

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

2018 – 2022 **Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology**
Pepperdine University GSEP | APA-Accredited

2016 – 2017 **Master of Arts, Psychology**
Pepperdine University GSEP, Los Angeles, CA

2014 – 2015 **Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

EMPLOYMENT

03/2026 – present **Clinical Psychologist**
Loyal Source Government Services, Los Angeles, CA
Conduct independent psychological evaluations for U.S. military veterans within a federal disability assessment framework. Provide medical-legal opinions regarding diagnosis, functional impairment, and service connection (nexus). Integrate clinical interview, behavioral observations, and extensive record review into clear, defensible reports. Complete structured documentation (e.g., DBQs) aligned with regulatory and quality standards. Assess a range of conditions including PTSD, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and trauma-related presentations. Ensure objectivity, documentation accuracy, and audit readiness in all evaluations.

08/2025 – present **Clinical Psychologist**
Gallenson Psychological Services – Independent Practice, Los Angeles, CA
Deliver psychological services to professionals and graduate students. Conduct comprehensive evaluations involving record review, collateral contact, clinical interview, and testing of cognition (e.g., WAIS-IV, Trail-Making Test), personality (e.g., MMPI-3, PAI) and symptom (e.g., GAD-7, PHQ-9) testing. Produce integrated, defensible reports to support diagnostic clarification, functional assessment, accommodations, and treatment planning. Maintain proficiency in DSM-5-TR diagnostic criteria and documentation consistent with medical necessity and utilization review standards. Manage practice

operations, including scheduling, billing, and compliance, and coordinate care with major insurance providers. Provide services via telehealth platforms.

08/2025 – present

Adjunct Faculty – Psychology Department

Pepperdine University GSEP, Los Angeles, CA

Teach graduate-level coursework in personality assessment, including administration, scoring, and interpretation of major instruments (e.g., MMPI-2, Rorschach, TAT, NEO-PI, RISB). Instruction emphasizes psychometrics, test construction, and integration of multi-method assessment data into diagnostic and applied evaluations. Develop and deliver course materials, including lectures, syllabi, and report templates. Facilitate case-based learning to support critical thinking and culturally responsive interpretation. Supervise student scoring and interpretation, providing structured feedback to ensure accurate, ethical, and defensible use of assessment methods.

08/2023 – 08/2025

Staff Psychologist

Loyola Marymount University, Student Psychological Services, Los Angeles, CA

Provide short-term treatment and diagnostic evaluation for a diverse college population. Conduct biopsychosocial assessments, assign DSM-5-TR diagnoses, and interpret standardized measures (e.g., CCAPS, GAD-7, PHQ-9) to guide treatment and accommodations. Deliver CBT, supervise postdoctoral residents, and collaborate with multidisciplinary teams. Provide telehealth services.

CLINICAL TRAINING

08/2022 – 05/2023

Post-Doctoral Resident

Loyola Marymount University, Student Psychological Services, Los Angeles, CA

Completed a 10-month APPIC-accredited post-doctoral residency training program in a college counseling clinic. Provide psychological treatment and conduct biopsychosocial assessments for a diverse college population. Assign DSM-5-TR diagnoses and interpret standardized measures (e.g., CCAPS, GAD-7, PHQ-9) to guide treatment planning. Deliver outreach, collaborate with multidisciplinary teams, and participate in case conferences and training. Provide telehealth services.

07/2021 – 07/2022

Predoctoral Psychology Intern

West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, West Palm Beach, FL

Completed a 1-year APA-accredited pre-doctoral psychology internship. Provide rapid diagnostic assessment, treatment, and care planning in integrated primary care for a Veteran population. Conduct psychological evaluations (personality and cognitive) to support diagnostic clarity and produce defensible reports. Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams, respond to triage referrals, and deliver services via telehealth.

- 08/2020 – 06/2021 **Pre-Doctoral Psychology Extern**
VA Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center, Los Angeles, CA
 Provide treatment for Veterans with serious mental illness and co-occurring conditions using evidence-based approaches (e.g., CBTp, CPT, DBT-informed). Conduct biopsychosocial assessments, assign DSM-5-TR diagnoses, and manage high-acuity caseloads, including suicide risk assessment and safety planning. Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams and deliver telehealth services.
- 09/2019 – 05/2020 **Predoctoral Psychology Extern**
Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, Los Angeles, CA
 Provide LGBTQIA+-affirming psychotherapy using integrative psychodynamic and CBT approaches. Conduct intake evaluations, deliver crisis intervention, and facilitate group treatments (e.g., DBT-informed relapse prevention). Collaborate with multidisciplinary teams and provide care via telehealth.
- 08/2019 – 05/2020 **Pre-Doctoral Psychology Extern**
Framework Associates, Los Angeles, CA
 Conduct psychological evaluations for adult learners, integrating clinical interview and standardized testing to produce defensible reports for diagnostic clarification and accommodations. Collaborate on diagnostic decisions and provide individual therapy (TLDP, CBT).
- 07/2019 – 07/2019 **Pre-doctoral Psychology Extern**
Rich & Associates, Los Angeles, CA
 Deliver structured behavioral interventions for children with autism and ADHD within an intensive program. Apply evidence-based strategies to support social-emotional and executive functioning skills and provide individualized coaching and progress reporting.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2019 – 08/2020 **Behavioral Health Evaluator**
Del Amo Psychiatric Hospital, Torrance, CA
 Conduct psychosocial and risk assessments for patients under involuntary psychiatric holds (e.g., 5150, 5585). Perform structured risk evaluations, develop safety plans, and support stabilization and discharge in collaboration with interdisciplinary teams. Maintain legally compliant documentation.
- 08/2018 – 04/2021 **Clinical Intake Provider**
Del Amo Psychiatric Hospital, Torrance, CA
 Conduct intake and risk assessments to determine level of care (inpatient, PHP, IOP). Evaluate acute risk, obtain collateral data, and coordinate with multidisciplinary teams to support admission decisions. Apply legal standards (e.g., mandated reporting, duty to warn) and facilitate care coordination, authorization, and patient education.

- 07/2016 – 08/2018 **Director of Admissions**
Liberty Ranch Recovery Center, Kings Mountain, KY
 Lead intake and admissions for a residential substance use program. Conduct assessments to determine program fit, develop intake protocols, and facilitate family education. Collaborate with legal systems for court-mandated placements and lead community outreach.
- 08/2016- 08/2017 **Crisis Interventionist**
The Trevor Project, Los Angeles, CA
 Provide crisis intervention and suicide risk assessment for LGBTQ youth via telehealth. Conduct lethality assessments, coordinate emergency response, and deliver safety planning and resource linkage.

ACADEMIA and LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 08/2020 – 04/2021 **Peer Supervisor**
Pepperdine University GSEP, Los Angeles, CA
 Provide clinical supervision to a doctoral trainee, focusing on diagnostic formulation, risk assessment, and assessment interpretation. Review documentation, support clinical reasoning, and promote ethical, culturally responsive practice. Participate in case conferences and supervision.
- 09/2019 – 04/2020 **Teaching Assistant**
Pepperdine University GSEP, Los Angeles, CA
 Support graduate training in psychological assessment. Facilitate lab instruction (e.g., WAIS-IV, Rorschach), develop instructional materials, and lead didactics. Review and verify student scoring across cognitive and personality measures to ensure accuracy.
- 08/2019 – 08/2020 **Diversity Committee Representative**
Student Government Association, Pepperdine University GSEP
 Lead diversity and inclusion initiatives through student governance and campus programming. Collaborate with academic leadership to implement inclusive institutional policies and materials.
- 08/2018- 08/2021 **Pepperdine University GSEP, Los Angeles, CA**
Independent Researcher
 Conduct systematic review research on peer-administered interventions for depression, synthesizing data to evaluate effectiveness and identify target populations. Developed dissertation proposal (passed with distinction).
- 02/2016 – 04/2016 **Pepperdine University GSEP, Los Angeles, CA**
Research Assistant
 Conduct research on a psychoeducational intervention, managing data collection and analysis (Excel, SPSS) with attention to accuracy and integrity. Obtain informed consent and support study operations.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING and CERTIFICATIONS

VA MDE, Disability Medical Assessment - Medical Opinions (2022 Update)

VA MDE, Disability Medical Assessment – Mental Health Examinations

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association (APA)