

CURRICULUM VITAE OF
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EDUCATION

- PhD** Clinical Psychology (Forensic Track) **In progress**
Simon Fraser University
Supervisor: Dr. Jodi Viljoen
Dissertation: *Violence risk and protective factors among sexual and gender minority high school students and homeless youth*
- MA** Clinical Psychology (Forensic Track) **2018**
Simon Fraser University
Supervisor: Dr. Jodi Viljoen
Thesis: *The influence of risk assessment evidence on judicial sentencing decisions*
- BA** Psychology (with Honours and Forensic Specialization) **2015**
University of British Columbia – Okanagan
Supervisor: Dr. Zach Walsh
Thesis: *The role of objectification in the victimization and perpetration of intimate partner violence*

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Ongoing Practicum in Assessment and Intervention** **09/2016 – present**
Clinical Psychology Centre, Simon Fraser University
Supervisors: Dr. Martin Phillips-Hing, R. Psych., Dr. Sharon Arnold, R. Psych., Dr. Megan McLarnon, R. Psych., & Debbie Abrami, R. Psych.
Responsibilities: Conducts psychoeducational assessments and provides individual therapy to adults and children in the community; Conducts structured phone intakes and provides referrals for prospective clients.
- Psychology Assistant; Junior Practicum in Assessment** **02/2018 – present**
Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services, Ministry of Children & Family Development
Supervisors: Dr. Grant Burt, R. Psych., & Dr. Lynda Murdoch, R. Psych.
Responsibilities: Assists psychologists with court-ordered assessments of justice-involved youth; Administers standardized tests (e.g., WISC-V, WAIS-IV, WIAT-III, CPT-3, PAI-A, MMPI-2), records behavioural observations, interprets results, and writes psychological reports; Was offered employment following practicum completion (12/2018).

Interviewer; Junior Practicum in Research and Assessment

07/2018 – present

Adolescent Risk and Resilience Lab, Simon Fraser University

Supervisor: Dr. Jodi Viljoen, R. Psych.

Responsibilities: Interviews adults on probation about factors related to their offending and desistance from offending using a semi-structured interview protocol; Provides case presentations and training to other interviewers; Conducts suicide and violence risk screens when needed. Was offered employment following practicum completion (12/2018).

Senior Practicum in Assessment and Intervention

05/2019 – 12/2019

Child and Youth Mental Health, Ministry of Children & Family Development

Supervisor: Dr. Wallace Wong, R. Psych.

Responsibilities: Provided therapy and assessment services to adolescents with developmental disabilities, mood disorders, substance use disorders, and sexual concerns; Conducted hormone readiness assessments for youth seeking hormone replacement therapy or gender affirming surgeries; Helped facilitate and develop materials for transgender youth and caregiver support groups.

Junior Practicum in Intervention

07/2017 – 08/2017

Intensive Treatment Program for Selective Mutism, Cornerstone Psychology

Supervisors: Dr. Rosalind Catchpole, R. Psych., & Dr. Annie Simpson, R. Psych.

Responsibilities: Assisted children with selective mutism to increase their verbal communication skills using the behavioural treatment model developed by Dr. Steven Kurtz; Monitored children's performance, developed individual goals, wrote daily progress notes for parents; Helped prepare one discharge report.

Residential Support Worker; Undergraduate Practicum

05/2015 – 08/2015

John Howard Society of the Central and South Okanagan

Supervisor: Amanda Barrett

Responsibilities: Assisted adults entrenched in poverty to live successfully in low-barrier residential settings; Liaised with other service providers to develop treatment plans and evaluate progress; Provided support to Restorative Justice Facilitators and Outreach staff as required; Was offered (and accepted) employment following practicum completion.

Undergraduate Practicum

09/2014 – 02/2015

Youth Probation, Ministry of Children & Family Development

Supervisor: Dean Cristofoli

Responsibilities: Shadowed youth probation officers, social workers, and psychologists in their daily activities; Attended court for first appearance, bail, and sentencing hearings; Took part in integrated case management and family mediation meetings; Prepared full-time attendance program referral forms.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

09/2016 – present

Adolescent Risk & Resilience Lab, Simon Fraser University

Supervisor: Dr. Jodi Viljoen, R. Psych.

Responsibilities: Spearheaded a meta-analysis about the prevalence of LGBT+ youth in the justice system; Helped conduct four systematic reviews related to risk assessment and management; Co-authored a book chapter and encyclopedia entry about adolescent risk assessment; Provides departmental guest lectures when invited.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

05/2014 – 09/2015

Personality & Violence Lab, University of British Columbia – Okanagan

Supervisor: Dr. Zach Walsh, R. Psych.

Responsibilities: Edited an expert report and affidavit for a federal court case; Prepared three manuscripts that were accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal; Presented research posters at an international psychology conference; Received an Undergraduate Research Award to conduct an original study on objectification, victim blaming, and intimate partner violence.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jodi Viljoen

09/2019 – 12/2019

Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC

Course: PSYC 379 – Clinical Forensic Psychology

Responsibilities: Instructed tutorials on risk assessment and management; graded assignments, exams, and risk assessment reports; provided a guest lecture on sexual and gender minority youth in the justice system.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

1. **Jonsson, M. R.**, & Viljoen, J. V. (2020). *The Influence of Risk Assessment Tools on Judges' Reported Sentencing Practices* [Manuscript submitted for publication]. Psychology Department, Simon Fraser University.
2. Blanco Carranza, A., Wallis, C., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Klonsky, E. D., & Walsh, Z. (in press). Non-suicidal self-injury and intimate partner violence: Directionality of violence and motives for self-injury. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
3. Muir, N. M., Viljoen, J. L., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Cochrane, D. M., & Rogers, B. J. (in press). Predictive validity of the SAVRY with Indigenous female and male adolescents on probation. *Psychological Assessment*.

4. Bird, B. M., & **Jonsson, M. R.** (2020). Have a seat: Supervisee perspectives on using chair-based role plays in clinical supervision. *Training and Education in Professional Psychology, 30*, 25–35. doi:10.1037/int0000178
5. **Jonsson, M. R.**, Bird, B. M., Li, S. M. Y., & Viljoen, J. L. (2019). The prevalence of sexual and gender minority youth in the justice system: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 46*, 999–1019. doi:10.1177/0093854819848803
6. Viljoen, J. L., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Cochrane, D. M., Vargen, L., & Vincent, G. M. (2019). Impact of risk assessment instruments on rates of pretrial detention, post-conviction placements, and release: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Law and Human Behaviour, 43*, 397–420. doi:10.1037/lhb0000344
7. Viljoen, J. L., Cochrane, D. M., & **Jonsson, M. R.** (2018). Do risk assessment tools help to manage risk of violence and reoffending? A systematic review. *Law and Human Behavior, 42*, 181–214. doi:10.1037/lhb0000280
8. **Jonsson, M.**, Langille, J. I., & Walsh, Z. (2018). The role of objectification in the victimization and perpetration of intimate partner violence. *Violence and Victims, 33*, 23–39. doi:10.1891/0886-6708.VV-D-15-00085
9. Erickson, K. A., **Jonsson, M.**, Langille, J. I., & Walsh, Z. (2017). The influence of gender, gender role attitudes, and history of perpetration on perceptions of intimate partner violence. *Violence and Victims, 32*, 533–544. doi:10.1891/0886-6708.VV-D-15-00086

Chapters & Encyclopedia Entries

1. **Jonsson, M.** & Viljoen, J. L. [In Press]. Assessing Risk for Reoffending with Justice-Involved Youth. In R. Roesch (Ed.), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Psychology in the Real World*. Routledge.
2. Viljoen, J. L., **Jonsson, M.** & Shepherd, S. (2020). Assessing Risk for Violent, General, and Sexual Offending in Adolescents. In S. Wormith, L. Craig, & T. Hogue (Eds.), *What Works in Violence Risk Management: Theory, Research and Practice* (pp. 223–250). Wiley-Blackwell.
3. Wong, W., Semchuk, J., Nguy, V., & **Jonsson, M.** (2019). An Insider's Perspective: The Experiences of Parents and Gender Variant Youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. In C. Pracana & M. Wang (Eds.), *Psychology Applications & Developments V* (pp. 169–180). inScience Press.

Conference Presentations

1. Walsh, K., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Wong, W., & Nguy, V. (2020). *Improving the assessment of children and youth who present with gender dysphoria*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 9th Annual International Psychological Applications Conference and Trends, Madeira, Portugal.
2. Edge, M. F., Christiansen, A. K., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Viljoen, J. L., Bhatt, G., Tweed, ... & Dooley, S. (2020). *Comparing the psychometric properties of the self-reported and parent-reported inventory of callous-unemotional traits in an at-risk community sample*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 20th Annual International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services (IAFMHS) Conference, Krakow, Poland.
3. **Jonsson, M. R.**, & Viljoen, J. L. (2020). *Are judges' opinions about risk assessment tools associated with political orientation?* Poster presented at the 51st Annual American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) Conference, New Orleans, United States.
4. **Jonsson, M. R.**, & Viljoen, J. L. (2019). *The influence of risk assessment evidence on judicial sentencing decisions*. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the IAFMHS, Montreal, Canada.
5. **Jonsson, M. R.**, Bird, B. M., Li, S. M. Y., & Viljoen, J. L. (2019). *The prevalence of sexual and gender minority youths in the justice system: A systematic review and meta-analysis*. Paper presented at the 50th Annual APLS Conference, Portland, United States.
6. Edge, M. F., Bhanwer, A., **Jonsson, M.**, Viljoen, J. L., Bhatt, G., Tweed, R., ... Dooley, S. (2019). *Psychometric properties of the inventory of callous-unemotional traits in an at-risk sample*. Paper presented at the 50th Annual APLS Conference, Portland, United States.
7. Viljoen, J. L., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Cochrane, D. M., Vargen, L., & Vincent, G. M. (2019, March). *Do risk instruments decrease incarceration rates and/or exacerbate disparities? A systematic review*. Paper presented at the 50th Annual APLS Conference, Portland, United States.
8. Viljoen, J. L., **Jonsson, M. R.**, Cochrane, D. M., Vargen, L., & Vincent, G. M. (2018, June). *Does the implementation of risk assessment tools decrease incarceration rates? A systematic review*. Paper presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the IAFMHS, Antwerp, Belgium.
9. Viljoen, J. L., Gray, A. L., **Jonsson, M.**, & Cochrane, D. (2017). *Do risk assessment tools help to manage risk of violence and reoffending?* Paper presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the IAFMHS, Split, Croatia.

10. **Jonsson, M.**, Shaffer, C., Viljoen, J. L., Douglas, K., Bhatt, G., Tweed, R., ... Dooley, S. (2017). *Protective factors against callous-unemotional traits in adolescents: The role of forgiveness, gratitude, and honesty*. Poster presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the APLS, Seattle, WA.
11. **Jonsson, M.** (2015). *Gender, objectification, and intimate partner violence*. Poster presented at the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences 10th Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, Kelowna, BC.
12. Erickson, K. A., **Jonsson, M.**, Langille, J. I., & Walsh, Z. (2015). *Effects of gender and gender role attitudes on victim blaming in intimate partner violence*. Poster presented at the 46th Annual APLS Conference, San Diego, CA.
13. **Jonsson, M.**, Langille, J. I., & Walsh, Z. (2015). *Objectification, victim blaming, and intimate partner violence*. Poster presented at the 46th Annual APLS Conference, San Diego, CA.
14. **Jonsson, M.** (2014). *Objectification, victim blaming, and intimate partner violence*. Oral presentation for the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences 9th Annual Undergraduate Research Awards Symposium, Kelowna, BC.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS – Doctoral Award Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	2019 – 2021 Burnaby, BC
Multi-Year Funding Package Simon Fraser University	2016 – 2021 Burnaby, BC
Derek Eaves Student Research Grant International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services	2018 Vancouver, BC
Student Grant-In-Aid Award American Psychology-Law Society	2018 Washington, DC
Outstanding Student Poster Award American Psychology-Law Society	2017 Seattle, WA
Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS – Masters Award Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council	2016 – 2017 Burnaby, BC
Dean’s Choice Award for Best Honours Thesis Presentation Psychology Department, University of British Columbia – Okanagan	2015 Kelowna, BC
People’s Choice Award for Best Honours Thesis Presentation Psychology Department, University of British Columbia – Okanagan	2015 Kelowna, BC

Undergraduate Student Travel Grant University of British Columbia – Okanagan	2015 Kelowna, BC
Undergraduate Research Award University of British Columbia – Okanagan	2014 Kelowna, BC
Deputy Vice Chancellor Scholarship University of British Columbia – Okanagan	2013 – 2015 Kelowna, BC
Chancellor's Scholar Award University of British Columbia – Okanagan	2012 Kelowna, BC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Reviewer Completes reviews for Translational Issues in Psychological Science journal	2018 – present
Graduate Student Mentor Co-supervises undergraduate students in their completion of research projects	2017 – present
Graduate Student Seminar Coordinator Helped coordinate monthly research seminars in law and forensic psychology	2017 – 2019

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services	2018 – present
American Psychology-Law Society (Div. 41, APA)	2018 – present
Mental Health, Law, and Policy Institute	2016 – present

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Core Indigenous Cultural Safety Mental Health Training	April 2020
Skills for Living Well Workshop (Dr. Martin Phillips-Hing)	December 2018
Tri-Council Policy Statement: CORE	April 2014