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Credentialed health service psychologist (77271)

EDUCATION

- 08/2018 – 08/2023 **Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology**
Nova Southeastern University (APA Accredited). Fort Lauderdale, FL
Forensic Psychology Concentration
- 08/2013 – 05/2015 **Master of Arts, Forensic Psychology**
Fairleigh Dickinson University. Teaneck, NJ
- 08/2010 – 05/2012 **Bachelor of Science, Psychology**
Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI
- 08/2008 – 07/2010 **Associates in Arts, General Studies**
Grand Rapids Community College. Grand Rapids, MI

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 01/2025 - Present **Owner and Forensic Psychologist**
Diaz Forensic Psychological Services. Remote position.
Description:
- Conduct forensic evaluations (e.g., competency to proceed, criminal responsibility, battered person syndrome, criminalized victims)
 - Administration of assessment measures
 - Author reports to the Court
 - Provide expert testimony and consultation
- 10/2024 - Present **Forensic Examiner**
Office of Forensic Mental Health Services, Washington Department of Social and Health Services. Remote position.
Description
- Conduct pretrial (e.g., competency to proceed, criminal responsibility) evaluations
 - Administration of assessment measures
 - Author reports to the Court
 - Provide expert testimony
- 02/2021 - Present **Associate**
Walker & Associates, LLC. Fort Lauderdale, FL
Description:

¹ The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT®) is an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology of psychology across state boundaries. Eligible states can be found at <https://psypact.gov/page/psypactmap>.

- Conduct psychological evaluations for individuals and criminalized victims involved in criminal and civil legal proceedings related to gender and interpersonal violence
- Administration of assessment measures (e.g., objective and projective personality measures, trauma)
- Author reports to the Court
- Provide expert testimony
- Revise and create several psychoeducation treatment manuals and workbooks for survivors of interpersonal violence
- Provide training to government agencies on topics including assessing and treating victims of IPV
- Co-author book chapters and peer-reviewed articles

09/2023 – 09/2024 *Supervisor:* Lenore Walker, EdD

Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow

Direct Care and Treatment – Forensic Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services. St. Peter, MN

Description

- Conducted pretrial (e.g., competency to proceed, criminal responsibility), violence risk (e.g., civil commitment), juvenile, sex offender (treatment amenability) evaluations, and SDP/SPP pre-petition records reviews
- Administered assessment measures (e.g., malingering, risk assessments)
- Authored reports to the court as first author under direct supervision
- Provided expert testimony

Training Director: Jacob Chavez, PsyD, ABPP

Supervisors: Rebecca Kastner, PhD, ABPP; Christina Haldaman, PsyD; Brie Pileggi, PsyD, ABPP; Gregory Hanson, PhD

08/2022 – 07/2023

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern

Center for Behavioral Medicine, Missouri Department of Mental Health. Kansas City, MO

Description:

- Conducted pretrial (e.g., competency to proceed) and competency restoration evaluations
- Completed intake evaluations and psychological evaluations for diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations
- Facilitated group and individual treatment services (e.g., competency restoration, Illness Management Recovery, and Dialectical Behavior Therapy) with defendants adjudicated incompetent to proceed
- Administered assessment measures (i.e., response style/malingering, cognitive and neuropsychological functioning, psycho-legal domains)
- Authored reports to court as first author under direct supervision
- Supervised doctorate level psychology trainees
- Facilitated lectures for medical students for the affiliated university

Training Director: Jonathan Torres, PsyD

Supervisors: Matthew Fowler, PsyD and Tiffany Harrop, PhD

08/2021 – 04/2022

Psychology Trainee

Miami Federal Detention Center, Federal Bureau of Prisons. Miami, FL

Description:

- Conducted clinical interviews with federal pre-trial defendants
 - Administered assessment measures (e.g., response style/malingering, cognitive and neuropsychological functioning, psycho-legal domains, personality)
 - Co-authored reports to offer opinions regarding competency to proceed, criminal responsibility, and other referral questions
 - Assisted with crisis intervention
 - Conducted intake interviews and provided brief psychological interventions
- Supervisors:* Lauren Schumacher, PsyD and Carmen Rodriguez, PsyD

08/2020 – 08/2021

Psychology Trainee

Psychological Services for the Emotionally Distressed, Psychological Services Center, Nova Southeastern University. Fort Lauderdale, FL

Description:

- Conducted intake interviews
- Provided individual therapy using psychodynamic, cognitive behavioral, dialectical behavior therapy, and other appropriate treatment modalities for adults with psychotic, mood, and severe personality disorders on an outpatient basis
- Created and updated treatment plans to track treatment progress

Supervisor: Jennifer Davidtz, PhD

06/2020 – 06/2021

Competency Restoration Forensic Coordinator*Description:*

Broward Regional Health Planning Council. Hollywood, FL

- Conducted competency restoration re-examinations
- Administered assessment measures (e.g., psycho-legal domains, response style/malingering, personality)
- Authored reports to the court under supervision
- Coordinated a program for outpatient competency restoration program
- Facilitated peer-to-peer supervision and training for doctorate-, masters-, and undergraduate-level practicum students.

Supervisor: Michael Collins, PhD

08/2019 – 08/2020

Forensic Psychology Trainee

Forensic Psychology Practicum, Nova Southeastern University. Fort Lauderdale, FL

Description:

Evaluation experience:

- Conducted evaluations to address referral questions related to post-arrest diversion program admission, child custody/parental fitness, and immigration-related matters
- Administered assessment measures (e.g., personality, substance abuse, criminogenic/violence risk, response style/malingering, cognitive functioning, trauma, and parenting attitudes)
- Prepared psychological reports for court proceedings under supervision

Group and individual therapy experience:

- Conducted psychoeducation groups with inmates at a county jail
- Facilitated process groups for survivors of interpersonal violence at a women's shelter
- Conducted outpatient competency restoration classes
- Provided weekly psychotherapy for residential and outpatient clients

Correctional psychology experience:

- Conducted intake assessments for inmates housed on the mental health unit

- Implemented crisis interventions with jail inmates
- Supervisors:* Tom Kennedy, PhD; David Shapiro, PhD; David Feldman, PhD

07/2016 – 08/2018 **Masters Level Limited License Psychologist**

Wellpath, Wayne County Jail. Detroit, MI

Description:

- Rendered services including mental health unit intake evaluations, supportive interventions, crisis assessment/interventions, and treatment planning in a county jail with adults and juveniles
- Completed probate court petitions for mandated treatment and testified at court hearings
- Participated in security level reviews with custody staff.

Supervisor: John Restum, PsyD

09/2014 – 01/2015 **Psychology Extern**

Northern State Prison, University Correctional Health, Rutgers University. Newark, NJ

Description:

- Assisted in the assessment of male maximum-security inmates on crisis stabilization unit
- Co-facilitated group and individual therapy sessions
- Co-facilitated correctional officer mental health training sessions

Supervisor: Mitchell Abrams, PsyD

01/2013 – 06/2013 **Group Facilitator**

Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program. Kalamazoo, MI

Description:

- Provided residential and outpatient group therapy in court-mandated community corrections programs (i.e., substance abuse, sex offender, and diversion)

Supervisor: Ann Webb, MA

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

08/2018 – 03/2022 **Remote Administrative Assistant**

Wayne County Jail, Naphcare (Remote)

Description:

- Facilitated continuous quality improvement and entry of Current Procedural Terminology encounters for all mental health providers
- Triage electronic mental health referrals
- Conducted chart audits for mental health professionals

Supervisor: Amber Simpler, PhD

09/2015 – 06/2016 **Correctional Program Specialist**

Noble Correctional Institution, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Caldwell, OH

Description:

- Provided case management services (e.g., discharge planning, security level reviews) to inmates housed in a medium-security prison
- Evaluated inmates' biopsychosocial needs to develop case plans
- Facilitated groups focusing on anger management and victim impact

Supervisor: Timothy Buchanan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

08/2019 – 05/2022 **Adjunct Professor**

Department of Social Sciences, Miami Dade College. Miami, FL.

Description:

- Facilitated lectures on-campus and online undergraduate psychology classes
- Graded student assignments, examinations, and presentations
- Created class materials and examinations.

Courses: Psychology of Personal Effectiveness, Introduction to Psychology, and Social Psychology

08/2019 – 05/2022 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University. Fort Lauderdale, FL

Description:

- Assisted with on-campus and online courses for doctorate and master level courses
- Guest lecture presentations
- Responsible for grading student exams, discussion posts, papers, and mock reports

Courses: Adult Psychopathology, Assessment of Psychological Injury in Civil Cases, Objective Personality Assessment, Methods and Tools of Psychological & Violence Risk Assessment, Integrative Report Writing

CLINICAL AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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| 08/2020 | Internships in Correctional Forensic Psychology Panel. American Psychology-Law Society |
| 07/2022 | Understanding Battered Woman Syndrome and Trauma for Legal Professionals. Clark County Bar Association |
| 07/2022 | Trauma-Informed Treatment and Group Facilitation. Federal Bureau of Prisons |
| 08/2022 | Facilitating the Survivor Therapy Empowerment Program in BOP Facilities. Federal Bureau of Prisons |
| 09/2022 | Survivor Therapy Empowerment Program. Federal Bureau of Prisons |
| 01/2024 | Competency Restoration Treatment. Gustavus Adolphus College |
| 12/2025 | Forensic Examinations Related to Interpersonal Violence. Center for Behavioral Medicine |

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

08/2018 – 08/2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**

College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University. Fort Lauderdale, FL

Description:

Evaluation of Psychological Assessments:

- Obtained IRB approval as the principal investigator
- Administered a psychological testing battery (e.g., measures of personality, violence and criminogenic risk, malingering, cognitive functioning, and substance misuse) in an outpatient post-arrest diversion program
- Retroactively completed the HCR-20 for all participants
- Coded psychological reports and completed data entry for analysis
- Created SPSS database and coding key
- Developed and distributed a survey investigating the use of assessment tools in forensic evaluations
- Prepared posters and presentations for conferences

Manual Development:

- Created a competency restoration manual for outpatient treatment

- Developed a treatment manual based on Dialectical Behavior Therapy orientation for use in an outpatient post-arrest diversion program.

Primary Supervisors: Tom Kennedy, PhD; David Shapiro, PhD; David Feldman, PhD

09/2013 – 06/2015 **Graduate Research Assistant**

School of Psychology, Fairleigh Dickinson University. Teaneck, NJ

Description:

- Selected testing battery and created a coding key and SPSS database
- Administered testing battery (e.g., intellectual functioning, personality assessment, and feigning) to patients deemed incompetent to proceed in a forensic hospital
- Wrote psychological reports to aid in treatment planning
- Coded, entered, and analyzed data
- Prepared presentations regarding the use of feigned incompetency measures with defendants deemed incompetent to proceed.

Primary Supervisors: Debbie Green, PhD; Brian Belfi, PsyD

RESEARCH GRANTS

09/2021 Treatment for Incarcerated Victims of Intimate Partner Violence. Federal Bureau of Prisons. Department of Justice. Grant Number 15BNAS21QW4H10079

EDITORIAL AND PEER-REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

01/2023 Special issue editor: Women Who Kill, *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*, 32(1-2)

09/2023 - Present Co-editor: *The Gavel*, Division 18 publication

10/2023 - Present Ad hoc reviewer: *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*

01/2024 - Present Principle reviewer: *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

American Psychology-Law Society, Corrections Committee, Student Member (2019-2022)

American Psychology-Law Society, Early Career Professional Committee, Member (2023-present)

PUBLICATIONS

- Walker., L.E. & **Diaz, B.** (In press). Gender Violence and Child Abuse during COVID-19: Clinical Implications. In R. Dimitrova (Ed.), *New Cambridge Handbook of Psychology on the Pandemic*. Cambridge University Press.
- Walker., L.E. & **Diaz, B.** (2025). Gender Violence and the Law. In G. Young, T. Bailey, L. Giromini, J. Soble, R. Rogers, & B. Levitt (Eds.), *Handbook of Psychological Injury and Law*. Springer Nature.
- Walker, L.E., Shapiro, D., Temares, A., & **Diaz, B.** (2025). *Women Who Kill: Violence, Trauma, and Forensic Psychology*. Routledge.
- Diaz, B.**, Egbert, E., & Blunt, C. (2024). Dismissal of Involuntary Treatment Petitions following the Violation of a Commitment Statute. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*, 52 (2) 264-267. <https://doi.org/10.29158/JAAPL.240030L1-24>.
- Detulli, D., **Diaz, B.**, & Kennedy, T. (2024). The Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test (M-FAST): Another Examination of Concurrent Validity, *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment* (46), p. 768-775. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10862-024-10160-1>.

- Walker, L.E. & **Diaz, B.** (2024). Gender and Media. In G. Rich, V.K. Kumar, & F. Farley (Eds.) *Handbook of Media Psychology: The Science and Practice* (pp. 113-129). Springer Nature. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-56537-3_9
- Diaz, B.** (2024). A Legacy of Feminism and Advocacy: An Interview with Dr. Lenore Walker. *Trauma Counseling and Resilience*, 1(1). <https://doi.org/10.33470/2997-7088.1017>.
- Walker, L.E. & **Diaz, B.** (2024). Battered Women Syndrome. In S.L. Salari (Ed.), *Family Violence and Abuse: An Encyclopedia of Trends, Issues, and Solutions* (pp. 35-38). Bloomsbury Publishing.
- Diaz, B.** & Temares, A. (2023). Child Abuse Potential Inventory. In T. Shackelford (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence*. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-85493-5_1859-1
- Diaz, B.** & Temares, A. (2023). The Danger Assessment. In T. Shackelford (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence*. Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-85493-5_365-1
- Walker, L.E., Temares, A., **Diaz, B.**, & Shapiro, D. (2023). Women Who Kill, Intimate Partner Violence, and Forensic Psychology. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*, 32(1-2), 3-14. <http://doi.org/g/10.1080/10926771.2023.2166440>
- Diaz, B.**, Temares, A., & Walker, L.E. (2023). Family Homicide. In H.S. Friedman and C.H. Markey (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Mental Health – Third Edition*. Elsevier Ltd. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-91497-0.00201-0>
- Akl, S., Temares, A., **Diaz, B.**, & Walker, E. (2022). Psychological Testing in Forensic Evaluations of Battered Women Who Kill, *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*, 32(1-2), 148-166. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10926771.2022.2068391>
- Walker, L.E., Temares, A., **Diaz, B.**, & Gaviria, G. (2022). Psychological Evaluation of Battered Women Who Kill in Self-Defense: A Review of 34 Cases, *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*, 32(1-2), 167-185. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10926771.2022.2068390>
- Walker, L. E., **Diaz, B.**, Temares, A., & Akl, S. (2022). Practitioners conducting interpersonal violence forensic evaluations. *Practice Innovations*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pri0000195>
- Walker, L.E. & **Diaz, B.** (2022). Non-Judicial Influence on Family Violence Court Cases. In M. L. Perlin & K. Frailing (Eds.), *Justice Outsourced: The Implications of Judicial Decision-Making by Non-Judicial Officers for Therapeutic Jurisprudence*. Temple University Press.
- VanKlompberg, B.** (2020, March). Rendering Mental Health Services to Undocumented Immigrants. American Psychology- Law Society Newsletter.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Diaz, B.** (2025). Competency Restoration Treatment: The Effectiveness of Michael's Game. Presented at American Psychology – Law Society Conference, San Juan, PR.
- Diaz, B.** (2025). Current Trends, Gaps, and Future Directions in Forensic Psychology Assessment and Training. Presented at American Psychology – Law Society Conference, San Juan, PR.
- Diaz, B.** (2022). Test Usage and Emerging Trends in Forensic Psychological Assessment. Presented virtually at the American Psychological Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Walker, L., Jungerson, T., Gaviria, G., **Diaz, B.**, & Temares, A. (2022). Assisting Women in Prison Heal from Gender Violence. Presented at the National Commission on Correctional Health Care Spring Conference, Atlanta, GA.

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- Diaz, B.**, Temares, A., & Walker, L. (2022). Trauma Inventory Profiles in Samples of Battered Women. Presented at the American Psychology – Law Society Conference, Denver, CO.
- Temares, A., **Diaz, B.**, Akl, S., & Walker, L. (2022). Personality Assessment Inventory Profiles of Battered Women. Presented at the American Psychology – Law Society Conference, Denver, CO.
- Diaz, B.** & Kennedy, T. (2021). The Assessment of Psychopathy in Mental Health Diversion Evaluations. Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Diaz, B.** & Kennedy, T. (2021). Psychopathy in Forensic Evaluations: Positive or Negative Impression Management. Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Branco, M., **Diaz, B.**, Basilio, G., Friedman, M., & Shapiro, D. (2021). The Impact of Insanity Defense Definitions on the Prevalence of Incarcerated Mentally Ill Offenders. Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, San Diego, CA
- Diaz, B.**, Kennedy, T., Collins, M. (2020). Assessment of Malingering in Post-Arrest Diversion Evaluations Utilizing the M-FAST. Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, Washington D.C.
- Diaz, B.**, Haskamp, C., Kennedy, T., Collins, M. (2020). Outcomes of Mental Health Diversion Program Referrals and Future Implications. Presented at the American Psychological Association Conference, Washington D.C.
- VanKlompberg, B.**, Haskamp, C., Kennedy, T., Collins, M. (2019). Outcomes of Mental Health Diversion Referrals in Broward County. Presented at International Society of Therapeutic Jurisprudence Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- VanKlompberg, B.**, Green, D., Belfi, B., & Schneider, M. (2017). Evaluation of Cut-Off scores on Specific Population Performance on the Inventory of Legal Knowledge (ILK) Assessing Feigned Incompetency. Presented at American Psychology-Law Society conference, Seattle, WA.
- Adams, T.E., Naugle, A.E., Lewis, M.M., Sherd, L.E., **VanKlompberg, B.N.**, & Zimmerman, Z.J (2011). Sexual Victimization and the Propensity to Risk-Taking Behavior. Presented at annual Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan Conference Ypsilanti, MI.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Student Member (2016-2023)
- American Psychological Association (Division 41), Member (2017-Present)
- Forensic Advocates for Rehabilitation and Reintegration, Vice President and Student Member, Nova Southeastern University (2019-2020)
- President's 64 Member, Nova Southeastern University (2019- 2022)
- International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Campus Representative, Nova Southeastern University (2019-2022)
- Florida Psychological Association, Student Member, Forensic Division (2019-2022)
- International Society of Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Student Member (2019- 2023)
- Forensic Advocates for Rehabilitation and Reintegration, Research Chair and Student Member, Nova Southeastern University (2020- 2022)
- American Psychological Association (Division 18), Member (2022-Present)
- American Psychological Association (Division 53), Member (2022-Present)
- National Register of Health Service Psychologists (2025-Present)