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EDUCATION

In Progress

Ph.D. Drexel University, *Clinical Psychology* (exp. graduation 6/2014)

Completed

J.D. Villanova University School of Law (2011)

M.S. Drexel University, *Clinical Psychology* (2011)

B.A. University of California, Los Angeles, *Psychology* (2006)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Capital Mitigation

- Analyzing capital cases, looking for patterns in procedure, practice, and sentencing

Pop-Psychopathy

- Evaluating lay perception of psychopathy

Neuropsychological Evidence in the Courtroom

- Examining how jurors weigh neurological and neuropsychological evidence

PUBLICATIONS

Shah, S., DeMatteo, D., **Keesler, M. E.**, Davis, J., Heilbrun, K. (paper in preparation).
Addiction severity scores and urine drug screens at baseline as predictors of graduation from drug court.

Heilbrun, K., Shah, S., Foster, E., **Keesler, M. E.**, & Brooks, S. (paper in preparation).
Empathy, acceptance of responsibility, and compelled testimony in juvenile transfer hearings: Legal context and empirical evidence.

Laughon, P., **Keesler, M. E.**, Wolbransky, M., & DeMatteo, D. (paper in preparation).
Capital sentencing in North Carolina: A 368-case analysis.

DeMatteo, D., **Keesler, M. E.**, Murphy, M. & Strohmaier, H. (under contract). Capital case considerations. In **B. Cutler & P. Zapf (Eds.)**, *APA handbook of forensic psychology*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

- DeMatteo, D., **Keesler, M. E.**, & Strohmaier, H. (under contract). Accessing the Law and Legal Literature. In I. B. Weiner & R. K. Otto (eds.). *Handbook of Forensic Psychology* (4th ed.). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
- DeMatteo, D., Murrie, D. C., Anumba, N., & **Keesler, M. E.** (2011). *Forensic mental health assessment in death penalty cases*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- DeMatteo, D. & **Keesler, M. E.** (2010). Sampling error. In I. B. Weiner & W. E. Craighead (eds.). *The Corsini encyclopedia of psychology and behavioral science* (4th ed.). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

PRESENTATIONS

- Keesler, M. E.**, Wolbransky, M., Laughon, P., & DeMatteo, D. *The Death Penalty Sentencing Phase: Non-Statutory Mitigation*. Paper presented at the 2012 conference of the American Psychological-Law Society, San Juan, PR.
- Wolbransky, M., **Keesler, M. E.**, Laughon, P., & DeMatteo, D. *The Death Penalty Trial: How Capital Sentencing Procedure Relates to Jury Sentencing Decisions*. Paper presented at the 2012 conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, San Juan, PR.
- Keesler, M. E.**, Wolbransky, M., Laughon, P., & DeMatteo, D. (2011). *Death Penalty Mitigation: The Combined Effect of Age and Criminal History on Sentencing*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Keesler, M. E.** (2011). *Psychopathy, Sociopathy, Antisocial Personality Disorder, and Dyssocial Personality Disorder: Definitions and Conceptualizations across Time and Context*. Poster presented at the 2011 Drexel College of Arts and Sciences Research Day, Philadelphia, PA.
- Shah, S., DeMatteo, D., **Keesler, M.E.**, & Present, J. P. (2011). *Comparing measures of baseline substance use severity in predicting drug court graduation*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society / 4th International Congress on Psychology and Law, Miami, FL.
- Wolbransky, M., **Keesler, M. E.**, Hinz, H., Laughon, P., DeMatteo, D., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2011). *Capital Jury Sentencing Recommendations: The Relationship between Mental Illness-Related Mitigating Factors and Sentencing Decisions*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society / 4th International Congress on Psychology and Law, Miami, FL.
- Keesler, M. E.**, Laughon, P., Foster, L., Batastini, A., & DeMatteo, D. (2010). *Capital jury agreement with mitigating factors: The relationship between rate of agreement and ultimate sentence recommendation*. Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Convention of the American Psychology and Law Society, Vancouver, Canada.

Keesler, M. E., DeMatteo, D., Murrie, D., & Anumba, N. (2010). *Future dangerousness as an aggravating factor in capital litigation*. Poster presented at the 2010 Annual Convention of the American Psychology and Law Society, Vancouver, Canada.

DeMatteo, D., Moore, J., **Keesler, M.**, Nwoga, L., Burl, J., & Foster, E. (2009). *Psychopathy evidence in capital cases: Probative value vs. prejudicial impact*. Paper presented at the 117th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Keesler, M.E., & Emrani, M. (2006). *Background and attitudinal factors affecting juror decision making*. Paper presented at the Annual Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference, University of California, Los Angeles.

WORK, INTERNSHIP, & PRACTICUM

Neuropsychological Practice of Thomas Swirsky-Sacchetti, PhD, ABPP (summer 2012 to present)

- Assisting Dr. Kelli Williams with neuropsychological assessment, evaluation, and treatment of brain-injured inpatients at acute rehabilitation hospital
- Providing individual and couples psychotherapy to patients and family members

Good Shepherd Penn Partners Rehabilitation (summer 2011 to summer 2012)

- Assisted Dr. Kelli Williams with neuropsychological assessment, evaluation, and treatment of brain-injured inpatients at acute rehabilitation hospital
- Provided individual psychotherapy to patients

DeMatteo Forensic Assessment Trainee (summer 2008 to present)

- Assisting Dr. Dave DeMatteo with forensic assessments, including juvenile decertifications and federal sentencing evaluations; process includes document review, biopsychosocial interviews, psychometric testing, and report writing.

Drexel University Main Campus Counseling Center (summer 2010 to summer 2011)

- Provided counseling, outreach, and educational services to Drexel University students
- Participated in “Eating disorders prevention: An effectiveness trial for at-risk college students”, an NIH-funded study on a cognitive dissonance-based intervention to prevent eating disorder onset

Drexel Forensic Assessment Clinic (summer 2010 to summer 2011)

- Assisted Dr. Kirk Heilbrun with privately contracted forensic assessments for a variety of legal issues, including capital sentencing, federal sentencing, independent medical evaluations, and competence.

Community Education Centers (CEC) Albert “Bo” Robinson (fall 2009 to summer 2010)

- Assessed prison inmates using biopsychosocial interviewing, document review, and a

variety of psychometrics to make risk evaluations and write reports for dispositional recommendations.

Statistics Consultant and Researcher on Law Student Learning (spring 2008 to fall 2009)

- Responsibilities included overseeing the organization, coding, and statistical analysis of survey data for Professor Emily Zimmerman's research on first-year law students.

District Attorney of Los Angeles' Victim Assistance Program (summer 2005 to fall 2006)

- Responsibilities included phoning, interviewing, and escorting victims of crime per the program's services.

Murder Trial of Christopher Lippard (summer 2001)

- Interned with defense and mitigating circumstances psychologist during a six-week quintuple homicide trial (*North Carolina v. Lippard*, 152 N.C. App 564, 2002)

TEACHING & WORKSHOPS

Forensic Psychology (summer, 2012; *winter, 2013*)

- Adjunct Professor for 10-week, 3-credit undergraduate course

Computer-Assisted Data Analysis (summer, 2012)

- Adjunct Professor for 10-week, 3-credit undergraduate course for psychology majors

Developmental Psychology (spring, 2012)

- Adjunct Professor for 10-week, 3-credit undergraduate course

Drugs & Human Behavior (winter, 2012)

- Guest lecturer for Dr. DeMatteo's psychology major seminar

Mistaken Eyewitness Identification (spring & fall, 2011; fall, 2010; spring, 2009)

- Guest lecturer for undergraduate psychology cognitive, social, and general courses

Drug and Alcohol Abuse (fall, 2010)

- Conducted workshops for first-quarter freshmen on drug use and alcohol abuse

What is Counseling? (fall, 2010)

- Conducted workshops for first-quarter freshmen on counseling resources available, accompanied by information on the nature of mental health counseling

Stress and Time Management (fall, 2010)

- Conducted workshops for first-quarter freshmen on mitigating stress through effective time management, and general strategies for dealing with stress

Commuter Students – Managing the Stress of School and...Everything Else! (fall, 2010)

- Conducted workshop for commuter students on balancing the stress and demands of being a commuter student, son/daughter, sibling, employee, etc.

Introduction to Intelligence (fall, 2008)

- Guest lecture for Introductory Psychology Course

PEER REVIEW EXPERIENCE

American Psychology and Law Conference Submission Reviewer (2010-2012)

- Reviewer for conference submissions under Psychopathy and Jury Decision Making

Psychology, Crime, and Law (2012)

- Student Reviewer

Criminal Justice and Behavior (2011)

- Student Reviewer

Professional Psychology: Research and Practice (2010)

- Student Reviewer

Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice (2009)

- Student Reviewer

AWARDS, HONORS, & LEADERSHIP

Philadelphia Behavioral Therapy Association (spring, 2012)

- Recognized for ongoing work as a student board representative

Drexel College of Arts and Sciences Research Day (spring, 2010)

- 1st Place award for graduate-level humanities/social sciences research poster

Drexel COAS Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award Nominee (2008-2009)

- Nominated for assisting across a variety of courses during the 2008-2009 academic year

Associated Students of UCLA Distinguished Student-Employee Award (spring, 2006)

- Recognized after two years of employment with the University

Office of the District Attorney of Los Angeles' Certificate of Commendation (spring, 2006)

- Awarded and recognized for work with victim's rights after one year at the volunteer-internship

TRAINED PSYCHOMETRICS

Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI)
Beck Depression Inventory (BDI)
Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function (BRIEF-A)
Boston Naming Test
California Verbal Learning Test (CVLT-II)
Clock Draw
Cognitive Linguistic Quick Test (CLQT)
Cognitive Log (Cog-Log)
Controlled Word Association Test (COWAT)
Finger Tapping Test
Galveston Orientation and Amnesia Test (GOAT)
Grooved Pegboard Test
Hooper Visual Organization Test
JFK Coma Recovery Scale
Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI)
Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R)
Luria Motor Examination
Massachusetts Youth Screening Inventory, 2nd Edition (MAYSI-2)
Memory Assessment Scales (MAS-II)
Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory (MCMI-III)
Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI-II / MMPI-A)
Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)
Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status (RBANS)
Rey 15-Item Memory Test
Rey-Osterrieth Complex Figure Test (Rey-O/RCFT)
Ruff 2 & 7 Selective Attention Test
Sensory-Perceptual Examination
Spousal Abuse Risk Assessment (SARA)
Stroop Color and Word Test
Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY)
Tactual Performance Test (TPT)
TCU Criminal Justice Client Evaluation of Self and Treatment (TCU CJ CEST)
Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM)
Texas Christian University (TCU) Drug Screen II (TCU DS-II)
Trail-Making Test A&B
Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence (WASI)
Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence (WPPSI-III)
Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-IV)
Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS-IV)

Wechsler Memory Scales (WMS-IV)
Western Psychological Services' Suicide Probability Scale (SPS)
Wide Range Achievement Test, 4th Edition (WRAT-4)
Wisconsin Card Sorting Test (WCST)
Wonderlic Personnel Test (WPT)

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS

CBIT for Tics and Anxiety with John Piacenti (winter, 2012)
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Trained for Social, Behavioral and Educational Research Investigators
Drexel IRB Work With Human Subjects Certification
Drexel IRB HIPAA Medical Research and Security (HIPAA I and II) Certification
Drexel IRB Substituted (Surrogate) Consent Certification
Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Trained
WestLaw Advanced Legal Research Certification

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association
American Psychology and Law Association
Philadelphia Behavioral Therapy Association, Student Board Member (2010-2012)

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

American Psychological Association Convention (2011)
American Psychology and Law Society Annual Convention (2009 - 2012)
University of California, Los Angeles; Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (2006)

PROFESSIONAL COLLOQUIA ATTENDED

CBIT for Tics with John Piacentini, Ph.D., ABPP (spring 2012)
Hoarding, with David Tolin (spring 2011)
Exposure Therapy for Phobia and PTSD, with Michele Craske (spring 2011)
Mental Health in Primary Care, sponsored by the U.S. Air Force (spring 2009)
The Mental Health Professional in Coerced Interrogations: Ethical and Legal Issues with Donald Bersoff, Ph.D., JD; Michael Gelles, Psy.D.; Jonathan Marks, BA, CCL, MA; Steven Sharfstein, MD; and Eric Zillmer, Ph.D. (spring 2009)
Adopting Evidenced-Based Treatments to Meet the Mental Health Needs of Diverse Populations: Let's Do This Thoughtfully and Scientifically; with Arthur Nezu (winter 2009)

Dealing with Difficult and Atypical Clients; with Christine Nezu (winter 2009)
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention; with Evan Foreman (winter 2009)
Distinguishing Science from Pseudoscience; with Michael Lilienfeld (fall 2008)
A Conversation with Dr. A. Tim Beck (spring 2008)

GRADUATE LEVEL COURSEWORK

Psychology

- Behavioral Assessment (I & II)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Cognitive Psychology
- Data Analysis and Statistics Series (I, II, and III)
- Developmental Psychology
- Ethics in Psychology w/ Don Bersoff
- Ethics in Psychology, an independent study w/ Dave DeMatteo (*planned*)
- Forensic Assessment w/ Kirk Heilbrun (I & II)
- History and Systems in Psychology (*planned*)
- Intellectual Assessment
- Mental Health and the Law w/ Kirk Heilbrun and Dave DeMatteo
- Multicultural Perspectives in Psychology
- Neuropsychological Assessment
- Neuropsychological Case Analysis and Integration
- Neuroscience Principles
- Personality Assessment
- Psychopathology
- Psychopathology in Childhood & Adolescence
- Psychopharmacology
- Psychotherapy and Counseling Principles
- Psychotherapy Theories
- Research Methods in Psychology
- Social Cognition

Law

- Advanced Problems in Federal Criminal Litigation
- Chinese Law
- Civil Procedure
- Comparative Bioethics
- Contract Drafting
- Contract Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure (+Advanced)
- Death Penalty: Research, Theory, and Practice

- Dispute Resolution
- Employment Discrimination
- European Union Law
- Evidence
- Family Law
- International Criminal Law
- International Human Rights
- Law of Drugs and Biologics
- Law and Mental Health w/ Kirk Heilbrun and Dave DeMatteo
- Law, Science, and Advocacy
- Legal Profession
- Legal Research
- Legal Writing (+Advanced w/ Louis J. Sirico)
- Property Law
- Race and the Law
- Sex Discrimination
- Tort Law
- Villanova Law Sentencing Workshop

References are available upon request