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## FORMALE EDUCATION

### *Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)*

September 2024

(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd

Melbourne, FL 32901

### *Internship in Clinical Psychology*

July 2024

(APA Accredited)

Orlando VA Medical Center

13800 Veterans Way

Orlando, FL 32827

### *Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)*

May 2021

(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology

150 W University Blvd

Melbourne, FL 32901

### *Masters in Forensic Psychology (MA)*

May 2016

University of North Dakota

3501 University Avenue

Stop 8357

Grand Forks, ND 58202

### *Bachelor of Arts in Experimental Psychology (BA)*

December 2014

University of South Carolina

1244 Blossom Street

Columbia, SC 29208

### *Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (BA)*

December 2014

University of South Carolina

1244 Blossom Street

Columbia, SC 29208

## LICENSURE

North Carolina

6948

Active

Florida

PY13033

Active

## CLINICAL AND FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

### **Amy D. James, PsyD, PLLC**

Licensed Psychologist

July 2024 to Present

New Bern, NC

- Completed required post-doctoral practice and supervision hours before transitioning to permanent licensure in November 2025
- Completing forensic psychological evaluations including, but not limited to parental capacity, capital and non-capital sentencing, mental status at the time of the offense, adult and juvenile criminal capacities,

child custody, recidivism risk, and other and general psychological evaluations occurring in the course of legal action or proceedings

### **Orlando Veteran's Affairs Medical Center**

Clinical Psychology Intern

July 2023 to July 2024

Orlando, FL

- Completed comprehensive clinical psychological evaluations in outpatient (e.g., Substance Use Disorder Clinic and TRuST Trauma Clinic) residential (e.g., Domiciliary), and inpatient settings
- Conducted pre-surgical psychological evaluations (e.g. spinal cord stimulator, organ transplant, dual organ transplant, gender confirmation, and bone marrow transplant)
- Provided evidence-based individual and group psychotherapy in outpatient, intensive-outpatient (IOP), and residential treatment settings
- Completed violence risk assessments as a disruptive behavior committee member

### **Amy D. James, PsyD, PLLC**

Psychological Technician

March 2018 to June 2023

New Bern, NC

- Administered (March 2018 to July 2019), scored, and interpreted psychological assessment results including the WAIS-IV, MACI, MMPI-2RF, MCMI-IV, PAI, PAI-A, YSR, APS, TSCC, TSCYC, and CBCL
- Independently administered assessments to defendants' in Craven County Jail from March 2018 to July 2019
- Assisted in report writing of forensic evaluations to include parental capacity, competency to stand trial, best interest child custody, mitigation, child-family, juvenile transfer, and sex offender evaluation
- Conducted anger management evaluations that included psychosocial interviews, administration and interpretation of the STAXI-2, and treatment recommendations from March 2018 to July 2019

### **Treasure Coast Forensic Treatment Center**

Practicum Student

December 2021 to December 2022

Indiantown, FL

- Conducted record reviews, clinical interviews, and monthly competency assessments of residents with pending felony charges who were legally deemed as incompetent to proceed (ITP)
- Administered, scored, and interpreted intellectual measures (WAIS-IV), neurocognitive screeners (RBANS), effort measures (Dot Counting Test), malingering measures (M-FAST, Inventory of Legal Knowledge, TOMM) to residents for the purpose of court reports
- Completed competency to proceed, non-restorable, step-down interim court reports
- Participated in program classes for ITP residents that included competency restoration, social skills, and anger management
- Conducted step-down evaluation reports that included psychosocial interviews and risk assessments (HCR-20) for residents who received verdicts of not guilty by reason of insanity (NGI)

### **Community Psychological Services**

Graduate Student Peer Supervisor

May 2022 to December 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted one on one weekly supervision of graduate student clinicians at Community Psychological Services (CPS) utilizing a developmental model

- Provided feedback on supervisee's video recorded session, clinical documentation, case conceptualizations, and psychological evaluations

### **Florida Tech Court Assessment Team**

Practicum Student

August 2021 to May 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted record reviews and psychosocial interviews of defendants with pending legal charges
- Administered, scored, and interpreted clinical and forensic psychological assessments in a secure setting to include malingering and effort measures
- Conducted competency to proceed (CTP) evaluations in a secure setting and co-completed Court reports as a team member

### **Florida Tech Concussion Management Team**

Student Examiner

August 2021 to August 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Administered and scored baseline assessments of Florida Tech undergraduate athletes that included imPACT, Sport Concussion Assessment Tool -5, GAD-7, PHQ-9, Grit Scale, Sleep Quality Questionnaire, Vertigo Questionnaire, and effort measures (Dot Counting Test, Rey Word Recognition Test, and A Random Letter Test of Auditory Vigilance)
- Conducted post-trauma and follow-up post-trauma interviews and evaluations

### **LiveWell Behavioral Health**

Practicum Student

May 2021 to April 2022

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted group and individual therapy for the adolescent and adult intensive outpatient program (IOP) that included topics such as mindfulness, journaling, distress tolerance, emotional regulation, interpersonal skills, journaling, and safety planning
- Completed clinical interviews for psychological testing intakes on adolescents to adults, ranging from ages 13 to 60 and provided therapeutic feedback on psychological evaluations
- Completed comprehensive psychological evaluations that included assessments such as the WAIS-IV, MACI-II, MMPI-2RF, MCMI-IV, MMPI-A, ISB, TAT, WIAT-III, and RBANS
- Conducted specialized, clinical psychological evaluations such as spinal cord stimulator and pre-adoption evaluations

### **Community Psychological Services**

Practicum Student

August 2020 to May 2021

Melbourne, FL

- Conducted psychosocial interviews with new clients beginning therapeutic services
- Provided individual therapeutic services via a telehealth platform to members of the community using various theoretical orientations and evidenced-based interventions
- Administered, interpreted, and monitored therapeutic outcomes measures such as OQ-42 and MMPI-2 results
- Developed and implemented individualized, evidenced-based treatment plans and case conceptualizations

### **Coastal Carolina Neuropsychiatric Center**

Psychological Technician

May 2016 to May 2018

Jacksonville, FL

- Conducted psychosocial interviews for patients ranging from age two through 90 years of age from a diverse of clinical populations across socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities, mental health diagnoses, medical conditions, and armed service members
- Scored and interpreted psychological assessments which included: Wechsler measures, Neuropsychological Assessment Battery (Attention, Executive, Language, Memory, Screening, Spatial modules), ADOS-2, ABAS-3, Vineland-3, BASC-3, SRS-2, MMPI-2RF, MMPI-A, CARS-2, PAI-A, PAI, DRS-2, Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children (TSCC), Beck Scales, Post-traumatic Diagnostic Scale (PDS), Adult Self-Report (ASR), and Adult Behavioral Checklist (ABCL)
- Completed comprehensive, clinical psychological evaluations which included: Relevant background information, behavioral observations, assessment results, diagnostic impressions, and recommendations for continued treatment and management

### **FORMAL FORENSIC EDUCATION AND OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Autism Spectrum Disorder and Its Impacts on Criminal-Legal Outcomes January 2026

Colleen Berryessa, PhD

The University of New Mexico - Behavioral Health

Live Webinar

1 hours CE Credit

WAIS-5 Overview May 2025

Jennifer Puig, PhD

Pearson Live Webinar

3 hours CE credit

Cognitive Assessment of Diverse Populations October 2024

Craig Frisby, PhD

Pearson Live Webinar

2 hours CE credit

The MCMI-IV: From Theory to Clinical Practice June 2024

Seth Grossman, PsyD

Orlando VA Psychological Assessment Series

Live Webinar

2 hours CE credit

Florida Adult Forensic Examiner's Virtual Workshop December 2023

Randy Otto, PhD and Chris Slobogin, JD

University of South Florida

Live Webinar

22.5 hours CE credit

Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) September 2021

Ziad Nasreddine, MD

MoCA Cognition

1 hour CE

Suggestibility in the Criminal Justice System March 2019

Jerrold Brown, PhD

CONCEPT, with Palo Alto University  
1 hour virtual recorded training

What is My Next Question? Improving Question Frameworks in Child Interviews January 2019  
Scott Snider, LCSW  
Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center/ Midwest Regional 2.0 EduNet  
1.5 CE credit

MMPI, MMPI-2, and MMPI-A in Court: A Practical Guide for Experts and Attorneys November 2018  
H. Pope, J. Butcher, and J. Seelen  
APA Education Directorate  
9 hours CE credit

Workplace Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs: Critical Elements September 2018  
Stephen Hart, PhD  
CONCEPT, with Palo Alto University  
1 hour CE

School Threat Assessment and Management Training July 2018  
Amy D. James, PsyD  
Audited In-person Workshop  
8 hours

Trauma-Informed Parenting and Custody Evaluations June 2018  
Philip J. Kinsler PhD and Joy Silberg, PhD  
APA Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP)  
3 CE credits

Do U.S. Laws Go Far Enough to Prevent Bullying at School June 2018  
APA Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP)  
1 CE credits

## **RESEARCH & TEACHING**

*Florida Tech Forensic Research Team Member* May 2021 to January 2023

- Administered and scored forensic assessments including the M-FAST, SIRS-2, and TOMM to volunteer student participants in a large scale study on malingering and knowledge

*Court Assessment Team & Forensic Research Team Teaching Assistant* July 2022 to January 2023

- Trained graduate team members on how to administer, score, and interpret forensic assessments such as SIRS-2, TOMM, M-FAST, and SIMS
- Conducted practice evaluations for team members on forensic (SIRS-2, TOMM, MFAST, and SIMS) and the RBANS prior to formal administration of the RBANS for the purpose of court ordered competency to proceed evaluations and forensic research studies

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Call the Doctor! April 2023  
A Study of Parental Medical Non-adherence within Child Custody Proceedings  
Poster Presentation at Florida Tech

An Overview of the RBANS in CPT Evaluations

August 2022 - August 2021

Presenter

Florida Tech Court Assessment Team

An Overview of Child Custody Evaluations

July 2021

Co-presenter

Forensic Psychology Student Training (FPST) at Florida Tech

**TESTIFIED AS EXPERT**

NC District Court (Chowan County)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Psychology-Law Society (Div 41- APA)

North Carolina Psychological Association