

Laura A. Heinonen, M.A.
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program
Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University

Degrees Earned

M.A., Forensic Psychology, June 2006
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

B.A., Psychology, June 2004
University of Oregon

Clinical Experience

Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center (January 2006-June 2006)
Co-lead fitness/competence groups and other therapy groups
Meet individually with patients to improve competence
Attend Hospital Forensic Committees and weekly Forensic Seminars
Partake in grand rounds, TC meetings and chart review for all ward patients
Attend court every other week (issues of retention, treatment over objection, etc)

Capital Mitigation Experience

Law Office of John Wright, J.D. (December 2007-current)
Assist Mr. Wright with the mitigation portion of capital cases
Conduct clinical interview of capital defendants and their friends and family
Obtaining and reviewing education, mental health, civil and criminal records

Research Experience

Research Assistant to Marcus T. Boccaccini, Ph.D. (October 2007-current)
Member of a research team investigating the interrater reliability of the PCL-R
Code research articles reporting data on the use of any version of the PCL-R
Bellevue Hospital Center- Research on Patient Satisfaction (June 2006-December 2006)
Administer Patient Satisfaction Surveys to civil and forensic patients
Chart review, data entry and organization
Bellevue Hospital Center- Detailed Chart Review (June 2006-December 2006)
Thorough review of patient charts (civil, forensic and AOT patients)
Filling out detailed protocols utilizing information from the charts
Bellevue Hospital Center- Research on Competence to Stand Trial
Chart review of patients who have participated in competence evaluations
Data entry into SPSS

Teaching Experience

Psychology and the Law- Sam Houston State University (January 2008-current)

Honors and Awards

Psi Chi National Honor Society

Dean's List- John Jay College of Criminal Justice & University of Oregon

National Society for Collegiate Scholars

Member of the American Psychological Association (APA)

Member of AP-LS, Division 41 of the American Psychological Association (APA)