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Curriculum Vitae:

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **Clinical Psychology.** September 2015. Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA. (APA Accredited). Dissertation: *The Influence of Group Socialization on Authoritarianism and Social Dominance Orientation in Law Enforcement Culture.*

MSCP **Master of Science in Clinical Psychopharmacology.** February 2024. Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ.

J.D. **Law.** November, 2005. William Howard Taft University School of Law, Santa Ana, CA. Admitted to the California Bar, June 2007.

M.A. **Psychology.** May 2001. California State University, Sacramento, CA | Emphasis: Doctoral Preparation Track.

B.A. **Psychology.** May 1996. California State University, Sacramento, CA | *Graduated cum laude.*

EMPLOYMENT

California Northstate University
Grove, CA

August 2018 – Present Elk
Supervisor: Bret McLaughlin, PsyD

Position: Associate Professor | College of Psychology

Core faculty appointment in the University (Psy.D.) program in Clinical Psychology. Courses taught include Personality Assessment, Psychometrics, Adult Psychopathology, and Psychopharmacology. Collateral responsibilities include serving as an academic adviser to students in the Clinical Psychology doctoral program, supervising student dissertations, serving on various committees, and providing research consultations to medical students involved in research studies in the College of Medicine. Committee assignments include Curriculum Committee, Safety & Security Committee, and Professional & Academic Standards Committee.

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Lake's Crossing Center, Sparks, NV

January 2025 – Present
Supervisor: Ronna Dillinger, Ph.D.

Position: Licensed Psychologist – Contracted through Reliable Health Services

Lake's Crossing Center is a maximum security forensic psychiatric hospital designed for the

treatment of mentally disordered offenders. Currently assigned as a forensic psychological evaluator, conducting competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, violence risk assessments, and mental health evaluations for the Nevada Courts.

Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences
Richmond, CA

July 2024 – Present
Supervisor: Anthony Dragonetti, PhD

Position: Adjunct Professor

Appointed as adjunct faculty in the Master of Science in Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy program at Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences. In this role, I teach a combined graduate-level course in Neuroscience and Psychopharmacology designed to prepare students for licensure as Marriage and Family Therapists in California. My responsibilities include delivering integrative instruction that links neurobiological foundations of behavior with clinical applications in mental health care, using a blend of didactic lectures, case-based learning, and in-class assessments. I work closely with the program director and clinical faculty to refine course content, align learning objectives with licensure standards, and implement effective assessment strategies that support student success.

Carson Valley Psychological Services, LLC
Carson City, NV

July 2020 – Present

Position: Clinical Forensic Psychologist

Private practice specializing in forensic and neuropsychological assessment, consultation, and expert witness services. The practice includes a robust focus on psychological injuries and psychiatric conditions arising in both civil and criminal litigation. Retained in matters involving emotional distress, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), malingering, adjustment disorders, and the psychological sequelae of workplace incidents, medical negligence, and personal injury.

Expertise includes evaluations related to competency to stand trial, mental state at the time of offense (MSO), risk assessment, and psychological damages in toxic tort and civil rights cases. Also provides services within the police and public safety domain, including fitness-for-duty evaluations and pre-employment psychological screenings. Offers therapeutic interventions targeting acute stress responses, trauma, complex PTSD, and forensic-related clinical syndromes.

University of Nevada, Reno
Reno, NV

April 2020 – Present

Position: Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychology | Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Volunteer community faculty appointment teaching in the Advanced Forensic Psychiatry Series, focusing on applied forensic psychiatric topics including violence risk assessment, and related topics in forensic psychiatry.

Alliant International University
Sacramento, CA

June 2019 – July 2021
Supervisor: Tatiana Glebova, PhD

Position: Adjunct Professor

Appointment as an adjunct faculty member teaching in the MFT-Psy.D. program. Courses taught include Psychopharmacology, Personality Theory, and Advanced Research Methods & Statistics.

UMass Global
Formerly Brandman University | Chapman University System
Irvine, CA

November 2001 – Present

Position: Adjunct Professor

Longstanding faculty member teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology. Responsibilities include developing syllabi and lectures, facilitating weekly instruction, grading written work, and providing individualized feedback. Regularly teach courses in statistics, research design, human development, abnormal psychology, biological psychology, and history and systems. Also mentor students on research, graduate training, and career planning in psychology. Experienced in online instruction and academic evaluation through Blackboard.

Nevada Department of Health and Human Services
Lake's Crossing Center, Sparks, NV

July 2019 – August 2021
Supervisor: Elizabeth Neighbors, PhD

Position: Licensed Psychologist I

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University of California, Davis
Davis, CA

April 2019 – June 2019
Supervisor: Simona Ghetti, PhD

Position: Lecturer | Department of Psychology

Appointment as a faculty lecturer in the psychology undergraduate program, teaching Introduction to Clinical Psychology.

Well Path
Monterey, CA

August 2018 – July 2019
Supervisor: Christina Nevarez, RN

Position: Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Assigned to the El Dorado County Jail as a contractor staff psychologist. Responsibilities include the diagnosis and treatment of inmate-patients who have been referred for follow-up at intake.

Perform suicide risk assessment and self-harm evaluations of inmate-patients who are presenting as a danger to self, others, or are gravely disabled. Provide brief psychotherapy interventions using CBT/DBT and psychoeducation, primarily targeting, anxiety, PTSD, depression, insomnia and co-morbid substance use disorders. Collaborate with an interdisciplinary treatment team of nursing, psychiatry and custody staff in the overall treatment of inmate-patients who are suffering from mental illness and co-morbid conditions.

**California Department of Corrections
and Rehabilitation**
Represa, CA

November 2015 – July 2018
Supervisor: Ajani Jackson, MD

Position: Senior Psychologist | Supervisor

Served as Clinical Director for the licensed inpatient Mental Health Crisis Bed (MHCB) unit, overseeing the delivery of acute psychiatric care within a correctional setting. Supervised a multidisciplinary team of clinical psychologists and social workers assigned to the crisis unit. Led weekly interdisciplinary meetings with psychiatry, nursing, custody, and clinical staff to coordinate care and ensure treatment continuity. Audited clinical documentation and provided training and performance feedback to support regulatory compliance. Authored weekly and monthly reports as required. Previously served on the Crisis Triage Unit, evaluating inmate-patients in acute psychological crisis, determining level-of-care placement, and conducting suicide risk and self-harm assessments. Collaborated with interdisciplinary teams in Correctional Treatment Centers, facilitated returns from the Department of State Hospitals, and completed intake evaluations for inmates transferred from other CDCR institutions.

Sacramento Police Department
Field Services Division
Sacramento, CA

April 1995 – November 2015
Supervisor: Sergeant Darrald Bryan

Position: Police Officer | Mobile Crisis Response Team (Mental Health Team)

Responsibilities: Assigned to the Field Services Division (Mental Health Team). Primary responsibilities include responding to dynamic psychiatric emergency related calls involving individuals who are experiencing an acute mental health emergency. Perform field assessments and conduct follow-up and case management on chronic mental health related cases in the community. Collaborate with allied mental health professionals in long term problem solving. Collateral assignment to the academy as an instructor in the law of search and seizure. Previous assignments have included work as an acting sergeant supervising a field patrol team, Field Training Officer (FTO) and as a neighborhood police officer assigned to a large community-based hospital campus providing general law enforcement investigative services within the hospital clinics and emergency department.

Lodi Police Department
Lodi, CA

March 1988 – February 1995
Supervisor: Sgt. Hunziker

Position: Police Officer | Patrol Division

Responsibilities: Assigned to the patrol division as a field patrol officer. Primary duties included responding to calls for service, investigation of criminal activity, and taking enforcement action when indicated. Prepared written reports, testified in court when required. Collaterally assigned (1992-1995) to the major accident investigation team, a specialized group of officers who had advanced training in vehicle collision investigations.

Arden Psychological Services
Police & Forensic Clinical Services
Sacramento, CA

March 2015 – September 2015
Supervisor: John A. Foster, PhD

Position: Pre-Doctoral Intern / Registered Psychological Assistant – PSB 37500

Responsibilities: Underwent comprehensive training in a variety of forensic evaluations, including court ordered mental competency, fitness for duty, workers compensation, child custody, and disability evaluations. Psychotherapy interventions include working with police & public safety clients through various law enforcement and other public entity EAP contracts. Perform private psychological evaluations and psychotherapy interventions. Developed expertise in trauma informed psychotherapy utilizing Cognitive Processing (CPT) modalities across a diverse population, including first responders and individuals impacted by serious traumatic events.

Psychwest Clinical & Forensic Psychology
Clinical & Forensic Psychological Services
Yuba City, CA

August 2014 – January 2015
Supervisor: Craig West, Psy.D.

Position: Pre-Doctoral Intern – CAPIC Internship Placement

Responsibilities: Underwent comprehensive training in a broad array of forensic evaluations, including court ordered mental competency, mentally disordered offender (MDO), fitness for duty, workers compensation, child custody, and disability evaluations. Received training in psychotherapeutic interventions with a primary focus that utilize CBT approaches with a diverse outpatient client population.

LEADERSHIP/ COMMUNITY SERVICE

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)
Sacramento Chapter

July 2021 – May 2022

Role: Board of Directors

Volunteer role on the Board of Directors for the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Responsibilities include monthly board meeting attendance, policy review, budgeting, community outreach, providing consultation to leadership on clinical issues related to the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.

Volunteer Center of Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

June 2012 – May 2013

Role: Director / Board of Directors

Volunteer position in a non-profit organization that facilitated the placement of community service volunteers through the alternative sentencing program in Sacramento County. Provided legal guidance and advice on a number of regulatory and contractual issues affecting the organization. Assisted in the corporate dissolution process following the closing of this non-profit organization.

Mental Health Association of Sacramento
Affiliate of the National Mental Health Association
Sacramento, CA

May 2001 – Sept. 2004

Role: Director / Board of Directors

Volunteer position with responsibilities that included monthly board meeting attendance, policy review, budgeting and attending community fundraising events and training. Acted as liaison and consultant on mental health issues that affected the role of law enforcement professionals in working with consumers of mental health services in Sacramento County.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA)

Member

American Bar Association (ABA)

Member

American College of Forensic Psychology (ACFP)

Member

Society for Police and Criminal Psychology (SPCP)

Member

National Register of Health Service Psychologists

Credentialed Member | Registration # 77154

National Academy of Neuropsychology

Member

Nevada Psychological Association

Member

AWARDS

Society for Police and Criminal Psychology, Austin, Texas – September 2016 Eileen Gupton Award for Best Professional Research Presentation

Sacramento Police Department – 2012

Lifesaving Award

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Psychologist

Board of Psychology, State of California | PSY29037

2017 – Present

Psychologist

Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners | PY0899
PSYPACT Certified | Mobility License # 6822

2019 – Present

Psychologist

New Mexico Psychologist Examiners Board | 2025-0020

2025 – Present

Attorney

State Bar of California | SBN 249313

2007 – Present

Broker

Department of Real Estate, California | DRE 0132407

2005 – Present

PUBLICATIONS

Hill, T., Weber, T., Roberts, M., Garzon, H., Fraga, A., Wetterer, C., & Puglisi, J. (2021). Retrospective cross-sectional analysis of demographic disparities in outcomes of CPR performed by EMS providers in the United States. *JRSM Cardiovascular Disease, 10*, 1-12.

Wetterer, C., & Jacquin, K. (2019). The influence of group socialization on authoritarianism and social dominance orientation in law enforcement culture. *American Journal of Forensic Psychology, 37*, 41-64.

Shackleford, K., Green, M., Sharrer, E., Wetterer, C., & Shackleford, L. (2015). Setting the stage for social change: Using live theatre to dispel myths about intimate partner violence. *Journal of Health Communication, 20*, 969-976.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & POSTER SESSIONS

Wetterer, C. (2026). From technical interruption to clinical innovation: Rethinking suicide prevention in the AI era. Invited continuing education presentation (AMA/APA accredited), California Northstate University, Elk Grove, CA.

Wetterer, C. (2024). Breaking the Silence: Unveiling Suicide in 2024; Trends, neurobiology, and cutting-edge treatments. Professional continuing education (AMA/APA) presentation given at California Northstate University, Elk Grove, CA.

Wetterer, C. (2023). Risk Assessment of Justice Involved Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Navigating the Complexities and Co-morbidities that intersect the analysis of risk. Professional presentation at the American College of Forensic Psychology 38th Annual Symposium, San Diego, CA.

Wetterer, C. (2022). Assessing the risk of violence: the mental health clinician's role in identifying risk, and evidence-based risk reduction strategies. Continuing education series presentation given at California Northstate University, Elk Grove, CA.

Wetterer, C. (2022). Suicide Risk Assessment in Forensic Psychiatric and Correctional Settings: Strategies for Improving Clinical Decision Making. Professional presentation at the American College of Forensic Psychology 37th Annual Symposium.

Wetterer, C. (2022). Suicide in the COVID era: A look at the latest Trend Data and a discussion of strategies aimed at prevention and risk reduction. Continuing education series presentation given at California Northstate University, Elk Grove, CA.

Lugtu, J., Ferrrotti, A., Wetterer, C., Puglisi, J., & Malhotra, A. (2019). Identifying risk factors for patterns of abuse through retrospective characterization of prescription and illegal drug abuse in America during 2017. Poster presented at the American Health Systems Pharmacists Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Wetterer, C. (2019). Suicide Risk in Health Professions. Faculty development Series professional

presentation given at California Northstate University, College of Medicine, Elk Grove, CA.

Wetterer, C. (2017-2020). Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Provided training to incumbent police officers focusing on major mental illness and its impact in crisis situations. Sacramento Police Department, In-Service Training, Sacramento, CA.

Hill, T., Weber, T., Fraga, A., Wetterer, C., & Puglisi, J. (2018). A retrospective analysis of bias in the initiation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation in the prehospital setting. Poster presented at California Northstate University College of Medicine Annual Research Symposium, Elk Grove, CA.

Wetterer, C. & Kroenlein, M. (2017). Suicide Risk and Self-Harm Assessments in Correctional Settings: Strategies for Differentiating Legitimate Distress or Suicidal Intent from Behavior Driven by Secondary Gain. Professional presentation at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology Conference, San Diego, CA.

Wetterer, C. & Jacquin, K. (2016). The influence of group socialization on authoritarianism and social dominance orientation in law enforcement culture. Poster presented at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology Conference, Austin, Texas.

Wetterer, C., & Bohon, L. (2001). Hypermasculinity and sexual harassment in law enforcement culture. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, California

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Peer reviewer for *The Permanente Journal*, an independent, diamond open access medical journal, providing a forum for thought leadership, scholarship, and discovery. The scope of review involves submitted papers that include behavioral medicine topics (2021 – Present).

EXPERT WITNESS CASE CONSULTATIONS

December 2025. *Ontiveros v. LVMPD*. Eighth Judicial District Court, Clark County, Nevada, Case No. A25-919380-C. Retained to opine on police practices, training, and policies, including the application of First Amendment protections in police–citizen encounters and the reasonableness of the conduct at issue under accepted law enforcement standards. (matter pending; Plaintiff)

May 2025. *Sadora v. Moreggi et al.* United States District Court, District of Nevada, Case No. 2:24-cv-1240. Retained by plaintiff’s counsel to provide forensic psychological consultation and expert opinion regarding the educational and psychological impact of institutional conduct on a graduate student with diagnosed disability. Evaluation conducted in anticipation of federal litigation involving ADA-related claims. (Plaintiff).

April 2025. *Leblanc v. Suarez, et al.* Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, Orange County, FL, Case No. 2024-CA-011252-O. Professional/Medical Negligence. Provided consultation services to defense counsel on standard of care issues for healthcare professionals (Defense).

November 2024. *Knox v. D Winne Hotel, LLC et al.* Second Judicial District Court, County of Washoe, State of Nevada, Case No. CV23-01418. Provided psychological evaluation in anticipation of testimony in a civil case involving emotional damages claim against a hotel entity. (Plaintiff).

August 2024. *Giles v. Giles*. Fifth Judicial District Court, County of Lea, State of New Mexico, Case No. D-506-CV-2024-0078. Provided psychological evaluation in anticipation of testimony in an Intentional infliction of emotional distress (and other legal theories) case. (Plaintiff).

July 2024. *Lopez, v. SMI-ABQ Assets, LLC, et al.* Second Judicial District Court, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico, Case No. D-202-CV-2022-05267. Prepared report in anticipation of psychological testimony in an intentional infliction of emotional distress case involving multiple plaintiffs and defendants, including SMI-ABQ Assets, LLC, Napoleon Darnell Smith, and FPG New Mexico, Inc. d/b/a Riverside Funeral Home. (Plaintiff).

July 2023. *Patterson Vs. City of Las Vegas*. United States District Court, District of Nevada, Case No. 2:23-cv-00539-RFB-DJA. Retained to opine on psychological factors impacting police culture and police tactics. Case remaining pending; provided deposition testimony in October 2023. (Plaintiff).

April 2023. *People Vs. Salvador Vasquez-Olivia*. Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 17FE005491. Testified on impact of PTSD on brain function at jury trial. Death penalty case. (Defense).