

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Education**

- Doctorate, Clinical Psychology** (APA Accredited) 2018  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Emphasis: Integrated Behavioral Healthcare & Neuropsychology  
Summa Cum Laude
- Master of Science, Clinical Psychology** (APA Accredited) 2015  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Summa Cum Laude
- Bachelor in Science, Psychology** 2012  
University of North Florida  
Magna Cum Laude
- Associates of Arts** 2010  
Indian River State College  
Magna Cum Laude

**Licensures**

- Licensed Clinical Psychologist, State of Florida (License Number PY10581) 2019

**Employment**

- R3 Continuum** March 2022- Present  
Independent Contractor, Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
Responsibilities: Provide contract services on an as needed basis, consisting of Fitness for Duty Evaluations, Fitness for Duty Violence Screenings, Independent Psychological Examinations, Psychological Pre-Employment Screening, and Triggered Enhanced Subject Interviews.
- Vero Beach Psychology, LLC** January 2021- Present  
Founder and Owner, Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
Responsibilities: Provide individual, family, and couples psychotherapy via in office and telehealth for children, adolescents, and adults; brief and comprehensive psychological assessments/evaluations of children, adolescents, and adults, including psychoeducational evaluations, pre-surgical bariatric and spinal cord stimulator evaluations, dementia screenings, pre-employment evaluations, and fit for duty evaluations.
- University of Florida Center for Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine** September 2019- 2021  
Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Licensed Clinical Psychologist  
Supervisor: Wayne Creelman, M.D.

Responsibilities: Provide individual, family, and couples psychotherapy via in office and telehealth; brief and comprehensive psychological assessments of children, adolescents, and adults, including pre-surgical bariatric and spinal cord stimulator evaluations, and fit for duty evaluations; supervision of postdoctoral residents and education for medical students

## **Post-Doctoral Residency**

### **University of Florida Center for Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine**

September 2018-2019

Adjunct Clinical Postdoctoral Associate in Medical Psychology

Emphasis: Medical Psychology, APA Accredited

Supervisor: Peter Gold, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Provide individual, family, and couples psychotherapy via in office and telehealth; conducted brief and comprehensive psychological assessments of children, adolescents, and adults; perform pre-surgical bariatric and spinal cord stimulator evaluations; supervision of post-doctoral residents; psychological education for medical students

## **Pre-Doctoral Internship**

### **Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System**

2017-2018

Emphasis: Health Psychology

APA Accredited

### **Primary Care Mental Health Integration**

August 2017- December 2017

Co-located, co-collaborative primary care, mental and behavioral health care clinic

Supervisors: Tisha Deen, Ph.D. & Mandy McCorkindale, Psy.D.

Training Certificate: National Veterans Health Administration Primary Care Mental Health Integration Competency Training Program

Responsibilities: Served as a Behavioral Health Provider, embedded as part of integrative Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT), conducting brief functional assessments and individual psychotherapy using shared-decision-making, to deliver time-limited, measurement-based care, and evidenced-based interventions for a broad spectrum of mental health (i.e., depression, anxiety, substance use) and behavioral health concerns (i.e., insomnia, chronic pain, diabetes) with emphasis on Veteran's preference and diversity characteristics.

### **Rehabilitation Psychology**

August 2017-February 2018

Inpatient Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service

Supervisor: Alissa Kolb, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Provided brief, focused, and time-limited assessment and intervention services to assist Veterans recovering from or improving their level of function as a result of various acute or chronic traumatic, progressive, or congenital injuries and illnesses, and their significant others or support systems in coping with and adapting to the effects of the injury or illness with the primary goals of increasing overall function and quality of life. Functioned as an integral team member, participating in bi-weekly interdisciplinary team meetings, assisting team in managing various emotional, cognitive, and behavioral barriers to participation and recovery.

### **Integrative Medicine Patient Aligned Care Team**

December 2017-March 2018

Pain Management Clinic

Supervisor: Daniel Broderick, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Will work with an interdisciplinary team offering a wide range of services and interventions with a Whole Health functional medicine orientation (biopsychosocial) for the management of chronic pain, including individual and group psychotherapy (Whole Health lifestyle management group, a stress management group, an ACT for Pain group, and an IBS group), as well as tele-medicine, acupuncture, nutrition, yoga, tai chi, and biofeedback.

### **Outpatient Neuropsychology**

March 2018-July 2018

Outpatient Neuropsychology Clinic

Supervisor: Garrett Andrews, Psy.D., ABPP-CN, CBIST

Responsibilities: Will gain extensive experience in the administration and interpretation of a flexible battery approach, including training in empirically based neuropsychological procedures for diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitation purposes. Neuropsychological assessment will be utilized to increase the understanding of behavioral expression of brain dysfunction, assist in diagnostic clarification, and provide recommendations for treatment and recovery oriented interventions. Opportunity for facilitating/co-facilitating a cognitive rehabilitation group

### **Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Treatment Program**

March 2018-July 2018

Residential and Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Program

Supervisors: Craig Rookey, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Will serve as integral member of multidisciplinary team, conducting individual and group psychotherapy, including Seeking Safety; DBT-Skills; Motivational Interviewing and Enhancement; Harm Reduction; Relapse Prevention; psychoeducational groups; and process groups to a wide spectrum of Veterans with SUD and co-occurring disorders that are seeking full spectrum of treatment, including detoxification, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, and longterm supportive programming. Opportunity to vertically supervise psychology practicum students.

## **Graduate Training Experience**

### **Brevard Health Alliance**

May 2016- May 2017

Federally Qualified Health Center/Primary Care Clinic

Supervisors: Chad Breznay, Psy.D., Monica Cline, Psy.D., & Kristi Van Sickle, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Worked in a co-collaborated setting with an interdisciplinary team, conducting warm handoffs, brief, solution-oriented, evidenced-based psychotherapy to primary care patients with problems related to behavioral health issues, mental health disorders, substance abuse, chronic illness(es), and treatment adherence.

### **Advanced Child Assessment Team**

January 2016- July 2016

Assessment Clinic

Supervisor: Mari Bennett, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Conducted comprehensive evaluations, for differential diagnosis between Autism Spectrum Disorder, neurodevelopmental disorders, and mood disorders, presented findings at case conference, and provided feedback to patient and families.

### **Florida Hospital Epilepsy Center**

May 2015- January 2016

Outpatient & Inpatient Medical Center

Supervisors: Christine M. Salinas, Psy.D. & Michael Westerveld, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Responsibilities: Conducted pre- and post-surgical complex, comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations for neurosurgical candidates with epilepsy, brain tumor, TBI, neurodegenerative, cerebrovascular, psychiatric, and neurodevelopmental disorders. Presented findings at interdisciplinary

team case conferences and provided feedback to families. Observed and facilitated the administration of fMRI, cortical stimulation mapping, and Wada testing.

**Healthsouth Sea Pines Rehabilitation Hospital**

April 2016- July 2016

Volunteer Group Leader

Supervisor: Frank Webbe, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Provided supportive group therapy to individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their caregivers. Provided psychoeducation presentations on coping techniques, de-escalation, healthy communication, trauma related anxiety, and depression.

**College Internship Program Brevard**

December 2015- May 2015

Experiential Group Psychotherapy Course

Supervisor: Sandra Wise, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Co-facilitated process-oriented group therapy, with a focus on building appropriate social skills, to young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and comorbid disorders, while receiving in-vivo supervision.

**Mental Health Association in Indian River County**

May 2015- December 2015

Outpatient/Walk-In Mental Health Clinic

Supervisor: Robert Brugnoli, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Provided crisis intervention, for walk-in patients with immediate mental health needs, individual and group psychotherapy, and diagnostic evaluations (personality assessment, learning disability, and court-ordered)

**Florida Health Department, Health Center Pediatric Clinic**

May 2015- December 2015

Outpatient Primary Care Center

Supervisor: Robert Brugnoli, Ph.D.

Population: Predominately low-socioeconomic Spanish-speaking children and adolescents at risk for psychological and neurodevelopmental disorders.

Responsibilities: Served as a bilingual consultant and psychological evaluator for low SES, Spanish-speaking children and families, to assess and rule out developmental delays, ADHD, and other psychiatric disorders.

**Community Psychological Services**

August 2014- May 2015

Outpatient Community Mental Health Clinic

Supervisors: Richard Elmore, Ph.D. & Kristi Van Sickle, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Provided individual psychotherapy, utilizing evidenced-based treatments, as well as administration and interpretation of objective and projective personality assessments, and feedback sessions. Conducted court ordered evaluations and ADHD evaluations.

**East Central Florida Memory Disorder Clinic**

October 2013- July 2015

Geriatric Medical Clinic

Supervisors: Kevin Mulligan, Psy.D., ABPP-CN & Frank Webbe, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations and brief memory screeners to evaluate the different domains of cognitive functioning for culturally diverse elderly adults with presenting problems including Alzheimer's Disease, Mild Cognitive Disorder, other dementias, and mood disorders. Presented findings at interdisciplinary team case conferences where diagnosis and recommendations are determined for treatment.

**Sports Concussion Management Team**

October 2013- August 2015

Athletic Neuropsychology Department

Supervisor: Frank Webbe, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Provided baseline and post injury concussion assessments for NCAA Division II Florida Institute of Technology student-athletes examining cognition, balance, and coordination and provided recommendations to coaches.

## **Supervisor and Teaching Experiences**

### **Supervisor**

September 2019-September 2020

University of Florida Center for Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine

Responsibilities: Provided supervision for a post-doctoral resident

### **Graduate Student Assistant**

May 2016- July 2016

Psychology Clinical Skills II Course

Professor: Thomas Harrell, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Volunteered to demonstrate, model, and explain fundamental clinical skills to first and second year Clinical Psychology graduate students at Florida Institute of Technology.

### **State Certified Lead VPK Teacher**

December 2012- June 2012

Agricultural and Labor Program/National Head Start Program

Responsibilities: Assisted below poverty children and families in education, mental health, and family support. Implemented the program's curriculum focusing on the developmental need of the children, socially, physically and emotionally. Recorded observations, helped administer developmental screenings, and used outcomes data to strengthen teaching techniques.

## **Research Experience**

### **Doctoral Research Project/Dissertation**

Defended January 2017

Chair: Philip Farber, Ph.D.

Title: "An Examination of the 16PF Global Factors as Predictors of the Scale of Accurate Personality Prediction (SAPP)"

Responsibilities: Performed literature reviews, implemented study design, generated hypotheses, used archival data, conducted a series of regression analyses on sub-samples of the current database of participant's scores on the SAPP to determine the predictability of the 16PF global factors.

### **Research Assistant**

2012-2013

University of North Florida

Leding, J., **Mandina, M.**, & Booth, H. *Sources of Familiarity with Memory Conjunction Clusters.*

Annual Meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington DC (2013).

Responsibilities: Selected as the primary research assistant in conducting psychological research investigating human information processing and its effects on memory. managed participant sign-ups, face to face administration of the research study to participants, collection, inputting, coding, and analysis of data, utilizing SPSS. Assisted with poster preparation, which was selected for presentation at Association for Psychological Science's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

## **Administrative & Leadership Experience**

### **Co-President**

2016

Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training

Supervisor: Frank Webbe, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Coordinated and communicated between neuropsychology trainees and the parent organization of ANST, The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology (SCN/APA Division 40). Addressed information, resources, and professional connections necessary to prepare students for a successful career in the area of health service psychology. Presented on relevant topics.

**Administrative Assistant**

August 2016- December 2016

Neuropsychology Private Practice

Supervisor: Christine M. Salinas, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Responsible for establishing the practice with insurance panels, collecting insurance information from patients, communicating with insurance companies about coverage, providing information to potential patients including estimation of cost, conducted brief assessment of presenting problems, scheduling patients, collecting payments, submitting insurance claims, and program outreach and marketing events.

**Administrative Assistant**

August 2014- May 2015

Community Psychological Services, Outpatient Community Mental Heal Clinic

Supervisor: Barbara Paulillo, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: Collected reason for referrals, scheduled patients, collected payment, and organized patient files.

**Student Affiliate**

2013-2015

School of Psychology Diversity Committee

Supervisors: Radhika Krishnamurthy, Psy.D. & Jessica Wildman, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Devoted to fostering a climate of diversity appreciation and respect for human equality and dignity, and work together to promote diversity awareness and provide diversity-centered information and programs.

**Other Work Experience**

**Practicum in Applied Psychology**

August 2012- December 2012

Episcopal Children's Services/National Head Start Program

Supervisor: Rebecca Marcon, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: Assisted below poverty children and families in education, mental health, and family support. Planned and implemented programs to stimulate social, physical, and emotional growth of pre-school children. Developed programs for children with disabilities; and conducted home visits for conferences with parents.

**Awards, Grants, & Honors**

Summa Cum Laude, Doctorate, Clinical Psychology	2018
Summa Cum Laude, Master of Science	2015
Health Resources & Services Administration Bureau of Health Workforce Grant	2016-2017
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi	2015
Florida Institute of Technology Graduate Admissions Scholarship	2013-2015
Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology	2011
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society	2009