at time of admission on all assigned clients, including

areas of housing, employment, medical, psychiatric, finances, aftercare, etc.

- Promoted pre-release planning in LA jail and prisons, solicited and assessed clients' interest in program participation and assured that client met the eligibility criteria as specified by the County.
- Performed comprehensive patient assessments and on-going reassessments during incarceration and post release.
- Developed comprehensive service plan for each client with review/ revisions as needed, based on eligibility and reassessment.
- Provided client with successful linkage to appropriate community services with appropriate follow up.

TEACHING POSITIONS

10/2021- 06/2022

San Diego State University (SDSU) Global Campus.
Lecturer

- Develop and teach an 8-week course of content consisting of lecture videos, group assignments, and tests in online format. Course taught: Forensic Assessment.
- Preparation of syllabus course curriculum in alignment with SDSU goals and objectives.
- Utilize content development tools such as Zoom, Flip grid, YouTube, Canvas, Loom, and Camtasia.
- Evaluate student mastery of material and determine final course grades by evaluation of tests, course activities, and student participation.

01/2023 – 08/2023

The Chicago School for Professional Psychology (TCSPP). **Adjunct Faculty, Clinical Forensic Psychology Department**

- Preparation of syllabus course curriculum in alignment with TCSPP goals and objectives. Graduate Courses Taught: Forensic Documentation, Report Writing, and Testifying and Professional Ethics and Standards.
- Evaluate student mastery of material and determine final course grades by evaluation of tests, course activities, and student participation.
- Provided students the opportunity to learn, grow, develop, and achieve academic success by maintaining an engaged classroom presence and creating a supportive learning environment that empowers students to develop forensic psychology skills and confidence.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

06/2021- Current

Industry Sheriff's Youth Activity League (YAL)

Industry, CA

Board Member

- Review and approve annual budgets, audit reports, and material business decisions.
- Serve on committees and task forces in taking on special assignments.
- Represent the YAL to stakeholders and acting as an ambassador for the organization.
- Directly volunteering as staff with the YAL programs, including the Sheriff's High Adventure for Responsible Kids (SHARK).

07/2021- 03/2022

Forensic Mental Health Association of California

California

Education Committee Member

- Determine education offerings geared toward the professional level of members.
- Help develop educational programs that relate to a wide range of the membership.
- Assist in developing online training.
- Expand, in partnership with other agencies/associations in the industry to develop educational opportunities enhancing the professional growth of the membership.

03/2022- 03/2024

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCCC)

Los Angeles, CA

Member, District 5 Board of Supervisor Representative

- Develop and implement a continuum response to juvenile delinquency and to set priorities for the use of grant funds.

PUBLICATIONS

Plaintiff-Juror Race Homogeneity and Award Amount in Civil Lawsuits – Dissertation- 09/2010 (Irvine, CA.)

Juvenile Competency and Adolescent Brain Functioning- Paper 05/2010. Accepted for poster presentation at Forensic Mental Health Association Conference- 03/2011 (Monterey, CA)

Suicide Awareness- Article Contribution in The Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA) Magazine, The Star & Shield- 07/2018

Opioid Crisis: The Impact on First Responders-
International Public Safety Association Info Brief- Publish
Date- 08/2018

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

*First Responder Mental Health – Presented at the Forensic
Mental Health Association Conference- March 2019
(Monterey, CA)*

*The Importance of Adolescent Brain Development in
Relation to Franklin Hearing Evaluations: Research to
Practice- Presented at the Forensic Mental Health
Association Conference- April 2022 & April 2023
(San Diego, CA)*

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

*The Impact of ACES on Brain Development and a
Parricide Case Study- Presented to the Fort Worth
Psychological Association- October 2023*

*The Psychological Landscape of Parricide: Research and
a Case Study- Presented at NACDL's 2024 Fall Meeting-
October 2024*

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

2008-Present	American Psychological Law and Society (APLS), Member
2020-Present	National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN), Associate Member
2021- Present	American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology (AAPdN)
2021- Present	Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC), Member
2017-2022	International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), Member
2023-Present	Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)

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