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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

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FORMALE EDUCATION

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne FL 32901

Internship in Professional Psychology

Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Clemson University
Redfern Health Center
Clemson SC 29631

Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)

Dec 2005
(APA Accredited)

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

Florida	PY 11095
North Carolina	LP 3997
Virginia	0810006171
South Carolina	127
Alabama	1503

Active
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Temporary (10/2021-10/2022)
Inactive (due to military PCS)

CLINICAL AND FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical and Forensic Psychology

New Bern, NC

Amy D. James, PsyD PLLC

1 June 2013 – Present

Forensic psychological evaluations for capital sentencing; Atkins and Miller cases; non-capital mitigation; mental state at the time of the offense; capacity to proceed; fifth and sixth amendment waiver; child custody; child abuse and neglect; school threat assessment and management; parental fitness and child protection; adult capacity/guardianship; and general psychological evaluations in the course of legal action.

Attorney case consultation, review of expert work product, review of child forensic interviews, assisting with examination and cross examination of mental health expert witnesses, and providing subject matter expert testimony. Court testimony includes Federal Court, District, and Superior Court in North Carolina, in Circuit Court in Florida, Court in Virginia, Court in Montana, and United States Court Martial.

Forensic training and consultation to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals.

Applied Forensic Strategies, LLC (owner/operator)

New Bern, NC / Nationally

Sept 2018 - Jan 2021

Provided forensic training and consultation to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals. Provided NC Bar Association approved CLE. In Jan 2021, this business offering moved under the private practice.

National Criminal Justice Training Center

Appleton, WI / Nationally

April 2018 - May 2022

Provided customized continuing education workshops in the area of school threat assessment and management. Provided these trainings nationally. Resigned due to private practice work load.

Owner and Chief Executive Officer/Clinical and Forensic Psychological Service Provider Carolina Behavioral Health Innovations, PLLC

New Bern, NC

1 Aug 2011-1 June 2013

Forensic psychological evaluations for parenting capacity; child protection; competency to handle medical and financial affairs; capacity to proceed; mental state at the time; waiver of fifth and sixth amendment rights; child custody; and general psychological assessment and recommendations. Social Security and VA Disability evaluations.

Clinical therapeutic and assessment services for adults and children with specialization in childhood trauma, childhood behavior disorders, parenting education, PTSD, military PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, anxiety, depression, and ADHD. Executed and organized daily operations of outpatient mental health services for a staff of five full-time clinicians.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT)
Program Manager; Mental Health Element Chief/Deputy Flight
Commander; Traumatic Stress Response Team Chief
Aug 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 while completing substance abuse evaluations and direct patient care, ranging from education to intensive outpatient. Supervised clinical and nonclinical treatment staff serving in the substance use program and the general mental health clinic. Forensic services included completion of commander-directed evaluations, fitness for duty determinations, sanity boards (military equivalent of competency to stand trial/capacity to proceed), and medical evaluation board examinations.

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, a leadership organization developed by the 4th Fighter Wing to enhance Airman quality of life and identify Command interest items and solution.

Was appointed by the 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;
Chief, Mental Health Clinic
Sept 2007-Aug 2009

Keesler AFB, MS

Directed 100% of outpatient mental health services while providing leadership for 25 providers and 18 support staff. 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.

Selected as the sole consultant to the Wing Commander and Medical Group Commander for improving 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.

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.

POST-LICENSURE CONTINUING EDUCATION

<i>AAFP: Assessment of Defendants' Competency for Self-Representation</i> 3 hours	Jan 2026
<i>Introduction to Developmentally Appropriate Interviewing using the Revised NICHD Protocol</i> 15 hours	Nov 2025
<i>Trauma-Informed Forensic Mental Health Assessment</i> 3 hours	Aug 2025
<i>Ethics and Telemental Health</i> 3 hours	Jun 2025
<i>WAIS-5 Overview</i> 3 hours	May 2025
<i>Forensic Psychological Assessment in Custody Litigation</i> 20 hours	Nov 2024
<i>Allegations of Alienation or Child Sexual Abuse in Custody Evaluations</i> 10 hours	Aug 2024
<i>AAFP: Evaluating Risk in Child Pornography Offenders</i> 4 hours	Jun 2024
<i>Ethical Considerations for Health Professionals Working with Children and Families</i> 3 hours	May 2024
<i>Domestic Violence: Best Practices of Healthcare Professionals</i> 2 hours	May 2024
<i>Medical Error Prevention: A Guide for Mental Health Professionals</i> 2 hours	May 2024
<i>Advanced Ethical, Evidentiary, and Methodological Issues</i> 3 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Family Justice Reform: Values, Services, and Science in a Politicized Environment</i> 1.5 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Current Controversies in Understanding and Intervening with Parent-Child Contact Problems</i> 2 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Technology and Evidentiary Issues in Child Custody Cases</i> 1.5 hours	Sep 2023

<i>Social Science Research and Child Custody: Is Anything New Under the Sun?</i>	Sep 2023
2 hours	
<i>Just Say No? Drugs, Alcohol, and Family Court</i>	Sep 2023
2 hours	
<i>Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases</i>	Sep 2023
2 hours	
<i>Effective Consultation and Testimony in Cases with Child Victims</i>	Feb 2023
7 hours	
<i>Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts</i>	Feb 2023
7 hours	
<i>Criminal Responsibility Evaluations</i>	Feb 2023
7 hours	
<i>Criminal Responsibility Evaluations - Case Study</i>	Feb 2023
4 hours	
<i>AAFP: Evaluating Youth Facing Long Term Sentences in Adult Court</i>	Jan 2023
4 hours	
<i>AAFP: Cultural Considerations in Forensic Psychology</i>	Jan 2023
7 hours	
<i>Supervision of Licensees and Applicants in North Carolina</i>	Nov 2022
3 hours	
<i>Preventing Medical Errors in Behavioral Health</i>	May 2022
2 hours	
<i>AAFP: A New Way to Write Forensic Reports</i>	Mar 2022
4 hours	
<i>Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice</i>	Mar 2022
10 Hours	
<i>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals</i>	Feb 2022
9.75 Hours	
<i>Not So Uncommon Topics in Sanity Evaluations</i>	Apr 2021
4 hours	
<i>AAFP: Case Law - Criminal Responsibility</i>	Apr 2021
3 hours	

<i>Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to Do When the World Goes Haywire</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Plenary - Betting on the Voice of the Child</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Resisting Simplicity to Understand Child Resistance: Alienation Meaning in the Field of Family Law</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Thinking Differently About the Value of Collateral Information</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>The Ethics of Self-Care: Where the Personal Is the Professional</i> 3 hours	Aug 2020
<i>Sustaining Ourselves In Challenging Times: Ethical and Risk Management Perspectives</i> 1 hour	Apr 2020
<i>Evaluating the Validity of Miranda Waivers and the Trustworthiness of Confessions</i> 7 hours	Jan 2020
<i>Clinical Neuropsychology for the Forensic Psychologist</i> 7 hours	Jan 2020
<i>Forensic Application of the Personality Assessment Inventory</i> 7 hours	Jan 2020
<i>Advanced Custody and Support Issues</i> 10 hours	Dec 2019
<i>Evaluations in High Stakes Sentencing: Capital, Atkins, Miller Cases</i> 20 hours	Aug 2019
<i>Multidirectional and Intergenerational Effects of Gatekeeping</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018

<i>Preparing for a Daubert Challenge: Report Writing and Testimony</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act: What Lawyers, Judges, and Custody Evaluators Need to Know</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Is Ignorance of Therapy a Due Process Violation? What Professionals Need to Know</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Providing Effective Testimony in Litigated Child Custody Disputes</i> 6 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Managing Risk in Everyday Practice</i> 3 hours	Sep 2018
<i>Forensic Interviewers and Researchers Talk with Each other and With You</i> 5.5 hours	Mar 2018
<i>Sources of Error in Children's Testimony</i> 1.5 hours	Mar 2018
<i>Child Sexual Exploitation: An Insight into Perpetrator Behavior in Context</i> 1.5 hours	Mar 2018
<i>Managing the Things We Can't Unsee: Key Strategies to Reduce the Impact</i> 3 hours	Mar 2018
<i>Ethics in Forensic Psychology</i> 4 hours	Jan 2018
<i>Child Murder by Parents</i> 4 hours	Jan 2018
<i>Risk Assessment With Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended</i> 6.5 hours	Jan 2018
<i>Risk Assessment for Adult Sexual Offender Recidivism</i> 6.5 hours	Sep 2017
<i>Bringing the Opiate Crisis Into Focus: Parenting Decisions in the Family Court</i> 6 hours	May 2017
<i>Protecting Children Using Collaborative Family Law Practices</i> 1.5 hours	May 2017

<i>Assessing Allegations of Interpersonal Violence in Custody Evaluations A Revised Forensic Model</i> 1.5 hours	May 2017
<i>Introducing a Methodology to Assess Parenting and Guide Intervention</i> 1.5 hours	May 2017
<i>NC Parenting Coordinator Training</i> 24 hours	Nov 2016
<i>Ethical Dilemmas Encountered by Members of APA</i> 3 hours	Jul 2016
<i>The Roles and Responsibilities of a Psychologist in Crisis/Hostage Situations</i> 7 hours	Feb 2016
<i>Campus and School Violence Threat Management</i> 7 hours	Feb 2016
<i>Providing Psychological Consultation on Homicides</i> 7 hours	Feb 2016
<i>NC Gang Free - Academy</i> 12 hours	Aug 2015
<i>Brief Child Forensic Evaluations in Cases of Alleged Abuse</i> 12 hours	May 2014
<i>Assessing and Managing Violence Risk</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Criminal Competencies</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Test-Based Evaluation of Feigning in Clinical Forensic Assessments</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making In Forensic Psychological Evaluations</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Duty to Protect - Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations</i> 3 hours	Apr 2014
<i>Introduction to Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations</i> 7 hours	Feb 2013
<i>Law School Crash Course</i> 7 hours	Feb 2013

Advanced Issues in Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations

Feb 2013

7 hours

Consultation in Child Protection

Jun 2012

4 hours

Sanity Board Training and Forensic Supervision

Jan 2008-Nov 2009

United States Air Force – Keesler AFB, MS

PRESENTATIONS / TRAININGS PRESENTED

Consultation with Child Sex Abuse Experts

North Carolina Advocates for Justice

Live-Remote, NC - December 2024

Analyzing Child Forensic Interviews

Duke Law/Duke University NC - March 2024

10th Annual Whiskey in the Courtroom

Evolving Trends in Forensic Science - Mental Health Evidence

Assessing the Reliability of the CPT (Forensic) Interview of the Child

Jensen Beach, FL - December 2023

RC-4's Parent Representation Conference

Mental Illness and the Expert's Perspective at Trial

Live-Remote, NC - April 2022

NC Death Penalty Seminar

Mental Health Expert Witnesses: A Primer For Attorneys

New Bern, NC - Sep 2019

6 hours CLE

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

Craven County Schools, NC - 2022

Chowan County Schools, NC - 2022

Colorado, Maryland, Florida, and Online (3) - 2021

Iowa, New Hampshire, and Online (2) - 2020

Louisiana, Texas, Maryland, Nebraska, Colorado, Michigan, Alabama - 2019

Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina, Florida (2) - 2018

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

NC Mitigation Specialist Conference

March 2018

4 hours

Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Onslow County Department of Social Services

March 2018

1.5 hours

Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Carteret County Department of Social Services

December 2017

1.5 hours

Clinical versus Therapeutic Services - What You Need, When

Craven County Bar Association

November 2016

30 minutes

Threat Investigation and Violence Risk Assessment for Schools

Governors Task Force on Safer Schools

April 2016

2 hours

Risk factors, Prevention, and Resiliency

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools

December 2015

1 hour

Forensic Versus Therapeutic Services Training - Craven County Bar Association

October 2014

30 minutes

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

Onslow County Department of Social Services

August 2014

1.5 hours

Consultation and Forensic Assessment in Child Protection

Carteret County Department of Social Services

July 2014

1.5 hours

Psychological Consultation in Child Protection

Craven County Department of Social Services May 2012

1.5 hours

Assessment of Parenting Capacity

Pitt County Department of Social Services

May 2014

1.5 hours

TESTIFIED AS EXPERT

United States Federal Court - Eastern District of North Carolina

NC District Court (Alamance County, Beaufort County, Bertie County, Brunswick County, Carteret County, Craven County, Cumberland County, Forsyth County, Jones County, Lenoir County, Martin County, Onslow County, Pasquotank County, Pender County, Perquimans County, Pitt County, New Hanover County,

Washington County)

NC Superior Court (Carteret County, Catawba County, Cleveland County, Craven County, Duplin County, Forsyth County, Hyde County, Johnston County, Jones County, Onslow County, Pasquotank County, Pender County, Pitt County, Richmond County, Scotland County, Stanly County, Wake County, Wilkes County)

United States Courts Martial (Seymour Johnson AFB, Kessler AFB, Camp Lejeune)

15th Circuit - Palm Beach County, Florida (Family Court)

13th Judicial District - Billings, Montana (Felony trial)

Criminal Circuit Court - Norfolk, VA (Felony trials)

APPOINTMENTS

North Carolina Psychological Association Psychology and Law Committee: 2025

Police Civil Service Board - New Bern, NC: June 2022 - June 2024

North Carolina Psychological Association Psychology and Law Committee: 2022

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools: 2015-2017 Lead on Threat Assessment Focus Group / Co-Chair: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Gangs

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychology-Law Society (Div 41- APA)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

North Carolina Psychological Association

PUBLICATIONS

School Threat Assessment and Management: A Practical Approach (book) Publisher: Learning Sciences International 2020

AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal, USAF

Air Force Commendation Medal, USAF

Named the Outstanding/Top PsyD Graduate Student, Florida Tech

Magna Cum Laude, Concord College

Salutatorian, Scott High School