
CURRICULUM VITAE
Alisha R. Johnson, Psy.D.

EDUCATION

- 2004-2008 **Doctorate in Clinical Psychology**
Psy.D. (APA-accredited program in clinical psychology)
Pepperdine University, Culver City, CA
- 2002-2004 **Master of Social Work**
San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
- 1998-2002 **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
Minor in Communication (B.A.)
University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
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CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- 1/2009 – Present **Forensic Psychologist**
Metropolitan State Hospital- Forensic Services Department
Duties: Forensic psychologist for individuals hospitalized as incompetent to stand trial, not guilty by reason of insanity, or as an offender with a mental health disorder. This position has included competency to stand trial and placement evaluations, violence risk assessments, extension and release evaluations, expert witness testimony, intake interviews, diagnostic assessments, neuropsychological assessments (in Spanish and English), malingering assessments, cognitive screenings, treatment planning, behavior guidelines, individual therapy, participation in Wellness and Recovery Plan Conferences, and provision of group therapy. Secondary duties include providing consultation to psychologists on behalf of the Forensic Services Department, professional trainings, case presentations, and supervision of pre-doctoral interns and practicum students. Accomplishments include the redevelopment of the competency restoration program, and the creation of a universal progress note aligning with the California Penal Code, which significantly reduced the average length of stay in the hospital.
- 5/2012 – Present **Forensic Psychologist**
Owner of Bernatz Experts
Duties: Evaluator of dependent and elder adults who are alleged victims in criminal, civil, and probate cases. Specializing in Undue Influence,

financial capacity, contractual capacity, testamentary capacity, and conservatorship evaluations. This position involves clinical interviews, psychological testing, medical record reviews, consultation with the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center (LACEAFC) team members, submission of Capacity Declaration forms to the court, report writing, and expert testimony. Accomplishments include recognition from a Judge on the organization and presentation of factors of undue influence, becoming the primary expert at the LACEAFC, serving as a panelist at an Elder Abuse Symposium for the California Lawyers Association, and being chosen to continue Dr. Bernatz's legacy.

9/20/10 – 8/2015

Adjunct Professor

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology

Duties: Classes taught have included Research Methods and Statistics, Advanced Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Clinical Practicum, and Lifespan Development.

1/2009 – 9/2010

Neuropsychology Department- Postdoctoral Training

Metropolitan State Hospital

Duties: Completed neuropsychological assessments in Spanish and English for a variety of populations including forensic commitments, geriatric patients, and those under LPS, probate and Murphy conservatorships. Referral questions were related to diagnostic clarifications (e.g., Cognitive Disorder NOS, Dementia, etc.), capacity to meet discharge criteria, cognitive malingering and treatment recommendations.

9/2007 – 8/2008

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern

Metropolitan State Hospital (APA Accredited site)

Supervisors: Kirk Hartley, Ph.D., Tulin Ozkaragoz, Ph.D and Edwin Poon, Ph.D.

Duties: provided group therapy (i.e., Court Preparation, CONREP Preparation, Mind Over Mood, and Spanish Managing My Symptoms) for individuals hospitalized under PC 1370, 1026, and 2972; completed two forensic unit-based rotations, which included cognitive screenings and focused psychological assessments (in English and Spanish), behavior guidelines, individual therapy, transfer and discharge summary notes, case tracking forms, and participation in Wellness and Recovery Plan Conferences; completed cognitive and academic screenings; and attended individual and group supervision. Completed a neuropsychology rotation, including clinical interviews, administered neuropsychological batteries, wrote reports, provided feedback sessions, and case presentations. Referral questions were related to cognitive functioning as a result of a seizure disorder, traumatic brain injuries, stroke, hypoxia, and dementia; 40 hours per week.

7/2006 – 7/2007

Doctoral Practicum- Psychology Intern

Sharper Future (forensics treatment and assessment)

Supervisors: Erik Fox, J.D., Ph.D., and Craig Teofilo, PsyD.

Duties: Co-facilitated group therapy for people on probation and parole for a sexual offense (based on a manualized, CBT approach); provided individual therapy for people on Federal probation; completed intake assessments; conducted psychometric evaluations; completed Child Welfare Service evaluations (which consisted of clinical interviews, psychometric assessments, and final reports); completed quarterly reports; attended individual and group supervision; and presented clinical cases; 20-30 hours per week.

9/2005 – 8/2006

Doctoral Practicum- Psychology Intern

Bayview Behavioral Health Campus, Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital

Supervisors: Jon Nachison, Ph.D., Preston Sims, Ph.D., Jennifer Bessel, Ph.D., and Rachel Goldenhaur, Ph.D.

Duties: Facilitated group therapy (community gathering, process group, cognitive therapy, thought disorder group, affective disorder group, milieu therapy group, outdoor group, child play therapy group, and adolescent process group); provided individual therapy, conducted psychometric/diagnostic evaluations; developed behavioral plans; attended recovery model supervision meetings; completed a program evaluation on the hospital's transition to the recovery model approach; attended and presented clinical cases in individual, group, and testing supervision; 22 hours per week.

9/2004 – 8/2005

Doctoral Practicum- Clinic Therapist

Pepperdine University Psychological and Educational Clinic

Supervisor: Duncan Wigg, Ph.D.

Duties: Conducted initial assessments and intakes; diagnosed adults, adolescents, and children with mental disorders; formulated treatment plans; provided brief and long-term psychotherapy to adults, adolescents and children from diverse populations in an outpatient setting; attended and presented clinical cases in individual and group supervision; 10-12 hours per week.

9/2003 – 5/2004

Second Year Intern- Clinic Therapist

UCSD Outpatient Psychiatric Services

Supervisor: Steve Chase, LCSW

Duties: Completed intakes and made diagnoses; provided individual therapy; facilitated group therapy for bipolar disorder; completed progress notes and process recordings; attended weekly training seminars and grand rounds; presented cases at team meetings; collaborated with psychiatrists and marriage and family therapists; 20 hours per week.

9/2002 – 5/2003

First Year Intern- Social Work

Vitas Hospice

Supervisor: Molly Drummond, LCSW

Duties: Completed Biopsychosocial assessments; provided individual and family therapy; facilitated a bereavement group; assisted the San Diego

Coalition for End of Life Care; attended weekly team meetings and bimonthly social work meetings; completed progress notes and process recordings; collaborated with chaplains, nurses, home health aides, doctors and managers; 16 hours per week.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS DELIVERED

- 05/2023 *Advanced Training on IST Evaluations*
Department of State Hospitals
Alisha Johnson, PsyD
- 05/2023 *HCR-20-V3 Foundational Training*
Department of State Hospitals
Alisha Johnson, PsyD & Allen Azizian, PhD
- 9/2021 *Assessing Financial Capacity in Older Adults*
Long Beach Police Department
Alisha Johnson, PsyD & Elena Abramson, Deputy District Attorney
- 9/2021 *Court Competency Assessment*
Metropolitan State Hospital
Alisha Johnson, PsyD
- 3/2019 *Second Annual Financial Elder Abuse Symposium:*
-The Intersection Between Undue Influence, Lack of Capacity, and Civil
Financial Elder Abuse
California Lawyers Association
Alisha Johnson, PsyD & Panel Members

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 11/2023 *Behavioral Variant Frontal Temporal Dementia*
Balancing Perspectives: Navigating Behavioral Disturbances in Dementia
The Impact of Cognition on Transgender Forensic Patients
The Effect of Long COVID on Cognition
The Aging Brain in Schizophrenia
Aging on Psychotropic Drugs
Lifestyle Medicine and Brain Health
Exercise: Delaying or Reversing Neurocognitive Decline and Memory
Risk of Violence and Specific Etiologies of Neurocognitive Impairment
Chronic Mycoplasma Infections in Neurodegenerative Disease
Patton State Hospital
- 10/2023 *Cognitively Informed Care*
UCI School of Medicine
- 09/2023 *MoCA: Montreal Cognitive Assessment*

Z. Nasreddine, M.D.

- 6/2023 *Cognition in Schizophrenia*
UCI School of Medicine
- 04/2023 *California Law and Ethics for Psychologists*
Ce4Less
- 04/2023 *Aging and Long-Term Care*
Ce4Less
- 7/2021 *Basic Law for Mental Health Professionals*
California Department of State Hospitals
- 3/2021 *HCR-20-V3 Train the Trainers*
Dr. Kevin Douglas
- 3/2021 *Neurobiology of Psychopathy*
University of California, Irvine School of Medicine
- 4/2020 *Clinical Update on Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*
Michael Howard, Ph.D.
- 10/2019 *DSH Legal Division Training: Testimony Training/Sanchez Updates*
Assistant Chief Counsel Alice Lee
- 6/6/18 *Assessment of Malingering Memory*
Charles Scott, M.D.
- 2/2017 *Psychiatrist as Expert Witness; The Insanity Defense; and Principles of
Psychiatric Legal Report Writing*
Phillip Resnick, M.D.
- 2/2017 *SIRS-2; Psychological Report Writing*
Efi Rubinstein, Ph.D., J.D.
- 10/2016 *The Court's Perspective on Expert Witness Testimony*
Garrett Wong, Ed O'Brien, Dan Ross, Harry Goldberg
- 9/2016 *Forensic Report Writing*
Randy Otto, Ph.D., ABPP
- 9/2016 *Evidence Based Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility*
Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP
- 9/2016 *Improving Testimony in Depositions and Trials*
Phillip Resnick, M.D.

REFERENCES

David Niz, MD (562) 651-4426
Arthur Asatoorian, PsyD (562) 651-5461
Alisa Lite, PhD (562) 651-3125
Efi Rubinstein, JD PhD (818) 516-3829

2024 Fee Schedule:

Neuropsychological Evaluation \$ 575.00 per hour
Review of Records
Consultation with Counsel
Report Preparation and Writing
Deposition/Trial Preparation
Travel Time

Deposition Testimony \$ 650.00 per hour
Trial Testimony \$ 650.00 per hour

Appointments, depositions and trial testimony cancelled without two business days' notice will be charged at a full rate.

In order to include all of the records reviewed in this examiner's testimony, please note that they must be received 30 days prior to the deposition or trial date testimony unless previously agreed upon.