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BOARD CERTIFICATION

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

INTERJURISDICTIONAL PRACTICE

PSYPACT Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology

- Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC) and Temporary Authorization to Practice (TAP)

LICENSURE

New York State License- Psychologist

North Carolina State License- Psychologist

Colorado State License- Psychologist

Wyoming State License- Psychologist

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

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Board-Certified Forensic Psychologist with more than 15 years of experience conducting criminal forensic evaluations across inpatient, correctional, outpatient, and private practice settings. Areas of practice include fitness to proceed, criminal responsibility, mitigation, violence risk assessment/dangerousness, Miranda waiver capacity, and related forensic referral questions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prime Forensic and Psychological Services PLLC, Owner/ Forensic Psychologist

March 2019–Present

*Independent forensic practice established in 2019; incorporated as Prime Forensic and Psychological Services PLLC in 2025

- Areas of practice include fitness to proceed, criminal responsibility, violence risk assessment, Miranda waiver capacity, and mitigation, as well as related forensic referral questions
- Conduct forensic evaluations for courts, attorneys, state hospitals, and government agencies

- Evaluate criminal defendants and justice-involved individuals in correctional, hospital, outpatient, and community settings
- Provide expert witness testimony
- Provide expert consultation for legal professionals and court proceedings
- Contract with agencies including Wyoming State Hospital (07/24-present), Colorado Department of Human Services (03/22-present), Mississippi State Hospital (10/25-present), and Alabama Department of Mental Health (03/19-09/24)

Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center, Licensed Psychologist

New York, NY: March 2017-November 2023

- Conducted fitness to stand trial (CPL 730) evaluations and wrote comprehensive reports
- Conducted 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
- Provided expert witness testimony
- Provided consultation in areas related to behavioral health to various disciplines
- Worked 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
- Led 3-4 weekly group therapy sessions
- Provided individual psychotherapy

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 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.

Lulguraj, 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.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

06/2026 **Navigating Complicated Questions of Criminal Responsibility**, presented live by American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP) (Speaker: Maureen L. Reardon, Ph.D., ABPP); 6 hours

06/2026 **Criminal Responsibility Evaluations: Ethics and Case Practice**, presented live by AAFP (Speaker: Maureen L. Reardon, Ph.D., ABPP); 4 hours

06/2026 **Reader Friendly Report Writing**, presented live by AAFP (Speaker: Sebastian Rilen, Psy.D., ABPP); 4 hours

- 08/2025 **AAFP: Advanced Topics in Competency Assessment Part 1: Mapping Clinical Data to Functional Legal Capacities**, presented virtually by AAFP (Speakers: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP and Lori Hauser, Ph.D., ABPP), 4 hours
- 08/2025 **AAFP: Advanced Topics in the Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial- Part 2: Neurocognitive Complications, Testing Considerations, and Data Caveats**, presented virtually by AAFP (Speakers: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP and Lori Hauser, Ph.D., ABPP), 3 hours
- 09/2024 **The Use of Performance and Symptom Validity Assessment with Special Populations: A Process Approach**, presented live by AAFP (Speaker: James Mikesell, Ph.D., ABPP); 2 hours
- 09/2024 **Plenary Program: The Science and Practice of Expert Witness Testimony**, presented live by AAFP (Speaker: Margaret Bull Kovera, Ph.D.); 2 hours
- 09/2024 **Forensic Assessment and Testimony with Justice-Involved Abused Women**, presented live by AAFP (Speaker: Lenore E.A. Walker, EdD, ABPP); 3 hours
- 06/2024 **Evaluation for Mitigation in Non-Capital Federal Sentencing Cases**, presented online by Concept Continuing and Professional Studies (Speakers: Gina Manguno-Mire, Ph.D., ABPP and Claude J. Kelly, J.D.); 4 hours
- 03/2023 **AP-LS Recommendations for Telepsychology: A Review of Emerging Research**, presented live by American-Psychology Law Society (Speakers: Ashley Batastini, Ph.D. and Michelle Guyton, Ph.D., ABPP); 3.5 hours
- 03/2023 **AAFP: Malingering in Forensic Evaluations**, presented by Concept Continuing and Professional Studies (Speaker: Michael Vitacco, PhD, ABPP); 4 hours
- 10/2021 **Assessing Violence Risk Using the HCR-20 V3**, presented virtually by the NYS Office of Mental Health's Division of Forensic Services (speaker- Barry Rosenfeld, Ph.D., ABPP); 13.5 hours total
- 10/2021 **Developing Informed Opinions About the Likelihood of Incompetent Defendants Attaining Competence to Stand Trial**, presented virtually by Georgia Psychological Association (speaker- Candyce Shields, Ph.D., ABPP); 3 hours
- 10/2021 **Accurate Determinations of Feigned Mental Disorders: Malingering in Criminal Forensic Contexts**, presented virtually by Georgia Psychological Association (speaker- Richard Rogers, Ph.D., ABPP); 3 hours
- 02/2020 **Forensic Evaluation in Miranda Waiver and False/Coerced Confession Cases**, presented live by AAFP (speaker- Bruce Frumkin, Ph.D., ABPP); 7 hours