

Abigail Bernett Ryan, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

LICENSURE AND BOARD CERTIFICATION

November 2016- Present	Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP-CN) (Diploma # 8285)	
June 2014- Present	Licensed in Maine (License # PS1428)	
February 2021- Present	Licensed in Vermont (License # 048.0134255)	

EDUCATION

August 2012 – August 2014	BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTHCARE Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology, APPCN member (2013) Training Lead: Jared Bengel, Ph.D., ABPP/CN Director of Neuropsychology: Daniel Cruz-Laureano, Psy.D.	Temple, TX
June 2011 – June 2012	VA – PACIFIC ISLANDS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM Clinical Psychology Internship, APA Accredited Director of Training: Allison Aosved, Ph.D. Lead Professional for Psychology: Kathleen Mcnamara, Ph.D., ABPP	Honolulu, HI
August 2007 – August 2012	MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology, APA Accredited Dissertation: <i>Traumatic Brain Injury and Executive Functioning in an Incarcerated Sample</i> Advisor: Timothy Melchert, Ph.D.	Milwaukee, WI
August 2005 – August 2007	MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY Master of Arts in Community Counseling – Substance Abuse Track	Milwaukee, WI
January 2000 – December 2003	VITERBO UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, in Psychology and Criminal Justice	La Crosse, WI

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

September 2021- present	NEUROPSYCHOLOGY & CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES Neuropsychologist	Rockport, ME
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Responsibilities: Provide telemedicine outpatient neuropsychological evaluations for adults and adolescents with a variety of presenting concerns (traumatic brain injury, stroke, geriatric cognitive disorders, neuro-oncology, movement disorders, general cognitive concerns, complex medical comorbidities, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, learning disorders, attention deficits).

August 2021- Present	UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER – MEMORY PROGRAM Neuropsychologist	Colchester, VT
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Responsibilities: Conduct comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations with adults aged 18 and up with a variety of presenting concerns (dementia, MS, neurodevelopmental disorders, stroke, TBI, complex medical and psychiatric comorbidities). Conduct movement disorder and epilepsy pre-surgical evaluations.

July 2018- April 2021	MERCY HEALTH MUSKEGON, NEUROPSYCHOLOGY CLINIC Neuropsychologist, Core Faculty Member – Geriatrics Fellowship	Muskegon, MI
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Responsibilities: Help establish a neuropsychology clinic in Muskegon. Conduct comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations with adults aged 18 and up with a variety of presenting concerns (dementia, capacity evaluations, MS, neurodevelopmental disorders, stroke, TBI, complex medical and psychiatric comorbidities). Conduct spinal

cord stimulator pre-surgical evaluations. Participate in multidisciplinary training between Mercy sites (Grand Rapids and Muskegon), including presenting didactics to physician residents and fellows at Mercy Health. Provide supervision for physician fellows via a neuropsychology rotation. Provide community outreach for neurologic populations in Muskegon. Establish a model for providing tele-health services and provide tele-neuropsychological evaluations during pandemic-related closures. Participate as a member of the core faculty for the geriatrics fellowship.

September 2014- NEUROPSYCHOLOGY & CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES Rockport, ME
May 2018 **Neuropsychologist**

Responsibilities: Provide outpatient neuropsychological evaluations for adults and adolescents with a variety of presenting concerns (traumatic brain injury, stroke, geriatric cognitive disorders, neuro-oncology, movement disorders, general cognitive concerns, complex medical comorbidities, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, learning disorders, attention deficits).

08/2012-08/2014 BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTHCARE, DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY Temple, TX
Postdoctoral Fellow in Neuropsychology
Supervisors: Jared Benge, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, Daniel Cruz-Laureano, Psy.D., Kerry O'Mahar, Ph.D., Sabrina Austin, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: outpatient neuropsychological testing and report writing for adults with a variety of presenting concerns (traumatic brain injury, geriatric cognitive disorders, neuro-oncology, movement disorders, general cognitive concerns, complex medical comorbidities, epilepsy), pediatric minor rotation assessing adolescents and school-age children, provision of feedback, inpatient consultation, pre-surgical pain evaluations, didactic presentations, research, supervision of a psychology intern, and psychotherapy.

06/2011-06/2012 VA- PACIFIC ISLANDS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM, APA ACCREDITED INTERNSHIP Honolulu, HI
Clinical Psychology Intern
Supervisors: Allison Aosved, Ph.D., Tanya D'Avanzo, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, Daryl Fujii, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, Robert Porter, Ph.D.

Rotations:

Neuropsychology Rotation

Responsibilities: outpatient neuropsychological testing and report writing for culturally diverse adult veterans referred for various concerns (traumatic brain injury, memory disorders, learning disabilities), and provision of feedback to veterans and their families.

Military Sexual Trauma (MST)

Responsibilities: comprehensive psychological assessments with male and female veterans from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, provision of individual, group, and couples therapy to veterans with histories of sexual trauma including the evidence-based treatments Prolonged Exposure (PE), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and Cognitive-Behavioral Conjoint Therapy for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (CBCT for PTSD), community outreach, assist in implementation of a DBT program, administrative duties including providing training to multiple VA departments on an acute sexual assault response policy, and participation in multidisciplinary care.

Geriatric and Community Living Center (CLC)

Responsibilities: inpatient neuropsychological and psychiatric screening with veterans who required a nursing home or inpatient rehabilitation level of care, neuropsychological screenings with veterans in community nursing homes, development and implementation of supportive therapy groups for neurological populations, provision of individual cognitive remediation, consultation with staff for behavioral management and release planning.

Mental Health Rehabilitation

Responsibilities: provision of psychosocial rehabilitation emphasizing recovery with veterans who require assistance with community adjustment, interpersonal relations, and vocational or educational problems, assist veterans in developing personal recovery goals and plans, provision of individual and group therapy, and participation in program development for veterans with serious and persistent mental illness, including an adapted version of DBT skills.

07/2009-05/2010 MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN, DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY Milwaukee, WI
Advanced Doctoral Practicum Student
Supervisors: Julie Bobholz, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, Tom Hammeke, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, David Sabsevit, Ph.D., and Sara Swanson, Ph.D., ABPP/CN

Responsibilities: administer and score flexible neuropsychological assessment batteries for adults referred for various concerns (traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, movement disorders, learning disabilities, dementia and other memory disorders), write integrated neuropsychological reports, and attend didactics.

06/2009-05/2010 WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION FACILITY Milwaukee, WI

Advanced Doctoral Practicum Student

Supervisor: Eileen Abrams, Psy.D.

Responsibilities: complete mental health screens with incoming male and female inmates from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, conduct individual therapy with adult men and women in the areas of institutional adjustment, substance abuse, trauma, and various Axis I and II disorders, develop and implement a group curriculum focused on trauma and coping issues for incarcerated women, complete integrated psychological assessments, participate in multidisciplinary team meetings.

09/2008-08/2009 WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, PROBATION AND PAROLE Milwaukee, WI

Doctoral Practicum Student

Supervisor: Norman Goldfarb, Ph.D.

Responsibilities: complete comprehensive court ordered psychological assessments to determine emotional/mental health status and treatment needs, write integrated psychological reports, provision of individual feedback, provision of individual therapy for adult men and women currently on probation in the areas of substance abuse, trauma, and Axis I and II disorders, attend monthly staff meetings with psychological services staff, and participate in case presentations.

08/2006-08/2007 7Cs COMMUNITY COUNSELING CLINIC Milwaukee, WI

08/2007-05/2008

Substance Abuse Counselor and Practicum Student

Supervisors: Lynn Catlin, Ph.D., Todd Campbell, Ph.D., and Terrance Young, Psy.D., ABN

Responsibilities: complete a Master's level practicum and subsequent doctoral level clinical assistantship, provision of individual and group counseling for substance abuse and mental health concerns for men residing in a homeless shelter, conduct a variety of groups including outpatient and day treatment substance abuse groups, anger management, and communication and relationships, coordinated with other staff to develop and implement an anger management group curriculum, participate in interdisciplinary care, and complete psychological and neuropsychological assessments.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

09/2010-03/2011 MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN, DIVISION OF NEUROPSYCHOLOGY Milwaukee, WI

Neuropsychology Technician

Supervisors: Julie Bobholz, Ph.D, ABPP/CN, Jennifer Geiger, Ph.D., David Sabsevitz, Ph.D., and Sara Swanson, Ph.D., ABPP/CN, and Lisa Schwartz, M.A.

Administered and scored flexible neuropsychological assessment batteries to adults referred for various neurological disorders. Wrote integrated neuropsychological reports. Assisted with training of practicum students on administration and scoring of various neuropsychological assessments.

01/2010-05/2011 NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS, INC. Kenosha, WI

Neuropsychology Technician

Supervisors: Teresa Deer, Ph.D. and June Restrepo, Ph.D.

Administered and scored flexible neuropsychological assessment batteries to adults referred for various neurological disorders. Wrote integrated neuropsychological reports. Performed general administrative duties.

08/2008-04/2011 WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, CHAPTER 980 FORENSIC EVALUATION UNIT Wauwatosa, WI

Office Operations Assistant

Supervisor: Christopher Tyre, Ph.D.

Attended weekly staffings of civil commitment cases. Maintained and modified a research database. Generated and collaborated on research projects related to sexually violent person (SVP) civil commitments. Proofed and submitted Special Purpose Evaluations to the Department of Corrections. Attended trainings related to risk assessment and civil commitments, and participated in discussions of relevant case law and research related to SVP evaluations in the state of Wisconsin. Performed general administrative duties.

05/2008-06/2008 THE GUEST HOUSE CLINIC Milwaukee, WI

Consultant

Supervisor: Terrance Young, Psy.D., ABN

Coordinated with the Clinic Manager to re-structure the clinic's substance abuse day treatment program. Facilitated skills groups and process groups as part of the substance abuse day treatment program.

06/2006-08/2007 WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, WI

Research Assistant

Supervisors: Steve Gilbertson, Ph.D. and Eric Seybold, Ph.D.

Collected juvenile justice data for youth enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee programming from juvenile court records and files. Collaborated with supervisors and other research assistants to develop and execute a program evaluation project. Conducted a literature review regarding long-term outcomes for youth with serious emotional and behavior disorders.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Benge, J., Phenis, R., **Bernett, A.**, Fonkem, E., Cruz-Laureano, D & Kirmani, B. (2013). Neurobehavioral effects of levetiracetam in patients with traumatic brain injury. *Frontiers in Neurology*, 4, 1-4.

Bernett, A., Phenis, R., Fonkem, E., Aceves, J., Kirmani, B., & Cruz-Laureano, D. (2013). Neurobehavioral effects of levetiracetam in brain tumor related epilepsy. *Frontiers in Neurology*, 4, 1-4.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Bernett, A., & Benge, J. (2015, February). *The influence of depression on health related quality of life in Parkinson's disease*. Poster presented at the 43rd annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Denver, CO.

Bernett, A., Diamond, P., Melchert, T., Young, T., & Bardwell, R. (2013, August). *Traumatic brain injury and executive functioning in an incarcerated sample*. Poster presented at the 2013 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI.

Fore, C., Batastini, A., Skidmore, W.C., Rubin, A., & **Bernett, A. (Chair)**. (2013, August). *Advances in using teleMental health in public service psychology*. Symposium presented at the 2013 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, HI.

Tyre, C.T., & **Bernett, A.A.** (2009, August). *Characteristics of civilly committed sex offenders – A comparison of diagnostic patterns across states*. Poster presented at the 2009 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, Canada.

Marquette COEP Department RAAD Committee. (2008, October). *Overcoming heterosexism in counseling*. RAAD Committee Workshop at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

Bernett, A.A., Khan, N., Jarrett, K., Newcomb, S., & Edwards, L. (2008, September). *Development of the RAAD Committee: A student run initiative to raise awareness about diversity within a graduate training program*. Poster presented at The Chicago School's Cultural Impact Conference, Chicago, IL.

Marquette COEP Department RAAD Committee. (2008, June). *Buddhism, Hinduism, and Islam: From basics to counseling implications*. RAAD Committee Panel Discussion at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

Marquette COEP Department RAAD Committee. (2004, April). *Having conversations on race and social class*. RAAD Committee Workshop at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

Bernett, A.A., Racine Lynch, S., Seybold, E., Linstead, S., Schultz, S. et al. (2008, February). *The transition to adulthood among former Wraparound Milwaukee clients*. Poster presented at the Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health 21st Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

RESEARCH AND OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES

11/2013 -08/2014 **DEPRESSION AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN PATIENTS WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE**

Principle Investigator

Research Advisor: Jared Benge, Ph.D., ABPP/CN

Study used archival data to explore the impact of depression on various factors of quality of life in patients with Parkinson's disease.

01/2010-07/2012 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING IN AN INCARCERATED SAMPLE**

Primary Investigator

Dissertation Chair: Timothy Melchert, Ph.D., Marquette University

Study used archival data gathered from adult men and women incarcerated in the federal prison system and used neuropsychological test data to look at the executive functioning of the sample. Structural equation modeling was used to test the Cognitive Reserve Theory regarding the relationships between pre-morbid neurological risk factors, traumatic brain injury, executive functioning, and institutional behavior. Presented findings at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in August 2013.

08/2007-06/2010 **RACISM RELATED STRESS AND WELL-BEING IN LATINO COLLEGE STUDENTS: THE PROTECTIVE ROLE OF ETHNIC IDENTITY**

Research Team Member

Primary Investigator: Lisa Edwards, Ph.D., Marquette University

Collaborated with research team in collecting and writing up literature review, analyzing previously collected data and preparing a manuscript. Assisted in submitting manuscript for publication to The Journal of Hispanic Higher Education.

08/2008-08/2009 **CHARACTERISTICS OF CIVILLY COMMITTED SEX OFFENDERS – A COMPARISON OF DIAGNOSTIC PATTERNS ACROSS STATES**

Research Assistant

Primary Investigator: Christopher Tyre, Ph.D., Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Collaborated with PI in developing project and conducting literature review. Collected and analyzed data. Collaborated with PI in writing up results, submitting a proposal for the presentation, and creating a poster presentation based on the findings. Presented findings along with PI at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention in August 2009.

05/2008-09/2008 **DEVELOPMENT OF THE RAAD COMMITTEE: A STUDENT RUN INITIATIVE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DIVERSITY WITHIN A GRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAM**

RAAD Member and Project Coordinator

Project Coordinators: Abigail Bernett, M.A., and Noshaba Khan, M.A.

Collaborated with the RAAD committee to develop a presentation describing how the committee was formed, and how the committee went about putting together workshops and presentations to help raise awareness of diversity issues. Collaborated with the RAAD committee to develop a proposal for presentation, and creating a poster to present findings. Presented findings at The Chicago School's Cultural Impact Conference in September 2008.

01/2007-02/2008 **THE TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD AMONG FORMER WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE CLIENTS**

Research Assistant

Primary Investigators: Steve Gilbertson, Ph.D. and Eric Seybold, Ph.D.

Collaborated with PIs in developing the project and conducting a literature review. Conducted interviews with former Wraparound Milwaukee clients and their caregivers. Collaborated with PIs in writing up results, submitting a proposal for the presentation, and creating a poster presentation based on the findings. Presented findings at the Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health Annual Research Conference in February 2008.

06/2008-08/2008 **THE NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING OF MEN RESIDING IN A HOMELESS SHELTER**

Volunteer Research Assistant

Principle Investigator: Sara Hegerty, Ph.D.

Administered and scored neuropsychological assessment batteries with a racially and ethnically diverse male homeless population.

08/2007-02/2008 **NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING AND ATTRITION RATES IN OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE DEPENDENCE TREATMENT**

Volunteer Research Assistant

Principle Investigator: Sandra Adams, Ph.D.

Administered and scored neuropsychological assessment batteries with a racially and ethnically diverse male homeless population

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology –

- Practice sample reviewer, June 2019 - present
- The American Psychological Association, Division 18 – Psychologists in Public Service –
 - Diversity Committee Member, August 2011 – August 2014
 - Ad Hoc Reviewer for Psychological Services, August 2011 – August 2013
 - VA Section Student Representative, August 2011 – June 2012
 - Elected Graduate Student Representative, August 2009 – August 2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Maine Psychological Association – March 2017 – December 2017
- American Board of Professional Psychologists – November 2016 – present
- American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology – November 2016 – present
- National Academy of Neuropsychology – September 2011 – present
- International Neuropsychological Society - September 2011 – present
- The American Psychological Association, Member
 - Division 18 – Psychologists in Public Service, January 2008 – December 2014
 - Division 40 – Clinical Neuropsychology, October 2013 – December 2014

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request