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EDUCATION

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, 2016

Doctoral Minor: Applied Statistics and Research Methods

Dissertation: *Attachment Styles and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide: An Examination of Interrelationships*

James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

M.A., Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 2011

Ed.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling, 2011

Ed.S. Thesis Project: *Working Through Deployment: Attachment and Resilience in Military Families*

Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

B.S., Psychology, 2003

Minor: Biology

LICENSE

Licensed Psychologist, Colorado: PSY.0004779

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Denver & Aurora, Colorado

Neuropsychology Clinic Coordinator

August 2023 to Present

- Conduct neuropsychological evaluations for Veterans within the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System. Typical referral questions include the differential diagnosis of various neurodegenerative processes, functional neuropsychological assessment aimed at identifying impediments to full engagement in day-to-day living, differential diagnosis of psychological versus organic causes of cognitive impairment, and pre-neurosurgical evaluations, among others.
- Responsible for coordination of the Neuropsychology Clinic and relevant services, including oversight of clinic psychometrist and expansion of neuropsychological service offerings throughout the hospital system.

Polytrauma Neuropsychologist

September 2018 to August 2023

- Conducted neuropsychological evaluations for Veterans within the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System. Typical referral questions include the differential diagnosis of various neurodegenerative processes, functional neuropsychological assessment aimed at identifying impediments to full engagement in day-to-day living, differential diagnosis of

psychological versus organic causes of cognitive impairment, and pre-neurosurgical evaluations, among others.

- Psychologist/Neuropsychologist on a multidisciplinary Polytrauma/Brain Rehabilitation team that serves Veterans in several mountain-region states who have sustained brain injuries of various types including traumatic brain injuries, strokes, and other acquired brain injuries. Primary duties include screening patients for cognitive, emotional, and behavioral difficulties, the provision of more in-depth assessment as indicated, and the development of recommendations and treatment plans to address post-brain injury difficulties.
- As Coordinator of the Polytrauma Clinic, developed and implemented a group-based treatment program for Veterans with a history of mild traumatic brain injury and relevant comorbidities including chronic pain, insomnia, and psychiatric illness.
- Developed processes for the integration of remote assessment through online assessment platforms within VA ECHCS.
- Provide instruction and consultation to providers from multiple disciplines on the appropriate treatment and management of patients with acquired brain injuries.
- Provide supervision to practicum- and intern-level Psychology trainees working with the Brain Injury and Neuropsychology teams.

Acting Chief, Health Psychology Section

August 2021 to September 2021

- Provided administrative and clinical supervision to clinical and support staff including staff psychologists and social workers in the realms of health psychology/behavioral medicine, neuropsychology, geropsychology/dementia care, rehabilitation psychology, polytrauma/traumatic brain injury psychology, spinal cord disease and disorders psychology, palliative care psychology, pain psychology, and primary care-mental health integration at a tertiary care medical center.
- Duties included development of position descriptions and functional statements, recruitment and hiring, oversight of credentialing and privileging and membership on Medical Staff, approval/monitoring of time and leave, and development of policies and procedures aimed at optimizing internal processes related to administrative oversight of providers and patient care.

Postdoctoral Clinical Neuropsychologist

September 2016 to September 2018

- Completed postdoctoral training in clinical neuropsychology. Duties primarily included conducting neuropsychological evaluations for Veterans within the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System under the supervision of licensed Clinical Neuropsychologists. Typical referral questions include the differential diagnosis of various neurodegenerative processes, functional neuropsychological assessment aimed at identifying impediments to full engagement in day-to-day living, differential diagnosis of psychological versus organic causes of cognitive impairment, and pre-neurosurgical evaluations, among others.

Pre-Doctoral Intern

July 2015 to June 2016

Position: Pre-Doctoral Intern

- Major rotations in Neuropsychological Assessment and Inpatient Rehabilitation Psychology.
- Minor Rotations on the PTSD Clinical Team, in Brain Injury Psychology, and in Palliative Care Psychology.
- Conducted long-term psychotherapy with Veterans using the ACT for Depression model

PAM Specialty Hospital of Denver, Denver, Colorado

Medical Director of Neuropsychology

January 2019 to Present

- Oversee the provision of Psychological and Neuropsychological treatment in a 50-bed long-term acute care hospital.
- Provision of psychotherapy and other health-related interventions to patients with pre-existing or adjustment-related mental health concerns, neurologic illness, or distress related to their hospital stay.
- Training of staff and other medical personnel regarding the appropriate behavioral and psychological management of patients.
- Member of the Medical Executive Committee.

Archway Neuropsychological Services, PLLC, Denver, Colorado

Clinical Neuropsychologist/Owner

March 2024 to Present

- Provide forensic neuropsychological evaluations with an emphasis on civil litigation, life planning, and work-related injuries

CLINICAL TRAINING

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Denver, Colorado

Neuropsychology/TBI

June 2014 to June 2015

Position: Practicum Student

- Conducted neuropsychological assessment of Veterans with known or suspected neurological disorders including TBI.
- Administered and interpreted a variety of tests of cognitive and personality functioning.
- Responsible for communicating assessment findings in written reports that are included in patient medical records in order to assist in treatment planning.
- Provided feedback to Veterans related to their cognitive functioning, made recommendations for ongoing treatment if necessary, and referred to appropriate alternative services when appropriate.
- Other Duties: Attended weekly individual and group supervision including case conceptualizations and didactic presentations covering areas ranging from neuroanatomy to performance validity.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Research, Greeley, Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

Study Title: *Attachment Styles and the Interpersonal Theory of Suicide: An Examination of Interrelationships*

- Primary investigator on dissertation research study examining the interrelationships between attachment styles, the constructs of the interpersonal theory of suicide, and self-reported suicide risk among college students.
- Data was collected online from a sample of primarily freshmen undergraduate students.
- Data analysis involved structural equation modeling of interrelationships between constructs of interest.

Primary Investigator, Greeley, Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

Study Title: *Thwarted Belongingness and Perceived Burdensomeness as Predictors of Suicidal Ideation*

- Developed, designed, and served as the primary investigator for a study examining the ability of two constructs of the interpersonal theory of suicide to predict suicidal ideation in undergraduate college students.
- Responsible for all interaction with the IRB and shared responsibility for study recruitment and data analysis with faculty advisor and co-author.
- Data analysis included the use of multiple imputation methods to manage missing data and a hierarchical regression procedure to test study hypotheses.
- Study was presented as a poster at the 2014 APA Annual Convention and a manuscript is under revision.

Research Assistant, Greeley Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

August 2012 to August 2015

- Research topics included attachment theory, self-efficacy, career development, social network use, and life satisfaction.
- Primary responsibilities included conducting comprehensive literature reviews, developing research ideas, reviewing and revising manuscripts, and collaboration with co-researchers and co-authors.

Research Assistant, Greeley Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

August 2012 to May 2015

- Research topics included Veterans' issues with a focus on the interplay between grief, PTSD, and suicidality among student Veterans as well as the experience of combat guilt.
- Primary responsibilities included conducting comprehensive literature reviews, reviewing and revising IRB documentation, coordinating with IRBs from various institutions in the Rocky Mountain region, adaptation of measures to an online format within the Qualtrics online survey software environment, monitoring of data collection, and synthesizing and analyzing data.

Research Assistant, Greeley, Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

August 2012 – May 2014

- Assisted with the training of other research assistants, data collection and analysis, and preparation of presentation materials on a study examining the neuropsychological functioning of student Veterans.
 - Data collection included the administration of the RBANS and various subtests of the WAIS-IV.
 - Study was presented as a poster at the 2014 Association of Psychological Sciences conference.
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Aurora, Colorado

University of Colorado School of Medicine – Department of Psychiatry

December 2020 to Present

Adjunct Instructor, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Denver, Colorado; & Greeley, Colorado

University of Northern Colorado – Department of Applied Psychology and Counselor Education

October 2016 to Present

Course: APCE 673 – Appraisal and Assessment in Counseling

- Instructor for multiple sections of a master's level course on appraisal and assessment in counseling.

Adjunct Instructor, Greeley, Colorado

University of Northern Colorado – Department of School Psychology

January 2018 to May 2018

Course: APCE 778 – Clinical Neuropsychology Practicum

- Provided training to doctoral-level students on the theory and practice of Neuropsychology.

Instructor of Record, Greeley, Colorado

University of Northern Colorado

August 2013 to December 2013

Course: University 101

- Course focused on providing skills necessary for success in college.
 - Topics covered in this course included: Professional Communication, Goal Setting, Motivation, Attribution Theory, Information Processing Strategies, Time Management, Finance, and Academic Research.
 - Was the first instructor for this course to receive end-of-semester ratings indicating that all 52 students would recommend me as an instructor to peers.
 - This program was recognized by Colorado Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Garcia as an exemplary program helping to make college more accessible to first-generation students.
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, **American Psychological Association**

Member, **American Psychological Association**, *Division 40: Society for Clinical*

JURIED PUBLICATIONS

- Wright, S. L., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, Firsick, D. M., Jenkins-Guarnieri, M. A., & Kimm, A. J. (2020). Family influences on college students' anticipated work-family conflict, social efficacy, and self-esteem. *The Career Development Quarterly*, 68, 112-128. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cdq.12217>
- Della Sala, S., McIntosh, R. D., Cubelli, R., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, Miskey, H. M., Shura, R. D. (2018). Cognitive symptoms in US government personnel in Cuba: The mending is worse than the hole. *Cortex*, 108, 287-288. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cortex.2018.10.002>
- Shura, R. D., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, & Miskey, H. M. (2018). Neurological symptoms in US government personnel in Cuba [Letter to the editor]. *JAMA*, 320, 603. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2018.8698>
- Wright, S. L., Firsick, D. M., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, & Jenkins-Guarnieri, M. A. (2017). Effects of attachment on coping efficacy, career decision self-efficacy, and life satisfaction. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 95, 445-456. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcad.12159>
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Kacmarski, J. A.**, Allen, K. M., & Colbert, L. F. (2015, December). Limitations to neuropsychological assessment with the Hispanic population: Assumptions of homogeneity. *The Colorado Psychologist*, 43, 4-5.
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JURIED CONFERENCE POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

National Conferences

- Wright, S. L., Firsick, D. M., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, Jenkins-Guarnieri, M., & Ghaffari, D. (2018, August). *Family Influence on Career Development, Work--Family Conflict, and Life Satisfaction*. Poster presented at the 126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Wright, S. L., Firsick, D. M., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, & Jenkins-Guarnieri, M. (2015, August). *A structural model of attachment, self-efficacy variables, and life satisfaction*. Poster presented at the 123rd Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Kacmarski, J. A.**, Hicks, C., & Rings, J. A. (2014, August). *Thwarted belongingness and perceived burdensomeness as predictors of suicidal ideation*. Poster presented at the 122nd Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Wright, S. L., Jenkins-Guarnieri, M. A., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, & Firsick, D. M. (2014, August) *Self-esteem: A true experimental investigation of the effects from Facebook*. Poster presented at the 122nd Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Dunn, T., Doty, C. A., **Kacmarski, J.**, & Lehman, B. (2014, May). *Neuropsychological functioning of student Veterans without PTSD or TBI*. Poster presented at the annual Association for Psychological Science Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Hinton, C. (2014, March). *Childhood trauma, suicidal behavior, and future opportunities: A theoretical integration of attachment theory and the interpersonal theory of suicidal behavior*. Poster presented at the 2014 Counseling Psychology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Wright, S. L., Firsick, D. M., **Kacmarski, J. A.**, & Stevenson, O. (2014, March). *A theoretical integration of attachment and the work-family interface: A competency perspective*. Poster presented at the 2014 Counseling Psychology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Regional Conferences

Zapf, L., & **Kacmarski, J.** (2011, November). *Working with military mothers and their children*. Presentation at the 2011 Virginia Counselors Association Conference, Portsmouth, VA.

BOARD POSITIONS AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Board, Committee, and Workgroup Memberships

Board Member: Colorado Brain Injury Trust Fund Board

August 2019 to Present

Chair: Assessment Workgroup of the Psychology Internship Training Committee

February 2017 to October 2023

Member: RMR VAMC Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship Training Committee

November 2016 to October 2023

Journal Reviews

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*

Spring 2017 to Present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Measurement and Evaluation in Counseling and Development*

Summer 2014

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Death Studies*

Spring 2014

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Mental Health Counseling*

Fall 2012

Invited Lecture and Didactic Presentations

Ladley, S. E., & **Kacmarski, J. A.** (January 2023). *Rehabilitation Issues in Brain Injury*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Spinal cord Injury Seminar Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (February 2022). *Management of TBI-Related Concerns in an Inpatient SCI Program*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Spinal cord Injury Seminar Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (February 2021). *Neuropsychological Effects of mTBI and PTSD*. Oklahoma City VAMC Psychology and Social Work Presentation Series, Oklahoma City VA Medical Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Kacmarski, J. A. (March 2020 to Present). *Providing Assessment Feedback*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (March 2020 to Present). *Supervision of Persons with Invisible Identities*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Postdoctoral Resident Diversity Seminar Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Belkonen, S. M. (August 2019). *Behavioral Observations*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., Vanderryn, J., Gerdeman, L., & Garcia, M. (August 2019). *Innovative Strategies for Supporting Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)*. 2019 VA Community Mental Health Summit, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Briggs, L. M. (July 2019). *Traumatic Brain Injury: An Overview of TBI and its Treatment at RMR VAMC*. Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center Homeless Provider Conference, Fitzsimmons Campus, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (May 2019). *An Overview of the Relationship between Mental Health Disorders and Cognition*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Mental Health Grand Rounds Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (April 2019 to Present) *Capacity Evaluations*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Sussman, J. C. (March 2019 to Present). *Providing Assessment Feedback*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (February 2019 to Present). *Mild Traumatic Brain Injury*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Mental Health Grand Rounds Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Williams, V. G., & **Kacmarski, J. A.** (January 2019 to Present). *Assessing Response Validity (PVTs)*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Williams, V. G. (November 2018). *Overview of Cognitive Domains*, Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (August 2018 to Present). *Traumatic Brain Injury*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Williams, V. G. (August 2018). *Foundations of Assessment*. Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center, Aurora, Colorado.

Williams, V. G., & **Kacmarski, J. A.** (November 2017). *Cognitive Assessment with the RBANS*. Denver VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Williams, V. G. (November 2017). *Overview of Cognitive Domains*. Denver VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A., & Williams, V. G. (August 2017). *Foundations of Assessment*. Denver VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (March 2017 to March 2018). *Capacity Evaluations*. Denver VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (September 2016 to September 2017). *Traumatic Brain Injury*. Denver VAMC Psychology Internship Didactic Series, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (November 2015). *An Introduction to Traumatic Brain Injury*. Invited Lecture, Denver VA Medical Center, Denver, Colorado.

Kacmarski, J. A. (May 2014 and January 2015). *Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, Fourth Edition*. Invited Lecture, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

Kacmarski, J. A. (October 2013, October 2014, and October 2015). *Personality Assessment Inventory*. University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.