

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary of Forensic Experience

Criminal:

Expert Testimony Cases: Depositions appr. 10, Trial 2; Mentally Disordered Offender, Competence to Stand Trial, Sexually Violent Predator
Consultation with attorneys: Over 65 cases from Department of State Hospitals
Violence Risk Assessments: Over 1000 Short Term Risk Assessments, <50 Long Term Violence Risk Assessments, > 20 Sexual Violence Risk Assessments
Main Disorders Assessed and/or Treated: Schizophrenia, Psychopathy, Bipolar, Depression, OCD, Antisocial Personality Disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder
Familiarity with Penal Codes: Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial, Mentally Ill Inmate, Mentally Disordered Offender, Sexually Violent Predator
Crimes Assessed and/or Treated: Murder (decapitation, shooting, stabbing, cannibalism, mass murder, serial killing, murder for hire), Serial Rape, Pedophilia, Exhibitionism, Crimes against the White House, Attempted Assassination of a President, Great Bodily Injury, Stalking
Fellowship: High Risk Sexual Offenders Risk Assessment Recidivism

Civil:

Certificate of Merit (last 4 years): Over 2000 evaluations and reports, 340.1
Expert Psychological Injury Evaluations (last 4 years; evaluation, deposition and/or trial): 21 (deposition 7; jury trial 1, defense 2, plaintiff 19)

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) with Concentration in Forensics – 2012.

Loma Linda University, California

Dissertation: Gestalt Group Psychotherapy With Incarcerated Schizophrenia: A Qualitative Study

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology – 2009.

Loma Linda University, California

Master of Science in Psychodynamic Psychology- 2006.

University of London, England.

Bachelor of Science in Psychology - 2001.

Colorado State University, Colorado.

CLINICAL AND TEACHING POSITIONS

February 2020 – present **Dr. Dobson, Clinical and Forensic Psychology Private Practice, Long Beach, CA**

Criminal and Civil Psychological Evaluations, Certificates of Merit, Damage Assessments, and Expert Testimony of child sexual assault and trauma (religious, clergy abuse, school, trauma) for private law firms
Therapy for general mental health and trauma

Threat Assessment and Management Planning
Pro Bono consultation and therapy for infant sleep training, fertility, post-partum

- September 2022 – present **The Dobson Cook Wellness Foundation, Long Beach, CA**
Founder; offering free mental health treatment and wellness services based on donation
- January 2022 – present **Premier 1st Responder, Long Beach, CA**
Critical Incident Response and Debriefing for Fire and Police Departments
Individual and group therapy for first responders and families
Peer Support Training Specialist
Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing (MI),
Cognitive Processing (CPT)
- October 2019 – July 2021 **UCLA Health Teaching, Training, and Supervision**
- Sept 2018 – July 2021 **Staff Psychologist at VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System**
Duties: Disruptive Behavior Committee (violence threat assessment); Suicide Prevention Crisis Line; Dual Diagnosis Treatment Program (i.e., severe mental illness and substance use; developed program, defined caseload, hired staff, used VA qualitative analytics); Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis and Insomnia; Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (treatment and program development, aligning with national joint commission, data analysis, quality management, writing standards of practice, forming templates for electronic health system, program audits.
- March 2017 – Sept 2018 **Forensic Psychology Lecturer at California Polytechnic University – San Luis Obispo**
Duties: Lecturer for Forensic Psychology undergraduate course with approximately 60 students. Course consists of an overview of forensic psychology, discussion of evidence-based treatment for severe mental illness, legal definitions of insanity, criminal responsibility, diminished capacity, incompetent to stand trial, mental disordered offenders, sexually violent predators, and not guilty by reason of insanity. In addition, course discusses case law and statutes that impact forensic psychology.
- May 2013 – July 2018 **Staff Psychologist at Department of State Hospitals – Atascadero**
Duties: Admission assessments (i.e., cognitive testing, chart review, interview, admission report, diagnosis, treatment planning, individual and group therapy), suicide and violence risk assessments (i.e., SRA, START, PCL-R), short-term individual and group therapy, behavior plans, outpatient liaison with collaterals and attorneys. Long-term treatment unit comprised of individuals held pursuant to PC 1026, 2962 and 2972 primarily. Individual and 6-8 hours of group therapy weekly, psychological assessments, behavior plans, risk assessment, internship committee selection, intern training, subpoena and testimony.
- Sept 2012 – May 2013 **Psychological Fellowship at Sharper Future**
Setting: Forensic Outpatient Probation and Parole Agency
Population: Adult, male and female, ages 18-90+.
Major Duties: Individual therapy, group therapy, and both sexual and violent risk assessments for state parole or federal probation (i.e., High Risk Sex Offenders or Probationers). Formal Sex Offense Risk Assessments comprised of

actuarial and static sex offender measures. Liaison with parole, probation, attorneys, state housing facilities.

Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (CASOMB; CA Sex Offender Management Board) – 01/01/2013-present

July 2011 – July 2012 ***Psychological Internship at Saint Elizabeths Hospital***
Setting: Civil and Forensic Inpatient Public Psychiatric Hospital
Population: Adult, serious mental illness, male and female, ages 18-90+.
Major Duties: District of Columbia Superior Court House, administering competency screeners and full competency evaluations to pre-trial defendants, criminal responsibility evaluations. Psychological and risk assessments, including cognitive, personality, neuropsychological, competency, insanity and malingering. Individual and group therapy, and psychological evaluations. Attendance at trials for crimes against the White House.

Prior unpaid clinical rotations include Loma Linda Veteran Affairs Hospital (i.e., anger, group therapy, PTSD, chronic pain), Los Angeles County Jail (i.e., schizophrenia and severe mental illness, group therapy, psychoeducation of mental health for custody officers), Community Mental Health San Bernardino

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

August 2018 – June 2021 ***Staff Psychologist Supervisor and Didactic Leader***
Duties: Supervision and didactics for UCLA psychiatry residents.

May 2013 – July 2018 ***Staff Psychologist Supervisor at Atascadero State Hospital Internship Program***
Duties: Supervision of psychology intern on admissions unit, long-term treatment, individual therapy, and internship committee decisions. Training on psychological and cognitive assessment, interviewing, therapy, behavior plans, professionalism, interdisciplinary team interactions, editing assessment reports and therapy notes.

May 2010 – 2011 ***Pre-Intern Supervisor at Behavioral Health Institute***
Duties: Supervision for first year clinical doctoral students. Supervising individual psychotherapy cases with diagnoses ranging from mild to moderate psychopathology. Includes providing feedback, intervention suggestions, theoretical case conceptualizations, critiquing student videos, and editing intake reports.

Jan. 2010 – June 2011 ***Therapy supervisor and teaching assistant***
Duties: Prepare and provide class lectures, as well as provide supervision for doctoral students. Included providing live feedback, direction, explanation of theory, and case conceptualization.

Prior training experiences available upon request.

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Presentation

The Psychology of Motivation, Product League, CA – 2023

Thriving As An Introvert: Dr Leslie Dobson On How Introverts Can Thrive & Succeed In A Society That Seems To Favor Extroverts | by Yitzi Weiner | Authority Magazine | Sep, 2023 | Medium

American Group Psychotherapy Conference, San Francisco, CA - 2014

Publications and Media

The Power of Introverts, Authority Magazine, September 2023

10 Red Flags You're Dating a Gaslighter, Therapists Say — Best Life (bestlifeonline.com)

Dobson L., Burley T., Cook W., & Haerech P. (2014) Gestalt Group Therapy for Incarcerated Schizophrenia. *GROUP*, (1) 2014.

Cook W., Arechiga A., **Dobson L.**, and Boyd K. (2014) Brief Heterogeneous Inpatient Psychotherapy Groups: A Process-oriented Psychoeducational (POP) Model. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*, April, 64(2).

Cook W., and **Dobson, L.** (2014) Brief Inpatient Group Programming or Therapy? Towards a POP Model for the RAPID Group. A Rejoinder. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*. April, 64(2).

Cook, W., and Dobson, L. (2014) A response to Walter Stone's False Self. *GROUP*, Winter, 2014.

Stinnett, R., Burley, T., Barrera, K., **Dobson, L.**, Cook, W. (2015) "Schizophrenia" Part III: A Gestalt Analysis and Critique of Cultural and Family Variables. *Gestalt Review*, 19(1).

Burley, T., Stinnett, R., Goldsmith, S., Barrera, K., **Dobson, L.** (2015) "Schizophrenia" Part IV: A Gestalt Conceptualization for Treating the Schizophrenic Patient. *Gestalt Review*, 19(1).

Dobson, L., Burley, T., Cook, W., Haerich, P. (2015) "Schizophrenia" Part V: A Gestalt Approach to Group Treatment of Incarcerated Schizophrenic Patients. *Gestalt Review*, 19(1).

Psychopathy research in progress: (1) Psychopathy and crime classification: the relationship between increased levels of psychopathy and crime classifications; (2) White collar crime: an analysis of psychopathy and entrepreneurialism (in progress)

CLINICAL INSTRUMENT EXPERIENCE

Abel Assessment

American National Reading Test

Attention Deficit Disorders Evaluation Scales

Beck Anxiety Inventory

Beck Depression Inventory

Beck Youth Inventories

Behavior Assessment Scales for Children

Boston Naming Test

BVMT

California Verbal Learning Test

California Verbal Learning Test for Children

CAMS Suicide Assessment

CAPS-5 - PTSD

Columbia Suicide Screener

Conners' Continuous Performance Test

Conners' Third Edition – Short Form

Controlled Oral Word Association Test (FAS, animals)

Comprehensive Suicide Risk Assessment (CSRE)

Delis Kaplan Executive Function Scale

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)

Geriatric Depression Scale

Halstead-Reitan Neuropsych. Battery

HCR-20 3

High Risk Sex Offender Assessment

House Tree Person

Independent Living Scales

Judgment of Line Orientation

LS-CMI

Luria-Nebraska Neuropsych. Battery

Mental Status Exam

MicroCog

Mini Mental Status Exam

Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test

Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory- 3	Static 99 and 99R
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2	Structured Interview of Reported Symptoms
MoCA	START short-term risk assessment
Neuropsych. Assessment Battery (NAB)	Test of Everyday Attention for Children
Outcomes Questionnaire 45.2	Test of Memory and Malinger
Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale	Trail Making Test A & B
Personality Assessment Inventory	Trauma Symptoms Inventory - 2
Psychopathic Personality Inventory	Thematic Apperception Test
Psychopathy Checklist- Revised	Victoria Symptoms Validity Test
Repeatable Battery for Assess. of Neuro. Status	VRAG
Revised NEO Personality Inventory	Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence
Rey Complex Figure Test and Recognition Trial	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale 3
Rey-15 Item Test	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale 4
RIAS	Wechsler Individual Achievement Test 2
RIST	Wechsler Memory Scale - III
Risk, Need, Responsivity	Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children 4
Robert's Apperception Test for Children	Wide Range Achievement Test 4
Rorschach Inkblot	Wisconsin Card Sorting Test
Saint Louis University Mental Status Exam	Whitaker Index of Schizophrenic Thinking
Sixteen Personality Factor	Word Memory Test (Greens)
SRAFLV-L	

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/JOURNALS

Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP)
 American Psychological Association (APA)
 American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)
 California Psychological Association (CPA)
 Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA)
 International Professionals of Innovation
 Seak Experts (SEAK)
 International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2023	<i>Forensic and Correctional Applications of the Personality Assessment Inventory</i> , Palo Alto University, CA
2023	<i>Effective Expert Testimony For Forensic Evaluation</i> , Palo Alto University, CA
2023	<i>Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)</i>
2023	<i>AAFP: Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts</i> , Dr. Pietz, PhD, ABPP, Palo Alto University, CA
2023	<i>Psychological Evaluation in Personal Injury and Rights Cases</i> , Palo Alto University, CA
2022	<i>Gavin de Becker Threat Assessment Conference</i> , Lake Arrowhead, CA
2022	<i>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals</i> , Orlando, FL
2020	<i>Firearms and Weapons</i> , Long Beach, CA
2020	<i>Telehealth</i> , Los Angeles, CA
2019	<i>CAMS Suicide Assessment</i> , Los Angeles, CA
2019	<i>Substance Use Disorders</i> , Los Angeles, CA
2019	<i>Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia</i> , Los Angeles, CA
2018	<i>Disruptive Behavior</i> , Los Angeles, CA
2017	<i>START Risk Assessment Training</i> , Atascadero, CA
2016	<i>HCR-20, Static-99 Training</i> , Coalinga, CA
2016	<i>TEDx</i> , Santa Barbara, CA
2015	<i>Psychopharmacology</i> , Atascadero, CA
2014-2016	<i>Supervision Theory and Practice</i> , Atascadero, CA
2014	<i>American Group Psychotherapy Association</i> , San Francisco, CA

- 2014 *Psychopathy Checklist – Revised*, Atascadero State Hospital, CA
2012-2013 *Abel Assessment, LS-CMI, Static 99, SRA*, Oakland, CA
2011 *Schizophrenia Conference*, San Francisco, CA
2011 ISTSS, Baltimore, MD
2011 *CPR certification*, Washington, D.C.
2011 *Trauma-informed Care*, Washington, D.C.
2008-2010 *Gestalt Associates Training, year-round*, Los Angeles, CA.
2010 *APA 118th Annual Convention*, San Diego, CA.
2010 *Purpose Driven Hypnosis, individual training*, Brea, CA.
2010 *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Conference*, Inglewood, CA.
2010 *Co-Occurring Disorders and Justice-Involved People*, Webinar.
2009 *Evolution of Psychotherapy Conference*, Anaheim, CA.
2009 *Risk Assessment in Corrections*, Los Angeles, CA.
2009 *European Gestalt Residential Summer Training*, Buffalo, NY.
2008 *European Gestalt Residential Summer Training*, Vilnius, Lithuania.
2008 *Creative Approaches to Play Therapy*, Riverside, CA.
2008 *Forensic Conference*, Las Vegas, NV.
2008 *Biofeedback Training*, Loma Linda, CA.
2007 *Bipolar Symposium*, Newport Beach, CA.

REFERENCES

Available on request.