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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology

08/2022 – 08/2027 (expected)

The University of Texas at Tyler

Emphasis in Underserved Populations; Rural Track

Dissertation: Exploring Neuropsychological Patterns in Justice-Involved People (expected defense Spring 2026)

Thesis: Moral Injury Amplifies Relationship between Childhood Trauma and IPV Perpetration

M.S. Clinical Psychology

08/2014 – 08/2016

The University of Texas at Tyler

Specialization in Neuropsychology

B.S. Psychology with High Distinction

08/2011 – 05/2014

Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Fall 2025 , Spring 2026

PSYC 4311 Introduction to Psychopathology

The University of Texas at Tyler

Guest Lecturer

PSYC 2354 Statistics and Laboratory

Spring & Fall 2024

PSYC 4311 Abnormal Psychology

Spring 2015

The University of Texas at Tyler

BOOK CHAPTERS AND INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

LaRue, D. R. (2020, Spring). He's So Bipolar, *Texas Probation Association*, 9(1), 22-24.

LaRue, D. R. & Ngo, D. (2016). Aging and the Brain. In, E. Stocks' (ed.), *The Gale Researcher: Physiology and Neuropsychology*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.

LaRue, D. R. (2016). Diagnosing Behavioral and Mental Disorders. In, E. Stocks (ed.), *The Gale Researcher: Behavioral and Mental Disorders*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.

LaRue, D. R. (2016). Cognitive Development. In, E. Stocks (ed.), *The Gale Researcher: Physical, Cognitive, and Moral Development*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.

LaRue, D. R. & Combs, D. R. (2016). Personality Disorders and Treatments. In, E. Stocks (ed.), *The Gale Researcher: Behavioral and Mental Disorders*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale.

CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

McCormick, D. L., Galusha, J., & McGarrahan, A. (2026, June). *Excluded from the Norms: Neuropsychological Test Performance in a Criminal Forensic Sample [Conference Presentation]*. International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

McCormick, D. L. & Green, B. A. (2026, June). *Moral Injury as a Moderator Between Childhood Maltreatment and IPV Perpetration: Preliminary Findings and Forensic Implications [Conference Presentation]*. International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress. Montreal, Quebec, Canada

LaRue, D. R. (2014, April). *Potential Neurological Effects of Caffeine on Individuals with Bipolar Disorder [Conference Presentation]*. Academic Summit: University of Louisiana System. Lafayette, Louisiana.

LaRue, D. R. (2014, March). *Potential Neurological Effects of Caffeine on Individuals with Bipolar Disorder*. Research Day at Northwestern State University. Natchitoches, Louisiana.

CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

McCormick, D. L., Essien, B., Strange, A., Hartnauer, N., Galusha, J., McGarrahan, A., & Green, B. A. (2025, November). *Excluded from the Norms: Forensic Neuropsychological Test Data from Murder*

- Defendants [Conference Poster]*. National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference. Los Angeles, California, United States.
- Tucker, C. & **LaRue, D. R.** (2023, April). *Implications of Law Enforcement Involvement in Mobile Crisis Response [Conference Poster]*. American Association of Suicidality Convention. Portland, Oregon, United States.
- Hutchinson, A., Kellermann, A., Watts, A., **LaRue, D. R.**, West, E., Robertson Hayes, A., & Green, B. A. (2023, March). *Identifying Barriers to Using Telebehavioral Health Services: The Opinions About Telehealth Survey*. Southwestern Psychological Association Convention. Frisco, Texas, United States.
- Combs, D. R., Roe, M., **LaRue, D. R.**, & Anyaso, V. (2015, November). *Improving Emotion Perception Deficits in Schizophrenia: A Comparison of Methods [Conference Poster]*. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention. Chicago, Illinois, United States.

INTERVENTION EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Practicum Clinician

01/2025 - Present

John C. Creuzot Judicial Treatment Center (Wilmer, Texas)

Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department

Supervisors: Stephanie Duran (LPC-S), Ashley Williams (LPA)

- Delivered individual and group psychotherapy to justice-involved clients in a six-month residential substance use treatment program
- Conducted individual therapy using a trauma-informed cognitive-behavioral approach tailored to co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions
- Facilitated 12-week Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills groups targeting emotion regulation and interpersonal effectiveness

Doctoral Practicum Clinician

01/2024 – 05/2024

Masters Practicum Clinician

08/2015 – 12/2015

The University of Texas at Tyler Counseling Training Clinic (Tyler, Texas)

Supervisor: Dr. Dennis Combs

- Provided individual therapy to undergraduate students and community members in a university-based clinic where all sessions were video recorded and reviewed in weekly supervision
- Delivered counseling services to individuals with severe mental illness, incorporating supervisor feedback to refine clinical skills
- Completed detailed SOAP notes and presented formal case conceptualizations during group supervision meetings

ASSESSMENT EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Practicum Student, Forensic Neuropsychology

05/2024 - Present

NeuroForensics Integrated, PLLC (Dallas, Texas)

Supervisors: Dr. Antoinette McGarrahan (Licensed Psychologist), Dr. Jeanine Galusha (Licensed Psychologist)

- Conducted criminal forensic psychological and neuropsychological evaluations under supervision
- Completed clinical interviews focused on diagnosis, competency, criminal responsibility, and risk
- Administered, scored, and interpreted cognitive, personality, and performance validity tests
- Reviewed and synthesized medical, psychiatric, and legal records to contextualize clinical findings
- Drafted comprehensive forensic reports that integrated record review, clinical interview, and test findings into diagnostic and legal opinions
- Assisted in preparing supervising psychologists for testimony through file review and legal strategy meetings
- Observed expert witness testimony and court proceedings, including admissibility hearings and depositions

Masters Practicum Student, Disability Evaluation**01/2016 – 08/2016**

The Andrew's Center Behavioral Healthcare System (Tyler, Texas)

Supervisor: Dr. Dennis Combs

- Completed neuropsychological assessments for possible IDD diagnosis for disability purposes
- Conducted supervised clinical interviews, authored the background/history section of reports, and discussed data interpretation with supervisor weekly

Clinical Assessment Specialist**02/2018 – 07/2022**

Assessment, Treatment, and Research Services (ATRS)

Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Dallas, Texas)

- Conducted court-ordered clinical evaluations for felony probationers referred by the criminal courts for diagnostic clarification and treatment recommendations
- Integrated clinical interviews, collateral information, and structured assessments to formulate DSM-5 diagnoses and generate individualized treatment recommendations
- Administered cognitive screening measures when indicated and referred for formal neuropsychological testing as appropriate
- Authored comprehensive reports reviewed by judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and probation officers to inform case disposition and supervision planning
- Completed forensic domestic violence risk evaluations to assess potential for future IPV-related lethal violence and inform court decisions
- Referred qualifying clients to the Felony Domestic Violence Specialty Court and presented cases for multidisciplinary team approval
- Consulted regularly with court teams and specialty courts (e.g., domestic violence court, high-risk drug court [STAC]) to discuss client progress and clinical concerns
- Testified in court proceedings when subpoenaed by defense or prosecution, including clarification of evaluation findings and recommendations
- Participated in specialized trainings related to interviewing and risk assessment for clients charged with or convicted of sexual offenses
- Served in a grant-funded position evaluating justice-involved veterans with trauma-related symptoms and substance use concerns

RELATED EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**Crisis Line Worker/Emergency Outreach Screener****01/2015 – 03/2016**

Avail Solutions, Inc. (Tyler, Texas)

- Delivered phone- and field-based crisis intervention, providing immediate mental health triage and risk assessment
- Conducted in-person emergency psychiatric evaluations in community settings to determine appropriate level of care and ensure safety
- Coordinated with first responders and other human services personnel (e.g., law enforcement, EMS) to support crisis resolution
- Documented all encounters clearly and professionally in accordance with organizational standards
- Completed 80+ hours of crisis training and maintained continuing education requirements monthly
- Worked independently in high-pressure environments requiring rapid clinical decision-making

Crisis Residential Care Specialist**01/2015 – 08/2016**

The Wood Group (Tyler, Texas)

- Provided 8-hour shifts of direct care to adults with serious mental illness in a structured residential crisis stabilization setting

- Conducted routine welfare checks, assisted with activities of daily living, and monitored clients for safety and behavioral concerns
- Modeled appropriate interpersonal behavior, maintained professional boundaries, and offered supportive engagement
- Documented individualized client progress and collaborated with team members to support continuity of care

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING

Knowledgeable in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of a range of measures including, but not limited to, the following commonly used tests:

ACS Word Choice	Dot Counting Test	RIT	Trail Making Test
Booklet Category	Finger Tapping Test	Ruff Figural Fluency	Verbal Fluency Tests
CPT/CATA	Grooved Pegboard	Stroop CW Test	WAIS-IV & 5
CVLT-3	NAB	TOGRA	WCST
Digit Vigilance Test	RBANS	TOMM	WMS-IV
DKEFS	RCFT	TOPF	WRAT-5

PERSONALITY AND RISK TRAINING

Knowledgeable in the administration, scoring, and interpretation of a range of measures including, but not limited to, the following commonly used tests:

BRIEF2A	PCL-R (informal)	TSI-2
FAVT	PPI-R	VRAG-R
HCR-20	STATIC-99	
PAI & PAI-A	SVR-20-V2	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Dissertation

Proposal Approved 10/2025

Exploring Neuropsychological Patterns in Justice-Involved People: Preliminary Data and Implications for Norm Development

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Bradley Green, Dr. Jeanine Galusha, & Dr. Dennis Combs

Designed a dissertation study to evaluate the applicability of standard neuropsychological norms to forensic populations. I will analyze cognitive data from justice-involved individuals, many of whom present with factors often excluded from normative samples, such as substance use, serious mental illness, and traumatic brain injury. The study aims to determine whether these factors contribute to deviations from normative expectations, with implications for improving the accuracy of forensic assessment.

Master's Thesis

Defended 06/2025

Moral Injury Amplifies Relationship between Childhood Trauma and IPV Perpetration

The University of Texas at Tyler

Thesis Committee: Dr. Bradley Green, Dr. Olga Burkout, & Dr. Dennis Combs

Conducted an independent research project examining the role of moral injury in the relationship between childhood maltreatment and intimate partner violence (IPV) perpetration. Designed and executed all phases of the study, including literature review, IRB approval, data collection, statistical analysis, and manuscript preparation. Findings suggested that moral injury moderates the link between early trauma and IPV, highlighting implications for forensic risk assessment and intervention.

Doctoral Research Assistant to Dr. Bradley Green **08/2022 – Current**
Personality and Psychopathology Laboratory
The University of Texas at Tyler

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Dennis R. Combs **01/2015 – 08/2016**
Schizophrenia Research Laboratory
The University of Texas at Tyler

Bachelor's Thesis **Defended 04/2014**
Potential Neurological Effects of Caffeine on Individuals with Bipolar Disorder
Louisiana Scholars' College at Northwestern State University
Research Advisors: Curt Phifer, Ph.D. & Cynthia Lindsey, Psy.D.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Advocate **08/2019 – 07/2022**
Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA; Dallas, Texas)

- Advocated for children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect by representing their best interests in child welfare court proceedings
- Built supportive relationships with children in foster care and gathered collateral information from caregivers, schools, and service providers
- Submitted written court reports with recommendations related to placement, services, and permanency
- Completed 30 hours of initial training and ongoing continuing education to remain certified