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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Clinical Psychology Specialty in Children and Adolescents September, 1999	The Union Institute and University Cincinnati, Ohio
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Master of Science Clinical Psychology December, 1993	Augusta State University Augusta, Georgia
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Master of Science Exercise Science and Health Promotion Specialty: Sports Psychology August, 2008	California University of Pennsylvania California, Pennsylvania
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Bachelor of Arts Major: Psychology Minor: Industrial Organization June, 1992	Armstrong Atlantic State University Savannah, Georgia
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AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Forensic and Psychological Evaluation of Children and Adults
Mental Conditioning for Performance Enhancement In Athletes and Law Enforcement
Relationship Between Physical Activity and Psychological Functioning

March 2012 to Present

Consulting Forensic Psychologist
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Elbert Shaw Regional Youth Detention Center

Duties: Responsible for overseeing the mental health program in the juvenile detention center. Provide supervision to individual therapists and support crisis intervention services. Participate on a multi-disciplinary treatment team addressing the mental health needs of juvenile offenders in detention. Provide supervision over level changes and safety monitoring of all residents. Complete administrative duties related to the mental health program in the detention center.

April 2007 to February 2010

Forensic Psychologist
Outpatient Juvenile Forensic Services
Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital

Duties: Worked in both the Juvenile and Adult Outpatient Assessment Division in conducting forensic evaluation of competency to stand trial and responsibility cases (Not Guilty By Reason of Insanity). Evaluated the aggression risk of committed offenders on the Adult Forensic Inpatient Unit. Testified in court cases on issues specific to competency and responsibility.

June 1, 2001 to June 2006

Clinical Director
Appalachian Children's Center

Duties: Oversaw the clinical assessment and treatment program for sexual abuse victims. Conducted Forensic Evaluations for sexual abuse victims and testified in jury trials within Superior Court. Oversaw the Forensic Interviews of all sexual abuse victims interviewed at the center and worked with law enforcement in helping with prosecution of sexual offenders.

January, 2001 – June 2002

Consulting Psychologist
Mountaintop Group Home
Calhoun, Georgia

Duties: Provided counseling and assessment of juvenile offenders within a residential treatment program. Oversaw all clinical therapy services within the program and supported the staff in behavioral management of the residents.

March 1, 2000 – April 2002

Consulting Psychologist
Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice
Dalton Regional Youth Detention Center
Dalton, Georgia

Duties: Provided assessment and individual therapy services to juveniles detained in the facility. Consulted with guards on behavior modification interventions. Supervised clinical therapists within the program. Participated in a clinical team of professionals in treatment planning and implementation.

September 1, 1999 – December 31, 2000

Postdoctoral Residency
Genesis Behavioral Healthcare
Ellijay, Georgia

Duties: Provided clinical and forensic evaluation for children and adolescents. Conducted psychotherapy with children and adolescents in the community and those committed to the Department of Family and Children Services. Testified in court related to evaluations of juveniles and adults.

September 1, 1998 – August 31, 1999

APA-Accredited Doctoral Internship
The Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital
Columbus, Georgia

Duties: Participated in individual, group, and family therapy to both children and adolescents. Received extensive training and practical experience in the psychological evaluation of children and adolescents in both a psychiatric and forensic setting. Services offered across a wide range of settings including psychiatric inpatient, outpatient, and day treatment. Offered clinical services to families and children from Fort Benning as well. Participated in a multi-disciplinary team for treatment planning.

May, 1993 – August, 1998

Clinical Therapist
Murphy-Harpst
Cedartown, Georgia

Duties: Provided individual and group therapy, psychological evaluation, and treatment planning for children in a residential treatment center. Population included children committed to the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice and the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. Provided clinical supervision and consultation to staff working on the individual units in support of the behavioral milieu. Participated on a multi-disciplinary team in treatment planning.

March, 1993 – June, 1993

Masters Internship
The Medical College of Georgia
Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
Outpatient Psychiatric Unit
Augusta, Georgia

Duties: Under limited supervision, provided group therapy in the inpatient and outpatient programs at the Medical College of Georgia. Participated in psychological evaluation for patients on the inpatient psychiatric unit.

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

December 2004 to Present

Clinical Associate Professor
Berry College

Duties: Provide instruction to undergraduates in the Psychology and Exercise Science Departments. Primary classes include Abnormal Psychology, Sports and Exercise Psychology, Forensic Psychology, and Introduction to Psychology. Taught courses in Neuropsychology, Psychological Testing, Human Development, and Adulthood and Aging. Supervise internships in both the Psychology and Exercise Science Departments. Mentor students in career choices and graduate school attendance.

May 2012-Present

Presenter
Force Science Institute

Duties: Present Force Science Institute research through various training seminars around the world to law enforcement officers, federal agencies, lawyers, and others in the community. The general focus of the research presented is the application of behavioral science principles to use of force incidents and other police-civilian encounters.

November 1, 2003 –July 2005

Adjunct Professor
Capella University

Duties: Provided on-line course instruction to undergraduate and master's level students. Primary classes included Counseling Psychology and Abnormal Psychology. Supervised master's theses and related research studies.

August 1, 1993- December 1993

Teaching Intern
Augusta State University

Duties: Under supervision from faculty advisor, provided instruction for an undergraduate class in Introduction to Psychology.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2006- Present

Berry College

Participate with faculty in the Exercise Psychology Department in studies focusing specifically upon physical activity and its impact on both physical and psychological functioning.

April 1992- December 1993

Research Assistant
Augusta State University

Participated on a research team with two faculty members in the Psychology Department. Worked on two specific studies addressing male attitudes toward rape. Assisted in the research design, coding and data entry, data analysis, and writing of the studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Azar-Dickens, J. (2013, February). Inoculating Against Police Traumatic Stress. *Law Enforcement Today*

Azar-Dickens, J. (2013, January). The Aftermath of Sandy Hook for First Responders. *Law Enforcement Today*.

Lanier A.B., Jackson, E.M., Azar-Dickens, J *Anderson, B., & *Briggs, M.
Descriptive assessment of exercise program on fitness and correlates of participation.
American Journal of Health Behavior .2012; 36(5).

Lanier, A.B. Jackson, E.M. Azar-Dickens, J. *Harber, K., & *Bullock, R.
Effects of a group running program on determinants of exercise participation and fitness. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*. 2011;43(5).

Azar-Dickens, J. (2009). Weight Management for Children: An Integrative Approach.
Publisher: Author.

Azar-Dickens, J. (2005). Do you hear what I hear? *Georgia Psychologist, Legislative Edition*.

Dickens, J. (2004). The human consequences of fiscal responsibility. *Georgia Psychologist, Legislative Edition*, 4-5.

Dickens, J. (2003). *Faces of Feeling*. Unpublished Manuscript.

Dickens, J. (2001). Remembering the “child” in child psychotherapy. *Georgia Psychologist, Fall/Winter*, 28-29.

Dickens, J. (1999). *Behavioral indicators of conduct disorder in a ropes course initiative*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, The Union Institute and University.

Cahoon, D. D., Edmunds, E.M., Spaulding, R., and Dickens, J. (1995). A comparison of the opinion of black and white males and females concerning the occurrence of rape. *The Journal of Social Behavior and Personality*, 10(1), 91-99.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

August 15-16, 2012

Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar
Tallahassee, Florida

November 29, 2012

Use of Force Seminar
Daigle Use of Force Symposium-Uncasville, CT

January 7-8, 2013

Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar
Ft. Worth Police Department

January 24-25, 2013

Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar
Seattle Washington Police Department

June 19-20, 2013

Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar
Valencia State College, Orlando, Florida

July 12, 2013

Use of Force Seminar
Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 1-2, 2013

Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar
Salt Lake City, UT Police Department

October 17-18, 2013	Force Science Institute 2- Day Seminar Madison, Wisconsin Police Department
October 25, 2013	Trauma and the Law Enforcement Officer Command Staff-Orlando, Florida Police Department
May 19, 2014	Force Science Institute Certification (2-hour block) Glenview, Illinois
June 2, 2014	Crisis Intervention Training (2 hour block) Rome, Georgia Police Department
August 11-12, 2014	Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)
September 22, 2014	Force Science Institute Certification (2-hour block) Department of Homeland Security-Alexandria, Virginia
September 24-25, 2014	Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar Roanoke Virginia Police Department
October 28, 2014	Force Science Institute Certification (2 hour block) Columbus, Ohio Police Department
November 18, 2014	Force Science Institute Certification (4 hour block) Department of Homeland Security-Alexandria, Virginia
December 4, 2014	Use of Force Seminar (4 hour block) Daigle Use of Force Symposium –Uncasville, CT
December 16, 2014	Force Science Institute Certification (4 hour block) Valencia State College- Orlando, Florida
January 26-27, 2015	Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar Pinellas County Sheriff's Office-Largo, Florida
February 17-18, 2015	Understanding the Realities of Officer Involved Shooting Atlantic City, New Jersey

February 23, 2015	Force Science Institute Certification (4 hour block) Scottsdale Police Department-Scottsdale, Arizona
April 13, 2015	Force Science Institute Certification (4 hour block) Chicago, Illinois
April 30-May 1, 2015	Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar San Bernardino, California
May 28, 2015	Force Science Institute 1 Day Seminar U.S. Marshal Service
June 15-16, 2015	Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar Oregon Police Academy-Salem, Oregon
August 3-4, 2015	Force Science Institute 2-Day Seminar Lakewood Police Department-Lakewood, Washington

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Associate Member	International Association of Chiefs of Police
Member	Georgia Psychological Association
Member	Society for Police and Criminal Psychology
Advisory Board Member	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Appalachian Juvenile Court Circuit
Advisory Board Member	Grands Who Care: Mercy Senior Care
Advisory Board Member	Berry College-Exercise Science Department

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE/CERTIFICATIONS

January 2001 to Present	Licensed Clinical Psychologist Georgia License # 2459
July 16, 2011 to Present	Georgia Certified Peace Officer
April 20, 2012	Certified Use of Force Analyst The Force Science Institute

December 11, 2014

Use of Force Specialist
The Force Science Institute

AWARDS

2008-2009

Faculty Member of the Year-Berry College

REFERENCES

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