

SPECIALISMS

Addiction
Alienation
Antisocial Behaviour
Anxiety
Attachment
Bereavement
Bipolar
Capacity
Cultural Diversity
Custody
Depression
Domestic Violence
Drug/Alcohol/Substance Misuse
Historic Sex Abuse
Fabricated Illness
Military
Mood Disorder
Munchausen
Neglect
Paedophilia
Personality Disorders
Psychosexual
Psychosis
Psychosomatic
PTSD
Risk
Sexual Harassment
Schizophrenia
Self Harm
Sex Change
Sexual Abuse Victims
Suicidal Ideation
Trauma

CASE TYPES

ADHD
Clinical Negligence
Cognitive Assessments
Criminal
Family Proceedings
Fitness to Plead
Forensic
Global Family Assessments
Historic Sex Abuse
Personal Injury
Risk Assessments
Second Opinion

REPORTS

I have prepared many reports for the family/criminal courts in the United Kingdom and over 200 reports for court proceedings within the United States of America. I have considerable experience of preparing psychological reports of a high standard. These have been used in a variety of contexts, including for training purposes.

These reports have covered the following areas:

- Public Law assessments of children aged 10 and over and adults
- Assessment of parenting
- Assessment of attachment
- Assessment of family dynamics
- Abuse & Neglect
- PTSD in children and adults
- Anxiety and depression in children and adults

I submit Mental Health Review Tribunal reports as necessary, which most commonly include in-depth risk, personality, cognitive, and mental health assessment information, formulations and management strategies and recommendations. Such reports may be shared with various services, including other rehabilitation services, hospital settings, community teams, and independent providers. I have prepared several reports for solicitors and social services regarding adults and their mental health, personality, cognition, and risk in relation to parenting.

I routinely prepare reports of Care Programme Approach review meetings, which provide an overview of psychological assessment, formulation and interventions. These reports are shared with Multi-Disciplinary Team members, commissioners, and external clinicians on a regular basis.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Assessment of adults
- Assessment of ability to parent
- Assessment of parenting risk
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Children in Care aged 10 and over
- Adolescent Forensic Mental Health
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Domestic violence
- Attachment
- Adult mental health & Adult Forensic Mental Health
- Assessment of risk of offending, including:
 - Anger/aggression
 - Domestic violence
 - Sexual offending
- Depression & anxiety
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Self-harm & suicidal ideation
- Trauma
- Abuse & neglect –physical, emotional or sexual
- Ability to protect
- Ability to prioritise the needs of the children
- Family dynamics
- Ability to work with professionals
- Capacity to change
- Capacity assessment
- Cognitive assessment

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

I am a HCPC registered Clinical & Forensic Practitioner Psychologist, and Chartered Clinical Psychologist of the British Psychological Society. I am originally from the USA, and completed my doctoral training at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco.

I also gained a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy at San Francisco State University.

I currently work in independent private practice, particularly with patients who present with symptoms related to depression and mood disorders, sexual abuse and trauma histories, substance misuse/dependence, internet addiction, and compulsive sexual behaviour.

I am experienced in conducting psychological assessments and evaluations, marital/relationship psychotherapy, consulting military members and their families during deployments and/or reintegration, and teaching/supervising doctoral and masters level students.

I am skilled in the use of a wide range of psychological assessment tools relating to the assessment of personality, risk of violence or sexual offending, cognitive assessment and the assessment of parenting.

QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING & RESEARCH

- Sept 99 - Jan 04: California School of Professional Psychology, San Francisco
APA Accredited Doctoral Program
Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.)
- Sept 94 - May 97: San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California
Master of Science, Counselling
- Sept 85 - Aug 89: Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York
Bachelor of Business Administration
Major: Accounting; Minor: Business Computer Information Systems

Training

- 2013: International Personality Disorder Examination
HCR-20 Version 3
- 2013: Short Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability
- 2013: Abuse, Trauma and Dissociation: Understanding and Working Towards Recovery
Advanced Supervisor Workshop (Dr Lucy Johnstone)
Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector
Educational Seminar in Risk Assessment (Prof Chris Webster) Obsessive Compulsive
Disorder Workshop (Paul Salkovskis)
EMDR Part 2 (Alexandra Richman)
Introductory Supervisor Workshop
Psychopathy Checklist Revised (David Cooke)
Assessment and Management of Violence Risk using the HCR-20 EMDR Part 1 (Alexandra Richman)
Raising Awareness: Child Protection and Child Abuse Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy
for Depression



Research

Sept 00 - Jan 04

The Etiology and Treatment of Psychopathy

Clinical dissertation research examining the historical background and theoretical understanding of the etiology and treatment of violent psychopaths.

Nov 97 - Apr 99

Rehabilitation, Research & Training Centre on Mental Health for the Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened

Assisted in data collection for ongoing research projects in the area of mental health issues for deaf and/or hard-of-hearing, and/or late-deafened individuals.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Registered Clinical and Forensic Psychologist with the Health & Care Professions Council – Registration Number: PYL23748
- Chartered Clinical Psychologist – British Psychological Society
- Associate Fellow – British Psychological Society
- Special Group for Independent Practitioners – British Psychological Society, Treasurer, 2013 - Present

FULL WORK EXPERIENCE

Clinical Experience

Feb 05 – present

Practitioner Psychologist — Independent Practice

- Long-and short-term psychotherapy services to individual adults and couples.
- Psycho-diagnostic assessments, conducting assessments within family law proceedings, sexual offender evaluations, risk assessment, peace/police officer disqualification appeal evaluations, pre-bariatric surgery psychological evaluations.
- Expert witness testimony.
- Clinical supervision with doctoral level interns and externs.
- Assist military personnel and their families with issues faced throughout the cycle of deployment, and reintegration with their community and families upon return.

Aug 09 – Aug 11

Cygnets Hospital, Stevenage, Hertfordshire and Beckton, Consultant Psychologist

- Head of the Department of Psychology, provide direct line management to, and clinical supervision for, 5 psychologists and 2 assistant psychologists.
- Provide individual and group psychotherapy to adults hospitalised under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Responsible for the Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of patient care
- Perform full psychodiagnostic assessments, and suitability for admission evaluations conducted at off-site correctional and/or mental health facilities.

Nov 07 – July 08

Gateways Hospital, Los Angeles, California, Clinical Director

- Clinical supervision and program development for Los Angeles County Conditional Release Program.
- Extensive written forensic evaluations of patients deemed Not Guilty By Reason Of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial, and/or Mentally Disordered Sexual Offenders
- Conducted research, managed clinical staff, and provided specialised training to mental health professionals, attorneys, law enforcement, and community groups regarding forensic mental health issues.



May 07 – Nov 07 **Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, California, Senior Psychologist – Supervisor**

- Direct observation and supervision of clinical staff, in both the administrative and clinical domains, which included assessment of their clinical competencies and/or deficiencies.
- Crisis intervention and ongoing treatment of patients in a correctional setting
- Provided training in cognitive behavioural/group/short-term treatment interventions.

April 06 - April 07 **Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Centre, New York, Licensed Psychologist**

- Forensic assessment and report writing for risk assessment of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity patients and Fitness to Proceed with Trial evaluations.
- Treatment and evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators (SVP), who were civilly committed after completing sentences in the correctional system.
- Comprehensive risk assessments for dangerousness and potential for re-offending; Psychological testing, forensic evaluations, and reports.
- Expert testimony in criminal court.

June 05 - June 06 **Riker's Island Prison Health Services, New York, Clinical Supervisor**

- Direct observation and supervision of clinical staff, in both the administrative and clinical domains, which included assessment of their clinical competencies and/or deficiencies.
- Provided psychological services to patients within the jail facilities who exhibited difficult or complex problems requiring a higher level of professional intervention.

Sept 03 - Sept 05 **St. Peter's University Hospital Child Protection Centre, New Brunswick, New Jersey Psychologist/Post-Doctoral Intern**

- Extensive Psychological evaluations on Family Services mandated referred individuals and families
- Adult, adolescent, and child perpetrators and/or victims of alleged abuse.
- Comprehensive interview, psychodiagnostic test battery, summary and treatment recommendations.
- Evaluations regarding the attachment relationships between children and their parents or caregivers.
- Expert testimony in family and/or criminal court proceedings.
- Presentations on child maltreatment to various community agencies.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Full enhanced DBS clearance certificate number: 001337502203
- I hold personal professional indemnity insurance.
- I am available for national and international travel.

REGISTRATIONS

- HCPC Registration No. PYL23748
- CRB Registration No. 001337502203