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**EDUCATION:**

August 2001-January 2007: **Ph.D. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (APA Accredited)**

Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program; GPA: 3.95

Dissertation: “*Women, mental illness, drugs, and crime: Insights from a dimensional model of psychopathology.*”

August 1998-August 2000: **M.A. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (APA Accredited)**

Clinical Psychology; GPA: 3.91

Thesis: “Debiasing Techniques: Reducing the Impact of Hindsight Bias in Civil Jury Trials”

Sept. 1989-January 1993: **B.A. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**

Major: Psychology, Minor: Sociology; GPA: 3.71

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE:**

August 2008 – Present ***Licensed Clinical Psychologist***

**Private Practice**

Individual private practice providing individual psychotherapy for adults, as well as comprehensive psychological assessments, consultation services, and mental health evaluations.

May 2007 – Sept. 2015 ***Psychological Assessment Program Manager***

**The Women’s Center**

Coordinating, consulting, and supervising psychological assessment cases for licensed and pre-licensed psychologists, as well as doctoral interns and externs conducting assessments to complete their program requirements. Run weekly assessment meeting to review data, answer questions, and provide training. Meet with students as needed to assist them in a variety of areas such as developing test batteries, interpreting results, working with assessment clients, etc. Worked as site coordinator and examiner for the WAIS-IV, WMS-IV, and WASI-II Standardization Project for Pearson Assessment.

March 2008 – March 2013 ***Licensed Clinical Psychologist***

**The Women’s Center**

Providing individual and couples psychotherapy to a culturally and diagnostically diverse group of clients in an outpatient setting. Conducting comprehensive psychoeducational and psychodiagnostic assessments, as well as mental health evaluations. Supervising interns, externs, and residents in clinical psychology.

Jan. 2007 – March 2008 ***Resident in Clinical Psychology***

**The Women’s Center**

*Psychotherapy and Psychodiagnostic Testing Supervised by Lisa Meier, Ph.D.*

*Psychotherapy Supervised by Carol Erdwins, Ph.D.*

Providing individual, group, and couples psychotherapy to a culturally and diagnostically diverse group of clients in an outpatient setting. Conducting comprehensive psychoeducational and psychodiagnostic assessments. Worked as liaison for The Women’s Center with Homestretch, a transitional housing program in Northern Virginia.

Sept. 2005 - August 2006 ***Clinical Psychology Intern***

**The Women’s Center**

*Psychotherapy and Psychodiagnostic Testing Supervised by Nicholas Pacuilla, Ph.D.*

*Psychotherapy Supervised by Catherine Payne, Ph.D.*

Providing individual and group psychotherapy to a culturally and diagnostically diverse group of clients in an outpatient setting. Conducting comprehensive psychoeducational and psychodiagnostic assessments, as well as coordinating intake services for clients seeking available treatment options.

Sept. 2004 - May 2005 ***Clinical Psychology Extern***

**Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute**

*Individual Psychotherapy Supervised by Phillip Andrews, Ph.D.*

*Group Psychotherapy Supervised by Lawrence Levine, Ph.D.*

*Psychodiagnostic Testing Supervised by Katherine Westhoven, Psy.D.*

Member of an interdisciplinary team working to develop, implement, and review treatment plans for clients in an inpatient psychiatric unit. Provided individual (68 sessions with 6 clients) and group psychotherapy to a diverse range of clients with severe and persistent mental illness. Completed 6 comprehensive psychological assessments for treatment planning and diagnostic clarification.

Sept. 2003 - June 2004 ***Clinical Psychology Extern***

**Alexandria Mental Health Center**

*Psychotherapy Supervised by Kimberly Gregson, Psy.D.*

*Psychodiagnostic Testing Supervised by Rachna Varia, Ph.D.*

Provided individual psychotherapy to 13 adults (95 sessions)

Conducted 3 comprehensive psychological assessments (3 adults)

May 2002 – January 2007***Student/Clinical Forensic Examiner***

**George Mason University, Human Emotions Research Lab**

*Supervised by June Tangney, Ph.D. & Mark Hastings, Ph.D, CSOTP*

Received training to administered, code, and score the Psychopathy Checklist-Revised and Screening Version. Conducted and scored 32 semi-structured 2 to 3 hour interviews with jail detainees participating in a longitudinal study examining the effect of moral emotions on recidivism. Conducted suicide assessments and completed the Violence Risk Appraisal Guide (VRAG) as a standard part of this interview.

January 2002 - May 2004***Student Psychotherapist and Psychodiagnostic Examiner***

**George Mason University Psychological Clinic**

*Supervised by Otto Wahl, Ph.D., Manuel Gerton, Ph.D., and John Riskind, Ph.D.*

Provided individual psychotherapy to 3 adults (45 sessions)

Conducted 5 comprehensive psychological assessments (2 adult, 3 adolescents)

Conducted 4 intellectual assessments (children)

August 1999 - August 2000 ***Student Psychotherapist***

**University Counseling Center, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**

*Supervised by Deborah Baker, Ph.D.*

Provided individual and couples psychotherapy to 10 adults (115 sessions)

Co-led coeducational psychotherapy group (9 sessions)

Process observer for women’s psychotherapy group (7 sessions)

Conducted intake interviews for new clients (16 sessions)

July 1999 - May 2001 ***Psychology Technician***

**ComCor Inc., Colorado Springs, CO**

*Supervisor: Birgit Fischer, M.A.*

Administered psychological assessments to individuals convicted of criminal offenses who were either serving an alternative sentence to, or are transitioning back into the community from, incarceration. Wrote psychological reports for Case Managers to assist in determining clinically appropriate services for these clients. Conducted weekly 2 to 3 hour group testing sessions, wrote 1 to 4 reports per week based on this assessment data, and helped develop/write personality profiles based on results from the MCMI-III for the ComCor database. These profiles were developed from the complex combinations of severe syndromes, clinical scales, and personality patterns identified by this measure.

**Research Grants Awarded:**

National Institutes of Health (National Institutes of Drug Abuse)

Recidivism, Drug Abuse, and HIV Risk Behavior – Supplement

*Psychological factors of substance abuse among incarcerated women: The impact of chronic distress.*

3/1/04 - 6/30/06 $38,553

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

Dec. 2001-August 2005 ***Graduate Research Assistant***

**Human Emotions Research Lab, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA**

*Supervisor: June Tangney, Ph.D.*

Responsible for assisting in the design, data collection, and other methodological issues regarding a longitudinal study examining moral emotions and criminal recidivism. Served as a mentor/supervisor for 1½ years for approximately 12 different research assistants. Responsible for training research assistants in data collection at the jail, including the administration and scoring of standardized measures (e.g., WRAT & WPT). Introduced researchers to basic clinical and assessment skills.

October 2000-June 2001 ***Health Care Data Analyst***

**Colorado Health Networks/Value Options Inc., Colorado Springs, CO**

*Supervisor: Anita Miller, Psy.D.*

Organized, coordinated, and tracked the collection of data from three mental health centers in Colorado and two mental health centers in Arizona in support of a grant from the Center for Health Care Strategies. Helped to coordinate and facilitate two three-day seminars designed and conducted by two consumers that brought clients and providers from community mental health centers together to discuss self-help, stigma, and problem solving. Additionally assisted with the development and maintenance of technical and administrative systems that support the use of the Consumer Recovery Outcome System (CROS), a strengths-based assessment intended for use with individuals who have severe and persistent mental illness and the providers who work with them.

August 1998-July 2001 ***Research Assistant***

**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Department of Psychology**

*Supervisor: Edith Greene, Ph.D.*

Coordinated the research design, analyzed and interpreted data, oversaw data collection with 55 mock juries, a total of 355 participants from the community, in a study evaluating debiasing techniques in civil jury trials. Managed a research team of six students who assisted in the completion of this task.

January 1993-August 1995 ***Data Coordinator***

**Family Center, Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA**

*Supervisor: Marilee Comfort, Ph.D., M.P.H.*

Responsible for staff and data management, computer maintenance, and trouble-shooting. Trained and technically assisted students and research staff, performed data analysis, and developed appropriate database systems for the project. All duties accomplished in support of federal grants aimed at evaluating outcomes for pregnant drug-dependent women and their children.

October 1991-Dec 1992 ***Research Assistant***

#### Family Center, Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

*Supervisor: Marilee Comfort, Ph.D., M.P.H.*

Responsible for data entry, maintenance, and analysis accomplished in support of federal grants evaluating outcomes for pregnant drug-dependent women and their children.

January 1991-Oct 1991 ***Research Assistant***

#### Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center of Philadelphia, PA

##### Supervisor: Marilee Comfort, Ph.D., M.P.H

Data entry, maintenance, and analysis in support of a federal grant examining polydrug dependent homeless women and their families.

**Additional Research Training & Assessment experiences:**

Advanced Regression Techniques: Training course provided through SPSS Training and Educational Services (05/09/05 - 05/11/05).

March 2007 – July 2007 ***Site Coordinator and Standardization Examiner***

**WAIS-IV/WMS-IV Validity Study, Pearson**

Identify and coordinate cases of candidates for the standardization study for the development of the WAIS-IV and WMS-IV. Supervise standardization examiners at site.

August 2010 – Dec 2010 ***Site Coordinator and Standardization Examiner***

**WASI-II Validity Study, Pearson**

Identify and coordinate cases of candidates for the standardization study for the development of the WASI-II. Supervise standardization examiners at site.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

August 2001-Dec 2001 ***Graduate Teaching Assistant***

**George Mason University, Fairfax, VA**

*Supervisors: Linda Chrozniac, Ph.D. and James Sanford, Ph.D.*

Led two laboratory sections for a total of 20 undergraduate students. Lab sections focused on examining issues of research design and on the development of professional writing skills.

### January 2000-May 2000 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Department of Psychology**

*Supervisor: Charles Benight, Ph.D.*

### Assistant for a graduate course in objective testing. Read, evaluated, and graded students’ interpretive reports. Helped to instruct students on the proper administration, interpretation, and report writing of assessments including the MMPI-2, WISC-III, and WAIS-III.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

Affirming Diversity In Gender and Sexuality - Clinicians and Advocates Network (ADGIS-CAN)

American Psychological Association (APA)

Golden Key International Honour Society

Northern Virginia Clinical Psychologists (NVCP)

Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues (APA Division 44)

Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP)

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

Adams, L. M., Kendall, S., Smith, A., Quigley, E., Stuewig, J., & Tangney, J. P. (2011). *HIV risk behaviors of male and female jail inmates prior to incarceration and one year post-release.* Poster presented at symposium “Undoing Mass Incarceration” sponsored by the Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence, Fairfax, VA.

Smith, A. C. (2007). *Women, mental illness, drugs, and crime: Insights from a dimensional model of psychopathology.* Unpublished doctoral dissertation, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

Forkner, P. C., Smith, A., James, N., Heffernan, C., & Harris, A. (2006, November). *Profiles of mental illness related to drug use and offense*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA.

Kendall, S. J., Smith, A. C., Quigley, E. M., & Tangney, J. P. (2006). *Needles and sex: HIV risk behaviors of male and female jail inmates prior to incarceration.* Unpublished manuscript.

Smith, A., C., & Green, E. (2005). Conduct and its consequences: Attempts at debiasing jury judgments. *Law and Human Behavior,29,* 505-526.

Smith, A. C., Kendall, S. J., Quigley, E., & Reyes, C. (2005, August). *Women, mental illness, drugs, and crime: Insights from a dimensional model of psychopathology*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.

Kendall, S. J., Smith, A., Quigley, E., Tangney, J. P. (2004, November). *Needles and sex: HIV risk behaviors of male and female inmates prior to incarceration*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN.

Kendall, S. J., Smith, A., Quigley, E., Tangney, J. P. (2004). *HIV risk behaviors of male and female offenders prior to incarceration*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Kendall, S. J., Smith, A., & Tangney, J. P. (2003, November). *The personality characteristics, emotional functioning, and rates of psychopathy in female offenders*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.

Smith, A. C., Kendall, S. J., & Tangney, J. P. (August, 2003). *Personality and psychopathy in incarcerated women: An empirical investigation*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.

Greene, E., & Smith, A. (2002). Review of the book *The expert expert witness: More maxims and guidelines for the expert witness. Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology*, *75,* 125-127.

Greene, E., & Smith, A. (2002). *Reducing the impact of hindsight bias in negligence trials*. Paper presented at American Psychology-Law Society, Austin, TX.

Greene, E., Johns, M., & Smith, A. (2001). The effects of defendant’s conduct on jury damage awards. *Journal of Applied Psychology, 86,* 228-237.

Smith, A. C. (2000). *Debiasing techniques: Reducing the impact of hindsight bias in civil jury trials*. Unpublished master’s thesis, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, United States.

Johns, M., Greene, E., & Smith, A. (2000, March). *Assessing damages in a negligence case.* American Psychology-Law Society. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.

Johns, M., Greene, E., & Smith, A. (1999, June). *Forward fusion: The effects of defendant conduct on damage awards.* Paper presented at the 11th annual American Psychological Society Convention, Denver, CO.

Comfort, M., Kaltenbach, K., Smith, A., Staley, B., & Kelly-Tyler, A. (1994, June). *Perinatal substance abuse research: Multifaceted challenges.* Paper presented at the National Institute on Drug Abuse Technical Review: The Perinatal 20: A Program of Treatment Research on Drug Abusing Women and Their Children, Palm Beach, FL.

Kaltenbach, K., Comfort, M., & Smith, A. (1994, June). *Perinatal outcomes of infants born to drug dependent women enrolled in a multi-modality treatment program.* Paper presented at The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 56th Annual Scientific Meeting, Palm Beach, FL.

Comfort, M., Kaltenbach, K., & Smith, A. (1994, June). *Maternal psychosocial characteristics of pregnant cocaine dependent women: Residents vs. outpatients.* Paper presented at The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 56th Annual Scientific Meeting, Palm Beach, FL.

Comfort, M., Kaltenbach, K., & Smith, A. (1993, August). *Substance abuse treatment outcomes: Women in residential and outpatient programs.* Paper presented at the 102nd meeting of the American Psychological Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.

Comfort, M., Kaltenbach, K., & Smith, A. (1993, November). *Substance abuse and families with young children: Understanding the problems, providing solutions.* Presented at the National Headstart Conference, Washington, D.C.

Kaltenbach, K., Comfort, M., & Smith, A. (1993, June). *Perinatal outcome of infants born to women in treatment: Differences according to maternal drug of abuse.* Presentation and abstract publication at The College of Problems on Drug Dependence, Toronto, Canada.

Kaltenbach, K., Comfort, M., & Smith, A. (1993, April). *Prenatal drug exposure and perinatal outcome: Differences as a function of gestational age and maternal drug use.* Presented at the Society of Pediatric Research, Washington, D.C. Pediatric Research/APS-SRV Vol. 33, No. 4, Part 2, Abstract #1280, April.

Comfort, M., & Smith, A. (1993, April). *Realities of the lives of substance-exposed infants: New data and directions for research.* Presented at the 1993 SRCD Symposium, New Orleans.