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## EDUCATION

- 2016-Present      **Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology**  
Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI  
- Program completion – August, 2018
- 2013-2015      **Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology**  
Argosy University, Phoenix, AZ
- 2009-2013      **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & Criminal Justice**  
Argosy University, Phoenix, AZ

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-Present      **Ausable Valley Community Mental Health** (Tawas City, MI)  
*A supervised practicum in Clinical Psychology*  
  
Intern / practicum student under the supervision of limited license clinical psychologist in an outpatient clinic. Providing emergency screening, intake and diagnostic assessments, treatment planning, and therapy for severely and persistently mentally ill clients. Co-facilitates an Anger Management Group.
- 2016-Present      **PsychLaw.net, PLLC**  
*Forensic Psychological Intern*  
  
Intern and forensic psychology graduate student under the supervision of licensed forensic psychologist [Demosthenes Lorandos, PhD, JD](#). Providing forensic psychological evaluation and analysis of high-conflict family law cases as well as criminal cases involving accusations of child sexual abuse. Working with Dr. Lorandos to create forensic psychological reports used in court to support expert witness testimony.
- 2013-Present      **Joshi | Attorneys & Counselors**  
*Forensic Psychological Researcher*  
  
Consultant / forensic psychological researcher for the law firm Joshi attorneys and counselors. Providing attorney [Ashish Joshi](#) forensic psychological evaluation and analysis of high-conflict cases. This takes the form of memorandums and legal briefs used to answer questions of fact. These include when a child's right to a close and continuing relationship with both parents has been abrogated for unjustified / unwarranted reasons, and other forensic psychology issues of concern to the law firm.

## PRE-PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Musician** 36 years (1981-Present)
- Played keyboards and sang with a variety of orchestras and bands from presentation of symphonic music to jazz and rock n' roll bands. In various bands and venues, performed as a musician across six states.
- Music Teacher** 26 years (1981-2007)
- Taught music theory, composition, percussion, and piano in a variety of settings including both public and private schools.
- Music Director** 8 years (2005-2008, 2012-Present)
- Worked as music director, composer, choir director, and church music ensemble leader.
- Piano Sales** 12 years (1993-2005)
- Sold acoustic and digital pianos. Experienced in sales both private and institutional as well as demonstrations, clinics, and management.
- Keyboard Programmer** 6 years (1988-1993)
- Created and programmed sound libraries for Roland, Yamaha, Korg, and Ensoniq Digital Synthesizers and Keyboards. These sound libraries were marketed and sold through Keyboard Magazine advertisements.

## CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

**Conference Participant.** Participated in the First International Conference of the Parental Alienation Study Group ([PASG](#)), Washington, D.C. October 21-23, 2017

**Panel Presenter.** Presented the latest research findings concerning how false memories are induced in laboratory animals and human beings at The Third Annual Psi Chi Research Symposium, 'The Intersection of Psychology and Neuroscience,' Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI. June 16, 2017

**Research & Preparation for Presenter.** Provided research support for the [Detection of Deception](#) panel PowerPoint presentation by Demosthenes Lorandos at the [American College of Forensic Psychology 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Symposium in San Diego](#), CA. March 26, 2015

## SELECTED SCHOLARLY WORKS

Lorandos, D., Craft, T., & Wygant, S. A. (*in press*). Child sexual abuse interviews. In Demosthenes Lorandos (Ed.), *The Litigators Handbook of Forensic Medicine, Psychiatry, and Psychology* (Chapter 24). Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters / West Publishing.

Wygant, S. A. (2017). Remembering falsely: The neural correlates of false memory induction. In T. Stamper (Chair), *The Intersection of Psychology and Neuroscience*. The Third Annual Psi Chi Research Symposium at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology, 26811 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, Michigan June 16, 2017.

Wygant, S. A. (2017). *Primary defense mechanisms in psychotherapy*. Unpublished manuscript, Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Wygant, S. A. (2016). *Suicidality: Assessment and treatment strategies*. Unpublished manuscript, Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Wygant, S. A. (2015). *The pitfalls and hazards of interviewing non-abused children for sexual abuse and how to avoid them*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2014). Paternal deprivation and its harmful effects on child development. *Forensic Family Research*, 6(1), 31-40. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2013). *Research grant proposal for the prevention and treatment of child psychological maltreatment*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2012). Child suggestibility and the misinformation effect. *Forensic Family Research*, 4(3), 21-42. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2012). Understanding and assessing personality disorders from a dimensional perspective. *Forensic Family Research*, 4(3), 5-20. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2012). *The pathogenesis, diagnosis, & treatment of borderline personality disorder*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2011). *The psychopathology of Albert DeSalvo*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2010). Hysterical, dissociative, and factitious conditions of the mind. *Forensic Family Research*, 2(1), 24-32. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2010). *Profiling & identifying serial killers: A case study of child killer Albert Fish*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2010). *State v. Kip Kinkle: A case for replacing the insanity defense with guilty-but-mentally-ill*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

Wygant, S. A. (2009). *Child maltreatment: Emotional abuse & mental injury defined*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Psychology, Argosy University, Phoenix, Arizona.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2017-Present      [Parental Alienation Study Group](#) (Nashville, TN)

2017-Present      [Psi-Chi](#) (MiSPP Chapter, Farmington Hills, MI)

2011-Present      [American Bar Association](#) (Chicago, IL)