

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Exp. 2023 **Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA**

Doctor of Philosophy: Clinical Psychology

Master of Science: Clinical Psychology – June 2019

Concentration: Forensic Psychology

Exp. 2021 **Drexel University Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA**

Candidate for Juris Doctor

CALI Award – Best Student Performance: Legal Methods II (Spring 2019), Death Penalty Law (Fall 2019)

Dean's List: Fall 2018, Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Certificate of Community Engagement: Fall 2018

2016 **The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA**

Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science: Psychology (Honors)

Bachelor of Arts: Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018 – Pres. **Research Assistant**, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Supervisor: Susan L. Brooks, MA, JD, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning

Conducting experiential learning research and writing on (1) student attitudes regarding relational lawyering and the development of student attitudes, professional identity, commitment to service, and relational competencies and (2) the role of supervision in legal practice.

2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant**, Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Supervisor: Janet I. Warren, DSW

Collected data on over 250 files from the Boy Scouts Ineligible Volunteer (IV) "P" files, which chronicle instances of sexual abuse of youth by Scouting-involved individuals dated 1985-1989 and 2010-2015 to inform youth protection efforts within the BSA.

2016 – Pres. **Graduate Assistant**, DeMatteo Research Lab, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA

Supervisor: David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)

Masters Thesis: Anticipated Early Death and Offending Patterns: A Retrospective Self-Report Study.

Assisting Dr. David DeMatteo in research and writing projects pertaining to clinical psychology, forensic psychology, and the judicial system.

2015 – 2016 **Honors Thesis Student**, Psychology, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

Supervisor: Danielle Dallaire, PhD

Thesis: Coming Home: Challenges Related to Reentry and Recidivism for Previously Incarcerated Mew Mothers.

Conducted a follow-up study for participants previously enrolled in the Healthy Beginnings Project. Research focus was determining the impact of motherhood on reentry to society following incarceration.

- 2015 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Emotion Regulation Pilot Study, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
Supervisor: Janice Zeman, PhD & Danielle Dallaire, PhD
Interviewed the adolescent children of incarcerated parents and primary caregivers to study the effects of parental incarceration on childhood emotional and psychological development.
- 2014 – 2016 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Healthy Beginnings Project, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.
Supervisor: Danielle Dallaire, PhD
Conducted and analyzed over 50 interviews of pregnant incarcerated women, provided information and support to participants, and tracked recidivism rates using an online database.
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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – Pres. **Psychology Extern**, Devereux PA Children's Behavioral Health Services, Malvern, PA
Supervisor: Alexandra Gallagher, PsyD
Providing group and individual therapy to female adolescent residents. Therapeutic approaches include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), along with motivational interviewing, behavioral interventions, and problem-solving skills.
- 2019 – 2020 **Psychology Extern**, Friends Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Gerald McKeegan, PhD, ABPP (Clinical)
Planned and conducted group and individual therapy sessions in an inpatient psychiatric hospital setting. Worked with a variety of clients, primarily on the male adolescent unit and young adult unit.
- 2019 – Pres. **Project Coordinator, Clinician, and Peer Supervisor** The Reentry Project, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, ABPP (Forensic, Clinical)
Organizing and leading a team of student therapists that provide CBT-based intervention for justice-involved individuals; developing protocols for working with individuals on federal supervision and exonerees; managing administrative aspects such as intakes, referrals, clinic procedures, data management, information security, and clinician training. Serving as liaison among stakeholders, including the United States Federal Probation, Federal Reentry Court, Federal Mental Health Court, Innocence Project, and Drexel Psychological Services Center.
- 2017 – 2018 **Student Clinician**, Drexel University Psychological Services Center Mood and Anxiety Team, Philadelphia PA
Supervisor: Pamela Geller, PhD
Provided empirically based individual therapeutic treatment at Drexel University. Duties included case formulation, therapy sessions, psychometric testing, and note and report writing.
- 2016 – Pres. **Forensic Assistant**, Private Practice of David DeMatteo, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)
Conduct privately contracted forensic assessments. Duties include assistance with case reviews, clinical interviews, forensic and psychometric testing, and report writing.
- 2016 – 2019 **Student Clinician**, The Reentry Project, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, ABPP (Forensic, Clinical)
Administered psychological assessments and conducted individual and group therapy sessions with justice-involved individuals enrolled in the Federal Reentry Court's Supervision to Aid Reentry (STAR) Program. The project aims to meet the needs of offenders during reentry and reduce participant risk of reoffending through its programming.

2015 – 2016 **Clinical Intern**, Harbor Point Behavioral Health Center, Portsmouth, VA

Supervisor: Scott Cone, PhD

Facilitated and assisted group, family, and individual therapy sessions with children and adolescents located at an inpatient behavioral health hospital. Gained experience with specialized units including girls, boys, children, self-injurious girls, sexual misconduct.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 (Spring) **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Principles of Psychotherapy (Drexel University)

2017 (Spring) **Teaching Assistant**, Abnormal Psychology (Drexel University)

2017 (Winter) **Teaching Assistant**, Computer-Assisted Data Analysis II (Drexel University)

2016 (Fall) **Teaching Assistant**, Computer-Assisted Data Analysis I (Drexel University)

2016 (Fall) **Teaching Assistant**, Online - General Psychology I (Drexel University)

2015 (Spring) **Sharpe Teaching Fellow**, Families, Law, and Psychology (The College of William & Mary)

2014 (Fall) **Sharpe Teaching Fellow**, Families, Law, and Psychology (The College of William & Mary)

PUBLICATIONS

Fishel, S. (accepted). “Be a lie if I told you that I never thought of death”: Using judicial discretion to consider anticipated early death during sentencing. *Drexel Law Review*, 13.

Heilbrun, K., Lankford, C., **Fishel, S.**, & Schwartz, J. (accepted). Therapy with exonerated clients: Domains of need. In E. Jeglic and C. Calkins (Eds.), *Handbook of issues in criminal justice reform*. New York: Springer.

Fishel, S. (in press). “I Never Thought I’d Live Past Twenty”: *Hamilton* through the lens of anticipated early death. In L. A. Tucker (Ed.), *The Law of Hamilton: An American Musical*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

DeMatteo, D., Thornewill, A., & **Fishel, S.** (submitted). Overview of U.S. Supreme Court and state court decisions impacting juvenile justice. In R. Roesch (Volume Ed.), *Psychology and law*, a volume of *Routledge encyclopedia of psychology in the real world*. New York: Routledge.

Heilbrun, K., **Fishel, S.**, Lankford, C., & Ratkalkar, M. (2020). Therapy with exonerated clients: Review and recommendations. *The Journal of Forensic Practice*, 22, 123-135. doi: 10.1108/JFP-02-2020-0004.

DeMatteo, D., **Fishel, S.**, & Tansey, A. (2019). Expert evidence: The (unfulfilled) promise of *Daubert*. *Psychological Science in the Public Interest*, 20, 129-134. doi: 10.1177/1529100619894336.

Fishel, S. (2019). *Anticipated early death and offending patterns: A retrospective self-report study*. Masters thesis presented in partial fulfillment of requirement for the degree of Master of Science in Clinical Psychology from Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

Fairfax-Columbo, J., **Fishel, S.**, & DeMatteo, D. (2019). Distinguishing “Incorrigibility” from “Transient Immaturity”: Risk assessment in the context of sentencing/resentencing evaluations for juvenile homicide offenders. *Translational Issues in Psychological Science*, 5, 132-142.

Fishel, S., Flack, D., & DeMatteo, D. (2018). Computer risk algorithms and judicial decision-making. *Monitor on Psychology*, 49(1), 35.

*Perry, S. (2016). *Coming home: Challenges related to reentry and recidivism for previously incarcerated new mothers*. Honors thesis presented in partial fulfillment of requirement for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Psychology from The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

* publications submitted under maiden name

PRESENTATIONS

Brooks, S. L. & Fishel, S. (2020, January). *Beyond pro bono: Assessing whether a relational lawyering curriculum can instill principles of ethical leadership and service in law students*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Law Schools, Washington, DC.

Fishel, S. & DeMatteo, D. (2019, March). *Anticipated early death and youth offending patterns: A retrospective self-report study*. Data-Blitz presented at the 2019 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Portland, OR.

Fairfax-Columbo, J., Fishel, S., Moore, C., Cox, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2019, March). *The psychopath labeling effect: does the label really matter?* Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Portland, OR.

Haney-Caron, E., Goldstein, N. E. S., DeMatteo, D., Bomysoad, R., Fishel, S., Singer, S. C., Lankford, C. M., Desai, A., Ratkalkar, M., McKibben, K., & April, K. (2019, March). *Ecological validity of a measure of self-reported likelihood of false confession*. Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Portland, OR.

Fishel, S. & DeMatteo, D. (2018, March). *Anticipated early death and delinquency: A systematic literature review*. Data-Blitz presented at the 2018 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Memphis, TN.

Fishel, S., Moore, C., Arnold, S., Fairfax-Columbo, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2017, August). *Trauma and risk assessment: Exploring the incorporation of trauma into formal risk assessments*. Poster presented at the 125th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

King, C., Desai, A., Fishel, S., Moore, C., & DeMatteo, D. (2017). *A multi-country snapshot of test usage in forensic mental health assessment using case law references*. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Split, Croatia.

*Perry, S., Lopynski, E. & Olesen, M. (2016, February) *How to put the residents first: Lessons from inside the Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center*. Workshop presented at the 2016 Annual Active Citizens Conference, Williamsburg, VA.

*Perry, S., Kelsey, C., Dallaire, D., & Forestell, C. (2015, November). *Linking clinical depression and recidivism in incarcerated pregnant women*. Poster presented at the 49th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.

Dallaire, D., *Perry, S., Kelsey, C., & Forestell, C. (2015, November). *Recidivism rates among recently incarcerated pregnant women*. Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC.

*Perry, S., Dallaire, D., & Forestell, C., (2015, September). *An exploration of depression and recidivism among a population of incarcerated pregnant women*. Poster presented at the 2015 Summer Research Showcase at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

*Perry, S., Kelsey, C., Forestell, C., and Dallaire, D., (2015, April). *An examination of incarceration, motherhood, and recidivism*. Poster presented at the 2015 Undergraduate Research Symposium at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

*presentations and publications submitted under maiden name

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2018 Rising Advocate Scholarship, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law (tuition)
2015 Kernodle Research Award, College of William & Mary (\$500)
2015 Student Leadership Development Conference Grant, College of William & Mary (\$300)
2015 Honors Fellow Scholarship, College of William & Mary (\$6,000)
2014 Sharpe Teaching Fellowship, College of William & Mary (\$1,000)
2014 Community Engagement Grant, College of William & Mary (\$600)

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND SERVICE

2020 – Pres. **Law Liaison**, American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41) Student Committee
Representing the interests of law students and legal issues within the student committee and the overarching organization. Advertise programming, update law-psychology resources and internships, and present the Student Committee Annual Legal Workshop at the spring 2021 AP-LS conference. Member of the 2020 Telehealth Task Force.

2020 – Pres. **Associate Editor and Notes Committee Member**, Drexel University Law Review
Supervising a team of Staff Editors through their note writing process for the Drexel Law Review. Providing research assistance and edits of all drafts submitted to the Law Review.

2019 **Student Reviewer**, American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference
Reviewed poster, paper, and panel submissions to the American Psychology-Law Society to recommend the proposals for admission to the annual conference.

2019 – 2020 **Staff Editor**, Drexel University Law Review
Reviewed and edited articles submitted to the Drexel University Law Review prior to publication. Researched and wrote a student note for publication.

Summer 2019 **Judicial Intern**, Timothy R. Rice – United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Worked in Judge Rice's chambers, assisted in opinion writing and legal research. Observed settlement conferences, criminal duties, and civil trials. Attended pre-court meetings and biweekly Supervision to Aid Reentry (STAR) Program/Reentry Court sessions.

2019 – Pres. **Expungement Intern**, Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Norristown, PA
Work under the supervision of staff attorney for Legal Aid to research and prepare expungement petitions for low income individuals. Spearheading project, training over 20 law students to research and determine if over 2,000 past clients qualify for expedited pardon processes under new policies.

Summer 2018 **Graduate Intern**, Pennsylvania Prison Society, Philadelphia, PA
Compiled information regarding state correctional institutes and local jails in Pennsylvania. Created and analyzed a database of inmate deaths in Pennsylvania state prisons and local jails for later dissemination by the Society.

- 2017, 2019 **Drexel Campus Representative**, American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41)
Served as the liaison between the APLS and Drexel students by disseminating relevant news, studies, and other information to all involved. Completed campus representative reports for the APLS Student Committee.
- 2016 – 2017 **Reviewer**, Psychology Law Evidence Review
Reviewed two sources per month for the Psychology Law Evidence Database review team, partnered with the Mental Health, Law and Policy Institute at Simon Fraser University, ConCEpt, and John Jay—CUNY and funded by the Canadian Bar association.
- 2013 – 2016 **Co-Founder and Merrimac Liaison**, Merrimac Mentors, The College of William & Mary.
Founded and facilitated programming between residents of a local juvenile detention center and students at William & Mary. Ensured all activities were appropriate and all needs of the program were met, oversaw and ran the orientation process for new mentors.
- 2013 – 2016 **Elected Council Member**, Undergraduate Honor Council, The College of William & Mary.
Elected for all three eligible terms, was involved in the investigation and hearings of students accused of violating the Honor Code and served on the faculty liaison and community outreach committees.
- 2013 **Intern**, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.
Worked in the Internal Review and Medical Clinic Divisions. Coordinated psychological and physical evaluations for personnel, ran testing for applicants, and collated case files for internal review.
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TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2020 **American Psychological Association**
Telepsychology Best Practices Series
- 2019 **Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative**
Good Clinical Trials with Investigational Drugs and Medical Devices (US FDA focus)
Health Information and Privacy Security (HIPS)
Medical, Biomedical, Nursing, Public Health and Psychology Research Investigators
Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research
- 2015 **Harbor Point Behavioral Health Center**, United Health Services, Portsmouth, VA
Behavioral Matrix, Level, and Consequence Training
Seclusion and Restraint Procedures Training
Identifying and Assessing Child Abuse & Neglect Training
Trauma Informed Care Training
Verbal De-Escalation Training
Handle with Care (Restraint) Training and Certification
- 2015 **Hampton Roads Regional Jail**, Portsmouth, VA
Volunteer Training, Orientation and Certification
- 2015 **Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative**
Biosafety and Security Training Series
NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant and Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules
Social and Behavioral Research Investigators – PHSC Training
- 2015 **The American Heart Association**
First Aid and First Responder Training and Certification
CPR Training and Certification
- 2014 **National Institutes of Health**

MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS

2018	Philadelphia Bar Association
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2016	American Psychological Association
2016	American Psychology – Law Society (APA Div. 41)
2016	Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society
2016	Benjamin Stoddard Ewell Award Recipient
2015	Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society
2015	Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society
2014	Order of Omega Greek Honor Society
2013	Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society
2013	Pi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society