

Desirée Adams Griffin, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

- The University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, Alabama **08/2005 – 08/2011**
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy, August 2011
Master of Arts, December 2007
APA-accredited
Major Field of Study: Clinical Psychology
Concentration: Psychology and Law
Thesis: *Cues to remorse: Defendant nonverbal behaviors and expert testimony in capital sentencing*
Dissertation: *Exploring remorse behaviors: Verbal and nonverbal indicators of authentic, exaggerated, and feigned remorse*
Research Supervisor: Stanley Brodsky, Ph.D.
- The University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, Alabama **08/2001 - 05/2005**
Degree: Bachelor of Arts, May 2005
Major: Psychology
Minor: Criminal Justice
Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *The influences of defendant age and victim impact statements on sentencing in juvenile capital cases*

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute**, Danville, Virginia **09/2011 – 10/2012**
Postdoctoral Psychology Resident
- University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry** **08/2010 – 08/2011**
Predoctoral Psychology Intern, Clinical Forensic Track
APA-accredited Internship Program
- Major Rotations:**
- Federal Correctional Complex – Butner **08/2010 – 08/2011**
- Federal Medical Center
 - Federal Correctional Institute
- Minor Rotations:**
- Central Regional Hospital, Forensic Outpatient Assessment Service **05/2011- 08/2011**
- Functional Gastrointestinal Clinic, UNC School of Medicine **05/2011-08/2011**
- Eating Disorder Inpatient Unit, UNC School of Medicine **01/2011 – 04/2011**
- Forensic Psychiatry Services, UNC School of Medicine **08/2010 – 12/2010**
- Crisis Stabilization Unit, UNC School of Medicine **08/2010 – 12/2010**
- The University of Alabama Student Counseling Center** **06/2009 – 08/2009**
Volunteer Therapist

Apex Psychological Services Disability Determination Services Evaluator	08/2006 - 08/2009
Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility Psychology Trainee	08/2007 – 08/2008
The University of Alabama Police Department (UAPD) Fitness for Duty Evaluator	06/2007 – 08/2008
The University of Alabama Psychology Clinic Volunteer Examiner for Psychological Evaluations	08/2006 – 05/2008
The University of Alabama Psychology Clinic Therapist	06/2006 – 06/2007
The University of Alabama Autism Spectrum Disorders Research Clinic Therapist	08/2005 – 05/2007
Alabama Department of Youth Services, Chalkville Campus Psychology Trainee Evaluator	05/2006 - 08/2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of North Carolina , Department of Psychology Lecturer, Psychology Club Faculty Advisor	07/2012 – present
The University of Alabama , Department of Psychology Instructor and Graduate Teaching Assistant	08/2006 – 06/2010
The University of Alabama Psychology Clinic Graduate Teaching Assistant	08/2008 – 08/2009

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Clinical and Forensic Psychology Consultants , Tuscaloosa, Alabama Trainee	01/2006 – 08/2010
Federal Public Defender’s Office , Mobile, Alabama Extern	01/2009 – 05/2009

PUBLICATIONS¹

- Patty, E., Cramer, R. J., **Griffin, D. A.**, & Brodsky, S. L. (2012). Defendant remorse, need for affect, and juror sentencing decisions. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*, 40, 41-49.
- Johnson, K., Brodsky, S. L., & **Griffin, D. A.** (2011). Knowledge vs. Charm: Dr. Fox Effects and Inoculation in Expert Witness Testimony. *Journal of science and health at the University of Alabama*, 8, 29-34.

¹ Published under Adams, D., 2005-2006 and 2008-2009; Published under West, D.A., 2006-2007; Published under Griffin, D.A. 2010- present.

- Griffin, D. A., & Patty, E.** (2010). Emotions in the courtroom: "Need for affect" in juror decision-making. *The Jury Expert*, 22, 61-66.
- Cramer, R. J., **Adams, D.**, & Brodsky, S. L. (2009). Jury selection in child sex abuse trials: A case analysis. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 18, 190-205.
- West, D. A.**, & Lichtenstein, B. (2006). Andrea Yates and the criminalization of the filicidal maternal body. *Feminist Criminology*, 1, 173-187.
- Griffin, M. P., & **West, D. A.** (2006). The lowest of the low? Addressing the disparity between community view, public policy, and treatment effectiveness for sex offenders. *Law & Psychology Review*, 30, 143-169.

SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Neal, T. M. S., **Griffin, D.A.**, & Brodsky, S. L. (2012, March). *Educated mock-jurors evaluating defendant substance abuse evidence in capital trials*. Poster presented at the 2012 American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Ziemke, M. H., **Griffin, D. A.**, Neal, T. M. S. (2011, March). *Silencing the hired gun: Do juror perceptions of expert witnesses depend on who is asking the tough questions?* Poster presented at the 2011 American Psychology-Law Society conference, Miami, Florida.
- Adams, D.**, Neal, T. M. S., Titcomb, C., & Griffin, M. (2010, March) *Let emotions be the judge: Graphic evidence and need for affect in legal decision-making*. Poster presented at the 2010 American Psychology-Law Society conference, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Adams, D.**, & Brodsky, S. L., & Neal, T. M. S. (2009, March). *The inconsistent "backfire effect" of substance abuse history: The influence of defendant and juror characteristics*. Paper presented at the 2009 American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Adams, D.**, Neal, T. M. S., Brodsky, S. L., & Titcomb, C. (2009, March). *Graphic photographic evidence and arousal: Investigating need for affect in information processing of emotional evidence*. Poster presented at the 2009 American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Neal, T. M. S., **Adams, D.**, & Brodsky, S. L. (2009, March). *Physical and sexual abuse histories in mitigation*. Poster presented at the 2009 American Psychology-Law Society conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Adams, D.**, & Brodsky, S. L. (2008, March). *Apologetic and alive? Capital sentencing decisions based on perception of defendant remorse*. Paper presented at the 2008 American Psychology-Law Society conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- West, D. A.** (2007, August). *Cues to remorse: Defendant nonverbal behaviors and expert testimony in capital sentencing*. Paper presented at the 2007 American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Griffin, M. P., & **West, D. A.** (2006, March). *The lowest of the low? Addressing the disparity between community view, public policy, and treatment effectiveness for sex offenders*. Paper presented at the 2006 American Psychology – Law Society conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Griffin, D. A., Neal, T. M., Titcomb, C., & Griffin, M. P. *Let emotions be the judge: Graphic evidence and need for affect in legal decision-making*

Griffin, M. P., Neal, T. M. S., & **Griffin, D. A.** *Video-Assisted Restoration to Competency Program*

RESEARCH GRANTS

National Alumni Association License Tag Fellowship	08/2009
Graduate Council Fellowship	08/2005
McNair Scholar Summer Research Grant	06/2004

RECENT CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

Evaluating Legal Sanity: Beyond the Basics, Charlottesville, Virginia	04/2012
Changes in the DSM: Rationale, Process and Implications, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	05/2011
North Carolina Psychological Association, Spring Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	04/2011
Administering the Rorschach, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	09/2010
Using Visual Information to Educate the Court, Tuscaloosa, Alabama	06/ 2009