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EDUCATION

- 2003 **Argosy University: Illinois School of Professional Psychology**, Chicago, Illinois
Doctor of Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.) Forensic Psychology Minor (APA Accredited)
- 1999 Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology
- 1997 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts, Major: Psychology; Minor: Criminal Justice
- 1995 **William Rainey Harper College**, Palatine, Illinois
Associates of Arts, General Studies

LICENSE

Clinical Psychologist 071-007267 (Illinois)
Sex Offender Evaluator 271-000086 (Illinois)
Sex Offender Treatment Provider 272-000074 (Illinois)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 11/16-Present **Hillard Heintze, LLC**, Chicago, IL
Vice President – Threat and Violence Risk Management
Responsible for conducting direct psychological violence risk assessments; indirect threat assessments; corporate and public safety fitness for duty psychological assessments; and psychosexual risk evaluations. Clients include Fortune 500 corporations, government agencies, academic institutions, religious organizations, public figures, attorneys, and high net-worth individuals.
- 05/07-Present **Midwest Behavioral Risk Management, P.C.**, Schaumburg, IL
President
Responsible for conducting direct psychological violence risk assessments; indirect threat assessments; inappropriate and threatening correspondence analysis and management; corporate and public safety fitness for duty psychological assessments; and workplace violence prevention consultation and training services for Fortune 500 corporations, employee assistance programs, community mental health centers, academic institutions, religious organizations, public figures/celebrities, attorneys, and individuals. Conducting psychosexual / sex offender psychological evaluations and other forensic assessments.
- 06/09-Present **Mid-West Protective Service, Inc.** Chicago, IL
Director of Threat Management
Responsible for conducting direct psychological violence risk assessments; indirect threat assessments; inappropriate and threatening correspondence analysis and

management; corporate and public safety fitness for duty psychological assessments; and workplace violence prevention consultation and training services for Fortune 500 corporations, employee assistance programs, community mental health centers, academic institutions, religious organizations, public figures/celebrities, attorneys, and individuals. Conducting psychosexual / sex offender psychological evaluations and other forensic assessments.

- 09/15-11/16 **Kane County Diagnostic Center**, 16th Judicial Circuit Court Services, St. Charles, IL
Staff Psychologist
Responsible for conducting psychological evaluations with a diverse forensic population in response to a wide range of court-ordered referrals including violence risk, sex offender, domestic violence, fitness to stand trial, sanity, conditional release, and juvenile transfer. Conduct merit and pre-employment evaluations with prospective Sheriff Deputies, Correctional Officers and Armed Probation units. Provide in-service training to staff, supervise staff psychologists and student interns. Detailed to Juvenile Drug Court team.
- 06/07-08/14 **Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center**, Chicago, IL
Clinical Psychologist, Team Leader Intake & Assessment
Responsible for conducting and/or supervising intake psychological screenings with approximately 4,000 to 6,000 culturally diverse male and female juveniles annually. Conducting advanced psychological screening assessments using psychological test procedures and interview techniques. Part of a multidisciplinary treatment team, supervise mental health staff, develop policies, respond and manage acute crisis care and conduct in-service training on suicide prevention.
- 12/00-12/07 **Forensic Psychology Associates, L.T.D.** Chicago, IL
Associate
Responsible for performing psychodiagnostic assessments using psychological test procedures and interview techniques with respect to criminal and civil legal proceedings. Conducted direct psychological violence risk assessments and indirect threat assessments for Fortune 500 corporations and individual clients; public safety employment suitability and fitness for duty assessments; disability assessments; and linkage analysis assessments for criminal cases.
- 05/01-12/07 **Applied Legal Psychiatry & Psychology, L.L.C.** Chicago, IL
Associate
Responsible for performing psychodiagnostic assessments using psychological test procedures and interview techniques with respect to criminal and civil legal proceedings. Conducted criminal investigative behavioral assessments for criminal cases.
- 09/03-01/07 **Magnum Security & Investigation, Inc.** Chicago, IL
Director of Threat Management
Responsible for conducting direct psychological violence risk assessments and indirect threat assessments for Fortune 500 corporations and individual clients. Consulted with executive protection teams and provided investigative support. Initiate, design, and implement workplace violence prevention programs for corporate clients.

- 09/05-08/06 **Treatment & Detention Facility**, Dept. of Human Services, Joliet, IL
Clinical Therapist
Responsible for the care and treatment of residents detained under Illinois' Sexually Violent Persons statute. Part of a multidisciplinary treatment team managing both pre-committed and post-committed residents. Conducted admissions and orientation for residents, developed individual treatment plans, and provided group sex offender treatment (15+ hours per week). Conducted psychological assessments for those residents consenting to the sex offender treatment program. Provided acute crisis care, staff support, and attended interdisciplinary staffings.
- 01/04-08/05 **Wisconsin Resource Center**, Dept. of Health & Family Services, Winnebago, WI
Psychological Associate
Responsible for the care and treatment of patients detained under Wisconsin's Sexually Violent Persons' statute. Conducted admissions and orientation for patients, developed individual care plans, provided individual sex offender treatment, wrote treatment progress reports for the court, and provided court testimony as needed. Part of a treatment team managing both pre-committed and post-committed patients declining sex offender treatment. Conducted psychological assessments for those patients consenting to sex offender treatment programs. Provided acute crisis care, staff support, and attended interdisciplinary staffings. Conducted psychodiagnostic evaluations with Wisconsin Department of Corrections inmates in response to a wide range of referral questions. Facilitated time limited therapeutic groups with high-management inmates.
- 11/04-08/05 **Reach Counseling Services**, Sex Offender Treatment Program, Oshkosh, WI
Therapist
Providing outpatient sex offender group treatment to post-convicted adult males. Responsible for intake treatment assessments, client evaluations, interdisciplinary staffings, and case consultations.
- 09/02-09/03 **Kane County Diagnostic Center**, 16th Judicial Circuit Court Services, Batavia, IL
Psychology Intern
Conducted psychological assessments and psychotherapy with culturally diverse forensic populations in response to a wide range of court-ordered referrals (sex offender, domestic violence). Performed merit and pre-employment evaluations with prospective Sheriff Deputies, Correctional Officers and Armed Probation units. Permanent rotation at the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center, conducting intake assessments, psychological evaluations, psychotherapy, acute crisis care, and consultation.
- 08/00-06/01 **Federal Bureau of Prisons**, Metropolitan Correctional Center, Chicago, IL
Psychotherapy Extern
Conducted individual and group psychotherapy with a culturally diverse male and female inmate population. Responsibilities included acute crisis care, intake screenings, treatment planning, interdisciplinary staffings, case presentations, and staff support.

- 03/00-10/02 **Professional Protection Services, Inc.**, Arlington Heights, Illinois
Director of Threat Assessment Team / Executive Protection Unit
Responsible for conducting direct psychological violence risk assessments and indirect threat assessments for Fortune 500 corporations and individual clients. Consulted with executive protection teams and provided investigative support.
- Senior Investigator*
Responsible for investigation and consultation services regarding criminal, civil, domestic, and missing person cases.
- 09/99-07/00 **Kane County Diagnostic Center**, 16th Judicial Circuit Court Services, Batavia, IL
Diagnostic Extern
Conducted psychological assessments with culturally diverse forensic populations. Responsible for performing psychodiagnostic evaluations using psychological test procedures and interview techniques in response to wide range of court-ordered referral questions.
- 08/98-06/99 **Illinois Department of Corrections**, Illinois Youth Center, St. Charles, IL
Psychotherapy Extern
Conducted individual, sex offender group, and family therapy with a culturally diverse male forensic population aged 12-18 assigned to the Special Treatment Unit.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Brenzinger, M.** (2003) An Integrative Violence Risk and Threat Assessment Model for Workplace Violence. (Unpublished Clinical Research Project), Argosy University-Illinois School of Professional Psychology.
- 01/97-02/00 **Crime & Justice International: Worldwide News & Trends**
Reporter
- 10/96-8/99 **Office of International Criminal Justice (OICJ)**, University of Illinois at Chicago
Research Analyst, Office of Organized Crime Research & Special Topics
Responsible for conducting various research projects for the Director of OICJ.
- Continuing Professional Education Coordinator*
Responsible for developing curricula, securing speakers and organizing all logistics for annual OICJ conferences and symposiums.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 07/03-09/03 **Kaplan College**, Davenport, IA
Adjunct Instructor, School of Criminal Justice, On-Line Program
- Criminology
- 08/01-08/02 **Governors State University**, University Park, IL
University Lecturer, College of Arts & Sciences, Criminal Justice Department
- Criminal Justice Systems & Process Analysis (Graduate Program)
 - Victimology (Graduate Program)

- Justice System Research Design
- Critical Issues in Juvenile Justice
- Substance Abuse in the Criminal Justice System (WebCT Course)

1999 & 1996 **Lewis University**, Romeoville, IL
Teaching Assistant, Criminal Social Justice Department

- Criminal Psychological Profiling

INTERNSHIPS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

01/97-05/97 **Cook County Sheriff's Police Department**, Maywood, IL
Undergraduate Intern
Conducted research for publication on Italian, Russian, Asian, and Outlaw Motorcycle criminal organizations.

06/96-04/99 **Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault**, Arlington Heights, IL
Volunteer Advocate
Conducted continuing professional education seminars for various law enforcement agencies. Presenting lectures on "Psychologically Profiling the Serial Rapist."

01/96-05/96 **Cook County Circuit Court Adult Probation Department**, Chicago, IL
Undergraduate Intern
Conducted intake interviews with clients to assess risks and needs and developed appropriate action plans. Wrote supervision plans, accompanied probation officers to court hearings, and assisted in managing a caseload of 190+ clients.

PUBLICATIONS

Brenzinger, M., Flora, T., & Rush, H. (2010, February). Workplace violence prevention: How to handle poison pen letters. *Security Management Magazine*, 2, 52-54, 56-57.

Brenzinger, M. (2000, February). Geographical profiling of violent offenders. *Crime & Justice International*, 16, 9-10.

Brenzinger, M. (1998, October). Voyeurism: A harmless erotic preference or a sexual predator in the making? *Crime & Justice International*, 14, 13-14, 32.

Scaramella, G., **Brenzinger, M.**, & Miller, P. (1998). Outlaw motorcycle gangs. *Internal Report for Cook County Sheriff's Police Department*. Office of Organized Crime Research, Office of International Criminal Justice, Chicago: University of Illinois.

Brenzinger, M. (1998, May). Serial rapists and their use of clandestine chemicals. *Crime & Justice International*, 14, 6, 28-29.

Brenzinger, M., & Miller, P. (1998, April). Sexual offenders: Pedophiles on the prowl. *Crime & Justice International*, 14, 11-12, 29-30.

Scaramella, G., **Brenzinger, M.**, & Miller, P. (1997, October). Outlaw motorcycle gangs: Tattoo-laden misfits or sophisticated criminals? *Crime & Justice International*, 13, 10-13.

Scaramella, G., **Brenzinger, M.**, & Miller, P. (1997). An analysis of specialized investigative services provided by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department. *Internal Report for the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department*. Office of Organized Crime Research, Office of International Criminal Justice, Chicago: University of Illinois.

BOOK REVIEWS

Forensic psychology, 2nd Edition, by Lawrence Wrightsman & Solomon Fulero, Belmont, CA: Thompson-Wadsworth, 2005; in *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 50, 4, 992-3, (July, 2005).

Juvenile sexual homicide, by Wade Meyers, San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 2002; in *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 49, 4, 874, (July, 2004).

Introduction to forensic psychology: Issues and controversies in crime and justice, by Bruce Arrigo, San Diego, CA: Academic Press, 2000; in *Crime & Justice International*, 16, 44, 20 (September, 2000).

Geographical profiling, by D. Kim Rossmo, Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 1999; in *Crime & Justice International*, 16, 44, 20-21 (September, 2000).

The sexual exploitation of children: A practical guide to assessment, investigation, and intervention, 2nd Edition, by Seth Goldstein, Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2000; in *Crime & Justice International*, 14, 22, 24 (March, 1998).

CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

Brenzinger, M. (May, 2016). *Direct Threats and Workplace Violence. Bridging the Gap Between Law Enforcement and Mental Health Professionals*, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Psychological Services Committee, Aurora, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (June, 2014). *Managing Workplace Violence, Transforming the EAP Industry for the Changing Healthcare Environment*, Northern Illinois Employee Assistance Professional Association 36th Annual Conference, Oakbrook Terrace, IL.

Brenzinger, M., (October, 2012). *Defining Deviant Sexual Behavior and Risk Assessment. Assessment and Safe Integration of Sexual Offenders*. Jewish Child & Family Services, Park Ridge, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (July, 2012). *An Introduction to the Workplace Assessment of Violence Risk (WAVR-21) Instrument*, ASIS International, Illinois North Shore Chapter, Wheeling, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (June, 2012). *An Introduction to the Workplace Assessment of Violence Risk (WAVR-21) Instrument, Today's Resilience = Tomorrows Rewards*, Northern Illinois Employee Assistance Professional Association 34th Annual Conference, Hoffman Estates, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (April, 2012). *Preventing Workplace Violence: Conducting a Direct Psychological Violence Risk Assessment*, Northwest Human Resource Council, Schaumburg, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (March, 2012). *An Introduction to the Workplace Assessment of Violence Risk (WAVR-21) Instrument, Safeguarding the Future*, Midwest Security Conference, Lisle, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (January, 2012). *An Introduction to the Workplace Assessment of Violence Risk (WAVR-21) Instrument*. APEX Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (August, 2011). *An Introduction to the Workplace Assessment of Violence Risk (WAVR-21) Instrument*. ASIS International, Illinois Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (June, 2011). *Conducting a Direct Psychological Violence Risk Assessment. EAP: Challenges and Choices*, Northern Illinois Employee Assistance Professional Association 33rd Annual Conference, Hoffman Estates, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (May, 2011). *Detecting Response Distortions in Claimants Participation in Disability Evaluations, Rolling into the Future*, 43rd Annual Midwest Claim Conference, Geneva, WI.

Brenzinger, M. (May, 2011). *Best Practice Guidelines for Detecting Malingering and Deception, Rolling into the Future*, 43rd Annual Midwest Claim Conference, Geneva, WI.

Brenzinger, M. (April, 2011). *Threat Management: Joining Forces with a Mental Health Professional, Threat Assessment Teams: Optimization Through Collaboration*, Association of Threat Assessment Professionals Spring Regional Conference, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (March, 2011). *Psychological Violence Risk and Threat Assessments, The Never Ending Challenge*, Midwest Security Conference, Lisle, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (October 2010). *Screening and Managing Anonymous Inappropriate and Threatening Correspondence: Practical Solutions for Small and Mid-Sized Businesses, Labor and Law Conference*, The Management Association of Illinois, Woodridge, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (August, 2010). *Psychological Violence Risk and Threat Assessments: An Introduction for Security Professionals*. ASIS International, Illinois Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (July, 2010). *Psychological Protocols for Violence Risk Assessment*. Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, Chicago Chapter, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (June, 2010). *Preventing Workplace Violence: Managing Inappropriate and Threatening Correspondence*. EAP: New Vistas and Valuable Insights, Northern Illinois Employee Assistance Professional Association 32nd Annual Conference, Hoffman Estates, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (May, 2010). *Protecting Your Principal: Analyzing and Managing Inappropriate and Threatening Correspondence*. ASIS International, Illinois North Shore Chapter, Wheeling, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (March, 2010). *Establishing an Interdisciplinary Threat Assessment Team*. Reducing Exposure: A Best Practice Approach to Mitigating Workplace Violence, International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety, Chicago Chapter, Elmhurst, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (March, 2010). *Managing Inappropriate and Threatening Correspondence*. Reducing Exposure: A Best Practice Approach to Mitigating Workplace Violence, International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety, Chicago Chapter, Elmhurst, IL.

Brenzinger, M., (December, 2009). *Psychological Violence Risk Assessment for Intimate Partner Violence*, Jewish Child & Family Services, Skokie, IL.

Brenzinger, M., (May, 2009). *Workplace Violence: Prevention and Management Strategies*. Workers Compensation & Disability Symposium, National Association of Medical Advancement, Skokie, IL.

Brenzinger, M., (April, 2009). *Psychosexual Evaluations for the Alleged and/or Convicted Sex Offender*. A Hard Balance: Reintegrating Offenders vs. Keeping Children Safe, Jewish Child & Family Services, Skokie, IL.

Brenzinger, M., (January, 2002). *Current Issues in Criminal Investigative Behavioral Assessment Techniques*, The Children's Advocacy Center of N.W. Cook County, IL.

Tafoya, W. L., Levin, B., & **Brenzinger, M.**, (July, 2000). *High-Tech Criminal Profiling: The Future of Predicting Violence*. Future Focus 2000: Changes, Challenges, and Choices. World Future Society Conference, Houston, TX.

Brenzinger, M. (2000, June). *Violence Prediction Models: Actuarial Verses Clinical Risk Assessments*. In R. H. Ward (Chair), Globalizing Crime: International Implications of Criminal Activity in the 21st Century. Conference conducted at 13th Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Futures, Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Center, Huntsville, TX.

Brenzinger, M. (1999, March). *A Comparative Analysis of Three Methods of Criminal Profiling*. In R. H. Ward (Chair), Investigating Crime at the Turn of the Century.

Conference conducted at the 12th Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Futures, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M. (1999, March). *Strategies for Investigating Sexual Assault Involving Date Rape Drugs*. In R. H. Ward (Chair), Investigating Crime at the Turn of the Century. Conference conducted at the 12th Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Futures, Chicago, IL.

Brenzinger, M., (August, 1998). *Criminal Psychological Profiling: Issues for Executives*, Office of International Criminal Justice Executive Development Program, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Brenzinger, M., (March, 1997). *Psychologically Profiling the Serial Rapist, Sexual Violence Police Training*, Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault, Streamwood Police Department, Streamwood, IL.

PRESENTATIONS

“Criminal Psychological Profiling,” Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, April, 2002.

“Career Paths in Criminal Psychological Profiling,” University of Illinois at Chicago, February, 2002.

“Violence Risk and Threat Assessment,” Illinois School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL, May, 2001.

“Career Paths in Criminal Psychological Profiling,” Psi-Chi and Alpha Phi Sigma, University of Illinois at Chicago, November, 2001.

“Criminal Psychological Profiling,” Law Enforcement & Justice Administration Department, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, September, 1999.

“Behavioral Characteristics of Sexual Predators,” Criminal Social Justice Department, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, December, 1998.

“Investigating Sexual Crimes,” Criminal Justice Department, University of Illinois at Chicago, September, 2001.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

“Key evidence missed before the University of California at Santa Barbara rampage,” Anderson Cooper 360, CNN, May 30, 2014

“Sex offenders at large?” Interview with the Daily Herald Newspaper, September 17, 2007

“Therapy optional for adult sex offenders,” Interview with the Daily Herald Newspaper, September 17, 2007

“From domestic abuse to domestic homicide,” Invited guest on “Legally Speaking,” with Karen Conti and Greg Adamski, WGN 720 AM Radio Program, November 4, 2007

“Killers of every sort: Examining murder and murders,” Invited guest on “Legally Speaking,” with Karen Conti and Greg Adamski, WGN 720 AM Radio Program, November 2, 2008

“Political sex scandals: Congressman Anthony Weiner,” Invited guest on “Legally Speaking,” with Karen Conti, WGN 720 AM Radio Program, June 12, 2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Association of Threat Assessment Professionals
- Member, Cook County Sex Offender Management Board
- Clinical Member, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
- Illinois Sex Offender Management Board
Approved Provider for Evaluations & Treatment for both Adults and Juveniles