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EDUCATION

08/98 – 05/05

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, emphasis in Community Psychology
University of Virginia, School of Arts and Sciences, Charlottesville, Virginia

M.A., Clinical Psychology (conferred January, 2001)
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Competitive awards:

- Awardee for “Parenting and Adolescent Outcomes: Mediating Mechanisms, 1 F31-MH65711-01.” Principal Investigator – Joseph P. Allen, Ph.D., National Institutes of Mental Health, National Research Service Award. 2002 – 2004.
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. 1999 – 2002.

08/89 – 05/96

B.A., Major – Psychology, Minor – English
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Honors:

- Sigma Tau Delta – National English Honor Society – 1993
- John Gordon Stipe Society of Scholars (\$1,000 award) – 1992

References and testimonials available upon request.

WORK EXPERIENCE

04/09 – Current

President and Founder/Private Evaluator

Partnerships for Strategic Impact,TM Charlottesville, Virginia

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University of Virginia affiliation:

Visiting Research Scientist in Psychology, School of Arts and Sciences (2012 – current)

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Created an innovative Strategic Impact MappingTM product that merges Theory of Change, Logic Modeling and Strategic Planning into a simple, graphic representation of how an organization proposes to achieve a stated vision through operationalizing mission and measuring the direct effect of activities for the people they serve.
- Applied for and managed all aspects of federal and foundation grants, as well as public and private contracts with nonprofits, governments and corporations.
- Provided leadership, consultation, technical assistance and capacity building consultation to organizations and entities seeking to build, develop or expand their ability to collect and use data in driving decisions.
- Provided consultation and technical support in leveraging, improving, and expanding data.
- Identified and effectively communicated key policy and evaluation/research issues to professional and lay persons.
- Made oral and written communication recommendations to project leaders/contractors/senior staff and officials (local and state).
- Analyzed social science public policy issues as needed and requested at the local and state level, including resolving problems, including gaps in understanding, associated with research and evaluation in human service areas.

Selected Contracts:

- Contracted Project Manager: “Roadmaps for Creating an Early Childhood Center and Integrated Workforce Development into the Redevelopment of Friendship Court.” January 2017 – September 2017. Needs assessment, back ground research, facilitation of community expertise to guide future program development.
*Project Contact: Sunshine Mathon, CEO, Piedmont Housing Alliance, Phone 434-817-2436
- Contracted Evaluator: “Outcome Collaborative.” March 2014 – current. Community-level initiative to link home visiting and preschool data to later school achievement in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.
*Project Contact: Cathy Train, President, United Way – Thomas Jefferson Area, Phone 434-972-1701
- Co-author and evaluator: “Action to Impact: Blueprint for Collaboration.” September 2014 – October 2017. Collaborative pilot project and comprehensive, on-line toolkit development for coalition building, health and evaluation; partnered with Center for Nonprofit Excellence, Cristine Nardi, Executive Director
- Contracted Evaluator: Charlottesville City of Promise Initiative. January 2014 – current.
*Project Contact: Sarad Davenport, M.Div., Director, Phone 434-220-5437
- Contracted Evaluator: “Charlottesville/Albemarle Comprehensive Gang Assessment.” GRACE Task Force/Albemarle County Police Department, Charlottesville, Virginia. August

2013 – March 2014.

*Project Contact: Lt. Timothy Alyor, Project Lead, Phone 434-296-5807

View the report on-line:

http://www.albemarle.org/upload/images/forms_center/departments/Police/forms/GRACE_Executive_Report_03.08.14.pdf

- Contracted Consultant: “An Evaluation of Virginia Project EASE: Best Practices in Reducing Suspensions and Disparities.” Awarded to the Virginia Department of Education, Office of Student Services. Justice Assistance Grant, Planning and Evaluation Programs Grant, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. September 2012 – July 2014.
*Project Contact: Vivian Stith-Williams, Ph.D., Student Services Specialist, Phone 804-225-4543
- Contracted Consultant: “United Way Thomas Jefferson Area: Logic Model and Investment Alignment Project.” United Way Thomas Jefferson Area. August 2012 – current.
*Project Contact: Cathy Smith Train, President, Phone 434-972-1701
- Contracted Evaluator: “The Use of Restraints with Juveniles in Virginia.” A collaboration with the Child Advocacy Clinic at the University of Virginia School of Law. August 2012 – March 2013.
*Project Contact: Andrew Block, J.D., Principal Investigator (Currently Director, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice), Phone 804-371-0700
- Sub-Contracted Research Director: Virginia’s Family and Child Trust Fund (contracted to Communitas Consulting). “Violence at Home: The FACT Report.” 2010 – 2012.

04/09 – Current

Private Practice Psychotherapist

Porter Psychological and Consulting Services, LLC, Charlottesville, Virginia
Virginia Department of Health Professions, license #0810003700

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Working from an attachment orientation to treat children, adolescents, adults and families facing personal, relationship and emotional struggles of all kinds, including foster care and juvenile justice populations. Integrating cognitive-behavioral, mindfulness, motivational interviewing and other psychotherapies to deliver individually tailored treatment.
- Contracting to perform court-related evaluations and reports.
- Providing clinical supervision for University of Virginia clinical psychology graduate students, as well as professional consultation to professionals in the community.

02/14 – 09/16

High Fidelity Wraparound Coordinator

Region Ten Community Services Board (RTCBSB), Child and Family Center, Charlottesville, Virginia

Project Contact: Neta Davis, LPC, Senior Director, Phone 434-962-5042

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Provided clinical consultation and coaching to a team of intensive care coordinators (all clinicians) and an assessment psychologist in operationalizing and implementing the Systems of Care values and principles, including trauma-informed care, with the aim of keeping children with serious mental health problems at home in a family environment in order to improve child outcomes and reduce costs to the community.
- Developed new and innovative policies, programs, plans, and initiatives.
- Reduced the number of children in residential (including juvenile justice) placements, as well the length of time in placements.

06/11 – 08/13

Program Director for Program Evaluation and Community Consultation/Associate Director for Youth-Nex/Research Scientist Faculty

Youth-Nex | The UVA Center to Promote Effective Youth Development, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Director: Patrick Tolan, PhD, Phone 434-243-9551

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Hired to build and run the program evaluation division of Youth-Nex from the ground up.
- Independently created community and trans-disciplinary teams to develop and conduct program evaluations, community-based research, and related projects at the local and state levels that promote healthy youth development through focused research, training and service.
- Provided objective independent knowledge, tools, leadership, consultation, and technical assistance to youth-serving organizations seeking to build, develop or expand their ability to collect and use data in driving decisions at a local, state and regional levels.
- Provided consultation and technical support in leveraging, improving, and expanding data.
- Co-authored a funded 2011 USDOE Promise Neighborhood Planning Grant (\$470,000).
- Co-authored an unfunded, multimillion dollar 2012 USDOE Promise Neighborhood Implementation Grant.
- Planned and executed work, including program strategies and oversight of research projects, including hiring and supervising staff, managing all regulatory, budgetary, staff and undergraduate and graduate student management, and project reporting.
- Qualitative and quantitative statistical analysis, interpretation and reporting.
- Collaborated with the UVA University Community Partnership office to further academic service learning and research.

Contracts (selected descriptions included)::

- Contracted Evaluator: “An Evaluation of the HERE! Initiative: Hampton City’s Coordinated Truancy Intervention Continuum of Solutions.” March 2013 – August 2013.
*Project Contact: Honorable Jay Dugger, Project Lead, Phone 757-727-6147
- Contracted Consultant: “Impact Mapping and Outcome Measurement Project.” Madison

House: Student Volunteers University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. January 2013 – July 2013.

- Contracted Research Director: “Religious Exemptions from Compulsory School Attendance in Virginia.” A collaboration with the Child Advocacy Clinic at the University of Virginia School of Law. March 2012. Available on-line at:

<http://curry.virginia.edu/news/updates/youth-nex-partners-with-u.va.-laws-child-advocacy-clinic>

*Project Contact: Andrew Block, J.D., Principal Investigator (Currently Director, Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice), Phone 804-371-0700

- Contracted Evaluator and Steering Committee Member: Charlottesville City of Promise Initiative (a USDOE Promise Neighborhood Initiative). July 2011 – August 2013. Available on-line at: <http://cityofpromise.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/SegmentationAnalysis.pdf>
- Contracted Evaluator: “Smart Beginnings: Connecting Home Visiting and Head Start Data to Charlottesville City Schools.” United Way Thomas Jefferson Area. October 2011 –2013.

12/09 – 06/11

Site Project Director/Senior Scientist Faculty

Early Steps Project, Department of Psychology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Principle Investigator: Melvin Wilson, Ph.D., Phone 434-924-0673

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Managed all daily operations and research implementation at the Charlottesville site.
- Planned and executed work, including program strategies and oversight of research projects.
- Hired, trained, and provided administrative and clinical supervision of all staff and undergraduate research assistants. Supported undergraduate and graduate students in statistical analysis of data and preparing manuscripts.
- Prepared technical and progress reports.
- Collaborated with other site coordinators and directors to ensure high quality and consistent data collection. Made oral and written communication recommendations to project leaders/contractors/senior staff and officials.
- Liaised with the Department of Psychology and University Human Resources on relevant issues, including purchases and employee issues.

03/08 – 12/09

Intervention Team Leader

Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families (CCF), Charlottesville, Virginia.

Supervisor: Gretchen Ellis, Director, Phone 434-970-3967

University of Virginia affiliation:

Visiting Professor in Psychology, School of Arts and Sciences (2009-2010)

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

Lead local efforts aimed at fostering a collaborative, locally comprehensive, family-driven, child-centered, culturally proficient, and strengths-based system of services and supports, in Charlottesville/Albemarle, for children with mental health needs (as well as other needs, including court involved youth) and their families.

- Lead the development and implementation of action plans for community change, including convening stakeholders, capitalizing on community assets/resources, fostering collaboration, and promoting community vision.
- Managed, coordinated, and/or conducted local research/evaluations to inform local system improvement and development within the state policies and regulations, including qualitative and quantitative statistical analysis.
- Provided leadership, coordination, resources, technical assistance and training to CCF partners, local governments, and community partners related to the service system improvements for children in foster care, at risk for foster care, with extreme special education needs, and court involved youth.
- Facilitated service planning and strategic planning meetings.
- Participated as primary resource or committee member in special assignments, and on task forces, committees, etc.,
- Spoke with the media.

08/06 – 03/08

Coordinator of Research and Planning

Charlottesville/Albemarle Commission on Children and Families (CCF), Charlottesville, Virginia.

Supervisor: Gretchen Ellis, Director, Phone 434-970-3967

- Published the annual community report card on child and family well-being including conducting qualitative statistical analysis.
- Trained agencies in developing and reporting on logic models and outcomes.
- Co-managed local grant review process by which human service non-profits apply for local funding.
- Conducted comprehensive community needs assessments, including survey development, focus group facilitation, and qualitative data analysis.
- Made oral and written communication recommendations to project leaders/contractors/senior staff and local officials.
- Identified and effectively communicated key policy and evaluation/research issues to professional and lay persons.
- Managed and provided leadership in the development of a community strategic plan for addressing priorities in human services.

Evaluation Projects:

- Principal Investigator: “TANF/VIEW Program Evaluation for the Charlottesville Department of Social Services.” Summer 2009.
- Project Lead: “Charlottesville/Albemarle Comprehensive Services Act: Evaluation of structures, process, and operations and recommendations for restructuring.” November 2007 – November 2008.
- Project Lead: “Human Services Strategic Plan, Phase II: Background Data and Research and Identification of Priorities.” August 2006 – July 2007.

08/05 – 08/06

Fellow in Medical Psychology

Department of Psychiatric Medicine, Division of Child and Family Psychology, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Clinical Supervisor: Patrick C. Fowler, Ph.D., Director of Residency Training, Emeritus.

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Provided individual, play, couples, family and group psychotherapy with individuals from the local community and surrounding areas ranging in age from three through adolescence and young adulthood with a range of mild to severe difficulties.
- Performed intakes and psychosocial evaluations, used an integrated psychotherapy approach, and participated in didactic seminars (advanced topics in diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders, play therapy, case conference, infant observation).

08/98 – 05/05

Clinical Graduate Student, emphasis in Community Psychology

Department of Psychology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Advisors: Joseph P. Allen, Ph.D., Phone 434-982-4727
N. Dickon Reppucci, Ph.D., Phone 434-924-0662

Project #1: Graduate Research Assistant: “Family Contexts of Developing Adolescent Peer Relationships, NIMH-R01-MH58066;” Principal Investigator - Joseph P. Allen, Ph.D., National Institutes of Mental Health, 1998 – 2002; and “Adolescent Peer Relations: Outcomes and Family Precursors, NIMH-R01-MH44934;” Principal Investigator - Joseph P. Allen, Ph.D., National Institutes of Mental Health, 2003 – 2008.

Project #2: Graduate Research Assistant: “Perceived Culpability of Juvenile Offenders;” Principal Investigator - N. Dickon Reppucci, Ph.D., MacArthur Foundation. 2000 – 2002.

Project #3: Graduate Research Assistant: “Empathy training for juvenile offenders.” Carrie F. Mulford, M.A., Principal Investigator. 2002.

Project #4: Content Expert: Arizona Juvenile Justice Symposium, sponsored by the Governor’s Alliance for Children and Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission – Prescott, Arizona, August 25-27, 2002

Research honors and awards:

- Doris Buffett Fellowship through the University of Virginia Center for Children, Families, & the Law (\$1,000) – Summer 2003
- Society for Research on Child Development – Student Travel Award (\$200) – Spring 2003
- National Research Service Award (approx. \$28,000/year including stipend, tuition and benefits) – 09/1/02 – 08/31/04
- Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship (\$500) – Spring 2002
- Society for Research on Child Development – Student Travel Award (\$300) – Spring 2001
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (approx. \$18,000/year plus tuition and benefits) – 08/99 – 08/02
- DuPont Fellowship (\$6,135) – Spring 1999

06/96 – 08/98

Lab Manager

University of Denver, Department of Psychology, Denver, Colorado.

“Adolescent Romantic Relationships and Their Development; NIMH-R01-MH501106;”
Principal Investigator - Wyndol Furman, Ph.D.; National Institutes of Health, 1996-1999.

Supervisor: Wyndol Furman, Ph.D., Professor and Director of Clinical Training, Phone 303-871-3688

- Fully implemented and managed all daily operations of the lab, including creating data collection logistics, participant identification and recruitment, data collection and entry, transcribing, etc.

06/91 – 06/96

Research Coordinator/Research Assistant

Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Atlanta, Georgia.

Supervisor: Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D., Ph.D., Reunette W. Harris Professor and Chairman, Phone 305-243-4000 (now at the University of Miami)

Primary duties performed and accomplishments:

- Worked on 10+ pharmaceutically sponsored drug trails investigating schizophrenia, tardive dyskensia, depression, and post-partum mood disorders.
- Managed federally-funded studies of cancer and depression and ischemic heart disease.
- Managed recruitment, data collection, and database development and maintenance.

Projects:

- Co-Investigator: "A Study of the Efficacy of 4mg and 8 mg of HP 873 Administered to Schizophrenic Patients for 42 Days." Principal Investigator - Charles B. Nemeroff, MD, PhD; Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals, 1994.
- Co-Investigator: "Pilot Trial of Pramipexole in the Treatment of Tardive Dyskinesia M/2730/0007 Study Phase II, U-98,528E." Principal Investigator - Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D., Ph.D.; Upjohn Company, 1994 – 1996.
- Principle Investigator: "Psychological Distress in Women with Breast Cancer Undergoing Bone Marrow Transplantation and Their Partners: Impacts on Perceived Effectiveness of Communication." Undergraduate Independent Study. Emory University Advisors: Sheryl H. Goodman, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry; Nadine Kaslow, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychiatry; Dominique L. Musselman, M.D., Instructor in Psychiatry. 1993 – 1996.
- Research Coordinator/Co-Investigator: "Pancreatic Cancer, Depression and Immune Function; NIMH-1-RO1-MH49523-01." Principle Investigator - Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D., Ph.D.; National Institutes of Health, 1993 – 1996.
- Research Coordinator/Co-Investigator: "A Double-blind, Multicenter, Parallel Group Study of Paroxetine vs. Desipramine and Placebo in Breast Cancer Patients (stages II, III, & IV) with Major Depressive Disorder or Adjustment Disorder with Depressed Mood." Principal Investigator - Charles B. Nemeroff, M.D., Ph.D.; SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, 1994 – 1996.