



True North Forensic Practice Ltd.

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Psychologist Registration

Registered with the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (CHCPBC) #2401

August 2018 – Present

Registered with the Yukon Registrar of Psychologists #3630-20-32-053

May 2025 – Present

Forensic Experience

True North Forensic Practice, Ltd.

August 2019 – Present

Victoria, British Columbia

President

- Forensic psychological assessment and consultation in adult criminal cases and forensic psychiatric inpatients

Forensic Psychiatric Hospital – Provincial Health Services Authority

March 2018 – September 2019

Coquitlam, British Columbia

Forensic Psychologist

- Conducted clinical and forensic assessment reports for patients certified under the Mental Health Act, found unfit to stand trial, or Not Criminally Responsible on account of Mental Disorder
- Produced assessments of diagnostic clarification, malingering, personality, psychopathy, cognitive ability, neuropsychological screening, as well as risk assessment for violence, sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence
- Provided testimony to the British Columbia Review Board
- Provided supervision for unregistered psychologists and trainees

Minnesota Judicial Branch – Psychological Services Division

April 2013 – February 2018

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Senior Clinical Forensic Psychologist

- Conducted forensic evaluations for the Fourth Judicial District and regional court districts
- Produced 257 Fitness and 92 Criminal Responsibility evaluations, in addition to 63 forensic reports for Mentally Ill and Dangerous commitment, Pre-Plea, or Pre-Sentence evaluations
- Evaluated several hundred respondents for civil commitment in Probate Mental Health Court
- Provided testimony as an expert witness for Minnesota Courts
- Guest lectured at the William Mitchell College of Law - Law and Psychiatry Clinic
- Spearheaded the creation of a forensic post-doctoral fellowship for the Psychological Services Division

Minnesota Security Hospital – Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services

September 2010 – April 2013

St. Peter, Minnesota

Forensic Psychologist

- Composed 99 Fitness and 36 Criminal Responsibility evaluations, in addition to 54 Violence and/or Sexual Violence Risk Assessments (many with a psychopathy assessed via the PCL-R)
- Provided testimony as an expert witness for Minnesota Courts and the Special Review Board
- Grounded forensic practice in landmark court decisions through participation in Case Law Seminar
- Conducted Forensic Didactics and Case Consultation for the Forensic Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship liaison for the William Mitchell College of Law - Law and Psychiatry Clinic

Forensic Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Minnesota Security Hospital – Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services
St. Peter, Minnesota

September 2009 – September 2010

Forensic Post-Doctoral Fellow

- Completed rigorous Forensic Post-Doctoral Fellowship training including weekly Case Law Seminar, Forensic Didactics, Forensic Case Consultation, as well as co-facilitated monthly Risk Literature Reviews
- Conducted forensic evaluation for criminal and civil commitment matters, in addition to risk assessment
- Co-authored forensic reports, integrating interviews, collateral data, psychological testing, and forensic assessment tools
- Provided testimony as an expert witness for Minnesota Courts and the Special Review Board
- Completed the multidisciplinary William Mitchell College of Law - Law and Psychiatry Clinic

Education

Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Forensic Psychology Concentration
Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology
Minnesota School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University
Eagan, Minnesota

September 2009

June 2007

- American Psychological Association Accredited Program

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
St. Olaf College
Northfield, Minnesota

May 2001

- Awarded Distinction within the Psychology Department

Pre-Doctoral Residency

UMass Medical School / Worcester State Hospital
Worcester, Massachusetts
Psychology Resident

September 2008 – August 2009

- American Psychological Association Accredited Internship
- Robust public sector emphasis with inpatient and outpatient generalist training experience
- Advanced forensic competencies through biweekly UMass Law and Psychiatry Seminars and trainings
- Participated in weekly didactic trainings, case consultation, and peer supervision

Worcester State Hospital – Forensic Service
Worcester, Massachusetts

March 2009 – August 2009

Spring / Summer Outpatient Rotation

- Participated in criminal forensic evaluations for fitness, criminal responsibility, aid-in-sentencing, and risk assessments
- Co-authored forensic evaluations for Massachusetts Courts and Worcester State Hospital
- Applied and interpreted forensic assessment techniques under supervision

Worcester State Hospital – Continuing Treatment Service
Worcester, Massachusetts

March 2009 – August 2009

Spring / Summer Inpatient Rotation

- Facilitated group and individual therapy with difficult-to-manage, long-term, chronically ill inpatients
- Produced comprehensive Mentally Ill / Problematic Sexual Behavior forensic risk assessment including psychopathy
- Administered and interpreted cognitive and personality psychological assessments
- Advanced therapeutic competencies and rapport building with an institutionalized population

Bridgewater Correctional Complex – Bridgewater State Hospital

September 2008 – March 2009

Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Fall / Winter Inpatient Rotation

- Multidisciplinary team collaboration to assess psychiatric status of forensically involved inmates
- Produced psychological testing reports integrating cognitive, personality, and malingering assessments
- Conducted extended individual therapy
- Co-facilitated an anger management group in a maximum security setting

Community HealthLink – Crisis Stabilization Unit

October 2008 – March 2009

Worcester, Massachusetts

Fall / Winter Outpatient Rotation

- Performed rapid intake and daily assessment of clients diverted or discharged from inpatient hospitals
- Developed increased efficiency with brief evaluation, diagnosis, mental status, and safety assessment
- Consulted with clients on treatment planning and discharge options to community resources

Community HealthLink – Outpatient Department

October 2008 – March 2009

Worcester, Massachusetts

Fall / Winter Outpatient Rotation

- Performed intake assessments
- Developed and implemented therapy interventions for clients with serious mental illness
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary treatment team members on treatment and risk management

Forensic Relevant Graduate Training

Psychological Consultants of Southern Minnesota

September 2007 – April 2008

White Bear Lake, Minnesota

Advanced Forensic Assessment Practicum

- Observed commitment evaluations for sex offender, mentally ill, and chemically dependent respondents
- Composed shadow forensic reports integrating file data with psychopathy and actuarial risk assessment
- Investigated and extracted essential information from large quantities of collateral data
- Administered and scored cognitive and personality assessments

Minnesota Judicial Branch – Psychological Services Division

February 2007 – May 2007

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Advanced Forensic Assessment Practicum

- Observed forensic evaluations for criminal, civil, and family court proceedings
- Produced shadow forensic reports integrating interviews with cognitive testing and objective personality test data
- Reviewed pertinent forensic readings

United States Bureau of Prisons Federal Medical Center

September 2004 – May 2005

Rochester, Minnesota

Assessment Practicum

- Conducted interviews and composed psychological reports for federal inmates with serious mental illness
- Utilized cognitive, objective personality, and malingering psychological tests
- Participated in weekly case consultation and didactic sessions
- Attended weekly Mayo Clinic Psychiatric Grand Rounds

Professional Activities

American Psychology-Law Society (American Psychology Association Division 41) – Member
Canadian Psychological Association – Member

Canadian Psychological Association Task Force Co-Chair

July 2020 – Present

- Advocacy to update the Criminal Code of Canada and work with provinces to increase the scope of forensic practice for appropriately trained psychologists to conduct fitness and criminal responsibility evaluations

Chair of the Conference Advisory Committee for American Psychology-Law Society

August 2020 – October 2023

- Led the committee in facilitation of organizing and planning the American Psychology-Law Society annual conference
- Attend Executive Committee leadership meetings to discuss conference issues

National Conference Co-Chair for American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference

March 2017 – March 2018

- Organized conference programming including the call for proposals, program reviewers, dissemination of proposals to reviewers, as well as scheduling of accepted proposals
- Liaison between Division leadership and invited speakers
- Attended Executive Committee leadership meetings to discuss conference planning progress and file post-convention report

APA National Conference Co-Chair for American Psychology-Law Society Programming

September 2014 – August 2016

- Organized Division programming including the call for proposals, program reviewers, dissemination of proposals to reviewers, as well as scheduling of accepted proposals for two annual American Psychological Association conferences
- Liaison between Division leadership, other Divisions for collaborative programming, and invited speakers
- Attended Executive Committee leadership meetings to discuss conference planning progress and file post-convention report

Minnesota State Court Administrator's Advisory Committee

July 2010 – July 2011

- Collaborated with the Minnesota Judicial Branch State Court Administration
- Provided consultation for uniform state-wide forensic report templates to address statutory issues and promote best practices
- Produced state-wide forensic training: *How Does a Court Appointed Forensic Examiner Differ from that of a Clinical Psychologist?*

Presentations

University of British Columbia

February 2023

Vancouver, British Columbia

Guest Lecturer for Psychology Graduate Students

Psychopathy (via the PCL-R) [*or people lacking qualities that allow humans to live in social harmony]*

Forensic Psychiatric Hospital – Residency Assessment Didactic Series

August 2022

Coquitlam, British Columbia

Testimony 101

Forensic Psychiatric Hospital – Residency Assessment Didactic Series

July 2022

Coquitlam, British Columbia

Fitness and Criminal Responsibility

University of British Columbia

March 2019

Vancouver, British Columbia

Guest Lecturer for Psychology Graduate Students

Psychopathy 101

<i>Minnesota Judicial Branch 2017 New Judge Orientation Program</i> Bloomington, Minnesota <i>What's Up, Doc? Considerations Before You Order That Rule 20 (Fitness and Criminal Responsibility)</i>	<i>December 2017</i>
<i>Minnesota Judicial Branch District Court Training</i> Wright and Dakota County <i>Evaluation of Competence, Criminal Responsibility, and Civil Commitment: Bases for Referrals and Opinions</i>	<i>April 2017 – May 2017</i>
<i>American Psychology-Law Society National Conference</i> Atlanta, Georgia Panel Discussion <i>The View Outside the Ivory Tower: Careers in Psychology and Law Outside of Academia</i>	<i>March 2016</i>
<i>William Mitchell College of Law – Law and Psychiatry Clinic</i> St. Paul, Minnesota <i>The Evolution and Evaluation of Criminal Responsibility</i>	<i>February 2016</i>
<i>Minnesota Judicial Branch – Psychological Services Department Training</i> Minneapolis, Minnesota <i>Deception and Malingering in Forensic Evaluation: A Review of the Literature on the ILK, SIRS-2, and Issues Surrounding Dissociative Spectrum Disorders in Criminal Evaluation (Presentation 3 of 3)</i>	<i>November 2015</i>
<i>Minnesota Judicial Branch – Psychological Services Department Training</i> Minneapolis, Minnesota <i>Deception and Malingering in Forensic Evaluation: A Review of the Literature on TBI, and Assessment of Malingering of Cognitive and Intellectual Deficits (Presentation 2 of 3)</i>	<i>October 2015</i>
<i>Minnesota Judicial Branch – Psychological Services Department Training</i> Minneapolis, Minnesota <i>Deception and Malingering in Forensic Evaluation: A Review of the Literature on Response Styles and Malingering of Mental illness (Presentation 1 of 3)</i>	<i>October 2015</i>
<i>William Mitchell College of Law – Law and Psychiatry Clinic</i> St. Paul, Minnesota <i>Evaluations of Criminal Responsibility</i>	<i>February 2014</i>
<i>William Mitchell College of Law – Law and Psychiatry Clinic</i> St. Paul, Minnesota <i>Malingering and Other Troublesome Diagnoses in Forensic Evaluation</i>	<i>February 2013</i>
<i>William Mitchell College of Law – Law and Psychiatry Clinic</i> St. Paul, Minnesota <i>How Does the Role of a Court Appointed Forensic Examiner Differ from that of a Clinical Psychologist?</i>	<i>January 2013</i>
<i>Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Forensic Fellowship Didactic Series</i> St. Peter, Minnesota <i>Consideration of Response Styles and Malingering in Forensic Evaluation</i>	<i>January 2013</i>

Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Forensic Fellowship Didactic Series St. Peter, Minnesota Guardianship, Competency to Consent to Treatment, and Other Civil Competencies	August 2012
Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Supervision Didactic Series St. Peter, Minnesota Understanding and Identifying Difficult Supervisees' Issues	April 2012
Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Residency Assessment Didactic Series St. Peter, Minnesota Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations	March 2012
Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Forensic Fellowship Didactic Series St. Peter, Minnesota Response Styles, Deception, and Malingering of Psychosis and Cognitive Deficits	December 2011
Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Forensic Fellowship Didactic Series St. Peter, Minnesota The State of the Static 99-R	March 2011
Minnesota State Operated Forensic Services – Forensic Fellowship Didactic Series St. Peter, Minnesota The Criminalization Hypothesis: Deinstitutionalization and the Increased Prevalence of Individuals with Mental Illness in Correctional Systems	June 2010
<u>Professional Training (Not Exhaustive)</u>	
Intellectual Disability and Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations	March 2023
PCL-R and PCL:SV Master Course with Steven Hart (30 hours)	July 2022
An Introduction to the MMPI-3 for Forensic Psychologists with Yossef Ben-Porath	September 2020
Foundations of Violence Risk Assessment and Management (40 hours) Kevin Douglass, Steven Hart, and Laura Guy Assessing and Managing Risk for General Violence: HCR-20 ^{V3} Assessing and Managing Risk for Stalking Behaviour: SAM Assessing and Managing Risk for Intimate Partner Violence: SARA ^{V3} Assessing and Managing Risk for Sexual Violence: RSVP	June 2019
Bias in Forensic Assessment: Detection and Countermeasures for Professional Practice	June 2019
San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Training	November 2018
Controversies Concerning Psychopathy in the Courtroom with Dave DeMatteo and John Edens	March 2018
Neuropsychology and Forensic Mental Health Evaluations	March 2016
Expert Testimony with Randy Otto	March 2015

<i>Controversy v. Reality: Addressing Legal Issues with DSM-5</i>	<i>October 2013</i>
<i>American Academy of Forensic Psychology Training (2 days)</i> Violence Risk Assessment with Daniel Neller Excusing and the New Excuses (Criminal Responsibility) with Stephen Morse	<i>April 2013</i>
<i>Evaluation for Risk of Sexual Violence with the RSVP</i>	<i>December 2012</i>
<i>MMPI-2-RF: Forensic and Correctional Applications with Yossef Ben-Porath (2 days)</i>	<i>April 2011</i>
<i>American Academy of Forensic Psychology Training (5 days)</i> Assessment of Competency to Stand Trial with Randy Otto Assessing and Managing Violence Risk with Mary Alice Conroy Comprehensive Assessment of Malingering in Forensic Settings with Richard Frederick Improving Decision Making in Forensic Psychological Assessment with David Faust Preparing for Board Certification in Forensic Psychology with Richard Frederick	<i>November 2009</i>
<i>New Developments in Actuarial Scoring Training with Karl Hanson</i>	<i>June 2009</i>
<i>Paraphilias, Sex Offenders, and Psychopharmacological Interventions with John Bradford</i>	<i>May 2009</i>
<i>UMass Medical School 2-day PCL-R Training</i>	<i>May 2009</i>
<i>UMass Medical School – Specialized Adult Forensic Training</i>	<i>September 2008</i>
<i>UMass Medical School – All Forensic Training</i>	<i>September 2008</i>
<i>PCL-R Training with Robert Hare and Adelle Forth (2 days)</i>	<i>October 2007</i>

Research Experience

Canadian Psychological Association – Task Force

- Goldenson, J., Nijdam-Jones, A., Druhn, N., Hill, D., Coupland, S. Roesch, R. (2023). The Practice of Clinical Forensic Psychology in Canada: The Current Landscape and Future Directions. *Canadian Psychology / Psychologie canadienne*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cap0000354>

UMass Medical School – Center for Mental Health Services Research
Worcester, Massachusetts

October 2008 – August 2009

- Archival exploratory study based upon Massachusetts Department of Mental Health data
- Examined criminological differences by diagnostic categories for 10,742 patients who experienced arrest over 10-years
- McCabe, P. J., Christopher, P. P., Druhn, N., Roy-Bujnowski, K. M., Grudzinskas, A. J., & Fisher, W. H. (2012). Arrest Types and Co-occurring Disorders in Persons with Schizophrenia or Related Psychoses. *Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, 1-13.

Minnesota School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University
Eagan, Minnesota

January 2006 – October 2008

Dissertation – Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder with Dialectical Behavior Therapy: An Outcome Study

- Designed archival outcome research to evaluate DBT effectiveness on a population diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder
- Hypothesized decreased self-injurious behavior, hospitalizations, and suicide attempts between the first and last six months of DBT
- Gathered and analyzed data for 36 outpatient clients who met inclusion criteria

Minnesota School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University
Eagan, Minnesota

September 2005 – June 2007

Master's Thesis – The Criminalization Hypothesis: The Relationship Between Deinstitutionalization and the Increased Prevalence of Individuals with Mental Illness in Correctional Systems

- Critically reviewed and analyzed more than 50 years of research
- Examined socio-cultural and political forces that molded commitment laws, along with the implications of subsequent policy and budgetary decisions on the increased prevalence of mentally ill individuals within correctional systems