

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

August 2002 - Present

Current Doctoral Student
Clinical Psychology
Doctor of Philosophy Program
APA - Approved
Major Professor: Leonard Handler, Ph.D.
Dissertation title: "An Examination of the Relationship Between Mindfulness and Aspects of Personality Structure"
Proposal defended: May, 2006

Master of Arts – Psychology
Thesis title: "Physiological Response Associated With Select Rorschach Codes"
Degree conferral: August, 2005

University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

May 2000 – May 2002

Bachelor of Arts
Psychology
Cum Laude
Degree conferral: May, 2002

Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, Florida

August 1995 – August 1997

Bachelor of Arts
Anthropology
Cum Laude
Degree conferral: August, 1997

Broward Community College

August 1992 – August 1995

Davie, Florida

Associate of Arts

Liberal Arts

Degree conferral: August, 1995

Clinical Experience:**Clinical Psychology Associate**

August 2004 - Present

Cherokee Health Systems

Knoxville, Tennessee

Practicum consists of two-days per week placement in a community mental health setting. Duties include intake evaluation, crisis management, and psychotherapy with children, adolescents, and adults. Regular treatment team meetings involve interdisciplinary collaboration among case managers, psychologists, social workers, nursing staff, and psychiatrists. Individual supervision provided by doctoral-level psychologists, ranging from one to two hours per week.

Supervisors: William Berez, Ph.D., Thomas Bishop, Psy.D., Dennis Freeman, Ph.D., Gina Hummell, Ph.D., Karina Stewart, Psy.D.

Clinical Psychology Trainee

June 2003 – August 2006

University of Tennessee Psychological Clinic

Knoxville, Tennessee

Duties included outpatient assessment, intake evaluation, and individual psychotherapy with children, adolescents and adults. Assessment experience included traditional psychological testing, psycho-educational evaluations, parenting fitness, and assessment of incarcerated adolescents for the Knox County Juvenile Court System. Individual and group supervision provided by doctoral-level psychologists. First year of placement included four hours of weekly supervision, second year included three hours per week, and third year one hour per week.

Supervisors: Jeffrey W. Erickson, Ph.D., Leonard Handler, Ph.D., Lance Laurence, Ph.D., Jenny Macfie, Ph.D., William MacGillivray, Ph.D., Michael Nash, Ph.D., Jeff Slavin, Ph.D., Kathryn White, Ph.D.

Behavior Support Specialist

August 1999 – January 2000

Center for Family Development

Eugene, Oregon.

Duties included the use of behavior modification and the development of treatment plans for adolescent clients engaged in ongoing psychotherapy. Weekly supervision with masters and doctoral-level clinicians resulted in certification as a Qualified Mental Health Associate in the state of Oregon. Part-time employment, approximately twenty hours per week.

Residential Counselor

August 1998 – December 1998

Human Development Center
Tampa, Florida

Duties included monitoring of psychotropic medication use, the use of a token economy and level system, along with the implementation of tailored behavior modification programs with five developmentally disabled, dually diagnosed, group home residents. Part-time employment, twenty-five to thirty hours per week.

Non-Clinical Work Experience:**Substitute Teacher**January – June 1999 &
February 2000 – May 2002Hillsborough County School System
Tampa, Florida

Duties included education and supervision of elementary, middle, and high school students. Implementation of lesson plans across varied academic subjects, with hours per week determined by school system needs.

Research Experience:**Principal Investigator**

June 2006 – Present

University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Conducting quantitative research investigating the relationship between mindfulness and psychodynamic aspects of personality structure (defensive functioning and quality of object relations) with a non-clinical sample.

Co-Investigator

August 2004 – March 2006

University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Conducting quantitative research involving process and outcome variables associated with outpatient psychotherapy at the University of Tennessee Psychological Clinic.

Principal Investigator

July 2003 – June 2004

University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Conducting quantitative research examining the physiological correlates of select Rorschach codes found in Exner's Comprehensive System.

Lab Assistant

March 2001 – June 2002

University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

Participant data collection as part of doctoral dissertation research examining the efficacy of therapeutic intervention for domestically violent men.

Research Presentations:

Sims, C.R., Handler, L., Peters, E., et al. (March, 2006). Use of the Mindful Attention Awareness Scale as an Indicator of Psychological Functioning in an Outpatient Sample. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Diego, CA.

Oglesby, L., Sims, C.R., Handler, L., et al. (March, 2005). Exploring the Cognitive Triad and Depression in Alzheimer's Disease. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.

Peters, E., Karon, B.P., Sims, C.R., et al. (March, 2005). Pre- to Post-Treatment Changes in the Object Relations of Schizophrenic Patients. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.

Sims, C.R., Handler, L., & Williams, B. (March, 2005). Physiological Response Associated With Select Rorschach Codes: An Update. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago, IL.

Martin, B., Hoffman, P., Sims, C.R., et al. (March, 2004). Using Projective Measures to Examine the Relationship Between Adult Attachment Status and Object Relations. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Miami, FL.

Hoffman, P., Martin, B., Sims, C.R., et al. (March, 2004). The Relationship Between Segregated Systems on the Adult Attachment Projective and Object Relations. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Miami, FL.

Sims, C.R., Handler, L., & Williams, B. (March, 2004). Physiological Response Associated With Select Rorschach Codes. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, Miami, FL.

Kemmerer, D.K., Sims, C.R., & Handler, L. (March, 2003). The Hypervigilance Index: Who Scores Positive and Why? Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Francisco, CA.

Sims, C.R., Kemmerer, D.K., & Handler, L. (March, 2003). The Hypervigilance Index in Relation to the MMPI-2. Paper presentation at the midwinter meeting of the Society for Personality Assessment, San Francisco, CA.

Professional Affiliations:

American Psychological Association

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society

Society for Personality Assessment

Professional Seminars Attended:

Therapeutic Assessment of Children and Adolescents.

May 2006

Presenter: Leonard Handler, Ph.D.

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society

Knoxville, Tennessee

Listening Perspectives and Relational Psychotherapy.

April 2006

Presenter: Lawrence E. Hedges, Ph.D.

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society

Knoxville, Tennessee

*Extending the Frame: Structural Interventions in
Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy.*

April 2005

Presenter: Mark Barnes, Ph.D.

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society

Knoxville, Tennessee

*Realizing the Symbolic and Symbolizing the Real:
Reflections on the Therapeutic Action of Interpretive
and Non-Interpretive in the Analytic Process.*

February 2005

Presenter: Elgan L. Baker, Ph.D.

Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society

Knoxville, Tennessee

*Introduction to Therapeutic Assessment: Using
Psychological Testing as Brief Psychotherapy.*

November 2004

Presenter: Stephen Finn, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee

*Clinical Judgment and Psychological Research: A
Report from the Frontline of the Psychotherapy Wars.*

October 2004

Presenter: Drew Westen, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee

<i>Common Ground and Character: How We Talk to Patients – What’s Wrong and How to Fix It.</i> Presenter: Drew Westen, Ph.D. Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society Knoxville, Tennessee	October 2004
<i>Clinical Implications of Attachment Theory: Relational Psychotherapy.</i> Presenter: John S. Auerbach, Ph.D. Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society Knoxville, Tennessee	March 2004
<i>Listening to Dreams in Psychotherapy: A Jungian Perspective.</i> Presenter: Kathryn G. White, Ph.D. Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society Knoxville, Tennessee	March 2004
<i>Working with Difficult Patients.</i> Presenter: Nancy McWilliams, Ph.D. Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society Knoxville, Tennessee	December 2003
<i>WISC-IV and Beyond.</i> Presenter: Andrew Phay, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee	August 2003

Academic Honors and Awards:

\$400 dissertation research grant awarded by the Department of Psychology, University of Tennessee	2006
Annual travel grants awarded by the Society for Personality Assessment for presentation of research	2003 – 2006
Scholarship to attend a two-week training seminar at Mills College in Oakland, CA. on the use of the Adult Attachment Projective. Training provided by Carol George, Ph.D., and Malcolm West, Ph.D.	2003
Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honor Society	2001
National Dean’s List Inductee	1997
Golden Key National Honor Society	1997
Lambda Alpha, National Anthropology Honor Society	1996