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FORMAL EDUCATION

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

Sept 2007

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Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd

Melbourne FL 32901

Internship in Professional Psychology

Sept 2007

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Clemson University

Redfern Health Center

Clemson SC 29631

Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)

Dec 2005

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Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd

Melbourne FL 32901

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (BA)

May 2003

Minor in Sociology

Concord College

Athens WV 24712

LICENSURE

North Carolina License 3997

Alabama License 1503

Active

Inactive (due to military PCS)

CLINICAL AND FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical and Forensic Psychology

Amy D. James, PsyD PLLC

1 June 2013 – Present

New Bern, NC

Provides clinical and forensic psychological services as a direct consultant to local Department of Social Services regarding parenting capacity and child protection evaluations. Provides court ordered evaluations

and assessment services in the areas of parental capacity, child protection, competency to handle medical and financial affairs, guardianship, capacity to proceed, mitigating factors, mental status at the time of the offense, child custody, military fitness for duty, sex offender recidivism, school threat and management, and general psychological assessment and recommendations. Provides review of work products, subject matter expert, and court testimony. Has testified in Federal, District, and Superior Courts as well as military Courts Martial. Appointed an expert witness as well as expert witness evaluator in multiple NC district, superior, and federal courts. Provides clinical therapeutic services including evidence-based treatments for adults and children in individual and family settings. Treatment specialty areas include: military/ deployment related PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, Aspergers disorder, anxiety, depression, and ADHD. Meets NCGS requirements for parenting coordinator services.

Applied Forensic Strategies, LLC
September 2018 - Present

New Bern, NC / Nationally

Owns and operates a forensic training and consulting firm with a focus on providing services to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals.

National Criminal Justice Training Center
April 2018 - Present

Appleton, WI / Nationally

Provides customized continuing education workshops in the area of school threat assessment and management. Provides these trainings nationally.

Owner and Chief Executive Officer/Clinical and Forensic Psychological Service Provider Carolina Behavioral Health Innovations, PLLC
1 Aug 2011-1 June 2013

New Bern, NC

Provided clinical and forensic psychological services as a direct consultant to Craven and Carteret County Department of Social Services regarding parenting capacity and child protection evaluations. Provided court ordered assessments for Jones and Onslow Counties. Provided court ordered evaluations and assessment services in the areas of parental capacity, child protection, competency to handle medical and financial affairs, capacity to proceed, waiver of miranda warning, child custody, and general psychological assessment and recommendations. Provided disability evaluations for Social Security Disability as well as Veterans. Provided Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluations.

Provided clinical therapeutic services including evidence-based treatments for adults and children in individual and family settings. Treatment specialty areas include: military PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, Aspergers disorder, anxiety, depression, and ADHD

Executed and organized daily operations of outpatient mental health services. Engaged in daily practice management, financial operations, quality assurance, and process improvements ensuring 100% compliance with HIPPA and managed care companies. Tracked provider productivity and ensures state of the art delivery of services. Provided comprehensive psychological and behavioral health assessments and treatments for multitude of presenting problems and diagnoses.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT)

Program Manager Active Duty USAF

Sept 2009 – Aug 2011

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Supervised implementation and administration of the Air Force's 2nd busiest ADAPT program, serving an active duty population of over 4.5k. Completed over 77 substance abuse evaluations and 1700 hours of direct patient care ranging from education to intensive outpatient. Developed outcome metrics for analyzing long-term program success. Developed and implemented educational prevention and outreach services for 4500 active duty population. Secured 9k in grant funding, developed programs targeting individuals affected by a loved one's substance use, an Air Force first. Supervised two certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors and three mental health technicians in assessment/treatment of substance abuse patients. Trained technicians on substance related treatment. Educated Commanders and 1st Sgts about risk factors and identifying problematic drinking behavior. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

Completed sanity boards (military equivalent of competency to stand trial/capacity to proceed), Commander Directed Evaluations/Fitness For Duty. Medical disability evaluation boards.

Mental Health Element Chief/Deputy Flight Commander

Active Duty USAF

Sept 2009 – Aug 2011

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Named "Critical Officer" by Installation Commander for excellence in leadership and directorship of the operations of the mental health clinic. Identified systemic problems with mental health clearance of recruits and Airmen leading to early separation due to mental illness or personality disorder/conduct problems. Pushed Wing/CC to pressure Air Force Medical Operation as well as Surgeon General of the Air Force to look deeper into the problems. Problem identification lead to appointment as a critical member of the Airman's Task Force, an leadership organization developed by the 4th Fighter Wing to enhance Airman quality of life and identify Command interest items and solution.

Identified problems with Air Force records management, developed a talking paper for Air Force medical headquarters, AF wide policy changed. Named outstanding clinician and company grade office "shining star" for superior leadership. Supervised 5 licensed mental health providers and 7 mental health technicians. Provided direct service through comprehensive psychological evaluations and treatment, individual and group therapy, commander directed evaluations, fitness for duty determinations, and personality/ cognitive assessments. Directed compliance with DoD Instruction regarding proper administration and treatment of positive PDHRA screens. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal

Traumatic Stress Response Team – Team Chief

Active Duty USAF

Sept 2009-Dec 2010

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Appointed by Installation Commander as the expert on the psychological effects of trauma. Trained and lead TSR team in providing intervention and services following traumatic events on base, in community, and during deployment. First responder to base suicides. TSR members included mental health team, airman and family readiness, and chaplains.

Director of Psychological Health/Deputy Flight Commander

Keesler AFB, MS

Active Duty USAF

May 2008-Aug 2009

Directed 100% of outpatient mental health services while providing solid leadership for 25 providers and 18 support staff. Interviewed and selected providers from provider pool for open positions. Secured funding for psychological testing services for the student branch clinic which ensured expeditious evaluations and recouped 400 man-hours and \$100k annually. Executed the behavioral health optimization program and developed productivity standards in family practice and internal medicine, resulting in a 35% increase in comprehensive behavioral health services to over 56k beneficiaries, saving \$325k per year in network referrals. Optimized commander directed evaluations for 6 local military treatment facilities, resulting in a 50% increase in service efficiency and 100% compliance with health services inspection. Overhauled provider templates, which lead to a 35% increase in access to care and provider productivity.

Hand-selected consultant to Wing Commander and Medical Group Commander for issues relating to the psychological health of the wing. Provided mental health education/prevention to base at large, statistics and data analysis of mental health trends affecting base, program development and management. Leadership secured 2009 "AETC Behavioral Health Flight of the Year" award, increased access to care by 30%, increased patient satisfaction 40% and provider satisfaction 25%. Awarded Air Force Commendation Medal.

Chief, Mental Health Clinic

Keesler AFB, MS

Active Duty USAF

May 2008-Aug 2009

Executed and provided direct oversight of the clinical operations of second largest mental health clinic in the USAF which serviced over 28k beneficiaries. Ensured compliance with HSI/JC/PS standards. Clinically supervised eight mental health providers ensuring state of the art mental health treatment and high return to duty rate. Consultant to medical group regarding high interest patients, joint clinical operations and behavioral health concerns. Provided command consultation, physician consultation. Provided individual, couples, and group therapy as well as comprehensive psychological assessments. Effectively supervised and managed 15 mental health providers and 10 mental health technicians. Engaged in direct conflict resolution with patients, providers and staff, as well as commanders and civilian personnel. Developed productivity standards that ensured timely, efficient, and acute delivery of services.

Staff Clinical Psychologist

Keesler AFB, MS

Active Duty USAF

Oct 2007-May 2008

Provided individual, couples and group therapy. Consultant to commanders and physicians. Completed comprehensive psychological assessments. Oversaw medical readiness training to ensure all active duty members are trained for peacetime and wartime missions.

FORMAL FORENSIC EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Multidirectional and Intergenerational Effects of Gatekeeping*** Nov 2018
13th Symposium on Child Custody
AFCC
Denver, CO
- Preparing for a Daubert Challenge: Report Writing and Testimony*** Nov 2018
13th Symposium on Child Custody
AFCC
Denver, CO
- The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act: What Lawyers, Judges, and Custody Evaluators Need to Know*** Nov 2018
13th Symposium on Child Custody
AFCC
Denver, CO
- Is Ignorance of Therapy a Due Process Violation? What Professionals Need to Know*** Nov 2018
13th Symposium on Child Custody
AFCC
Denver, CO
- Providing Effective Testimony in Litigated Child Custody Disputes*** Nov 2018
13th Symposium on Child Custody
AFCC
Denver, CO
- Managing Risk in Everyday Practice*** Sep 2018
Distance Learning
APA
- Forensic Interviewers and Researchers Talk with Each other and With You*** March 2018
34th International Symposium on Child Abuse
Huntsville, AL
- Sources of Error in Children's Testimony*** March 2018
34th International Symposium on Child Abuse
Huntsville, AL
- Child Sexual Exploitation: An Insight into Perpetrator Behavior in Context*** March 2018
34th International Symposium on Child Abuse
Huntsville, AL
- Managing the Things We Can't Unsee: Key Strategies to Reduce the Impact Of Secondary Trauma*** March 2018
34th International Symposium on Child Abuse
Huntsville, AL

<i>Child Murder by Parents</i> Dr. Philip Resnick Concept CE - Distance Learning	Jan 2018
<i>Risk Assessment With Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended</i> Global Institute of Forensic Research Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers - Distance Learning Master Class	Jan 2018
<i>Risk Assessment for Adult Sexual Offender Recidivism</i> Global Institute of Forensic Research Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers - Distance Learning Master Class	Sep 2017
<i>Bringing the Opiate Crisis Into Focus: Parenting Decisions in the Family Court</i> Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Boston, MA	May 2017
<i>Protecting Children Using Collaborative Family Law Practices</i> Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Boston, MA	May 2017
<i>Assessing Allegations of Interpersonal Violence in Custody Evaluations A Revised Forensic Model</i> Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Boston, MA	May 2017
<i>Introducing a Methodology to Assess Parenting and Guide Intervention</i> Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Boston, MA	May 2017
<i>NC Parenting Coordinator Training</i> Center for Cooperative Parenting UNC Chapel Hill	Nov 2016
<i>The Roles and Responsibilities of a Psychologist in Crisis/Hostage Situations</i> Scott Allen Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans, LA	Feb 2016
<i>Campus and School Violence Threat Management</i> Kris Mohandie, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans, LA	Feb 2016
<i>Providing Psychological Consultation on Homicides</i> Mark Zelig, Ph.D., ABPP American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans, LA	Feb 2016
<i>NC Gang Free - Academy</i> Hosted by NC Gang Investigators Pinehurst, NC	Aug 2015

- Brief Child Forensic Evaluations in Cases of Alleged Abuse*** May 2014
 Mark D. Everson, PhD
 Nancy Berson, MSW, LCSW Wake AHEC
- Assessing and Managing Violence Risk*** May 2014
 Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Criminal Competencies*** May 2014
 Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M.
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Test-Based Evaluation of Feigning in Clinical Forensic Assessments*** May 2014
 Richard Frederickson, Ph.D., ABPP
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making In Forensic Psychological Evaluations*** May 2014
 Randy K. Otto, Ph.D., ABPP
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – Sn Diego
- Introduction to Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations*** Feb 2013
 Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans
- Law School Crash Course*** Feb 2013
 Craig R. Lareau, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans
- Advanced Issues in Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations*** Feb 2013
 Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP
 American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans
- Consultation in Child Protection*** June 2012
 Susan C. Esquilin, Ph.D., ABPP
 American Psychological Association Online Academy
- Sanity Board Training and Forensic Supervision*** Jan 2008-Nov 2009
 Lt Col. Mark Hinton MD
 Col Kevin Blakely, Ph.D
 United States Air Force – Keesler AFB, MS

PRESENTATIONS / TRAININGS PRESENTED

Psychological Aspects of School Threat Assessment and Management - 8 and 16 hour courses

Nationally

Multiple events in 2018/Multiple events scheduled for 2019

Warrior Mindset, Trauma Related Disorders, and Adverse Childhood Experiences: Unraveling the Complexities of the Military/Veteran Defendant

NC Mitigation Specialist Conference

March 2018

Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Onslow County Department of Social Services

March 2018

Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Carteret County Department of Social Services

December 2017

Clinical versus Therapeutic Services - What You Need, When

Craven County Bar Association

November 2016

Threat Investigation and Violence Risk Assessment for Schools

Governors Task Force on Safer Schools

April 2016

Risk factors, Prevention, and Resiliency

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools

December 2015

Forensic versus Therapeutic Services Training - Craven County Bar Association

October 2014

Evaluation of Parenting Capacity / Evaluation of Allegations of Abuse and Neglect

Onslow County Department of Social Services

August 2014

Consultation and Forensic Assessment in Child Protection

Carteret County Department of Social Services

July 2014

Psychological Consultation in Child Protection

Craven County Department of Social Services May 2012

Assessment of Parenting Capacity

Pitt County Department of Social Services

May 2014

TENDERED AS EXPERT

Federal Court (Greenville NC)

District Court (Beaufort County, Carteret County, Craven County, Jones County, Lenoir County, Martin County, Washington County, Onslow County, Pender County, Pitt County)

Superior Court (Hyde County, Forsyth County, Craven County, Onslow County, Johnston County, Jones County, Pender County, Pitt County)

United States Courts Marital (Seymour Johnson AFB, Kessler AFB, Camp Lejuene)

APPOINTMENTS

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools: 2015-2017

Lead: Threat Assessment Focus Group / Co-Chair: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Gangs

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

North Carolina Psychological Association

American Psychology-Law Society (Div 41- APA)

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers