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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**CURRENT FORENSIC & CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Psychological Consulting Services, LLC, Salem, MA

**Forensic Associate**, Provide forensic and forensic neuropsychological consultation on cases involving children, teens, young adults and parents experiencing legal troubles; parenting evaluations; bonding evaluations; special education consultation; risk assessments; legal problems related to mild to moderate Traumatic Brain Injury; competence to stand trial and criminal responsibility evaluations **10/08 - Present**

Pediatric Neuropsychology Service, Salem, MA

**Director/ Pediatric Neuropsychologist**, Specializing in neuropsychological and forensic neuropsychological assessment of neurodevelopmental disorders, learning disorders, psychiatric disorders, academic achievement mild TBI and lead exposure in children and adolescents ages 6 to 18, and young adults; consultation services to families, elementary, middle and high schools, college counseling centers, and an array of service providers including medical professionals, attorneys, mental health care providers, special education providers, and juvenile courts; consultation services to various state agencies such as DCF, DYS, DMH and DDS; workshop and seminar presentations; Email: [pedineuro1@gmail.com](mailto:pedineuro1@gmail.com) [Website: www.pedi-neuropsych.com](http://www.pedi-neuropsych.com) **01/07 - Present**

**PRIOR FORENSIC & CLINICAL PRACTICE**

Children's Friend and Family Services, Salem, MA

**Juvenile Forensic Neuropsychologist / Essex County Juvenile Court Clinics**, Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Levels I & II; Responsibilities include providing clinical assessment services to the Essex County Juvenile Court Clinics including: Statutory forensic evaluations (i.e., Competency to Stand Trial, Criminal Responsibility, Competency to Proceed in a Care & Protection matter; Aid to Disposition / Sentencing), clinical evaluations, emergency psychological evaluations, and clinical intake services as a part of the clinic intake team; neuropsychological assessments of children & teens undergoing statutory and other forensic evaluations (CHINS, 68A Pre & Post Adjudication); expert testimony on issues pertaining to child and adolescent mental health, special education, clinical pediatric neuropsychology, parenting, attachment and child trauma; building neuropsychological assessment capacity in Essex County juvenile court clinics **5/17/09 – 9/24/10**

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

**Staff Psychologist / Department of Psychiatry – Children and the Law Program**

Responsibilities were similar to those of the Essex County Juvenile Court Clinics with additional seminar presentations to MGH medical residents; supervision of predoctoral trainees and postdoctoral fellows; conducted training seminars for the Children and the Law and Boston Juvenile Court Clinic training programs **12/1/05 – 05/17/09**

Andover Counseling Center, North Andover, MA

**Staff Neuropsychologist.** Neuropsychological testing. Responsibilities include conducting neuropsychological assessments with a diverse population of children and adolescents ages 6-21 who presented with a range of neurodevelopmental, learning and psychiatric disorders; conducting initial interviews, test administration, interpretation and report writing. **08/05 – 09/07**

MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center, Salem, MA

**Pediatric Neuropsychologist / Neurodevelopmental Center.** Pediatric Neuropsychology clinic. Responsibilities included conducting neuropsychological assessments with a diverse population of children and adolescents ages 6-23 who present with a range of neurodevelopmental, learning and psychiatric disorders; conducting initial interviews, test administration and interpretation; feedback sessions with parents/caregivers and service providers; school consultation; DCF collaboration; report writing. **12/11/05 – 05/30/06**

MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center, Salem, MA

**Pediatric Neuropsychologist / Neurodevelopmental Center.** 20-hour staff position in Developmental Neuropsychology clinic. Responsibilities included conducting neuropsychological assessments with a diverse population of children and adolescents ages 6-23 who presented with a range of neurodevelopmental, learning and psychiatric disorders; conducting initial interviews, test administration and interpretation; feedback sessions with parents/caregivers and service providers; school consultation; DCF collaboration; report writing. **06/22/05 – 12/11/05**

Children's Charter, Inc., Waltham, MA

**Forensic Psychologist.** Responsibilities included conducting court-ordered and Department of Social Service (DCF) referred parental fitness evaluations, family bonding evaluations, risk assessments, and trauma evaluations of children and adolescents, including sexual abuse evaluations. Responsible for conducting all phases of evaluations including face-to-face interviewing, collateral interviewing, report writing, record review, family and DCF consultation, and expert witness testimony (was qualified as an expert witness in parental fitness evaluations by the Norfolk County Juvenile Court on July 25, 2005); Also served as consulting psychologist to DCF Northeast Regional Clinical Review Team **06/05 – 2/06**

Wediko Children's Services, Boston, MA

**Psychotherapist.** Responsibilities included conducting diagnostic assessment, treatment planning and individual school-based psychotherapy with disadvantaged urban children and adolescents ages 6 to 18 years. **09/01-06/02**

Wediko Children's Services, Boston, MA

**Psychotherapist.** Served as clinical consultant to the Wediko Children's Services Extended School Year Program elementary school service team. Consulted on clinical issues pertaining to ethnically diverse high risk disadvantaged urban elementary school-aged children and their families. Conducted integrative individual psychotherapy and group psychotherapy with the same population of children. Responsibilities also included crisis intervention with children ages 5-18, who attended the summer program. **07/99-09/01**

McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA

**Mental Health Specialist.** Designed and implemented a psychoeducational culinary arts program for the McLean Hospital Child and Adolescent Residential and Partial Treatment Program in partial fulfillment of undergraduate internship through UMass Boston Department of Psychology. Worked as a child and adolescent milieu and residential counselor with children and teens who suffered from a range of psychopathology including PTSD, Bipolar Disorder, suicidality, Anxiety Disorders, Borderline Personality Disorder, Mood Disorders, Tourettes Syndrome, ADHD (all subtypes) and Substance Abuse Disorders. Participated in and led various psychotherapeutic groups including community meetings, Young Men's Group, Cooking Group and Psychodrama. Participated in weekly case conference meetings and staff meetings. Participated in weekly individual clinical supervision with a staff clinical psychologist. **01/97 - 07/98**

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**EDUCATION & CLINICAL TRAINING**

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**POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING**

MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center, Salem, MA

**Neurodevelopmental Center Postdoctoral Fellow.** Full-time postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology. Responsibilities included conducting neuropsychological assessments on a diverse population of children and adolescents ages 6-21 who presented with a range of neurodevelopmental disorders; conducting initial interviews and feedback sessions with parents/caregivers; school consultation; report writing; case presentation. Postdoctoral fellows work as members of a multidisciplinary team of psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists. **08/15/03 – 06/22/05**

MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center, Salem, MA

**Postdoctoral Fellow / Outpatient Psychiatry.** 1-year psychotherapy component of a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology. Responsibilities included conducting neuropsychological assessments on a diverse population of children and adolescents ages 5-20 who present with a range of neurodevelopmental disorders; conducting initial interviews and feedback sessions with parents/caregivers; school consultation; report writing. Postdoctoral fellows work as members of a multidisciplinary team of psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists. **08/15/04 – 01/25/05**

Children’s Charter, Inc., Waltham, MA

**Postdoctoral Forensic Evaluator.** Responsibilities included conducting court-ordered and Department of Social Service (DCF) referred forensic parental fitness evaluations, family bonding evaluations, risk assessments, and trauma evaluations of children and adolescents, including sexual abuse evaluations. Responsible for conducting all phases of evaluations including face-to-face interviewing, collateral interviewing, report writing, family and DCF consultation, and expert witness testimony; consulting psychologist to DCF Northeast Regional Clinical Review Team **11/03—06/05**

## **EDUCATION & PRE-DOCTORAL TRAINING**

Cambridge Health Alliance / Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry, Cambridge, MA

**Child & Adolescent Clinical Psychology Intern/Instructor in Psychology.** 12-month APA approved clinical psychology internship in child, adolescent and adult outpatient psychological and neuropsychological assessment and treatment. Placements include the Cambridge Youth Guidance Center and the Cambridge Hospital Adult Outpatient Department. Teaching responsibilities included delivery of lectures regarding child and adolescent psychology and neuropsychology to psychology interns in the Harvard Medical School Department of General Psychiatry. **07/1/02 – 06/30/03**

Wediko Children’s Services, Boston MA

**First-Year Clinical Intern.** Two-year internship with stipend. First year responsibilities included conducting diagnostic assessment, treatment planning and individual school-based psychotherapy with disadvantaged urban children and adolescents ages 6 to 18 years. **09/99-07/00**

**Second-Year Clinical Intern.** Second year responsibilities include an individual psychotherapy caseload increase from 8 to 16 children and adolescents; psychotherapy is conducted along the aforementioned parameters of intervention and collaboration. **08/00-07/01**

Wediko Children’s Services & The Boston Fire Department, Boston, MA

**Group Therapist.** As a part of the collaborative efforts between Wediko Children’s Services and the Boston Fire Department to develop and implement a psychoeducational and psychotherapeutic group intervention curriculum for urban adolescent boys who set fires. Collaborate with Wediko Children’s Services clinicians, administrators and Boston Fire Department officials in conceptualizing the theoretical framework, psychotherapeutic techniques, and goals of the intervention curriculum entitled *FIRESENSE*. Led group sessions as a co-facilitator of group discussions and activities, consult with *FIRESENSE* family psychotherapist, participate in weekly didactic seminars. **07/00-11/00.**

University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

*Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology, 08/00—06/02*  
Dissertation: “*Factors Associated with Urban Youth Violence: Legacy of Violence, Childhood Traumatic Stress, Ethnic Identity, and Intentionality*”. Successfully defended **06/02**; Graduated **06/03**

University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

*Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology, 09/98—08/00*

Master's Thesis: "*Psychological Predictors of Sexual Harassment: Authoritarianism, Rape Myths and Hostile Sexism.*"

University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

*Bachelor of Arts, Social Psychology, with academic honors 01/97—06/98*

Fordham University, New York, NY

*Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Transfer to UMass Boston 09/95 – 06/96*

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

*Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, Transfer to Fordham University 09/83 – 06/86*

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY

*Bachelor of Fine Arts, Music Performance, Transfer to Northeastern University 09/82 – 06/83*

Brighton Allston Mental Health Association, Brighton, MA

**The Walker Home and School Child and Adolescent Advanced Testing Practicum Intern.**

Supervised by Edith Kaplan, Ph.D., ABPP-CN and Richard T. Monahan, Ph.D., ABPP-CL 09/01-06/02

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## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Doctoral Dissertation Research,

*University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA*

**Principal Investigator.** "Factors Associated with Urban Youth Violence: Legacy of Violence, Childhood Traumatic Stress, Ethnic Identity, and Intentionality" was a program of research developed to investigate the relationship between childhood traumatic stress and youth violence from an ethnically valid ecological perspective. It is a school-based project. This project partially fulfilled the requirements necessary to complete the University of Massachusetts Boston Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program. 06/00 – 06/7/02

Master's Thesis Research,

*University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA*

**Principal Investigator.** "Psychological Predictors of Sexual Harassment; Authoritarianism, Rape Myths, and Hostile Sexism" is a survey-based Master's research project that partially fulfilled the requirement of the Master of Arts degree awarded by the University of Massachusetts Boston Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program. 09/98 - 06/00

### Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship

*University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA*

**Research Assistant.** Worked with Dr. David Lisak on cycle of violence research. Participated in weekly team meetings; involved in the development of a coding system, conducted data entry, and data cleaning of an instrument developed by Dr. Lisak and his research team as a tool for assessing history of physical and sexual abuse in adults, as well as their history of perpetration of physical and sexual violence. **04/97 - 06/98**

*Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA*

**Research Assistant.** Worked on the initial phases of project development and literature review for Dr. Carol Gilligan and her project on the development of male children. Participated in weekly team meetings focused on conceptualizing issues related to child development with a particular focus on looking at gender differences in the ages at which children exhibit vulnerability to psychopathology such as ADHD and Anorexia. **09/96 – 12/96**

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### **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

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University of Massachusetts Medical School Department of Psychiatry Guest Lecturer on psychological and neuropsychological testing for the Department of Mental Health Certified Juvenile Court Clinician Training Program, October 2009 & October 2010

Seminar presentation to Massachusetts General Hospital Children and the Law Program predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees on applying a neuropsychological perspective in juvenile forensic evaluations. May 2009

Seminar presentation to Massachusetts General Hospital Children and the Law Program predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees on competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility in juvenile defendants. May 2009

Seminar presentation to Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry medical residents on competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility in juvenile defendants. December 2007 and December 2008

Seminar presentation to Massachusetts General Hospital Children and the Law staff and trainees on applying a neuropsychological perspective in juvenile forensic cases. April 2008

Seminar presentations to Boston Juvenile Court Clinic trainees on issues pertaining to case presentation frameworks and formats, and issues pertaining to child and adolescent psychological and neuropsychological assessment. September and December 2006; September 2007

Simmons College School of Social Work guest lecturer: Understanding Psychological and Neuropsychological Assessment: A Primer for Aspiring Social Workers. 11/3 & 11/10, 2005

Center for Disease Control National Conference on Violence and Injury Prevention, Atlanta, GA, 4/26/03. Poster presentation entitled: *“Rates of Traumatic Stress and Exposure to Violence in an Ethnically Diverse Sample of Urban Adolescents”*.

Harvard Medical School Mysell Research Day presenter, Boston, MA, 3/19/03. Presentation entitled: “*Factors Associated with Urban Youth Violence: Legacy of Violence, Childhood Traumatic Stress, Ethnic Identity, and Intentionality*”

Lynn English High School guest speaker, Lynn, MA, 11/07/02. Lecture title: “*Consequences of Violence Exposure on Teen Mental Health: Psychoeducation for Violence Prevention*”

Cambridge Youth Guidance Center guest lecturer, Cambridge, MA, 8/14/02. Lecture title: “*Factors Associated with Urban Youth Violence: Legacy of Violence, Childhood Traumatic Stress, Ethnic Identity, and Intentionality*”

University of Massachusetts Boston Department of Psychology guest lecturer, 11/28/00 Lecture title: “*Childhood Traumatic Stress and the Cycle of Youth Violence*”.

American Psychological Association International Conference, Washington D.C., 8/5/00 Poster presentation entitled: “*Psychological Predictors of Sexual Harassment in College-Aged Men*”

University of Massachusetts Graduate Student Assembly Conference, Boston, MA, 4/19/00 Poster presentation entitled: “*Psychological Predictors of Sexual Harassment in College-Aged Men*”

Begany, J., & Milburn, M., (2002). Psychological Predictors of Sexual Harassment: Authoritarianism, Rape Myths, and Hostile Sexism. *Journal of Men and Masculinity*

Milburn, M., & Begany, J., (1998). Political Socialization. *The Political Psychologist*. University of Minnesota Press.

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Current member of the American Psychological Association

Current member of the Massachusetts Psychological Association

- Northern Region Representative to the MPA Board

Current member affiliate of APA Division of Clinical Neuropsychology

Current member affiliate of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology

Past member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies