

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal Information

Date of Birth: January 12, 1971

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Education

- 2004-present Clinical Psychology Associates of North Central Florida
Residency, Neuropsychology focus
Supervised by Ernest J. Bordini, Ph.D.
- 2000-2001 James A. Haley VA Hospital, Tampa, Florida
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Service
Department of Psychology
Internship in Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology Concentration
APA approved
- 1995-2004 University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Department of Clinical & Health Psychology
Doctor of Philosophy, March 2004
Major: Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited)
Concentration: Neuropsychology
- Dissertation: Detecting Significant Change in the
Neuropsychological Performance of College Football Players
Following Concussion (Defended March 2004)
(Doctoral Candidate Qualifying Examination passed April, 1999)
Co-chairs: Eileen B. Fennell, Ph.D., ABPP and Duane E. Dede,
Ph.D.
- First Year Project Title: The Contribution of Language to 'Non-
Verbal' Processes in an Epileptic Population
Chair: Russell M. Bauer, Ph.D., ABPP

1989-1994 University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Bachelor of Sciences in Psychology, minor in Chemistry with
 honors

Awards and Honors

University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Florida Academic Scholar Award (4 years) 1989-1993
Golden Key National Honor Society
Phi Beta Kappa

Professional Affiliations and Activities

American Psychological Association
Florida Psychological Association
International Neuropsychological Society
Center for Neuropsychological Studies, Gainesville VA Hospital (1995-2000)
Neuropsychology Research Meeting coordinator (1998)
Program Committee, Florida Conference on Child Health Psychology (1997)
Representative for the 1995 entering class to the Department of Clinical & Health
Psychology (1995-1998)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. Leo University, Adjunct Faculty (2005-present)
Courses taught: Senior Seminar in Psychology (capstone undergraduate course
involving individual research project and write-up); Psychological Assessment;
Research Methods I; Research Methods II; History and Systems

University of Florida, Co-instructor with Duane Dede, Ph.D.
Topic: Workshops for incoming interns and students regarding
neuropsychological measures of executive functions. (1999, 1998, 1997).

SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Residency

3/04-present

Supervised Assessment

Site: Clinical Psychology Associates of North Central Florida, private practice
psychology clinic.

Supervisor: Ernest J. Bordini, Ph.D.

Experiences: Neuropsychological and psychological evaluation of adults and
children with a wide range of presenting problems including head injury,
cerebrovascular disorder, learning disability, attention deficit disorder,
depression, and other adjustment issues. Consultations have been addressed
from a variety of referral sources including forensic settings, neurologists,
psychiatrists, and general medical providers. We are also involved in the
provision of psychological services through the Employee Assistance Program

for the City of Gainesville and have participated in the development of city policy regarding such issues as workplace violence and response protocol.

Supervised Psychotherapy

3/04-present

Site: Clinical Psychology Associates of North Central Florida

Supervisor: Ernest J. Bordini, Ph.D.

Experiences: Psychotherapy with adults on an outpatient basis presenting with a variety of complaints including depression, adjustment-related difficulties, and schizophrenia. Theoretical orientation is eclectic, primarily involving a psychodynamic approach with some cognitive-behavioral and insight-oriented characteristics where applicable.

Internship

Supervised Psychotherapy

7/00-7/01

Sites: James A. Haley VA Hospital: Outpatient Psychology services, Women's Center, Nursing Home Care Unit, Defense and Veteran's Head Injury Program.

Supervisors: Henry Agostini, Ph.D., Elizabeth Jenkins, Ph.D., Glenn Smith, Ph.D., Rodney Vanderploeg, Ph.D.

Experiences: Individual psychotherapy with adults on both an outpatient and inpatient basis, presenting with a variety of complaints including depression, personality disorders, adjustment-related difficulties, traumatic brain injury, interpersonal conflict, and chronic health problems. Approach was primarily cognitive-behavioral and insight-oriented with some short-term psychodynamic features. Individual therapy patients were seen both in the general hospital population and through the Women's Center. I also had the opportunity to act as co-leader of a head injury group.

Supervised Assessment

1. Memory Disorders Clinic and general geriatric neuropsychology consult service.
James A. Haley VA Hospital. 8/00-11/00

Supervisor: John Schinka, Ph.D.

Experiences: Assessment of older adults with known or suspected neurological insult resulting in complaints of memory disturbance or other cognitive decline. Diagnoses included: Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Lewy Body Disease, AVM, CVA, and depression.

2. Traumatic Brain Injury Unit and general neuropsychology consult service.
James A. Haley VA Medical Center 11/00-3/01

Supervisor: Rodney Vanderploeg, Ph.D.

Experiences: Neuropsychological assessment of adults with known or suspected neurological impairment resulting from mild to severe traumatic brain injury, CVA, AVM. Results of assessment were conveyed to treatment team members at weekly rounds meetings and utilized to make treatment recommendations as well as to provide feedback to patient and family members.

3. Women's Center Psychological Consult Service.
James A. Haley VA Medical Center 3/01-6/01
Supervisor: Elizabeth Jenkins, Ph.D.
Experiences: Psychological assessment of female veterans generally referred by primary care for psychological distress. Short-term outpatient psychotherapy provided when applicable.
4. Nursing Home Care Unit
James A. Haley VA Medical Center 6/01-7/01
Supervisor: Henry Agostini, Ph.D.
Experiences: Provision of psychological assessment and therapy to residents of the VA nursing home on a consult basis. Outpatient services also provided in a geriatric medical setting.

Graduate School

Psychotherapy Practica

10/96-7/00

Sites: UF Health Science Center: Psychology Clinic, Shands Hospital, Fear and Anxiety Disorders Clinic, Diabetes Project Unit, Inpatient Adolescent Psychiatry

Supervisors: Duane Dede, Ph.D., Russell M. Bauer, Ph.D., ABPP, Eileen B. Fennell, Ph.D., ABPP, Bruce Crosson, Ph.D., ABPP, James Rodrigue, Ph.D., Sheila Eyberg, Ph.D., ABPP, Evelyn Sullivan, Ph.D., Samuel Sears, Ph.D., Dawn Bowers, Ph.D., ABPP, Elaine Harris, Ph.D., Susmita Kashikar-Zuck, Ph.D., Thomas Kerkhoff, Ph.D., Jon Kassell, Ph.D.

Experiences: Psychotherapy with adult, adolescent, and child outpatients and inpatients covering issues related to head injury, cognitive rehabilitation, interpersonal conflict, personality disorder, depression, chronic health problems, substance abuse, and behavior disorders. Theoretical orientations are primarily a combination of cognitive-behavioral and insight-oriented, with limited dynamic.

Assessment Practica

General characteristics: All assessment practica consisted of outpatient and inpatient evaluations and the provision of consultation services to referral providers including physicians, schools, and other referring institutions. Outpatient services were provided through the Psychology Clinic at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. Consultation / liaison services were all conducted within Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. Responsibilities included review of all available applicable medical records, clinical interviews with the patient and collateral sources of information, consultation with healthcare providers and other professionals when necessary, administration and interpretation of psychological and neuropsychological tests, report writing, and communication of feedback to the patients, families, and referring physicians. Ongoing supervision was provided for each case by a licensed faculty member.

- 1. Advanced Practicum in Neuropsychology** 1/99-5/99
Supervisor: Russell M. Bauer, Ph.D., ABPP
Site: Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL
Experience: Assessment of adults with a variety of known or suspected neurological and cognitive impairments including AVMs, closed head injury, epilepsy, MS, learning disability, ADHD, AD, and PD. The student was expected to exhibit a greater proficiency in independently conceptualizing the case, formulating and conducting the evaluation in an appropriate and individualized manner, integrating and interpreting the data, writing the report, and communicating the results to referring individuals and the patient and their family.
- 2. Advanced General Assessment Practicum** 8/97-1/98
Supervisors: Bruce Crosson, Ph.D., Michael Perri, Ph.D.
Site: Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL
Experience: Continuing development of general diagnostic experiences and skills in child and adult mental health, medical psychology, pediatric psychology, and adult neuropsychology. Patients were seen on both an inpatient and an outpatient basis.
- 3. Practicum in Neuropsychology** 5/97-8/97
Supervisor: Duane E. Dede, Ph.D.
Site: Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL
Experience: Assessment of adults and adolescents with known or suspected neuropsychological impairment including epilepsy, learning disability, and carbon monoxide poisoning.
- 4. Practicum in Child Mental Health** 1/97-5/97
Supervisor: J. Goldman, Ph.D.
Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL
Experience: Assessment of both inpatient and outpatient children and adolescents presenting with a variety of psychological, behavioral, and developmental disorders including ODD, LD, anxiety, depression, and ADHD.
- 5. Practicum in Medical Psychology** 8/96-1/97
Supervisors: Cynthia Belar, Ph.D., ABPP and Susmita Kashikar-Zuck, Ph.D.
Site: Shands Hospital, Gainesville, FL
Experience: Assessment of adults presenting with a variety of chronic medical illnesses, and who are adversely affected by environmental factors and concomitant mental and emotional health problems. These factors were considered important influences to their presenting problems, and were evaluated with regard to their effect on the patient's physical condition. Patient populations included individuals with chronic headaches, other chronic pain, and organ transplantation needs.

OTHER SUPERVISED AND CLINICAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Psychology Assistant 3/02-3/04
Clinical Psychology Associates of North Central Florida

Supervisor: Ernest J. Bordini, Ph.D.

Experience: Psychological and neuropsychological evaluation of adults and children with a wide range of presenting problems including known or suspected neuropsychological complications, learning disability, attention deficit disorder, depression, PTSD and other anxiety complaints, as well as other adjustment issues.

Graduate Clinical Assistant 7/99-7/00
North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center
Florida Department of Children and Families

Supervisor: Monte Bein, Ph.D.

Experience: Psychological and neuropsychological examination of seriously mentally ill, incarcerated individuals who were deemed either incompetent to proceed to trial or not guilty by reason of insanity. Duties included the review of available medical and legal records, clinical interviews, administration and interpretation of psychological and neuropsychological measures, diagnosis, and report writing. Competency and threat of violence evaluations were also conducted. Ongoing supervision was provided by a licensed staff psychologist.

Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Clinical and Health Psychology 8/97-7/00

Supervisor: Duane E. Dede, Ph.D

Research Topic: The cognitive effects of concussion on student athletes

Experience: This was a multi-site study investigating the acute and long-term effects of concussion on college football players at six major universities across the country. Duties included the administration of a brief battery of neuropsychological tests to college athletes both pre-season and in serial follow-up after in-game or practice incurred concussion. as part of an ongoing study of the cognitive effects of minor head injury. Monitoring of concussed athletes and interaction with team physicians and trainers was required.

Graduate Research Assistant 8/96-8/97
Departments of Anesthesia and Clinical and Health Psychology

Supervisor: Duane E. Dede, Ph.D., E. Lobato, M.D.

Experience: Duties included the administration and scoring of a brief battery of neuropsychological tests to a group of elderly surgical candidates in order to assess the effect of anesthesia on attention and memory following surgery. Participants were tested before surgery, post-surgery before discharge, and

three months post-surgery. Brief measures of depression and anxiety were also administered to assess their covariance with obtained results. This study was the second phase of an international project designed to detect the effects of anesthesia on memory and attention in a population of elderly surgical patients.

Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Clinical and Health Psychology
Center for Pediatric Psychology

8/95-1/96

Supervisors: Suzanne Bennett-Johnson, Ph.D. and Amy Perwien, M.S.

Research Topic: The adherence of parents of IDDM children to physician indicated medical regimens

Experience: This study was one of a series of investigations on the behavior of IDDM children and their parents, and was specifically designed to examine the effect of medical adherence on children's diabetes management. In addition to the functions described above, duties also included reviewing medical records in order to chart biological markers of medical adherence, weekly phone follow-up of parents in order to track children's nutritional intake, data collection and entry, and literature review.

Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Clinical and Health Psychology

8/95-8/96

Supervisors: Russell M. Bauer, Ph.D.

Research Topic: Neuropsychological change after temporal lobe resection for intractable epilepsy

Experience: This ongoing project included the collection of in-hospital neuropsychological measures for patients both before and after surgery to correct intractable epilepsy. A standard, wide-ranging battery of neuropsychological measures was administered to patients and results were entered into an extensive epilepsy database at Shands Hospital from which studies have been produced. Duties included record management, database management, and literature reviews. Weekly lab meetings were attended at which current issues in neuropsychology were discussed, and ideas concerning future research opportunities were formulated. My first year project was eventually produced as a result of collaboration with this research group.

PUBLICATIONS

Phalin, B., Kieffer, K., Vanderploeg, R., Curtiss, G. A Confirmatory Factor Analysis of the Wisconsin Card Sorting Test. Poster presented at APA national convention, August, 2001. San Francisco.

Collins, M.W., Grindell, S.H., Lovell, M.R., Dede, D.E., Moser, D.J., Phalin, B.R., et al. (1999). Relationship between concussion and neuropsychological performance in college football players. *JAMA*, 282(10): 964-970.

Dede, D.E., Collins, M.W., Phalin, B.R., et al. (1999). The impact of concussion on baseline neuropsychological functioning in college football players. Poster session presented at the 1999 International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA.

Collins, M.W., Dede, D.E., Grindell, S.E., McKeag, S., Moser, D., Phalin, B.R., et al. (1998). The impact of concussion on neuropsychological functioning in college football players. Paper presented at the 26th Annual World Congress of Sports Medicine, Orlando, FL.

PRESENTATIONS

Phalin, B.R. (2001, January). Syndrome of neglect after right hemisphere lesion, with case presentation. Presented to the Neuropsychology Research Meeting, Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences Service. James A. Haley VA Hospital. Tampa, FL.

Phalin, B.R. (2000, December). Case presentation: A patient with atypical cerebral degenerative disorder. Presentation to the Neuropsychology Research Meeting, Mental Health & Behavioral Sciences Service. James A. Haley VA Hospital. Tampa, FL.

Phalin, B.R. (1999, August). A comparison of statistical methods used to detect real change in serial neuropsychological performance. Presentation to the Neuropsychological Research Meeting, Gainesville, FL.

Phalin, B.R. and Dede, D.E. (1998, August). The impact of and recovery of function following concussion in college football players, baseline measure and case study. Presentation to the Neuropsychological Research Meeting, Gainesville, FL.

Phalin, B.R. (1996, Fall). The contribution of language to "nonverbal" functions. Presentation to the Neuropsychological Research Meeting, Gainesville, FL.

CLINICAL AND DIDACTIC COLLOQUIA

Psychological Assessment Seminar: (September 2000-July 2001): Weekly 90-minute seminar with focus on application of various psychological assessment tools. Seminars led by: Rodney Vanderploeg, Ph.D., Glenn Curtiss, Ph.D., John Schinka, Ph.D., Michael Clark, Ph.D.

Psychotherapy Seminary: (September 2000-July 2001): Weekly 90-minute meeting, led by Dr. Polly Peterson, focusing on the practice of short-term analytic psychotherapy as conceptualized by Hannah Levenson, Ph.D.

Rorschach Administration and Interpretation Seminar: (September 2000-July 2001): Weekly 60-minute meeting with Irving Weiner, Ph.D., during which issues related to the application of Rorschach data in consultation service were discussed.

Neuropsychology Research Meeting (August 2000-July 2001): Weekly 60-minute meeting with presentation by staff neuropsychologist, post-doctoral student, or intern focusing on issues related to neuropsychological concepts and their application to clinical practice.

Neuropsychological Research Meeting (August 1995-July 2000): Weekly 60-minute meeting with presentation by faculty member, intern, or student concerning research presentations or discussion of current issues pertinent to neuropsychology.

Clinical Case Conference (August 1995-July 2000): Weekly 60-minute seminar with presentation by faculty member, intern, or student concerning treatment or assessment issues as well as other topics related to the ethical practice of clinical psychology.

Center for Neuropsychological Studies (August 1995-July 2000): Weekly 90-minute meeting of an interdisciplinary group of individuals interested in neuropsychology, neurology, cognitive psychology, and other issues related to brain/behavior relations. Presentations of research topics and clinical cases as well as didactic issues are given by faculty, interns, students, or invited guest speakers. The Center is directed by Kenneth Heilman, M.D. and Eileen Fennell, Ph.D.

CLINICAL AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical interests include the neuropsychological assessment and treatment of adults with varied neurological and cognitive complaints, the collaboration with other related neurocognitive fields, and the provision of recommendations based on neuropsychological and psychological findings. I am particularly interested in the assessment of individuals presenting with cognitive difficulties associated with dementing processes. Research interests include the study of both acute and persisting cognitive sequelae of brain injury, the recovery of cognitive function following brain injury, and the factors related to brain injury outcome and recovery. I have particular interest in the study of concussion in sports.

SPECIAL GRADUATE COURSES

Medical Neuroscience
Subcortical Functions
Higher Cortical Brain Function
Neuropsychological Assessment of Adults
Neuropsychological Assessment of Children
Forensic Neuropsychology
Projective Assessment
Legal and Ethical Issues in Psychology
Professional Issues in Psychology
Multivariate Analysis

REFERENCES

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Other references provided on request