CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Drexel University College of Arts and Sciences, Philadelphia, PA **September 2021 – Present**
Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology
Forensic Psychology Concentration

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA **August 2021 – Present**
Candidate for Juris Doctor
GPA: 3.80

University of Denver – Graduate School of Professional Psychology, Denver, CO **June 2021**
Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH **May 2016**
Bachelor of Arts in English, *magna cum laude*

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Psychology Extern **July 2024 – Present**
Fairmount Behavioral Health System, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Karen Kampmeyer, PhD

- Provide individual and group therapy to adults in an inpatient psychiatric setting
- Conduct intake evaluations and assessments and create behavioral health treatment plans for new admissions across the hospital
- Conduct as-needed psychological assessments with patients across the hospital

Student Clinician **July 2023 – Present**
Drexel Reentry Project, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, PhD, ABPP (Clinical, Forensic)

- Conduct CBT-based individual telehealth therapy with justice-involved clients enrolled in the Federal Reentry Court's Supervision to Aid Reentry (STAR) program and mental health court program
- Utilize Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy (CT-R) to increase treatment engagement
- Perform intake evaluations, including the administration of psychological tests
- Write session notes and intake evaluation reports

Student Clinician **July 2023 – July 2024**
Drexel University Psychological Services Center (Mood & Anxiety Team), Philadelphia, PA
Supervisor: Whitney Quinlan, PsyD

- Conduct evidence-based individual therapy to treat a range of presenting issues, including depression, anxiety, OCD, and ADHD
- Create case formulations and individualized treatment plans
- Perform intake evaluations, including the administration of psychological tests
- Write session notes and intake evaluation reports

Psychology Extern **September 2020 – May 2021**
Federal Correctional Institution Englewood, Littleton, CO
Primary Supervisor: Angela van der Walt, PsyD, ABPP (Forensic)
Rotation 1: Federal Detention Center (September 2020 – November 2020)

- Assisted forensic psychologists with court-ordered assessments for competency to stand trial and not guilty by reason of insanity pleas
- Aided in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of various assessment instruments, including tests of cognitive ability (WAIS-IV, WASI-II, and California Verbal Learning Test, Third Edition), knowledge related to competency to stand trial (Revised Competency Assessment Inventory), and response style/effort (the Dot Counting Test, Validity Indicator Profile, Comprehensive Trail-Making Test, Test of Memory Malingering, Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test, and Inventory of Legal Knowledge)
- Collaborated with supervisors on report writing

Rotation 2: Residential Drug Abuse Program (December 2020 – February 2021)

- Facilitated process therapy groups and CBT-based interactive journaling groups focused on understanding and changing patterns of drug abuse and criminal activity
- Conducted psychosocial evaluations with program participants to inform treatment planning
- Completed screenings to determine eligibility for program participation
- Assisted with operating the prison's less intensive non-residential drug abuse program and drug education program

Rotation 3: Sex Offender Management Program (March 2021 – May 2021)

- Co-facilitated CBT-based interactive journaling groups with individuals convicted of sex offenses focused on understanding and changing patterns of harmful sexual behavior
- Scored Static-99R and Stable-2007 risk assessments for program participants to inform treatment planning
- Completed intake screenings and initial risk assessments for program participants integrating the Static-99R, knowledge of dynamic risk factors, and information from presentence investigation reports
- Reviewed group participants' completed journals and provided written feedback
- Assisted program staff with conducting psychosexual evaluations
- Screened incoming mail for risk-relevant material according to Bureau of Prisons policy

Minor Rotation: General Population (September 2020 – May 2021)

- Provided brief solution-focused therapy to individuals in general population at the low security prison and the satellite prison camp
- Conducted long-term therapy with individuals in general population
- Co-facilitated weekly groups for individuals in general population related to anger management, trauma, and criminal thinking
- Completed intake screenings to assess for immediate mental health needs and inform mental health care level designation
- Assisted staff psychologist with risk management responsibilities such as suicide watch contacts, suicide risk assessments, risk of sexual victimization assessments, and Solitary Housing Unit duties

Psychology Extern **October 2019 – April 2020**
Denver County Jail, Downtown Detention Center, Denver, CO
Supervisor: Bradley McMillan, PhD

- Provided weekly individual therapy to clients who were incarcerated, utilizing various therapeutic orientations, including CBT and ACT (maintained a case load of up to six clients at a time)
- Facilitated two weekly groups for participants of the High Acuity Treatment program

- Conducted triage screenings to assess for imminent suicidal and homicidal risk and to determine clients' eligibility for individual therapy
- Maintained written documentation for all client contact, adhering to the DAP (Data, Assessment, Plan) format

Senior Forensic Case Manager **January 2017 – July 2019**
Brooklyn Community Reentry Assistance Network (CRAN), Brooklyn, NY
Supervisor: Melodie Foellmi, PhD

- Provided long-term case management for individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness who were either court mandated to mental health treatment as an alternative to incarceration, or recently released after serving a jail sentence (maintained a case load of approximately 35 clients at a time)
- Conducted comprehensive clinical screenings and worked with clinical supervisors to determine client eligibility for diversion and create individualized treatment plans
- Monitored clients' participation in treatment and provided appropriate referrals for additional services
- Served as an in-person liaison to the courts, communicating with legal personnel and providing periodic updates for mandated clients
- Collaborated with staff at correctional facilities to assist in discharge planning and clients' reintegration into the community
- Supervised two master's student interns, assisting with training, providing feedback, and delegated tasks

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant **September 2021 – Present**
DeMatteo Research Lab, Drexel University | Principal Investigator: David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)

- Research projects investigate the intersection of psychology, law, and the criminal justice system
- Assist with development and coordination of research projects, including preparing IRB submissions, developing study measures, and writing scholarly publications

Research Intern **January 2022 – August 2022**
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office | Principal Investigator: Naomi Goldstein, PhD
Project examining the impact of third-party payment of restitution to victims of juvenile offenses

- Conducted two-part phone interviews with crime victims to evaluate their perceptions of alternative forms of juvenile restitution
- Maintained tracking spreadsheet

Clinical Interviewer **September 2021 – August 2022**
RTI International | Principal Investigator: Heather Ringeisen, PhD

- Conducted research interviews using the SCID-5 to collect data for the National Study of Mental Health, a study aiming to estimate the prevalence of various mental health conditions in the United States
- Completed 40 hours of virtual training on administering the SCID-5 and rating diagnostic criteria

Denver FIRST Research Lab **September 2019 – June 2021**
Research seminar as part of the Master's Program in Forensic Psychology

- Collaborated with peers and professors to develop and design research projects and analyze data
- Assisted professors in grant writing

Student Reviewer **December 2020**
American Psychology-Law Society

- Reviewed paper and poster proposals to recommend them for inclusion in the annual conference

Research Assistant **September 2019 – June 2020**
Predicting Outcomes of a Wellness Court Program | Principal Investigator: W. Neil Gowensmith, PhD
Project examining the outcomes of the Denver Wellness Court program

- Assisted in the coding and analysis of participant assessment data from the Criminal Court Assessment Tool (CCAT) and program outcome data
- Aided in developing qualitative portion of study using progress notes to examine participant experiences during COVID-19

Research Assistant **March 2020**
Traumatic Brain Injury in Criminal Justice Lab, University of Denver | Principal Investigators: Daniel Brisson, PhD and Kim Gorgens, PhD
Project exploring the relationship between traumatic brain injury (TBI) and homelessness to identify effective interventions for this population

- Collected quantitative and qualitative data with individuals experiencing homelessness at a data collection site in Fort Collins, CO
- Data collection included completing the Ohio State TBI measure and the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (VI-SPDAT) with participants

Research Assistant **March 2018 – May 2019**
Brooklyn CRAN Recidivism Tracking Project | Principal Investigators: Merrill Rotter, MD and Melodie Foellmi, PhD
Project tracking recidivism rates for individuals with serious mental illness who participated in the CRAN program

- Tracked rearrests of approximately 90 clients by searching online systems of New York City jails, New York State prisons, and court system monthly and inputting data to spreadsheet

PUBLICATIONS

Jackson, C., **Kanani, H.**, Chard, A., Adams, H., Barrett, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2024). *Examining the predictive validity and potential disparate impact of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE): A systematic review*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

DeMatteo, D., **Kanani, H**., & Rothman, G. (2024). The evaluation and implementation of contingency management for drug use disorders. *Clinical Psychology: Science and Practice, 31*(2), 151-153.

DeMatteo, D., **Kanani, H.**, Grisamore, S. P., & Chard, A. (in press). Doctoral training in forensic psychology. In K. Heilbrun & D. DeMatteo (Eds.), *Community-based psychological services for justice-involved individuals.* Oxford University Press.

Kanani, H., Fairfax-Columbo, J., & DeMatteo, D. (in press). Considering nuance in the relationship between substance use and risk: A critical analysis of a one-size-fits-all model. In M.K. Miller, D. DeMatteo, & B.H. Bornstein (Eds.), *Advances in Psychology & Law* (Vol. 7). Springer.

DeMatteo, D., Grisamore, S. P., & **Kanani, H.** (under contract). Substance use and crime. In P. Zapf (Ed.), *APA handbook of forensic psychology* (2nd ed.). American Psychological Association.

Fairfax-Columbo, J., Fishel, S., **Kanani, H.**, & DeMatteo, D. (2023). Risk assessment for juvenile homicide offenders: Best practices and a cautionary note. In K. M. Heide (Ed.), *International handbook of juvenile homicide*. Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group.

Klukoff, H., **Kanani, H.**, Gaglione, C., & Alexander, A. (2021). Toward an abolitionist practice of psychology: Reimagining psychology's relationship to the criminal justice system. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology, 61*(4), 451-469. https://doi.org/10.1177/00221678211015755

Klukoff, H., & **Kanani, H.** (2020). A better world is possible: Psychology's responsibility to abolition. *Psychotherapy Bulletin, 55*(4), 8-13. https://societyforpsychotherapy.org/a-better-world-is-possible-psychologys-responsibility-to-abolition-554/

Brown, S., **Kanani, H.**, & Thorsen, T. (2020). Language problems. In K. Gorgens, J. Dettmer, & K. McAvoy (Eds.), *Cognitive strategies for juvenile clients, parents/caregivers, community mental health & criminal justice professionals* (pp. 53-60). Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado.

PRESENTATIONS

Jackson, C., **Kanani, H.,** Wiltsie, K., Grisamore, S., & DeMatteo, D. (2024, March 23). *Vicarious trauma in forensic mental health evaluators.* Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Los Angeles, CA.

Kanani, H., Grisamore, S., Fairfax-Columbo, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2024, March 23). *Using the Sequential Intercept Model to address substance use and crime: A public health approach in a public safety costume.* Paper presented at the 2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Los Angeles, CA.

Kanani, H., Fairfax-Columbo, J., & DeMatteo, D. (2023, March 18). *Considering cannabis use and criminal risk: A critical analysis of a one-size-fits-all model*. Paper presented at the 2023 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Chaparro Rucobo, S. J., **Kanani, H.**, Alexander, A. (2021, March 20). *Media portrayals of feminicides and the feminist movement in Mexico.* Poster presented at the 2021 annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), online.

Kanani, H., McCarver, K., Unger, L., & Gowensmith, W. N. (2021, March 20). *Participant outcomes and experiences in a wellness court program during COVID-19.* Poster presented at the 2021 annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), online.

Kanani, H. & Klukoff, H. (2020, November 7). *A better world is possible: Psychology's responsibility to abolition.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Rocky Mountain Humanistic Counseling and Psychological Association, online.

Azama, C., Roberts, H., Unger, L., **Kanani, H.**, & Gowensmith, W. N. (2020, March 5-7). *Predicting outcomes of a wellness court program.* Paper presented at the 2020 annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Fellow
Drexel University, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences

- Experimental Psychology, undergraduate-level course, Fall 2021
- Abnormal Psychology, undergraduate-level course, Winter 2022
- Abnormal Psychology, undergraduate-level course, Spring 2022
- Cognitive Psychology, undergraduate-level course, Fall 2023

- Social Psychology, undergraduate-level course, Winter 2024
- Cognitive Psychology, undergraduate-level course, Spring 2024

Graduate Teaching Assistant
University of Denver Graduate School of Professional Psychology
- Introductory Statistics for Clinicians, Master's-level course, Fall 2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Intern **May 2023 – August 2023**
National Defense Center for Criminalized Survivors, Philadelphia, PA
- Surveyed cases in which survivors of intimate partner violence were charged as co-defendants with their abusive partners, compiled key information into research chart, and wrote executive summary of survey findings
- Updated research chart on cases addressing the issue of whether a defendant can raise inconsistent defenses (self-defense and accident)
- Participated in weekly legal team meetings
- Assisted attorneys with reviewing case materials, including expert reports, to help consult on defense strategy

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor **October 2019 – July 2021**
Mindfish Test Prep, Denver, CO
- Provided one-on-one SAT and ACT tutoring to high school students preparing to apply to college
- Created an individualized test prep plan for each student
- Proctored practice tests for groups of students to help acclimate them to a timed testing environment

Program Assistant **April 2016 – January 2017**
The Kenyon Institute, Gambier, OH
- Supervised technology systems for 200 participants of 4 professional writing workshops and provided on-site support
- Managed operations including registration, scheduling, and travel arrangements
- Executed aspects of marketing strategy, including social media campaigns and growing relationships with writing communities and institutions

Writing Consultant **September 2013 – May 2016**
Kenyon College Writing Center, Gambier, OH
- Conducted one-on-one sessions to assist students with writing in any subject
- Completed training course "Philosophy of Peer Editing"
- Specialized in close reading analysis, argument structure, and grammar
- Selected to work as Writing Liaison for upper level English course "Writing American Fear"

Assistant Editor and Social Media Manager **June 2015 – August 2015**
Elaine Lipworth Production, Los Angeles, CA
- Transcribed Ms. Lipworth's journalistic interviews

- Proofread and fact-checked articles to be published in major print and online publications, such as *Marie Claire* and *The Guardian*
- Crafted customized social media plan and increased Ms. Lipworth's social media impact by 200%

MSNBC Social Media & Community Intern **June 2014 – August 2014**
NBCUniversal, New York, NY

- Authored Twitter and Facebook posts publicizing MSNBC content to over 1.5 million followers
- Orchestrated msnbc.com Q&A's with reporters on topics including campus sexual assault and police brutality
- Crafted msnbc.com's first themed news quiz attracting over 2,000 users
- Conducted an audit of community activity on msnbc.com content and presented a proposal to increase and improve user engagement

TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

Static-99 Scoring Refresher Training **October 2020**
Conducted by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Englewood, CO

Queer & Ally (Q&A) two-part training series **July 2020**
Conducted by the University of Denver Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Denver, CO

Motivational Interviewing Training **June 2019**
Conducted by the Center for Urban Community Services, New York, NY

LEADERSHIP

Leadership Education to Advance Diversity (LEAD) Fellow **2021**
Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology

- Selected to take part in a two-day virtual institute focused on providing professional development and leadership skills to graduate students and early career psychologists from diverse backgrounds

Student Representative **July 2020 – June 2021**
Dean's Diversity Advisory Committee
University of Denver

- Selected to represent students of the Master's in Forensic Psychology program on this Dean's committee comprised of student and faculty representatives from all Graduate School of Professional Psychology programs, focused on diversity issues

Program Representative **October 2019 – June 2021**
Graduate Student Association of Professional Psychology
University of Denver

- Elected to represent the Master's in Forensic Psychology program in the student body government of the Graduate School of Professional Psychology
- Served as conduit of communication between faculty and students, and assist with event planning
- Managed mentorship program between second- and first-year forensic psychology master's students

AWARDS AND HONORS

CALI Award – Best Student Performance **2022 – 2023**

- Contracts (Fall 2022)
- Criminal Law (Spring 2023)
- Legal Methods II (Spring 2023)
- Legislation and Regulation (Spring 2023)
- Property (Spring 2023)
- Professional Responsibility (Summer 2023)
- Mental Health Law (Fall 2023)

Honorable Mention, George A. Miller Award **2023**
Society for General Psychology, Division 1 of the American Psychological Association

Dean's Fellowship **2021 - 2022**
Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Drexel University
Award value: $10,000

Master's in Forensic Psychology Program Scholarship **2021**
Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver
Award value: $5,000

Graduate Student Poster Award **2020**
Fourth Annual Rocky Mountain Humanistic Counseling and Psychological Association Conference
Award value: $50

Conference Travel Grant **2020**
Denver Forensic Institute for Research and Training (Denver FIRST)
Award value: $200

Master's in Forensic Psychology Program Scholarship **2019**
Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver
Award value: $25,000

James P. Storer Scholarship **2014 – 2016**
Kenyon College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychology-Law Society (APA Division 41), student member

LANGUAGES

Fluent in conversational Farsi (speaking), proficient in conversational Spanish

REFERENCES

Available upon request