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EDUCATION

- 06/10 **Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, West Roxbury, MA (now known as William James College)**
Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology
Concentration: Forensic Psychology
Dissertation: A Structured Interview Tool to Evaluate Juveniles who Kill their Parents
- 01/09 **Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, West Roxbury, MA (now known as William James College)**
Master of Arts in Professional Psychology
- 04/04 **University of Pune, Pune, India**
Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: A Comparative Study of Personality Factors and Environment of Problem Drinkers and Social Drinkers
- 08/02 **Alliance Française, Pune, India**
Advanced Diploma in French Literature (Granted by Le Conseil d'Administration de l' Alliance Française, Paris)
- 05/02 **Fergusson College, Pune, India**
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Psychology
- 08/01 **Alliance Française, Pune, India**
Diploma in French Literature (Granted by Le Conseil d'Administration de l'Alliance Française, Paris)

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

Licensed Psychologist in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
License#10145
Massachusetts Certified Health Service Provider
Certified Juvenile Court Clinician I & II

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 09/11- Present **Harvard Medical School**
Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA
Clinical Fellow in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry

CURRENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

12/15- Present

Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Boston, MA **Assistant in Psychology, Department of Psychiatry**

Staff Psychologist, Juvenile Court Consultation Program

Clinical duties include: Conduct court-ordered evaluations of children and families before the juvenile court for Child Requiring Assistance (CRA), Delinquency, Competence to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility and Care and Protection matters, as well as emergency mental health and substance abuse evaluations and psychological testing. Provide expert-witness testimony and psychological testing. Provide expert-witness testimony and consultation to the court and child serving agencies.

Training and supervision duties include: Supervise pre and post-doctoral psychology students and psychiatry residents. Conduct didactic training seminars for pre and post-doctoral psychology students, social work students and psychiatry residents in topics related to forensic psychology. Organization of Mock Trial with a focus on Expert Witness Testimony. Member of selection committee for pre and post-doctoral applicants.

Co-Coordinator of Psychological Testing, Boston Juvenile Court Clinic

Manage assessment materials including test kits, administration manuals, response forms, scoring software, and other tools required for standardized test procedures. Maintain an inventory of all psychological assessment tools at the Boston Juvenile Court clinic and ensure secure storage of all materials. Liaison with test publishers to ensure that assessment materials and software are up-to-date with professional standards. Place orders with publishers for additional materials as needed. Manage referrals for psychological assessment within the Boston Juvenile Court Clinic (This includes receiving and reviewing testing referrals from multidisciplinary staff, consulting with referring staff and assigning cases to staff psychologist and psychology trainees).

Consultant, Law and Psychiatry Service

Conduct psychological testing and forensic evaluations on a per-diem basis. Offer associated expert-witness consultation and testimony.

03/14- Present

Shrewsbury Youth and Family Services, Shrewsbury, MA

Fee for Service Clinician

Outpatient individual therapy with children, adolescents, adults and families presenting with varied symptomatology.

PREVIOUS CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

09/12 -11/15

Massachusetts General Hospital, Law and Psychiatry Service, Boston, MA **Advanced Post-doctoral Fellow-Juvenile Court Consultation Program**

Advanced fellowship in pediatric forensic psychology. Specialized training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on delinquency issues, CRA petitions (formerly CHINS), Care and Protection petitions, Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility. Additional training in the use of psychological testing for forensic evaluations, and in providing expert-witness testimony. Also responsible for conducting intakes and emergency evaluations.

09/11-08/12

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Post-doctoral Fellow--Children and the Law Program

Fellowship in pediatric forensic psychology. Specialized training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on issues of custody, guardianship, visitation, attachment, and Guardian *ad Litem* appointments. Additional training in the use of psychological testing for forensic evaluations, and in providing expert-witness testimony.

Post-doctoral Fellow--Boston Juvenile Court Clinic

Specialized training in pediatric forensic evaluations focused on delinquency issues, CHINS petitions and Care and Protection petitions. Also responsible for conducting intakes and emergency evaluations.

09/10-08/11

Mendon-Upton Regional School District, Mendon, MA

Psychological Testing Consultant—Clough Elementary School

Administered and prepared psychological testing reports for elementary school students referred through the school district and provided feedback to teams during Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings.

09/10-08/11

Dr. Leon O. Brenner Center for Psychological Assessment and Consultation, Boston, MA

Post-doctoral Fellow—Brenner Center

Specialized training in comprehensive psychological assessment services to address problems of learning and adjustment for children, adolescents and adults.

Post-doctoral Fellow—Children's Charter

Advanced training in psychological testing and forensic evaluation of children, parents and families involved with child protection services including trauma evaluations and parental fitness evaluations. Responsibilities also included evaluations of children and families referred through the Domestic Violence Evaluation Team (Project WCTAI {We Can Talk About It}).

11/08-08/09

Westborough State Hospital, Westborough, MA

APA Accredited Pre-doctoral Intern-Department of Psychiatry

APA approved pre-doctoral internship in Psychology. Specialized training in risk assessments of high-risk adult clients and Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility evaluations. Responsibilities included psychological and neuropsychological testing and individual and group therapy with adult clients with severe and persistent mental illness who have been civilly or forensically committed. Provided Cognitive- Rehabilitative services to clients focused on helping them improve memory skills, attention and concentration.

09/07-06/08

Cambridge Court Clinic, Cambridge, MA

Psychology Intern

Specialized training in Child in Need of Services (CHINS) and delinquency evaluations of juveniles; visitation evaluations and psychological evaluations of parents and families involved with the probate/family court system, mental health evaluations and probation evaluations of adults involved in the criminal justice system. Responsibilities also included psychological testing of referred clients, running two adolescent issues groups focused on decision making, providing therapy to adults involved in the district court and shadowing Certified Juvenile

Court Clinicians and Designated Forensic Psychologists in emergency and crisis evaluations (court calls) and aid in sentencing evaluations. Testified in two visitation/custody cases that went to trial.

09/06-06/07

Children's Charter, Waltham, MA

Psychology Intern

Specialized training in outpatient trauma-focused individual therapy with children, adolescents and adults who have been victims of trauma including physical, sexual, emotional abuse and neglect, witness to domestic violence, grief and bereavement. Specialized training in psychological evaluation and testing of children referred through the Domestic Violence Evaluation Team (Project WCTAI {We Can Talk About It}). Specialized training in forensic evaluations of children, parents and families involved with child protection services including trauma evaluations and parental fitness evaluations. Responsibilities also included coordinating treatment with schools, child protective agencies, domestic violence agencies/shelters and other community agencies as well as participating in clinical and forensic team meeting, meetings for Project GIFT (Grief, Illness, Families, Treatment) and Project WCTAI.

09/05-06/06

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Practicum Student—Southern Jamaica Plain Health Center

Responsibilities included intake evaluations of new referrals, weekly outpatient therapy with children, adolescents, adults and families presenting with varied symptomatology, coordinating treatment with physicians, schools and outside agencies and participating in team meetings and training seminars.

09/04-06/05

Children's Hospital Neighborhood Partnership Program, Boston, MA

Practicum Student—English High School

Responsibilities included intakes and assessments of new referrals, individual therapy with adolescents, crisis counseling for students in distress, tracking and monitoring students involved with the Department of Youth Services, mentoring international students (primarily Somalian refugees) in an afterschool program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

08/10-12/10

Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, West Roxbury, MA (now known as William James College)

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow (Psy.D. Level Course)

Forensic Psychology: Children and Families in the courts

09/09-05/1

Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology, West Roxbury, MA (now known as William James College)

Teaching Assistant (Psy.D. Level Course)

Projective Methods: Rorschach Scoring with the Rorschach Comprehensive System

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

09/03

University of Pune, Pune, India

Primary investigator for a research paper entitled Exploratory Case Studies of Rape Convicts.

- 07/03 **University of Pune, Pune, India**
Co-investigator for a research paper entitled Music Preferences and Personality.
- 08/02 **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India**
Data Collection for a project undertaken by the Department of Medical and Psychiatric Social Work on the Status of women in mental hospitals in Maharashtra for the Maharashtra State Commission for women.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 02/15-05/15 Member of the Universal Structured Method Tools Working Group of the Juvenile Court Clinic
- 11/13-03/14 Member of the Evidence Based Screening and Assessment Working Group of the Juvenile Court Clinic Strategic Plan

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 03/16 2015 Partners in Excellence Team Award In Recognition of Outstanding Performance and Commitment to Excellence. Awarded by the Massachusetts General Hospital
- 05/02 Ranked 8th in Psychology among statewide candidates under the University of Pune, India in the Bachelor of Arts examination
- 05/02 Ranked 9th overall among statewide candidates under the University of Pune, India in the Bachelor of Arts examination
- 06/00-02/01 Selected for and participated in the Pune-Bretigny Exchange Program with Lycée Timbaud, Bretigny, France

INVITED TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

Khialani, P. (January 2017). *Evaluating Parenting Abilities: The role of the Court Clinic in Care and Protection petitions*. Presented to the Forensic Team at Children’s Charter, Waltham, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (December 2016). *Domestic Violence*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (December 2016). *Conduct Disorder in Children and Adolescents*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (November 2016). *Rorschach Inkblot Test*. Presented for the masters level class, *Introduction to Psychological Testing* at Suffolk University, Boston, Massachusetts

Audet, D. & **Khialani, P.** (September 2016). *Care and Protection Evaluations*. Presented for the doctoral level class, *Forensic Psychology I: Children and Families* at William James College, Newton, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (March 2016). *Domestic Violence and its Impact*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Abelson, L., **Khialani, P.** & Murphy, J. (February 2016). *Interviewing Young Children*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Darsney, C. & **Khialani, P.** (November 2015). *Legal Foundations of Expert Witness Testimony*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Darsney, C. & **Khialani, P.** (July 2015). *Expert Witness Testimony*. Presented at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (December 2014). *Domestic violence*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Crespi-Hunt, C. & **Khialani, P.** (October 2014). *Disproportionate minority contact: Implications and recommendations for court-involved youth*. Workshop presented at the annual Diversity Challenge of the Boston College Institute for the Promotion of Race and Culture, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (April 2014). *Domestic violence*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Casey, K., Audet, D., Klein, E. & **Khialani, P.** (May 2013). *The role of the Juvenile Court Consultation Program in an evolving juvenile justice system*. Poster session presented at the 1st annual MGH Community Psychiatry update. Boston, Massachusetts

Khialani, P. (November, 2012). *Domestic violence*. Presented at The Boston Juvenile Court Clinic: Juvenile Forensic Seminar Series, Boston, Massachusetts

Limon, S., Riffin, T & **Khialani, P.** (May 2012). *The impact of domestic violence on children*. Presented at Committee for Public Counsel Services: "Issues of domestic violence in juvenile court after Vaughn," Boston, Massachusetts

D'Cruz, N., **Khialani, P.** & Ram, U. (February 2004). *Music preferences and personality*. Presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Psychology: "On psychology and development: Issues and prospects," Kharagpur, India

Khialani, P. & Natsu, S. (February, 2004). *Exploratory case studies of rape convicts*. Presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Psychology: "On psychology and development: Issues and prospects," Kharagpur, India

D'Cruz, N., **Khialani, P.** & Ram, U. (October 2003). *Music preferences and personality*. Presented at the University of Pune, Pune, India. Also presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Psychology: "On psychology and development: Issues and prospects," Kharagpur, India

LANGUAGES:

English (Full Professional Proficiency)

Hindi (Limited Working Proficiency)

French (Limited Working Proficiency)