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EDUCATION

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| Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology The Wright Institute, Berkeley, CA | 2015 |
| Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology The Wright Institute, Berkeley, CA | 2012 |
| Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA | 2002 |

LICENSURE

California Board of Psychology
License # 28944

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Department of State Hospitals, Napa, CA 03/2017 – Present

Senior Psychologist Specialist, Forensic Services (10/2022 – Present)

- Conduct forensic evaluations for insanity acquittees and mentally disordered offenders.
- Author court reports pursuant to PC 1026.5(b)(1) commitment extension, PC 1026(c) Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) transfer; PC 1026.2(l) and PC 1603(a) discharge readiness, and PC 2972 Offenders with a Mental Health Disorder (OHMD) recertification.
- Utilize the HCR-20v3 in assessing violence risk to inform an opinion on dangerousness.
- Prepare and present in-depth case histories to a multidisciplinary panel review and collaboratively identify potential risk factors to improve outcomes for community discharge.

Staff Psychologist, Post-Trial PC 1026 (09/2019 – 09/2022)

- Provided direct clinical care in a locked psychiatric setting for mostly insanity acquittees.
- Facilitated group and milieu-based therapies; engaged in crisis intervention and behavior management; administered psychological, cognitive, suicide, and violence risk assessments; held weekly treatment conferences; and prepared court reports pursuant to PC 1026(f).
- Made recommendations to change patient privilege levels based on risk factors.

Staff Psychologist, Adjunct Assignment, Forensic Services (03/2019 – 03/2021)

- Conducted evaluations of patients committed for competency restoration.
- Prepared 55 court reports according to PC 1370/1372.

Staff Psychologist, Pre-Trial PC 1370 (03/2017 – 08/2019)

- Provided direct care on a locked stabilization unit. Primary duties included competency assessment, suicide risk assessment, imminent violence risk assessment, crisis intervention, cognitive assessment, and malingering detection (MoCA, RBANS, TOMM, M-FAST, ILK).
- Developed and implemented behavior plans for assaultive patients.
- Supervised pre-doctoral psychology interns in assessment and treatment.

Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek, CA

09/2015 – 03/2017

Psychological Assistant, Adult Outpatient Clinic (09/2016 – 03/2017)

- Provided individual therapy to adults with a broad range of mental disorders.
- Facilitated treatment groups for Work Stress, CBT for Depression, CBT for Insomnia, Social Skills, Anxiety, Relationship Issues, and Support.
- Conducted structured interviews and assessment (IVA-2) to evaluate ADHD.

Postdoctoral Psychology Resident, Adult Outpatient Clinic (09/2015 – 09/2016)

- Provided individual therapy to adults with a broad range of mental disorders.
- Facilitated treatment groups, including CBT for Insomnia, DBT skills, Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, General Support, and Chemical Dependency.
- Administered neuropsychological assessments and wrote reports that included diagnostic impressions and treatment recommendations.

Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Northport, NY

08/2014 – 08/2015

Predoctoral Internship, Clinical Psychology

- Provided therapy and psychological evaluation in a full-service medical center in the primary care clinic, short- and long-term psychiatric inpatient units, medical inpatient unit, outpatient psychiatry, and residential PTSD program.
- Conducted neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic assessments for patients with a wide range of neurological and emotional dysfunction.

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

07/2013 – 06/2014

4th-year clinical practicum, Division of Geropsychiatry (07/2012 – 06/2014)

- Conducted neuropsychological assessment and outpatient psychotherapy for older veterans and co-facilitated DBT and Anxiety skills groups.
- Traveled to nursing facilities and primary residences to provide in-home therapy and cognitive assessment for home-bound geriatric veterans.

3rd-year clinical practicum, Division of Geropsychiatry (07/2012 – 06/2013)

- Conducted neuropsychological assessments of geriatric patients with various neurological disorders and co-facilitated a cognitive compensatory skills group for veterans with mild and moderate cognitive impairment.
- Provided brief cognitive assessment and individual and family counseling in skilled nursing, hospice, and palliative care inpatient settings.

Berkeley Cognitive Behavioral Therapies Clinic, Berkeley, CA

08/2011 – 06/2012

2nd-year clinical practicum

- Conducted psychosocial intake interviews and provided individual therapy from a CBT approach in a community-based mental health clinic for adults.
- Facilitated group therapy with individual sessions for persons who hoard.

Options Recovery Services, Berkeley, CA

09/2010 – 06/2011

1st-year clinical practicum

- Cofacilitated a weekly men's substance treatment group for mandated clients.
- Cofacilitated a weekly fathering group and provided individual therapy.

Seneca Center, San Francisco, CA

11/2008 – 09/2010

Therapeutic Behavioral Services Coach

- Provided behavioral coaching and support for youth with trauma and emotional disorders in school, day treatment, and primary residence settings.
- Provided coaching to clients' family members and caregivers.

RESEARCH

Medical Decision-Making Capacity: An Investigation of Psychologists' Practice Experience. Doctoral dissertation, The Wright Institute (2014).

Ferster, D., Nazarian, E. Stapenhorst, K., Groff, E., Martin, L., & Sutherland, E. (2013, March). *An interdisciplinary approach: Managing hoarding within a skilled nursing facility.* Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine's 34th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, San Francisco, CA.

Groff, E., Stapenhorst, K., Nazarian, E., **Ferster, D.**, Martin, L., & Sutherland, E. (2013, August). *Policy versus privacy: Finding a balance for older adults and intimacy in long-term care settings.* Poster accepted at the American Psychological Association's Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI.

Doughan, J., Drucker, M., **Ferster, D.** (2014, February). *Mental health interprofessional geriatrics training in a VA medical center: Collaborative model for behavioral and social science disciplines.* Poster accepted to the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's 40th Annual Meeting Leadership-Conference: Denver, CO.

PRESENTATIONS

Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek, CA

"Geropsychology," presented to Kaiser Permanente mental health staff.

03/2016

University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

“Aging and Cognitive Disorders,” presented to a USF undergraduate class. 04/2013
“Memory,” presented to a USF undergraduate class. 10/2013

University of California, San Francisco, CA

“Managing Hoarding in a Skilled Nursing Facility,” presented at the UCSF physician monthly meeting. 03/2013

San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

“Aging and Memory,” presented to an HIV Men’s Group for Veterans. 06/2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association (APA)
APA Division 41 – American Psychology Law Society