

Kristy Becker, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

Kristy Becker
True North Psychological Services
Anchorage, AK 99508
(907) 538-5838
becker@truenorthpsy.com

EDUCATION

- 2009 – 2014 **Doctor of Philosophy**
Clinical Psychology, Forensic Emphasis
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Dissertation: *Competency for Immigration Proceedings: A Survey of Immigration Attorneys.*
Thesis: *Does Locus of Control Moderate the Relationship between Psychopathy and Institutional Infractions among Youthful Offenders?*
- 2006 – 2008 **Master of Arts**
Psychology
Columbia University: Teachers College, New York, New York
- 2002 – 2005 **Bachelor of Science**
Psychology
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho

RECENT EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 **True North Psychological Services, LLC**
Owner
Private practice conducting a variety of forensic and clinical psychological evaluations in Alaska. Provide testimony as a subject matter expert. Interface with the State and Federal Court systems, attorneys, the Department of Correction and/or the Department of Health and Social Services to provide forensic evaluations including (but not limited to) diagnostic clarification, mitigation, sex offender risk assessment, and various legal competencies. Additional services include consultation regarding mental health service provision in a variety of settings, training/education, program evaluation, and psycho-legal consultation.

- 2015 – 2019 **State of Alaska**
Chief Forensic Psychologist
Provided supervision and program management of the Forensic Psychology Services provided by the Alaska Psychiatric Institute, and management of the competency restoration unit. Responsible for program development, treatment planning, and evaluation of inpatients committed under Alaska Title 12 for the criminal courts. Provided expert testimony. Conducted other relevant duties as a forensic psychologist for the State (as outlined in the position description below). Responsible for the supervision of two licensed doctoral level psychologists who served as Forensic Evaluators, a Paralegal, and the annual training and supervision of one Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern. Provided administrative guidance and training on forensic matters.
- 2014 – 2015 **State of Alaska**
Forensic Psychologist
Conducted court ordered competency and culpability evaluations for the State of Alaska. Provided written psychological reports to the courts in response to referral questions. Administered relevant measures to individuals referred by the court. Assisted in coordinating competency restoration treatment. Developed behavioral management plans on the forensic unit. Conducted admissions and discharges. Acted as a member of an interdisciplinary treatment team. Achieved and maintained relationships with community partners in the Court system and the Department of Corrections. Provided training to lawyers and lawmakers in Alaska.
- 2013 – 2014 **Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium: Alaska Psychiatric Institute – Forensic Track, Anchorage, AK**
Independently conducted court ordered competency evaluations for the State of Alaska. Provided written psychological reports to the courts in response to referral questions. Administered relevant measures to individuals referred by the court. Provided treatment on a group and individual basis for competency restoration. Assisted in developing behavioral management plans on the forensic unit. Conducted admissions and discharges. Acted as a member of an interdisciplinary treatment team. Achieved and maintained relationships with community partners in the Court system and the Department of Corrections.

DOCTORAL PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

- 2012 – 2013 **Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, Houston, TX**
Completed court ordered assessments of detained juveniles. These included clinical interviews, a variety of assessment batteries, and composition of integrated reports for the respective courts.
- 2012 **Boise Veterans Administration Medical Center, Boise, ID**
Conducted clinical interviews, wrote integrated reports, and provided client feedback to veterans referred for behavioral health services by treating physicians and/or mental health care providers. Assessments were varied in terms of referral questions and included cognitive functioning, dementia, academic needs, attention, psychosis, chemical dependency, and gender

identity. Provided program intervention to the in-house skilled nursing facility to facilitate improved understanding of client needs and basic behavioral intervention techniques.

2011 – 2012

Montgomery County Jail, Conroe, TX

Completed diagnostic and risk assessments for both male and female inmates. Risk assessment included suicide, homicide, and security risk. Assisted jail management in making appropriate housing assignments and initiating appropriate interventions for at-risk inmates. Juveniles (aged 17) were also housed at this facility and comprised a portion of assessments. A substantial percentage of assessed individuals were found to have a serious mental illness. Assisted supervising psychologists and jail administrative staff in the development of the practicum site and in determination of student roles and tasks at the facility.

2011

Montgomery County Probation Family Assault Group

Co-led a manualized group therapy sessions for court ordered juveniles with a history of intra-familial violence and their respective families.

2010 – 2011

Forensic Assessment

Conducted court ordered evaluations and wrote reports for adult and juvenile forensic evaluations. These included evaluations of competence to stand trial, sanity, fitness to proceed, criminal responsibility, and treatment recommendations.

2010 – 2011

Psychological Services Center, Huntsville, TX

Psycho-diagnostic assessment and therapy for adults, juveniles and children provided at a community clinic serving a diverse, low-income community population. Specific emphasis was placed on clinical interviewing, providing skillful case conceptualization, accurate diagnosis, and the implementation of empirically supported treatments. Additional duties included report writing, assessment feedback, treatment planning, discharge planning, and risk management.

2007

Kings County Supreme Court, Brooklyn, NY

Forensic Assessment

Observed court ordered evaluations of adults in custody. Assisted in interviewing, case conceptualization and report writing. Attended a weekly didactic related to salient forensic issues at this site.

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

2007 – 2009

Washington State Department of Corrections, Seattle, WA
Community Corrections Officer II

Member of the Special Assault Unit, an intensive management team supervising all high-risk sexual offenders in King County, WA. Included civilly committed sexual offenders being transitioned into the community. Managed a caseload of approximately 30 sexual offenders living in the community. Interacted with

mental health, chemical dependency and sexual deviancy treatment providers. Worked closely with other law enforcement agencies, the public, the court system, and correctional institutions. Managed offender transition to community living while insuring community safety.

2007 – 2008

**Pierce County, Tacoma, WA
Behavioral Health Specialist III**

Operated as part of a mobile crisis outreach team. Fielded crisis calls from community members and assessed need. Provided resource information and brief crisis counseling. Assessed community members at their residences for danger to self, others, and grave disability. Interacted with law enforcement, local hospitals and diversion programs to ensure client safety and meet immediate mental health needs.

2005 – 2006

**San Mateo Probation Department, San Mateo, CA
Group Supervisor II**

Supervised detained juveniles. Full responsibility for program planning, counseling and supervision of juveniles. Conducted individual guidance and counseling sessions. Assisted in development of institutional programs.

2005 – 2006

**Mental Health Association, Redwood City, CA
Supportive Housing Case Manager**

Managed a caseload of individuals with chronic mental illnesses, all of whom were formerly homeless. Provided education and support in navigating social systems, maintaining secure housing, sobriety maintenance, medication management, parenting skills, and symptom management. Provided individual counseling and crisis intervention as needed.

2000 – 2005

**Idaho Maximum Security Institution, Boise, ID
Psychiatric Treatment Coordinator**

Provided direct care to inmates with a range of mental health concerns housed in an all-male maximum security institution. One to one counseling, crisis intervention and management, facilitating groups, behavior management/intervention, treatment planning, medication management, and education. Participated in weekly treatment team meetings. Served as a liaison between offenders and the Chief Psychologist. Conducted independent research.

1999 – 2000

**Intermountain Hospital, Boise, ID
Psychiatric Technician**

Provided direct patient care to adults, adolescents, and children. Conducted behavior management, group facilitation, recreation, visitation, admissions and discharges. Worked with an interdisciplinary treatment team including psychiatrists, psychologists, and nursing staff.

1998 – 1999

**South Sound Mental Health Services, Tumwater, WA
Homeless Outreach Worker**

Interacted with the local homeless population. Focused primarily on individuals experiencing mental illness. Assisted clients with gaining access to

community resources, navigating social systems, and accessing mental health care. Networked community resources and interacted directly with many other community agencies. Collected data on this population.

1997 – 1999

**Western State Hospital, Steilacoom, WA
Psychiatric Technician**

Direct patient care provided to individuals experiencing severe and persistent mentally illnesses. Worked primarily with assaultive adult males to manage behavior, activities of daily living, and supervised recreation.

VOLUNTEER WORK

2019 – 2020

**Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Board of Directors
Board Member**

Serve in an advisory role as an elected member of the board of directors for a large community nonprofit organization serving the mental health needs of Anchorage and Fairbanks.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

2014 – present

General Training

Responsibilities: Provide training on a wide range of topics in forensic psychology to relevant stakeholders in Alaska. Examples include Public Defender Agencies, OPA Attorneys, Judges, and psychology students.

2014 – 2019

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

Responsibilities: Directly supervised the work of two psychologists and one paralegal. Primary supervisor (annually) for one pre-doctoral intern in an APA accredited internship consortium. Provided didactic education on forensic assessment, risk assessment, work safety, psychology and the law, and miscellaneous topics to interns statewide. Secondary supervisor to a variety of practicum students and interns.

2012

Montgomery County Jail

Responsibilities: Supervised the work of an incoming practicum student at the jail for one month. Provided training on the electronic medical documentation system, referral system, medication compliance system, jail protocols, safety, risk assessment, and how to initiate housing and classification recommendations.

2011

Invited Guest Lecture: Violence, Victims, and Offenders Seminar

Lecture based upon Philip Zimbardo's "The Lucifer Effect." Illustrated social psychology research that is relevant to how otherwise "good" people may engage in maladaptive and harmful behavior.

2009 – 2011

Graduate Instructor, Sam Houston State University

Taught Introductory Psychology (PSY 131) to undergraduate students. Full responsibility for preparing lecture material, creating presentations, creating and

administering exams. Taught four distinct sections of this course ranging from 45 to 200 students per section.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2012 **Research Assistant**
Research lab focused on multi-cultural issues in forensic psychology. Areas of study included: competency in immigration proceedings, acculturation, mental health problems and factual understanding of immigration proceedings. Participated in generating and developing research questions, developing research material, designing studies and gathering data. Consulted regularly with a subject matter expert attorney on behalf of the lab.
- 2011 **Research Team Member**
Synthetic Marijuana Use Among Justice Involved Adolescents
Conducted interviews and administered the Global Assessment of Individual Needs-Q (GAIN-Quick) to adolescents a county probation department. Assisted in team project development.
- 2010 **Research Team Member**
Treatment Amenability of Youths Convicted of Crimes in Texas as Adults
Administered demographic surveys, the Measure of Children's Perception of Control (MMCP), the University of Rhode Island Change Assessment Scale (URICA), and the Risk-Sophistication-Treatment Inventory – Fast (RSTi-FAST) to over 80 incarcerated males in small groups and individual administration.
- 2010 **Research Team Member**
The Ultimate Lineup Administrator: Computer Administration and Eyewitness Identification Accuracy
Administered 3 different computer lineup protocols to undergraduate research participants.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 **Kristy Becker**, Jorge G. Varela, Alexandra Tellez, and Tami L. B. Gomez.
Competency for Immigration Proceedings: A Survey of Immigration Attorneys. Symposium presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference in New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 Jason M. Duncan, Jeffrey S. Anastasi, Amanda M. Amacker, and **Kristy Becker**. (March, 2010). The Ultimate Lineup Administrator: Computer Administration and Eyewitness Identification Accuracy. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference in Miami, FL.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 **American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference**
Multiple Presenters for a 3-day conference
- 2019 **American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference**
Multiple Presenters for a 3-day conference
- 2019 **Working Alongside Refugees in Mental Health: Cultural and Contextual Considerations for Clinicians**
Presenters: Issa Spatrisano & Sara Buckingham, Ph.D.
- 2017 **American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference**
Multiple Presenters for a 3-day conference
- 2017 **Reducing Recidivism Through Successful Re-entry Conference – Youth and Adult**
Multiple Presenters for a 2-day conference
- 2014 **Transcultural Medicine**
Multiple presenters for a 5-day conference
- 2011 **Providing Psychological Services to Disabled Clients**
Presenter: Randall Cox, Ph.D.
- 2011 **Sexual Orientation in Adolescence: Identity Development, Stigma, and Treatment Concerns**
Presenters: Robert Cramer, Ph.D. & Audrey Miller, Ph.D.
- 2010 **Understanding Suicide: More than Just Theory**
Presenters: David Rudd, Ph.D. & Thomas Joiner, Ph.D.
- 2010 **Ethics in Forensic Psychology**
Presenter: Alan Goldstein, Ph.D., ABPP
- 2010 **Psychological First Aid: Core Skills**
Presenter: Brian Allen, Psy.D.

References available upon request.