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Education

Doctorate, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude, Nov 2018
Walden University

Master's Degree, Social Work, Summa Cum Laude, May 2012
Georgia State University

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 2008
Spelman College

Post-Graduate Training

Research: Contributed to Curriculum for Single Mothers Raising Sons, Jan 2012- May 2012
Single Parent Alliance and Resource Center (SPARC)

Mitigation Specialist Intern, Aug 2011- May 2012
Georgia Capital Defender Office

Gerontology and Hospice Intern, August 2010- May 2011
Visiting Nurse Health Systems

Social Service Intern, Jan 2008- May 2008
National AIDS Education and Services for Minorities (NAESM)

Counseling Intern, May 2004- August 2004
Stephenson High School

Specialized Training

Attachment, Regulation, and Competency, Jan 2019
Trauma-Informed Treatment for Children and Adolescents



TF-CBT with Childhood Traumatic Grief, March 2019
National Crime Victims Research & Treatment Center

Licensure and Certification

Licensed Master Social Worker, Feb 2017
State of Georgia

Forensic Social Worker Certificate, May 2012
Georgia State University

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine, January 2024- Present

Work Experience

Lead Clinician, Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization, and Community Re-entry Program, Fulton County and Department of Justice Initiative, Jan 2019- Present

- o Conduct forensic mental health evaluations, social re-entry planning, evidence-based counseling, and case management services to individuals in a clinical setting, according to the integrated behavioral health model. Facilitate patient participation in psychoeducational and support groups, and coordinated referrals and/or access to community resources when indicated. Maintain patient charts and clinical EMR documentation.
- o Serve as a resource for patients and families, and facilitate communication between the patient and other healthcare team members. Engage in effective collaboration with community resources to formulate and deliver a comprehensive multidisciplinary treatment plan to ensure that treatment goals are met and barriers to care are identified and addressed.
- o Participate in a team management approach to patient care/treatment, and worked with other team members to develop and implement appropriate behavioral health plans. Also maintain quality care and participate in peer review, policy development, quality improvement, and patient safety initiatives.

Senior Associate Consultant, Lorio Forensics, April 2019- Present

- o Forensic Mental Health Consultation Services



- o Civil – including but not limited to independent mental health evaluations/consultation for psychic injury, fitness for duty, mental health malpractice, and Title IX cases
- o Criminal – including but not limited to independent mental health evaluations/consultation for trauma evaluations, mitigation, transfer hearings, Adult and developmentally disabled adult psychosexual evaluations
- o Supervision and Teaching of LF Associate Clinician Social Workers

Therapist, CHRIS 180 Counseling Center, Jan 2019- Present

- o Provided evidence-based trauma-informed services through individual, family, and/or group counseling, skills training, and psychoeducation to adults with mental health, co-occurring, or substance abuse disorders. Treatment modalities focused on addressing clients from a holistic perspective, encompassing biopsychosocial challenges. Assessments included the client's history of trauma, acuity, strengths, and needs.
- o Screened, evaluated, and triaged potential clients to determine appropriate services/evidence-based interventions. Evaluated and documented client's level of functioning and progress toward the attainment of treatment plan goals. Coordinated services and collaborated with various agencies, employing a multi-disciplinary approach.

Behavioral Health Therapist, Akoma Counseling & Consulting, LLC 2019- Present

- o Provision of evidence-based, outpatient mental health therapeutic services for children, adolescents, and adults. Responsible for the evaluation, treatment planning, and intervention to treat various mood and anxiety diagnoses, trauma-related disorders, and other psychological disturbances that impact daily functioning. Incorporated cultural competence and ethical decision-making in the application of various theoretical approaches and treatment methods in the treatment of a diverse client population.

Mitigation Specialist, Texas Regional Public Defender Office, Apr 2013- June 2017

Mitigation Specialist, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, Jan 2013- Apr 2013

- o Served as legal team's lead mitigation specialist, mental health consultant, and client advocate for case issues and alternatives to incarceration and treatment options.
- o Conducted biopsychosocial investigations for clients charged with capital murder, in contribution to legal defense and preparation for death penalty trials. Interviewed clients and collateral contacts for assessment and development of social history highlighting mitigating circumstances including but not limited to mental illness, substance use and addictions, primary and secondary traumas, environmental exposures, family histories, and more.
- o Provided crisis intervention, brief treatment, or short-term evidence-based counseling when appropriate. Requested, reviewed, and evaluated life history documents (i.e. academic, medical, mental health, DFCS, etc.)
- o Provided consultation and clinical opinion based on forensic evaluation.



- o Collaborated with attorneys, fact investigators, and other team collaborators to formulate trial plans. Assisted with plea negotiation, voir dire, and expert and lay witness testimony preparation.
- o Interviewed clients and collateral contacts for assessment and development of social history highlighting mitigating circumstances including but not limited to mental and illness, substance abuse and addictions, primary and secondary traumas, and environmental exposures.

Contract Program Coordinator, United Way, June 2012- December 2013

- o Co-managed Opportunity Zone Initiative projects in 4 Metro-Atlanta zones. Developed and managed prevention, intervention, and support activities for refugee and economically depressed youth. Implemented quality improvements within program to address client and collaboration needs and concerns. Coordinated marketing, implementation, and evaluation of program initiatives.
- o Research, evaluation, and policy development: responsible for ensuring program consistency with the strategic plan and intended goals; measurement of outcomes and evaluation of Opportunity Zone Program, developed and prepared evaluation reports, summarized interpreted data. Developed and implemented program policies consistent with United Way principles and to best meet needs of target population. Prepared and presented reports to support grants, budgets, and information related to homelessness, community activities, and challenges in the Metro-Atlanta area.
- o Employed techniques of the multi-systems approach in working with refugee and lower socioeconomic populations, to address homelessness, poverty, and issues relating to at-risk and juvenile delinquency. Served as the community liaison with refugee families and community agencies, coordinated collaborative program efforts, established resource links and community partnerships.

Professional Memberships and Organizations

National Association for Social Workers, August 2019 - present

Publications

Vinson, S. Y., Coffey, T. T., **Jackson, N.**, McMickens, C. L., McGregor, B., & Leifman, S. (2020). Two Systems, One Population: Achieving Equity in Mental Healthcare for Criminal Justice and Marginalized Populations. *Psychiatric Clinics*, 43(3), 525-538.

Williams, K., French, A., **Jackson, N.**, McMickens, C., White, D., Vinson, S.Y. (2024). Mental Health Crisis Responses and (In)Justice: Intrasystem and Intersystem Implications. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0193953X24000236?dgcid=author>



Testimony Experience

Deposition - U.S. District Court, Northern District of GA, Atlanta Division, 2/10/22, Towanda Smith, Plaintiff vs. Eagles Landing Practice, LLC and Nicholas Williams, Defendants, Psychic Injury in Workplace Claim, Retained by Vernon Strickland, Esq. for the Plaintiff