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Dissertation

James, J.D. Functional Health Status and Psychological Adjustment in Low Birth Weight Jamaican Preadolescents

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Education

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Honors with Distinction June 1995
University of Western Ontario

Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology October 2003
Northwestern University

Clinical and Fellowship Training

Psychology Extern July 1997 - June 1998
Children's Memorial Hospital

Crisis Worker July 1999 - March 2000
Northwestern Memorial Hospital Emergency Room

Psychology Extern July 1998 - June 1999
Cook County Hospital, Dept. of Child Psychiatry

School Counselor January 1998 - May 2000
United Stand

Postdoctoral Intern September 2000 - August 2001
Harvard Medical School/Children's Hospital



Pediatric Psychology Advanced Fellow September 2001 - August 2002
Children's Hospital, Developmental Medicine Center

Pediatric Psychology Advanced Fellow September 2002 - July 2003
Children's Hospital, Developmental Medicine Center

Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow January 2004-August 2004
Children's Evaluation Center

Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow September 2004 - August 2006
Children's National Medical Center

Specialized Training

Touchpoints Method April 2003
T. Berry Brazelton, M.D., Boston, MA

Clinical and Research Liability for Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule February 2005
Washington, DC

Clinical and Research Reliability Training for Autism Diagnostic Interview - Revised December 2005
Washington, DC

Forensic Psychology Training (104 hours for board certification purposes)
American Academy of Forensic Psychology

SAMHSA Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders November 2011
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration

Licensure and Certification

American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) Board Certified Clinical Neuropsychologist

- Only 1 percent of psychologists nationwide attain this distinction



- This is earned through a multi-step process that includes a written exam, vetting of credentials, peer review of reports, and an in-person, three-part oral exam

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Neuropsychology, The George Washington University Medical Center, Pediatric Neuropsychology Program September 2006 - August 2010

- Supervision Provision of pediatric neuropsychological services to several clinical programs, including the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit of the Health Services for Children Pediatric Center
- Participation in ongoing research projects within the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Extern coordinator and supervision of predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees

Assistant Professor of Pediatric Neuropsychology, The George Washington University, HSC Pediatric Center August 2010 - December 2013

- Director of pediatric neuropsychological services
- Participation Provision of inpatient and outpatient pediatric neuropsychological evaluations to pre-school, school-age children and young adults
- Clinical psychologist for the Transitional Infants & Toddlers Unit
- Supervision of predoctoral trainees

Boards, Advisory Positions and Political Appointment

District of Columbia Board of Psychology, Commissioner December 2017- present

District of Columbia Association for Special Education (January 2019 - June 2020)

Special Education Excellence for Underserved Students December 2020-present

Upcounty Community Resources, Incorporated July 2021- present)



Work Experience

Associate Consultant at Lorio Forensics, January 2022 - Present

- Forensic Mental Health Consultation Services
 - Civil – including but not limited to independent mental health evaluations/consultation for psychic injury, disability, worker's compensation, fitness for duty, mental health malpractice, and Title IX cases
 - Criminal – including but not limited to independent mental health/neuropsychological evaluations/consultation for trauma evaluations, mitigation, transfer/waiver hearings, capital case litigation (i.e., *Atkins* cases), juvenile/transitional youth life without profile cases (i.e. *Miller*)cases

Director & Owner, Alina Assessment Services, PLLC, January 2014 - present

- Clinical and forensic neuropsychological evaluations of adolescents and adults with neurodevelopmental and acquired disorders in the context of criminal and civil cases
- Forensic consultation to criminal defense teams, including delivery of mental health services, developing mitigation, preparation of declarations, reviewing records, preparation of expert witness, building team cohesion, and vetting potential mental health experts.

Training Director at Weinfeld Education Group, November 2012 - March 2014

- Promoted training at the local, state and national level to address issues related to children with special needs, parents, educators and administrators.
- Topics included the nature of assessments, special education advocacy, behavior management and transition planning.

Professional Memberships and Organizations

American Psychological Association

- Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology)

American Psychological Association

- Division 33 (Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities)

American Psychological Association

- Division 41 (Psychology & the Law)



International Neuropsychological Society (INS)

National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN)

American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology (AAPdN)

Peer Reviewed Publications

Anthony, L.G., Kenworthy, L., Yerys, B.E., Jankowski, K.F., **James, J.D.**, Harms, M.B., Martin, A., & Wallace, G.L. Interests in high-functioning autism are more intense, interfering, and idiosyncratic than those in neurotypical development (2013). *Developmental Psychopathology*, 25(3), 643-652. doi: 10.1017/S0954579413000072.

Jiang, X., Bollich, A., Cox, P., Hyder, E., **James, J.**, Gowani, S.A., Hadjikhani, N., Blanz, V., Manoach, D.S., Barton, J.J., Gaillard, W.D., & Riesenhuber, M. A quantitative link between face discrimination deficits and neuronal selectivity for faces in autism (2013). *NeuroImage: Clinical*, 23(2), 320-331. doi: 10.1016/j.nicl.2013.02.002.

Yerys, B.E., Wallace, G.L., Sokoloff, J.L., Shook, D.A., **James, J.D.**, & Kenworthy, L. (2009). Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder moderates cognition and behavior in children with autism spectrum disorders. *Autism Research*, 10.1002/aur.103 (peer-reviewed publication).

Janusz, Jennifer, A., **James, Joette D.**, & Halbower, Ann C. (2008). Sleep-Disordered Breathing. In Castillo, C. (ed.) *Children with Complex Medical Issues in Schools: Neuropsychological Descriptions and Interventions*. New York, NY: Springer Publishing Company, 379-406 (peer reviewed publication)..

Lee, P.S., Yerys, B.E., Della Rosa, A., Foss-Feig, J., Barnes, K.A., **James, J.D.**, VanMeter, J.W., Gaillard, W.D., Vaidya, C.J., & Kenworthy, L. (20098). Functional connectivity of the inferior frontal cortex changes with age in children with autism spectrum disorders: Evidence from an fcMRI study of response inhibition. *Cerebral Cortex*, 19, 1787-1794. doi: 10.1093/cercor/bhn209 (peer-reviewed publication).

Select Presentations and Publications

James, J.D. "Using a Forensic Psychologist to Explain Mitigating Factors Related to Mental Health."

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Presented to the Office of the Federal Public Defender Northern and Southern Districts of Mississippi CJA Panel Training [Video Webinar] (December 2021).

James, J.D. "Systemic Inequities in the Justice System: Intellectual Disability, Debunking the Stereotypes." Presented to the Multicultural Assessment Conference [Video Webinar] (October 2021).

James, J.D. "Systemic Inequities in the Justice System: Intellectual Disability and Autism Spectrum Disorder." Presented to the Systemic Inequities in Forensic Evaluations Conference, Forensic Evaluation Service Center, Concept Continuing and Professional Studies, Palo Alto University [Video Webinar] (October 2021).

James, J.D., & Jackson, M. "Systemic Racism and the Role of Psychologists, Physicians and School Staff." Presentation to the Weinfeld Education Group, LLC Diamonds in the Rough Virtual Reality Workshop [Video Webinar] (October 2021).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101 for Mitigation." Presentation to the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers: Litigating a Dying Death Penalty: The Cutting Edge of Race, Science, and Persuasion [Video Webinar] (April 2021).

Cook, D., & **James, J.D.** "Investigation in the Age of COVID." Presentation to the Habeas Assistance and Training Project: The Current State of Intellectual Disability Litigation in Capital [Video Webinar] (February 2021).

James, J.D. "Working with Clients: Observations, Investigation, and Interactions." Presentation to the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Projects: 2020 Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session and Strategy Session Stretch [Video Webinar] (October 2020).

James, J.D. "Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the Habeas Assistance and Training Counsel Project: Seventeenth National Seminar on the Development and Integration of Mitigation Evidence, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (March 2020).

James, J.D. "When Cognitive Psychology Makes a Difference." Presentation to the Winning Strategies Seminar- Mindful Advocacy: Learning, Litigating and Leading on Mental Health Issues and How Being Trauma-Informed Improves Defense Team's Responses and Interactions with Our Clients, Austin, Texas (December 2019).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology and Using Accommodations Experts." Presentation to the Montgomery County Office of the Public Defender, Norristown, Pennsylvania (September 2019).

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James, J.D., & Wayland, K. "Collecting, Interpreting & Presenting Mental Health Evidence." Presentation to the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. 40th Annual Capital Punishment Training Conference, Tarrytown House Estate, Tarrytown, New York (July 2019).

Bruck, D., & **James, J.D.** "Mental Health Evidence: Investigation, Preparation, & Presentation: Presentation to the VA Indigent Defense Commission 2019 Capital Certification Training, Richmond, Virginia (June 2019).

James, J.D. "Advanced Topics in Neuropsychology: Malingering, Effort & Performance Validity." Presentation to the Baltimore Mitigation Training Series, Advancing Real Change, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland (May 2019).

James, J.D., & Ungvarsky, E., "Working with Mental Health Experts." Presentation to the Baltimore Mitigation Training Series, Advancing Real Change, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland (May 2019).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychological Issues Specific to Juvenile and Young Adults." Presentation to the Neuropsychological Issues in Forensic Mental Health Workshop, Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy, Charlottesville, Virginia (March 2019).

Boyd, S.E., & **James, J.D.** "Disability Accommodations: What is Needed for Our Clients." Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (June 2018).

James, J.D., & Ungvarsky, E. "Working with Mental Health Experts (in capital and non-capital cases)." Presentation to the Baltimore Mitigation Training Series, Advancing Real Change, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland (March 2018).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101 for Mitigation." Presentation to the Baltimore Mitigation Training Series, Advancing Real Change, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland (March 2018).

James, J.D., & O'Brian, Sean. "Autism Spectrum Disorder: Interactions with the Criminal Justice System." Presentation to the CAJC/CPDA Capital Defense Seminar, Monterey, California (February 2018).

Brain, J., & **James, J.D.** "Neuropsychology 101 for Mitigation." Presentation to the CAJC/CPDA Capital Defense Seminar, Monterey, California (February 2018).



Boyd, S. E., Engle, M. L., & **James, J. D.** "Disability Accommodation Evaluation and Litigation." Presentation to the Virginia Bar Association 25th Annual Capital Defense Workshop, Richmond, VA (November 2017).

James, J.D., & Paavola, E. "Representing Persons on the Autism Spectrum." Presentation to the Virginia Bar Association 25th Annual Capital Defense Workshop, Richmond, VA (November 2017).

James, J.D. "Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Intellectual Disability." Presentation to the Third Annual Symposium on Race and Ethnicity for Defense Lawyers, New York, New York (September 2017).

James, J.D. "Assessing Adaptive Functioning in Intellectual Disability." Presentation to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' 19th Annual Making the Case for Life Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada (September 2017).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychological Evaluations and Capital Cases." Presentation to the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' 19th Annual Making the Case for Life Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada (September 2017).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101 for Mitigation." Presentation to the Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (August 2017).

James, J.D. "'Red Flags for Intellectual Disability, Autism and Brain Damage.'" Presentation to the 22nd Annual National Federal Habeas Corpus Seminar, Atlanta, Georgia (August 2017).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology and Juvenile Life Without Parole." Presentation to the 35th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, Czech Republic (July 2017).

James, J.D. "Evolving Standards of Decency: Developments in Neuroscience and the Courts." Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (June 2017).

James, J.D. "The Intersection of Chaos: The Autism Spectrum and the Criminal Justice System." Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigation Specialists Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (June 2017).

James, J.D. "New Lessons on Intellectual Disability: DSM-5 Treatment and Recent Case Developments." Presentation to the Federal Death Penalty Authorized Case Consultation and Training Conference, St. Louis, Missouri (May 2017).



James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Fourteenth Annual National Seminar on the Development and Integration of Mitigation, Baltimore, Maryland (April 2017).

James, J.D. (Producer). (April 2017). "Adaptive Functioning in Capital Cases." [Video Webinar].

James, J.D. "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Crime." Presentation to the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, Children's National Medical Center, Rockville, Maryland (March 2017).

James, J.D. "Adaptive Functioning in Capital Cases." Presentation to the "Death is Different XXIII" Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Orlando, Florida (March 2017).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to "Capital Trial and Mental Health" Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, South Padre Island, Texas (November 2016).

James, J.D. "Mental Health Evaluations." Presentation at the Third Annual CJA/Criminal Defense Attorney Training Seminar, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands (September 2016).

James, J.D. "Working with Clients with Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC (September 2016).

James, J.D. (Moderator) "Focusing on Strengths in Assessment Panel," Diamonds in the Rough Special Needs Conference, Rockville, Maryland (September 2016).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar, New Orleans, Louisiana (August 2016).

James, J.D. "The Briseño Factors." Presentation to the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. Capital Punishment Training Conference, Airlie Conference Center, Warrenton, Virginia (July 2016).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation at "The Art of Sentence Advocacy in Non-Capital Litigation," CJA Panel, St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands (September 2015).

James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation to the 34th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vienna, Austria (July 2015).



James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation at the Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar, Buffalo, New York (August 2013).

James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation to the 33rd International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Amsterdam, the Netherlands (July 2013).

James, J.D. "Autism: Most of Us are Still in the Blind." Presentation to the National Alliance of Sentencing Advocates and Mitigating Specialists (NASAMS), at Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland (March 2013).

James, J.D. "Siblings of Children with Special Needs." Presentation to parent group, Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc., Washington, DC (February 2013).

James, J.D. "Educating Children with ADHD: Reconceptualization of ADHD as a Disorder of Executive Functioning." Presentation to the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC (December 2011).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Maryland CJA Attorney Conference, Greenbelt, Maryland (November 2011).

James, J.D. "Neuropsychology 101: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Federal Defenders District of Alabama, Mobile, Alabama (October 2011).

James, J.D. "Autism and Behavior Management." Presentation to the Parents Advocacy Leaders Group (PALS), Washington, DC (August 2011).

James, J.D. "The Many Uses of Neuropsychology." Presentation to the National Seminar for Federal Defenders, Baltimore, Maryland (June 2011).

James, J.D. "Executive Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the staff at St. Olavs Hospital, Trondheim, Norway (February 2011).

James, J.D. "Executive Deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, DC (January 2011).

James, J.D. "Intellectual Disabilities: What Every Defense Attorney Should Know." Presentation to the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC (June 2010).



James, J.D. "ADHD and High Functioning Autism." Presentation to the District of Columbia Chapter of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, Washington, DC (January 2008).

Wallace, G.L., Yerys, B.E., Celano, M.J., **James, J.D.**, Sokoloff, J., Kenworthy, L.E., & Giedd, J.S. (2008). Social Attribution to 'Triangles Playing Tricks' Is Diminished And Does Not Improve With Age Among Children with High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorders. *Annual Social & Affective Neuroscience Conference, Boston, MA.*

Sokoloff, J., Shook, D.A., Yerys, B.E., Wallace, G.L., **James, J.D.**, Kenealy, L., Vaidya, C., & Kenworthy, L.E. (2008). Executive functioning in children with autism spectrum disorders and elevated symptoms of ADHD. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research in London, England, UK*

Anthony, L.G., Wallace, G.L., Yerys, B.E., **James, J.D.**, McCracken, S., Della Rosa, A., Harrison, B., & Kenworthy, L.E. (2008). Repetitive behaviors and intense interests in high functioning children with autism spectrum disorders. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research in London, England, UK*

Wallace, G.L., Yerys, B.E., Celano, M.J., **James, J.D.**, Sokoloff, J., Kenworthy, L.E., & Giedd, J.S. (2008) Children with high functioning autism spectrum disorders demonstrate diminished social attributions to ambiguous visual displays. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research in London, England, UK*

Yerys, B.E., Wallace, G. **James, J.D.**, McCracken, S., Giedd, J.N., & Kenworthy, L.E. (2007). Developmental trajectory of set-shifting in children with autism spectrum disorders. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.*

James, J.D. "Classroom Behavior Management and Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to Paul VI High School, Fairfax, VA (November 2006).

Schropp, A., **James, J.D.**, Gilotty, L., Della Rosa, A., Lee, P., & Kenworthy, L. (2006). An examination of the relationship between attentional load and social functioning in children and adolescents with autism. *Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.*

Daniolos, P., & **James, J.D.** "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders." Presentation to the Washington, DC. Superior Family Court (April 2006).

James, J.D., Gibbs, M.C., Lee, P., Gilotty, L., Wallace, G., & Kenworthy, L. (2005). Executive Functioning and weak central coherence: Exploring the relationship between theories that purport to underlie



cognitive processing in children with autism. Poster presented at the International Meeting for Autism Research. Boston, MA.

Presented paper on the psychological effects of war-related trauma in Liberia for Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program, based on research conducted for the nonprofit organization Universal Human Rights Incorporated (April 2002).

James, J.D. (1995). Group status: Cognitive and perceptual determinants. Unpublished bachelor's thesis, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

James, J.D. (1993). Proprioceptive stimuli dependence as affected by habituation. *The Huron College Journal of Learning and Motivation*, 31, 103-119.