**Jennifer S. Williams, Ph.D.**

Curriculum Vitae

**Credentials**

**Licensed Psychologist** Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists

November 2017

**Post-Doctoral Training** Jones Center for Children’s Therapy and Assessment

November 2017

**Pre-Doctoral Internship** Brigham Young University Counseling & Psychological Services

August 2016

**Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy** Counseling Psychology

August 2016 Toulouse Graduate School

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

**Master of Science** Counseling Psychology

May 2013 Toulouse Graduate School

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

**Bachelor of Science** Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

May 2007 College of Liberal Arts

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

**Clinical Experience**

**Deer Oaks Behavioral Health**

Licensed Psychologist (Nov 2017 - Present)

• Individual and family psychotherapy provided for geriatric patients in assisted living, rehabilitation, and long-term care placement.

• Comprehensive psychological testing to for psychopathology and neurocognitive functioning.

• Consultation with nursing, social work, and administrative staff regarding patient psychological status, neurocognitive functioning, and treatment planning.

**Jones Center for Children’s Therapy and Assessment**

Post-Doctoral Fellow (Jan 2017- Nov 2017)

• Individual psychotherapy provided for presenting concerns including adjustment difficulties, depression, anxiety, ADHD, family and relationship difficulties, social skills training, language and communication disorders, and autism spectrum disorder.

• Group therapy leader for Social Skills groups.

• Psycho-diagnostic assessments for concerns include intellectual disability, language disorder, autism spectrum disorder, ADHD, depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, personality disorder features, and Irlen syndrome.

Supervisors: Jessica Jones, PsyD, Alyssa Scott, PsyD, Caroline Brenner, PhD

**Brigham Young University, Counseling and Psychological Services**

Pre-Doctoral Intern (Aug 2015-Aug 2016)

• Individual psychotherapy provided to students for presenting concerns including adjustment difficulties, depression, anxiety, family distress, minority stress, autism spectrum disorder, borderline personality disorder, avoidant personality disorder, trauma/PTSD, sexual dysfunction, and eating concerns.

• Special focus providing LGBT affirming psychotherapy to individuals experiencing conflict between sexual, gender and religious identities.

• Crisis counseling provided to students experiencing high levels of distress, suicidal and para-suicidal ideation and behaviors.

• Group therapy co-leader for the Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Group, Autism Spectrum Group, Sexual Concerns Process Group.

• Couples counseling provided to students for presenting concerns including sexual concerns, conflict management, domestic violence, grief, acculturation difficulties.

• Psycho-diagnostic assessment conducted for students with presenting concerns including bipolar disorder, personality integration/disorder, depression, anxiety, and autism.

• Training rotation participation including Couples Counseling Rotation, UAC (Disability Assessment) Rotation, and Biofeedback Rotation.

• Committee member of the CAPS Diversity Committee.

Supervisors: Kara Cattani, Ph.D., Derek Griner, Ph.D., Mike Buxton, MFT, Russ Bailey, Ph.D.

**University of North Texas, Texas Academy of Math and Science**

Counseling Intern (Aug 2014- Jun 2015)

• Individual psychotherapy provided to students for presenting concerns including adjustment difficulties, depression, anxiety, disordered eating, para-suicidality, borderline personality disorder, family distress/parental conflict, trauma, oppositional/defiant behaviors, psychopathy.

• Vocational assessment and career counseling.

• Psychological assessment provided to students for presenting concerns including ADHD, emotional concerns, oppositional defiant disorder, and psychopathy.

• Consultation with resident advisors, TAMS office staff, and parents of TAMS students regarding student adjustment and mental health concerns.

Supervisor: Patrick Turnock, Ph.D.

**University of North Texas, Marriage and Family Practicum**

Family Therapy Training Clinician (Jan 2014-May 2014)

• Family therapy provided to a family experiencing concerns with sexual and physical abuse (past), child aggression and defiance behaviors, and parent-child power struggles.

• Comprehensive assessment of pre- treatment and post-treatment psychological individual and family functioning, culminating in a formal assessment report.

• Peer consultation, group supervision, and live supervision for family assessment and therapeutic intervention.

Supervisor: Shelley A. Riggs, Ph.D., Kelly Carver, Ph.D.

**Denton County Friends of the Family- Outreach Office and Women’s Shelter**

Counseling Intern (Jun 2013-May 2014)

• Individual psychotherapy services provided to child, adolescent and adult survivors of childhood abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault.

• Group therapy provided in the Healing & Recovery Process Group.

• Comprehensive intake services provided to new clients orienting them to legal, counseling and practical resources provided in the Outreach Office.

• Case management services provided to clients including locating shelter/housing, vocational and legal resources.

• Referrals services provided to help client’s legal advocacy and psychiatric resources.

• On-call services provided to sexual assault victims including medical accompaniment to obtain rape kits, communication with medical staff, police and detectives, follow up services to help victims coordinate psychological and legal help, crisis intervention, psychoeducation, and help victims obtain mental health and legal resources.

Supervisors: Emilia Ramirez, Ph.D., Michelle Fox, Ph.D., and Nicole Holmes, Ph.D.

**University of North Texas Counseling and Testing Services**

Training Clinician (Aug 2011- May 2012)

• Vocational assessment and career counseling services provided to undergraduate students.

Supervisors: Judith McConnell, Ph.D.

**University of North Texas Counseling and Testing Services**

Training Clinician (Aug 2012-May 2013)

• Individual psychotherapy provided to students for presenting concerns including adjustment difficulties, depression, anxiety, PTSD, personality integration concerns, disordered eating and body image, relationship problems, family distress and academic difficulties.

• Referral services provided to help students access psychiatric and assessment resources.

• Clinical didactic meetings attended covering topics including safety assessment, multicultural competence, cognitive behavioral therapy, and psychoanalytic therapy.

• Received CAMS suicide prevention protocol training, as well as QPR suicide prevention training.

• Book club facilitated by staff psychologist with regular meetings to discuss books related to working with interpersonal trauma and psychoanalytic theory/approaches.

Supervisors: Zane Dodd, Ph.D., and Mary “Kitty” Roberts, Ph.D.

**University of North Texas Psychology Clinic**

Training Clinician (Aug 2011- May 2013)

• Individual psychotherapy provided to students for presenting concerns including adjustment, acculturation difficulties, marital concerns, depression, anxiety, domestic violence, family distress, transgender issues, and minority stress.

• On-call crisis services provided to students in high levels of distress.

• Comprehensive psychological assessments provided to students for presenting concerns including ADHD, learning disorders, and emotional concerns.

• Peer supervision, group supervision, and mentoring provided to incoming clinicians.

Supervisors: Ed Watkins, Ph.D. and Chiach Wang, Ph.D.

**Assessment Experience**

**Deer Oaks Behavioral Health**

Licensed Psychologist (Nov 2017 - Present)

• Comprehensive psychological assessments for older adult and geriatric populations in assisted living, rehabilitation, and long-term care settings to aid in evaluation of cognitive status, determination of neurocognitive functioning, and diagnose psychopathology.

**Jones Center for Children’s Therapy and Assessment**

Post-Doctoral Fellow (Jan 2017- Nov 2017)

• Comprehensive psychological and psychoeducational evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults for learning, attention, psychoeducational, and neurodevelopmental difficulties.

**Brigham Young University, University Accessibility Services Rotation**

Pre-Doctoral Intern (Aug 2015-Aug 2016)

• Comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations for students with learning, attention, emotional, and neurodevelopmental concerns.

**Brigham Young University, Counseling and Psychological Services**

Pre-Doctoral Intern (Aug 2015-Aug 2016)

• Psycho-diagnostic evaluations for students with concerns including personality integration/disorder, bipolar disorder, autism spectrum disorder.

**University of North Texas, Texas Academy of Math and Science**

Counseling Intern (Aug 2014- Jun 2015)

• Comprehensive psychological evaluations for students with learning, attention, and emotional concerns.

• Vocational evaluations provided to students with concerns regarding major, professional interests, and decision-making difficulties.

**University of North Texas, Marriage and Family Practicum**

Family Therapy Training Clinician (Jan 2014-May 2014)

• Comprehensive assessment of pre- treatment and post-treatment psychological individual and family functioning, culminating in a formal assessment report.

**University of North Texas Counseling and Testing Services**

Training Clinician (Aug 2011- May 2012)

• Vocational evaluations provided to students with concerns regarding major, professional interests, and decision-making difficulties.

**University of North Texas Psychology Clinic**

Training Clinician (Aug 2011- May 2013)

• Comprehensive psychoeducational evaluations for students with learning, attention, and emotional concerns.

**Supervision Experience**

**Deer Oaks Behavioral Health**

Supervisor of master’s degree level mental health providers (Nov 2017 - Present)

**Brigham Young University, Counseling and Psychological Services**

Supervisor of practicum student (Jan 2016- Apr 2016)

**Outreach Experience**

**Brigham Young University, Counseling and Psychological Services**

• National Depression Screening Day- recruited participants for screenings and conducted screenings for depression and other mental health concerns, made appropriate referrals.

• Engaged in media interviews regarding mental health concerns.

**University of North Texas, Texas Academy of Math and Science**

• Conducted presentations for incoming students regarding adjustment to college and TAMS, common mental health concerns, and coping strategies.

• Coordinated student mental health hours in which TAMS students could interact with therapy animals in order to reduce stress around exams.

• Offered staff training and education regarding common mental health concerns for incoming students and ways to help students cope.

**University of North Texas Counseling and Testing Services**

• Eagle Outreach Event- offered mental health breaks for students during finals each year, including helping them use games, massage, reading/resting, to cope with stress.

**Teaching Experience**

**University of North Texas, Department of Psychology**

Teaching Assistant, PSYC 1500: Myth Busting in Psychology (Aug 2013-May 2014)

• Lecturing and grading tasks for PSYC 1500: Myth Busting in Psychology, a course aimed at strengthening critical thinking skills in students by way of traditional lecture in combination well as experiential activities.

Supervisor: Linda Marshall, Ph.D.

**University of North Texas, Department of Psychology**

Teaching Assistant, PSYC 3530: Psychology of the Offender (Aug 2011-Dec 2011)

• Lectures, grading, providing students with assistance for PSYC 3530: Psychology of the Offender Course, a course designed to increase understanding of the legal and judicial aspects of criminal offending as they intersect with the psychological factors of individuals who commit criminal offenses.

Teaching Fellow: Jonathan Lewis, M.S.

**Research Experience**

University of North Texas, Doctoral Dissertation (Proposed in 2013- Defended in 2015)

“Associations Between Witnessing the Abuse of a Sibling in Childhood and Experiencing Trauma Related Symptoms in Adulthood”

Advisor: Patricia Kaminski, Ph.D.

University of North Texas, Master’s Thesis (Proposed in 2011- Defended in 2013)

“Early and Current Family Environment of Among Inpatient Trauma Survivors: Associations with Multi-Type Abuse and Sexual Orientation”

Advisor: Shelley Riggs, Ph.D.

University of North Texas, Department of Psychology Research Assistant (Aug 2013-May 2014)

Supervisor: Linda Marshall, Ph.D.

University of North Texas, Department of Psychology, NIH funded Project COPE Research Assistant (Aug 2011- May 2013)

Supervisor: Bert Hayslip, Ph.D.

Texas A&M University, Honors Thesis (Proposed in 2005- Defended in 2006) “Memory in Context: The Influence of Context Reinstatement on the Recovery of Blocked Memories”

Advisor: Steven Smith, Ph.D.

Texas A&M University-College Station, Cognitive Psychology Lab Research Assistant (Jan 2004-Dec 2004)

Supervisor: Steven M. Smith, Ph.D.

**Other Professional Experience**

**Dove Companion Care**

Care Provider and Personal Attendant for Client with Brain Injury (May 2014-July 2015)

• Aid with activities of daily living, personal care, and coordination of medical, psychological, and neuropsychological assessment services for a female with anoxic brain injury and significant cognitive impairment.

• Collaboration with a comprehensive team of caregivers and health care professionals, including a primary care physician, psychologist, and neuropsychologist.

Supervisor: Jamie S. Harris

**Presentations**

Lefevor, T.G. & Williams, J. (2016, March). Solving the Definitional Dilemma of Sexuality. Oral Presentation at 2016 Midwinter Conference, UT.

Lefevor, T.G., Williams, J., Baird, S., & Garn, C. (2016, January). Reconciling Faith and Sexuality: A Process Group. Oral presentation at BYU CAPS Faculty In-Service Training, Provo, UT.

Williams, J. (2015, November). The (Queer) Sexual Spectrum: Understanding the Diversity of Human Sexual Attraction. Oral presentation at BYU CAPS Faculty In-Service Training, Provo, UT.

Williams, J.S. & Riggs, S.R. (2014, November). LGB Trauma Survivors: Multi-Type Abuse and Family Environment Experiences. Poster presented at the 2014 Texas Psychological Association Conference, Dallas, TX.

Heffel, C., Williams, J., & Sheley, E. (2012, August). Perceptions of Spousal Attachment-Related Behaviors & Marital Satisfaction. Poster presented at the 2012 APA Conference, FL.

Hindman, J.M., Riggs, S.A., Hubbard, A.M., Collier, L. & Howard, J.S. (2011, August). Pathways to Child Dysfunction: A Family Process Model. Poster presented at the 2011 APA Conference, Washington D.C.

Williams, Jennifer S. (2006, May). Physical reinstatement influences the recovery of blocked memories. Oral presentation at TAMU Honors Research Fellows meeting, College Station, TX.

Williams, Jennifer S. (2006, March). The influence of context reinstatement on the recovery of blocked memories. Poster presented at Texas A&M Student Research Week, College Station, TX.

Williams, Jennifer S. (2006, February). The influence of context reinstatement on the recovery of blocked memories. Oral presentation at TAMU Honors Research Fellows meeting, College Station, TX.

Williams, Jennifer S. (2005, October). Recovering memories: the role of context reinstatement. Oral presentation at TAMU Honors Research Fellows meeting, College Station, TX.

**Publications**

Williams, J.S., Riggs, S.R., & Kaminski, P. (2016). A Model of Childhood Sibling Subsystems That May Emerge in Abusive Family Systems. The Family Journal, 24(4), 378-384.

Hayslip, B., Reinberg, J., & Williams, J. (2015). The impact of elder abuse education on young adults. Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect, 27(3), 233-253.

**Professional Training & Workshops**

Adlerian Workshop, Texas Women’s University, 2010

QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Program, 2011

Tarrant County Sexual Assault Annual Conference, 2011

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Weekend Retreat, 2012

Teaching Excellence Seminar, University of North Texas, 2012

Time Limited Dynamic Psychotherapy Workshop with Dr. Levenson, 2013

Trauma and Attachment Workshop, Southern Methodist University, 2013

Play Therapy with Traumatized Children, University of North Texas 2013

Beyond the Therapy Room: Ethical and Professional Issues in Community Level Advocacy for Racial/Ethnic Minorities and LGBT, 2014

Understanding the Treatment of Sexually Trafficked Children, Teens and Young Women, 2014

Utah University and College Counseling Conference, 2015

Counseling Center Conference: Roy Baumeister Self-Destruction & Self-Regulation, 2015

Living Openly “Out” As LGBT Within Communities of Faith, 2015

Autism Translational Research Workshop, 2016

Ten Things: Providing an Inclusive and Affirmative Health Care Environment for LGBT People, 2016

Meeting the Health Care Needs of Transgender People, 2016

Mental Health Care and Assessment of Transgender Adults, 2016

Understanding and Assessing the Sexual Health of Transgender Patients, 2016

Irlen Syndrome Screener Training Seminar, 2017

**Professional Memberships & Affiliations**

Freshman Leadership Development Retreat 2003

Aggie Women in Leadership 2004

Aggie 2 Women in Leadership 2004: Community Service Committee Liaison Became a coordinator for the Aggie Women in Leadership

A&M Psychology Club 2004-2005

Psi Chi National Psychology Honors Society, Inducted 2005

Golden Key International Honors Society, Inducted 2005

Graduate Association of Students in Psychology, 2010

American Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, 2010

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Inducted 2011

American Psychological Association, Division 43 Member, 2013

American Psychological Association, Division 56 Member, 2013

Texas Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, 2014

Fort Worth Area Psychological Association, Student Affiliate, 2014

LGBT Therapist Guild of Utah, 2015

**Honors & Awards**

President’s Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2003-2004

Texas A&M University Honors Program, 2004-2006: Undergraduate Research Fellow

TAMU Dean’s List, 2004

Texas Aggie Scholarship, 2004-2005

MSC Student Organization Scholarship, 2004-2005

Lone Star Graduate Diversity Colloquium Choice Award, Student Research Week 2006

Second Place in Group, Student Research Week 2006

National Military Family Association Scholarship 2008

University of North Texas Master’s/Doctoral Fellowship Award, 2010-2014

L. Sophia Fairchild Academic Scholarship, 2013-2014

University of North Texas Tuition Grant, 2013-2014

L. Sophia Fairchild Academic Scholarship, 2014-2015

**Community Service**

Draper City Council, Alderwoman & Chief Financial Officer, 2017-present

Corral City Council Alderwoman, 2012- 2016

Corral City Council Mayor Pro-Temp, 2013-2015