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## ***Professional Career:*** \_\_\_\_\_

10/05 – present      **Licensed Psychologist**  
Private Practice  
Sandy Springs, Georgia

Working as independent practitioner in private practice setting performing psychological and psychoeducational evaluations for individuals of preschool age to adult. Providing psychotherapy for families, individuals, children and adolescents. Participating in ongoing consultation with parents, schools, and community groups and organizations regarding mental health, educational, behavior and family issues (including speaking engagements and presentations).

## ***Educational History:*** \_\_\_\_\_

9/00 – 8/04              **Doctor of Philosophy**  
Counseling Psychology (APA Accredited)  
University of Georgia, Athens

9/98 – 5/00              **Master of Education**  
Guidance and Counseling (CACREP Accredited)  
University of Georgia, Athens

8/93 – 6/97              **Bachelor of Science**  
University of Georgia, Athens

## ***Dissertation:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Predicting Recidivism and Crime Severity in a Male Juvenile Delinquent Population Using the MMPI-A*

***Supervised Clinical Experience:*** \_\_\_\_\_

9/04-10/05      **Postdoctoral Fellowship** – Sandy Springs Psychological Center, P.C., Atlanta, GA.

*Director and Supervisor: Judy D. Wolman, Ph.D.*

Worked as an independent practitioner in private practice setting performing psychological and psychoeducational evaluations for individuals of preschool age to adult. Provided psychotherapy for families, individuals, children and adolescents. Attended biweekly supervision with a licensed psychologist.

9/03-8/04      **Pre-Doctoral Internship** – Northwest Georgia Internship Consortium (APA Accredited), Rome, GA.

*Director: Shelly Plaut, Psy.D.*

*Associate Director: Victor Wolski, Ph.D.*

In addition to three individual four-month training rotations, attended weekly seminars which covered topics such as ethics, assessment, multiculturalism, supervision, risk assessment, organizational issues, forensic psychology, and professional development. Also maintained year-long psychotherapy client load of two adult state hospital inpatients who suffered from severe and persistent mental illness. Attended year-long group supervision and supervision of empirically supported treatments with persons with persistent mental illness. Provided supervision to doctoral level practicum student. Separate individual four-month rotations were as follows:

Northwest Georgia Regional Forensics, Rome, GA.

*Supervisors: Shelley Plaut, Psy.D., Lisa Story, Psy.D., and Kevin Richards, Ph.D.*

In a four-month rotation, performed forensic evaluations for both child, adolescent, and adult populations. Child and adolescent assessments involved psychological evaluation and report of findings to the court, as well as competency evaluations. Adult evaluations involved competency to stand trial and determination of responsibility for criminal actions.

Murhpy-Harpst Children's Centers – Harpst Campus,  
Cedartown, GA.

*Supervisor: Brian Parks, Psy. D.*

Over a period of four months, performed full psychological evaluations, behavioral/ADHD evaluations, brief educational evaluations, and brief intelligence evaluations. Consulted with psychiatrist, psychologist, therapists, nursing staff, school personnel, and residential staff in treatment planning. Attended weekly multidisciplinary treatment team meetings. Supervised two doctoral level therapy practicum students and one doctoral level diagnostic practicum student. Provided a mentor relationship for two residents. Attended weekly group supervision as well as individual supervision.

Lookout Mountain Community Services: Patria Center,  
Chickamauga, GA.

*Supervisor: Jesse Hawk, Ph.D.*

Over a period of four months, maintained weekly therapy caseload of adolescents in long-term residential substance abuse treatment who carried a dual diagnosis of substance abuse and mental health problems. Co-led and led daily psychotherapy and psychoeducational groups. Assisted in recreational therapy. At the same time, maintained a caseload of adolescent day-treatment clients who had been diagnosed with mental illness, but receive services on an outpatient basis. Assisted in after-school psychoeducational groups. Consulted with caseworkers and other medical professionals in treatment planning. Attended weekly multidisciplinary treatment team meetings and weekly individual supervision.

1/03-5/03

**Doctoral Level Practicum in School Psychology.**

Department of Educational Psychology, University of Georgia, Athens.

*Supervisors: Leslie Munson, Ph.D. and Jonathan Campbell, Ph.D.*

Completed second doctoral assessment practicum in the school psychology clinic Spring Semester of 2003. Requirements included completing 3 comprehensive assessments with school-aged children as well as contributing to the completion of at least 3 more (6 total).

5/02-6/03

**Coordinator of Juvenile Counseling And Assessment Program (JCAP) Psychological Evaluations,** University of Georgia, Athens.

*Supervisor – Brian A. Glaser, Ph.D.*

Coordinated all psychological assessment and evaluation services provided by JCAP to the Departments of Juvenile Justice for an 11 county area of Northeast Georgia, including the Athens-Clarke County Department of Juvenile Justice. Coordinated team of five doctoral level clinicians providing psychological evaluations for detained and adjudicated youth for the purposes of treatment planning and making recommendations to the Juvenile Court. Position required collaborative consultation with the Department of Juvenile Justice to optimize services being provided.

5/01-6/03

**Administration of JCAP Psychological Evaluations,**  
University of Georgia, Athens.  
*Supervisor – Brian A. Glaser, Ph.D.*

Provided the service of administering psychological evaluations for detained and adjudicated youth, as well as consulted with the Department of Juvenile Justice for the purposes of treatment planning and making recommendations for further placement within the Juvenile Justice system. All services provided were under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist. Testing sites included multiple county Department of Juvenile Justice Offices and area youth detention centers.

1/02-5/03

**Supervision of Master's Level Clinicians,** Community Counseling Program, Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, University of Georgia, Athens.  
*Supervisor – Georgia B. Calhoun, Ph.D.*

Provided individual supervision for a range of two to four Master's level counselors per semester, under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist.

5/01-6/02

**Doctoral Level Clinical and Diagnostic Practicum - Center for Counseling and Personal Evaluation,**  
University of Georgia, Athens.  
*Supervisors – Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. & V. Gayle Spears, Ph.D.*

Provided individual and group counseling services for the Athens area community as well as the University of Georgia student body. Conducted an average of approximately 5-8 individual, couple, or family counseling sessions per week and one 90-minute group counseling session per week with clients who had a wide range of presenting issues. Performed general psychological evaluations, learning disability evaluations, and ADHD evaluations.

5/01-6/02

**Group Co-Leader,** Center for Counseling and Personal Evaluation, Athens, Georgia.  
*Supervisor – V. Gayle Spears, Ph.D.*

Co-facilitated a non-verbal learning disability group with six members. Focused on social skills learning, problem solving skills, interpersonal exploration, as well as facilitated support within the group.

9/00 – 8/02

**Counseling Program Coordinator**, Athens Regional Youth Detention Center, Athens, Georgia  
*Supervisor – Bryan Shaw, SSPII, Athens RYDC and Brian A. Glaser, Ph.D.*

Supervised and coordinated JCAP individual and group counseling services provided by a Master's cohort of six. Assigned appropriate clients to JCAP counselors and was responsible for coordinating individual counseling services as well as evening group counseling activities. Supervised counseling groups and periodically evaluated content. Supervised Mental Health Technicians. Attended and gave weekly input for treatment team meetings. Reported directly to Social Service Provider II (SSPII). Met with SSPII weekly for continuity of services. Assisted SSPII and psychologist as needed.

1/99 - 5/00

**Master's level practicum/internship - Juvenile Counseling and Assessment Program**, Department of Counseling Human Services, University of Georgia, Athens.  
*Supervisors – Sonya Philpott, M.S., Brian A. Glaser, Ph.D., Georgia B. Calhoun, Ph.D.*

Provided counseling services to adolescent clients involved with the Athens-Clarke County Juvenile Court and to youth detained at the Athens Regional Youth Development Center (ARYDC). Conducted counseling sessions with between 6-12 clients per week in a variety of settings that included schools, courthouse, and the local department of juvenile justice. Used various assessment instruments to aid in counseling procedures.

9/99 - 5/00

**Group Co-Leader**, Athens Regional Youth Detention Center, Athens, Georgia.  
*Supervisors – Sonya Philpott, M.S. and Brian A. Glaser, Ph.D.*

Co-lead group therapy sessions with detained youth twice weekly. Topics included offense analysis, conflict resolution, family issues, and drug and alcohol issues. Held open/unstructured groups once a week where students led direction and topic.

4/99 - 5/00

**Group Co-Facilitator Family Solutions Program,**  
Department of Child and Family Development, University of  
Georgia, Athens.  
*Supervisor- William H. Quinn, Ph.D.*

Co-facilitated three separate group cycles. These were structured  
10-session cycles of a multiple family group for juvenile first time  
offenders and their families. Topics included communication,  
anger management, cooperation, education, and conflict  
resolution.

***Research Experience:*** \_\_\_\_\_

8/98 – 6/03

**Juvenile Counseling and Assessment Program (JCAP)  
Research Team,** Department of Counseling and Human  
Development Services, University of Georgia, Athens.  
*Directors - Georgia B. Calhoun, Ph.D. and Brian A. Glaser,  
Ph.D.*

Administered, scored, and evaluated assessment instruments  
within a juvenile population at the Athens Regional Youth  
Detention Center and among other juveniles on probation.  
Maintained databases for the examination of the research data  
collected.

9/96 – 6/98

**Research Assistant,** Department of Cognitive Psychology,  
University of Georgia, Athens.  
*Supervisor - Richard L. Marsh, Ph.D.*

Worked on three different experiments. (1) Collected data on  
electrophysiological correlates of source monitoring using event-  
related potentials (ERP's) to determine topographical pattern of  
activity across the brain, (2) investigated source-monitoring  
performance focusing on behavioral performance, and (3)  
collected data on event-based prospective memory.

***Publications:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Glaser, B. A., & Cohen, P. J. (2005). Treating juvenile substance  
abuse in the institutional setting. In B. Sims (Ed.), *Substance  
abuse treatment with correctional clients* (pp. 197-210).  
Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press

Cohen, P. J., Glaser, B. A., Calhoun, G. B., & Petrocelli, J. V.  
(2005). Examining readiness for change: A preliminary evaluation  
of the University of Rhode Island Change Assessment (URICA)  
with incarcerated adolescents. *Measurement and Evaluation in  
Counseling and Development* 38, 45-62.

Cohen, Paul (2004). *Predicting recidivism and crime severity in a male juvenile delinquent population using the MMPI-A*. Doctoral dissertation, The University of Georgia.

***Workshops, Trainings, and Presentations Given:*** \_\_\_\_\_

- 10/05-present      Numerous speaking engagements to community organizations, parent groups, and schools regarding topics varying from psychological testing, AD/HD, parenting, behavior management, learning disabilities, etc.
- 2/05      **The Georgia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, Atlanta, GA.
- Co-led 90 minute seminar entitled "Psychological Testing for Learning Disabilities and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders". Leslie A. Stuart, Kathy Ferrell-Swann, and Paul J. Cohen
- 7/04      **Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital**, Rome, GA.
- Co-led seminar (3-one hour sessions) entitled, "Burnout and Compassion Fatigue: What is it and How Do I prevent it from Happening to Me?"  
Paul J. Cohen, Patricia Skellie, and Scott Smith
- 4/04      **Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers**, Cedartown GA.
- Conducted 90-minute staff training on Reactive Attachment Disorder.
- 4/04      **Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital**, Rome GA.
- Led 60-minute training for psychology staff entitled, "Adolescent Risk Assessment: A Review of the Hare Psychopathy Scale – Youth Version."
- 5/01      **The Institute for Families: Substance Abuse Issues with Children and Adolescents**, Athens, GA.
- Led two-hour seminar/workshop on substance abuse group therapy with incarcerated male juvenile offenders.

3/01 **APA Counseling Psychology (Division 17) National Conference, Houston TX.**

Co-presented 50-minute symposium panel entitled, “*A Competency-based Approach to Juvenile Delinquency*”.  
Brian Glaser, Jeffrey Bates, Curtis Brooks, Paul Cohen, Stacie Ottley, Zane Scarborough, Tres Stefurak.

1/00 **Association for Specialists in Group Work, Deerfield Beach, FL**

Co-led roundtable discussion entitled, “*Group Work with Male Incarcerated Offenders*”.  
Georgia Calhoun, Paul Cohen, Meade Morris, Eric Przybylek, Zane Scarborough, Tres Stefurak.

***Professional Memberships and Affiliations:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Georgia Psychological Association (GPA) – Fellow  
American Psychological Association (APA)  
International Dyslexia Association (IDA)  
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders (CHADD)  
Member of the Board of Trustees –  
Swift School, Roswell, GA (2011-2016)

***Teaching Experiences:*** \_\_\_\_\_

4/03 **Guest Lecturer for Graduate Level Introductory Measurement and Evaluation Course - Applied Educational Assessment (ERSH 4600/6600), Department of Educational Research, University of Georgia, Athens.**

Topic involved using personality assessment in the educational setting. In particular, the use of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – Adolescent Version (MMPI-A) with school-aged adolescents.

1/03 – 5/03 **Guest Lecturer and Teacher for Doctoral Level Assessment Course (ECHD 9620), Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, University of Georgia, Athens.**

Provided instruction and lecture on intelligence, behavioral, and personality assessment, as well as proper psychological evaluation report writing and structure. In addition, led



discussions on the ethical use of test results in counseling and psychotherapy with individuals from diverse populations.

8/02-5/03

**Teaching Assistant for Community Counseling Master's Level Internship Course, ECHD 7860**, Department of Counseling and Human Development Services, University of Georgia, Athens.

Co-led Master's level counseling internship course with V. Gayle Spears, Ph.D. Performed clinical group supervision of a cohort of 13 Master's level clinicians.

***Additional Work Experience:*** \_\_\_\_\_

5/00 - 8/00

**After-school and Summer Program Teacher/Coordinator**, Primrose School of Mansell, Roswell, GA

Coordinated summer activities for day camp, which included field trips, arts and crafts, educational units, and themes. As after-school Explorer's Club lead teacher, was responsible for weekly lesson plans and activities. Also responsible for class of up to 12 children ranging from ages 6-12.

3/98 - 11/98

**Mental Health Associate**, Charter Behavioral Health Systems of Athens, Athens, GA

Assisted nursing and counseling staff on in-patient psychiatric units. Worked with adolescent, adult, and geriatric populations. Monitored patients, completed intake procedures for incoming patients, co-led group therapy, co-ran group recreational therapy, and assisted in charting and documenting patients' progress.

***Scholarly Awards/Honors:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Psi Chi (Psychology National Honors Society)  
Delta Epsilon Iota National Honors Society  
Presidential Scholar (Spring 1995, Spring 1996, Winter 1997, Spring 1997)  
Dean's List (Winter 1996)