

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (in progress)	Sam Houston State University	Clinical Psychology
M.A. (2016)	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Forensic Psychology (With Distinction)
B.A. (2012)	California State University, Long Beach	Psychology (Cum Laude)
B.S. (2012)	California State University, Long Beach	Criminal Justice (Cum Laude)

PROFESSIONAL/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

8/17 – Present	<p>Student Clinician, Psychological Services Center, Huntsville, TX.</p> <p>Duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Providing individual therapy services to a community population under the supervision of a licensed psychologist- Attending clinic meetings weekly, developing treatment plans, determining diagnoses, and engaging in weekly group supervision- Utilizing a number of therapeutic modalities and techniques, including CBT, Schema Therapy, and Interpersonal Therapy- Supervisors: Dr. Craig Henderson & Dr. Darryl Johnson
2/16 – 5/16	<p>Psychology Extern, Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center, New York, NY.</p> <p>Duties include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Co-facilitating a number of groups with forensic inpatients, including: Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Forensic Issues, and Fitness to Stand Trial- Seeing approximately five patients weekly on an individual basis for the purpose of education regarding restoration of fitness, and for realistic goals realization- Approximately three hours of clinical supervision weekly;- Supervisor: Dr. Cynthia Scheuer

- 9/14 – 9/15 Assistant to the APA Main Representative at the UN, American Psychological Association, New York, NY. Duties include:
- Committee Member of Psychology Day at the United Nations: Planning and coordination of the annual program, Psychology Day at the UN
 - Supporting the APA UN Team in their efforts to promote psychological awareness to the international community, including presentations and written statements
- 9/14 – 5/15 Professional Advisor, Circles of Support & Accountability Project, Sex Offender Research Lab (SORL) Pilot Study, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY. Duties include:
- Acting as a professional advisor to recently released sexual offenders
 - Providing offender with weekly support sessions that involve assessment of offender's basic needs (social support, housing, prosocial activities, government assistance etc.) and giving offender information on requested needs
 - Work with offender to increase success of reintegration into community by discussing skills and day-to-day problem solving
 - Collect data, via Life Satisfaction Survey, on progress of offenders' development and effectiveness of the project for future research purposes
- 8/12 – 8/14 Mental Health Milieu Manager/Administrative Assistant, Western Medical Center Anaheim, Anaheim, CA. Duties include:
- Facilitation of group activities covering the topics of stress management, creative expression, exercise and health, goal setting, socialization, etc.
 - Managing patient-to-patient and patient-to-staff interactions
 - Reduce patient falls, assaults, and AWOLs within the 89 bed acute psychiatric unit
- 1/11 – 12/11 Psychology Peer Advisor, Department of Psychology, California State University, Long Beach, CA. Responsibilities:
- Holding seminars for undergraduate students to educate students on the process of applying to graduate school
 - Informing students of stress management techniques, time planning tools, and the importance of organization
 - Assisting students with planning semester schedules

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 8/16 – Present Research Assistant to Dr. Jorge Varela, Sam Houston State University.
- Coding approximately 75 Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) evaluations using a standardized measure as part of a larger study on SVP cases and evaluation practices

- Development of a research project studying the effectiveness of Implicit Association Tests (IATs) in differentiating offender types
- Coding approximately 35 Competency to Stand Trial evaluations provided by the Houston County Public Defender's Office using a standardized measure to assess the content, clarity, and effectiveness of the evaluation

8/16 – Present

Research Assistant to Dr. Marcus Boccaccini, Sam Houston State University.

- Coding 68 peer reviewed articles and thesis documents using a standardized measure in order to establish inter-rater reliability for a meta-analysis
- Development of a research project that will serve as my dissertation, a meta-analysis on sexual deviance and recidivism
- Coding Competency to Stand Trial reports through the Harris County District Attorney's Office to evaluate report quality across evaluators
- Coding Competency to Stand Trial reports and Mental State at Time of Offense reports through the Psychological Services Center to evaluate how time between requests for evaluations and their completion affect outcomes

5/15 - Present

Research Assistant, Investigative Psychology Research Unit (IPRU), John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Director: C. Gabrielle Salfati, PhD

- 8/15 - Present. *Research Assistant on the Sex Offender Profiling (SOP) Project*. Responsibilities:
 - o This project focuses on risk assessment and behavioral components of serial sex offenders.
 - o Tasks included coding behavioral crime scene and clinical risk assessment data from clinical files of sex offenders.
- 5/15 - 9/15. *Research Assistant on the Homicide & Rape Profiling Index (HPI-R[®]) Coding Project*. Responsibilities:
 - o This project is linked to the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and FBI Behavioral Science Unit Collaborative Research Project
 - o Tasks involved intensive training on the HPI to collect data from police case files

9/14 – Present

Follow-Up Study Coordinator, Psychopathy Research Lab, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY. Responsibilities:

- Managing the implementation of a follow-up study
- Editing manuscripts for future publication and conducting literature reviews
- Creating online surveys through the Qualtrics system for study implementation
- Creating and editing research posters and presentations
- Entering and checking data into SPSS and Excel
- Supervisor: Diana Falkenbach, Ph.D

- 9/14 – Present Research Assistant, Sex Offender Research Lab (SORL), John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY.
- M.A. Thesis: “Treatment Options and Viability for Psychopathic Offenders: Attitudes, Beliefs and Opinions of Mental Health Professionals”
 - Thesis Advisor: Elizabeth Jeglic, Ph.D.
 - Coordinating research participant sign-ups and running participants as part of a three year national study on campus sexual misconduct.
 - Tracking recently released parolees for follow-up interviews regarding their prison experience, prison policy, and parole.
 - Editing manuscripts for future publication.
 - Lab Supervisors: Cynthia Calkins, Ph.D. & Elizabeth Jeglic, Ph.D.
- 9/14 – 5/15 Research Assistant, Life Events & Role of Emotion Lab, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY. Responsibilities:
- Administering a series of writing tasks to participants to assess emotional reactions to life events using varying humor types
 - Supervisors: Lindsay Mathews, M.A. & Peggilee Wupperman, Ph.D.
- 2/11 – 4/13 Research Assistant, Neuropsychology Lab, California State University, Long Beach, CA. Responsibilities:
- Neuropsychological testing, including administration of the WAIS-IV (i.e. block design, similarities, digit span, symbol search), Wisconsin Card Sort Test, Grooved Pegboard, and the Tower of London
 - Administration of EEG equipment and use during testing procedures
 - Data management, including data entry for computerized statistical analyses
 - Participant scheduling, administrative, research, and clerical duties
 - Supervisors: Robert Schug, Ph.D. & Jennifer Ostergren, Ph.D.
- 8/10 – 5/12 Independent Directed Research, Department of Psychology, California State University, Long Beach, CA. Responsibilities:
- Submitting a research proposal to obtain IRB approval and conducting an independent research project
 - Data management, including database design and construction, and data entry for computerized statistical analyses
 - Development and construction of survey questionnaires
 - Supervisor: Christopher Warren, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 8/17 – Present Introduction to Psychology (PSYC 1301)
Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Sam Houston State University, Department of Psychology and Philosophy
Instructor

- Undergraduate course focusing on a broad introduction to the science of psychology. Responsibilities included lesson plan development, lecturing, assignment development & test construction, grading, & student support & mentorship.
- Fall and Spring: 170 students

RELEVANT VOLUNTEER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 11/13 - 7/14 Trauma Intervention Volunteer, Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc., Vista, CA. Responsibilities:
- Responding to traumatic incidents at the request of Police, Fire and Hospital personnel to support those who are emotionally traumatized
 - Providing emotional aid and practical support to victims of traumatic events and their families in the first few hours following a tragedy
- 12/10 – 02/13 Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor, Community Services Programs, Inc., Santa Ana, CA. Responsibilities:
- Telephone hotline duties
 - Hospital accompaniments for victims of rape and sexual assault
 - Attendance of monthly training seminars regarding issues in mental health of sexual assault and rape victims

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2015 Regional Training Workshop: Integrating Sex Offender Research into Practice, NYS Office of Mental Health's Division of Forensic Services, New York, NY.
- Focus on learning and practicing intervention strategies tied to common treatment phases in sex offender treatment programs
 - Treatment targets will include managing sexual thoughts and urges, managing attitudes that support sexual and other criminal behavior and developing safety plans

AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS

- California State University, Long Beach Department of Criminal Justice Promising Scholar Award (Presented May, 2011)
- California State University, Long Beach Fall 2008 President's List
- California State University, Long Beach Spring 2010 President's List
- California State University, Long Beach Fall 2010 President's List
- California State University, Long Beach Fall 2011 President's List
- California State University, Long Beach Spring 2012 President's List
- 2nd Place— 39th Annual CSULB Psych Day Student Research Poster Fair (presented April 27, 2011)

- Member of the International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi
- Member of the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED BOOK CHAPTERS

Schug, R. A., Geraci, G. G., **Holdren, S.**, Marmolejo, G., McLernon, H. L., & Thompson, S. (2015). Understanding disorders of defiance, aggression, and violence: Oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, and antisocial personality disorder in males. In C. M. Zaroff & R. C. D'Amato (Eds.), *The Neuropsychology of men: A Developmental perspective from theory to evidence-based practice*. New York: Springer.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Schlesinger, L., **Holdren, S.**, Leon, M., & Russell, M. (2015). *Undoing behavior in homicide cases: A focus on victim-offender-relationship*. Manuscript in preparation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Quintero, N., Sigal, J.A., Alhomaizi, D., Kaylor, L., & **Holdren, S.** (2015, August). Sexual violence, culture, and discrimination against women. In J.A. Sigal (Chair), *Reducing inequality within and among countries—Psychological contributions to the UN's post 2015 global agenda*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, CA.

Sigal, J.A. & **Holdren, S.** (2015, March). Global stigma and mental illness. In C.S. Perrino (Chair), *Stigma: A label and its consequences*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Waymire, K.A., Varela, J.G., Schiafo, M.C., **Holdren, S.**, Miller, R.S., Lawrence, J.M., Ibarra, D.A., & Camins, J.S. (2017, March). *Do race, ethnicity, and ethnic identity influence perceptions of law enforcement officers after traffic stops?* Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.

Mattos, L.A., Bernhard, P.A., Varela, J.G., Yenne, E.M., Kavish, N., Long, T., **Holdren, S.**, Manyose, M. (2017, March). *The Effects of Telepsychology on Interview Disclosure*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.

Holdren, S., Russell, M., Breulmann, H.M., Leon., Schlesinger, L. (2016, March). *'Undoing' (or symbolic reversal) in homicide crime scenes*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.

Holdren, S. & Jeglic, E. (2015). *Treatment options and viability of psychopathic offenders: Attitudes, beliefs, and opinions of forensic mental health professionals*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Master's Student Research Group, John Jay College of

Criminal Justice, New York, NY.

Holdren, S., Geraci, G., Marmolejo, G., McLernon, H., Thomson, S., Ostergren, J., & Schug, R. A. (2012). *Neuropsychological correlates of schizotypy and criminal behavior in a community sample*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Saveau, D., **Holdren, S.**, Stuver, D., & Warren, C. (2012). *Variables attributing to anger while driving*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Western Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

McLernon, H., Geraci, G., **Holdren, S.**, Thomson, S., Marmolejo, G., Ostergren, J., & Schug, R. A. (2012). *Schizotypy, frontal lobe abnormality and crime*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Newport Beach, CA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

5/12 – Present	American Psychological Association (student affiliate)
1/12 – Present	Western Psychological Association (student affiliate)
2/16 – Present	American Psychology-Law Society (student affiliate)

REFERENCES

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