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CAREER EXPERIENCE:

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

Forensic Psychologist

- Conduct comprehensive violence risk and sexual offense recidivism assessments for incarcerated people with determinate and indeterminate life sentences for use in their parole eligibility hearings.

San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA

2014-2021

Staff Psychologist

- Provide psycho-diagnostic assessments and neurological screeners
- Provide psychological assessments for gender affirming surgery procedures
- Supervise doctoral interns through weekly individual supervision and documentation review
- Prepare and present didactic trainings and participate in weekly comprehensive case conceptualization presentations
- Served as the coordinator of the Developmental Disability Program (DDP) by providing assessments and assigning necessary adaptive supports for the incarcerated person
- Provide evaluation, intervention, and treatment to incarcerated persons in mental health crisis. Each encounter consisted of an extensive clinical interview and suicide risk evaluation with a safety planning component
- Plan, organize, and implement individualized treatment plans for a diverse population as part of a multidisciplinary team

San Francisco Forensic Institute, San Francisco, CA

2017-2018

Independent Contractor

- Provide outpatient sex offender assessments and treatment for juveniles and adults

San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA

Doctoral Intern, APA accredited internship

2013-2014

- Provide individual and group therapy to incarcerated adult males
- Provide psycho-diagnostic evaluations and comprehensive psychological batteries

Casa de la Vida of Berkeley Place, Inc. Oakland, CA

Admissions Coordinator

2012-2013

Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist

- Admissions coordinator for a short term residential treatment facility for transitional age youth with severe mental illness
- Provided therapy, crisis intervention, case management, suicide assessments and prevention, and weekly case conferences with the person's family and treatment team

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE:

- Hare Psychopathy Checklist – Revised (PCL-R): 2nd Edition
- Historical Clinical Risk – 20 (HCR – 20) Version 3
- Stable -2007 and Acute 2007
- Static 99-R
- LS/CMI

OTHER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:

- Participate as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the development of the California Psychology Laws and Ethics Examination (CPLEE) workshops

EDUCATION:

**California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP) at Alliant International University
San Francisco, California (APA accredited)**

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, 2014

M.A. in Clinical Psychology, 2011

**University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Los Angeles, California**

B.A. in Psychology, Minor in Applied Developmental Psychology, 2006

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Dissertation

2014

Alliant International University, CSPP, San Francisco, CA

Dissertation chair: Shannon Casey, Ph.D.

Dissertation committee members: Kristin Samuelson, Ph.D. and Andrea Jamison, Ph.D.

My study examined the extent to which PTSD symptoms and resiliency predicted veteran's mental and physical quality of life; specifically, whether resiliency moderates the relationship between PTSD symptoms and quality of life, in a sample of military veterans. Data was collected from 93 individuals who volunteered to participate in a biofeedback –assisted breathing training study through the Palo Alto Veteran's Affairs office, funded by Stanford University. Data was collected using validated self-report assessment tools as well as structured clinical interviews, including the SCID and the CAPS. Measures used for this study were the CAPS, CD-RISC and the SF-36.

First Research Project: "A Qualitative Study of Spirituality in Pregnant Teenage Girls."

2011

Advisor: Shannon Casey, Ph.D.

Presented at APA Convention, Washington DC, August 2011

This study examined the relationship between spirituality and a teenager's experience of her pregnancy, using a Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) framework. Individual semi-structured interviews were conducted with eight pregnant teenagers. Data was coded and analyzed using a Consensual Qualitative Review (CQR) method.

PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOLARLY MEETINGS:

O'Neill, S. & DiNicola, G. (2011, August). *A Qualitative Study of Spirituality in Pregnant Teenage Girls*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 119th Annual Convention, Washington, DC.

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