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

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

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**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.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10/2007 – 07/2009

- 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.

**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.

09/2019- Current

Vienna Psychological Group, Inc.  
**Practicum, Intern, and Post-Doc Supervisor**

- Oversee the student's clinical and forensic work, provide feedback, and discuss progress and any issues related to the student's clinical and forensic activities.
- Provide students with broader exposure to clinical and forensic private practice through allowing students to observe and conduct clinical and forensic evaluations (neuropsych assessment if advanced), including clinical interviews, psychological and neuropsychological testing, report writing, and providing professional development advice.

## **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- Current

**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*

**PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

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

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