

Mary Cops

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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology May 2027
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- Master of Science in Forensic Psychology May 2022
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology May 2019
University of Wisconsin – Stout, Menomonie, WI
Minor: Criminal Justice
Summa Cum Laude
- Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree May 2017
University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley, Menasha, WI
Emphasis in Psychology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Sep 2020 – Present
Applied Social Cognition Lab, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Supervisor: Dr. Andre Kehn

- Review literature for ongoing studies
- Attend weekly meetings to discuss research progress and formulate ideas
- Communicate effectively with members of lab about projects
- Collect participant data and analyze data
- Present research at the annual American Psychology-Law Society Conference

Current project: Juror perceptions of mental health diagnoses and police use of force

Thesis: They may not believe you remembered that nose: Juror perceptions of eyewitness' featural justifications

Research Assistant, Concussions Project Sep 2017 – May 2019
University of Wisconsin – Stout, Menomonie, WI
Supervisor: Dr. Desiree Budd

- Communicated regularly with research team on relevant findings
- Designed and conducted participant trials to collect and document data
- Analyzed and interpreted data using Biopac software
- Persuaded committee with proposal for funding to attend research conference
- Presented findings at the Annual Meeting of Society for Psychophysiological Research

PUBLICATIONS

Price, H. L., Kehn, A., Sorby, M., Harvey, M. B., **Cops, M.**, & Klassen, N. (2022). Child alibi

corroborators. In J. Behl & M. Kienzle (Eds.), *Alibis and Corroborators: Psychological, Criminological, and Legal Perspectives*. New York: Springer.

PRESENTATIONS

Cops, M., Bollinger, K., Owens, J., Wood, J., Adrian, M., Stornelli, L., Johnson, S., & Kehn, A. (2024, March). *Juror perceptions of mental health diagnoses and police use of force*. Poster accepted at 2024 Annual Conference of American Psychology-Law Society, Los Angeles, California.

Owens, J., Bolinger, K., Adrian, M., Stornelli, L., **Cops, M.**, Wood, J., Johnson, S., Kehn, A. (2024, March). *Metamemory and disconfirming feedback: An evaluation of the blank lineup procedure*. Poster accepted at 2024 Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Los Angeles, California.

Cops, M., Wood, J., Adrian, M., Owens, J., Bollinger, K., Stornelli, L., Johnson, S., & Kehn, A. (2023, October). *Juror perceptions of diagnoses and police use of force*. Poster presented at Annual Northern Lights Psychology Conference, Grand Forks, ND.

Cops, M., Owens, J., Bollinger, K., Adrian, M., Haynes, E., Sorby, M., Stornelli, L., & Kehn., (2023, April 15). *Remembering that nose will not be enough: Featural justification impact on mock juror judgements*. Poster presented at the PsyCentennial Celebration, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Adrian, M., **Cops, M.** Sorby, M., Haynes, E., Stornelli, L., Owens, J., Bollinger, K., & Kehn, A. (2023, March 18). *Impact of mental health and expert testimony*. Poster presented at Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Stornelli, L., **Cops, M.**, Adrian, M., Sorby, M., Haynes, E., Bollinger, K., Owens, J., & Kehn, A. (2023, March 16). *My home is my witness: The impact of Alexa footage on juror decision-making*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Haynes, E., **Cops, M.**, Sorby, M., Stornelli, L., Owens, J., Bollinger, K., & Kehn, A. (2023, March 17). *The effects of a prior criminal record on juror decision making*. Poster presented at Annual Conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Cops, M., Owens, J., Bollinger, K., Adrian, M., Haynes, E., Sorby, M., Stornelli, L., & Kehn., (2023, March 17). *Remembering that nose will not be enough: Featural justification impact on mock juror judgements*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the American-Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Cops, M., Haynes, E., Owens, J., Bollinger, K., Sorby, M., Adrian, M., Stornelli, L., & Kehn, A.

- (2022, November). *Remembering that nose will not be enough: Featural Justification Impact on Mock Juror Judgements*. Poster presented at Annual Northern Lights Psychology Conference, Grand Forks, ND.
- Cops, M.**, Haynes, E., Sorby, M., Adrian, M., Stornelli, L., & Kehn, A. (2022, March). *They may not believe you remembered that nose: Juror perceptions of eyewitness' featural justifications*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Sorby, M., Stornelli, L., Adrian, M., **Cops, M.**, Haynes, E., & Kehn, A. (2022, March). *The stability of criminal appearance and impact of criminal trait inferences on case judgments*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology and Law Society, Denver, CO.
- Stornelli, L. N., Adrian, M., Sorby, M., **Cops, M.**, Haynes, E., Berman, G. L., & Kehn, A. (2022, March). *Opening the gait! The effect of witness type and identification factors on mock-juror decision-making*. Poster presented at the 2022 meeting at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference, Denver, CO.
- Cops, M.**, Haynes, E., Sorby, M., Adrian, M., Stornelli, L., & Kehn, A. (2021, October). *They may not believe you remembered that nose: Juror perceptions of eyewitness' feature justifications*. Poster presented at Annual Northern Lights Psychology Conference, Grand Forks, ND.
- Sorby, M., Adrian, M., Stornelli, L., **Cops, M.**, Haynes, E., & Kehn, A. (2021, October). *Correlates of support for the "Defund the Police" movement*. Poster presented at Annual Northern Lights Psychology Conference, Grand Forks, ND.
- Budd, D., **Cops, M.**, Wrobel, N., Vang, I. (2019, April). *The effect of concussion and repetitive head impacts on balance*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of Stout Research Day, Menomonie, WI.
- Budd, D., Donnelly, M., Line, E., Comstock, D., Sabinash, A., Grassman, S., **Cops, M.**, Wrobel, N. (2018, October). *Complex ERP components characterize athletes based on concussion history and type of sport played*. Poster presented at the 58th Annual Meeting for the Society of Psychophysiological Research, Quebec City, CA.
- Hamilton, K. L., Stachowski, A. A., Beeves, H. L., Dixon, J., Mechtel, N. A., Woods, M., **Cops, M.**, & McDonald, Z. M. (2018, April). *Does the type of cell phone alert matter? The effects of musical ringtones on student learning behaviors*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Hamilton, K. L., Stachowski, A. A., **Cops, M.**, Dixon, J., Jacobson, J., McDonald, Z.M., Mechtel, N. A. (2018, April). *Ever-present smartphones in the classroom: Midwestern faculty reflections*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Intern

Sep 2023 – Present

Benson's Psychological Services, Fargo, ND

Supervisor: Dr. Stacey Benson

- Review client records and summarize relevant information into assessment reports
- Administer a variety of psychological tests (e.g., MMPI, SIRS, BDI, BAI)
- Interpret and write results from assessment testing
- Conduct initial clinical intake and write up background information
- Attended three-day training to be certified in scoring and interpreting the Static-99R and STABLE-2007

Student Clinician

Aug 2023 – Present

Northern Prairie Community Clinic, Grand Forks, ND

Supervisor: Dr. Tiffany Russell

- Conduct and write up intake assessments and psychosocial evaluations
- Administer, score, and interpret cognitive, neurological, and personality testing
- Collaborate on student risk assessments as needed with director of clinical program
- Attend weekly group supervision meetings to address concerns
- Implement individual psychotherapy with clients

Clinical Mental Health Intern

May 2023 – Dec 2023

Red River Children's Advocacy Center, Fargo, ND

Supervisor: Dr. Anna Schimmelpfennig

- Compiled new client background information into updated forms
- Administered a variety of trauma-related assessments to children ages 3-17 and caregivers
- Communicated results from assessments when making referral decisions
- Wrote clinical notes summarizing assessment findings after appointments
- Consulted with supervisor weekly to ensure accurate documentation

Relevant Clinical Coursework

- Advanced Therapeutic Interventions (PSYC 574) Spring 2024
- Theories of Psychotherapy (PSYC 573) Spring 2023
- Clinical Assessment II (PSYC 571) Spring 2023
- Clinical Assessment I (PSYC 570) Fall 2022
- Professional Issues and Ethics in Psychology (PSYC 579) Fall 2022
- Forensic Assessment (PSYC 523) Fall 2021
- Psychology & Law (PSYC 524) Spring 2021

ASSESSMENT EXPERIENCE

Forensic Assessments

- Abel Assessment for Sexual Interest (AASI-3)
- Static-99R
- STABLE-2007

Trauma Assessments

- Life Events Checklist (LEC-5)
- Traumatic History Questionnaire (THQ)
- Minnesota's Traumatic Stress Screen for Children and Adolescents (TSSCA)
- Young Child PTSD Checklist (YCPC)
- Child PTSD Symptom Scale (CPSS)
- PTSD Checklist for DSM-5 (PCL-5)
- CRAFFT

Personality and Psychological Assessments

- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory II (MMPI-2)
- Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)

Cognitive and Neurological Assessments

- Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, Fourth Edition (WAIS-IV)
- Wechsler Memory Scale, Fourth Edition (WMS-IV)
- Wechsler Individual Achievement Test, Third Edition (WIAT-III)
- Delis-Kaplan Executive Dysfunction System (DKEFS)
- Mini-Mental Status Examination (MMSE)
- Connors Performance Test, Third Edition (CPT-3)
- Nelson-Denny Reading Test

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug 2022 – Present

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

Courses:

- Clinical Assessment II: Adv Issues in Clinical Assessment (PSYC 571) Spring 2024
- Capital Punishment (PSYC 594) Spring 2023 & 2024
- Clinical Assessment I: Basic Issues in Clinical Assessment (PSYC 570) Fall 2023
- Research Methods in Forensic Psychology (PSYC 544) Fall 2023
- Interrogations and Confessions (PSYC 594) Spring 2023
- Psychology and Law (PSYC 524) Fall 2022
- Psychology of the Courtroom (PSYC 594) Fall 2022
- Eyewitness Testimony and Memory (PSYC 534) Spring 2021
- Psychology and Law (PSYC 362) Fall 2020

Graduate Assistant

Jul 2021 – Aug 2022

UND School of Medicine, Grand Forks, ND

- Completed projects as assigned by professors
- Assisted in conference planning and contacting speakers for local events
- Created webinar certificates and distributed to conference attendees

Career Mentor

Jan 2021 – May 2022

University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

- Reviewed resumes, cover letters, and other career-related documents
- Implemented interviewing strategies in practice interviews with students
- Provided feedback on progress at monthly team meetings

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Youth Development Specialist

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

Boys & Girls Club, Appleton, WI

- Attended weekly staff meetings and discussed behavioral incidents
- Monitored teens in unit and supervised daily activities
- Documented behavioral concerns and communicated to guardians

Direct Support Staff, Level 5 Foster Home

Mar 2020 – Aug 2021

Agape, Appleton, WI

- Monitored and ensured children’s safety at home and in the community
- Assisted in daily living skills and treatment planning
- Implemented crisis prevention strategies when needed
- Communicated with parents and therapists about child’s day

Child Autism Treatment Technician

May 2019 – Jan 2020

FamilyPath Autism Services, Watertown, WI

- Applied individual treatment plans in daily sessions with clients
- Recorded and documented behavioral data from a session
- Upheld evidenced-based strategies from Early Start Denver Model

Youth Counselor

May 2018 – Aug 2018

Homme Youth and Family Program, Wittenberg, WI

- Upheld confidentiality and ethical procedures with residents and guardians
- Documented daily activities and wrote incident reports
- Fostered positive relationships with juvenile youth in a leadership role
- Demonstrated flexibility in managing challenging behaviors

HONORS & AWARDS

Kyle Kassman Memorial Award

Apr 2022

School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant

Mar 2022

Elizabeth Abraham Award

Spring 2021

Chancellor’s Award for Academic Excellence

2017 - 2019

High Academic Distinction in Psychology

Jan 2018

Outstanding Undergraduate of the Year

Jan 2018

Achievement in Research

2017 - 2018

Dean’s List

2015 - 2017

Student Scholar Award

2015 – 2016

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Expert Witness in Mock Trial

Nov 2021 & 2022

- Reviewed case documents in preparation for mock trial
- Collaborated with law students to prepare for direct and cross examination
- Presented information on measures of assessment relevant to the case

CERTIFICATES

Counseling on Access to Lethal Means

Feb 2023

Zero Suicide Institute

Static 99R & STABLE-2007

Nov 2023

Trainer: Dr. Stacey Benson

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychology – Law Society, *Division 41*

Sept 2020 – Present

Graduate Resource Alliance for Students in Psychology

Sept 2020 – Present