Danielle Calas, Psy.D.

EDUCATION & LICENSURE	
Licensed Psychologist 3862-57	2020
Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, Forensic Concentration APA Accredited The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL	2019
Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Argosy University, San Diego, CA	2012
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Criminal Justice University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	2010

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Owner and Independent Contractor

Superior Psychological Services, LLC, 2023-Present

- Facilitate trauma informed psychological evaluations for veterans requesting health care benefits
- Conduct a thorough review of military service records when formulating an opinion regarding the likelihood that a disorder is service connected
- Assess for potential increase in symptom severity for service-connected veterans
- Deliver diligent time sensitive services

Licensed Psychologist

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Madison, WI, 2021-Present

- Perform inpatient competency evaluations, expert testimony, and placement recommendations for patients opined not restorable
- Effectively collaborate with county stakeholders and treatment team regarding aftercare planning
- Administer neuropsychological, forensic, and other psychological assessments for the purposes of diagnostic clarification and aftercare planning
- Facilitate individual and group competency restoration services tailored to patients with acute psychiatric symptoms

Licensed Psychologist

Waupun Correctional Institution, Waupun, WI, 2019-2021

- Administered and interpreted psychological tests for diagnostic clarification and treatment
- Administered and interpreted malingering measures such as the TOMM, SIRS-2, M-FAST, and VIP
- Delivered individual therapy to male inmates housed in a maximum-security institution
- Provided 24-hour crisis care as the on-call clinician, including the placement of inmates on suicide precautions or restraint placement when displaying self-injurious/suicidal behaviors
- Facilitated group therapy for high management inmates housed in the Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU)

Psychodiagnostician

Gardner Psychological Associates, Chicago, IL, 2015-2016

- Scored various diagnostic tests such as MMPI-2, MCMI-III, ABAS, WAIS-IV, WRAT-4 for children and adults of child custody and Department of Child and Family Services cases
- Aided in writing and editing psychological evaluations
- Conducted legal research for custody reports, rebuttal depositions, and expert witness testimony

CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Intern- APA Accredited Internship

Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Oshkosh Correctional Institution; Waupun Correctional Institution; Wisconsin Resource Center; Sex Offender Risk Assessment (SORA), 2018-2019

- Completed assessment and therapy rotations with incarcerated male inmates ages 20-75 in medium and maximum-security institutions and Behavioral Health Units
- Skilled in integrating various psychological tests including malingering, neurocognitive, intellectual, and personality measures
- Successfully completed Sex Offender Risk Assessment (SORA) rotation and gained direct experience with the Static-99, Stable-2007, and SAPROF
- Conducted eligibility screenings for minimum security transfers
- Provided feedback to inmates regarding diagnostic test results, DSM-5 diagnoses, prognoses, and recommendations

Doctoral Therapy Extern

Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, IN, 2018-2019

- Tailored a long-term behavioral monitoring plan for an inmate deemed mentally incompetent for execution
- Provided existential and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for inmates housed on death row
- Conducted psychological assessments for housing changes, security step-down, and parole eligibility
- Delivered individual therapy for inmates who are housed in general population and in special housing units. Clients' ages range from 18-60 from diverse backgrounds
- Co-facilitated group therapy for special populations diagnosed with severe mental illnesses such as psychotic, mood, personality disorders, behavioral disturbances, and substance abuse issues

Doctoral Diagnostic Extern

Neuropsychiatric Center of Chicago, Hartgrove Behavioral Health Hospital, Joint Commission Approved, Chicago, IL, 2016-2017

- Conducted clinical interviews and neuropsychological tests such as the Grooved Pegborad, Mini Mental State Examination, Texas Functional Living Scale, NEPSY, RBANS, Stroop Task, Wisconsin Card Sort, Tower of London Test, TOMM, Trails A & B, TOVA, WAIS-IV, WISC-V, and WMS
- Communicated effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team to develop treatment for patients who suffer from TBI, seizures, and other neuropsychological illnesses
- Co-facilitated group CBT and process groups with adults and pre-adolescents with serious mental illness

Doctoral Diagnostic Extern

River Valley Juvenile Detention Center, Joliet, IL, 2014-2015

- Conducted court-ordered psychological assessments of juveniles aged 12-18 charged with committing offenses and awaiting sentencing for diagnostic clarification and to provide recommendations to the presiding judge
- Administered intellectual, projective, personality, neuropsychological and other psychodiagnostic tests including the PAI-A, WIATT-III, Rorschach, RISB, and Conners
- Provided feedback to families regarding diagnostic test results, DSM-5 diagnoses, prognoses, and recommendations
- Interacted effectively with multiple departments to meet important legal deadlines

Master Level Intern

California Department of Adult Corrections and Parole, San Diego, CA, 2012-2013

- Aided in societal assimilation via social and psychological counseling with gang affiliated male parolees ages 21-50 from various backgrounds
- Conducted critical analysis of potential recidivism based on parolee's psychological risk factors and behavior
- Collaborated with Parole Board to determine if parolees are eligible for discharge
- Trained to perform and document searches, home visits, and drug testing
- Conducted audits of case notes and helped introduce new state documentation guidelines to parole officers

Bachelors Special Victims Unit Intern

Pima County Attorney's Office, Special Victims Unit, Tucson, AZ, 2007-2008

- Helped to prepare witnesses for trial and handled and processed confidential case files efficiently
- Consulted with child and adolescent Latina victims of pedophilia, child abuse, and homicide investigations
- Ensured police statements contained all mandatory information necessary for indictment
- Utilized excellent communication abilities with various departments to obtain urgent and confidential information

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Student Volunteer

Save Our School Children (SOS), The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL, 2013-2014

- Co-facilitated weekly psychosocial group therapy designed to address anger management and volitional training with African American adolescents
- Promoted self-discovery of interpersonal strengths and weaknesses that would help adolescents understand risk factors
- Conducted youth intakes to assess mental status, psycho-legal issues, and social problems in a school setting
- Practiced intervention strategies to deter violence and reduce recidivism

Victim and Witness Advocate Volunteer

Pima County Attorney's Office, Special Victims Unit, Tucson, AZ, 2009

- Trained to provide support to male and female victims from diverse backgrounds ages 5-60
- Practiced proper methods of crisis intervention for: Delivery of death notifications, Domestic Abuse, Child Protection, Homicide/Suicide, Survivors of Car Accidents, and Victims of Rape
- Interacted optimally with partners in stressful and emotional situations

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator- Clinical Research Project (CRP), 2016-2019

The Effects of Terror Management Theory (TMT) on Potential Juror Sentence Severity

• Research will examine the mitigating effects of inoculation theory on potential jurors' sentence severity after mortality is made salient

Student Coder- Client Centered Clinical Practice Organization, 2016

Dr. Margaret Warner, Principal Investigator

- Worked within a group to transcribe and code client-centered therapy sessions with "Luke," a client diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Interrater reliability was assessed to determine the quality of qualitative coding with a single case study design

Research Assistant, 2014

Probation Department of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, Wheaton, IL

Dr. John Murray, Principal Investigator

- Collected data from Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity and Fitness to Stand Trial cases from 2004 -2014
- Kept records of all analyzed data, input data, record procedures, and results
- Conducted data analysis on the rate at which judges agree with psychologists' expert diagnostic opinions

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teacher's Assistant for Integrated Forensic Assessment, 2017

Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Clinical Psychology Department, Chicago, IL

- Provided remedial testing and writing services for forensic assessments and report writing
- Facilitate class on forensic assessment with juvenile offenders

Teacher's Assistant for Personality Assessment, 2015

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Clinical Forensic Psychology Department, Chicago, IL

- Created and cofacilitated lab to educate students on the administration, scoring, and theories of assessments
- Provided constructive feedback on appropriate writing of forensic reports and aided in the grading of various coursework
- Facilitated a class on the administration, scoring and interpretation of the Personality Assessment Inventory

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Founder and President, 2016-2018

The Forensic Forum, ISPP at Argosy University, Chicago IL

- Founded and president of a student run organization focused on social activism and community involvement of future psychologists
- Organized campus wide activities including clothing drives for mental health patients, school supply drive for Chicago Public Schools, Bingo night at Ronald McDonald House, and various campus social events
- Supervise Forum officer positions in Treasury, Community Liaison, Social Justice, Social Coordinator, and Youth and Family Liaison

Student Representative, 2016-2018

American Psychology-Law Society, (Division 41) APA

- Disseminated information to student body about opportunities and programs organized by AP-LS
- Helped facilitate AP-LS expansion through student recruitment, information dissemination and membership solidarity

Mentor for the Forensic Concentration, 2015-2018 Mentorship Program at Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University

- Provided guidance and support for newly admitted students to the ISPP graduate program who are interested in forensic work
- Assisted incoming students with time management skills and establishing professional relationships

Student Member, 2013-2015

Forensic Ambassadors Club, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL

- Served as liaison between students and faculty advocating for student issues
- Participated in outreach volunteer events within the community

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The Effects of Terror Management Theory on Potential Jurors' Sentence Severity Wisconsin Department of Corrections, 2018

Ethical Dilemmas for the Forensic Psychologist: Solitary Confinement Torture Racial Injustice and Human Rights in the US Prison System, 2017

The Effects of Terror Management Theory on Potential Jurors' Sentence Severity, Argosy University Student Research Fair, 2016

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS ATTENDED

Considerations in Forensic Psychology, 2023

Third Annual Special Topics in Competency Evaluations Seminar, 2019

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Ethics and Boundaries: Legal and Professional Standards in Mental Health, 2018

Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Detection of Malingering: Theory, 2018

Coughlin Center, Stable 2007 Training, 2018

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Test of Measuring Malingering Training, 2018

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Comprehensive Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Training, 2018

Mendota Mental Health Institute, Competency Evaluation Didactic, 2018

Department of Child and Family Services, Mandated Reporter On-line Training, 2016

On-line Training Course for Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, 2016

The Institute of Professional and Continuing Studies, Introduction and Exploration of the WISC-V

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act for Higher Education, 2015

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Providing Culturally Competent Trauma Informed Care to African American Children and Their Families, 2014

Completion of PREA: Your Role Responding to Sexual Abuse, National Institute of Corrections, 2014

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Understanding the DSM-V Conference, 2013

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Psychological Impacts of Solitary Confinement, 2013

HONORS & AWARDS

Certificate of Appreciation, Student Government Association, Argosy University, 2017

American Psychology-Law Society, (Division 41) Representative of the Semester, 2017

American Psychology-Law Society, (Division 41) Representative of the Semester, 2017

Argosy University, Chicago Student Research Fair-Winner, 2016

Scholarship Award for Community Involvement, The Chicago School, 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Psychology of Women (Division 35), Professional Affiliate, 2017-2020

American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41), Student Member, 2016-2019

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, 2014-2019

Forensic Ambassadors Club, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, 2014-2015