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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Clinical Psychology. California School of Professional Psychology. San Diego, APA Accredited, 2005
Emphasis: Family & Child, Forensics
- M.A.** Clinical Psychology. California School of Professional Psychology. San Diego, 1998
- B.A.** Psychology. Pepperdine University. Malibu, CA, 1995
- Internship** Federal Bureau of Prisons/United States Penitentiary. Atlanta, APA-Accredited, 2002

LICENSURE

Nebraska Psychologist 658, 2007–Present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association
- Nebraska Psychological Association
- American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
- National Register of Health Service Psychologists

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Psychologist - Independent Practice

Omaha, NE; 2013 - Present

- Specialize in forensic evaluations of juveniles and adults, including trial competency, Miranda, false confession, pre-adjudication/sentencing, sexual and violence risk assessments, transfer/waiver evaluation, school threat assessments, parenting capacity/risk evaluations;
- Case consultation
- Clinical psychological services, including evaluations for eligibility for developmental disabilities, differential diagnosis of mental disorders, and individual psychotherapy

Adjunct Faculty - Creighton University College of Arts and Sciences

Omaha, NE; Fall 2020

- Part-time professor in the Department of Psychological Science

Psychologist Supervisor - Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, Nebraska State Penitentiary

Lincoln, NE; 2005-2012

Setting: Male correctional facility housing 1200 maximum, medium, and minimum-security inmates

- Supervision of the clinical activities of mental health practitioners
- Supervision of University of Nebraska – Lincoln doctoral student externship
- Development and quality assurance of mental health treatment programs
- Supervision of individual and group sexual offender treatment programs
- Implementation and facilitation of the Violence Reduction Program (12-month intensive group treatment program for inmates assessed to be at highest risk for violent re-offense)
- Risk Evaluations
 - Parole Board evaluations
 - Risk evaluations of inmates who have violently or sexually offended for consideration of work release
 - Civil commitment evaluations for sexual offenders
- Clinical Violent Offender Review Team - treatment recommendations and reviews of treatment progress for violent offenders
- Clinical Sex Offender Review Team - treatment recommendations and reviews of treatment progress for sex offenders
- PREA Committee - prevention of prison sexual assault through identification and monitoring of inmates deemed to be aggressors or at risk for victimization
- Mental Illness Review Team - treatment recommendations for inmates suffering from a major mental illness
- Diagnose and monitor inmates with major mental illness, providing interventions as appropriate
- Involuntary medication hearings
- Crisis intervention, assessment of suicidal/homicidal behavior, inpatient admission/discharge recommendations
- Individual psychotherapy

PreDoctoral Intern - Federal Bureau of Prisons Internship Program, United States Penitentiary

Atlanta, GA (12-month APA-accredited program); 2001-2002

Setting: 2500-3000 inmates in maximum and medium security facility, pretrial detention center

- Diagnostic impressions, treatment planning, long-term individual therapy, brief counseling, and group psychotherapy
- Risk evaluations for the United States Parole Board
- Psychological evaluations for diagnosis and treatment
- Suicide and homicide risk assessments and crisis intervention
- Group psychotherapy - aging inmates, anger management
- Assess and monitor chronically mentally ill inmates
- Facilitate psychiatric consultations and monitor inmates prescribed psychotropic medications
- Outplacement rotation at Atlanta City Detention Center - Atlanta
 - Conduct competency to stand trial evaluations of pretrial detainees
 - Identify detainees with suicidal/homicidal ideation

Psychology Extern - St. Vincent De Paul Village

San Diego, CA; 2000-2001

Setting: Long-term transitional housing program for homeless persons in the San Diego community

- Brief and ongoing psychotherapy for adults, adolescents, children, and couples
- Psychological evaluations (neuropsychological, intellectual and personality) to assist case managers, mental health workers, and SSI advocates seeking appropriate services for their clients
- Intake assessments and case planning

Psychology Practicum Intern - Catholic Charities, School and Child Psychology Program

San Diego, CA; 1999-2000

- Counseling and psychological assessment for students K-8
- Consultations with parents, teachers, and administrators

- Assessment and interventions for children with learning disabilities, intellectual disability, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, behavior disorders, Asperger's syndrome, depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and self-harming behaviors

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Psychopathy in white-collar offenders

2002-2006

- Doctoral dissertation
- Assessment of criminal thinking, criminal lifestyle, social identity, social deviance, and personality characteristics in two groups of white-collar offenders (operationalized by the presence or absence of previous non-white-collar crime) and a non-violent, non-white-collar offender group incarcerated at a federal prison camp
- Conducted structured interviews and file reviews for over 100 participants utilizing the Psychopathy Checklist-Revised and the Lifestyle Criminality Screening Form-Revised

Juvenile Violence

1998-2001

- Dissertation proposal
- Characteristics of juvenile homicide offenders who are transferred to adult criminal court
- Judges and attorneys' perceptions juvenile transfer offenders

Juvenile Offender Mental Health Treatment Needs

1999-2001

- Research assistant - a joint research study of the California Youth Authority, the National Institute of Justice, and Stanford University to assess adolescent wards' mental health treatment needs
- Structured interviews and psychological testing of adolescent wards
- Structured interviews of living unit staff, medical staff, psychology staff, and teachers regarding observed behaviors of participant
- Records reviews

Child Trauma

1998

- Research assistant for the Trauma Research Institute - San Diego, California
- On-going study related to child testimony of sexual abuse
- Viewed and coded videotapes of child eyewitness testimony to social workers

PRESENTATIONS

- 2007** Violence Risk Appraisal and Sexual Offender Risk Appraisal Guide
- Provided training to local community mental health service providers, NE Department of Correctional Services staff, and other interested parties (e.g., Parole Board members, etc.)
- 2006** American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, St. Petersburg, FL
- Doctoral research poster presentation on white-collar offenders and psychopathy
- 2005** International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Annual Conference, Melbourne, Australia
- Doctoral research presentation on white-collar offenders and psychopathy

PUBLICATIONS

Walters, G., Duncan, S., and Mitchell-Perez, K. (2007). The latent structure of psychopathy: A taxometric investigation of the Psychopathy Checklist - Revised in a heterogeneous sample of male prison inmates. *Assessment*, Vol. 14:3, pp. 270-278.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2007 Supervisor of the Quarter, Health Services Division, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services
2008 Supervisor/Manager of the Year, Health Services Division, Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

APPOINTMENTS

2015-2018 **State of Nebraska Long-Term Restrictive Housing Workgroup**

- Independent Mental Health Representative
- Mandated by LB598 during the 2015 Legislative Session to advise the Department of Correctional Services on policies and procedures related to the proper treatment and care of offenders in long-term restrictive housing