

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

August 2014: Psy.D, Clinical Psychology, Forensic Concentration.

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

American Psychological Association, accredited clinical psychology program.

August 2011: M.S., Clinical Psychology.

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

American Psychological Association, accredited clinical psychology program.

May 2009: B.S., Psychology. Major: Psychology, Minor: Sociology, Certificate: Behavioral Forensics, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Postpartum Support International, 2015 - present
- North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics and Gynecology, member, 2015 - present
- Florida Association for Infant Mental Health, member, 2014-present
- American Psychological Association (Division 50), member, 2010 - present
- Florida Psychological Association, member, 2010 – present

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

8/15 – Present: Weitz & Associates, North Miami Beach, Florida

Psychology Resident

Responsibilities: Conduct comprehensive psycho-educational and developmental evaluations, including consultation to schools regarding results of the evaluations and implementation of recommendations. Complete disability and vocational rehabilitation evaluations. Provide psychotherapeutic services to children and families. Implement perinatal mental health program, which includes outreach, consultation, and therapeutic interventions.

Supervisor: Jack Weitz, Ph.D.

6/15 – Present: Weston Family Psychology, Weston, Florida

Psychology Resident

Responsibilities: Develop and implement the Preparing and Empowering Parents (PEP) program which provides screening, assessment, consultation, and therapeutic services to new and expectant parents. Provide perinatal mental health outreach and consultation services to physicians and hospitals. Conduct comprehensive psychoeducational, psychological, and developmental evaluations. Provide psychotherapeutic services to children and families.

Supervisor: Evan A. Mehlman, Psy.D.

**9/14 – 8/15: School-related Psychological Assessments and Interventions Clinic/
University School, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Psychology Post-Doctoral Resident**

Responsibilities: Provide comprehensive psychological/psychoeducational evaluations and evidence-based as well as innovative interventions for school-related academic, developmental, behavioral, emotional, and learning problems in both a clinic and private school setting. Conduct weekly supervision with school specialist practica students and biweekly supervision with predoctoral interns. Engage in consultation with school personnel including teachers, guidance counselors, and administration. Participate in parent-teacher conferences and individual educational planning. Provide individual and group therapy to students from preschool through high school.

Director of Training: Donna Hillier, Psy.D

**9/14 – Present: Chrysalis Health, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Psychology Resident**

Responsibilities: Conduct comprehensive psychological and psychosexual evaluations for children and adolescents referred by ChildNet. Provide feedback and recommendations.

Director of Clinical Training: Brooke Foris, Psy.D.

8/13 – 8/14: Chrysalis Health, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Pre-doctoral Internship

Responsibilities: Provide in-home and in office, individual and family therapy to children, adolescents and adults. Conduct comprehensive psychological, psychoeducational, substance abuse and psychosexual evaluations for children and adolescents. Participate in multidisciplinary staffing for child-on-child sexual abuse and domestic minor sex trafficking cases in Broward County. Develop and implement sexual behavior group therapy programs for children and adolescents who have been victimized or who have sexually acted out. Provide weekly supervision to practica students.

Director of Clinical Training: Brooke Foris, Psy.D

5/11 – 8/14: Dr. Michael Simpson, Weston, Florida.

Psychology Technician

Responsibilities: Administer, score, and interpret psychological and neuropsychological assessments for children, adolescents, and adults.

Supervisor: Michael Simpson, Ph.D

Formal Practica Training

8/11 - 8/12: Child and Adolescent Traumatic Stress Program. Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Responsibilities: Provide psychological trauma assessment and therapy for children, adolescents, and their families. Provide full psychological evaluations for children and adolescents. Administer the Kiddie-Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia to children as part of a research grant.

Supervisor: Jan Faust, Ph.D

8/11 - 8/12: Psychological Services for the Emotionally Distressed. Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Responsibilities: Provide psychological assessment and therapy to

adults with serious emotional disturbance.

Supervisor: Jan Faust, Ph.D

8/10 – 8/11: Forensic Practicum, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Responsibilities: Run various psychoeducational and psychotherapy groups with inmates in jails and juvenile detention centers. Provide individual psychotherapy to inmates in a half-way home for convicted felons with co-occurring substance abuse and psychiatric diagnoses. Administer, score, interpret, and write full forensic assessment batteries for the Legal Aid program and the Guardian Ad Litem program.

Supervisors: Lenore Walker, Ed.D, ABPP, David Shapiro, PhD and M. Ross Seligson, PhD, PA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

8/16-Present: Adjunct Faculty, School Counseling Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Courses: Appraisal and Evaluation in School Counseling

Responsibilities: Syllabus and curriculum development, facilitation of course, development of assessments, grading of assignments and examinations, support of students, office hours

8/15 -Present: Adjunct Faculty, Online Masters in General Psychology Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Courses: Human Growth and Development

Responsibilities: Syllabus and curriculum development, facilitation of course, development of assessments, grading of assignments and examinations, virtual lectures, support of students, virtual office hours

5/15-Present: Adjunct Faculty, Mental Health Counseling Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Courses: Diagnosis and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Human Growth and Development, Case Conceptualization

Responsibilities: Syllabus and curriculum development, facilitation of course, development of assessments, grading of assignments and examinations, support of students, office hours

9/15 -7/16: Part-time Faculty & Curriculum Course Developer, School of Psychology, Northcentral University, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Courses: Psychology of Law and Justice, Diversity and Forensic Psychology

Responsibilities: Create general course content, prepare curriculum map, create pre and post-tests and testbank for courses, create faculty resource guide, review all courses in the specialization to ensure scaffolding. Provide one to-one instruction. Assess student learning. Promote a graduate culture of scholarship, teaching, service, and practice.

6/15 - 3/16: Associate Online Faculty, Ashford University, San Diego, CA.

Courses: Personal Dimensions of Education

Responsibilities: Facilitation of course including posting of instructor guidance and announcements, active participation in discussion forum, feedback and grading of all assignments, fostering student development

8/14 – 9/15: Guest Lecturer, School Psychology Specialist Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Provide lectures on a variety of topics including abuse, trauma assessment and intervention, substance abuse in schools, psychoeducational evaluation consultation.

Supervisors: Peter Caproni, Ph.D., Gene Cash, Ph.D., ABPP

8/14 – 12/14: Lab Instructor, *Child Assessment*, Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Facilitate lab instruction through lecturing and providing students with assistance in administering, scoring, and interpreting child assessment measures. Administer final exam which entails students administering assessments to simulated patients, scoring protocols, developing hypotheses, and writing a report. Grade lab assignments and final exams.

Supervisor: Sarah Valley-Gray, Psy. D., ABPP

12/13 – 5/14: Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Psychological Issues in Dependency and Family Law Cases*, Masters in Forensic Psychology Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Assist in curriculum development and facilitation of course. Present online lectures via Blackboard Collaborate. Grade all assignments, examinations, and papers. Provide assistance to students.

Supervisors: Toby Kleinman, J.D., Lenore Walker, Ed.D., ABPP

8/13 – 5/14: Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Suicide Prevention/Crisis Intervention*, Masters in Forensic Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Assist in curriculum development and facilitation of course. Present online lectures via Blackboard Collaborate. Grade all assignments, examinations, and papers. Provide assistance to students.

Supervisors: Scott Poland, Ed.D, Douglas Flemons, Ph.D

05/12 – 8/13: Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Best Practices for the Mentally Ill in the Criminal Justice System*, Masters in Forensic Psychology Program, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Assist in curriculum development and facilitation of course. Present online lectures via Blackboard Collaborate. Grade all assignments, examinations, and papers. Provide assistance to students.

Supervisor: Lenore Walker, Ed.D, ABPP

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

08/13-8/15: Psychology Post-Doctoral Resident, Institute for Human Service, Health and Justice, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Conduct literature review of perinatal mental health, prevalence, and associated outcomes. Evaluate current evidence-based interventions and a stepped-care approach to addressing mental health concerns during the perinatal period. Research funding opportunities. Consult with obstetricians regarding implementation of stepped-care approach.

08/12 -8/13: Graduate Research Assistant. Clinical Forensic Psychology Department, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Conduct literature searches, write literature reviews, and edit for publication of a book on best practices with the mentally ill in the criminal justice system.

Supervisor: Lenore Walker, Ed.D, ABPP

8/12 – 10/12: Graduate Research Assistant. Mailman Segal Center for Human Development,

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Administration of achievement batteries to pre-school aged children and data entry for the Child Outcomes Study, Palm Beach.

Supervisor: Nurit Sheinberg, Ed.D

11/09 – 08/11: Graduate Research Assistant. Clinical Psychology Department, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Data entry and interviewing for the Battered Women's Syndrome Questionnaire project.

Supervisor: Lenore Walker, Ed.D, ABPP

08/09 – 08/10: Graduate Research Assistant. Clinical Psychology Department, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Responsibilities: Data entry for felony mental health effectiveness project.

Supervisor: Lenore Walker, Ed.D, ABPP

05/08 – 05/09: Undergraduate Honors in the Major Student. Psychology Department University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Responsibilities: Created an independent literature review on work stressors, job satisfaction and mental well-being of intensive care unit nurses and labor and delivery unit nurses.

Supervisor: Eduardo Salas, PhD

PRESENTATIONS

Commella, N. (June 2015). *Perinatal mental health: Prevalence, Outcomes, Screening, and Intervention*. Presented at Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County: Investing in Our Future Heroes Conference.

OFFICES AND SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2015-Present: Member, Medical Advisory Committee, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies of Palm Beach County

2015-Present: Warmline Volunteer and Florida State Coordinator, Postpartum Support International

2015: Contributor, Big City Moms

2012 - 2014: Graduate student member, CPE Program Subcommittee, Florida Psychological Association

2012-2014: American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) member

2010-2011: Program Coordinator for the Guardian Ad Litem Program for the Forensic Practicum, Nova Southeastern University

2009-2012: Member of Students United for Returning Veterans, Center for Psychological Services, Nova Southeastern University

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Guardian Ad Litem, 2015 - 2016
- Give an Hour Volunteer, 2010 – 2013
- Member of Nova Players, 2009 - 2011
- Pembroke Pines Citizen's Police Academy Class 32, 2010
- Coached Soccer for Various Youth Teams in Weston, Florida, 2007 - 2012
- Junior Achievement Volunteer, 2006 - 2007

REFERENCES

Available upon request.