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FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST

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FORMALE EDUCATION

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD)

Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32901

Internship in Professional Psychology

Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Clemson University
Redfern Health Center
Clemson, SC 29631

Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)

Dec 2005
(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32901

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (BA)

May 2003
Minor in Sociology

Concord College
Athens, WV 24712

LICENSURE

Florida	PY 11095
North Carolina	LP 3997
Virginia	0810006171
South Carolina	127
Alabama	1503

Active
Active
Active
Temporary (10/2021-10/2022)
Inactive (Due to military PCS)

PSYPACT

Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate	Mobility #17348
Temporary Authorization to Practice	
Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology	

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CLINICAL AND FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical and Forensic Psychology

New Bern, NC

Amy D. James, PsyD PLLC

June 2013 - Present

Forensic psychological evaluations in criminal, civil, and dependency matters (i.e., sentencing, intellectual disability, mental state at the time of the offense, capacity to proceed, fifth and sixth amendment waiver, risk assessment, school threat assessment and management, child custody, child abuse and neglect, parental fitness and child protection, adult capacity/guardianship, personal injury, and general psychological evaluations in the course of legal action). Conduct child forensic interviews, comprehensive child and/or family evaluations in cases of alleged abuse and neglect in dependency and child custody matters. Conduct security clearance, fitness for duty, and various disability evaluations.

Attorney case consultation, review of expert work product, review of child forensic interviews, review and analysis of assessments in cases of alleged child abuse and neglect, assist with examination and cross examination of mental health expert witnesses, and provide subject matter expert testimony. Court testimony includes Federal Court, District, and Superior Court in North Carolina, in Circuit Court in Florida, Circuit Court in Virginia, District Felony Court in Montana, and United States Court Martial.

Forensic training and consultation to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals. Primary topics include child abuse, child forensic interviewing, assessing allegations of child abuse and neglect, juvenile brain development and behavior, trauma across the lifespan, school threat assessment and management, and general clinical and forensic psychology topics. Train post-doctoral residents, pre-doctoral and undergraduate interns, and provide case consultation to clinical and forensic professionals. Trained and previously rostered as a Child and Family Evaluation Program provider.

Previously maintained a full caseload of therapeutic and assessment services for adults and children with specialization in childhood trauma, childhood behavior disorders, parenting education, PTSD, military PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, anxiety, depression, and ADHD.

Applied Forensic Strategies, LLC (owner/operator)

New Bern, NC / Nationally

September 2018 - January 2021

Provided forensic training and consultation to government entities, law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies, attorneys, judges, school personnel, and mental health professionals. Provided NC Bar Association approved CLE. In January 2021, this business offering moved under the private practice.

National Criminal Justice Training Center

Appleton, WI / Nationally

April 2018 - May 2022

Provided customized continuing education workshops in the area of school threat assessment and management. Provided these trainings nationally. Resigned due to private practice work load.

Owner and Chief Executive Officer/Clinical and Forensic Psychological Service Provider Carolina Behavioral Health Innovations, PLLC

New Bern, NC

August 2011 - June 2013

Forensic psychological evaluations in criminal, civil, and dependency matters (i.e., sentencing, intellectual disability, mental state at the time of the offense, capacity to proceed, fifth and sixth amendment waiver,

risk assessment, school threat assessment and management, child custody, child abuse and neglect, parental fitness and child protection, adult capacity/guardianship, personal injury, and general psychological evaluations in the course of legal action). Conduct child forensic interviews, comprehensive child and/or family evaluations in cases of alleged abuse and neglect in dependency and child custody matters. Conduct security clearance, fitness for duty, and various disability evaluations. Court testimony provided in District and Superior courts in North Carolina.

Clinical therapeutic and assessment services for adults and children with specialization in childhood trauma, childhood behavior disorders, parenting education, PTSD, military PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, anxiety, depression, and ADHD. Executed and organized daily operations of outpatient mental health services for a staff of five full-time clinicians.

***Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT)
Program Manager; Mental Health Element Chief/Deputy Flight
Commander; Traumatic Stress Response Team Chief***

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

August 2009 - August 2011

Supervised implementation and administration of the Air Force's 2nd busiest ADAPT program, serving an active duty population of over 4.5k while completing substance abuse evaluations and direct patient care, ranging from education to intensive outpatient. Supervised clinical and nonclinical treatment staff serving in the substance use program and the general mental health clinic. Forensic services included completion of commander-directed evaluations, fitness for duty determinations, sanity boards (military equivalent of competency to stand trial/capacity to proceed), and medical evaluation board examinations. Provided consultation to Family Advocacy Program, Security Forces, and Office of Special Investigations on matters regarding family violence, child forensic interviewing, language, child development, memory, suggestibility, and other topics.

Named "Critical Officer" by Installation Commander for excellence in leadership and directorship of the operations of the mental health clinic. Identified systemic problems with mental health clearance of recruits and Airmen which led to early separation due to mental illness or personality disorder/conduct problems. Pushed Wing/CC to pressure Air Force Medical Operation, as well as Surgeon General of the Air Force, to look deeper into the problems. Problem identification led to appointment as a critical member of the Airman's Task Force, a leadership organization developed by the 4th Fighter Wing, to enhance Airman quality of life and identify Command interest items and solution. Consulted on matters regarding child abuse and neglect.

Appointed by the Installation Commander as the expert on the psychological effects of trauma. Trained and led TSR team in providing intervention and services following traumatic events on base, in community, and during deployment. First responder to base suicides. TSR members included mental health team, airman and family readiness, and chaplains.

***Director of Psychological Health/Deputy Flight Commander;
Chief, Mental Health Clinic***

Keesler AFB, MS

September 2007 - August 2009

Directed 100% of outpatient mental health services while providing leadership for 25 providers and 18 support staff. Executed the behavioral health optimization program and developed productivity standards in family practice and internal medicine, resulting in a 35% increase in comprehensive behavioral health services to over 56k beneficiaries, saving \$325k per year in network referrals.

Selected as the sole consultant to the Wing Commander and Medical Group Commander for improving the psychological health of the Wing. Provided mental health education/prevention to base at large, statistics and data analysis of mental health trends affecting base, program development and management. Consulted on matters regarding child abuse and neglect. Secured 2009 “AETC Behavioral Health Flight of the Year” award.

Executed and provided direct oversight of the clinical operations of second largest mental health clinic in the USAF which serviced over 28k beneficiaries. Ensured compliance with HSI/JC/PS standards. Clinically supervised eight mental health providers to ensure state of the art mental health treatment and high return to duty rate. Consultant to medical group regarding high interest patients, joint clinical operations and behavioral health concerns. Provided command consultation and physician consultation. Provided individual, couples, and group therapy, as well as comprehensive psychological assessments. Effectively supervised and managed 15 mental health providers and 10 mental health technicians. Engaged in direct conflict resolution with patients, providers and staff, as well as commanders and civilian personnel. Developed productivity standards that ensured timely, efficient, and acute delivery of services.

POST-LICENSURE CONTINUING EDUCATION

<i>Ethics and Florida Law</i> 3 hours	Apr 2026
<i>Preventing Medical Errors In Your Mental Health Practice</i> 2 hours	Apr 2026
<i>AAFP: Non-Capital Sentencing and Mitigation Evaluations: Until Death Do Us Part</i> 7 hours	Mar 2026
<i>AAFP: Evaluations of Court Involved Youth</i> 7 hours	Mar 2026
<i>AAFP: Detection of Malingering - Thinking Outside the Box</i> 7 hours	Mar 2026
<i>AAFP: Assessment of Defendants’ Competency for Self-Representation</i> 3 hours	Jan 2026
<i>Introduction to Developmentally Appropriate Interviewing using the Revised NICHD Protocol</i> 15 hours	Nov 2025
<i>Trauma-Informed Forensic Mental Health Assessment</i> 3 hours	Aug 2025
<i>Ethics and Telemental Health</i> 3 hours	Jun 2025
<i>WAIS-5 Overview</i> 3 hours	May 2025

<i>Forensic Psychological Assessment in Custody Litigation</i> 20 hours	Nov 2024
<i>Allegations of Alienation or Child Sexual Abuse in Custody Evaluations</i> 10 hours	Aug 2024
<i>AAFP: Evaluating Risk in Child Pornography Offenders</i> 4 hours	Jun 2024
<i>Ethical Considerations for Health Professionals Working with Children and Families</i> 3 hours	May 2024
<i>Domestic Violence: Best Practices of Healthcare Professionals</i> 2 hours	May 2024
<i>Medical Error Prevention: A Guide for Mental Health Professionals</i> 2 hours	May 2024
<i>Advanced Ethical, Evidentiary, and Methodological Issues</i> 3 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Family Justice Reform: Values, Services, and Science in a Politicized Environment</i> 1.5 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Current Controversies in Understanding and Intervening with Parent-Child Contact Problems</i> 2 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Technology and Evidentiary Issues in Child Custody Cases</i> 1.5 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Social Science Research and Child Custody: Is Anything New Under the Sun?</i> 2 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Just Say No? Drugs, Alcohol, and Family Court</i> 2 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases</i> 2 hours	Sep 2023
<i>Effective Consultation and Testimony in Cases with Child Victims</i> 7 hours	Feb 2023
<i>Assessing Allegations of Trauma in Forensic Contexts</i> 7 hours	Feb 2023
<i>Criminal Responsibility Evaluations</i> 7 hours	Feb 2023

<i>Criminal Responsibility Evaluations - Case Study</i> 4 hours	Feb 2023
<i>AAFP: Evaluating Youth Facing Long Term Sentences in Adult Court</i> 4 hours	Jan 2023
<i>AAFP: Cultural Considerations in Forensic Psychology</i> 7 hours	Jan 2023
<i>Supervision of Licensees and Applicants in North Carolina</i> 3 hours	Nov 2022
<i>Preventing Medical Errors in Behavioral Health</i> 2 hours	May 2022
<i>AAFP: A New Way to Write Forensic Reports</i> 4 hours	Mar 2022
<i>Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice</i> 10 Hours	Mar 2022
<i>Association of Threat Assessment Professionals</i> 9.75 Hours	Feb 2022
<i>Not So Uncommon Topics in Sanity Evaluations</i> 4 hours	Apr 2021
<i>AAFP: Case Law - Criminal Responsibility</i> 3 hours	Apr 2021
<i>Trial Skills for Mental Health Professionals and Attorneys</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children: What to Do When the World Goes Haywire</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Playing Defense: Tips for Designing Custody Assessments to Withstand Attack</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Plenary - Betting on the Voice of the Child</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Encapsulated Delusion? How Do We Identify It and What Do We Do?</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020

<i>Resisting Simplicity to Understand Child Resistance: Alienation Meaning in the Field of Family Law</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>Thinking Differently About the Value of Collateral Information</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2020
<i>The Ethics of Self-Care: Where the Personal Is the Professional</i> 3 hours	Aug 2020
<i>Sustaining Ourselves In Challenging Times: Ethical and Risk Management Perspectives</i> 1 hour	Apr 2020
<i>Evaluating the Validity of Miranda Waivers and the Trustworthiness of Confessions</i> 7 hours	Jan 2020
<i>Clinical Neuropsychology for the Forensic Psychologist</i> 7 hours	Jan 2020
<i>Forensic Application of the Personality Assessment Inventory</i> 7 hours	Jan 2020
<i>Advanced Custody and Support Issues</i> 10 hours	Dec 2019
<i>Evaluations in High Stakes Sentencing: Capital, Atkins, Miller Cases</i> 20 hours	Aug 2019
<i>Multidirectional and Intergenerational Effects of Gatekeeping</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Preparing for a Daubert Challenge: Report Writing and Testimony</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>The New Uniform Nonparent Custody and Visitation Act: What Lawyers, Judges, and Custody Evaluators Need to Know</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Is Ignorance of Therapy a Due Process Violation? What Professionals Need to Know</i> 1.5 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Providing Effective Testimony in Litigated Child Custody Disputes</i> 6 hours	Nov 2018
<i>Managing Risk in Everyday Practice</i> 3 hours	Sep 2018

<i>Child Forensic Interviewers and Researchers Talk with Each other and With You</i>	Mar 2018
5.5 hours	
<i>Sources of Error in Children's Testimony</i>	Mar 2018
1.5 hours	
<i>Child Sexual Exploitation: An Insight into Perpetrator Behavior in Context</i>	Mar 2018
1.5 hours	
<i>Managing the Things We Can't Unsee: Key Strategies to Reduce the Impact</i>	Mar 2018
3 hours	
<i>Ethics in Forensic Psychology</i>	Jan 2018
4 hours	
<i>Child Murder by Parents</i>	Jan 2018
4 hours	
<i>Risk Assessment With Adolescents Who Have Sexually Offended</i>	Jan 2018
6.5 hours	
<i>Risk Assessment for Adult Sexual Offender Recidivism</i>	Sep 2017
6.5 hours	
<i>Bringing the Opiate Crisis Into Focus: Parenting Decisions in the Family Court</i>	May 2017
6 hours	
<i>Protecting Children Using Collaborative Family Law Practices</i>	May 2017
1.5 hours	
<i>Assessing Allegations of Interpersonal Violence in Custody Evaluations A Revised Forensic Model</i>	May 2017
1.5 hours	
<i>Introducing a Methodology to Assess Parenting and Guide Intervention</i>	May 2017
1.5 hours	
<i>NC Parenting Coordinator Training</i>	Nov 2016
24 hours	
<i>Ethical Dilemmas Encountered by Members of APA</i>	Jul 2016
3 hours	
<i>The Roles and Responsibilities of a Psychologist in Crisis/Hostage Situations</i>	Feb 2016
7 hours	
<i>Campus and School Violence Threat Management</i>	Feb 2016
7 hours	

<i>Providing Psychological Consultation on Homicides</i> 7 hours	Feb 2016
<i>NC Gang Free - Academy</i> 12 hours	Aug 2015
<i>Brief Child Forensic Evaluations in Cases of Alleged Abuse</i> 12 hours	May 2014
<i>Assessing and Managing Violence Risk</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Criminal Competencies</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Test-Based Evaluation of Feigning in Clinical Forensic Assessments</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making In Forensic Psychological Evaluations</i> 7 hours	May 2014
<i>Duty to Protect - Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Considerations</i> 3 hours	Apr 2014
<i>Introduction to Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations</i> 7 hours	Feb 2013
<i>Law School Crash Course</i> 7 hours	Feb 2013
<i>Advanced Issues in Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations</i> 7 hours	Feb 2013
<i>Consultation in Child Protection</i> 4 hours	Jun 2012

PRESENTATIONS / TRAININGS PRESENTED

<i>The Child Advocacy Center Interview</i> Defending Sexual Assault Cases UNC School of Government & Office of Indigent Defense Services UNC-Chapel Hill, NC 1.5 hours	Apr 2026
<i>Adolescent Development and the Courtroom</i> Child Development for District Court Judges UNC School of Government UNC-Chapel Hill, NC 3 hours	Mar 2026

<i>Consultation with Child Sex Abuse Experts</i> North Carolina Advocates for Justice Live-Remote, NC 1.5 hours	Dec 2024
<i>Analyzing Child Forensic Interviews</i> 10th Annual Whiskey in the Courtroom Evolving Trends in Forensic Science - Mental Health Evidence Duke Law/Duke University NC 1.5 hours	Mar 2024
<i>Assessing the Reliability of the CPT (Forensic) Interview of the Child</i> RC-4's Parent Representation Conference Jensen Beach, FL 1.5 hours	Dec 2023
<i>Mental Illness and the Expert's Perspective at Trial</i> NC Death Penalty Seminar Live-Remote, NC 1.5 hours	Apr 2022
<i>Mental Health Expert Witnesses: A Primer For Attorneys</i> Amy D James, PsyD, PLLC New Bern, NC 6 hours CLE	Sep 2019
<i>Psychological Aspects of School Threat Assessment and Management</i> <i>8 and 16 hour courses</i> Craven County Schools, NC - 2022 Chowan County Schools, NC - 2022 Colorado, Maryland, Florida, and Online (3) - 2021 Iowa, New Hampshire, and Online (2) - 2020 Louisiana, Texas, Maryland, Nebraska, Colorado, Michigan, Alabama - 2019 Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina, Florida (2) - 2018	
<i>Warrior Mindset, Trauma Related Disorders, and Adverse Childhood Experiences: Unraveling the Complexities of the Military/Veteran Defendant</i> NC Mitigation Specialist Conference 4 hours	Mar 2018
<i>Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect</i> Onslow County Department of Social Services 1.5 hours	Mar 2018
<i>Forensic Assessments in Cases of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect</i> Carteret County Department of Social Services 1.5 hours	Dec 2017

<i>Clinical versus Therapeutic Services - What You Need, When</i> Craven County Bar Association 30 minutes	Nov 2016
<i>Threat Investigation and Violence Risk Assessment for Schools</i> Governors Task Force on Safer Schools 2 hours	Apr 2016
<i>Risk factors, Prevention, and Resiliency</i> Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools 1 hour	Dec 2015
<i>Forensic Versus Therapeutic Services Training</i> Craven County Bar Association 30 minutes	Oct 2014
<i>Evaluation of Parenting Capacity & Allegations of Abuse and Neglect</i> Onslow County Department of Social Services 1.5 hours	Aug 2014
<i>Consultation and Forensic Assessment in Child Protection</i> Carteret County Department of Social Services 1.5 hours	Jul 2014
<i>Psychological Consultation in Child Protection</i> Craven County Department of Social Services 1.5 hours	May 2014
<i>Assessment of Parenting Capacity</i> Pitt County Department of Social Services 1.5 hours	May 2014

RELEVANT PREDOCTORAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

During masters and doctoral instruction in clinical and forensic psychology, completed practicum placements in adult and youth inpatient psychiatric facility; forensic psychology practice; outpatient community mental health services; and spent over two years as a provider in the Family Learning Program interviewing, evaluating, and providing services to child victims of intrafamilial sexual abuse. Was selected the student director of the program. Obtained supervision in interviewing children, assessing children, and providing clinical services to child victims and non-offending caregivers. Obtained education in the NICHD model of child forensic interviewing, memory, suggestibility, memory contamination, and other child developmental factors that impact abuse disclosure, nondisclosure, and treatment progress.

TESTIFIED AS EXPERT

Subject Matters

Including but not limited to: Clinical psychology, forensic psychology, child forensic interviewing, assessments and evaluations in cases of alleged child abuse and neglect, substance use, substance use disorders, memory, child custody, child psychology, and others

Courts

United States Federal Court - Eastern District of North Carolina

NC District Court (Alamance County, Beaufort County, Bertie County, Brunswick County, Carteret County, Craven County, Chowan County, Cumberland County, Forsyth County, Jones County, Lenoir County, Martin County, Onslow County, Pasquotank County, Pender County, Perquimans County, Pitt County, New Hanover County, and Washington County)

NC Superior Court (Carteret County, Catawba County, Cleveland County, Craven County, Duplin County, Forsyth County, Hyde County, Johnston County, Jones County, Onslow County, Pasquotank County, Pender County, Pitt County, Richmond County, Rowan County, Scotland County, Stanly County, Transylvania County, Wake County, Wayne County, and Wilkes County)

United States Courts Martial (Seymour Johnson AFB, Kessler AFB, and Camp Lejeune)

15th Circuit - Palm Beach County, Florida (Family Court)

13th Judicial District - Billings, Montana (Felony trial)

Criminal Circuit Court - Norfolk, VA (Felony trials)

APPOINTMENTS

North Carolina Psychological Association Psychology and Law Committee: 2025, 2026

Police Civil Service Board - New Bern, NC: June 2022 - June 2024

North Carolina Psychological Association Psychology and Law Committee: 2022

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools: 2015-2017 Lead on Threat Assessment Focus Group /

Co-Chair: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Gangs

MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychology-Law Society (Div 41- APA)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

North Carolina Psychological Association

PUBLICATIONS

School Threat Assessment and Management: A Practical Approach (book) Publisher: Learning Sciences International 2020

AWARDS

Meritorious Service Medal, USAF

Air Force Commendation Medal, USAF

Named the Outstanding/Top PsyD Graduate Student, Florida Tech

Magna Cum Laude, Concord College

Salutatorian, Scott High School