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LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

American Board of Professional Psychology

Board Certified Forensic Psychologist (4/05/2013- present)

American Board of Forensic Psychology/American Academy of Forensic Psychology

Fellow in Forensic Psychology (4/05/2013- present)

University of the State of New York Education Department

Licensed Psychologist #017446

Date of Licensure: 11/27/2007

Pennsylvania Department of State, State Board of Psychology

Licensed Psychologist #PS017524

Date of Licensure: 1/14/2014

California Board of Psychology

Licensed Psychologist #33256

Date of Licensure: 4/04/2022

EDUCATION

State University of New York at Buffalo

Ph.D., Counseling Psychology – APA Accredited Program

Date of Completion: September 2005

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

B.A. with Honors, Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Date of Completion: December 1996

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – Present **Licensed Psychologist / General Manager**
Peterson Psychological Services, PLLC

- Forensic evaluation and expert testimony in civil and criminal matters
 - Diagnostic evaluations, including feigning and psychopathy
 - Sexual and/or violence risk assessments
 - Competence to stand trial and criminal responsibility evaluations
 - Capacity to waive *Miranda* rights evaluations
 - NYS MHL Article 10 and Article 15 evaluations
 - NYS Domestic Violence Survivors Justice Act (DVSJA) evaluations/consultations
 - Family Court evaluations (e.g., diagnosis, risk, disposition recommendations)
 - Guardianship evaluations
 - Disability evaluations (e.g., work-related and service eligibility determinations)

- 2022 – Present **Psychologist Contractor**
California Department of State Hospitals
- Competence to stand trial re-evaluations
- 2021 – Present **Psychologist Contractor**
Livingston County Department of Human Services
- Diagnostic evaluations of adolescents and adults for DSS and Livingston County Family Court
- 2018 – Present **Psychologist Contractor**
Genesee County Mental Health
- Diagnostic evaluations of adolescents and adults for Genesee County Family Court
 - Competence to stand trial evaluations for Genesee County Courts
- 2017 – Present **Psychologist Contractor**
Wyoming County Mental Health
- Competency to stand trial evaluations for Wyoming County Courts
- 2014 – Present **Psychologist Contractor**
Livingston County Mental Health
- Competency to stand trial evaluations for Livingston County Courts
- 2017- 2019 **Certified Forensic Examiner (Contractor)**
Alabama Department of Mental Health, Birmingham, Alabama
- Competency to stand trial evaluations for adolescents and adults in the State of Alabama.
- 2015 – 3/2020 **Chair of Behavioral Treatment Oversight Committee (Independent Contractor)**
NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, Finger Lakes DDSO
- Review and approve behavior support plans for individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Assure compliance with statewide regulations and clinical best practice
- 06/15 – 10/17 **Behavioral Treatment Consultant/Contractor**
Easter Seals of New York, Inc.
- Review and approve behavior support plans for individual with developmental disabilities
 - Assure compliance with statewide regulations
- 07/14 – 12/17 **Psychologist Contractor**
Monroe County Socio-legal Services Center
- Competence to stand trial evaluations for adolescents and adults in Monroe County, NY
- 2012 – 3/15 **Psychologist Contractor**
Easter Seals of New York, Inc.
- Diagnostic evaluations of adolescents and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Eligibility evaluations for OPWDD services and Social Security benefits
 - Guardianship evaluations
- 2011 – 12/2020 **Psychologist Contractor**
Monroe County Juvenile Justice Services
- Diagnostic evaluations and dispositional recommendations for Monroe County Family Court
 - Sexual and violence risk assessments for Monroe County Family Court
- 5/08 – 02/12 **Psychiatric Examiner/Licensed Psychologist**
NYS Office of Mental Health, Division of Forensic Services
 Sex Offender Risk Assessment and Record Review Unit
- Conducted psychiatric examinations under Article 10 of the Mental Hygiene Law (SVP) regarding

- mental abnormality and dangerous sexual offender requiring confinement (DSORC) designations
- Expert testimony at probable cause hearings, bench and jury trials, DSORC hearings, and annual review hearings
- Trained and supervised new psychiatric examiners

7/08 – 10/08

Per Diem Clinical Supervisor/Licensed Psychologist
NYS Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD; formerly OMRDD)
 Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Services Office

- Trained new clinical team members in operational and therapeutic aspects of their position
- Supervised ongoing clinical decision-making for client care

1/07- 5/08

Associate Psychologist/Licensed Psychologist
NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD; Formerly OMRDD)
 Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Services Office

- Provided sex offender treatment, individual therapy, and crisis intervention for males with intellectual/developmental disabilities in a secure setting
- Provided sexual offender and violence risk evaluations
- Conducted competency evaluations and supervised restoration activities
- Clinical supervision of psychology, social work, and paraprofessional staff

8/05 – 1/07

Assistant Director of Counseling Services
Niagara University

- Conducted psychosocial and diagnostic assessment and individual therapy with college students
- Provided crisis intervention and consultation services to students, faculty, and staff
- Developed outreach program for University students, residence life staff, and faculty
- Supervised master's level clinicians

7/04 – 7/05

Pre-Doctoral Internship
Ulster County Department of Mental Health, APA Accredited Pre-Doctoral Internship Site

- Conducted sexual offender risk assessments of adult males on probation for sexual offenses
- Co-led an adolescent sexual offender group
- Conducted Family Court evaluations of adolescents being adjudicated on PINS and JD petitions
- Completed psychological test reports for adolescent and adult clients, assessing cognitive and personality variables with objective and projective measures
- Provided individual therapy to adolescents and adults with serious and persistent mental illness in an outpatient mental health center
- Co-led a time-limited, structured group assisting adolescents with SPMI to transition to the community from psychiatric hospitalization or other out-of-home placement
- Co-led a cognitive rehabilitation group for individuals with cognitive deficits from traumatic brain injury or other sources.

8/03 – 5/04

Pre-Doctoral Counseling Psychology Practicum
State University of New York at Buffalo Counseling Services
 APA Accredited Pre-Doctoral Internship Site

- Provided weekly intake assessments and individual therapy to college students
- Served as liaison between Counseling Services' Outreach Program and campus organizations
- Supervised Outreach Program student employees and developed programming, evaluations, database

8/02 – 5/03

Pre-Doctoral Counseling Psychology Practicum
Community Concern of Western New York

- Conducted individual and group therapy with rural clients of varying ages and diagnoses
- Delivered in-home psychotherapy to rural elderly and clients with developmental disabilities

- 8/01 – 5/02 **Pre-Doctoral Counseling Psychology Practicum**
Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program, Erie County Medical Center
- Conducted psychiatric intake evaluations and crisis intervention to multi-ethnic patients of varying ages and diagnoses
 - Participated in rounds with attending psychiatrists, social work staff, and medical students including formal, multi-disciplinary case presentations of psychiatric patients
- 8/00 – 5/01 **Doctoral Counseling Psychology Practicum**
State University of New York at Buffalo Counseling Services, APA Accredited Internship Site
- Conducted intake evaluations, individual therapy, and group therapy with college students
- 5/96 – 8/96 **Psychology Intern (Undergraduate)**
State Correctional Institution at Albion, PA
- Co-facilitated groups for adult male inmates in the Sex Offender Unit and Special Needs Unit
 - Conducted intake diagnostic evaluations with newly incarcerated, male inmates

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 9/07 – 10/08 Clinical Supervisor for NYS Licensure
- Provided individual clinical supervision to a post-doctoral psychologist for 2 hours per week
- 8/05 – 10/07 Clinical Consultant/Executive Board Member
 Camp Get-A-Way of Western Region, NYS
- Served on the Board of Directors for a non-profit, consumer-driven, therapeutic and recreational camp for families of children with mental illness
 - Reviewed and revised camp policies and procedures (e.g., staff training, safety planning, etc.)
 - Developed and evaluated therapeutic programming for whole families and by age group
- 7/02 – 8/02 Individualized Care Coordinator
 Mid-Erie Counseling and Treatment Services, Inc., HCBS Waiver Program
- Provided in-home case management and crisis intervention to families of children with SPMI to prevent out of home placement
 - Developed, implemented, and revised service plans
- 4/01 – 8/01 Intensive Home Based Family Therapist
 Parents Anonymous of Buffalo and Erie County, Inc., Intensive Home-Based Services
- Provided specialized case management services to economically, ethnically diverse families
 - Interacted with Department of Social Services' Public Assistance, Children Services, and CPS
 - Created comprehensive treatment goals addressing mental health, educational, parenting, social, and other concerns to improve clients' overall functioning
 - Educated clients on parenting issues, such as child development and discipline
- 1/97 – 7/00 Crisis Worker/Therapeutic Crisis Intervention Trainer/HIV Test Counselor
 New Directions Youth and Family Services, Inc., Wyndham Lawn Campus, Lockport, NY
- Conducted initial and semi-annual training for employees in theory and practice of Therapeutic Crisis Intervention in a residential treatment facility for adolescent youth
 - Provided milieu supervision and crisis counseling to juveniles, 8-18 years old, on personal, social, and family issues in a residential treatment facility
 - Trained to perform HIV test counseling by NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute

PRESENTATIONS

Peterson, T. L. Court Requested Evaluations. Presented at Ethical and Legal Practices Seminar. University of Rochester Medical Center. (March 11, 2021).

Peterson, T. L., Best, J., & Sprotberry, K. Article 10 Updates: Implications for Practice. Presented at NYS Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers Conference. (May 20, 2016).

Peterson, T. L. SOMTA: One Expert's Perspective. Presented at University at Buffalo Law School. (January 20, 2016).

Peterson, T. L. Understanding and Applying SAVRY Assessment Results. Presented at Villa of Hope. (June 23, 2015).

Peterson, T. L. An Overview of Juvenile Violence Risk Assessment. Presented at Villa of Hope. (July 11, 2014).

Peterson, T. L. Quantifying Adaptive Deficits. Presented at Empire Justice Center. (February 7, 2014).

Peterson, T. L., Callery, K., & Tarantino, L.M. Establishing Deficits in Adaptive Functioning. Presented to National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives. Washington, DC. (May 2013).

Peterson, T. L. & Martinez, M. A. Psychologist-Client Confidentiality in New York State. Presented to Psychological Association of Western New York. (March 20, 2013).

Peterson, T. L. Assessment Issues in Adaptive Functioning. Empire Justice Center. (January 2013).

Peterson, T. L. Preparing to Testify. Presented via teleconference to NYS OMH personnel, SIST providers, and NYS DOCCS Parole personnel. (July 2011).

Peterson, T. L. Overview of Mental Hygiene Law Article 10. Presented to DOCCS personnel from Gowanda Correctional Facility. (July 2011).

Peterson, T. L. Understanding the connection between minority stress and identity development in lesbian women. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA. (August 2006).

Peterson, T. L., Osberg, T., McDermott, T., & Yungblut, I. College student mental health panel discussion. Niagara University, NY. (November 2005).

Gerrity, D., Adams, C., Bankhead, U., Brundage, K., Holmes, E., Mignone, T., Peters, B., **Peterson, T. L.,** & Delucia-Waack, J. Group model for training students and conducting group research. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC. (August 2005).

Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. Internalized homophobia, lesbian identity development, and self-esteem in undergraduate women. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois. (August 2002).

Gerrity, D. A., & **Peterson, T. L.** Childhood Sexual Abuse Groups. Presented at the New York State Association for Specialists in Group Work Conference, Buffalo, New York. (May 2002).

Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. Internalized homophobia, lesbian identity development, and self-esteem in undergraduate women. Presented at the Institute for Research and Education on Women and Gender Graduate Student Symposium, Buffalo, New York. (March 2002).

Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. Internalized homophobia, lesbian identity development, and self-esteem in undergraduate women. Presented at the University at Buffalo Graduate School of Education Research Symposium, Buffalo, New York. (March 2001).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 8/02 – 8/05 Dissertation Research Project
 State University of New York at Buffalo,
 Counseling, Educational, and School Psychology Department
- Studied the relationship of minority stress and identity development in sexual minorities
- 8/00 – 7/04 Group Therapy for Adult Female Sexual Abuse Survivors Research Project
 State University of New York at Buffalo
 Counseling, Educational, and School Psychology Department
- Focused on implementation of group therapy for adult survivors of sexual abuse
- 8/00 – 5/02 Proseminar Research Project
 State University of New York at Buffalo, Counseling, Educational, and School Psychology
 Department
- Investigated internalized homophobia, identity development, and self-esteem in sexual minorities
- 8/00 – 5/01 Graduate Research Assistant
 State University of New York at Buffalo, Counseling, Educational, and School Psychology
 Department
- Conceptualized research problems and designs, implemented methodological procedures, entered data and assisted in analysis; edited manuscripts for publication
- 8/00 – 4/01 Executive Research Committee Member
 State University of New York at Buffalo, Graduate School of Education’s Research Symposium
- Assisted in designing, coordinating and implementing a multi-disciplinary research conference with more than 50 presenters and over 200 guests

GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH/PROJECTS

- Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. (2003).** Development of a training manual for local service providers on conducting group therapy with children who have been sexually abused. Center for Development of Human Services. (\$15,000).
- Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. (2002).** Needs assessment of child sexual abuse treatment resources in Buffalo, NY. Center for Development of Human Services. (\$15,000).

PUBLICATIONS

- Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. (2006).** Internalized homophobia, lesbian identity development and self-esteem in undergraduate women. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 50(4), 49-75.
- Gerrity, D. A., & **Peterson, T. L. (2004).** Groups for survivors of childhood sexual abuse. In *Handbook of Group Counseling and Psychotherapy* (pp. 497-517). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. (2003).** *Sexual abuse groups for children*. Buffalo, NY: CDHS.
- Peterson, T. L., & Gerrity, D. A. (2002).** *Sexual abuse resources for area counselors*. Buffalo, NY: CDHS.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1/06 – 5/08 Adjunct Professor
State University of New York at Buffalo, Counseling, School, Educational Psychology Department
- Instructed a graduate Counseling Psychology course titled “Advanced Practicum”
 - Reviewed proper administration of an evidenced based treatment for borderline personality disorder and generalized anxiety disorder
 - Didactic instruction on psychological consultation
 - Supervised ongoing individual and group therapy provided by students in the community
- 5/02 – 7/02 Lecturer
State University of New York at Buffalo, Counseling, School, Educational Psychology Department
- Co-taught an undergraduate course titled “Introduction to Counseling”
 - Educated students regarding counseling theories, basic counseling skills, and professional ethics
- 1/02 – 5/02 Lecturer
State University of New York at Buffalo, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Department
- Instructed an undergraduate Health and Human Services course titled “The Family Process”
 - Incorporated individual and family development information and family systems theory

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP)
American Board of Forensic Psychology (ABFP)
American Academy of Forensic Psychology (AAFP)
American Psychological Association (APA)
 Division 41 – American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)
 Division 52 – International Psychology
 Division 56 – Trauma Psychology
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
New York State Psychological Association (NYSPA)
Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA)
Genesee Valley Psychological Association (GVPA)