

Abigail Ritchie, Psy.D.

Neuropsychologist

EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University

May 2012

Doctorate of Psychology, Clinical Psychology

- Neuropsychological focus
- APA Accredited Program

Nova Southeastern University

August 2009

Master of Science, Clinical Psychology

University of Georgia

May 2006

Bachelor of Science

- Major: Psychology, Minor: Spanish
- Magna Cum Laude, with Honors

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Bay Area Neuropsychology

Neuropsychologist

September 2014 - Present

- Perform comprehensive outpatient neuropsychological evaluations for a variety of patient populations

SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO

September 2012 – September 2014

Training Director: Michael Greher, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Supervisors: Michael Greher, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, Brian Hoyt, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, Thomas Wodushek, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow

- Performed outpatient neuropsychological evaluations of adults for a variety of referral reasons such as pre- and post-surgical cases (DBS, epilepsy, brain tumors), dementia, traumatic brain injury, complex medical problems, and psychological disturbances
- Neuropsychological evaluations included clinical interview, test administration, scoring, interpretation, report writing, and feedback sessions
- Participated in bi-weekly neuropsychological case conferences and monthly adult and pediatric neuropsychology seminars
- Provided supervision to intern and practicum students
- Participated in board certification preparation exercises (mock fact finding, ethical vignettes)

Carl T. Hayden Phoenix VA Health Care System, Phoenix AZ

August 2011 – August 2012

Training Director: Matthew Weyer, Ph.D.

Supervisors: Mary Lu Bushnell, Psy.D., Kathleen Goren, Ph.D., Gina Walters, Ph.D., Abby Harris, Ph.D., Adriana Weyer, Ph.D.

Neuropsychology Intern

- Performed inpatient and outpatient neuropsychological evaluations of adults for a variety of referral reasons such as dementia, traumatic brain injury, tumors, complex medical problems, and psychological disturbances
- Neuropsychological evaluations included test administration, scoring, interpretation, report writing, and feedback sessions
- Co-facilitated a Brain Boosters Cognitive Enhancement group
- Participated in TBI Clinic for OEF/OIF/OND veterans consisting of brief neuropsychological testing and treatment planning
- Conducted comprehensive intake evaluations of returning OEF/OIF/OND veterans for treatment planning and case management purposes
- Conducted psychotherapy with the veteran population
- Received specialized training in Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for the treatment of veterans with PTSD and attended a weekly CPT consultation group
- Participated in weekly department didactic training seminars and hypnosis training
- Performed organ (heart, kidney, liver) transplant evaluations
- Taught a smoking cessation program to veterans with chronic tobacco use
- Provided supervision to doctoral level students

Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL

August 2010 – April 2011

Supervisors: Wiley Mittenberg, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, Stuart G. Gold, Ph.D., Psy.D., Gisela Aguila-Puentes, Psy.D.

Neuropsychology Practicum Student

- Performed neuropsychological examinations of patients subsequent to traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accident, tumor resection, neurodegenerative disease, infectious process, and psychiatric disorders in a diverse inpatient trauma setting. Conducted initial evaluations, monitored cognitive status, maintained and updated patient's medical record, and provided consultation, psychotherapy, and psychoeducation as a member of a multidisciplinary team on neuroscience intensive care unit, neurosurgery step down unit, and general neurology unit
- Co-facilitated support groups for family and friends of brain injured individuals
- Administered, scored, and interpreted comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations and prepared reports for outpatient populations based on a flexible battery

Broward General Medical Center, Fort Lauderdale, FL

August 2009 – August 2010

Supervisors: William Bracker, Psy.D., Jeffrey Kibler, Ph.D..

Psychology Practicum Student

- Provided psychological services to pediatric, adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients in a full-service acute care hospital. Provided consultation in response to referrals from adult inpatient psychiatric units, pediatric and pediatric intensive care units, trauma services units, hematology/oncology unit, neonatal intensive care unit, maternity units, cardiac rehabilitation services, cardiovascular intensive care unit, and general medical and surgery units. Primary issues addressed include trauma, medical and psychiatric emergencies, suicidality, psychosis, grief and bereavement, liver transplant evaluations, traumatic brain injury, HIV/AIDS, spinal cord injuries, treatment adherence, chronic pain, substance abuse, behavioral difficulties, diabetes, cancer, cardiac disease, sickle cell disease, and survivors of the January 2010 Haitian earthquake
- Consulted with physicians and medical professionals pertaining to patient care during weekly trauma and pediatric rounds

- Provide regular individual outpatient therapy for patients attending outpatient cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs
- Conducted educational and process group therapy on a weekly basis on inpatient psychiatric unit

Miami Children's Hospital, Miami, FL

May 2008 – May 2009

Site Supervisor: Gustavo Rey, Ph.D.

Intensive Supervisor: Judith Migoya, Psy.D.

Neuropsychology Practicum Student

- Administered, scored, interpreted, and wrote neuropsychological and psychoeducational assessment integrated reports for approximately 18 clients ranging in age from 5 – 25 years of age diagnosed with or relating to attention problems, learning problems, behavioral problems, epilepsy, malignant brain tumors, encephalitis, and autism spectrum disorders
- Attended weekly epilepsy pre-surgical case conferences presented by staff neurologists and neurosurgeons for further discussion and clarification of upcoming surgical procedures

Mt Sinai Medical Center Neuropsychological Laboratory Wein Center, Miami, FL Aug 2007 – May 2008

Site Supervisors: Jocelyn Agrón, Psy.D., Amarilis Acevedo, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, David Loewenstein, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Assessment/Research Practicum Student

- Administered and scored full neuropsychological test batteries of normal individuals and individuals with mild cognitive impairment for research purposes to determine precursors for Alzheimer's dementia

OTHER SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Psychological Testing Associates, Fort Lauderdale, FL

August 2010 – April 2011

Supervisor: Matthew Simon, Psy.D., FICMMP., ABPP

Neuropsychology Technician

- Administered fixed and flexible neuropsychological batteries to children, adolescents, and adults within a private practice setting

Pediatric Psychology Associates, Aventura, FL

June 2010 – December 2010

Supervisor: Judith Migoya, Psy.D.

Neuropsychology Technician

- Integrated and interpreted previous medical and neuropsychological records with current neuropsychological test data for pediatric clients with complex medical and developmental issues. Conducted school readiness testing and developmental screenings for Kindergartners in a private school setting

Pediatric Psychology Associates, Coral Springs, FL

June 2009 – July 2010

Supervisor: Judith Migoya, Psy.D.

Disability Evaluator/Neuropsychology Technician

- Conducted structured intake interviews and mental status examinations and administered, scored, and interpreted intelligence, achievement, memory, and personality tests for children, adolescents, and adults to assist the Florida Department of Disability Determinations in determining applicants' eligibility for disability benefits

- Wrote integrated summary reports with diagnosis, interpretations, and recommendations for applicants to be submitted to disability office for consideration of granting the applicant disability benefits

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

August 2009 – April 2010

Chair: Wiley Mittenberg, Ph.D., ABPP-CN Co-Chair: Gustavo Rey, Ph.D.

Psy.D. Research Project: *Estimation of Premorbid Intelligence in Children with Intractable Epilepsy*

- Examined the accuracy of the Children's Premorbid Intelligence Estimation (CPIE) regression equations in 20 children with intractable epilepsy by evaluating differences between obtained and premorbid IQ as estimated by demographic variables alone or combined with the Vocabulary and/or Matrix Reasoning subtests

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

August 2007 – April 2011

Supervisor: Wiley Mittenberg, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Research Assistant

- Coded data for a study comparing the MMPI-2 responses of patient's seeking financial compensation who scored below cutoffs on effort measures to those of patients that were not seeking compensation related to illness to derive a subset of items sensitive to noncredible complaints of psychosocial distress
- Execute literature reviews for poster presentation of a study comparing the sensitivity of obtained IQ-memory discrepancies and predicted index discrepancy scores in a group of 75 patients with moderate or severe traumatic brain injuries

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

August 2006 – May 2007

Supervisor: Doug Bodin, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Research Assistant

- Extracted and organized neuropsychological data to construct and manage a clinical database
- Conducted literature reviews for manuscript publication of a study examining higher-order factor structure of the WISC-IV scores of 344 children who participated in neuropsychological evaluations at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

August 2005 – June 2006

Supervisor: James M. Brown, Ph.D. & Brett A. Clementz, Ph.D.

Principal Researcher

Honors Thesis

Psychophysical and EEG measures of inhibition of return as a function of spatial frequency

- Gathered and evaluated data on reaction times and EEG activity during a task involving the effects of spatial frequency on location based inhibition of return (IOR)

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

August 2005 – June 2006

Supervisor: James M. Brown, Ph.D.

Research Assistant

- Recruited participants and conducted visual attention experiments for various laboratory research studies

The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

August 2004 – June 2006

Supervisor: Brett A. Clementz, Ph.D.

Research Assistant

- Recruited participants, conducted EEG experiments, and analyzed the data for various laboratory research studies

PUBLICATIONS

Ritchie, D., Odland, A. P., **Ritchie, A.**, & Mittenberg, W. (2012). Selection criteria for internships in clinical neuropsychology. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 26:8, 1245-1254.

Stevens, A. B. & Mittenberg, W. (In Press). Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 4th Edition. In Reynolds, C., Kamphaus, R., & DiStefano, C., Eds. *Encyclopedia of Psychological Testing*. N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

Henry, G. K., Heilbronner, R. L., Mittenberg, W., Enders, C., **Stevens, A.**, Dux, M. (2011). Noncredible performance in individuals with external incentives: Empirical derivation and cross validation of the psychosocial distress scale (PDS). *Applied Neuropsychology*, 18, 47-53.

Henry, G. K., Heilbronner, R. L., Mittenberg, W., Enders, C., **Stevens, A.**, & Dux, M. (2009). Noncredible performance in individuals with external incentives: Empirical derivation of the Psychosocial Distress Scale [Abstract]. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 24(5), 533.

Bodin, D., Pardini, D., Burns, T.G., & **Stevens, A.** (2009). Higher order factor structure of the WISC-IV in a clinical neuropsychological sample. *Child Neuropsychology*, 15(5), 417-424.

Stevens, A. B. (2008). Self-evaluation versus public evaluation. *Psychology Alert* (2). <http://psychologyalert.com/2008/12/self-evaluation-versus-public.html>.

Domboski, K., **Stevens, A.**, Miller, L. J., & Mittenberg, W. (2008). IQ-Memory differences in traumatic brain injury [Abstract]. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 23(6), 732.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Stevens, A., Ritchie, D., Rey, G., Duchowny, M., Resnick, T., & Mittenberg, W. Estimation of Premorbid Intelligence in Children with Intractable Epilepsy. Accepted for Poster Presentation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Montreal, Canada, February, 2012.

Ritchie, D., **Stevens, A.**, Donnell, A., & Mittenberg, W. Incidence of Insufficient Effort in Combat Related Head Trauma Examinations. Accepted for Poster Presentation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Montreal, Canada, February, 2012.

Ritchie, D., Odland, A., **Stevens, A.** & Mittenberg, W. Selection Criteria for Clinical Neuropsychology Internships. Accepted for Poster Presentation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Montreal, Canada, February, 2012.

Henry, G. K., Heilbronner, R. L., Mittenberg, W., Enders, C., **Stevens, A.**, & Dux, M. Noncredible Performance in Individuals with External Incentives: Empirical Derivation of the Psychosocial Distress Scale. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, New Orleans, November 2009.

Domboski, K., **Stevens, A.**, Miller, L., & Mittenberg, W. IQ-memory differences in traumatic brain

injury. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology, New York City, October 2008.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Ritchie, A. MMPI-2-RF: An introduction and overview. University of Colorado School of Medicine. July 2013.

Ritchie, A. Estimation of Premorbid Intelligence in Children with Intractable Epilepsy. Phoenix VA Health Care System. Phoenix, Arizona. October 2011.

Stevens, A. & Greenberg, B. A Model of the Process of Change. Broward General Medical Center. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. May 2010.

Stevens, A. & Driest, J. Emotional Overeating. Broward General Medical Center. Fort Lauderdale, Florida. January 2010.

AWARDS/HONORS

- Undergraduate Honors Program, 2004-2006
- Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2006
- National Dean's List, 2004-2006
- Golden Key International Honor Society, 2004
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2004
- Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society, 2004
- Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009, 2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Clinical Neuropsychology
Supervised by Wiley Mittenberg, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

2009, 2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Psychobiology
Supervised by Wiley Mittenberg, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

2008, 2009, 2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
Intelligence Testing
Supervised by Wiley Mittenberg, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

- Verified students' ability to administer WISC-IV, WAIS-III, and WAIS-IV assessments properly and answered any administration or interpretation questions

LICENSURE

- State of Colorado Licensed Psychologist #4084

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association
- National Academy of Neuropsychology
- International Neuropsychological Society

- Member of Psi Chi National Honor Society

REFERENCES

Provided on request