

## **Heather Silvio, PsyD**

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### **Summary**

Dynamic instructor with experience developing and teaching curriculum at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels in fields as diverse as psychology, artificial intelligence, and law enforcement seeking part-time adjunct opportunity.

### **Education**

Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writing, Sierra Nevada University  
Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology, University of Hartford  
Master of Science, Artificial Intelligence, University of Georgia  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology and Political Science, University of Houston

### **Selected Professional Experience**

#### **Deputy Director**

Police Training Institute, Nationwide, Jul 2019-Present

- Nationally certified law enforcement instructor responsible for developing and conducting training to improve the relationships between youth and law enforcement.
- Adapt existing curriculum to webinar format for transition to virtual learning due to the global pandemic.

#### **Consultant / Developer / Trainer**

Community Safety Institute, Nationwide, Aug 2016-Jul 2019

- Trained rural, suburban, city, and tribal law enforcement on approaches to improve de-escalation of potential conflicts, including train-the-trainer classes for instructors.
- Consulted on the development of training materials for police departments across the nation.

#### **Psychologist / Co-Lead – Combat & MST Related PTSD Treatment Program**

Department of Veterans Affairs, North Las Vegas, NV, Jun 2012-Jul 2017

- Instructed on topics in psychology for medical center clinical staff, patients & families, and in the community, including the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.
- Provided assistance, oversight, and management of a clinical treatment team consisting of psychiatrists, social workers, and psychologists.
- Provided a full range of psychological services for combat veterans diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), including PTSD-related education to patients, family members, and significant others.
- Assisted in updating the therapeutic content and materials used for the treatment program, including development of an Intensive Outpatient Program.

### **Lieutenant/Lieutenant Commander**

U.S. Public Health Service, Sheppard Air Force Base, TX, Dec 2008-Dec 2011

- Chief of Psychology, Mental Health Clinic (MHC), *Jul 2010-Dec 2011*
- Director, Behavioral Health Service, *Jan 2010-Jun 2010*
- Chief of Mental Health/Officer-in-Charge (OIC), *Oct 2009-Jan 2010*
- Clinical Psychologist, *Dec 2008-Dec 2011*

### **Pre-Doctoral Intern (APA-accredited internship) / Postdoctoral Resident**

Ben Taub General Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, Jul 2005-Aug 2007

- Lectured on psychological assessment to psychiatry residents and medical students.
- Supervised graduate-level psychology practicum students on psychological evaluations.

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

University of Maine, Orono, ME, Sep 2001-May 2002

- Statistics in Psychology: conducted weekly lab sessions, prepared and graded homework, administered and graded exams.
- Guest Lectured in Child Development.

### **Adjunct Faculty**

Kingwood College, Kingwood, TX, Jan 2001-May 2001

- Introduction to Operating Systems: lectured, prepared/graded homework, administered/graded exams.

### **Guest Scholar**

University of Georgia, Athens, GA, Mar 1999-Oct 1999

- Computer Science – Lectured on artificial neural networks and fuzzy logic, *Oct 1999*
- Cognitive Science – Lectured on artificial intelligence, *Mar 1999*

## **Publications & Presentations**

In the interests of brevity, only providing summaries; additional information available upon request.

- Fiction: Published romantic paranormal cozy series; romantic comedy; short story collection; and psychological thriller. Most known for the six-book *Paranormal Talent Agency* series.
- Nonfiction: Published therapy guide; self-help workbook; and psychological social commentary.
- Academic: Published journal articles and chapters in books; presented papers in a variety of areas, as well as participated in panel discussions.

## **References**

Available upon request.