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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Life care planning, medical record review, case analysis, research, and writing.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Psychologist	
Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (#1369)	2016 – Present
Colorado State Board of Psychologist Examiners (#5376)	2020 – Present
Certified Life Care Planner (#1322)	2016 – Present
International Commission on Health Care Certification	

EDUCATION:

University of New Orleans New Orleans, LA	Doctorate Degree - 2013 Major: Biopsychology Minor: Developmental Psychology
University of New Orleans New Orleans, LA	Master's Degree - 2010 Biopsychology
Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA	Bachelor of Science - 2008 Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

<u>Vocational Diagnostics, Inc.</u> Phoenix, AZ	Research Specialist and Life Care Planner 02/2021 – Present
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Provides litigation support services to team of experts related to life care planning, cost research, medical record review, and report writing. Researches literature, statutory law, and case law pertaining to the current standards and best practices for developing life care plans and earning capacity evaluations. Writes blog posts, newsletters, and manuscripts on topics related to the fields of life care planning and vocational rehabilitation. Participates in clinical interviews and administers vocational test batteries in forensic cases.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd):

Psychological Dimensions
Greenwood Village, CO

Contract Psychologist

11/2020 – Present

Performing pre- and post-offer suitability psychological evaluations with individuals seeking employment with police, fire, safety, and security agencies; the evaluation process includes a clinical interview, review of psychological assessment results, consulting with the referral source, and writing reports

Jefferson Neurobehavioral Group
New Orleans, LA

Clinical Psychologist

09/2016 – 10/2020

Performing pre-surgical psychological evaluations for individuals contemplating surgical intervention for chronic pain conditions or weight loss; providing individual, family, and group psychological treatment for a broad range of acute and chronic issues, including chronic pain, chronic illness, traumatic brain injury, anxiety, depression, PTSD, and bereavement; and performing psychological evaluations for workers' compensation claims, legal cases, and fitness for duty determinations.

New Orleans Department of Civil Service
New Orleans, LA

Psychologist Subcontractor

01/2017 – Present

Performing pre-employment psychological evaluations for candidates seeking employment with the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD); and determining fitness for duty via multiple sources of data, including psychological assessment results, background record review, and in-person structured interview.

Stokes & Associates, Inc.
Metairie, LA

Director of Research and Development

04/2016 – 06/2017

Researching and reading literature, statutory law, and case law pertaining to Life Care Planning and Vocational Analysis techniques and practices; educating Stokes & Associates experts regarding best practices based on literature and case law; hiring and training individuals for positions within the research department and leading research department to maximize efficiency and accuracy of research practices, including identifying new tools for doing healthcare research and training the research staff to use those tools effectively; assisting with networking and marketing activities to identify and reach potential customers; and learning to become a viable life care planning expert through case management and expert testimony training.

Jill Hayes, Ph.D., A Professional Forensic Psychological Corporation
Post-Doctoral Intern

12/2013 – 04/2016

Performing psychological assessment, scoring, and interpretation in both criminal (i.e., sanity, competence) and civil (i.e., brain injury, pain, psychological harm) cases; analyzing records in conjunction with assessment results to formulate opinions with regard to functioning (i.e., criminal liability, malingering, post-injury functioning, etc.); and preparing reports and other materials to provide to hiring party (i.e., judge, prosecutor, defense); aiding Dr. Hayes in preparation for and execution of testimony.

Tulane Hospital and Medical School
New Orleans, LA

Practicum Student/Clinical Intern

05/2011 – 08/2012

Direct data collection with children as part of a research endeavor investigating the neurocognitive and psychological outcomes associated with sickle cell anemia and pediatric cancer; data analysis and preparation of conference presentations and paper publications.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS (Past and Present):

- American Psychological Association – Professional Member, 2016-Present
- International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals – Professional Member, 2016-Present

PUBLICATIONS:

Journal Articles & Empirical Reports

- Taylor, A., Allison, A., & Corwin, A. (2023). The Intersection of Developmental and Acquired Disabilities, Mental Health, and Employment: A Review for Rehabilitation Professionals, *The Rehabilitation Professional*, 31(3), pp. 17–36.
- Allison, A., Corwin, A. Albers, M., White, H., & Taylor, R. (2022). An Analysis of Usual, Customary, and Reasonable Charges in Life Care Planning. *Journal of Life Care Planning*, 20(2).
- Allison, A. & Wolfson, A. (2017). Introduction to Developing Life Care Plans for Cases Involving Multiple Plaintiffs. *Journal of Life Care Planning*.
- Bush, N., Allison, A., Deardorff, J., Adler, N., & Boyce, T. (2016). Oxytocin Polymorphism and Socioeconomic Status Predicting Risk for Childhood Obesity. *JAMA Pediatrics*. Published online November 14, 2016. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2016.2332
- Meyer, V., Lee, Y., Bottger, C., Leonbacher, U., Allison, A., & Shirtcliff, E. (2015). Experience, cortisol reactivity, and the coordination of emotional responses to skydiving. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*. 9.
- Allison, A, Peres, J., Bottger, C., Leonbacher, U., Hastings, P., & Shirtcliff, E.A. (2012). Excite and Delight: Autonomic Nervous System During Skydiving. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 53(3), 218-223.
- Hastings, P., Shirtcliff, E. A., Klimes-Dougan, B., Allison, A., DeRose, L., Usher, B., & Zahn-Waxler, C. (2011). Allostasis and the development of internalizing and externalizing problems: Changing relations with physiological systems across adolescence. *Development and Psychopathology*, 23(4), 1149-1165.
- Shirtcliff, E.A., Allison, A., Armstrong, J.M., Slattery, M.J., Kalin, N.H., Essex, M.J. (2011). Longitudinal Stability and Developmental Properties of Salivary Cortisol Levels and Diurnal Rhythms in Early Adolescence. *Developmental Psychobiology*. DOI: 10.1002.
- Allison, A., Bush, N., LaHoste, G., Hayes, J., Adler, N., & Boyce, T. (in preparation). A Multi-Gene by Environment Perspective of ADHD Symptomatology in Young Children. *Developmental Psychobiology*.
- Allison, A. & Wolfson, A. (in preparation). Determining Spinal Cord Stimulator Trial Benefit Using SMS Messaging, Wearable Technology, and Psychological Questionnaires. *Pain Medicine*.

PUBLICATIONS (cont'd):

Chapters

- Hayes, J., Lawing, K., Allison, A. & Rubenstein, J. (2015). Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury. Robin Cautin & Scott Lilienfeld (Eds). Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology, Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Allison, A., Lawing, K., & Hayes, J. (2015). Psychoneuroendocrinology. Eds: Cautin, R., & Lilienfeld, S. Encyclopedia of Clinical Psychology. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Allison, A. & Shirtcliff, E.A. (2013). Psychobiological approaches to social stress and social support: Implications for the development of positive relationships in youth. In DuBios, D. & Karcher, M. (eds), Handbook of Youth Mentoring (2nd Ed). Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, CA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- ReHabbit, mHealth Technologies, LLC – Director of Research, 2016-Present
- University of New Orleans, Stress Physiology in Teens (SPIT) Laboratory – Graduate Research Assistant, 2009-2013
- University of California at San Francisco – Research Assistant, 2012-2013

TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES:

- Abnormal Psychology at LSUHSC Nursing School – Professor Kathryn Lawing, Fall 2013
- Invited Presentation – Urban Legends: *The Cases of Two Serial Killers*. Seminar presented to the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, Fall 2012
- Psychology 1310, Behavioral Statistics – Professor Dr. Elizabeth Shirtcliff, Fall 2010
- Psychology 1520, Human Sexual Behavior – Professor Dr. Elizabeth Shirtcliff, Spring 2010