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## EDUCATION

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- 2018                      **Spalding University**, Louisville, KY  
Doctor of Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited; Psy.D.)  
Emphasis Area: Forensic
- 2015                      **Spalding University**, Louisville, KY  
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited; M.A.)  
Emphasis Area: Forensic
- 2011                      **Indiana University Southeast**, New Albany, IN  
Bachelor of Arts Degree  
Major: Psychology  
Minor: Spanish

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## LICENSURE

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- Sept 2020              Licensed Clinical Psychologist, HSP, Kentucky Board of Examiners #262137
- Feb 2020                Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Ohio State Psychology Board #P.08008
- May 2019                Licensed Clinical Psychologist, HSPP, Indiana State Psychology Board #20043251B

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## CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Feb 2020- Present      **Kaplan Forensic Psychological Services, Louisville, Kentucky**  
***Owner/ Forensic and Clinical Psychologist***
- The provision of civil and criminal forensic evaluations, consultation, and expert-witness testimony in relation to various psycho-legal questions (i.e., Federal Presentence, Competence to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, Parental Capacity, Psychosexual & Violent Risk etc.);
  - Contracted with the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services (CCDJFS) since June 2020 to provide psychological assessment services:
    - Comprehensive parenting psychological evaluations to determine the presence of psychological, interpersonal medical, and cognitive impairments and any and all associated impacts on an individual's parental capacity; ***\*Ohio JFS evaluations not noted on this CV***
    - Pre-Adoption evaluations to ensure safe and successful placements of children in the custody of the state;
    - Supervision of the provision of parenting psychological evaluations and other associated contract services by licensed psychologists.
  - Supervision of master-level clinicians,, with a major emphasis on psycho-diagnostic assessment, conceptualization, and the application of forensic psychology;
  - Therapy conceptualized and executed using psychodynamic and cognitive

behavioral theory and techniques with adults and adolescents. Treatment of mood disorders, personality disorders, and trauma-related disorders.

July 2020- Feb 2021 **Court Clinic, Cincinnati, Ohio**

***Forensic Psychologist***

- Conducted a variety of forensic evaluations for defendants involved in the criminal justice system in Cincinnati, Ohio. Evaluations answered referral questions posed by the courts (i.e., Mitigation of Sentence & Treatment Advisability).

Aug 2018- Feb 2021 **Associates in Counseling and Psychotherapy, New Albany, Indiana**

***Clinical and Forensic Psychologist***

- Individual, family, and couples therapy utilizing evidence-based cognitive behavioral and psychodynamic techniques;
- Conducted group therapy at Wyandotte House, a Blue River Services run residential group home for Department of Child Services (DCS)-involved adolescent females;
- Participated in multidisciplinary team meetings with clinical staff, DCS case managers/social workers, and probation officers;
- Conducted diagnostic and risk-focused forensic psychological evaluations for Juvenile Probation throughout the greater Southern Indiana area.

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## **PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP**

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July 2017-June 2018 **Wright State University Doctoral Internship Program, Dayton, Ohio**

*Description:* The Wright State University' APA-accredited doctoral internship offered competency-based training in diverse areas of clinical practice, with an emphasis on multicultural diversity. Rotations included year-long placements at Ellis Human Development Institute and the Forensic Psychiatry Center for Western Ohio.

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## **COURT APPEARANCES AND FORENSIC SERVICES**

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### **EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Client</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Location</b>
2020	Clark County Job and Family Services	Clark County Juvenile Court	Springfield, OH
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2020	Clark County Job and Family Services	Clark County Juvenile Court	Springfield, OH
2021	Suhre & Associates	Bullitt County Circuit Court	Shepherdsville, KY
2022	Clark County Job and Family Services	Clark County Juvenile Court	Springfield, OH
2022	Department of Public Advocacy (DPA)	Jefferson Co. Circuit Court	Louisville, KY
2023	Clark County Job and Family Services	Clark County Juvenile Court	Springfield, OH
2023	Cabinet for Health and Family Services	Harrison Family Court	Cynthiana, KY
2024	Clark County Job and Family Services	Clark County Juvenile Court	Springfield, OH
2024	The Criminal Justice Act Panel (CJA)	U.S. District Court	Louisville, KY
2025	Katherine Schulz Law	Boone Co. Family Division	Burlington, KY
2025	Mike Burns Law	Jefferson Co. Circuit Court	Louisville, KY
2025	Flanagan, Lieberman, & Rambo	Clark County Juvenile Court	Springfield, OH

**FORENSIC EVALUATION SERVICES****CRIMINAL:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>
2020	U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Kentucky, Northern Division, Covington
2021	Jefferson Circuit Court, Louisville, Kentucky
2021	U.S. District Court: Southern District of Indiana
2021	U.S. District Court: Western District of Kentucky At Louisville
2021	Jefferson Circuit Court, Louisville, Kentucky
2021	U.S. District Court: Western District of Kentucky At Louisville
2021	Kenton County Circuit Court, Covington, Kentucky
2021	Lawrence Superior Court, Bedford, Indiana
2021	Jefferson District Court: Juvenile Division, Louisville Kentucky
2021	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Ten, Louisville, Kentucky
2021	Hardin Circuit Court, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
2022	Breckinridge Circuit Court, Hardinsburg, Kentucky
2022	Hardin District Court, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
2022	Lawrence Superior Court, Bedford, Indiana
2022	Lawrence Superior Court, Bedford, Indiana
2022	Henderson Circuit Court, Henderson, Kentucky
2022	Hardin District Court: Division Two, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
2022	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Three, Louisville, Kentucky
2022	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Eight, Louisville, Kentucky
2022	Rowan Circuit Court, Morehead, Kentucky
2023	U.S. District Court: Western District of Kentucky At Louisville
2023	U.S. District Court: Western District of Kentucky At Louisville
2023	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Ten, Louisville, Kentucky
2023	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Twelve, Louisville, Kentucky
2023	Harrison Superior Court, Corydon, Indiana
2023	Warren Circuit Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky
2024	Marion Circuit Court: Division I, Lebanon, Kentucky
2024	Starke Circuit Court, Knox, Indiana
2024	Nelson Circuit Court: Division II, Bardstown, Kentucky
2024	Carter District Court, Grayson, Kentucky
2024	Metcalfe Circuit Court, Edmonton, Kentucky
2024	Barren Circuit Court, Glasgow, Kentucky
2024	U.S. District Court: Western District of Kentucky At Louisville
2024	Allen Circuit Court: Division I, Scottsville, Kentucky
2024	U.S. District Court: Southern District of Florida
2024	Nelson Circuit Court: Division II, Bardstown, Kentucky
2024	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Twelve, Louisville, Kentucky
2024	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Seven, Louisville, Kentucky
2024	Johnson Superior Court, Franklin, Indiana
2024	Boyd Circuit Court: Division II, Catlettsburg, Kentucky
2024	Bullitt Circuit Court: Division I, Shepherdsville, Kentucky
2025	Bullitt District Court, Shepherdsville, Kentucky
2025	Orange Circuit Court, Paoli, Indiana
2025	Whitley Circuit Court: Division II, Williamsburg, Kentucky
2025	Cumberland Circuit Court, Burkesville, Kentucky
2025	Bullitt District Court: Division I, Shepherdsville, Kentucky
2025	Pike Circuit Court: Division I, Pikesville, Kentucky

2025	Webster District Court, Dixon, Kentucky
2025	McCracken Circuit Court: Division II, Paducah, Kentucky
2025	Montgomery County Common Pleas: Criminal Division, Dayton, Ohio
2025	Campbell Circuit Court, Newport, Kentucky
2025	Campbell Circuit Court, Newport, Kentucky
2025	U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee: Nashville
2025	Nelson District Court, Bardstown, Kentucky
2025	McCracken Circuit Court: Division I, Paducah, Kentucky
2025	Boone County Courts: Division I, Lebanon, Indiana
2025	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Thirteen, Louisville, Kentucky
2025	Spencer Circuit Court, Taylorsville, Kentucky
2025	McCracken Circuit Court, Division I, Paducah, Kentucky
2025	Nelson Circuit Court: Division II, Bardstown, Kentucky
2025	U.S. District Court: Eastern District of Kentucky

**CIVIL:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Venue</b>
2021	Jefferson Circuit Court: Division Ten, Louisville, Kentucky
2022	Harrison Family Court, Cynthiana, Kentucky
2022	Daviess Circuit Court, Owensboro, Kentucky
2023	Oldham Circuit Court: Division II, Hardinsburg, Kentucky
2024	Boone Family Court: Division Four, Burlington, Kentucky
2025	Montgomery District Court: Probate Division, Mount Sterling, Kentucky
2025	Hardin Family Court, Division Four, Elizabethtown, Kentucky
2025	Meade Juvenile Court, Brandenburg, Kentucky
2025	Kenton Circuit Court: Family Division Five, Covington, Kentucky
2025	Hardin Family Court: Division Four, Elizabethtown, Kentucky

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**RELEVANT SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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July 2017-June 2018	<p><b>Ellis Human Development Institute, Dayton, Ohio</b>  <b><u>Community Mental Health Center</u></b>  <i>Description:</i> The Ellis Institute was affiliated with Wright State University and was a community mental health center that provided therapy and assessment services to both children and adults throughout the greater Dayton region and Southwest Ohio.  <i>Responsibilities:</i> Provided individual, group, and couples therapeutic services using evidence-based cognitive-behavioral and psychodynamic techniques and approaches. Utilized Motivational Interviewing (MI) interventions with women diagnosed with substance-use disorders incarcerated at the Montgomery County Jail.</p>
July 2017-June 2018	<p><b>Eastway Behavioral Health Care, Dayton, Ohio</b>  <b><u>Forensic Psychiatry Center for Western Ohio</u></b>  <i>Description:</i> The Forensic Psychiatry Center for Western Ohio, a division of Eastway Behavioral Healthcare, is one of ten Community Forensic Psychiatric Centers certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addictions to</p>

provide court-related evaluation services to assist in the disposition of cases.

*Responsibilities:* Assisted with court-ordered forensic evaluations pertaining to a variety of psycho-legal referral questions, such as Competency to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, Federal Presentencing, and determination of risk level. Conducted clinical interviews with defendants, interviewed collateral sources, and reviewed records.

Provided individual therapy services using evidence-based cognitive-behavioral and psychodynamic techniques and approaches with populations diagnosed with severe mental illnesses (i.e., Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective, Bipolar disorders, Major Depression). Conducted group therapy for women with substance related disorders incarcerated at the Secure Transitional Offender Program (STOP).

Aug 2016-June 2017

**Providence House for Children, Georgetown, Indiana**

**Residential Family Treatment Facility**

*Description:* Providence House for Children provides therapeutic and case management services to DCS involved families. Program participants resided in on-site supportive living apartments, with the primary goal of successful and safe family reunification. Families were often involved in DCS because of sub-standard housing conditions, substance abuse, and/or abuse and neglect.

*Responsibilities:* Individual therapy using evidence-based cognitive behavioral and psychodynamic techniques. Conducted group therapy for dually diagnosed women using the Criminal Conduct and Substance Abuse and Seeking Safety treatment manuals. Provided individualized psychoeducation to parents using the STEP parenting curriculum. Engaged in supervised parent training and live coaching. Administered cognitive and socioemotional assessment batteries and completed diagnostic, integrated reports. Participated in regular treatment team meetings.

Jan 2015-Jan 2017

**Dismas Charities, Louisville, Kentucky**

**Community Correctional Complex**

*Description:* Dismas Charities is a community correctional complex that provides work and education opportunities to offenders to assist with re-entry and reintegration into the community.

*Responsibilities:* Individual therapy using evidence-based cognitive behavioral and psychodynamic techniques, with a heavy emphasis on personality disorder interventions. Conducted group therapy based on aspects from Reasoning and Rehabilitation and Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP). Facilitated milieu therapy in the inmate treatment dorm. Administered cognitive, socioemotional, and forensic assessment batteries and completed diagnostic, risk-related forensic reports. Participated in regular multi-disciplinary staff meetings.

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## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS: RESEARCH, PROFESSIONAL, AND MEDIA**

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Azari, S. (Host). (2026, October 1). Serving Justice [Video podcast episode]. *Trans identity at issue in Brett Kavanaugh murder plot sentencing*. NewsNation.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q\\_3SysVA0oQ&list=PL6PrA6lo8rJJgry76I4OZj5\\_xXz JiZjPY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_3SysVA0oQ&list=PL6PrA6lo8rJJgry76I4OZj5_xXz JiZjPY)

**Kaplan, L.** (September, 2026). *What does a Forensic Psychologist do?* Capstone class presentation and discussion for high school students at F.J. Reitz High School, Evansville, Indiana.

**Kaplan, L.** (September, 2026). *What does a Forensic Psychologist do?* Capstone class presentation and discussion for undergraduate psychology students at Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Battista, C. (2024, Aug. 2). *Mother of boy found dead in suitcase in rural southern Indiana committed to psychiatric facility*. WDRB. [https://www.wdrb.com/news/crime-reports/mother-of-boy-found-dead-in-suitcase-in-rural-southern-indiana-committed-to-psychiatric-facility/article\\_0281e5d6-50e7-11ef-994a-a774c06efd98.html](https://www.wdrb.com/news/crime-reports/mother-of-boy-found-dead-in-suitcase-in-rural-southern-indiana-committed-to-psychiatric-facility/article_0281e5d6-50e7-11ef-994a-a774c06efd98.html).

Battista, C. (2024, April 3). *Forensic psychologist explains the unusual behavior by mother of 5-year-old found dead in suitcase*. WDRB. [https://www.wdrb.com/news/crime-reports/forensic-psychologist-explains-the-unusual-behavior-by-mother-of-5-year-old-found-dead-in/article\\_b200e18a-f1ea-11ee-ad83-23846e444a32.html](https://www.wdrb.com/news/crime-reports/forensic-psychologist-explains-the-unusual-behavior-by-mother-of-5-year-old-found-dead-in/article_b200e18a-f1ea-11ee-ad83-23846e444a32.html).

**Kaplan, L.** (April, 2024). *What does a Forensic Psychologist do?* Capstone class presentation and discussion for undergraduate psychology students at Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky.

**Kaplan, L.** (December, 2021). *Time-limited psychodynamic therapy: An overview*. Presented for doctoral-level students at Cordell and Associates, Dayton, Ohio.

**Kaplan, L.** (2018). *Disrupting the school to prison pipeline: REBT with African-American youth in a school setting* (Publication No. 10932445) [Doctoral dissertation, Spalding University]. ProQuest.

Dickie, I., **Kaplan, L.**, & Tarshish, M. (October, 2016). *A framework for trauma-informed youth justice*. Workshop presented at the International Community Corrections Association annual conference, Toronto, Canada.

Olds, D. & **Kaplan, L.** (August, 2016). *Ethical concerns in rural communities*. Presented as a CEU training to licensed clinicians at a Kentucky Psychological Association (KPA) event, Florence, Kentucky.

**Kaplan, L.** (2016). Ethical considerations: Obsolete tests. *Kentucky Psychological Association Ethics Committee 2016 Newsletter*.

Fleagle, E., **Kaplan, L.**, & Ellis, K. (2015). *Analysis of training factors associated with successful foster parents: A program evaluation of St. Joseph's Children's Home*. Poster presented at the Celebration of Scholarship and Service Day Conference, Louisville, Kentucky.

Bowman, N. & **Kaplan, L.** (2011). *Minorities and attitudes toward organ donation*. Poster presented at the Indiana University Southeast Annual Student Conference, New Albany, Indiana.

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**SUPERVISORY, LEADERSHIP, AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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2024-Present	<b>Dayton Area Psychological Association, Dayton, Ohio</b> <u>Program Administrator</u>
2022-Present	<b>Dayton Area Psychological Association, Dayton, Ohio</b> <u>Ohio Psychological Association (OPA) Regional Representative</u>
2020-Present	<b>Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology, Louisville, Kentucky</b> <u>Supervisor: HSP Designation</u> Approved by the Board to supervise masters-level and doctoral clinicians
2019	<b>American Psychology-Law Society (APLS)</b>

Reviewer for the 2020 APLS Conference

2016-2017 **Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky**  
*Peer Supervisor*

2015-2017 **Kentucky Psychological Association (KPA) Ethics Committee**  
*Student Affiliate Board Member*

2014 **Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky**  
*New Student Interviewer*

Interviewed selected applicants for the doctoral clinical psychology program. Rated qualities of the candidates and provided faculty feedback on applicants.

2011-2014 **Friends of the Renaissance House, Louisville, Kentucky**  
*Board Member*

The Renaissance House was a Seven Counties Services run halfway-house for women with substance use disorders on probation or parole. Participated in bi-monthly board meetings assessing program effectiveness.

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2016- 2017 **Dissertation Research**, Spalding University, Louisville, KY  
*Disrupting the school to prison pipeline: REBT with at-risk African American juveniles in a school setting*

Project consisted of implementing REBT with at-risk African American male juveniles in a school setting. Students with frequent behavioral problems were identified by school administrators. Utilizing a randomized controlled design, the experimental condition group received 12-weeks of REBT group therapy; the control group did not receive group treatment. Outcome data measuring disruptive behaviors, depression, anxiety, anger, and overall risk-level yielded **significant findings** consistent with initial hypotheses.

2012-2017 **Forensic Research Interest Group**, Spalding University, Louisville, KY

- Collaborated in research projects from conceptualization to write-up;
- Read and discussed recent research in the field of forensic psychology;
- Collected data for Restorative Justice Research Project with Louisville Metro Corrections; administered risk assessments to juvenile offenders at court and participated in restorative justice conferences;
- Created a coding manual interpreting data from African prisons located in Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, and Uganda. Data was collected by Dr. Uju Agomoh from Unugu, Nigeria, founder of Prisoners Rehabilitation and Welfare Action (PRAWA), in conjunction with the Prison Reform Intervention in Africa (PRIA).

2014 **St. Joseph's Children's Home**, Spalding University, Louisville, KY

- Evaluated the efficacy of St. Joseph's Therapeutic Foster Care training program, with emphasis on parent satisfaction and success;
- Created a survey measuring attitudes toward the training program, overall satisfaction, and objective and subjective measures of success;
- Presented findings to St. Joseph's staff about ways to improve their foster care program.

2011 **Research Methods Thesis**, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN

*Minorities and attitudes toward organ donation*

Project consisted of investigating minority attitudes toward organ donation through the distribution of a self-created survey. Data regarding beliefs about

organ donation from a variety of minority groups were collected and analyzed.

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## **AWARDS**

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2011	<b>Graduated with Highest Distinction</b> Indiana University Southeast
2011	<b>Outstanding Student Poster Award, Student Conference</b> Indiana University Southeast
2011	<b>Outstanding Student in Public Speaking</b> Indiana University Southeast
2010-2011	<b>Chancellor's List</b> Indiana University Southeast
2010-2011	<b>Alpha Chi Honor Society</b> Indiana University Southeast
2010-2011	<b>Psi Chi Honor Society</b> Indiana University Southeast
2010-2011	<b>Tau Sigma Honor Society</b> Indiana University Southeast

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2025-Present	<b>Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse</b>
2024-Present	<b>Dayton Area Psychological Association</b>
2022-Present	<b>Ohio Psychological Association</b>
2021-Present	<b>Association of Family and Conciliation Courts</b>
2018-Present	<b>American Psychology-Law Society</b>
2012-Present	<b>American Psychological Association</b>
2012-Present	<b>Kentucky Psychological Association</b>
2010-Present	<b>Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology</b>
2019-2021	<b>National Register of Health Service Psychologists</b>

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## **SELECTED SPECIALTY TRAININGS**

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Sept 2025	<b>Legal Abuse as a Continuation of Coercive Control</b> <i>Association of Family and Conciliation Courts</i> Live Webinar <i>Facilitator:</i> Ellen R. Gutowski, Ph.D., C. Psych, M.A., LMFT
Feb 2025	<b>WAIS-5 Overview</b> <i>Dayton Area Psychological Association-Sponsored by: NCS Pearson, Inc.</i>



Live Webinar  
Facilitator: Denise R. Foley, M.Ed.

- Sept 2024     **Advanced Legal Concepts for Forensic Mental Health Professionals**  
*American Academy of Forensic Psychology*  
Third Annual AAFP Meeting & Workshops  
Facilitator: David DeMatteo, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP
- Sept 2024     **The Use of Performance and Symptom Validity Assessment in Special Populations: A Process Approach**  
*American Academy of Forensic Psychology*  
Third Annual AAFP Meeting & Workshops  
Facilitator: James W. Mikesell, Ph.D., ABPP
- Sept 2024     **Child Protection Evaluations: Assessments for Termination of Parental Rights and Other Hearings**  
*American Academy of Forensic Psychology*  
Third Annual AAFP Meeting & Workshops  
Facilitator: Jemour A. Maddux, Psy.D., ABPP
- Jan 2024     **Selected Legal Issues of Interest**  
*Northwest Ohio Psychological Association*  
Facilitator: A. John McSweeney, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP-CN
- Mar 2023     **Uncommon Topics in Sanity Evaluations**  
*American Academy of Forensic Psychology*  
Home Study  
Facilitator: Terry Kukor, Ph.D., ABPP
- Sept 2021     **Cultural Competence, Best Practice, and Risk Management**  
*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*  
2021 AFCC AAML on Advanced Issues in Child Custody Conference
- June 2021     **Advanced Interpretation of the PAI: Distorted Profile Interpretation**  
Virtual Workshop  
Facilitator: Les Morey, Ph.D.
- June 2021     **Introduction to the MMPI-3**  
Webinar  
Facilitator: Yossef Ben-Porath, Ph.D.
- April 2021     **A.D.D.R.E.S.S.I.N.G. Cultural Competence in Forensic Assessments**  
*American Psychology-Law Society (APLS)*  
Facilitators: Yenys Castillo, Ph.D.; Sheila Santiago Schmitt, Psy.D.; & Monique Mendez-Timmons, Psy.D.
- April 2016     **Time-Limited Dynamic Therapy: An Attachment Based, Emotionally Focused, Relational Approach**  
Louisville, KY  
Facilitator: Hanna Levenson, Ph.D.
- Nov 2015     **Intimate Partner Violence: Clinical and Legal Complexities**  
Lexington, KY

Facilitator: Carol Jordan, M.S.

Oct 2015      **Cognitive Processing Therapy**  
Online Training

July 2013      **Level of Service Inventory/CMI (LS/CMI) and Youth Level of Service (YLS)**  
**Scoring and Interpretation**  
Louisville, KY  
Facilitator: Ida Dickie, Ph.D.