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Licensure

Licensed Psychologist, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 2008, #33763

Education

Doctoral Degree, University of Houston, August 2006

Clinical Psychology, Child-Family Track

Graduate Advisor: Julia C. Babcock, Ph.D.

Dissertation Topic: "How anger affects social information processing of intimate partner abusers."

Chairpersons: Julia C. Babcock, Patrick Leung, John P. Vincent, James Bray

Master of Arts, University of Houston, December 2002

Clinical Psychology, Child-Family Track

Master's Thesis Topic: "The role of anger among different types of batterers and nonviolent men."

Chairpersons: Julia C. Babcock, Christopher Schatschneider, Mary J. Naus

Bachelor of Arts, State University of New York at Binghamton, May 1999

Psychology, Magna Cum Laude

Clinical Experience

Clinical Psychologist

Family PsychSolutions, PLLC

8603 Broadway Suite 140

Pearland, TX 77584

July 2008-current

Provide therapy services for teens and adults. Provide psychological evaluations to individuals of all ages. Conduct evaluations for the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and Veterans Administration.

Clinical Psychologist

Kinghaven Counseling Group

9100 SW Frwy Ste. 100

Houston, TX 77074

August 2006-September 2008

Conduct kinship assessments for the Department of Family and Protective Services. Conduct psychological evaluations on children and adolescents. Conduct evaluations for the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.

Pre-Doctoral Intern-Outpatient Services

Citrus Health Network, Inc.

4175 West 20th Ave.

Hialeah, FL 33012-5875

July 2005-July 2006

Supervisor: Elsa Orlandini, Psy.D.

Provided individual and family psychotherapy in a community mental health center. Provided treatment for adults, adolescents, and children varying diagnoses. Facilitated an anger management group for adolescents. Utilized cognitive behavioral psychotherapy. Conducted psychological evaluations.

Pre-Doctoral Intern-Assessment and Emergency Services

Citrus Health Network, Inc.

4175 West 20th Ave.

Hialeah, FL 33012-5875

July 2005-July 2006

Supervisor: Rafael Rivas-Vasquez, Psy.D.

Conducted intakes and made appropriate referrals. Screened patients to determine eligibility for involuntary commitment. Assisted in admitting patients to units. Provided crisis intervention.

Pre-Doctoral Intern-Treatment of Adolescents and Children Experiencing Trauma Rotation

Citrus Health Network, Inc.

4175 West 20th Ave.

Hialeah, FL 33012-5875

July 2005-January 2006

Supervisor: Dolly Akel-Greer, Psy.D.

Provided individual and family psychotherapy in a community mental health center. Provided treatment for adolescents and children who experienced sexual abuse. Facilitated a group for pre-adolescent males who engaged in sexual inappropriate behavior. Utilized cognitive behavioral psychotherapy.

Pre-Doctoral Intern-Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit

Citrus Health Network, Inc.

4175 West 20th Ave.

Hialeah, FL 33012-5875

January 2006-May 2006

Supervisor: Tina Diccico, Psy.D.

Facilitated crisis intervention groups utilizing CBT for children and adolescents in a short-term crisis stabilization unit. Provided individual psychotherapy to children and adolescents with a variety of diagnoses. Attended ground rounds.

Pre-Doctoral Intern-Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit

Citrus Health Network, Inc.

4175 West 20th Ave.

Hialeah, FL 33012-5875

May 2006-July 2006

Supervisor: Maria Rosario-Navas, Psy.D.

Co-facilitated a group for adults in a short-term crisis stabilization unit with diagnoses such as psychotic disorders, substance use, personality disorders, mood disorders, and anxiety disorders. Attended ground rounds.

Psychology Practicum Extern

Michael E. Debakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center

2002 Holcombe Blvd.

Houston, TX 77030

September 2004-May 2005

Supervisor: Wright Williams, Ph.D.

Co-facilitated an ex-prisoner of war group for World War II veterans. Co-facilitated a Vietnam veterans group. Co-facilitated two groups for individuals in a day hospital. Co-facilitated a self realization, aftercare group for Vietnam veterans. All groups were conducted according to psychodynamic and existentialist orientations. Conducted weekly intakes. Provided individual psychotherapy.

Psychology Practicum Extern

Houston Area Women's Center

1010 Waugh

Houston, TX 77019

September 2004-May 2005

Supervisor: Sandra Abmayer, Ph.D.

Provided individual psychotherapy to women who experienced domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Conducted weekly intakes. Facilitated a group for women who experienced domestic violence. Facilitated a group for women who experienced incest. Facilitated a group for women who experienced non-familial sexual abuse. Groups utilized supportive and cognitive behavioral psychotherapy. Provided crisis counseling for individuals calling a domestic violence or sexual abuse hotline.

Psychology Practicum Extern

Baylor College of Medicine

Department of Family & Community Medicine

3701 Kirby Drive, Suite 600

Houston, TX 77098-3915
September 2003-August 2004
Supervisor: James Bray, Ph.D.

Provided individual, family, and couples psychotherapy in a primary care setting. Conducted weekly intakes. Provided treatment for adults with varying diagnoses. Utilized cognitive behavioral and family systems psychotherapy.

Psychology Practicum Extern
Children's Assessment Center
2500 Bolsover
Houston, TX 77005
June 2002-May 2003
Supervisor: Lawrence Thompson, Ph.D.

Provided individual psychotherapy to adults, adolescents, and children who experienced sexual abuse. Utilized cognitive behavioral, insight oriented, and psychodynamic psychotherapy. Utilized non-directive play therapy with children. Co-facilitated two caregiver groups and two teen girl groups utilizing cognitive behavioral therapy and art therapy. Conducted psychological evaluations. Attended weekly multidisciplinary case staffing meetings and presentations.

Psychology Practicum Therapist
Psychological Research and Services Center
University of Houston
Department of Psychology
4800 Calhoun
Houston, TX 77204-5431
September 2001-November 2002
Supervisors: Patricia Averill, Ph.D. & Lynn Rehm, Ph.D.

Provided individual cognitive behavioral therapy for adults with varying diagnoses. Attended weekly group supervision.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow
University of Houston
Summer 2002-Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Spring 2005: Abnormal Psychology
Spring 2003-Spring 2005: Child Development

Teaching Assistant
University of Houston
10 hours/week, paid position
Lectured, tutored students, constructed test items, proctored exams, graded exams, and graded papers.

Fall 2000, Introduction to Psychology, Richard Kasschau, Ph.D.
Spring 2001, Abnormal Child Psychology, Nanette Stephens, Ph.D.
Spring 2001 Abnormal Psychology, Patricia Haertlein, M.A.
Summer 2001 Abnormal Psychology, Patricia Haertlein, M.A.
Fall 2002, Introduction to Clinical Psychology, Patricia Haertlein, M.A.
Fall 2002, Introduction to Clinical Psychology, Jennifer Adams, M.A.
Spring 2002, Introduction to Clinical Psychology, Patricia Haertlein, M.A.
Spring 2002 Abnormal Child Psychology, Stacey Tomanik, M.A.
Summer 2002 Abnormal Psychology, Beth Peters, M.A.
Fall 2002 Abnormal Psychology, Beth Peters, M.A.
Summer 2003 Abnormal Psychology, Beth Peters, M.A.
Summer 2004 Abnormal Psychology, Stacey Eckert, M.A.

State University of New York at Binghamton
Fall 1998 Learning
Spring 1999 Drugs and Behavior, Lisa M. Savage, Ph.D.

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Emotions in Marriage Lab
Principal Investigator/Advisor: Julia C. Babcock, Ph.D.
Department of Psychology
University of Houston
4800 Calhoun
Houston, TX 77204-5341
Summer 2000-August 2006
Approximately 10 hours/week

Assisted in the assessment of intimate partner abusers and their partners. Assessment consisted of questionnaires, SCID interview, implementing a brief intervention, computerized tasks, collecting psychophysiological data, and conducting semi-structured interviews of topics of disagreement and abusive episodes. Developed two observational coding systems for a standardized anger induction paradigm. Coded participant's responses and trained undergraduates on coding systems. Data management duties included: data construction, cleaning questionnaire and psychophysiology data, and scoring data.

Project Coordinator

Emotions in Marriage Lab
Principal Investigator/Advisor: Julia C. Babcock, Ph.D.
Department of Psychology
University of Houston
4800 Calhoun
Houston, TX 77204-5341
April 2001-August 2001
Approximately 10 hours/week

Conducted semi-structured interviews via telephone to screen participants, scheduled participants, ran weekly meetings, supervised undergraduate research assistants, and other office duties related to a large research project.

Project Support Specialist

The Stony Brook Relationship Project

Principal Investigators: Everett Waters, Ph.D., Judith A. Crowell, M.D., Dominique Treboux, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

State University of New York at Stony Brook

Stony Brook, NY 11794-2500

Summer 1999- Summer 2000

Part-time, paid position

Assisted in the assessment of couples and data management on a federally funded grant; Adult Attachment Models: Development after Marriage. Conducted Adult Attachment Interviews and Current Relationship Interviews. Administered a series of questionnaires. Updated spreadsheets, entered and cleaned subjects' data, proof-read interviews, gathered data for grant renewal. Contacted, recruited, and scheduled subjects for various studies. Compiled subjects' folders. Other office duties related to a large research project.

Research Project Aide

Marital and Family Violence Lab

Principal Investigators: Richard E. Heyman, Ph.D., Amy M. Smith Slep, Ph.D., K. Daniel O'Leary, Ph.D., Susan O' Leary, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

State University of New York at Stony Brook

Stony Brook, NY 11794-2500

Summer 1999-Summer 2000

Part-time, paid position

Assisted in subject recruitment and data management on a federally funded grant; Anger Escalation and De-Escalation in Aggressive Men (NIMH). Administered a clinically structured phone interview about family conflicts to adults. Administered a Random Digit Dialing procedure to recruit a representative sample of couples. Entered and transcribed data. Conducted literature searches, retrieved articles, coded and critiqued a table for publication. Assisted in the development of a publication; Heyman, R.E (2001). Observation of Couple Conflicts: Clinical Assessment Applications, Stubborn Truths, and Shaky Foundations. Psychological Assessment, 13, (1), 5-35.

Research Assistant

Consciousness, Cognition, and Trauma Lab

Principal Investigator: Steven J. Lynn, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology

State University of New York at Binghamton

Binghamton, NY 13902-6000
Fall 1998- Spring 1999

Investigated children's eyewitness memory. Interacted with subjects, administered interviews, and conducted video assessment data collection. Contacted and recruited subjects. Transcribed and coded data.

Manuscripts in press

Costa, D.M. & Babcock, J.C. (2008). Articulated thoughts of intimate partner abusive men during anger arousal: Correlates with personality disorder symptoms. *Journal of Family Violence*, 23, (6), 395-402.

Costa, D.M., Canady, B., & Babcock, J.C. (2007). Preliminary report on *The Accountability Scale: A change and outcome measure for intimate partner violence research*. *Violence & Victims*, 22, (5), 518-530.

Babcock, J.C., Costa, D.M., Green, C.E., & Eckhardt, C.I. (2004). What Situations Induce Intimate Partner Violence?: A Reliability and Validity Study of the *Proximal Antecedents to Violent Episodes Scale (PAVE)*. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 18, (3), 433-442.

Presentations

Costa, D.M. & Babcock, J.C. (2007, July). Typologies of Batterers and Risk Assessment. Presentation presented at the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council: Domestic Violence Intervention Basics and Beyond. Houston, Texas.

Babcock, J.C., Canady, B., Yates, D., Ross, J., Senior, A.C., & Costa, D. (2005, May). Psychophysiological reactivity associated with borderline features among intimate partner abusers. In U. Ebner (Chair) symposium Emotion regulation in borderline personality disorder. Presentation presented at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

Costa, D.M. & Babcock, J.C. (2003, July). Articulations and psychophysiological reactivity of different types of batterers in response to a standardized anger induction paradigm. Poster presented at the Family Violence Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Costa, D.M. & Babcock, J.C. (2002, November). The role of anger among different types of batterers and nonviolent men. Poster presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, Reno, Nevada.

Reeves, C.S., Mueller, B.D., Costa, D.M., Babcock, J.C. (2002, November). The effects of ethnic stereotyping on the Specific Affect Coding System (SPAFF). Poster presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, Reno, Nevada.

Miller, S.A., Costa, D.M., Green, C.E., Haertlein, P., Chee, S.O., Morrison, M.J., & Babcock, J.C. (2002, November). Physiological Reactivity, Abuse, and PTSD: A Causal Model of Battered and Non-battered Women. Poster presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, Reno, Nevada.

Green, C.E., Miller, S.A., Costa, D.M. Babcock, J.C. (2002, November). Facial affect recognition and decoding deficits in martially violent and non-violent males. Poster presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, Reno, Nevada.

Chee, S. O., Miller, S. A., Costa, D. M., Haertlein, P., Babcock, J. C. (2002, June). Autonomic Reactivity Predicts PTSD Symptoms among Battered Women. Poster presented at the American Psychological Society Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Babcock, J.C., Yerington, T., Green, C.E., Costa, D.M., & Miller, S. (2001, November). Psychophysiological profiles of batterers: Testing the limits of the Pitbull/Cobra typology. In J.C. Babcock (Chair) symposium The Pitbull and Cobra typology of batterers: Is its bark worse than its bite? Paper presented at the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy Annual Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Babcock, J. C. Yerington, T.P., Green, C.E., Costa, D.M., Miller, S. (2001, October). Psychophysiological profiles of domestically violent men. Paper presented at the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Montreal, Canada.

Community Service

Volunteer

Landmark Learning Center
Opa-Locka, FL
November 11, 2005

Crisis counseling for victims of Hurricane Wilma. Provided information about resources and conducted needs assessments.

Volunteer

Pilgrim Psychiatric Center
Brentwood, NY
Summer 1998

Participated in team meetings to discuss the treatment of adult inpatients with schizophrenia. Observed group therapy. Researched chronic mental illness.

Volunteer

Daytop Village
Huntington, NY
Summer 1998

Counseled adolescents with substance dependence. Observed group therapy sessions, supervised activities, and researched psychopharmacology.

Crisis Counselor

High Hopes

State University of NY at Binghamton

Fall 1997- Spring 1999

Participated in intensive four month training in crisis counseling for a crisis and information hotline. Provided crisis counseling via phone.

References available upon request