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LICENSURE

Licensed Psychologist – State of Maryland, # 05153

EDUCATION

Aug 2006 – Aug 2011
Arlington, Virginia

Argosy University, Washington DC
APA-Accredited Clinical Psychology Program
Doctorate in Clinical Psychology
Clinical Concentration: Neuropsychology

Aug 2001 – May 2003
Baltimore, Maryland

University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Bachelor of Arts – Major in Psychology; Minor in Judaic Studies

WORK/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

August 2013 – Present
Columbia, Maryland

NeuroBehavioral Associates
Clinical Psychologist/Neuropsychologist

- ◆ Provide a broad range of neuropsychological assessment and consultation services with children, adolescents, and adults with congenital and acquired neurological and neurobehavioral disorders. Specialize in attention and learning disorders, developmental disabilities, traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, neurocognitive disorders, emotional and behavioral disorders, and autism spectrum disorders
- ◆ Generate neuropsychological reports and provide feedback to relevant parties on assessment results and clinical recommendations based on the individual's pattern of strengths and weaknesses
- ◆ Conduct forensic and independent neuropsychological consultative and evaluation services
- ◆ Provide school consultation and liaison services and collaborate with teachers and Individualized Education Program (IEP) team members to facilitate implementation of school-based supports
- ◆ Provide neuropsychology supervision to master- and doctoral-level practicum students

August 2014 – Present
Reisterstown, Maryland

Comprehensive Developmental Services, LLC
Clinical Psychologist/Neuropsychologist

- ◆ Serve as a forensic consultant and evaluator for the Maryland Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Administration
- ◆ Complete forensic evaluations of adults and juveniles
- ◆ Review State agency determinations of eligibility for services for applicants with alleged developmental disability

Sept 2011 – Aug 2013
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The Hospital for Sick Children (APPCN Member Program)
Department of Psychology
Neuropsychology Post-Doctoral Fellow

- ◆ Conducted neuropsychological evaluations and consultations for a wide range of conditions seen in a tertiary health care center
- ◆ Worked with pediatric populations within Epilepsy, Genetics/Metabolics, Leukemia/Lymphoma, Neonatal Follow-Up, and Sickle Cell Disease programs
- ◆ Worked with adult populations with epilepsy, movement disorders, and neurocognitive disorders
- ◆ Generated neuropsychological reports and provided psychoeducation and clinical recommendations to families based on assessment results
- ◆ Generated neuropsychological reports used in a legal forum
- ◆ Provided verbal and/or written consultation to referring physicians and relevant clinical staff
- ◆ Provided school consultations and collaborated with teachers and IEP team members to facilitate the implementation of school-based interventions and accommodations
- ◆ Worked as a research co-investigator on a grant-funded research project examining the effectiveness of a cognitive remediation program for children with intractable epilepsy
- ◆ Prepared or published several manuscripts on neuropsychological and treatment outcomes in children with intractable epilepsy or rare genetic syndromes in peer-reviewed journals
- ◆ Provided neuropsychology training and supervision to pre-doctoral practicum students, research assistants, and psychometrists
- ◆ Attended and presented cases and training lectures at weekly grand rounds, case conferences, and multidisciplinary Epilepsy and Sickle Cell Disease team meetings
- ◆ Attended specialty didactics in neuropsychology, neuroscience, and health psychology

Sept 2010 – Aug 2011
Detroit, Michigan

Henry Ford Health System (APA-Approved Internship Program)
Neuropsychology Division of the Department of Psychiatry
Pre-Doctoral Intern

- ◆ Conducted comprehensive and focused neuropsychological assessments with children and adolescents with various congenital and acquired central nervous system disorders, with rotations in the inpatient epilepsy unit, general outpatient neuropsychology, and multidisciplinary center for autism and developmental disabilities
- ◆ Worked on an interdisciplinary inpatient epilepsy monitoring unit differentially diagnosing suspected seizure disorders, assisting in accurate localization of seizure focus, and monitoring neurocognitive response to treatment
- ◆ Generated neuropsychological reports and provided psychoeducation and clinical recommendations to families based on assessment results
- ◆ Provided verbal and/or written consultation to referring physicians and relevant clinical staff
- ◆ Collaborated with teachers and IEP team members to facilitate implementation of school-based interventions and accommodations

- ◆ Participated in an inpatient adult psychiatry service doing medical chart reviews, providing differential diagnoses and brief treatment interventions based on behavioral and psychosocial problems associated with medical conditions, and giving feedback to referring physicians
- ◆ Conducted independent evaluations regarding neurobehavioral and neurocognitive capacities raised in a legal forum
- ◆ Provided neuropsychological assessment training and supervision to psychometrists and medical students
- ◆ Attended and presented cases at weekly grand rounds and case conferences, as well as specialty didactics in a neuropsychology lecture series, journal club, neuroscience lecture series, neuroanatomy series, in-vivo ECT observations, and brain-cutting

Sept 2009 – Aug 2010
*Rockville, Maryland
and Washington, DC*

**Children's National Medical Center Pediatric
Neuropsychology Program**
Advanced Pre-Doctoral Extern

- ◆ Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological assessments with children and adolescents with various congenital and acquired central nervous system disorders, with rotations in hematology and oncology, epilepsy, executive functioning clinic, and SCORE concussion clinic
- ◆ Administered, scored, and interpreted neuropsychological tests and generated neuropsychological reports
- ◆ Assisted in providing verbal and/or written feedback to parents, school staff, and referring physicians on assessment results and clinical recommendations
- ◆ Received special training working with the deaf and hard of hearing as part of a multidisciplinary cochlear implant team
- ◆ Attended weekly grand rounds, case conferences, and neuropsychological seminars

March 2004 – Aug 2010
Reisterstown, Maryland

Main Street Mobile Treatment Associates, Inc.
Mobile Treatment Counselor

- ◆ Provided weekly in-home therapeutic services to children with internalizing and externalizing disorders and their families, as well as to adults and senior adults with chronic mental illness and/or chronic medical conditions that preclude them from leaving home
- ◆ Used a wide range of therapeutic techniques including, but not limited to, cognitive-behavioral, solution-focused, psychodynamic, client-centered, and family therapy
- ◆ Provided case management services as needed
- ◆ Assisted in training newly hired mobile treatment therapists
- ◆ Attended multidisciplinary team meetings, grand rounds, and trainings
- ◆ Drove and assisted the treating psychiatrist on mobile treatment visits to clients for medication management

June 2009 – Aug 2010
Reisterstown, Maryland

Comprehensive Developmental Services
Research Assistant

- ◆ Conducted research related to the construct and criterion-related validity of the Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM) with forensic clients with developmental disabilities
- ◆ Coded and entered data related to assessing the TOMM's validity

Sept 2008 – Aug 2009
Baltimore, Maryland

Kennedy Krieger Institute Department of Neuropsychology
Pre-Doctoral Extern

- ◆ Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological assessments and generated reports on a diverse pediatric population, who varied in demographics and medical, neurodevelopmental, attentional, academic, intellectual, social, emotional, and/or behavioral concerns
- ◆ Provided feedback and recommendations to clients' families
- ◆ Received specialty training working in a brain injury clinic with children and adolescents who recently sustained mild to moderate brain injuries
- ◆ Assisted in generating neuropsychological reports used in a legal forum
- ◆ Participated in inpatient neurorehabilitation sessions and multidisciplinary team meetings
- ◆ Compiled and presented case reports at outpatient neuropsychology grand rounds
- ◆ Attended neurology, epilepsy, and inpatient traumatic brain injury case conferences and seminars

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Blackwell, M. & Culotta V. (April, 2019) Private Practice: Bringing Neuroscience to the Public. Invited Presentation, Kennedy Krieger – Fairmont Campus, Baltimore, MD

Fleischer, R., **Blackwell, M.**, Culotta, V. (February, 2019) "Neuropsychological Profile Associated with 12p13.33 Deletion" Poster accepted for presentation at The 46th Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, New York, New York.

Culotta, S. O., Wegfahrt, M. E., and **Blackwell, M. C.** (February, 2019). "Neuropsychological Assessment in Complex Congenital Neurological Disorders: A Study of Myelomeningocele". Poster accepted for presentation at The 46th Annual Meeting of The International Neuropsychological Society, New York.

Culotta, V. & **Blackwell, M.** (2018, November). The Neuroscience of ADHD. Invited Keynote Speaker, Friends School Professional Day, Baltimore, MD

Powell, A., **Blackwell, M.**, & Culotta, V. (2018, February). Neurodevelopmental Variability in Social Skills Associated with Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. Poster presented at the 46th annual International Neuropsychological Society (INS) Conference, Washington, DC.

Robinson, M., **Blackwell, M.**, & Culotta, V. (2017, September). Overshadowing Effects of Childhood-Onset Fluency Disorder on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Abstract published in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 32 (6), 667–765.

Blackwell M. & Culotta, V. (2017, December). Autism Spectrum Disorders: Facilitating Transition and Success After High School – Invited Lecture, 2017 Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF) Conference, Baltimore, MD.

- Culotta, V., **Blackwell M.**, & Griffith, K. (2017, December). Brain-Based Learning: From Classrooms to Videogame Consoles – Invited Lecture, Howard Community College, Columbia, MD.
- Blackwell M.** & Griffith, K. (2017, April). Autism Spectrum Disorders: Facilitating Transition and Post-Secondary Success – Invited Lecture, Special Education Citizen's Advisory Committee (SECAC), Baltimore, MD.
- Shinall, J., Culotta, V., & **Blackwell, M.** (2016, August). Neuropsychological Profile of Mowat-Wilson Syndrome. Abstract published in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 31(6), 642.
- Culotta, V. & **Blackwell, M.** (2016, August). Social Media & Video Games: A Brain Perspective – Invited Lecture, Wye River Upper School, Centreville, MD.
- Kunkes, I. & **Blackwell, M.** (2016, June). Preparing a university for students with an Autism Spectrum Disorder – Invited Lecture, University of Connecticut Postsecondary Disability Training Institute (PTI), Philadelphia, PA.
- Mittal, A., Culotta, V., & **Blackwell, M.** (2016, February). Implications of Congenital Heart Defect on Neurocognitive Development: Case Study of Ebstein's Anomaly. Poster presented at the 44th annual International Neuropsychological Society (INS) Conference, Boston, MA.
- Weiss, S., Griffith, K., **Blackwell, M.**, and Culotta, V. (2015, November). Performance Validity Testing in a Child and Adolescent Population. Abstract published in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 30(6), 538-539.
- Kerr, E. & **Blackwell, M.** (2015, November). Near-transfer effects following working memory intervention (Cogmed) in children with symptomatic epilepsy: An open randomized clinical trial. *Epilepsia*, 56(11), 1784-92.
- Blackwell, M.** (2015, November). The neuroscience and management of ADHD and Anxiety – Invited Lecture, Oldfields School, Sparks Glencoe, MD.
- Culotta, V.P., **Blackwell, M.** (2015, October). Parent Tips: The DSM-5 and Autism. Pathfinders for Autism.
- Culotta V. & **Blackwell M.** (2015, May). Autism Spectrum Disorders: Facilitating Transition and Success in College - Invited Lecture, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD.
- Levinson, M., **Blackwell, M.**, and Culotta, V. (2014, November). Neurobehavioral and Neurocognitive Profile of an 8-Year-Old Male with a 17q12 Microdeletion. Abstract published in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 29(6), 557-558.
- Blackwell, M.** (2014, October). School Success for Struggling Learners: Practical Strategies for ADHD, Anxiety, and Lack of Focus – Invited lecture at Cornerstone Academy, Mt. Airy, MD.
- Culotta, V. and **Blackwell, M.** (2014, August). Gender, Learning, and Behavior in the Classroom: A Neuroscience Perspective for Behavioral Intervention – Invited lecture at Torah Institute, Owings Mills, MD.
- Blackwell, M.** and Kerr, E. N. (2013, June). Adaptive independence difficulties in children with intractable epilepsy on the Scales of Independent Behavior – Revised (SIB-R). Poster presented at the 30th Annual International Epilepsy Congress (IEC) Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Kerr, E. N., **Blackwell, M.**, and Alavie, N. (2013, June). The impact of intervention on working memory in children with intractable epilepsy: Preliminary results from a repeated measure study. Poster presented at the 30th Annual International Epilepsy Congress (IEC) Conference, Montreal, Canada.

Blackwell, M., Kerr, E. N., Rommens, J. M., and Durie, P. R. (2013, February). Psychosocial protective factors within families of children With Schwachman Diamond Syndrome. Poster presented at the 41st Annual International Neuropsychological Society (INS) Conference, Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Blackwell, M., Sanz, J. H., DeMatt, E., Hartman, A. L., & Salorio, C. F. (2010, February). Behavioral difficulties after left and right hemispherectomy. Poster presented at the 38th annual International Neuropsychological Society (INS) Conference, Acapulco, Mexico.

Sanz, J. H., **Blackwell, M.**, DeMatt, E., Hartman, A. L., & Salorio, C. F. (2010, February). Behavioral predictors of quality of life following hemispherectomy surgery. Poster presented at the 38th annual INS Conference, Acapulco, Mexico.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) –Member

International Neuropsychological Society (INS) –Member

American Psychological Association (APA) – Member