

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
Major Area of Study: Forensic Psychology
- 2021 **Drexel University Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA**
Cum Laude
Juris Doctor: Criminal Law Concentration
Emalee G. Welsh Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship
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, Fall 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
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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – Pres. **Student Evaluator**, Heilbrun Forensic Assessment Clinic, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, ABPP (Forensic, Clinical)
Administering forensic assessment measures and tests, performing biopsychosocial interviews, collecting collateral information, reviewing records, and producing forensic reports for civil and criminal cases.
- 2020 – 2021 **Psychology Extern**, Devereux PA Children's Behavioral Health Services, Malvern, PA
Supervisor: Alexandra Gallagher, PsyD
Provided group and individual therapy to female adolescent residents. Therapeutic approaches included Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), and 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**, Drexel 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 tasks such as intakes, referrals, clinic procedures, data management, information security, and clinician training. Liaising 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)
Conducting 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, and sexual misconduct.
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2021 **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)
Master's 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 New 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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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 (Winter) **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Principles of Psychotherapy (Drexel University)
- 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)
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PUBLICATIONS

- Fishel, S.** (2021). “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(3), 707-745.
- Fishel, S.**, Lankford, C., Schwartz, J., & Heilbrun, K. (2021). Diversity, ethics, competence, and social justice: Training clinics serving justice-involved clients. *Association of Psychology Training Clinics Bulletin*, Winter/Spring 2021, 4-5.
- Fishel, S.** (2021). “When they come home: Federal responsibility for offender reentry.” *The Philadelphia Lawyer*, 83(4), 15-16.
https://philadelphiabar.org/WebObjects/PBA.woa/Contents/WebServerResources/CMSResources/Fishel_RBGPursuitofJusticeEssay2020.pdf.
- Fishel, S.** (2020). “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* (pp. 251-256). Cornell University Press.
- Heilbrun, K., **Fishel, S.**, Lankford, C., & Ratkalkar, M. (2020). Therapy with exonerated clients: Review and recommendations. *The Journal of Forensic Practice*, 22(2), 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(3), 129-134. doi: 10.1177/1529100619894336.
- Fishel, S.** (2019). *Anticipated early death and offending patterns: A retrospective self-report study* [Unpublished master’s thesis]. Drexel University.

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(2), 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* [Unpublished honor’s thesis]. The College of William & Mary.

* publication under maiden name

IN PRESS

Fishel, S., Wiltsie, K., & DeMatteo, D. (in press). Certainly uncertain: Facilitating law school professional growth and well-being through supervision in light of COVID-19. *Journal of Legal Education*.

Brooks, S. L., Silver, M. A., **Fishel, S.**, & Wiltsie, K. (in press). Moving toward a competency-based model for fostering law students’ relational skills. *Clinical Law Review*.

DeMatteo, D., Krauss, D., **Fishel, S.**, & Wiltsie, K. (in press). The U.S. Supreme Court’s enduring misunderstanding of insanity. *New Mexico Law Review*, 52.

Shah, S. & **Fishel, S.** (in press). Legal issues in working with trainees with problems of professional competence. In R. Schwartz-Mette, E. Hunter, & N. Kaslow (Eds.), *Supporting trainees with competence problems: A practical guide for psychology trainers*. Cambridge University Press.

DeMatteo, D., **Fishel, S.**, Wiltsie, K., & Tansey, A. (in press). Legal and ethical issues in mental health assessment and treatment in jails. In V. Barber Rioja, A. Garcia-Mansilla, B. Subedi, & A. Batastini (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of mental health assessment and treatment in jails*. Oxford University Press.

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

DeMatteo, D., Thornewill, A., & **Fishel, S.** (in press). 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*. Routledge.

PRESENTATIONS

Lankford, C., **Fishel, S.**, Charles, D., Flack, D., Parker, L., Swenson, A., Wiltsie, K., & Heilbrun, K. (2021). *Reentry services and telehealth: Problems, impact, possible solutions, and research implications*. Poster to be presented to the 2021 Annual Conference of The American Psychology-Law Society (APA. Div. 41), Denver, CO Virtual Session.

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.

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MEDIA

JD-PhD Student Sarah Fishel Publishes Essay on Anticipated Early Death in “Hamilton and the Law”. *Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law*. [Interviewed by Analisa Goodman; 2020, December 4]
<https://drexel.edu/law/about/news/articles/overview/2020/December/sarah-fishel-hamilton-and-the-law-interview/>

EDITORIAL AND REVIEW POSITIONS

2021 – Pres. Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Law and Human Behavior*
2020 – 2021 Associate Editor and Notes Committee Member, *Drexel University Law Review*
2019 – 2020 Staff Editor, *Drexel University Law Review*
2019 – 2021 Student Reviewer, American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference
2016 – 2017 Reviewer, *Psychology Law Evidence Review*

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2021 Student Grant-In-Aid, American Psychology-Law Society (\$1,333.33)
2021 Emalee G. Welsh Award for Excellence in Legal Scholarship, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law Faculty Graduation Award (\$500)
2020 Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg “Pursuit of Justice” Legal Writing Competition Winner, Philadelphia Bar Association (\$2,500)
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

2021 – Pres. **Forensic Associate**, Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services
Assisting with the coordination of DBHIDS activities and functions related to the criminal justice system to build a more effective and responsive system of services for people with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders involved in the criminal justice system. Providing support to initiatives that develop resources, improve services, and impact policies for justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs.

Spring 2021 **Legal Practicum Student**, Pennsylvania Innocence Project
Reviewed potential cases for representation by the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. Conducted case investigations and completed reports for review by attorneys.

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. Advertising programming, updating law-psychology resources, and presenting the Bridging the Gap seminar at the spring AP-LS conference.

2019 – 2020 **Expungement Intern**, Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Norristown, PA

Worked under the supervision of staff attorney for Legal Aid to research and prepare expungement petitions for low-income individuals. Spearheaded project and trained over 20 law students to research and determine if over 2,000 past clients qualify for expedited pardon processes under new Pennsylvania Board of Pardons policies.

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.

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.

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.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

2021 **PESI, inc. and Dr. Kathleen Chard**

2-Day Intensive Training: Cognitive Processing Therapy: An Evidence-Based Approach to Treat PTSD and Related Conditions

2020 **American Psychological Association**

Telepsychology Best Practices Series

2015 **Hampton Roads Regional Jail, Portsmouth, VA**

Volunteer Training, Orientation and Certification

2015 **The American Heart Association**

*First Aid and First Responder Training and Certification
CPR Training and Certification*

MEMBERSHIPS & RECOGNITIONS

2021 Member, Virginia Bar

2018 Philadelphia Bar Association

2018 Pennsylvania Bar Association

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