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Education

Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio
Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) June 2001

Loyola University New Orleans, Louisiana
B.A. in Psychology, *magna cum laude* May 1997

Post Graduate Education and Training:

University of Rochester Rochester, New York
Physician Coaching Training Program September 2019-present

University of Maryland Baltimore, Maryland
Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship July 2005-June 2006

Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Maryland
Residency in General Psychiatry July 2002-June 2005

MetroHealth Medical Center Cleveland, Ohio
Internship in Internal Medicine June 2001-June 2002

Certifications:

Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology May 14, 2006
Certification in the Specialty of Forensic Psychiatry April 23, 2007

Medical Licensures:

New York, 253447 (Active) June 11, 2009-present
Maryland, D0061171 (Inactive) December 29, 2003-September 30, 2010

Pennsylvania, MD432100 (Inactive)

June 28, 2007-June 30, 2009

Employment History:**Director, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program
State University of New York at Buffalo**

January 2016-present

**Chief Psychiatrist
Niagara County Correctional Facility**

February 2016-present

- PrimeCare Medical
- CBH Medical

August 2016-present
February 2016-August 2016

Private Practice (forensic evaluations only)

August, 2006-present

**Forensic Psychiatry Consultant
Niagara County Department of Mental Health**

February 2012-August 2017

**Clinical Psychiatrist
DENT Neurological Institute**

April 2016-August 2017

**Psychiatrist
University Psychiatric Practice**

August 2009-March 2016

- Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program Extended
Observation Unit, Erie County Medical Center
- Medical Director, Partial Hospitalization Program, Erie County
Medical Center
- Forensic Consultant, Erie County Forensic Mental Health Services

August 2014- March 2016

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August 2009-August 2014

**Physician Clinical Specialist
Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center
Maximum Security Forensic Hospital**

August 2006-July 2009

- Attending Physician, Open ward
- Attending Physician, Admissions ward
- Discharge Ward

June 2007- July 2009

August 2006 to June 2007

June 2007- July 2009

**Forensic Psychiatry Consultant
Circuit Court for Baltimore City**

February 2007-June 2009

- Performed Transfer of Jurisdiction Evaluations of Juveniles for the Circuit Court of Baltimore
City

Professional Society Memberships:

American Psychiatric Association

2009-present

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

2009-present

- Institutional and Correctional Committee
- Fellowship Training Directors Committee
- Private Practice Committee
 - Co-chair

2009-present

2014-present

2014-present

2020-present

- Article Reviewer, Journal of American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law April 2019
- New York State Psychiatric Association 2009-present
- Western New York Psychiatric Society 2009-present
- President 2018-2019
- President Elect 2017-2018
- Secretary 2016-2017
- Treasurer 2015-2016
- Program Chair 2014-2015

Administrative Service:

University at Buffalo, Department of Psychiatry August 2009-present

- **Director, Forensic Psychiatry Program**
 - Developed and oversaw all stages of obtaining certification for the program
 - Manage and ensure compliance with certification requirements
 - Coordinate training for fellows

Clifton T. Perkins Hospital

- **Chair, Ethics Committee** 2006-2009
- **Medical Staff Representative** 2006-2009
 - Includes participation in Credentialing and Privileging Committee
- **Physician Coordinator and Supervisor, Competency Monitoring Program** 2006-2009
 - Assignment, supervision, conducting evaluations of pretrial defendants, and maintenance of hospital database that included all patients adjudicated incompetent to stand trial for serious felonies in Maryland

Teaching Service:

University at Buffalo, Department of Psychiatry August 2009-present

Clinical Assistant Professor

- Supervise and instruct fellows in the Forensic Psychiatry Program
- Forensic psychiatry rotation and forensic didactics for general psychiatry residents
- Supervise and instruct general psychiatry residents

University of Maryland, Department of Psychiatry February 2008-July 2010

Clinical Assistant Professor

July 2007-June 2009

- Teaching and Supervision of University of Maryland and Walter Reed Army Medical Center Forensic Psychiatry Fellows, including performing competency monitoring evaluations at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital Center

Anne Arundel Community College

July-August 2007

Clinical Preceptor, Physician Assistant Program

Publications:

“The Onset of Schizophrenia at age 100” Cervantes, A, Rabins P, Slavney P (Psychosomatics 2006; 47:356-359).

“Dual Agency in Corrections” Cervantes, A, Hanson, A (Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2013; 41(1): 72-8.)

“An Experience With Medical Records” Cervantes, A (Newsletter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, October, 2014.)

“New York SAFE Act: Unintended Limitations?” Cervantes, A (Newsletter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, January, 2016)

“Financial Arrangements in Forensic Work” Reid, W; Crowley, B; Cervantes, A; and Reynolds, J (Newsletter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, April, 2019)

“Does Dementia Qualify as a Mental Disorder That Could Affect Competency to be Executed?” Hicks, R; Cervantes A. (Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, December 2019;47 (4): 504-505)

“Woke Women of Forensic Private Practice” Cervantes, A; Lacroix, C; Rodgers, C (Newsletter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, April, 2020)

Awards

Teacher of the Year Award, State University of New York
Psychiatry Residency Program

June 2011

Major Invited Speeches:

Disciplinary Actions Against Psychiatrists in Maryland: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October, 2006.

12th Annual Symposium on Mental Disability and the Law: Office of Forensic Services, Mental Hygiene Administration, and University of Maryland; June 12, 2009.
Panelist: Mock Involuntary Medication Hearing.

Hard Time: Risk Management in Correctional Psychiatry: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October 30, 2011.

Forensic Telepsychiatry: Are we Ready to go Live? American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October 26, 2013

The SAFE Act in New York State: Where Are We A Year Later? American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October 2014

Forensic Psychiatric Assessment: What Is It and How It Can Help BIT Teams Keep The Campus Community Safe; National Behavioral Team Intervention Conference; November 2014.

#NotMyLaws: The Sovereign Citizen in Jail and Court; American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, October 29, 2017

Working with Attorneys: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly; American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting, October 25, 2018

Ask the Psychiatrist: Addressing Law Student Mental Health Issues; ABA Associate Dean Conference: June 27, 2019

Proffered Communications:

Psychiatry in Queretaro, Mexico. Johns Hopkins Hospital; June, 2005

Boundary Violations. Clifton T. Perkins Hospital, Jessup, MD, October 2008-June 2009

After the Insanity: A review of the 330.20 Legal Status in New York State; State University of Buffalo, Grand Rounds, December 9, 2011.

The Psychiatrist as Expert Witness. Erie County Criminal Bar Committee, February 9, 2012.

Court Ordered Competency Evaluations and Competency Restoration in New York: Implications of a Unique Model; University at Buffalo Department of Psychiatry Academic Symposium, May 20, 2015.

The Process of Court Ordered Competency Evaluations in New York State and Potential Implications for Fairness and Due Process; Erie County Criminal Bar Committee, June 9, 2015.

Preventing Your Sex Offender Client from a Lifetime Civil Commitment; John Nucheren, Esq. and Ana Natasha Cervantes, M.D. CLE program, Assigned Counsel Program, Erie County. October 30, 2015

Competency to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, and Use of Psychiatric Issues for Mitigation; Mental Health Issues and the Law; CLE program, Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo. February 17, 2017

Recommendations for Working with Psychiatric Experts; Mental Health Issues and the Law; CLE program, Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo. February 17, 2017

Competency, Criminal Responsibility and Psychiatry 101; Guest speaker, State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, January 9, 2018, January 7, 2019 and January 7, 2020.

Effects of Childhood Abuse and Neglect; Guest speaker, State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, October 11, 2018

Competency and Criminal Responsibility evaluations CLE program Assigned Counsel Program, Erie County, November 30, 2018

Working with Attorneys CLE program, Assigned Counsel Program, Erie County, November 30, 2018

Correctional Facilities are not Prioritized for COVID Vaccines; January 2, 2021
<https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/post-author/ana-natasha-cervantes>

Poster Presentations

The SAFE Act in the Courts: Rulings, Appeals, and Briefs; American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October 2014

Cost Shifting Consequences in the Quest for Competency; American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October 2015

Contraband: A War on Drugs in the Erie County, NY Jails; American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law Annual Meeting; October 2015.