

Janelle N. Dixon, Psy.D.
Clinical and Forensic Psychologist

EDUCATION

Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology with Forensic Emphasis **August 2020**
Wright State University
Dayton, OH
Accredited by the American Psychological Association

Master of Clinical Psychology **December 2017**
Wright State University
Dayton, OH

Master of Marriage and Family Therapy **May 2012**
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology **May 2010**
Minor in Health Sciences
The George Washington University
Washington, DC

LICENSURE

California Board of Psychology
License Number: PSY33069

CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Psychologist, Specialist (Forensic) **September 2022 – Present**
California Department of State Hospitals – Metropolitan
Forensic Evaluation Department
Forensic State Hospital
Norwalk, CA

- Forensic psychology consultant to interdisciplinary teams at DSH – Metropolitan concerning matters, such as competency to stand trial, malingering, violence risk, and commitment extensions.
- Prepare court reports and psychological assessment regarding competency to stand trial and violence risk.

- Provide expert witness testimony as needed.
- Provide education and training in forensic and clinical assessment to pre-doctoral interns.

Forensic Evaluator

January 2025 – Present

Los Angeles County Superior Court

Juvenile Competency Panel

Los Angeles, CA

- Qualified as a court-appointed expert to conduct juvenile forensic evaluations addressing issues related to competency, dangerousness, transfer/waiver to criminal court, and diagnostic clarification.
- Provide expert witness testimony as needed.

Forensic Psychologist

May 2022 – Present

Private Practice

Valley Village, CA

- Private forensic psychology practice focusing on assessment and consultation for a variety of psycholegal referral questions.
- Expertise in adult and juvenile forensic psychological evaluations pertaining to competency to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense (insanity), malingering, violence risk, and mental health diversion.
- Experience providing expert testimony.

Forensic Evaluator

August 2023 – January 2025

San Bernardino County Juvenile Justice Program

San Bernardino, CA

- Qualified as a court-appointed expert to conduct juvenile forensic and psychological evaluations addressing questions, such as competency to proceed, violence risk, and diagnostic clarification.
- Provide expert witness testimony as needed.

Forensic Evaluator

May 2022 – January 2025

San Bernardino County Superior Court

Court-Appointed Doctor's Panel

San Bernardino, CA

- Court-appointed forensic evaluator to address psycholegal questions regarding competency and mental state at the time of the offense (insanity)
- Conduct forensic evaluations pertaining to competency to stand trial (PC 1368/1369) and mental state at the time of the offense (PC 1026).
- Experience providing expert testimony.

Staff Psychologist

August 2021 – September 2022

California Department of State Hospitals – Patton

Maximum Security Forensic State Hospital

Patton, CA

- Staff psychologist on an acute admission unit housing males deemed incompetent to stand trial pursuant to PC 1370.

- Prepared court reports and psychological assessments addressing competency to stand trial, malingering, and cognitive functioning.
- Facilitated competency restoration groups, such as the FREE Program.
- Participated in treatment team conferences while working collaboratively with an interdisciplinary team.
- Conducted research and prepared articles for publication.

Assessment Psychometrician

January 2018 – August 2018

ForPsych: A Forensic Psychology Practice

Cincinnati, OH

Supervisor: Nicole A. Leisgang, Psy.D.

- Provided comprehensive psychological assessment services to adults and juveniles.
- Administered, scored, and interpreted comprehensive psychological assessments, such as neuropsychological, intellectual, achievement, personality, and response style.
- Authored the Test Results section for forensic evaluations, including workers' compensation, disability, personal injury, competency to stand trial, and criminal responsibility.

Assessment Psychometrician

July 2017 – August 2018

Hamilton County Juvenile Court

Youth Center

Cincinnati, OH

Juvenile Detention Center

Supervisor: Nicole A. Leisgang, Psy.D.

- Conducted psychological testing with juvenile defendants as part of forensic evaluations addressing a variety of psycholegal questions, such as competence to stand trial, risk and threat assessment, and dispositional planning.
- Administered, scored, and interpreted comprehensive psychological assessments, such as neuropsychological, intellectual, achievement, personality, and response style.
- Obtained collateral information to include in forensic evaluations.

Child Psychiatric Specialist

August 2013 – August 2015

Children's National Medical Center

Washington, DC

Inpatient Psychiatric Units

- Provided individual therapy and crisis intervention to severely mentally ill children and adolescents.
- Facilitated group psychotherapy which focused on developing emotional regulation and coping skills.
- Completed behavioral and intake assessments (e.g., Conners 3rd Edition Behavioral Assessment)

CLINICAL TRAINING

Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship

September 2020 – August 2021

California Department of State Hospitals – Patton

Patton, CA

Training Director: David Glassmire, Ph.D., ABPP

Supervisors: David W. Contreras Jr., Psy.D., ABPP, Mario A. Souza, Psy.D., ABPP, and Loren King, Ph.D., ABPP

Maximum Security Forensic State Hospital

- Conducted comprehensive psychological evaluations for referral questions involving adjudicative competence, malingering, violence risk, and diagnostic clarification in a forensic inpatient setting with patients committed pursuant to PC 1370, PC 1026, PC 2684, and PC 2962/2972
- Conducted evaluations and authored reports for Offender with a Mental Health Disorder (OMD) extensions, NGI acquittee commitment extensions, and competency, malingering, and violence risk evaluations.
- Provided consultative feedback to treatment teams for evaluated patients.
- Provided expert witness testimony to courts when needed.
- Co-facilitated the Functional Rehabilitation Education Experience (FREE) Court Competency Skills Building (CCSB) Program groups.
- Participated in weekly seminars, which include advanced forensic seminar, landmark cases in mental health law, case conference seminar and mock testimony.

Predoctoral Psychology Intern

August 2019 – August 2020

Forensic Assessment and Treatment Track

Federal Correctional Complex – Butner

Butner, NC

Training Director: Robert E. Cochrane, Psy.D., ABPP

Forensic Assessment Rotation (August 2019 to March 2020)

Federal Medical Center – Butner

Administrative Security Federal Medical Center

Supervisor: Gillespie Wadsworth, Psy.D.

- Conducted comprehensive clinical interviews and psychological testing, including forensic assessments.
- Conducted forensic evaluations, including competency to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, malingering and violence risk assessment.
- Provided expert testimony as needed.
- Participated in violence risk assessment panels.
- Facilitated competency restoration groups in open and secured housing units.
- Provided individual competency restoration sessions to defendants.
- Conducted intake screenings and suicide risk assessments.
- Conducted daily rounds on inpatient units, including restricted movement units.
- Assisted with crisis management.
- Participated in interdisciplinary treatment team meetings.
- Provided consultation to members of the treatment team, unit team, internal medicine, education, and administration.
- Participated in weekly didactics and forensic seminar series, which included mock testimony and landmark case conferences focusing on mental health law.

Commitment and Treatment Program for Sexually Dangerous Persons Rotation (March 2020 to August 2020)

Federal Correctional Institution – Butner Medium I

Medium Security Federal Correctional Institution

Supervisor: Kara Holden, Psy.D.

- Provided treatment in the Modified Therapeutic Community model of residential treatment as applied to sex offenders.
- Provided individual and group therapy, utilizing a wide range of evidence-based cognitive behavioral treatments for sexual offenders.
- Conducted clinical interviews and diagnostic assessment.
- Utilized crisis intervention and behavior management planning/intervention.
- Participated in an interdisciplinary and team approach to the treatment and management of sexual offenders.

Correctional Psychology Rotation (March 2020 to August 2020)

Federal Correctional Institution – Butner Medium I

Medium Security Federal Correctional Institution

Supervisor: Laura E. Sheras, Psy.D.

- Completed intake screenings, suicide risk assessments, crisis intervention, and triage.
- Completed Special Housing Unit (SHU) Reviews.
- Conducted psychological testing for diagnostic clarification and educational assessment.
- Provided individual and group psychotherapy.
- Provided consultation to psychiatry, medical, and correctional staff.

Temporary Duty Activities (March 2020)

Federal Correctional Complex – Florence, CO

Administrative Security United States Penitentiary and High Security United States Penitentiary

- Facilitated Secure STAGES community meetings and DBT skills training groups.
- Conducted clinical contacts with inmates in the Administrative Maximum Facility (ADX) and Secure STAGES program.
- Co-facilitated ADX RESOLVE groups.
- Assisted with ADX and United States Penitentiary (USP) Secure Housing Unit (SHU) rounds.
- Conducted suicide risk assessments, sexual abuse intervention assessments, and intake screenings.

Doctoral Level Practicum – Psychology Trainee

July 2018 – June 2019

Summit Behavioral Healthcare Hospital

Cincinnati, OH

Supervisors: Celeste Waller-Trimble Psy.D., Michael Borack, Psy.D., Dick Sexton, Ph.D.

Forensic State Hospital

- Conducted individual therapy utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis (CBTp), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Psychodynamic Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing.
- Co-facilitated a weekly DBT skills training group, Diversity and Awareness group, and psychodynamic process group for patients who killed loved ones.

- Conducted violence risk assessments to determine patients' movement in the hospital and potential discharge for patients on NGRI commitments.
- Conducted psychological evaluations to assess diagnostic clarification, intellectual functioning, achievement, neuropsychological functioning, and memory functioning.
- Participated in interdisciplinary treatment teams to address treatment needs, concerns, and modifications for the care of patients with serious mental illness.
- Served on a cultural competency committee which provides trainings to new staff from various disciplines within the hospital.

Doctoral Level Practicum – Psychology Trainee
Central Clinic Behavioral Health – Adult Services

July 2017 – June 2018

Cincinnati, OH

Supervisor: Charles H. Handel, Ed.D.

Community Mental Health Clinic

- Provided individual and couples therapy utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Acceptance and Treatment Therapy (ACT), Psychodynamic Therapy, and Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT)
- Co-facilitated a weekly DBT-Skills training group.
- Conducted clinical intakes.
- Conducted comprehensive psychological evaluations to assess diagnostic clarification, intellectual functioning, achievement, memory functioning and fitness for bariatric surgery.
- Participated in interdisciplinary treatment teams.

Doctoral Level Practicum – Psychology Trainee
Court Clinic Forensic Services

July 2016 – June 2017

Cincinnati, OH

Supervisors: Carla Dreyer, Psy.D., Emily Davis, Psy.D.

Forensic Center and County Jail

- Conducted court-ordered pretrial and posttrial forensic evaluations, including competency to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, and mitigation of sentencing.
- Administered psychological testing, including forensic assessment measures.
- Observed supervisors testify as expert witnesses.

Master Level Practicum – Clinical Trainee
The Alcott Center for Mental Health Services

May 2011 – May 2012

Los Angeles, CA

Supervisor: Jenny Bowen, LMFT

Community Mental Health Center

- Provided individual therapy utilizing Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT).
- Facilitated two groups weekly focusing on open process psychotherapy and rehabilitation living skills training.
- Participated in interdisciplinary treatment team consultation and team meetings.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Advanced Issues in the Assessment of Psychopathy – Hare PCL–R Training** February 2024
California Department of State Hospitals Forensic Services Division
Instructor: Kevin S. Douglas, LL.B., Ph.D.
- Advanced Assessment of Competence to Stand Trial** May 2023
California Department of State Hospitals Forensic Services Division
Instructor: Lori L. Hauser, Ph.D., ABPP
- Recognizing and Managing Errors Associated with Logic, Weighing Evidence, and Forensic Reasoning** May 2023
California Department of State Hospitals Forensic Services Division
Instructor: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP
- Inter–rater Reliability in Forensic Assessment** May 2023
California Department of State Hospitals Forensic Services Division
Instructor: Daniel Murrie, Ph.D.
- The HCR–20 Version 3 Advanced Training: Formulation, Reports, and Testimony** April 2022
California Department of State Hospitals – Patton
Instructors: Kevin S. Douglas, LL.B., Ph.D., and Stephen D. Hart, Ph.D.
- MMPI–3 Applications in Forensic Settings** February 2022
California Department of State Hospitals – Patton
Instructor: Anthony Tarescavage, Ph.D.
- The Historical Clinical Risk Management–20, Version 3 Foundational Training** December 2021
California Department of State Hospitals – Patton
Instructors: David W. Contreras, Jr., Psy.D., ABPP, Sean Evans, Ph.D., and Mario Souza, Psy.D., ABPP
- SARATSO Static–99R Training** May 2021
California Department of State Hospitals – Patton
Instructors: Craig Teofilo, Psy.D. and Erik Fox, J.D., Ph.D.
- Assessment of Malingering** April 2021
Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy, University of Virginia
Instructors: Richard Rogers, Ph.D., ABPP, and Scott Bender, Ph.D., ABPP–CN
- Practical Approaches to Formulating Criminal Responsibility Opinions** February 2020
American Academy of Forensic Psychology Continuing Education Workshop
Instructors: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP, and Maureen L. Reardon, Ph.D., ABPP
- Assessment of Malingering: Pathways Through Conundrums and Complications** November 2016
OhioMHAS Forensic Conference
Instructor: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP

Ethics for Forensic Clinicians

OhioMHAS Forensic Conference

Instructor: Bob Stinson, Psy.D., J.D., LICDC–CS, ABPP

November 2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Reviewer: *Law and Human Behavior*

April 2023

Appointed by the editor of *Law and Human Behavior*, a journal published by the American Psychological Association, to provide peer review and editorial assistance for research articles submitted for publication.

Cultural Mistrust Research Lab

September 2020 – Present

California Department of State Hospitals – Patton

Patton, CA

Supervisor: David Glassmire, Ph.D., ABPP

- Examining the effects of cultural mistrust within objective measures, such as the MMPI instruments and PAI

Graduate Research Assistant

April 2017 – June 2019

Forensic Assessment and Research Evaluation Team

Wright State University

Dayton, OH

Supervisor: Wendy R. Dragon, Ph.D.

- Conducted literature reviews focusing on clinical and social justice issues related to the forensic population.
- Assisted in developing national conference presentations offering treatment interventions and recommendations, and advocacy efforts for the forensic population.

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2016 – June 2019

Borderline Personality Disorder Research Initiative Team

Wright State University

Dayton, OH

Supervisor: Wendy R. Dragon, Ph.D.

- Conducted literature reviews focusing on issues impacting low-income and forensically-involved women with Borderline Personality Disorder.
- Assisted in developing national conference presentations offering treatment interventions and recommendations, and advocacy efforts.
- Findings were applied to a DBT skill training group ran through The Ellis Institute.

Graduate Research Assistant

October 2016 – December 2017

The Crosby Research Lab

Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Cincinnati, OH

Supervisor: Lori Crosby, Psy.D.

- Conducted data collection.

- Facilitated weekly phone calls to study participants.
- Provided psychoeducation in order to improve the participants' behavioral activation, self-efficacy, readiness, and skills necessary to becoming collaborative partners in managing their health to decrease symptoms.

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2011 – May 2011

Center for Harm Reduction: Homeless Health Care LA

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Supervisor: Carol Prescott, Ph.D.

- Assisted with the identification of characteristics that mediate and moderate treatment response among 400 adults receiving treatment for substance abuse and co-occurring disorders at Homeless Healthcare Los Angeles.
- Analyzed and entered patient data regarding harm-reduction drug treatment.

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Dixon, J.N., Caddell, T.M., Alexander, A.A., Burchett, D., Anderson, J.L., Marek, R.J., & Glassmire, D.M. (2023). Adapting assessment processes to consider cultural mistrust in forensic practices: An example with the MMPI instruments. *Law and Human Behavior*, 47(1), 292–306.
<https://doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000504>

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conference Symposia

Dixon, J.N., LaRue, G., & Dragon, W.R. (2018, March). *Building resilience among women under community supervision*. Symposium conducted at The Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Hayburn, A.K., Stephenson, M., Evans, A., Giwa, M.B., **Dixon, J.N.,** You, S.D., Sherlock, S.J., & Cigrang, J.A. (2017, March). *Integration of behavioral health services into a safety net outpatient medical clinic*. Showcase presented at the annual All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry, Cleveland, OH.

Schultz, M.S., Dragon, W.R., Graddick, D., Tripp, E., **Dixon, J.N.,** Douglas, D., & LaRue, G. (2017, March). *Professionalism in a diverse world: A structured discussion for graduate students and early career professionals*. Structured discussion presented at The Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Poster Presentations

Dixon, J.N., & Dragon, W.R. (2018, August). *Examination of diversity modifications and sensitivity of child protective service (CPS) referred parenting programs*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

- Giwa, M.B., **Dixon, J.N.**, Appiah-Kubi, L., LaRue, G., & Jackson, L. (2018, June). *Implementing a mindfulness program to improve quality of life in African American spousal caregivers of Alzheimer's patients*. Poster presented at The Association of Black Psychologists Annual Convention, Oakland, CA.
- Santullano, D., **Dixon, J.N.**, & Jackson, L.D. (2018, April). *Conflict transformation: Gun violence in America*. Poster presented at the Ohio Psychological Association Annual Convention, Columbus, OH.
- Dixon, J.N.**, LaRue, G., O'Koon, B., Ziegler, P., & Dragon, W.R. (2018, March). *Are low SES women and women of color an at-risk population in the legal system?* Poster presented at The Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- O'Koon, B., LaRue, G., **Dixon, J.N.**, Ziegler, P., & Dragon, W.R. (2018, March). *When feminism and transgender rights collide: Helping clinicians fight 'body wars' on both fronts*. Poster presented at The Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Dixon, J.N.**, LaRue, G., Tripp, E., Gauvin, S., Chevere, C., Douglas, D., Meyer, C. (2017, November). *Gender bias in the legal system: Are mothers an at-risk population?* Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- LaRue, G., **Dixon, J.N.**, Chevere, C., Tripp, E., Gauvin, S., Douglas, D., Meyer, C. (2017, November). *Factors that lead to recidivism for offenders with serious mental illness*. Poster presented at the American Society of Criminology Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- LaRue, G., **Dixon, J.N.**, & Dragon, W. (2017, September). *Trauma-Informed care for African – American males in the criminal justice system*. Poster presented at the Diversity Research Symposium, Muncie, IN.
- Kelly Jr., D., Kniffley Jr., S.D., Brown, E.L., **Dixon, J.N.**, LaRue, G., & Warfield, J.R. (2017, July). *These barriers won't hold me back: Black males, severe mental illness, help seeking behavior, & culturally sensitive interventions*. Poster presented at The Association of Black Psychologists Annual Convention, Houston, TX.
- Dixon, J.N.**, LaRue, G., & Dragon, W. (2017, June). *Implementing dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) in correctional institutions*. Poster presented at the Ohio Forensic Centers Continuing Education Annual Conference, Dublin, OH.
- Douglas, D., Gauvin, S., LaRue, G., Chevere, C., **Dixon, J.N.**, Tripp, E., & Meyer, C. (2017, June). *Transgender care in the prison system*. Poster presented at the Ohio Forensic Centers Continuing Education Annual Conference, Dublin, OH.
- Tripp, E., Gauvin, S., Chevere, C., Douglas, D., LaRue, G., **Dixon, J.N.**, & Meyer, C. (2017, May). *The impact of rape myth acceptance on juror bias*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

- Dixon, J.N.,** LaRue, G., Kelly Jr., D., Dragon, W., & Warfield, J.R. (2017, April). *Cultural considerations for implementing dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) with minorities*. Poster presented at the Ohio Psychological Association Annual Convention, Columbus, OH.
- LaRue, G., **Dixon, J.N.,** Douglas, D., O’Koon, B., & Dragon, W.R. (2017, March). *Advocacy for women of color and low socioeconomic status (SES) in the legal system*. Poster presented at The Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.
- Hayburn, A.K., Stephenson, M., Evans, A., **Dixon, J.N.,** Giwa, M.B., You, S.D., Sherlock, S.J., & Cigrang, J.A. (2017, March). *An assessment of providers’ perception of needs and potential helpfulness of integrated behavioral health services at a free outpatient medical clinic*. Poster presented at the Association of Psychologists in Academic Health Centers Annual Conference, Detroit, MI.
- Douglas, D., O’Koon, B., **Dixon, J.N.,** LaRue, G., & Dragon, W.R. (2017, January). *The impact of socioeconomic status on involvement in the legal system: A literature review*. Poster presented at the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Schultz, M.S., Cigrang, J.A., **Dixon, J.N.,** Evans, A., Giwa, M.B., Hayburn, A.K., Sherlock, S.J., Stephenson, M., & You, S.D. (2017, January). *Integrating health service psychology training and service into primary care: Report of a pilot project serving a low income population in a free medical clinic*. Poster presented at The National Council of Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology Mid–Winter Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- Dixon, J.N.,** Douglas, D., LaRue, G., Dragon, W.R., Dixon, J., & Dixon, D. (2016, June). *Forensic and clinical implications for African American women perceived as having Borderline Personality Disorder*. Poster presented at the Ohio Forensic Centers Continuing Education Annual Conference, Dublin, OH.

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Forensic Assessment Supervisor August 2021 – September 2022

California Department of State Hospitals – Patton

- Forensic assessment supervisor for the APA – accredited Patton State Hospital Clinical Psychology Internship.
- Provided weekly supervision of cases involving assessment of competency to stand trial, malingering, and psychodiagnostic, to predoctoral interns.

Predoctoral Practicum Supervisor August 2021 – September 2022

California Department of State Hospitals – Patton

- Provided weekly supervision to predoctoral practicum trainees regarding psychotherapy and assessment.

Assessment Peer Supervisor
Wright State University
Dayton, OH

September 2018 – May 2019

- Provided weekly individual supervision of psychotherapy and assessment cases to 2nd year predoctoral graduate students.
- Reviewed session transcripts and video recordings to provide formal written feedback of performance and identify strengths and areas of growth.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Invited Guest Lecturer – Risk Assessments

October 2020

Forensic Assessment
Wright State University
Dayton, OH
Graduate Course (PSI 9160)

- Lectured on reasons for conducting risk assessments, federal and state statutes related to risk assessment, different types of risk assessment approaches and risk assessment measures.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

APA Division 41 American Psychology – Law Society
American Psychological Association