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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- 2010-Present Columbia University, Teachers College
Program in Clinical Psychology, New York
Master of Arts (MA) in Clinical Psychology, Personality and Psychopathology
Degree anticipated spring 2012.
- 2004-2005 Cambridge University
Institute of Criminology, United Kingdom
Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Criminological Research.
- 1998-2002 Georgetown University
College of Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C.
Bachelor of Arts with majors in English and Government, completed 2002.

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2005 Graduated in top 10 percent of Cambridge University M.Phil. class.
- 2002 Senior Honors Thesis in Continental Philosophy, Georgetown University.
- 2002 GPA: 3.813, Georgetown University, 2002.
- 2002 Graduated *magna cum laude*, Georgetown University.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2009-present Associate, American Psychological Association.
- 2004-2005 Member of the Committee of Management, Cambridge Law Faculty.
- 2004-2005 Elected Representative, M.Phil. Committee, Cambridge Institute of Criminology.
- 2004-2005 Elected Representative, Masters Committee, Queens' College of Cambridge.
- 2002 Member, Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University.

RELEVANT RESEARCH AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

2004-2005 "Doping the System: Stories of Drug Use by UK Prisoners," Master of Philosophy Thesis Research, Cambridge University. Conducted primary research using semi-structured interviews in a north London men's prison. Area of research: substance use behaviors and offending behaviors.

2004-2005 Cambridge University Joint Schools Research Programme. This coursework in social science research methods was accredited by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and constituted the second major training area for the M.Phil. degree in criminological research. The Joint Schools Research Programme comprised 43 separate graduate research training seminars for social scientists. Modules included SPSS, Access and Atlas.ti, survey methods, statistical methods including descriptive statistics, bivariate association and linear regression (OLS) and regression diagnostics, factor analysis and cluster analysis, epistemological foundations of qualitative methods, participant observation and ethnography, interviews, documents and discourse analysis, historical methods and sources, and visual, spatial and materials sources.

2005-2006 Instrument Design for Use in Corrections, Family Justice, New York, NY. Family Justice is a New York based non-profit that works in the area of criminal justice policy reform. As a policy associate there, I directed an initiative to create and test a Relational Inquiry Tool (RIT). As a complement to standard risk and needs assessments, the RIT is used by corrections officers to engage individuals under criminal justice supervision (e.g. inmates, probationers, and parolees). The RIT is designed to assess existing family resources and social capital that may be utilized in the reentry process.

Development of the tool was guided by a National Advisory Board and tested in five sites with 100 incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals: Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and the Safer Foundation in Chicago.

RELEVANT CLINICAL AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

2009-present Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY. Dual-Diagnosis Unit, Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Psychiatric intern. This inpatient psychiatric 30-bed unit was developed specifically for the rehabilitation of patients diagnosed with both general psychiatric and addictive disorders. I currently conduct motivational interviewing and life story narrative workshops with patients.

Advisor: Steve Ross, MD, Director of the Division of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse at Bellevue Hospital, the Clinical Director of the NYU Langone Center of

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Excellence on Addiction, and the Associate Director of Addiction Education, NYU Department of Psychiatry.

- 2002-2004 Arlington County Jail, Arlington, Virginia. Volunteer Instructor, Computer Literacy.
- 1998-2002 Georgetown Prison Outreach Programs, Washington, D.C.
Director, Georgetown Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching & Service. Managed a program that provided educational services to over 500 incarcerated men, women and juveniles. Supervised 100 volunteers in one of Georgetown's largest social justice initiatives in which professors, assisted by undergraduates, taught accredited college courses in prisons and jails in D.C., Virginia and Maryland. Sites included Oak Hill Juvenile Detention Facility in Maryland, Lorton Prison in Virginia, and the Arlington County Detention Facility in Virginia.
- 1999-2000 Oak Hill Juvenile Detention Center Outreach Programs, Laurel, MD. Director and Co-Founder. Supervised a group of 10 volunteer mentors and ten at-risk boys incarcerated at a juvenile detention facility. Volunteers worked with the boys to provide mentorship and GED tutoring. Initiated a similar program in the Oak Hill Juvenile Detention Center for Young Women.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND LECTURES

- 2009 Presentation to the Clinical Research Team, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Langone Center of Excellence, Bellevue Hospital. Title: "Narratives of Substance Use."
- 2008 Presentation to the Clinical Research Team, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, New York University Medical Center, Bluestone Center for Research. Title: "Making Good: Sense-Making After Nadir Experiences."
- 2005 Guest Lecturer, Cambridge University Summer Programme. Lecture: "Stories of Drug Use by UK Prisoners."
- 2004 Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, English Department. Course: Composition, Modules on Virtual Writing.
- 2004-2005 Instructor, Byteback, a community technology center (CTC) in Northeast Washington, D.C. Course: "Designing Community Websites using Dreamweaver."
- 2004-2005 Visiting Faculty, National Advocacy Center, United States Department of Justice, Columbia, South Carolina. Lectures: "Electronic Evidence and Data Systems Management;" "E-Trial Presentations."
- 2002 Presentation, Board of Trustees, Georgetown University College of Arts and Sciences. Title: "Service-Learning Curriculum: Working with Underprivileged Populations."
- 1998-1999 Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, School for Continuing Education, Department of Government. Course: United States Political Systems 101.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

Data Systems Management and Analytics

- 2006-present Vice President, Information Systems, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. Promoted from Assistant Vice President, 2009. Founder, Green Bonds Program. Founder, Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) Initiative.
- 2006-present SQL programmer, Sybase, MYSQL and SQL Server, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.
- 2002-2004 Manager of Information Technology, Office of Consumer Litigation, United States Department of Justice.

Mobile Application Development and Social Network Development

- Social Networking using Elgg and Boonex Dolphin, open-source community development software (competitors to Facebook)
- Adobe Flex development: database driven graphic user interfaces
- Mobile application development: currently learning iPhone SDK
- Visual Basic for Applications
- Microsoft Access multi-user Application Development

Website Development

- 2008 Webmaster, <http://www.marketekindustries.com>
- 2006 Webmaster, <http://www.prospectpups.com>
Owner, Co-founder, Bark Slope LLC, New York State.
- 2004 Webmaster, <http://www.alexbelser.com>
- 2002-2003 Instructor in website development at ByteBack, a community technology center in Washington DC.
- 2002 Webmaster, <http://socialjustice.georgetown.edu>

Consultancy on Social Networking

- 2008-2009 Immune Deficiency Foundation. Advised on the development of a web 2.0 network called IDF Friends, a social community for patients and families living with Primary Immune Deficiency Diseases (PIDD). <http://my.primaryimmune.org/>. Areas of consultation included RFP scope, appropriate platform, technical specifications, vendor selection and quality assurance testing.

REFERENCES

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