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Areas of Interest: Clinical & Forensic Psychology

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (expected 2011), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

APA Accredited Internship: Bellevue Hospital Center, New York University Medical School, New York, NY

Dissertation: Juvenile Competence to Stand Trial: An Examination of the Effects of Cognitive Ability, Psychiatric Symptomatology, and Psychosocial Maturity.

Master of Arts in Psychology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2008.
Thesis: Attributions and Negative Affect as Moderators of PTSD Symptomatology and Aggression.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Degree awarded Cum Laude, 2004.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2010-2011 **Bellevue Hospital Center-New York University Medical School**, New York, NY. Clinical & Forensic Psychology Intern.

2007-2010 **University of Tennessee Psychological Clinic**, Knoxville, TN
Clinical Trainee; July, 2007-present. Provided psychological services to members of the community and university students. Services provided include long-term individual psychotherapy and conducting comprehensive psychological evaluations. Assessment cases included psychoeducational evaluations, court-ordered forensic evaluations including competency to stand trial and insanity, child custody and parenting-fitness evaluations, and evaluations to assist colleagues with differential diagnosis and treatment planning with ongoing psychotherapy cases. Supervisors: William MacGillivray, Ph.D., ABPP, Leonard Handler, Ph.D., ABAP, Beverly Gibbons, Ph.D., Joyce Cartor, Ph.D., Jeffrey Erickson, Ph.D., Larry Brown, Ph.D., and Lance Laurence, Ph.D.

2008-2009 **Knox County Juvenile Court**, Knoxville, Tennessee
Forensic Psychological Examiner; July, 2008-July, 2009. Duties included conducting psychological evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults involved in the juvenile justice system, including incarcerated adolescents at the Knox County Juvenile Detention Center. Assessment areas included

both treatment planning evaluations assessing appropriate intervention strategies for juveniles as well as forensic evaluations, including competence to stand trial and parenting fitness evaluations. Supervisor: Lance Laurence, Ph.D.

- 2008-2009 **Cherokee Health Systems**, New Tazewell, Tennessee
Clinical Psychology Extern; August, 2008-July, 2009. Practicum in a community mental health setting. Duties included intake evaluation, crisis management, brief psychological and substance abuse evaluations for the Department of Children’s Services and local courts, and psychotherapy for a range of presenting issues with children, adolescents, and adults in a rural community mental health facility. Supervisor: Brenda Karns, Ph.D.
- 2005-2006 **For Children’s Sake**, Normal, Illinois
Clinical Psychology Extern; August, 2005-May, 2006. Conducted group therapy with children who had witnessed domestic violence. Clinical responsibilities included running groups for children between the ages of 8-12 years-old and collaborating with parents and teachers in implementing behavior-modification programs. Supervisors: Alvin House, Ph.D., and Adeena Meyers, Ph.D.
- 2005-2006 **The Baby Fold**, Normal, Illinois
Clinical Psychology Extern; May, 2005-May, 2006. Conducted individual and family therapy with children, adolescents, and adults involved in the child welfare system and lead groups with adolescent males as well as parenting classes for court referred parents in the community. Supervisors: Rob Lusk, Ph.D., and Susan Bellas, M.S.
- 2003-2006 **Family Resources**, Davenport, Iowa
Residential Counselor; November, 2003-August 2004; May-August, 2006; December, 2006. Worked with 6- to 12-year-old clients in a residential treatment facility. Responsibilities included implementing treatment plans devised by each client’s case manager and therapist emphasizing social skills training in addition to attending to client’s individualized problems across a broad range of psychiatric diagnoses, including psychotic disorders, ADHD, OCD, ODD, Conduct Disorder, and various other serious emotional disturbances. Supervisor: Tanya Blasen.

SUPPLEMENTAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Individualized Forensic Mentorship, Knoxville, Tennessee

Worked closely with a forensic psychologist in private practice on several cases. Responsibilities included reading all court documents, including the initial court order and all legal and mental health documents submitted to the court, closely reviewing all

testing data, review of relevant case law and legal scholarship, clinical hypothesis testing directed towards formulating a legally relevant case formulation, drafting and submitting a forensic report, and, if necessary, preparing for testimony. Cases included (1) an evaluation for waiver and of adjudicative competence for an adolescent charged with first degree murder, and (2) a complex three-part evaluation of competence to waive counsel, adjudicative competence, and competence to waive rights to appeal for an adult defendant convicted of three counts of murder sentenced to death. Supervisor: Bruce Seidner, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Assessment II Graduate Seminar: Projective Personality Assessment, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
January, 2010-May, 2010. Worked as a teaching assistant under Dr. Lance Laurence for the Assessment II seminar for first year doctoral students in the clinical psychology training program. Testing instruments taught include: Rorschach Inkblot Method using Exner's Comprehensive System, Thematic Apperception Test, Children's Apperception Test, Projective Figure Drawings, Bender-Gestalt, and Sentence Completion Test.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Assessment I Graduate Seminar: Objective Psychological Assessment, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
August, 2009-December, 2009. Worked as a teaching assistant under Dr. Derek Hopko for the Assessment I seminar for first year doctoral students in the clinical psychology training program. Testing instruments taught included: Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale IV, Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children IV, Woodcock-Johnson III Cognitive and Achievement Tests, Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2-RF, Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory III, Personality Assessment Inventory, Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory, Beck Depression and Anxiety Inventories, Child Behavior Checklist, and Behavior Assessment System for Children.

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Supervisor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
August, 2009-present. Provided individual supervision for a second year doctoral student in the clinical psychology training program for psychological evaluations conducted through the University of Tennessee Psychological Clinic.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
August, 2006-present. Worked under the supervision of Drs. Todd Moore and Deborah Rhatigan in the Trauma, Violence, and Aggression Lab. Examined various aspects of substance abuse and aggression across five research projects, including: (1) An

examination of the temporal relationship between substance abuse and intimate partner violence through a longitudinal daily-diary study, (2) an examination of the temporal relationship between affect and relapse utilizing self-report, structured clinical interviewing (SCID-I), and PDA technology to complete daily measures throughout IOP treatment for substance abuse and two months post-treatment, (3) an examination of the role of masculine gender role stress on violence utilizing a lab-based aggression paradigm, (4) an examination of the characteristic attributions regarding intimate partners' behaviors and how this impacts the likelihood of aggression, and (5) an examination of the role of structural personality organization on the relationship between the Rorschach Extended Aggression variables and laboratory-based aggression.

Chestnut Health Systems, Bloomington, Illinois

Research Assistant; August, 2004-June, 2005. Research focused on the utilization and cost-effectiveness of a large-scale employee assistance program (EAP) across two projects: For one project, responsibilities entailed researching mental health practices in China, examining the applicability and limitations of the American model, and writing a training manual on implementing EAP's for Chestnut Health System's affiliates in mainland China. In a second study, responsibilities included compiling and analyzing data regarding the utilization of an EAP and the impact of EAP utilization on subsequent workman's compensation claims for a multinational company.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Awarded 2009 ESPN fellowship by the University of Tennessee, Department of Psychology for outstanding graduate student progress (\$1,200)

Recipient of MacArthur Juvenile Justice Research Network dataset based on merits of dissertation research proposal (2008). Primary proposal evaluator: Thomas Grisso, Ph.D.

Awarded 2008 Department of Psychology Travel Award-University of Tennessee

Awarded 2008 Psychology Graduate Student Association Travel Award-University of Tennessee

Awarded 2007 Department of Psychology Travel Award-University of Tennessee

Awarded 2007 Psychology Graduate Student Association Travel Award-University of Tennessee

Full tuition waiver; University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Full tuition waiver; Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

Graduated Cum Laude; Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

Recipient of 2004 Geraldine Wallin Sickler Award; High honors in the department of psychology-Augustana College

Awarded 2004 Transitions Conference Scholarship

Member Psi Chi-National Honor Society in Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Shorey, R.C., Sherman, A.E., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Elkins, S.R., Rhatigan, D.L., & Moore, T.M. (In press). Gender Differences in Depression and Anxiety among Victims of Intimate Partner Violence: The Moderating Effect of Shame-Proneness. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Kivisto, A.J., Moore, T.M., Elkins, S.R., & Rhatigan, D.L. (2009). The effects of PTSD symptomatology on laboratory-based aggression. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 22, 344-347.

Moore, T.M., **Kivisto, A.J.**, & Elkins, S. (2008). Book Review. Behavioral couples therapy for alcoholism and drug abuse. O'Farrell, Timothy J., & Fals-Stewart, W. (2006). New York: Guilford. *The Family Psychologist*, 24, 26-28.

Cates, G.L., Dunne, M., Erkfritz, K.N., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Lee, N., & Wierzbicki, J. (2007). Differential effects of two spelling procedures on acquisition, maintenance and adaption to reading. *Journal of Behavioral Education*, 16, 70-81.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

Moore, T.M., Elkins, S.R., McNulty, J., **Kivisto, A.**, & Handsel, V. (Revising and resubmitting to the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*). Alcohol use and intimate partner violence perpetration: Assessing the temporal association using electronic diary technology.

Kivisto, A.J., Little, K.C., Moore, T.M., Rhatigan, D.L. (Under re-review for *Violence and Victims*). Antisociality and intimate partner violence: The facilitating role of shame.

Kivisto, A.J., & Moore, T.M. (under review). United States v. Warner. In M. Kleiman & J. Hawdon (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy* (pp. xx-xx). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Kivisto, A.J., & Moore, T.M. (under review). Narcotic Drug Act. In M. Kleiman & J. Hawdon (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy* (pp. xx-xx). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Kivisto, A.J., Seidner, B.G., Fite, P.A., Quinn, M.R., & Moore, T.M. (in preparation for *Law and Human Behavior*). Psychosocial maturity as a mediator of the relationship between age and competence to stand trial.

Kivisto, A.J., Swan, S., Seidner, B.G., & Moore, T.M. (in data collection). Rorschach structural psychodiagnosis and the extended aggression scores: Translating imagery into action.

Kivisto, A.J., & Moore, T.M. (in preparation). Attitudes towards the insanity defense in capital cases: Comparing the effects of the *Witherspoon*, *Witt*, and *McCree* criteria on jury bias.

Elkins, S.R., Moore, T.M., McNulty, J., & **Kivisto, A.J.** (in preparation). The temporal relationship between negative affect and intimate partner violence.

Sherman, A.E., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Elkins, S.R., Rhatigan, D.L., Anderson, K.J., & Moore, T.M. (in preparation for the *Journal of Men and Masculinity*). Validation of the Masculine Gender Role Stress Scale in an ethnically diverse sample: Evidence for a multidimensional view of masculinity.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Kivisto, A.J. (2009). The role of psychosocial maturity in evaluating juveniles' competence to stand trial: The fragility of competence. Presented for continuing legal education at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, June 20, 2009, Nashville, TN.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Moore, T. M., Sherman, A., Ritter, K., Elkins, S., Tirone, V., Handsel, V., **Kivisto, A.J.**, De Caestecker, S., Brown, M., Allen, L., Gordon, K., McNulty, J., & Stuart, G. *Assessing risk factors for substance use relapse using handheld computers*. Poster submitted for presentation at the 44th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, CA.

Sherman, A.E., Shorey, R.C., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Elkins, S.E., Rhatigan, D.L., & Moore, T.M. (November, 2010). *Gender differences in the relationship between intimate partner violence victimization and anxious symptoms: The moderating role of shame-proneness*. Poster submitted to the 44th annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, CA.

- De Caestecker, S., Sherman, A., Ritter, K., Elkins, S., Handsel, V., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Tirone, V., Allen, L., Brown, M., & Moore, T. (March, 2010). *The relationship between trauma history and relapse among patients in substance abuse treatment*. Poster presented at the Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
- Moore, T. M., Stuart, G. L., Elkins, S., McNulty, J. K., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Handsel, V., & Sherman, A. (November, 2009). Electronic diary assessment of the temporal association between substance use and intimate partner violence perpetration and victimization. In T. Moore & G. Stuart (Chairs), *Substance Use and Intimate Partner Violence: Is There a Causal Connection?* Symposium at the 43rd annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.
- Sherman, A.E., Shorey, R.C., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Elkins, S.E., Rhatigan, D.L., & Moore, T.M. (November, 2009). *Dating violence victimization and depression: The moderating effect of shame*. Poster session presented at the 43rd annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.
- Kivisto, A.J.**, Moore, T.M., Elkins, S.R., & Rhatigan, D.L. (November, 2008). *An Examination of the PTSD-aggression relationship using a lab-based aggression paradigm*. Poster session presented at the 42nd annual meeting for the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, FL.
- Elkins, S.R., Moore, T.M., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Handsel, V., Nathanson, A., McCollum, K., & McNulty, J.K. (November, 2008). *Electronic diary assessment of the temporal association between intimate partner violence and negative affect*. Poster session presented at the 42nd annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, FL.
- Moore, T.M., Elkins, S., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Handsel, V., Nathanson, A., McCollum, K., & McNulty, J.K. (2008, November). *Electronic diary assessment of the temporal association between intimate partner violence and substance abuse*. Poster session presented at the 42nd annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Orlando, FL.
- Kivisto, A.J.**, Elkins, S.R., Rhatigan, D.L., Anderson, K.J., & Moore, T.M. (2007, November). *Validation of the Masculine Gender Role Stress Scale in an ethnically diverse sample: Evidence for a multidimensional view of masculinity*. Poster session presented at the 41st annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
- Elkins, S.R., **Kivisto, A.J.**, Rhatigan, D.L., Stewart, C., & Moore, T.M. (2007, November). *Masculine gender role stress and dating violence: Moderating effects of substance use*. Poster session presented at the 41st annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.

Rhatigan, D.L., Stewart, C., Elkins, S., **Kivisto, A.J.** & Moore, T.M. (2007, November). *College student attributions regarding female versus male perpetrated intimate partner violence*. Poster session presented at the 41st annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.

REVIEWER

Psychology of Men & Masculinity

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

APA Division 41 (American Psychology-Law Society), student member, 2008-present.

Society for Personality Assessment, student affiliate, 2009-present.

International Society for Rorschach and Projective Methods, member, 2009-present.

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, student member, 2006-present.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Black Swan: Assessment of Low Frequency, High Intensity Violence (March, 2010). Presented by J. Reid Meloy, Ph.D., ABPP. Half-day workshop presented at the 2010 mid-winter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Jose, CA.

Personality Focused Assessment (March, 2010). Presented by Mark Blais, Psy.D. Half-day workshop presented at the 2010 mid-winter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Jose, CA.

Introduction to the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (March, 2010). Presented by Don Viglione, Ph.D., Gregory Meyer, Ph.D., and Joni Mihura, Ph.D. Full-day workshop presented at the 2010 mid-winter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Jose, CA.

Attachment and Trauma: The Perspective From the Adult Attachment Picture System (October, 2009). Presented by Carol George, Ph.D. Conference sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.

Multimethod Forensic Assessment: A Practical Approach (March, 2009). Presented by Anita L. Boss, PsyD, ABPP and Bruce L. Smith, Ph.D., ABAP. Full-day

- workshop presented at the 2009 mid-winter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.
- Administration and Difficult Scoring Issues for the Rorschach Comprehensive System* (March, 2009). Presented by Barry Ritzler, Ph.D. and Anthony Sciara, Ph.D. Half-day workshop presented at the 2009 mid-winter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.
- 40th Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (2006), Chicago, IL.
- 41st Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (2007), Philadelphia, PA.
- 42nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (2008), Orlando, FL.
- Rorschach Assessment Meets Psychoanalysis, Psychometrics, and the Courtroom* (November, 2008). Presented by Irving Weiner, Ph.D. Full-day workshop presented at the 2008 annual convention of the Tennessee Psychological Association, Nashville, TN.
- A Conversation Like No Other* (October, 2008). Presented by Fred Busch, Ph.D. Seminar sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.
- Youthful Psychopaths: Do They Exist? Can They Be Treated* (January, 2008). Presented by Vance Sherwood, Ph.D. Seminar sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.
- Therapist Affect Focus and Patient Outcomes in Psychodynamic Psychotherapy: Theory, Research, and Practice* (February, 2008). Presented by Mark Hilsenroth, Ph.D. Seminar sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.
- The Life and Work of Otto Will* (April, 2008). Presented by Beverly Gibbons, Ph.D. and James Gorney, Ph.D. Seminar sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.
- Devotion and Desire: Winnicott, Lacan, and Psychoanalysis for the New Century* (May, 2008). Presented by Deborah Luepnitz, Ph.D. Conference sponsored by the

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.

The Good Father: On Men, Masculinity, and Life in the Family (October, 2006). Presented by Mark O'Connell. Conference sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.

Adventures in Adult Attachment: The Adult Attachment Interview and its Implications for Treatment (March, 2008). Presented by Katie Fitzpatrick, MA, Katherine Little, Elaine Rivas, and John Auerbach, Ph.D. Seminar sponsored by the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society, the local chapter of Division 39 (Division of Psychoanalysis) of the American Psychological Association.

REFERENCES

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