

Curriculum Vitae
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Applicant Match #

EDUCATION

- 2013-present **Doctor of Philosophy Candidate**
Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University
Dissertation: Mental Health Profiles and Symptom Validity Among Justice-Involved Veterans
(Proposal Defended: 08/2017)
Advisor: Jorge Varela, Ph.D.
- 2015 **Master of Arts**
Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University
Thesis: Exploring the Role of Executive Dysfunction Within the Externalizing Spectrum
Advisor: Adam Schmidt, Ph.D.
- 2013 **Bachelor of Arts**
Psychology & Sociology, *Magna Cum Laude*
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- June 2017 – Present **Practicum Student- Individual Therapist**
Texas A&M Telehealth Counseling Clinic
College Station, Texas
- Responsibilities:*
- Provide individual evidence-based interventions to adults including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), components of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)
 - Conduct intake evaluations and authored intake reports
 - Conduct suicide risk assessments
 - Provide individual psychotherapy as needed
 - Attend collaborative care community meetings
 - Participate in community outreach efforts
- Population:* A diverse, low-income, multi-ethnic population of adults seeking outpatient services
- Supervisors:* Carly McCord, Ph.D. & Kevin Tarlow, Ph.D.

August 2016 –
May 2017

Practicum Student-Individual Therapist

Office of Rebecca Hamlin, private practice
Spring, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Co-facilitated individual evidence-based therapy to children, adolescents, and adults, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and components of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)
 - Assisted in formulating detailed treatment plans and closely monitoring treatment goals
 - Administered and scored assessment materials, including cognitive, achievement, adaptive behavior, personality, neuropsychological, and behavioral measures
 - Assessments included, but were not limited to, ADHD, learning disabilities, memory impairments, and comprehensive psychological evaluations
 - Engaged in integrative report writing for ethnically diverse college students and child, adolescent, and adult populations
 - Communicated assessment results and recommendations to clients
 - Conducted ex-parte forensic evaluations consisting primarily of a comprehensive clinical interview and neuropsychological, intelligence, and psychodiagnostic testing
 - Co-authored reports for adult forensic evaluations, including evaluations of competence to stand trial and criminal responsibility

Population: Children, adolescent, and adult populations; justice-involved adults

Supervisor: Rebecca Hamlin, Ph.D.

October 2015 –
July 2016

Practicum Student- Individual and Group Therapist

Federal Prison Camp Bryan
Bryan, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Co-facilitated therapeutic groups within the Residential Drug Abuse Program (RDAP) and Non-Residential Drug Treatment Program, with a particular focus on psychoeducation and cognitive skills building
 - Conducted intake screening interviews and co-authored intake reports for Non-Residential Drug Treatment Program participants
 - Participated in weekly multidisciplinary treatment team meetings
 - Attended weekly community meetings
 - Observed and conducted brief crisis interventions for inmates seeking immediate services
 - Developed and delivered a presentation discussing research-based risk and protective factors for recidivism to inmates and prison staff
 - Administered intelligence assessment measures to male inmates at FCI Bastrop
 - Co-authored integrative reports of intelligence and achievement

testing results; provided recommendations for accommodations

Population: Ethnically diverse, adult female offenders incarcerated in a minimum security federal prison camp

Supervisors: Ashley Noble, Psy.D., Leana Talbot, Ph.D., & Deanna Vokes Berg, Psy.D.

August 2015 –
September 2015

Practicum Student-Individual Evaluator

Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department
Conroe, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Conducted a psychodiagnostic evaluation on a juvenile as ordered by the court or probation department
 - Assessments included use of intelligence, achievement, and adaptive behavior measures
 - Authored an integrated report, and provided treatment and placement recommendations

Population: Ethnically diverse, justice-involved youth

Supervisor: Darryl Johnson, Ph.D.

August 2014 -
Present

Assistant Forensic Evaluator

Psychological Services Center
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Conduct court-ordered evaluations consisting primarily of a comprehensive clinical interview, and symptom responses assessments
 - Discuss assessment and case formulation with supervisor
 - Co-author reports for adult forensic evaluations, including evaluations of competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility
 - Conduct psychodiagnostic evaluations, and provide treatment recommendations

Population: Justice-involved adults

Supervisor: Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP

August 2012 –
August 2015

Practicum Student-Individual Therapist & Evaluator

Psychological Services Center
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Provided individual evidence-based interventions to children and adults, including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), components of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Skills Training in Affective and

Interpersonal Regulation/Narrative Story-Telling (STAIR-NST)

- Conducted intake evaluations and authored intake reports
- Formulated detailed treatment plans and closely monitored treatment goals
- Engaged in suicide risk assessment and prevention
- Administered and scored assessment materials, including cognitive, achievement, adaptive behavior, personality, neuropsychological, and behavioral measures
 - Assessments included, but were not limited to, ADHD, learning disabilities, and comprehensive psychological evaluations
- Engaged in integrative report writing for ethnically diverse college students and child, adolescent, and adult referrals from the community
- Communicated assessment results and recommendations to clients

Population: A diverse, low-income, multi-ethnic population of children, adolescents, and adults seeking outpatient services

Supervisors: Adam Schmidt, Ph.D., Melissa Magyar, Ph.D., & Darryl Johnson, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2017 –
Present

Instructor (online)

Psychology and The Law (PSYC 3383)
Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Develop course curriculum to address key learning objectives
 - Create assignments and exams to evaluate students' performance
 - Grade coursework and provide ongoing feedback for students

Supervisor: Christopher Wilson, Ph.D.

August 2016 –
May 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Assessment of Intelligence and Achievement (PSYC 5395)
Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Instructed students regarding standardized administration of various intelligence and achievement measures
 - Supervised administration and scoring of numerous intelligence, achievement, and adaptive behavior measures to ensure student competence upon course completion in preparation for further clinical training

Supervisor: Amanda Venta, Ph.D.

May 2016 –
August 2016

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Human Neuropsychology (PSYC 7374)

Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Instructed students regarding standardized administration of various neuropsychological measures
 - Supervised administration and scoring of numerous neuropsychological measures to ensure student competence upon course completion in preparation for further clinical training

Supervisor: David Nelson, Ph.D.

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

August 2016 – **Undergraduate Research Supervisor**
March 2017 Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Supervised an undergraduate honors student in designing and executing a research project involving a case law review
 - Co-authored a data presentation presented at a national conference

Supervisor: Adam Schmidt, Ph.D.

August 2015 – **Peer Supervisor**
December 2015 Capstone Practicum (PSYC 8381)
Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University
Huntsville, Texas

- Responsibilities:*
- Supervised second-year doctoral students on their psychological assessment cases
 - Verified scoring of various testing protocols
 - Edited clinical documentation as needed
 - Reviewed and provided feedback for case presentations

Supervisor: David Nelson, Ph.D.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2017 – **Principal Investigator**
Present Mental Health Profiles and Symptom Validity Concerns of Justice-Involved Veterans

- Responsibilities:*
- Design and execute study of mental health and criminogenic needs of veteran and non-veteran offenders involved in problem solving and specialty courts

Supervisor: Jorge Varela, Ph.D.

July 2016 – **Co-Investigator**
December 2016 Evaluator Empathy in Psychopathy Interviews

- Responsibilities:*
- Interviewed and administered measures to undergraduate research

participants as part of an experimental study exploring the influence of evaluator empathy on reports of defendant psychopathy and normative personality traits

- Co-authored data presentations at multiple national conferences

Supervisor: Marcus Boccaccini, Ph.D.

July 2016 – **Graduate Research Assistant**

December 2016 The Lone Star Project: Study of Offender Trajectories, Associations, and Reentry

- Responsibilities:*
- Interviewed Texas Department of Criminal Justice offenders as part of an NIJ-funded study exploring the implications of gang membership for prison group affiliation, recidivism, and reentry
 - Coded and transcribed data collected from in-person interviews

Supervisors: Scott Decker, Ph.D. and David Pyrooz, Ph.D.

August 2014 – **Graduate Research Assistant**

August 2016 A Case Law Review of the Million Clinical Multiaxial Inventory (MCMI)

- Responsibilities:*
- Conducted detailed reviews of case law in order to identify, extract, and code information relevant to the MCMI and its use in the legal arena
 - Assisted in developing and refining coding categories for the purpose of data analysis

Supervisor: Melissa Magyar, Ph.D.

August 2014 – **Co-Investigator**

May 2016 A Four-Factor Model of Executive Functioning: The Relationship Between Personality, Intelligence, and Executive Functioning

- Responsibilities:*
- Study exploring the relationship between personality, intelligence, impulsivity, and neuropsychological functioning
 - Administered intelligence, personality, neuropsychological, and behavioral measures to undergraduate research participants
 - Co-authored data presentations at multiple national conferences

Supervisor: Adam Schmidt, Ph.D.

February 2014 – **Co-Investigator**

August 2014 The Influence of Context on Personality Reports

- Responsibilities:*
- Study examined differences in personality assessment scores between private and public administration contexts
 - Recruited and administered a multi-instrument survey to 150 undergraduate participants
 - Co-authored data presentations at multiple national conferences

Supervisor: Rowland Miller, Ph.D.

August 2013 – **Graduate Research Assistant**

May 2014 Hate Crime Victimization and Internalized Stigma Among Minority Groups

- Responsibilities:*
- Conducted an extensive literature review of the physical, mental, and legal repercussions of hate crimes

- Co-authored a manuscript detailing the existing literature on hate crime victimization and the effects of internalized stigma on both individual victims and minority groups in general, as well as a review of existing hate crime legislation

Supervisor: Rob Cramer, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Cramer, R. J., Bryson, C. N., Eichorst, M. K., Keyes, L. N., & **Ridge, B. E.** (2017). Conceptualization and Pilot Testing of a Core Competency-based Training Workshop in Suicide Risk Assessment and Management. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 73, 233-238.

Cramer, R. J., Bryson, C. N., Stroud, C. H., & **Ridge, B. E.** (2016). A Pilot Test of a Graduate Course in Suicide Theory, Risk Assessment and Management. *Teaching of Psychology*, 43, 238-242.

Schmidt, A., **Ridge, B. E.**, & Pennington, C. (2015). An overview of facial affect recognition deficits following traumatic brain injury in children and adults. In A. Freitas-Magalhães, *Emotional Expression: The brain and face* (Vol. 6, pp. 307-350). Porto, Portugal: FEELab Science Books.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Vera, L., Boccaccini, M., Laxton, K., Bryson, C. N., Pennington, C. R., & **Ridge, B. E.** (August, 2017). *Evaluator Empathy in Psychopathy Interviews*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Camins, J. S., Henderson, C. E., Magyar, M. S., Schmidt, A. T., Crosby, J., **Ridge, B. E.**, & Kurus, S. (March 2017). *Predicting Adolescent Delinquency from a Behavior Typing Model: The Role of Exposure to Community Violence*. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.

Vera, L., Boccaccini, M., Laxton, K., Bryson, C. N., Pennington, C. R., & **Ridge, B. E.** (March, 2017). *Evaluator Empathy in Psychopathy Interviews*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.

Stallard, C. E., Schmidt, A. T., & **Ridge, B. E.** (March, 2017). *The Role and Admissibility of Neuroimaging Evidence in U.S. Criminal Law: A Case Law Review*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.

Cramer, R. J., Bryson, C. N., Stroud, C. H., Eichorst, M. K., Keyes, L. N., and **Ridge, B. E.** (March, 2016). *Pilot Testing Approaches to Suicide Risk Assessment Training: Preliminary Efficacy and an Extension to Violence Risk*. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.

- Hart, J. R., Magyar, M. S., Ball, E. M., Camins, J., & **Ridge, B. E.** (March, 2016). *Using the Personality Assessment Inventory-Adolescent to Predict High-Risk Behaviors Among Juvenile Male Offenders*. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Ridge, B. E.**, Pennington, C. R., Bryson, C. N., McCallum, K. E., Marshall, K. K., & Schmidt, A. T. (February, 2016). *Connecting the Dots: Relating Executive Dysfunction to the Externalizing Spectrum of Psychopathology*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA.
- Pennington, C. R., Marshall, K. K., Bryson, C. N., McCallum, K. E., **Ridge, B. E.**, Cheiffetz, R. T., Stanford-Galloway, P., & Schmidt, A. T. (February, 2016). *The role of executive functions in externally-valid decision-making processes*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA.
- Ridge, B. E.**, Magyar, M. S., & Bitting, B. S. (March, 2015). *An Investigation of a Psychopathology/Personality-based Typology among Juvenile Male Offenders Utilizing the Personality Assessment Inventory-Adolescent (PAI-A)*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
- Gardner, B. O., Miller, R. S., & **Ridge, B. E.** (March, 2015). *Cognitive capacity and its effect on lie detection ability*. Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Diego, CA.
- Gardner, B. O., Vera, L., **Ridge, B. E.**, Bitting, B. S., & Miller, R. S. (February, 2015). *Place and personality: Need for cognition scores vary across settings*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- Pennington, C. R., Schmidt, A. T., **Ridge, B. E.**, McCallum, K. E., Bryson, C. N., Marshall, K. K., & Cheiffetz, R. T. (February, 2015). *Personality traits influence processing speed performance in a neurologically intact population*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the International Neuropsychological Society, Denver, CO.
- Gardner, B. O., Vera, L., Bitting, B., **Ridge, B. E.**, & Miller, R. (August, 2014). *The Influence of Context on Personality Reports*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August 2017 - Present	Campus Representative, Advocacy Coordinating Team (ACT) American Psychological Association of Graduate Students
September 2017	Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD Didactic Training, UT Health San Antonio STRONG STAR Training Initiative

- April 2017 Indispensable Forensic Psychology in the Age of Neuroscience
Consolidated Continuing Education and Professional Training, Sam Houston
State University
Presenter: Steven J. Morse, J.D., Ph.D.
- April 2016 Advancing Recidivism Reduction Efforts: RNR Simulation Tool
Consolidated Continuing Education and Professional Training, Sam Houston
State University
Presenter: Faye S. Taxman, Ph.D.
- April 2015 Callous-Unemotional Traits and Conduct Disorder: Implications for
Understanding, Diagnosing, and Treating Antisocial Youths
Consolidated Continuing Education and Professional Training, Sam Houston
State University
Presenter: Paul J. Frick, Ph.D.
- February 2014 Clinical and Conceptual Problems in the Attribution of Malingering in Forensic
Evaluations
Consolidated Continuing Education and Professional Training, Sam Houston
State University
Presenter: Richard Frederick, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2013 – Present American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41)
2013 – Present American Psychological Association

REFERENCES

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