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EDUCATION

Ponce Health Science University

Doctoral student in Clinical Psychology PsyD

Graduation Date: **July 2020**

Assumption College, Worcester MA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a Minor in Sociology

Graduation Date: **May 2015**

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Neuropsychology Externship

Universidad Diego Portales – Unidad de Neuropsicología Clínica (UNC)

June 2019 to September 2019

Santiago, Chile

- Learned the principles of neuropsychological assessment and neuropsychological rehabilitation under the supervision of Dr. Christian Salas.
- Administered the Boston Naming Test, DKEFS, Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure, Trailmaking Test A and B, Hayling Test, Grober Buschke, BADS, Verbal Fluency (FAS), TAVEC, BRIEF, DEX, ADLQT, EBIQ, and NPI.
- Completed 3 neuropsychological evaluations with a written report and evaluated 10 participants for a research project.
- Participated in weekly group supervisions, and case discussions on patients being evaluated and treated at the UNC.
- Attended weekly group supervision and classes in the Psychodynamic Unit at the Psychiatric Institute Dr. José Horwitz Barak.
- Was part of a journal club on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation.

Health Psychology

Hospital Damas

January 2019 to May 2019

Ponce, Puerto Rico

- Assessed patients for emotional disturbances in an Intensive Care Unit, Coronary Care Unit and Surgery Intensive Care Unit under a health psychology program with a cognitive behavior framework under the supervision of Dr. Axel Ramos.
- Provided screening (Mini Mental Examination, BAI, BDI, Hopelessness Scale), short-term individual psychotherapy, crisis interventions with patients and family members, and responded to hospital consultations.
- Improved in assessment, structured interview techniques, diagnostic skills, case conceptualization and clinical report writing.

Community Mental Health

Wellness Center at the Ponce Health Sciences University

August 2018 to May 2019

Ponce, Puerto Rico

- Conducted individual psychotherapy under the supervision of Dr. Natalia Dieppa in a multidisciplinary clinic setting.
- Collaborated in group psychotherapy after patients completed partial hospitalization at the IOP service to reinforce cognitive behavioral skills learned during the hospitalization, coordinated psychiatric hospitalizations for at-risk patients, and prepared emotion management workshops for patients at the clinic.
- Improved long-term psychotherapy techniques, case conceptualization and establishing proper rapport with patients.

Psychodiagnostic Assessment**January 2019 to May 2019**

Starbright Academy

Ponce, Puerto Rico

- Worked with the administration, scoring and interpretation of psychometric evaluations: EWIN (WISC Spanish translation), Bender-Gestalt II, C. Keith Connors for Parents, Draw-a-Person Test and Family Experience Inventory under the supervision of Dr. Jomaira Ross.

Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital**August 2017 to May 2018**

Hospital de Psiquiatría Dr. Ramón Fernández Marina

San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Strengthened long-term individual psychotherapy, brief interventions, crisis management, group psychotherapy abilities by working with patients in an acute mental health ward under the supervision of Dr. Yocida Rivera
- Conducted weekly group interventions to improve patients' social skills and assessed suicide and homicidal risk on a bi-weekly basis.

Community Mental Health**January 2017 to May 2017**

Centro Médico de Salinas

Salinas, Puerto Rico

- Carried out individual psychotherapy sessions based on a cognitive behavioral framework under the supervision of Dr. Yaritza Lopez
- Worked with children & adolescents, adults, and geriatric patients

Community Mental Health**August 2016 to December 2017**

Centro de Servicios Psicológicos at Ponce Health Sciences University

Ponce, Puerto Rico

- Applied individual psychotherapy to patients, based on a cognitive behavioral framework under the supervision of Dr. Mairim Vega.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Universidad Diego Portales**June 2019 – September 2019**

Cognitive and Social Sciences Laboratory (LANCyS)

Santiago, Chile

Social Isolation and Acquired Brain Damage: The Modulating Role of Executive Functioning and Belonging to a Peer Group

- Administered neuropsychological tests to measure various executive brain functions, and administered questionnaires to measure mood disorder symptomatology, social isolation, family relations, and work experience after brain injury. Helped in adding information to the project's data base.
- Completed a database for a literature revision article on Mark Solms' theoretical evolution with Dr. Christian Salas and Dr. Oliver Turnbull.
- Edited chapters for the book *Clinical Studies in Neuropsychanalysis II*.
- Transcribed two interviews with George Prigatano for an article publication.
- Transcribed an initial interview with a patient that suffered a brain injury for an article publication on identity changes after brain injury.

Ponce Health Sciences University (PHSU)**February 2019 – May 2019**

Ponce, Puerto Rico

Quantitative Study of the Use of Psychopharmacological Treatments vs. The Use of Medicinal Cannabis in Adults who suffer Anxiety Disorders in Puerto Rico

- Administered Stroop Test to patients diagnosed with anxiety disorders who were either using medicinal cannabis and psychopharmacological treatments.

Universidad de Puerto Rico – Medical Sciences Campus**June 2015 – August 2015**

Centro de Estudios Materno Infantil (CEMI)

San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Interviewed HIV positive women for a research investigation on medication adherence in the Caribbean.

Assumption College

January 2015 – May 2015
Worcester, MA

The Relationship Between Smartphone Dependency, Loneliness and Social Anxiety

- Administered participants with the UCLA loneliness scale (version 3), Leary Social Interaction Anxiousness Scale, Compulsive Internet Scale (CIUS), and a scale the researchers created to measure cellphone frequency use. Was in charge of collecting data and interpreting it through SPSS.

PUBLICATIONS

1. *Salas, C. E., & Palmer-Cancel, S. J. (2019). Neuropsychanalysis 20 years later: An interview with Oliver Turnbull. Neuropsychanalysis, 21(1), 39–45. doi: 10.1080/15294145.2019.1631039*

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Prison groups in the penal institutions of Puerto Rico ¿Do you know their rules?
Ponce Health Sciences University

September 2018
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Emotion Management Workshop After Hurricane Maria
Ponce Health Sciences University

October 2017
Ponce, Puerto Rico

Criminal Minds Debate: Genetic Predisposition or Socially Determined
Ponce Health Sciences University

May 2016
Ponce, Puerto Rico

TEACHER ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Assessment
Class for the Clinical Psychology Program, PsyD
Ponce Health Sciences University
Assistant to Dra. Norka Polanco

February 2017– December 2017

Psychology of Personality
Class for the Master's Degree in School Psychology
Ponce Health Sciences University
Assistant to Dra. Viviana Hoyos

August 2017 - September 2017

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Project Manager
Yates-Bird

May 2018 to January 2019
San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Reviewed if subcontractors were following the federal restructuring program Tu Hogar Renace guidelines.
- Worked with upper management on how to optimize a computer program called SURE.

Disaster Survivor Assistance Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

November 2017 to February 2018
San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Registered survivors of Hurricane Maria to receive funds for damages sustained during the catastrophe.
- Coordinated health services for survivors.
- Assisted crew leaders in writing reports that explained the problems survivors were having in their local communities.

Case Worker**June 2016 to September 2016**Administration of Mental Health and Addiction Services (ASSMCA)
Project Alcance y Apoyo Comunitario (Personas Sin Hogar)

San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Assisted homeless people by acquiring their basic needs such as health insurance through Medicare and Medicaid, soliciting low income apartments, and making referrals to mental health services, drug addiction services and federal nutritional benefits (PAN).

Assistant Probation Officer**February 2014- May 2014**

Worcester Superior Court Division

Worcester, MA

- Assisted a Probation Officer by interviewing criminal offenders to verify if they were in compliance with their probation conditions.
- Administered questionnaires for incoming offenders and assessed level of severity for their cases.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Fundación Luis Salazar Géigel**September 2019 – Present**

San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Participate in monthly support groups with patients and family members affected by acquired brain injuries and make house visits with a multidisciplinary team to assist patients that do not have the resources to continue rehabilitation services.

Universidad de Puerto Rico – Medical Sciences Campus**June 2015 – August 2015**

Centro de Estudios Materno Infantil (CEMI)

San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Took patients vital signs and organized patient records manually and electronically.
- Involved in organizing educational pregnancy workshops for HIV positive pregnant women.
- Organized an educational workshop for high risk sex workers.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- President of the Forensic Psychology Interest Group from August 2018 to Present, Vice President from August 2017 to August 2018, Representative from August 2016 to August 2018
- Vice-president of my graduating class at Ponce Health Sciences University from 2016 to Present.
- Completed training workshop *A Practical Introduction to Neuropsychanalysis: Clinical Implications*.
- Completed training workshop for the *Hare Psychopathy Checklist Test (PCL-R & PCL:SV)*.
- Recruited to play NCAA Div. 2 Collegiate Baseball for the *Assumption College Greyhounds*.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Neuropsychanalysis Association**November 2017 to present**

- International network that supports a dialogue between the neurosciences and psychoanalysis.

Hispanic Neuropsychological Society**September 2018 to present**

- Is a group of clinical and research neuropsychologists interested in promoting the competent practice of neuropsychology with Spanish-speaking populations.

SKILLS

- Fully bilingual in Spanish and English.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point, Excel, Outlook), SPSS, Internet and Apple Macintosh.