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LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Board-Certified Specialist in Forensic Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology

North Carolina State License- Psychologist (License No. 6594)

New York State License- Psychologist (License No. 020056)

Colorado State License- Psychologist (Licensed No. 005771)

Wyoming State License- Psychologist (License No. 854)

PSYPACT Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (#23186)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology and Human Systems, August 2011

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- APA-Accredited Program

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Cum Laude, May 2004

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

CURRENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Prime Forensic and Psychological Services PLLC, Owner/Licensed Psychologist

January 2025- present

- Conduct competency to proceed, sanity/criminal responsibility, risk assessment, competency to waive Miranda rights, and mitigation evaluations
- Provide expert witness testimony
- Offer expert consultation for legal professionals and court proceedings

Wyoming State Hospital, Contracted Licensed Psychologist

Wyoming: July 2024-present

- Conduct competency to proceed, criminal responsibility, and risk assessment evaluations
- Provide expert witness testimony as needed

Colorado Department of Human Services, Contracted Licensed Psychologist

Colorado: April 2022-present

- Conduct competency to proceed, sanity, and mental state evaluations for defendants who are on bond or incarcerated
- Provide expert witness testimony as needed

Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center, Licensed Psychologist

New York, NY: March 2017-November 2023

- Conduct fitness to stand trial evaluations and write comprehensive reports

- Conduct evaluations of individuals adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect to determine whether they continue to have a dangerous mental disorder that requires retention in a secure environment
- Testify as an expert witness
- Provide consultation in areas related to professional psychology and behavioral health to various disciplines
- Lead 3-4 weekly group therapy sessions
- Provide individual psychotherapy
- Work as part of a collaborative multidisciplinary treatment team daily to coordinate and improve patient care and treatment plans for individuals on a ward designed for the most acute and/or violent patients
- Supervise interns from the New York University/Bellevue Hospital Center forensic training program and externs from local schools

JBS Mental Health Authority/Alabama Department of Mental Health, Consulting Licensed Psychologist
Alabama: March 2019-September 2024

- Complete forensic evaluations for pre-trial/outpatient defendants who are on bond, incarcerated, or inpatient defendants in state hospitals
- Conduct evaluations to determine competency to stand trial and mental state at the time of the offense
- Provide expert witness testimony as needed

West Central Georgia Regional Hospital, Licensed Psychologist

Columbus, GA; September 2011- November 2022

May 2013- November 2022

- Conducted competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and risk assessment evaluations and wrote comprehensive reports, including diagnoses and treatment recommendations
- Performed psychological assessment with a diverse population of adult forensic defendants to examine intelligence, malingering, cognitive functioning, and personality functioning
- Assisted with training and supervision of externs, fellows, and new psychologists
- Provided consultation to various hospital disciplines
- Provided expert witness testimony in court

September 2011- March 2013

in addition to duties listed above:

- Developed and facilitated a group based on the principles of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
- Worked as part of a collaborative multidisciplinary treatment team daily to coordinate and improve patient care and treatment plans for individuals
- Developed and co-facilitated a process-oriented group for individuals found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity who committed violent offenses
- Provided evidence-based individual psychotherapy, including cognitive-behavioral therapy
- Provided consultation in areas related to professional psychology and behavioral health to various disciplines
- Wrote conditional release plans/treatment recommendations for individuals who no longer met inpatient commitment criteria
- Presented cases at Forensic Review Committee meetings
- Responded to crisis situations/psychiatric emergencies, including physical and/or verbal aggression

PREVIOUS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

The Shield Institute Article 16 Clinic, Consulting Licensed Psychologist

Flushing, NY: March 2015-June 2017

- Conduct psychological assessment in order to diagnose intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder in a diverse population of adults, adolescents, and children (e.g., WAIS-IV; WISC-IV; Bayley-III; Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scales, Fifth Edition; Childhood Autism Rating Scale, Second Edition; Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Second Edition)

Memory Training Centers of America, Consulting Licensed Psychologist

New York, NY: March 2015- March 2016

- Conducted cognitive and neuropsychological assessments for older adults with memory impairments and developed a treatment plan based on test results
- Provided training to Master's level clinical staff and new psychologists
- Conducted cognitive rehabilitation/memory training sessions utilizing computer programs, verbal interactions, and compensatory techniques
- Assisted individuals with managing the emotional stress and challenges that can accompany memory loss

Arkansas State Hospital, Psychology Intern

Little Rock, AR; July 2010- July 2011

APA accredited program

Forensic Rotation:

- Performed psychological services on a forensic unit with individuals found incompetent to stand trial:
 - Conducted competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility evaluations and wrote comprehensive reports
 - Performed psychological testing with forensic defendants (WAIS-IV, Rorschach, MMPI-2, M-FAST, Cast*MR, SIRS, TOMM)

Adult Inpatient Rotation:

- Performed psychological services on an adult inpatient unit with individuals with severe mental illness:
 - Collaborated with others in multidisciplinary treatment planning meetings
 - Co-facilitated a Social Awareness group
 - Administered, scored and interpreted psychological assessments examining intelligence, malingering, neuropsychology, and personality functioning
 - Wrote integrative psychological reports for specific referral questions based on assessment results and clinical interviews
 - Created a behavioral modification plan to help reduce various target behaviors
 - Formulated treatment plans based on triage, assessment, and diagnosis of clients

Adolescent Inpatient Rotation:

- Administered, scored, and interpreted cognitive and psychological test batteries as needed
- Co-facilitated two weekly group psychotherapy sessions
- Conducted clinical interviews and feedback sessions
- Participated in multidisciplinary treatment team meetings
- Created behavioral modification plans to help reduce target behaviors
- Conducted individual competency training sessions
- Provided individual psychotherapy

Adolescent Sex Offender Rotation:

- Co-led seven weekly relapse prevention, psychotherapy, and psycho-educational groups
- Observed and participated in multidisciplinary treatment team meetings
- Provided individual psychotherapy
- Facilitated family therapy sessions
- Performed risk assessments

Community Mental Health Rotation:

- Conducted individual and group therapy at an assertive community-based treatment program for individuals with schizophrenia and/or other severe and persistent mental illnesses
- Performed psychological services at a community mental health center setting
 - Provided individual and group therapy for a variety of presenting problems
 - Administered, scored, and interpreted psychological assessments examining intelligence and personality functioning
 - Conducted intake interviews and developed treatment plans
 - Engaged in Quality Assurance of chart documentation

Florida State Hospital, Psychology Trainee

Chattahoochee, FL; May 2009-December 2009

- Performed psychological services on the Forensic Admissions and Evaluation Unit with individuals committed as Incompetent to Proceed or Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity pursuant to F.S. Chap. 16
- Observed and participated in multidisciplinary treatment planning meetings
- Conducted individual competency training sessions and evaluations
- Administered and interpreted psychological assessment measures
- Assisted in writing comprehensive competency evaluation reports
- Presented cases at Transfer Review Committee meetings
- Viewed proceedings of the Florida Mental Health Court
- Observed and assisted with a DBT group for females who have been civilly committed

Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, Psychology Trainee

Tallahassee, FL; August 2008-May 2009, May 2007-August 2007

- Administered and scored child, adolescent and adult personality, behavioral, neuropsychological, and cognitive assessment measures to inpatients ranging in age from 6-72
- Integrated and assessed patient information, such as medical records, psychological reports, and clinical interviews to formulate DSM-IV diagnostic impressions
- Conducted clinical interviews with patients presenting with various disorders
- Wrote, dictated, and edited psychological reports and recommended interventions based on patient information and impressions
- Participated in weekly multidisciplinary consultation meetings for Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) cases
- Completed weekly readings and engaged in group discussions pertaining to the development and maintenance of a DBT group for outpatient hospital residents with borderline features, many patients carrying a co-morbid diagnosis of PTSD

Gadsden Correctional Facility, Psychology Trainee

Quincy, FL; June 2008-December 2008

- Conducted individual therapy with inmates with a variety of presenting problems including auditory and visual hallucinations, PTSD, addiction, anxiety, depression, and adjustment issues
- Administered and interpreted various assessment measures (PAI, MCMI, MMPI-2)
- Conducted intake and biopsychosocial interviews
- Assisted with relaxation group for female inmates

PUBLICATIONS/PEER REVIEW

Chason, A. K., Bullock-Yowell, E., Sampson, J. P., Jr., Lenz, J. G., & Reardon, R. C. (2012). Relationships among career thoughts, career interests, and career decision state. *Canadian Journal of Career Development, 12*, 39-47.

Chason, A., & Hunt, H. (2011). Community mental health centers. *The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*. <http://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/>.

Chason, A. & Hunt, H. (2011). The Mental Health Council of Arkansas. *The Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture*. <http://encyclopediaofarkansas.net/>.

Sampson, J. P., & Chason, A. K. (2008). Helping gifted and talented adolescents and young adults make informed and careful career choices. In S. I. Pfeiffer (Ed.), *Handbook of the gifted & talented: A psychological approach* (pp. 327-346). New York: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers.

Ad hoc reviewer for:

Pfeiffer, S. (2012). Current perspectives on the identification and assessment of gifted students. *Journal of Psycho-educational Assessment*, 30, 1(3-9).

PRESENTATIONS

Chason, A., & McClain, M.C. (2012, July). *Career development for individuals with severe mental illness*. Presented at the National Career Development Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Chason, A. & Rodriguez, S. (2012, July). *Potential Barriers To Building On The Dream: Negative Career Thoughts, Profile Elevation, Differentiation, And Decision State*. Presented at the National Career Development Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Chason, A. & Tesfa, A. (2009, July). *From incarceration to employment: helping ex-offenders transition to the workforce*. Presented at the National Career Development Association Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.

Lulgjuraj, B., Utecht, S., & Chason, A. (2008, July). *Transitions in a nontraditional world: second career, military to civilian, ex-offenders, and returning mothers*. Presented at the National Career Development Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Gary W. Peterson Fellow, 2008-2009

Student Star, Florida State University, 2008 (<https://campus.fsu.edu/profiles/chason/>)

Congress of Graduate Students Conference Travel Grant, 2008-2009

James and Anne Barger Scholarship recipient, 2006

Mabel Jean Morrison Endowed Scholarship recipient, 2006, 2007