

# Kaichen McRae, PhD

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## EDUCATION

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Alliant International University, California School of Forensic Studies  
Fresno, CA  
Clinical Forensic PhD Program  
Master of Arts, May 2012  
Doctorate of Philosophy, June 2015

University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA  
Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction, May 2010  
Majors: Psychology (Distinguished Major), Chemistry

## LICENSURE AND EXPERT FORENSIC EXPERIENCE

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Alaska Psychology License #104065  
November 2016

- Completion of over 350 evaluations for competency to proceed and other forensic questions for legal proceedings in the State of Alaska and the Federal Court System (159 under supervision)
- Expert testimony in 36 cases
- Qualified as an expert on 11 occasions in 9 Alaska courts

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

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| May 2019 to Present     | True North Psychological Services, <i>Forensic Psychologist, Co-Owner</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Provide consultation, training, and evaluative services to the State of Alaska, as well as attorneys in both State and Federal court</li><li>– Evaluations conducted by this agency include competency to proceed, mitigation, risk assessment, law enforcement pre-employment screenings, as well as a variety of other psycholegal referral questions</li></ul>   |
| Nov. 2016 to April 2019 | Alaska Psychiatric Institute, <i>Forensic Psychologist, Training Director (as of 12/2018)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Primary responsibilities include evaluations of competency for legal proceedings in the State of Alaska (an average of 2 to 3/week) and provision of competency restoration treatment in an inpatient setting</li><li>– Training Director responsibilities include the clinical supervision of three pre-doctoral psychology interns at our facility, faculty duties for the state-wide Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium, and regular provision of didactic trainings to the consortium</li><li>– Activities include forensic and psychological assessment, multidisciplinary treatment planning, consultation, supervision, and the provision of group and individual treatment</li></ul> |

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- July 2014 to Nov. 2016 Alaska Psychiatric Institute, *Forensic Evaluator (Post-Doctoral Training) (July 2015 to Nov. 2016) and Pre-Doctoral Intern (July 2014 to June 2015)*  
 Supervised by Wendy Elliott, PhD, Chief Forensic Psychologist  
 Kristy Becker, PhD, Chief Forensic Psychologist  
 Lois Michaud, PhD, Chief Forensic Psychologist  
 – Primary responsibilities included evaluations of competency for legal proceedings in the State of Alaska (an average of 2/week) and provision of competency restoration treatment in an inpatient setting
- June 2013 to June 2014 Sierra Education and Research Institute, *Psychological Trainee*  
 Supervised by Jana Price-Sharps, EdD, Clinical Psychologist  
 – Primary responsibilities included the provision of groups and individual treatment with adult probationers and inmates, as well as psychological assessment with this population
- July 2012 to July 2013 W. Gary Cannon Psychological Services Center, *Psychological Trainee*  
 Supervised by Dale White, PhD, Clinical Psychologist  
 – Primary activities included:  
 – Individual and family services with adults and children in an outpatient setting  
 – Psychological first aid with recent victims of sexual assault and their families  
 – Psychological assessment with juvenile and adult offenders to determine treatment needs and appropriateness for group rehabilitative treatment  
 – Psychological assessment with recent victims and other clients to determine treatment needs and provide diagnostic clarification
- August 2011 to June 2012 Central California Women’s Facility, *Psychological Trainee*  
 Supervised by Christopher Padalinski, PsyD, Clinical Psychologist  
 Mymee Her, PhD, Clinical Psychologist  
 – Primary responsibilities included group and individual treatment of incarcerated women, as well as psychological assessment with this population  
 – Treatment included both inpatient and outpatient settings
- Feb. 2011 to June 2012 Firebaugh-Las Deltas United School District, *Psychological Trainee*  
 Supervised by Shannon Bickford, School Psychologist  
 – Primary responsibilities included group and individual interventions and assessment in a school setting (K-5)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### INVITED GUEST LECTURER

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- April 8, 2016 Competence to Stand Trial, *Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium Didactics*
- April 5, 2016 Forensic Psychology, *Undergraduate Psychology Class*
- March 14, 2013 The History of Forensic Psychology, *Undergraduate Psychology Class*
- March 14, 2013 Research in Forensic Cognitive Psychology: A General Discussion and Case Examples, *Graduate Student Symposium*

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June 13, 2012      Clinical Work in a Prison Setting, *Undergraduate Student Symposium*  
October 18, 2011    Stress and Cognition in a Prison Setting, *Undergraduate Psychology Class*

TEACHING ASSISTANT

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Sept. 2013 to June 2014      Statistics Lab Tutor  
Aug. 2011 to June 2012

Aug. 2013 to May 2014      Abnormal Psychology

January 2013 to May 2013      Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior

August 2012 to Dec. 2012      Intellectual and Cognitive Assessment

August 2011 to June 2012      Research I: Design and Statistics  
Research II: Data Analysis and Statistics

**DISSERTATION AND THESIS**

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April 2013      Dissertation: The Effect of Weapons on Memory for a Crime: The Impact of Atypicality and Prior Frame of Reference

May 2012      Master's Thesis: The Evidentiary Basis of Weapon Recognition and Identification: A Taxonomy and the Effects of Prior Firearms Exposure

May 2010      Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Gambling With Pleasure: Gambling and the Pleasures of Uncertainty

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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Sharps, M.J., McRae, K., Partovi, M., Power, J., & Newton, A. (2015). Eyewitness Memory for Firearms: Narrative Accounts and Specific Questioning in the Elucidation of Accurate Information. *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*. DOI: 10.1007/s11896-015-9184-3

McRae, K., Sharps, M.J., & Kimura, N. (2015). Error and accuracy in eyewitness memory for firearms. *The Forensic Examiner*.

McRae, K., Sharps, M.J., Power, J., & Newton, A. (2014). Eyewitness memory for typical and atypical weapons in a cognitive context. *Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling*, 11(2), 179-189. DOI: 10.1002/jip.1410

McRae, K., Sharps, M.J., Powers, J., & Newton, A. (2013). The effect of weapons on memory for a crime: The impact of atypicality and prior frame of reference. Poster presented at the Society of Police and Criminal Psychology Conference, Ottawa, ON.

Sharps, M.J., McRae, K., Powers, J., & Newton, A. (2013). Eyewitness memory for weapons: Important things that didn't happen. Presented at the Society of Police and Criminal Psychology Conference, Ottawa, ON.

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Hahn, C., Wilson, T.D., McRae, K., & Gilbert, D.T. (2013). "Show me the money": Vulnerability to gambling moderates the attractiveness of money versus suspense. *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, 39(10), 1259-67.

McRae, K., Sharps, M., & Kimura, N. (2012). Eyewitness memory for weapons: The influence of question type on witness response. Poster presented at the Society of Police and Criminal Psychology Conference, Birmingham, AL.

McRae, K. (2010). Gambling with pleasure: Gambling and the pleasures of uncertainty. Poster presented at the L. Starling Reid Undergraduate Research Conference, Charlottesville, VA.

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## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| Dec 2020   | Forensic Case Formulation and Treatment Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 10-hour web-based CE training</li><li>– Addressed evidence-based case formulation and treatment planning in complex cases, with a particular focus on forensically-involved, aggressive, and suicidal patients</li></ul>  |
| Nov 2020   | CAMS Certification Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Training included a 7-hour interactive, web-based roleplay/training session, a 3-hour recorded training, and 4 hours of consultation, culminating in certification for use of the CAMS approach for treatment of suicidal ideation and behavior</li></ul>                                |
| March 2020 | American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 3-day conference presenting research and professional discussions related to the field of psychology and law, including topics such as forensic assessment, risk assessment, and treatment for forensic populations</li></ul>                                 |
| Nov 2019   | STATIC-99R Live Webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 8-hour interactive Web-based CE training in administration and interpretation of the STATIC-99R, a tool for assessing risk of sexual offending in adult offender population</li></ul>  |
| June 2019  | Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained: Ethics, Professional Judgment and Therapeutic Risk Taking with Clients <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 3-hour Web-based CE Training</li><li>– Addressed risk assessment, bias and threats to validity in such assessment, and the potential therapeutic benefits of appropriate risk taking in treatment</li></ul> |
| March 2019 | American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 3-day conference presenting research and professional discussions related to the field of psychology and law, including topics such as forensic assessment, risk assessment, and treatment for forensic populations</li></ul>                                 |
| Jan 2019   | Working Alongside Refugees in Mental Health: Cultural and Contextual Considerations for Clinicians, <i>Issa Spatrisano and Dr. Sara Buckingham</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– 7-hour in-person CE Training</li><li>– Addressed foundational principles for working with refugee populations in a culturally-competent manner</li></ul>          |

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- March 2018 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference 2018  
– 3-day conference presenting research and professional discussions related to the field of psychology and law, including topics such as forensic assessment, risk assessment, and treatment for forensic populations
- Oct. 2017 Effective Testimony for Forensic Evaluation, *Dr. Randy Otto, PhD*  
– 10-hour Web-based CE Training  
– Addressed appropriate expert roles, effective communication with the legal system, and ethical considerations in forensic work
- March 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference 2017  
– 3-day conference presenting research and professional discussions related to the field of psychology and law, including topics such as forensic assessment, risk assessment, and treatment for forensic populations
- Sept. 2017 Reducing Recidivism Through Successful Re-entry Conference – Youth and Adult  
– 2-day conference addressing treatment and community reintegration of offenders
- Sept. 2014 The Body Keeps the Score: The Science of Traumatic Stress, *Bessel van der Kolk, MD*  
– 1.5 day training addressing the effects of trauma on the body, as well as current evidence-based interventions to address psychological reactivity
- July 2014 ICD Diagnosis and DSM Changes: A New Horizon, *Carol D. Goodheart, EdD*  
– 6.5 CE training which provided an overview of DSM-5 changes
- Oct. 2013 Hostage Negotiation Training, *Jana Price-Sharps, EdD*  
– Participated in the development and execution of several role-play scenarios for the training and assessment of law enforcement applicants to a Hostage Negotiation Team  
– Contributed to the evaluation of applicants based on performance in simulated crisis negotiation scenarios
- Oct. 2013 DMS-5: The Never-Ending Sequel, *Lynn Thull, PhD & Lisa Scott-Lee, EdD*  
– 7 hour CE training which provided a review of changes to the DMS-5
- Sept. 2013 Society of Police and Criminal Psychology Conference 2013  
– 3-day conference including more than 50 presentations and 40 posters covering recent research in the field of police and criminal psychology
- Sept. 2013 Application of the CHC Cognitive Theory to the WAIS-IV, *Klayton Smith, MA*  
– Provided a review of the development of intelligence testing, specifically focusing on the Cattell-Horn-Carroll Cognitive Theory as the basis for intellectual assessment  
– Overview of interpretation techniques for the WAIS-IV, incorporating elements of the CHC theory
- June 2013 Victimology Concentration  
– Four-unit concentration in Victimology as part of a doctoral program

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- Topics included techniques for prevention, investigative considerations, consultation, and current empirically validated intervention approaches
- May 2013 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Workshop, *Marion Chiurazzi, PhD*
- 8-hour workshop reviewing the principles of CBT work, empirically-validated intervention techniques, and case conceptualization
- May 2013 Psychopathology of Sexual Predators, *Eric Hickey, PhD*
- Eight-hour training regarding the characteristics of sexual predators, the nature of psychopathology, and paraphilias and their relationship to sexual crimes
- April 2013 Psychopathy Checklist-Revised Training, *Rochelle Barb, PsyD*
- 4-hour training intended to provide a basic understanding of the administration and use of the PCL-R (although not intended to replace official training on the use of this instrument)
  - Information provided on the history and nature of psychopathology, review of the administration and scoring of the PCL-R, and practice administration and interpretation
- Nov. 2012 California School of Professional Psychology Symposium – Forensic Case Conceptualization
- Provided an overview of case conceptualization styles and the importance of conceptualization in the assessment process, specifically focusing on forensic evaluations
- Nov. 2012 Society of Police and Criminal Psychology Conference 2012
- 3-day conference including presentations and posters covering recent research in the field of police and criminal psychology

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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Psychology-Law Society

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## **REFERENCES**

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Available upon request