

CURRICULUM VITAE

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LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST:

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

Ponce School of Medicine

Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, May 2008

Dissertation: Ejecución de una muestra de personas con diagnóstico de epilepsia en la Escala de Inteligencia Wechsler para Adultos Versión III (EIWA-III), normalizada para Puerto Rico, 2008

Universidad de Puerto Rico – Río Piedras, Puerto Rico

B.A., Psychology, May, 2003.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Director of Treatment Services - Industry Residential Center. Rush, NY. (February 2016 to present). *Responsibilities:* Provide leadership and management within an administrative team. Provide clinical coaching and supervision in a residential facility for juvenile delinquents and court-placed youth. Provide on-call coverage. Train and support clinical staff on evidence-based treatment modalities, including Seven Challenges Substance Abuse Treatment and Dialectical Behavioral Treatment. Provide mandated trainings for Office of Children and Family Services staff, including Mental Health Disorders and Psychiatric Medication, as well as Suicide Risk Reduction. Provide oversight of the Medical Team and lead the Staff Trauma Outreach Program.

Clinical Supervisor (part time position) - Family Counseling Service of the Finger Lakes, Inc. (February 2011 to present). *Responsibilities:* Provide clinical supervision to Master Level Social Workers and Licensed Clinical Social Workers. This included weekly supervision of individual therapy cases of victims of extra-familial sexual abuse and clinical assessments of suspected sexual abuse. Provide clinical support during crisis interventions over the phone as needed.

Licensed Psychologist – Industry Residential Center. Rush, NY. (August 2013 to February 2016). *Responsibilities:* Function as part of the clinical leadership within a multidisciplinary treatment team. Conduct clinical assessments, including cognitive, functional, and risk, in order to provide insight and recommendations related to treatment for male adolescents within a Limited Secure Facility. Provide Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, including skills group training and individual therapy. Engage in crisis intervention and suicidal/homicidal risk assessments.

Psychologist - Hillside Children's Center Varick Campus, New York: Specialized Care Service Program and Diagnostic and Short Term Care Program (July 2009 to 2013). *Responsibilities:* Function as part of a multidisciplinary treatment team while providing clinical oversight of programs serving 48 adolescent male/female residents ages 10 to 21 in a residential setting with diverse diagnoses and/or history of sexual harmful behaviors. Conduct clinical assessments in order to determine level of care and recommend therapeutic interventions. Provide individual psychotherapy, crisis intervention, group therapy, as well as conduct suicidal/homicidal risk assessments. Provide training for staff and individual clinical supervision to Master Level Social Workers. Develop and implement a Dialectical Behavioral Therapy program.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

Post-Doctoral Training Psychologist - Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth. Canaan, NY (July 2008 to June 2009). *Responsibilities:* Conduct individual therapy, and psychological assessments using cognitive, projective and personality measures of adolescents, in a residential setting in order to determine level of care and recommend therapeutic interventions. Provide crisis intervention and suicidal/homicidal risk evaluation. Function as part of a multidisciplinary treatment team, consulting, case coordinating, and treatment planning. Licensed Supervisor- Gabrielle Brecht, Psy.D.

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Internship - Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth. Canaan, NY (July 2007 to June 2008). *Responsibilities:* Conducted individual, group, and family psychotherapy to male adolescents in a residential setting. Conducted psychological assessments using cognitive, projective and personality measures. Provided crisis intervention and suicidal/homicidal intervention work. Functioned as part of a multidisciplinary treatment team, consulting, case coordinating, and treatment planning. Licensed Supervisor- John M. Kowalski, Ph.D.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Project: Translation, Adaptation and Normalization of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - III for use with Puerto Rican population. (From April 2004 to 2008.)

Psychoneurometric Resources, Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, Ponce School of Medicine.

Responsibilities: Research Assistant. Evaluating possible candidates for inclusion in the project that translated, adapted and normalized the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale III for Puerto Rico. Administering the WAIS-III PR to subjects of the normalization sample.

PUBLICATIONS:

Laguer, Alma, Matías-Carrelo, Leida, Pons, José I., Rodríguez, Juana M., Herrans, Laura L. *Ejecución de una muestra de personas con diagnóstico de epilepsia en la Escala de Inteligencia*

Wechsler para Adultos Versión III (EIWA-III), normalizada para Puerto Rico. Revista Puertorriqueña de Psicología, 2008, vol.19, p.133-147. ISSN 1946-2026

PRESENTATIONS:

Cieslak, E. & Laguer, A.F., (2011, December). *Introduction to Dialectical Behavioral Therapy*. Training for Clinical Department at Hillside Children’s Center, Romulus, NY.

Laguer, A.F., (2011, September). *Introduction to Dialectical Behavioral Therapy*. Colloquium presented for school staff at Hillside Children’s Center, Romulus, NY.

Laguer, A.F., (2008, May). *Comparative profile of the functioning of adults diagnosed with epilepsy and the sample from the normalization of the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-Third Edition (WAIS-III)*. Colloquium presented at Berkshire Farm Center, Canaan, NY.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- Dialectical Behavior Therapy in Substance Use Disorders (2017)
- Racial Equity Learning Exchange (2016)
- Seven Challenges Substance Abuse Treatment - Training for Leaders (2016)
- Seven Challenges Substance Abuse Treatment - Training for Counselors (2015)
- Treating Substance Use Disorders in High Risk Youth using Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Other Evidence-Based Practices (2015)
- Ten-day Intensive Training Course in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (2011)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS:

Bilingual/Bicultural – Spanish/English Speaking

REFERENCES:

Available upon request