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EDUCATION

Sam Houston State University Ph.D., Clinical Psychology with Forensic Emphasis	Huntsville, TX 2014
John Jay College of Criminal Justice M.A., Forensic Psychology	New York, NY 2004
North Carolina State University B.A., Psychology and B.A., Criminology	Raleigh, NC 2002

EMPLOYMENT

University of Houston Adjunct Instructor (4 courses per semester)	Houston, TX 08/2015- present
Sam Houston State University Lecturer in Psychology (2-3 courses per semester)	Huntsville, TX 08/2014- present
The Office of J. Scott Hickey, Ph.D. Postdoctoral Fellow	Houston, TX 01/2014- present
Lone Star Community College Adjunct Psychology Instructor (2-3 courses a semester)	Woodlands, TX 08/2010- present
MHMRA of Harris Co. Outcomes Analyst Assertive Community Treatment Clinician	Houston, TX 04/2012-01/2013 09/2011-04/2012
United States Medical Center for Federal Bureau of Prisons Pre-doctoral Psychology Intern	Springfield, MO 08/2009 -08/2010
Sam Houston State University Student Clinician, Researcher, and Educator	Huntsville, TX 08/2004-08/2009

SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Sam Houston State University Psychological Services Center

Student Forensic Examiner

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

- Conducted adult and juvenile court ordered evaluations

Huntsville, TX

11/2007-08/2009

(936) 294-1210

Adapt Counseling

Practicum Student (20 hours per week)

Supervisors: Robert McLaughlin, Ph.D. & Robbie Sharp, Ph.D.

- Conducted individual and group therapy with incarcerated juveniles adjudicated of sexual offenses
- Completed psychological assessments on behalf of Harris County Juvenile Probation
- Conducted individual therapy and family therapy with adolescent outpatients

Houston, TX

08/2008-08/2009

(713) 961-0651

Sam Houston State University Psychological Service Center

Practicum Student (20 hours per week)

Supervisors: David Nelson, Ph.D., ABPP & Darryl Johnson, Ph.D.

- Conducted individual psychotherapy with adults and adolescents in a community mental health clinic
- Facilitated group therapy (anger management) with juveniles on probation
- Completed forensic, diagnostic, and educational assessments with adults and children

Huntsville, TX

05/2008-08/2008

(936) 294-1210

Montgomery County Department of Community Corrections

Practicum Student (20 hours per week)

Supervisor: Ronald Massey, Ph.D.

- Conducted pre-sentence mental health evaluations
- Facilitated group and individual therapy at substance abuse treatment facility
- Consulted with community supervision officers and jail staff
- Facilitated psycho-educational groups within a county jail setting

Conroe, TX

05/2007-05/2008

(936) 539-2903

SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Ben Taub Neuropsychiatric Treatment Center

Practicum Student (14 hours per week)

Supervisors: J. Ray Hays, Ph.D., J.D. & Catherine Romero, Ph.D.

Houston, TX

01/2007-05/2007

(713) 873-513

- Completed neuropsychological assessments
- Conducted outpatient family therapy at a county hospital
- Co-facilitated intensive outpatient treatment groups (DBT)

Sam Houston State University Psychological Services Center

Practicum Student (14 hours per week)

Supervisor: Daniel Murrie, Ph.D.

Huntsville, TX

08/2006-12/2006

(434) 924-5435

- Completed psycho-educational assessments with adults & children in a community mental health clinic

Sam Houston State University Psychological Services Center

Practicum Student (8 hours per week)

Supervisor: Paul Neunuebel, Ph.D.

Huntsville, TX

01/2006-06/2006

(936) 294-1181

- Conducted individual psychotherapy with adults in a community mental health clinic

Brooklyn Correctional Institution

Master's Level Intern (30 hours per week)

Brooklyn, CT

08/2003-12/2003

- Co-facilitated substance abuse treatment groups in a medium security male facility
- Assisted with substance abuse treatment planning

TEACHING/SUPERVISION

University of Houston: PSYC 2310 Lifespan Development, PSYC 3305 Abnormal Psychology, PSYC 3309 Adult Development, and PSYC 3322 Adolescent Development

Sam Houston State University: PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology and PSYC 383 Psychology and Law.

PSYC 691 Introductory Practicum (TA) and PSYC 595 Intellectual Assessment (TA).

Lone Star College: PSYC 2301 General Psychology and PSYC 2314 Lifespan Development

Houston Community College: PSYC 2314 Lifespan Development

GRANT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

MHMRA “DSRIP” Grant

- Developed narrative, benchmarks, and valuation for twenty mini-grants with one other team member and supervisor. Awarded grant was worth over \$20 million over five years.
- Grants were developed to expand and/or develop new mental health services for local mental health authority in Texas.

Common Ground Mentor Program

- Recruited children, families, and mentors; Also supervised mentor-mentee pairs
- Developed and implemented a mentor program for children of incarcerated parents in Walker County, TX.
- Awarded to supervisor Daniel Murrie, Ph.D. and funded \$300,000 over 3 years by the Division of Youth and Families.

Child Trauma Grant: National Child Trauma Stress Network

- Served as a liaison from Sam Houston State University along with Craig Henderson, Ph.D.
- Grant was designed to provide empirically-based treatment to rural children who experienced trauma

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

The Role of Mental Health Professionals in Capital Case Sentencing Phases: Potential Ethical Dilemmas during Mitigation Evaluations, Dissertation (2013)

Risk Assessment in Capital Cases: Current Practice and New Developments
Major Area Paper (2008)

The Organization and Presentation of Mitigating Evidence in Capital Case Trials: A Content Analysis of Trial Transcripts from Harris County, Texas, Thesis (2007)

Jurors’ Attributions Regarding Mitigating Evidence in Capital Sentencing Cases, Undergraduate Honor’s Thesis (2002)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Buffaloe, A. K., Tobias, D., Adami, A., Cardona, A., Luper, S., & Steward, D. (2008, November). *Loan Repayment: Graduate school finances and loan forgiveness*. Roundtable discussion lead at the Annual Convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin, Texas.

Tobias, D., **Buffaloe, A. K.,** Adami, A., Cardona, A., Luper, S., & Steward, D. (2008, November). *Preparing for internship*. Roundtable discussion lead at the Annual Convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin, Texas.

Buffaloe, A. K., Sanders, L. M., Kan, L., & Boccaccini, M. T. (2008, August). *God versus Satan: Juror perception of insanity in Texas*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

Buffaloe, A. K. (2007, November). *Cost concerns of empirically supported treatments: Barriers to dissemination?* Poster presented at the Annual Convention of the Texas Psychological Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Hook, A., Tobias, D., **Buffaloe, A. K.,** & Rogers, J. (2007, November). *360 Degree development: Effective leadership and getting involved*. Round table discussion presented at the Annual Convention of the Texas Psychological Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Buffaloe, A. K., Boccaccini, M. T., Curtis, D. A., & Randall, J. L. (2007, August). *Utilization of aggravating and mitigating evidence in capital case transcripts*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Association, San Francisco, California.

Buffaloe, A. K. & Boccaccini, M. T. (2006, March). *Jurors' attributions regarding potentially mitigating evidence in capital sentencing cases*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Caillouet, B. A., **Buffaloe, A. K.,** Boccaccini, M. T., & Kan, L. Y. (2006, March). *Do perceived control, relationship to crime, and jury instructions influence mock jurors' perceptions of potentially mitigating evidence?* Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Buffaloe, A. K. (2002, May). *Jurors' attributions concerning capital sentencing*. Paper presented at the Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, North Carolina State University.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

State Advocacy Coordinator (Texas) for the American Psychological Association	2007- 2010
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APA Liaison for the Texas Psychological Association	2007- 2009
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HONORS

SHSU Department of Psychology Graduate Research Scholarship	2008 & 2005
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APAGS-ACT Network Excellence in Leadership Award	2007
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American Association of University Women Huntsville Branch Scholarship	2007
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Texas Psychological Association

American Psychological Association Divisions 41(AP-LS) and 12 (Clinical)

NLADA: National Association of Sentencing and Mitigation Specialists