

JEREMY A. BLANK, PsyD, QME

*Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and Neuropsychologist
Qualified Medical Evaluator*

Curriculum Vitae – April 2023

EDUCATION

The Wright Institute

Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology, September 2013

M.A. in Clinical Psychology, September 2010

- APA-accredited clinical psychology doctoral program

September 2008 – September 2013

Berkeley, CA

University of California, Davis

B.S. in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior

- 3.95 GPA, Phi Beta Kappa, Division of Biological Sciences Citation for Outstanding Achievement, Senator Robert C. Byrd 4-year Academic Scholarship

September 2003 – June 2005

Davis, CA

Santa Rosa Junior College

A.S. in General Science Studies

- 3.91 GPA, Highest Honors, Ellis Nixon Life Science Scholarship, Courtney W. Anderson Chemistry Scholarship, Santa Rosa Rotary Club Scholarship

August 2001 – May 2003

Santa Rosa, CA

LICENSURES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed California Psychologist (PSY27148)
- California Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME), 2019 - Present

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: ASSESSMENT

Arrowhead Evaluation Services

Neuropsychologist, Qualified Medical Evaluator

- Worker's Compensation evaluations and fitness-for-duty evaluations for psychological and neuropsychological injuries
- Comprehensive testing, scoring, interviewing, report writing, and record review
- Deposition testimony given as needed

December 2019 - Present

Northern and Southern CA

Private Practice in Clinical and Forensic Assessment

Licensed Psychologist and Neuropsychologist

- Comprehensive neuropsychological and psychological evaluations for clinical and forensic matters
- Presenting issues vary and include neurodegenerative diseases (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, etc.), traumatic brain injury, ADHD, learning disorders, stroke, and other conditions
- Capacity evaluations for medical and financial decision making
- Clients from 16 to adult

February 2015 – Present

Santa Rosa and Temecula, CA

Examworks - Newton Medical Group

Neuropsychologist, Assistant to James Cole, Ph.D.

April 2017 - Present
Sacramento and Oakland, CA

- Neuropsychological testing and comprehensive scoring

Bayview Medical Clinic

Disability Evaluator

July 2015 – December 2019
Oakland, Sacramento, Vallejo, and Concord, CA

- Conducted over 1200 Social Security Disability evaluations
- Claimants included children ages 6+ to adult
- Duties included testing, interview, and comprehensive report writing

San Francisco VA Medical Center

Staff Neuropsychologist - Part Time

March 2016 – July 2016
San Francisco, CA

- Psychological and neuropsychological evaluations
- Conditions assessed included dementia, TBI, movement disorders
- Supervised five interns and three post-doctoral fellows

San Francisco Institute on Aging (IOA)

Evaluator

September 2015 – February 2016
San Francisco, CA

- Neuropsychological and functional capacity evaluations

San Francisco Clinical Neurosciences

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology with Ronald Ruff, PhD

September 2013 – October 2015
San Francisco, CA

- 2-year fellowship structured according to Houston Conference guidelines
- Responsible for all aspects of assessment process, including administration, scoring, and interpretation of test battery; client interview; comprehensive medical record review; writing of comprehensive reports; and provision of feedback to clients
- Cases comprised of medico-legal (civil forensic) and clinical (e.g., TBI, stroke, tumor, movement disorders, psychological disturbance, etc.)
- Provided psychotherapy to individuals with acquired brain injuries
- Observed depositions, correspond with attorneys
- Weekly neuropsychology didactics at San Francisco General Hospital/UCSF
- Supervisor: Ronald Ruff, Ph.D., ABPP

Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center

APA Pre-Doctoral Internship

August 2012 – April 2013
Cleveland, OH

- Selected as sole Neuropsychology Track intern from ~50 applicants
- Completed two rotations providing outpatient neuropsychological assessment: main hospital (4 months) and Parma Outpatient Clinic (4 months)
- TBI, dementias, PTSD, substance-abuse, chronic pain syndrome, movement disorders, stroke, tumor, autism spectrum disorders, capacity examinations
- Brain-cutting laboratory sessions at Case Western Reserve University
- Supervisors: George Serna, Ph.D.; Daniel Harvey, Ph.D., ABPP-CN (consulting supervisor: John Kenny, Ph.D., ABPP-CN)

Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Pre-Doctoral Trainee

August 2012 – August 2013
Cleveland, OH

- Participated in CCF Department of Neuropsychology weekly case conference series
- Attended weekly, multi-disciplinary Epilepsy Case Conference
- Supervisor: Richard Naugle, Ph.D., ABPP-CN (secondary supervisors: Michael Parsons, Ph.D., ABPP-CN; Jennifer Haut, Ph.D., ABPP-CN; Robyn Busch, Ph.D., ABPP-CN)

Wright Institute Assessment Service

July 2011 – July 2012

Graduate Student Assessor

Berkeley, CA

- Comprehensive neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic assessments for ADHD, learning disabilities, dementia, chronic pain, TBI, personality disorders
- Extensive training in Rorschach scoring and interpretation
- Supervisors: Howard Friedman, Ph.D., ABPP-CN; Sumana Kaipa, Psy.D.

Clinical and Forensic Neuropsychology Private Practice

August 2011 – June 2012

Psychometrician for Laeeq Evered, Psy.D.

- Assessment and comprehensive report writing for individuals with TBI

Santa Rosa Junior College, Student Psychological Services

August 2010 – May 2012

Psychology Practicum Intern

Santa Rosa, CA

- Neuropsychological and therapeutic/psychodiagnostic assessment; referrals from Disability Resources Department
- TBI, memory disorders, ADHD, learning disabilities, and emotional/personality issues
- Supervisors: Kimberly Gauntlett, Psy.D., Bert Epstein, Psy.D.

New Directions Adolescent Services

August 2009 – July 2010

Psychology Practicum Intern

Santa Rosa, CA

- Personality assessments, IEP meetings
- Supervisor: Michael Barclay, Ph.D.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: PSYCHOTHERAPY

Private Practice

February 2015 – Present

Licensed Psychologist

Santa Rosa and Temecula, CA

- Conduct psychotherapy for a variety of presentations, including acquired brain injury; incorporate frequent mindfulness meditation and visualization
- Clients from 10 to adult

Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Affairs Medical Center

April 2013 – August 2013

APA Pre-Doctoral Internship

Cleveland, OH

- 4-month individual and group therapy rotation in prolonged exposure (PE) for PTSD, and mindfulness-based treatments including ACT and DBT
- Supervisor: Kevan McCutcheon, Ph.D. (national VA ACT trainer)

Santa Rosa Junior College, Student Psychological Services

August 2010 – May 2012

Psychology Practicum Intern

Santa Rosa, CA

- Individual, group, and couples therapy, including crisis work
- Employed MBSR and relaxation strategies
- Supervisors: Elisabeth Hathaway, Ph.D., Bert Epstein, Psy.D., Thomas Pope, MFT

New Directions Adolescent Services

August 2009 – July 2010

Psychology Practicum Intern

Santa Rosa, CA

- Day-treatment center and high school for teenagers ages 13-19 with serious emotional disturbances, many also with learning disabilities and substance-abuse issues
- Individual, group, and milieu psychotherapy

- Wrap-around services with teaching staff, case managers, psychiatrists, parents, and juvenile justice system
- Supervisor: Michael Barclay, Ph.D.

Progress Foundation – Sonoma County

August 2008 – August 2009

Psychology Practicum Intern

Santa Rosa, CA

- 10-bed adult crisis-residential inpatient setting
- Clients with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, personality disorders, PTSD, and substance-use disorders
- Group and individual psychotherapy, comprehensive intake assessments
- Supervisors: Wendy Wheelwright, MFT; Carl Mitchell, MFT

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Dissertation: *Malingering Madness: Distress as a Diagnostic Alternative*

- Primary data-collection study, correlational and descriptive statistics
- Committee: Laeeq Evered, Psy.D. (chair); Ronald Ruff, Ph.D.; Dale Watson, Ph.D.

UC Davis M.I.N.D. (Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders) Institute

Post-Graduate Researcher

June 2005 – July 2006, Sacramento, CA

- 2,000+ hours of clinical and research experience
- Studied neuroimaging and neuropsychology in pediatric developmental disorders including autism, fragile X syndrome, and bipolar disorder
- Ran 1.5T and 3T MRIs at UC Davis Imaging Research Center, performed image digital volumetric analyses, and ran statistical programs
- Co-managed several clinical drug trials for depression and bipolar disorder
- Supervisors: Robert Hendren, D.O., Sufen Chiu, M.D., Ph.D.

Medtronic, Inc.

March 2000 – September 2000

Research and Development Intern

Santa Rosa, CA

- Stent and catheter design using AutoCAD and SmartCAM software
- Ran controlled experiments on electropolishing, acid cleaning, sand blasting, metallurgy, spectrophotometry, and laser cutting of saphenous-vein-graft stents

TEACHING/CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Research and Editing Consulting Program (RECP)

International Neuropsychological Society's International Liaison Committee

Volunteer Editor

April 2015 – April 2017

- Provided textual manuscript editing and consultation for ESL authors

The Wright Institute

Berkeley, CA

Volunteer Neuropsychology Supervisor

March 2015 – March 2017

- Supervision of neuropsychology cases for students in advanced neuropsychology course

Teaching Assistant, *Advanced Assessment: Neuropsychology*

September 2011 – June 2012

- Provided training in administration, scoring, interpretation, and report-writing for wide variety of neuropsychological tests

Teaching Assistant, *Assessment I, II, III*

August 2010 – June 2011

- Tests of focus included: WAIS-IV, Woodcock Johnson-III, PAI, MMPI-2, MMPI-2-RF, MCMI-III, Rorschach

UC Davis Department of Neurobiology/Physiology

Davis, CA

Teaching Assistant, *Advanced Physiology Lab (111L)*

January 2005 – June 2005

Beginning Physiology Lab (101L)

September 2004 – December 2004

Tutor, *Physiology for Non-Majors*

January 2005 – June 2005

Academic Tutoring

1997 – 2010

Self-Employed

- Specialization in chemistry, physiology, math, biology, SAT prep, and writing for high school and college students

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Self-Employment

Edit or Regret It Editing Services

2006 – 2018

- Started business in proofreading, copyediting, and APA formatting of a variety of documents including dissertations, scientific articles, essays, novels
- Edited: Ruff, R. M., & Chester, S. (2014). *Effective psychotherapy for individuals with acquired brain injury*. New York, NY: Guilford Press.

PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ruff, R. M., **Blank, J.**, & Schraa, J. (2016). How can emotions be more effectively assessed in individuals with traumatic brain injury? *Brain Injury Professional*, 13, 18-21.

Ruff, R. M., Klopfer, J., & **Blank, J.** (2016). Determining homogenous base rates for malingering in neuropsychological examination of litigants. *Psychological Injury and Law*, 9, 143-153.

Chiu, S., Widjaja, F., Bates, M., Voelbel, J., Pandina, G., Marble, J., **Blank, J.**, Day, J., Brule, N., & Hendren, R. (2008). Anterior cingulate volume in pediatric bipolar disorder and autism. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 105, 93-99. (Note: error in journal citation incorrectly lists me as 7th author rather than 2nd, which was intended order)

Chiu, S., Wegelin, J., **Blank, J.**, Jenkins, M., Day, J., Hessel, D., Tassone, F., & Hagerman, R. (2007). Early acceleration of head circumference in fragile X syndrome and autism. *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*, 28, 31-35.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Blank, J., Evered, L., Watson, D., & Ruff, R. (2014, November). *Malingering madness: Distress as a diagnostic alternative*. National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference, Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

Chiu, S., **Blank, J.**, Brule, N., Day, J., Marble, J., Pandina, G., Voelbel, G., Bates, M., & Hendren, R. (2006, October). *Anterior cingulate volume in pediatric bipolar disorder*. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), 53rd Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Widjaja, F., Day, J., **Blank, J.**, Buonocore, M., Copeland, L., Maddock, R., Chiu, S., & Hendren, R. (2006, October). *Symposium: Proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy in pediatric developmental disorders*. AACAP, 53rd Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Bacalman, S., Chiu, S., **Blank, J.**, Widjaja, F., Goodlin-Jones, B., & Hagerman, R. (2006, July). *Presence of psychiatric disorders in young males with fragile X full mutation*. 10th National Fragile X Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Chiu, S., Wegelin, J., **Blank, J.**, Jenkins, M., Day, J., Hessler, D., Tassone, F., & Hagerman, R. (2006, June). *Early acceleration of head circumference in fragile X syndrome and autism*. International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR), Montreal, Canada. UC Davis Medical Center Research Conference, Sacramento, CA.

Widjaja, F., Chiu, S., **Blank, J.**, Voelbel, G., Pandina, G., Nguyen, D., Bates, M., & Hendren, R. (2006, June). *Psychosis in autism*. IMFAR, Montreal, Canada.

Day, J., **Blank, J.**, Voelbel, G., Hamstra, J., Nguyen, D., Pandina, G., Chiu, S., Bates, M., Mostafavi, I., Marble, J., & Hendren, R. (2005, October). *Correlation between cognitive disorganization severity and MRI-derived brain volumes in children with bipolar disorder and autism spectrum disorders*. AACAP, 52nd Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. UC Davis Semiannual Campus Research Conference, Davis, CA.

PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Blank, J. (2011, October 12). *Life: A balancing act*. Presented to students at Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, CA.

Blank, J. (2011, September 27). *Health and student success*. Presented to students at Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, CA.

Blank, J., & Katz, D. (2011, September 13 & 20). *Anger management*. Presented to students at Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, CA, and Petaluma, CA, campuses.

GRANT PROPOSALS PREPARED

Neuroimaging in fragile X syndrome. (2005, October). National Institutes of Health (NIH) K-23.

Pediatric psychosis and schizophrenia. (2006, January). National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD).

Neurobiology of autism and fragile X syndrome. (2006, June). NIH R-21.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN), Affiliate