

Instructor Bios

Evaluating Individuals Charged with Sexual Offenses Spring 2023

Elisha Agee, PsyD, UVA ILPPP

Dr. Agee is a forensic clinical psychologist at the University of Virginia Institute of Law, Psychiatry, & Public Policy (ILPPP). She performs forensic evaluations pertaining to competence, sanity, violence risk, and sexual offending, for both adults and juveniles. She tends to handle most of the sexual offense cases for the UVA Forensic Clinic. Before working at ILPPP, she conducted forensic evaluations in California and the District of Columbia. Her research interests include first-episode psychosis, trauma, and violence risk.

Sara Boyd, PhD, ABPP, UVA ILPPP

Dr. Boyd is a licensed clinical psychologist based in Virginia and practicing nationally. She completed her forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship at the ILPPP. Dr. Boyd's primary focus is forensic psychological evaluation in civil and criminal matters. She has expertise related to sexual violence, gender and sexual minorities, and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She conducts a variety of forensic evaluations for juveniles and adults.

Mario Dennis, PhD, Virginia DBHDS

Dr. Dennis received his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1980. He was a psychologist and assistant professor of psychology at James Madison University until 1989, and was then in the private practice of clinical and forensic psychology in Harrisonburg, Virginia, until 2003. He was also the director of the Shenandoah Valley Sex Offender Treatment Program during that time and conducted forensic evaluations of sex offenders all over the Commonwealth. In December 2003 he was named the Clinical Director of the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (VCBR), a position he held until 2010. In that position, Dr. Dennis established the treatment program for Sexually Violent Predators. In 2010 he was named Director of Forensic Services for VCBR. In that position, he oversees the preparation of annual review reports of civilly committed Sexually Violent Predators and provides testimony in annual review hearings. He has lectured at the ILPPP on the forensic evaluation of individuals charged with sexual offenses since 1992.

Eric Madsen, MA, Virginia Department of Corrections

Eric Madsen attended Montclair State College and University of New Haven and graduated with a Master's degree in community psychology. He has been with the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC) for the past 25 years, with the first eight years spent working in four different prisons from maximum to low medium security. For over 15 years he has been the Senior Psychology Associate at DOC headquarters working for Offender Management Services. In that role, he oversees bed management of all the DOC's mental health units. He also serves as the supervisor for the Sex Offender Screening and Assessment Unit that is responsible for DOC compliance with all matters related to the Sexually Violent Predators Act.

Brock Maust, Esq., Office of the Attorney General

Brock Maust is an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Attorney General for Virginia. Brock has been with the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Civil Commitment Section since April 2017. Prior to joining the SVP Section, Brock served as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Newport News, Virginia, assigned to the violent crimes unit, from 2007 until 2017 when he left to accept his current position. He graduated from Old Dominion University with a bachelor's degree in political science. Thereafter, he graduated from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University.

Daniel Murrie, PhD, UVA ILPPP

Dr. Murrie is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences in the UVA School of Medicine, and he serves as Associate Director of the ILPPP. He oversees the ILPPP's training programs in forensic evaluation and the postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychology. As a clinician, he performs forensic evaluations in criminal and civil cases through the ILPPP's Forensic Clinic. As a scholar, his research and teaching address a variety of topics in forensic assessment, including dozens of studies that address sex offender risk assessment.

Anita Schlank, PhD, ABPP

Dr. Schlank received her PhD in clinical psychology (with a forensic specialty) from the Law/Psychology Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and is board-certified in forensic psychology. Dr. Schlank has been assessing and treating sexual offenders since 1984 and is the editor of the five-volume book series entitled *The Sexual Predator*. She is also the Adult Clinical Representative on the Board of Directors for the Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse (ATSA) and is on the Board of Directors for the Sex Offender Civil Commitment Providers' Network (SOCCPN). She was the Clinical Director of the Virginia Center for Behavioral Rehabilitation (Virginia's treatment program for individuals adjudicated Sexually Violent Predators [SVPs]) for 12 years. Currently, she is treating SVPs released into the community and completing forensic evaluations through her private practice.

Georgia Winters, PhD, Farleigh Dickinson University

Dr. Winters earned her PhD in clinical psychology from John Jay College in New York City and completed her pre-doctoral internship at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Forensic Track. She was a forensic psychology postdoctoral fellow at the ILPPP. Dr. Winters is a member of the Sex Offender Research Lab at John Jay College and has published in areas related to sexual offending. She is now faculty at Farleigh Dickinson University, where she directs the Master's Program in Forensic Psychology.