



Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology

Program Handbook (2025 – 2026)

Application Deadline: January 10, 2025

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TRAINING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Forum Ohio, LLC, Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology is a one-year, full-time (2,000 hour) training program intended to prepare Psychology Postdoctoral Fellows for careers in the public and private sectors of forensic psychology. Our aim is to provide training consistent with a standard of excellence--beyond competence and specialty-level practice. The Fellowship is designed to prepare Fellows to become board certified in Forensic Psychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). Our training goals and objectives adhere to the [guidelines](#) identified for postdoctoral fellowships provided by the American Board of Forensic Psychology (ABFP). Forum Ohio's Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology has been granted the 5-year forensic psychology waiver by ABFP, meaning Fellows are immediately eligible to apply for board certification in forensic psychology upon completion of the fellowship and need not complete the 5-year experience requirement.

Our aim is to produce top-quality forensic psychologists who can perform a variety of forensic mental health assessments in numerous settings. We emphasize breadth and depth of training by fostering expertise in those types of evaluations most common in the field (e.g., competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, risk assessments, juvenile forensic evaluations) while providing assessment experience in a variety of settings and numerous subspecialties within forensic psychology. Forum Ohio, LLC, receives private, contract, and court-ordered referrals through multiple facilities and court systems, including psychiatric hospitals, probate court, juvenile court, municipal court, state-wide common pleas court systems, the Ohio Supreme Court, federal courts, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. We conduct evaluations for civil and criminal legal questions. Evaluations are conducted for juveniles and adults in inpatient and outpatient settings. The diversity of our practice is reflected in the numerous forensic psychologists we have on staff, all of whom have various specialties and perform many types of evaluations in multiple settings. All of these various experiences are options in the Fellowship and training is individualized to the unique interests and career goals of the Fellow.

Core Competencies

The Fellowship emphasizes several training objectives, many of which are inspired by the [Core Competencies of Forensic Psychology](#) identified by ABFP. Forum Ohio's fellowship especially emphasizes the following core competencies:

1. Forensic Ethical Principles and Legal Standards
2. Foundational Knowledge in Forensic Psychology and Mental Health Law
3. Applied Clinical Forensic Skills
4. Specialty Areas of Forensic Mental Health Assessment
5. Multicultural Diversity in Psycholegal Contexts
6. Communication and Consultation
7. Teaching and Supervision in Forensic Psychology
8. Interdisciplinary Professionalism

FELLOWSHIP CURRICULUM AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

The Fellowship accomplishes the above training goals through various training activities, which are described below.

Applied Clinical Forensic Experiences

Forum Ohio provides evidenced-based psychological/behavioral health assessments and consultative services to individuals and governmental and non-governmental agencies. Evaluations are comprehensive and forensic in nature, requiring multiple evaluative methods, such as extensive records review, interviewing collateral contacts, clinical observations, and psychological testing.

Evaluations

Fellows will spend at least 50% of their time (i.e., a minimum of 1,000 hours) providing direct professional forensic psychological services, including forensic mental health assessments and consultation. Fellows may have the opportunity to perform the following types of evaluations (with juveniles and/or adults):

- *Competency*
 - To stand trial
 - To waive Miranda Rights
 - Guardianship
- *Criminal responsibility*
 - *Not guilty by reason of insanity (NGRI)*
 - *Battered Woman Syndrome*
- *Disability*
 - Fitness for duty
 - Worker's compensation
 - Board of Bar examinations (requests for accommodations)
- *Risk Assessments*
 - Criminal commitment after finding of NGRI
 - Criminal commitment after Incompetent to Stand Trial - Unrestorable
 - Increase in movement in psychiatric hospital settings
 - Conditional release from psychiatric hospital settings
 - Violence risk
 - Sexual offender risk
 - School threat
 - Workplace threat
 - Civil commitment
- *Treatment amenability*
 - Transfer to adult court (juvenile bind-over)
 - Return to juvenile court (juvenile reverse bind-over)
 - Progress in competency attainment (juveniles)
 - Progress in competency restoration (adults)
 - Diversion program appropriateness (juveniles)
 - Treatment in lieu of conviction (adults)
 - Comprehensive, court-ordered psychological evaluations to determine diagnosis and treatment needs

The specific types of evaluations completed and the number of each will be jointly agreed upon by the Fellow and the Fellow's supervisor, based on the training goals for that particular Fellow.

Referrals and Clients

Forum Ohio receives referrals from nearly four dozen sources, including various courts and other governmental agencies, private employers, and law firms. The following is an abbreviated list of Forum Ohio's current clients with whom we have ongoing agreements for the provision of services:

- *Coshocton County Job and Family Services*. Contractual services began in 2022, providing psychological and parental fitness evaluations.
- *Delaware County Juvenile Court*. Services provided under contract since 2018. Services include providing competency attainment to juveniles adjudicated incompetent to stand trial.
- *Delaware County Municipal Court*. Services provided under contract since 2020. Services include forensic evaluations (e.g., competence to stand trial and NGRI defense evaluations).
- *Franklin County Children Services*. Services provided under contract since 2015. Services include comprehensive psychological evaluations on children and adults upon referral from Children Services. Additional services provided under this contract include juvenile sex offender evaluations and psychological evaluations to determine intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder diagnoses.
- *Franklin County Juvenile Court*. Services provided under contract since 2014. Evaluations routinely include assessment for the following:
 - Competence to stand trial
 - Diagnostic clarification and treatment needs
 - Progress in competency attainment
 - Psychological functioning
 - Transfer to adult court (bind-over)
 - Return to juvenile court (reverse bind-over)

Services also include providing competency attainment to juveniles adjudicated incompetent to stand trial. Services are provided to juveniles charged with both misdemeanor as well as felony offenses. Through a consultative relationship between Forum Ohio and the Court, a program was created, implemented, and remains in use that systematically screens juveniles charged with misdemeanor offenses for mental health problems, substance use problems, and/or criminogenic risk with accompanying recommendations for treatment. In all, Forum Ohio holds three contracts with the Franklin County Juvenile Court.

- *Mansfield Municipal Court.* Services provided since 2013 and have included competence to stand trial evaluations, NGRI defense evaluations, and guardianship evaluations.
- *Marion County Court of Common Pleas - Family Division.* Contractual services provided since 2020 and include standard psychological evaluations of juveniles in juvenile court, juvenile competence to stand trial evaluations, bind over evaluations, reverse bindover evaluations, and juvenile sex offender evaluations.
- *Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.* Contractual services began in 2023 and included competency to stand trial evaluations on adult defendants suspected of having an intellectual disability and re-evaluations of adults with intellectual disabilities who have been found incompetent to stand trial. Services also include risk assessments to assist in determining the least restrictive placement alternative for adults with intellectual disabilities.
- *Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.* Contractual services provided since 2020 and encompass a variety of issues and topics, including the provision of training to professional staff at all regional psychiatric hospitals on various forensic topics (e.g., assessment of competence to stand trial and malingering), consultative services, and conducting evaluations on high-profile defendants or on cases requiring a high degree of forensic and clinical expertise. As of 2023, we provide psychological evaluations services to all of the regional psychiatric hospitals.
- *Ohio Department of Public Safety (Ohio State Highway Patrol).* Services provided since 2022. Services include comprehensive psychological evaluations as part of the pre-employment referral screening process.
- *Ohio Industrial Commission.* This contract started in 2019 and includes independent medical examinations and file reviews of individuals who have filed for disability with the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.
- *Permanent Family Solutions Network.* Services provided since 2017. Services include comprehensive psychological evaluations on children and adults upon referral from The Buckeye Ranch's Permanent Family Solutions Network.
- *Pickaway County Adult Protective Services.* Services provided since 2021 and have included evaluations to assist in making a determination of competence and guardianship.
- *R3 Continuum.* Services provided since 2012 and have included fitness for duty evaluations (FFD), FFD with a threat assessment, independent psychological examinations, and disability claims reviews for various insurance companies.

- *Ross County Juvenile Court.* Services began in 2023. Forum Ohio provides competency attainment services to juveniles adjudicated incompetent to stand trial. Services are provided to juveniles charged with both misdemeanor and felony offenses.
- *Supreme Court of Ohio.* Services provided since 2018 and have included a review of documentation in order to prepare a written report assessing potential disabilities of applicants and recommendations for testing accommodations for individuals applying to take the Ohio Bar Examination.
- *The Ohio State University - Nisonger Center.* Services began in 2022 and include clinical interviews with adults with intellectual disabilities and interviews of their caregivers.
- *The Village Network.* Services started in 2023. Forum Ohio provides comprehensive psychological evaluations to male and female youth (age three (3) years and older) and adults. Special populations include, but are not limited to: those with developmental disabilities (to include adaptive behavior testing), Autism Spectrum Disorders, substance use disorders, personality disorders, attachment disorders, youth who have been placed or will be placed for adoption, youth and adults who have experienced trauma, and youth involved with the juvenile justice system.
- *Upper Arlington City Schools.* Services provided since 2017 and include student psychological evaluations that focus on risk/threat assessment and educational concerns.

Tests

In addition to the above types of evaluations and settings, Fellows will have access to a full psychological testing library, including approximately 130 psychological tests and instruments that are used in forensic evaluations. Fellows will be expected to become proficient in one or more tests from each of the following categories:

- *Adjudicative Competence*
 - CAST*ID
 - ECST-R
 - JACI
 - Mac-CAT-CA

- *Personality Traits and Psychopathology*
 - CPI
 - IPI-2
 - MCMI-IV
 - MMPI-3 / MMPI-A-RF
 - PAI / PAI-A
 - PCL-R

- *Sex Offender Risk Assessment*
 - CPORT / CASIC
 - J-SOAP-II
 - MnSOST-R
 - SORAG
 - Static-99 / 99R / 2002 / 2002R

- *Symptom / Performance Validity*
 - DCT
 - ILK
 - SIMS
 - SIRS / SIRS-2
 - TOMM
 - VIP

- *Violence Risk Assessment*
 - HCR-20-V3
 - PCL-R
 - SAVRY
 - VRAG-R

Additionally, Forum Ohio's test library consists of numerous tests of intellectual and cognitive functioning; language, development, and adaptive functioning; academic achievement; behavior, emotional functioning, and attachment; autism; substance abuse; and trauma.

Forensic Psychology and Landmark Case Seminar

In addition to practical training in forensic mental health assessment, the Fellowship offers weekly seminars. These are dedicated to a critical review of foundational theoretical readings, empirical studies in the field of forensic psychology, and a review and critical discussion of landmark mental health law cases. Fellows will be assigned readings and will be responsible for preparing case law briefs each week. It is our hope that these case briefs will be the basis of a study guide for the Fellows in preparation for the ABFP Written Examination. Topics cover the 23 content areas in forensic psychology identified in the [ABFP Suggested Reading List for Written and Oral Examinations](#). These seminars will be facilitated by psychologists in the practice (who occasionally may be accompanied by guest speakers) with expertise in the subject area.

All reading materials and cases will be available to Fellows at no cost for educational purposes. Additionally, Fellows will have access to an extensive library of seminal forensic psychology texts. Please see the Appendix at the end of this Handbook for the tentative seminar schedule for the upcoming fellowship year.

Trainings and Workshops

In addition to the weekly seminars, Fellows will have access to free Continuing Education forensic trainings (e.g., Grand Rounds at The Ohio State University and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services regional psychiatric hospitals), as well as paid trainings (e.g., Annual Forensic Conference) in the state of Ohio. If desired, Fellows may attend national trainings and workshops, such as those offered by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP), the American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS), and the Ohio Psychological Association (OPA). Fellows are offered an education stipend and administrative leave days to assist with the time and cost of these opportunities (see “Stipend and Benefits” below).

Expert Testimony

Fellows will have the opportunity to observe and participate in expert testimony for various types of evaluations in many types of courts, potentially including juvenile court, probate court, municipal court, and common pleas court. Additionally, the Fellowship will host two Mock Trial Workshops - one at the mid-point of the training year and another at the end of the training year. In each, Fellows will be required to testify on an evaluation they conducted during the Fellowship year. Both mock trials will take place in a courtroom. The mid-year mock trial will be led by the Fellowship Directors. The end of the year mock trial will be led by a practicing criminal law judge, and direct and cross examinations will be conducted by practicing criminal law attorneys. Following the exercise, the Fellow will receive feedback on multiple criteria, including: adequate preparation and knowledge of the case, professional demeanor, quality of testimony (e.g., clarity and accuracy), non-verbal mannerisms, and personal reactions to stress. These domains will also be addressed in actual expert testimony performed by Fellows, which will always be observed by the case supervisor. In all circumstances, mock and real testimony, an emphasis will be placed on the Fellow’s presentation style as much as their familiarity with the case.

Teaching and Supervision

The Fellowship recognizes the importance of disseminating information and providing high-quality supervision in the area of forensic psychology. As such, various teaching opportunities will be made available to Fellows who desire this experience. This could include giving a case presentation or research talk to the practice, presenting for a professional psychology or lawyer association, or being a guest lecturer for a university class. In addition to the Fellowship, the practice provides training and supervision to undergraduate volunteers, graduate-level externs, and predoctoral interns. Fellows are encouraged to pursue experience in the provision of supervision with trainees in various stages of their forensic training.

SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION

The Fellowship is dedicated to preparing Fellows for the realities and expectations of independent forensic practice. Training emphasizes increased autonomy over the fellowship year. Supervision will initially focus on developing the Fellow's ability to write high-quality reports and gradually transition to an emphasis on enhancing writing efficiency. By the end of the fellowship year, Fellows will feel prepared to produce excellent reports at a rate that is expected for full-time evaluators in the public or private sector.

A *minimum* of two hours of face-to-face supervision is provided to Fellows per week. Additionally, on-site supervision is provided in a manner consistent with the comfort, experience, and training needs of each Fellow. All supervision is provided by a licensed psychologist affiliated with Forum Ohio, LLC, who has extensive expertise in the type of evaluation being conducted. Group supervision may be provided as well, though that will be in addition to and not in lieu of individual supervision.

Each Fellow will undergo a formal written evaluation every quarter in order to ensure the Fellow is maximizing their unique training, meeting their professional goals, and receiving feedback regarding the satisfactory completion of the requirements for passing the Fellowship. Quarterly Reviews are conducted by the Fellow's immediate supervisor and reviewed by the fellowship director(s). Our review process is empirically informed by research on forensic assessment supervision practices in the field. Evaluations identify the strengths and limitations of the Fellow's progress across several domains (e.g., applied clinical forensic skills, forensic conceptualization, professional development).

FELLOWSHIP BENEFITS AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Stipend and Benefits

The Fellowship offers a full-time annual stipend of \$50,000. Additionally, Fellows receive up to 15 days of paid days off, including five Paid Time Off (PTO) days, seven federal holidays (Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, and Independence Day), and three administrative leave days, with approval. The Fellowship does not provide health insurance benefits at this time. Fellows are also provided a \$1,000 education stipend that can be applied towards various forensic activities (e.g., conference registration fees). **We will be accepting one or two Fellows for the 2025-2026 fellowship year.**

Application Requirements

To be eligible for the Fellowship, all applicants must satisfy the minimum qualifications and submit all application materials.

Minimum Qualifications (by Fellowship start date)

- Ph.D. or Psy.D. in clinical or counseling psychology from APA/CPA accredited institution.
- Completed an APA/CPA accredited pre-doctoral internship.
- Forum Ohio is an equal opportunity employer and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any kind. We welcome and strongly encourage applicants of diverse backgrounds.

Application Materials

All materials should be completed online at ForumOhio.com/jobs. For questions about or problems with the online application, applicants should email Dr. Bob Stinson, at Stinson@ForumOhio.com, and cc JaVon Bogans at Bogans@ForumOhio.com. **The application deadline is January 10, 2025.** Upon completing the online application, you'll be asked to submit the following:

1. Application.
2. Unofficial transcript.
3. Letter of interest/cover letter addressed to Drs. Stinson and Tilley.
 - o Brief synopsis of your professional training and experience.
 - o Why pursuing postdoctoral training in forensic psychology.
 - o Fit with Forum Ohio.
 - o Professional interests and career objectives (short and long-term).
4. CV.
5. Three letters of recommendation.
 - o Chair of department or advisor must confirm that all requirements of the doctoral degree will be completed by the fellowship start date.
 - o At least one from graduate program.
 - o At least one from pre-doctoral internship program.
6. **NOTE:** Writing samples are not required for the application. Applicants who are invited for interviews may be asked for writing samples at that time.
 - o Psych evaluation or other type of assessment report (forensic reports preferred).
 - o Make sure all reports submitted are de-identified.

Selection and Acceptance Process

Applicants who are considered to be good candidates for the Fellowship will be invited to interview. We prefer to host interviews during the morning or afternoon on two different days (an applicant would only need to attend one of the two days): Friday, February 16, 2024 and Monday, February 19, 2024. We understand that in-person interviews may be difficult, impractical, or even impossible for qualified applicants for any number of reasons. As such, we will offer video interviews only. However, if an applicant would like to visit our office prior to accepting a position, we are happy to arrange for that. Shortly after all interviews have been completed, selected candidates will be offered (via email or phone call) a position. Forum Ohio will notify all remaining candidates once positions have been filled.

Important Dates

- Friday, January 10, 2025 – Application Due Date.
- Friday, January 17, 2025 and Monday, January 20, 2025 – Interview Days.
- Monday, February 24, 2025 (10 a.m. EST) – [Common Hold Date](#).
- Monday, August 25, 2024 – Deadline for submitting requisite fellowship paperwork (to be provided upon offer and acceptance of the fellowship).
- Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – Fellowship start date (Monday, September 1, 2025 is Labor Day).
- Friday, August 29, 2024 - Fellowship end date.

PRACTICE AND LOCATION

Forum Ohio, LLC

Forum Ohio is a limited liability company that provides evidenced-based psychological / behavioral health assessments and consultative services to individuals and governmental and non-governmental agencies. Forum Ohio's fellowship program is jointly directed by Dr. Bob Stinson and Dr. John Tilley, both of whom are licensed clinical and forensic psychologists and board certified in forensic psychology by ABPP. They have been in private practice—part-time or full-time for over 45 years, collectively. Forum Ohio's main office is located at 454 East Main Street, Suite 240, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. Centrally located in the Discovery District of Downtown Columbus, the practice has ample parking available and is easily accessible by public transportation. Forum Ohio's office space complies with access requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and currently is configured to provide a spacious waiting room as well as public bathrooms which are spacious and ADA compliant. Forum Ohio offices are open weekdays during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), with extended evening hours and weekend hours as necessary.



City of Columbus

Forum Ohio is located in Columbus, Ohio. Columbus is the capital of Ohio, it is the 14th largest city in the United States, and it is one of the fastest growing large cities in the country. The city proper has an approximate population of 913,175 (in 2023), and the Columbus metropolitan area is home to over two million people. Renowned for its diversity, education, quality of life, and economic opportunities, Columbus offers large city amenities without sacrificing hospitality or its down-to-earth sensibility. The area is home to approximately 50 colleges and universities as well as several Fortune 500 companies. Columbus offers a multitude of attractions: families can visit the world-famous Columbus Zoo, the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), and nearly 20 parks comprising the metropolitan park system; culture fanatics can indulge in the many districts and culturally-distinct areas of the city, including the Short North District, Italian Village, Victorian Village, German Village, Old South End, Olde Towne East, and Franklinton; sports fans can enjoy the Columbus Blue Jackets (professional

hockey), the Columbus Crew (professional soccer), the Columbus Clippers (professional baseball), and The Ohio State University teams (collegiate sports); and foodies can experience a nearly endless supply of diverse, award-winning cuisine amongst some 5,000 restaurants that the city offers. Columbus has been consistently recognized by various authorities in the past decade as one of the best places to live and work in the United States.



LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS AT FORUM OHIO, LLC

The following psychologists are available to provide supervision and consultation services as part of the Fellowship program. Additionally, we have multiple psychology aides (i.e., bachelor's degree in psychology) and psychology assistants (i.e., master's degree in psychology) who provide assistance with conducting psychosocial interviews, psychological test administration and scoring, and acquiring relevant records. Additional details on our staff can be viewed at ForumOhio.com.

	<p>Bob Stinson, Psy.D., J.D., LICDC-CS, ABPP (Forensic) Fellowship Co-Director Graduate Training: <i>Wright State University School of Professional Psychology, Capital University Law School</i> Internship: <i>Wright State University School of Professional Psychology</i> Postdoctoral Fellowship: <i>Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare-Columbus Campus</i> Forensic Specializations: criminal and juvenile competencies (e.g., to stand trial, to waive Miranda), criminal responsibility / NGRI, risk assessments (e.g., violence, sex offender), sentencing (e.g., capital mitigation, post-conviction, clemency).</p>
	<p>John L. Tilley, Psy.D., MSCP, ABPP (Forensic) Fellowship Co-Director Graduate Training: <i>University of Indianapolis, Alliant International University / California School of Professional Psychology</i> Internship: <i>Federal Medical Center - Lexington (Bureau of Prisons)</i> Postdoctoral Fellowship: <i>Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare-Columbus Campus</i> Forensic Specializations: Competence to stand trial, mental condition at the time of the alleged offense, diminished capacity, guardianship, violence risk assessment and risk of recidivism, psychopharmacology.</p>



Jennifer Alpert, Psy.D.

Graduate Training: *Illinois School of Professional Psychology / Argosy University Chicago*
Internship: *St. Louis Psychology Internship Consortium*
Postdoctoral Training: *Manhattan Psychiatric Center*
Forensic Specializations: Competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, serious youthful offender, sex offender management, civil commitment, violence/risk, forensic autopsy, health / cognitive / pre-procedural, pre-employment evaluations for civilian, law enforcement, and public safety personnel.



Molly Bernoski, Psy.D.

Graduate Training: *Indiana University of Pennsylvania*
Internship: *Fulton State Hospital*
Postdoctoral Training: *Forum Ohio, LLC*
Forensic Specializations: Juvenile and adult competency to stand trial, adult mental condition at the time of the offense, juvenile bindover, psychological evaluations for children services.



Valerie Budervic, Psy.D.

Graduate Training: *Wright State University School of Professional Psychology*
Internship: *Tallahassee Federal Correctional Institution/Federal Detention Center*
Postdoctoral Training: *Forum Ohio, LLC*
Forensic Specializations: Social Security disability, sex offender risk assessment, violence risk assessments, juvenile adjudicative competency, worker's compensation evaluations, gestational carrier evaluations, N648 immigration evaluations, fitness for duty evaluations, substance abuse evaluations, psychological evaluations through Children Services, jails, and juvenile detention centers.



Amanda Conn, Psy.D.

Graduate Training: *Wright State University School of Professional Psychology*

Internship: *Summit Psychological Associates, Inc.*

Postdoctoral Training: *Forum Ohio, LLC*

Forensic Specializations: Adult adjudicative competency and criminal responsibility, juvenile adjudicative competency and competency attainment, sex offender risk assessments, comprehensive psychological evaluations for Children Services.



Jeffrey D. Madden, PhD, ABPP, ABN

Graduate Training: *Ohio State University*

Internship: *Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center*

Postdoctoral Training: *St. Francis Hospital*

Forensic Specializations: Neuro-forensic assessment, fitness for duty.



A.J. McConnell, Psy.D.

Graduate Training: *Union Institute and University*

Internship: *Venture Psychological Internship Consortium*

Postdoctoral Training: *Daily Behavioral Health and Matrix Psychological Services*

Forensic Specializations: Neurodevelopmental disabilities, violence and sexual risk assessment, threat assessment, adjudicative competence, criminal responsibility.



Leanna Pittsenbarger, Psy.D.

Graduate Training: *Wright State University School of Professional Psychology,*

Internship: *William and Mary Counseling Center*

Postdoctoral Training: *Ohio University Counseling and Psychological Services*

Forensic Specializations: Neurodevelopmental disabilities, learning disabilities, educational evaluations, children services evaluations.

GRADUATES OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The following are graduates of the fellowship program since Forum Ohio has been granted the ABFP five-year waiver:

2020-2021: Sophia Pierre-Charles, Psy.D. & Lyndsey K. (Rye) Lewandowski, Ph.D.

2021-2022: Lauren A. Price, Psy.D. & Dylan M. Songer, Psy.D.

2022-2023: Laila N. Moussi, Psy.D. & Laura Sowers, Psy.D.

2023-2024: Molly Bernoski, Psy.D.

WEEK	TOPIC	READINGS	CASE LAW
1	FELLOWSHIP ORIENTATION	- FELLOWSHIP HANDBOOK	NONE
2	Hx FOUNDATION FOR FORENSIC PSYCH, INTRO TO THE U.S. LEGAL SYSTEM	- GRISSE (2019) CHPT 1 (EVOLUTION OF PSYCH AND LAW) - MELTON CHPT 2 (OVERVIEW OF COURT SYSTEM) - FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE 401-403, 501-502, 701-706	NONE
3	OVERVIEW OF OH COURT AND MH SYSTEM	- OHIO FORENSIC MANUAL - OHIO REVISED CODE 2945.37-2945.402, 5122.01, 5123.01	NONE
4	CRITICAL PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL FORENSIC PRACTICE	- APA ETHICAL PRINCIPLES (2017) - SPECIALITY GUIDELINES (2013) - MELTON CHPT 4 (ETHICAL CONTOURS)	NONE
5	ADMISSIBILITY OF EXPERT TESTIMONY	- MELTON CHPT 18 (COMMUNICATION) - FAUST ET AL. (2010) ADMISSIBILITY OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE EVIDENCE	- FRYE V. U.S. (1923)
			- DAUBERT V. MERRELL DOW (1993)
			- GE V. JOINER (1997)
			- KUMHO TIRE V. CARMICHAEL (1999)
6	PRIVILEGE. CONFIDENTIALITY, & PROFESSIONAL DUTIES	- PACKER & GRISSE CHPT 7 (ETHICS) - GREENBERG & SHUMAN, 1997	- TARASOFF V. REGENTS (1976)
			- LIPARI V. SEARS (1980)
			- JAFFE V. REDMOND (1996)
			- ORC 2305.51
7	SEX OFFENDER RISK ASSESSMENTS	- OTTO: CONROY & WITT (2013). EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SEX OFFENDERS. - HANSON, R.K. & MORTON-BOURGON, K.E. (2009). THE ACCURACY OF RECIDIVISM RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR SEXUAL OFFENDERS: A META-ANALYSIS	- KANSAS V. HENDRICKS (1997)
			- KANSAS V. CRANE (2002)
			- U.S. v. TOM (8TH CIR. 2009)
			- U.S. v. COMSTOCK (2010)

8	FORENSIC REPORT WRITING	- OTTO: DEMIER (FORENSIC REPORT WRITING) - GRISSE (2010) GUIDANCE FOR IMPROVING FORENSIC REPORTS	- MURPHY V. MATTHEWS (1992)
9	DATA COLLECTION & TESTING IN FORENSIC PRACTICE	- MELTON CHPT 3 (NATURE & METHOD OF FORENSIC ASSESSMENT) - HEILBRUN (1992). THE ROLE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING IN FORENSIC ASSESSMENT.	- GRIGGS V. DUKE (1971)
			- HALL V. FLORIDA (2014)
10	JUDGMENT & BIASES	- MURRIE (2009). RATER (DIS)AGREEMENT ON RISK ASSESSMENT MEASURES IN SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR PROCEEDINGS. - NEAL & GRISSE (2014). THE COGNITIVE UNDERPINNINGS OF BIAS IN FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS. - BERRYESSA & WOHLSTETTER (2019). THE PSYCHOPATHIC "LABEL" AND EFFECTS ON PUNISHMENT OUTCOMES: A META-ANALYSIS.	NONE
11	RESPONSE STYLE & MALINGERING	- OTTO: ROGERS & BENDER (2013) EVALUATION OF MALINGERING AND RESPONSE STYLES. - RESNIK & KNOLL (2018). MALINGERED PSYCHOSIS.	- U.S. V. GREER (1998)
12	COMPETENCE TO STAND TRIAL: FOUNDATIONS	- MELTON CHPT 6 (CST)	- DUSKY V. U.S. (1960)
			- PATE V. ROBINSON (1968)
			- JACKSON V. INDIANA (1972)
			- DROPE V. MISSOURI (1975)
			- COOPER V. OKLAHOMA (1996)
13	OFF		
14	COMPETENCE TO STAND TRIAL: APPLICATION	- ZAPF & ROESCH CHPTS 4, 5, 6 (PREPARATION, DATA COLLECTION, INTERPRETATION)	- WILSON V. U.S. (1968)
			- ESTELLE V. SMITH (1981)
			- U.S. V. DUHON (2000)
			- SELL V. U.S. (2003)

15	OTHER CRIMINAL COMPETENCIES	- MELTON CHPT 7 (OTHER COMPETENCIES) - GRISSO (2003) CHPT 1 (ADVANCES IN ASSESSMENT).	- MIRANDA V. ARIZONA (1966)
			- COLORADO V. CONNELLY (1986)
			- NORTH CAROLINA V. ALFORD (1970)
			- FARETTA V. CALIFORNIA (1975)
			- GODINEZ V. MORAN (1993)
			- INDIANA V. EDWARDS (2008)
16	SCOPE OF EXPERT TESTIMONY	- OTTO: ERICKSON & EWING (LEGAL CONTOURS OF EXPERT TESTIMONY)	- JENKINS V. U.S. (1962) - BUDWIN V. APA (1994) - DEATHERAGE V. BOARD (1997)
17	MULTICULTURAL COMPETENCE	- SHEPHERD & LEWIS-FERNANDEZ (2016). FORENSIC RISK ASSESSMENT AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY.	NONE
18	OFF		
19	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	NONE	NONE
20	FORENSIC ASSESSMENT SUPERVISION	- HODGES ET AL. (2019). FORENSIC ASSESSMENT SUPERVISION: THEORY AND PRACTICES. - FALENDER & SHAFRANSKE (2007). COMPETENCY-BASED SUPERVISION PRACTICE.	NONE
21	MOCK TRIAL 1		
22	CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY: FOUNDATIONS	- MELTON CHPT 8 (MSO)	- M'NAGHTEN'S CASE (1843)
			- DURHAM V. U.S. (1954)
			- JONES V. U.S. (1983)
			- KAHLER V. KANSAS (18-6135)
23	CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY:	- OTTO: GOLDSTEIN (EVAL OF CR)	- IBN-TAMAS V. U.S. (1979)

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24	SENTENCING	- MELTON CHPT 9 (SENTENCING) - GRISSE (2003) CHPT 3 (EMPIRICAL ASSESSMENTS).	- FURMAN V. GEORGIA (1972) - GREGG V. GEORGIA (1976) - WOODSON V. NORTH CAROLINA (1976) - FORD V. WAINWRIGHT (1986)
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26	VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT	- OTTO: MONAHAN (VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT)	- BAREFOOT V. ESTELLE (1983) - JABLONSKI V. U.S. (1983)
27	ADVANCED VIOLENCE RISK ASSESSMENT	- DOUGLAS & SKEEM (2005). VRA: GETTING SPECIFIC ABOUT BEING DYNAMIC. - KRONER ET AL. (2005). A COFFEE CAN... - HCR-20: V3 MANUAL	NONE
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			- NEW JERSEY V. T.L.O. (1985)
			- BETHEL SCHOOL V. FRASER (1986)
			- HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DIS. V. KUHLMEIER (1988)
30	CIVIL COMMITMENT	- MELTON CHPT 10 (CIVIL COMMITMENT)	- WYATT V. STICKNEY (1972)
			- O'CONNOR V. DONALDSON (1975)
			- ADDINGTON V. TEXAS (1979)
			- YOUNGBERG V. ROMEO (1982)
31	CIVIL COMPETENCIES	- MELTON CHPT 11 (CIVIL COMPETENCIES)	- ESTELLE V. GAMBLE (1976)
			- PARHAM V. JR (1979)
			- RENNIE V. KLEIN (1983)
			- WASHINGTON V. HARPER (1990)
32	PERSONAL INJURY & CIVIL DAMAGES	- OTTO: FOOTE & LAREAU (PSYCH EVAL OF EMOTIONAL DAMAGES IN TORT CASES)	- CHRISTY BROS. CIRCUS (1928)
			- PALSGRAF V. LONG ISLAND (1928)
			- CARTER V. GENERAL MOTORS (1960)
			- DILLON V. LEGG (1968)
			- MOLIEN V. KAISER (1980)
			- GOUGH V. NATURAL GAS (1993)
33	WORKER'S COMPENSATION &	- MELTON CHPT 12 (COMPENSATING MENTAL INJURY)	- RYANS V. LOWELL (1984)

	DISABILITY EVALUATIONS		- ERVIN V. AMERICAN (1988) - MASS MUTUAL V. OUELLETTE (1992) - DAMASCUS V. PROVIDENT (1996) - BLACK & DECKER V. NORD (2003) - BIESTEK V. BERRYHILL (2019)
34	DISCRIMINATION (ADA)	- MELTON CHPT 13 (FEDERAL ANTIDISCRIMINATION & ENTITLEMENT LAWS)	- MERITOR V. VINSON (1986) - BURLINGTON V. ELLERTH (1998) - ELLISON V. BRADY (1991)
35	EDUCATIONAL ACCESS (IDEA)	- MELTON CHPT 17 (EDUCATION & HABILITATION)	- HARRIS V. FORKLIFT (1993) - OLMSTEAD V. L.C. (1999) - ONCALE V. SUNDOWNER (1998) - RICCI V. DEStEFANO (2009)
36	EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY & HEARSAY	- OTTO: WELLS & LOFTUS (EYEWITNESS MEMORY FOR PEOPLE & EVENTS)	- NEIL V. BIGGERS (1972) - WHITE V. ILLINOIS (1992) - CRAWFORD V. WASHINGTON (2004) - STATE V. HENDERSON (2011) - PERRY V. NEW HAMPSHIRE (2012)
37	CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT	- MELTON CHPT 15 (CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT) - APA GUIDELINES FOR CHILD PROTECTION EVALS	- KENTUCKY V. STINGER (1987) - DESHANEY V. WINNEBAGO (1989)
38	JUVENILE JUSTICE: FOUNDATIONS	- MELTON CHPT 14 (JUVENILE DELINQUENCY)	- KENT V. U.S. (1966) - IN RE GAULT (1967)

			- FARE V. MICHAEL C. (1979)
			- SCHALL V. MARTIN (1984)
39	JUVENILE JUSTICE: ADVANCED ISSUES	- OTTO: GRISSO & ROMAINE (FORENSIC EVALS IN DELINQUENCY CASES)	- BREED V. JONES (1975)
			- GRAHAM V. FLORIDA (2010)
			- MILLER V. ALABAMA (2012)
			- MONTGOMERY V. LOUISIANA (2016)
40	POLICE PSYCHOLOGY	- OTTO: COREY & BORUM (FORENSIC ASSESSMENT IN HIGH-RISK OCCUPATIONS)	NONE
41	JURY SELECTION / TRIAL CONSULTATION	- OTTO: KOVERA (VOIR DIRE AND JURY SELECTION) - OTTO: DROGIN & BARRETT (TRIAL CONSULTATION)	NONE
42	CHILD CUSTODY & PARENTING	- MELTON CHPT 16 (CHILD CUSTODY IN DIVORCE) - APA GUIDELINES FOR CHILD CUSTODY EVALS - APA GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE OF PARENTING COORDINATION	- PAINTER V. BANNISTER (1966)
			- LOVING V. VIRGINIA (1967)
			- SANTOSKY V. KRAMER (1982)
			- TROXEL V. GRANVILLE (2000)
43	MOCK TRIAL 2		
44	HYPNOSIS & MEMORY RECOVERY	NONE	- STATE V. HURD (1980)
			- PEOPLE V. SHIRLEY (1982)
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48	TELEFORENSIC ASSESSMENT	- APA GUIDELINES FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEPSYCHOLOGY (2013) - OPA TELEPSYCHOLOGY GUIDELINES (2010) - STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY - TELEPSYCHOLOGY RULES	NONE
49	PRIVATE SECTOR FORENSIC WORK	- MELTON CHPT 5 (MANAGING PUBLIC & PRIVATE FORENSIC SERVICES)	NONE
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