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PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Treating children, adolescents, and adults with anxiety disorders using cognitive-behavioral therapy
Conducting psychological evaluations to assist attorneys in determining the effects of traumatic events on a client's mental health and functioning

EDUCATION

Illinois School of Professional Psychology (APA approved), Chicago, IL
Argosy University, Chicago Campus
Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology, received August 2005
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology, received September 2002

Bradley University, Peoria, IL
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, received May 2000

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute *September 2006 to present*
Licensed Psychologist
St. Louis, MO

Provide individual, group and family therapy to adults and children with a variety of diagnoses, primarily anxiety and mood disorders. Conduct forensic evaluations and provide expert witness testimony in court.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Washington University School of Medicine *May 2000 to January 2004*
Division of Child Psychiatry *Supervisor: John N. Constantino, MD*
Research Assistant *Pediatric Psychiatrist*
St. Louis, MO

Headed research project entitled "The Familiarity of Mental Representations of Attachment" designed to study potential effects of early childhood relationships on long-term social development. Assisted psychiatrist in second project entitled "A quantitative genetic measure of autistic traits" designed to compare new questionnaire regarding autistic traits (Social Reciprocity Scale) with established instrument used to make diagnosis of autism in children (Autism Diagnostic Interview).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association
Missouri Psychological Association
Anxiety Disorders Association of America
Obsessive Compulsive Foundation

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute
Psychological Resident
St. Louis, MO

September 2005 to August 2006
Supervisors: C. Alec Pollard, Ph.D. &
Susan Englund, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologists

Facilitated the intensive outpatient treatment program for clients with anxiety disorders using evidence-based cognitive-behavioral therapy techniques. Provided individual and group therapy to clients with a variety of diagnoses, including Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder, Social Phobia, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Depression, and Bipolar Disorder. Supervised graduate students. Participated in treatment team meetings with psychologists and psychiatrists.

CLINICAL INTERNSHIP

St. Louis Psychology Internship Consortium (APA approved) *September 2004 to August 2005*
Spent four days a week for four months each at three different inpatient psychiatric hospitals operated by the Missouri Department of Mental Health: Hawthorn Children's Psychiatric Hospital, Metropolitan St. Louis Psychiatric Center, and St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center. Provided individual and group therapy, as well as psychological testing for patients with serious mental illnesses. Spent one day a week for 12 months at the Missouri Sexual Offender Treatment Center, providing individual and group therapy, and conducting psychological evaluations for civilly committed sexual offenders.

PRESENTATIONS

Malingering: Presence or Impact . . . How Can We Be Sure?

St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute, Forensic Evaluation Division, St. Louis, MO, June 3, 2008

Moser and Marsalek, P.C., St. Louis, MO, October 12, 2007

Hinshaw and Culbertson, LLP (webcam to 12 states), St. Louis, MO, July 12, 2007

Religion and OCD (Scrupulosity)

St. Louis Behavioral Medicine Institute, Postdoctoral Seminar, St. Louis, MO, May 2007

Exposure and Response Prevention

St. Louis Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Support Group, St. Louis, MO, April 2007

Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL) Counseling Center, St. Louis, MO,
February 2007

Behavioral Treatments for Psychological Disorders

Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO, December 2006

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATION

Constantino, J .N., **Chackes, L. M.**, Wartner, U. G., Gross, M., Brophy, S. L., Vitale, J., and Heath, A. C. (2006). *Mental Representations of Attachment in Identical Female Twins with and without Conduct Problems*. Journal of Child Psychiatry and Human Development.

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