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Licensed Psychologist**

**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Education:**

2000 Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
1995 M.A., Experimental Psychology, University of Central Oklahoma  
1993 B.A., Psychology, University of Central Oklahoma

**Licenses:**

2002-Present Licensed Psychologist/Health Service Provider, State of Oklahoma #914  
2013-Present Licensed Psychologist, State of Kansas LP#2138  
2013 Temporary Licensed Psychologist, State of Texas

**Professional Positions:**

2005-Present Private Practice offering clinical and forensic psychological services  
Website: [www.drshawnroberson.com](http://www.drshawnroberson.com)  
2003-2009 Director of Forensic Psychology, Oklahoma Forensic Center (Vinita, OK),  
Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
2002-2003 Forensic Psychologist I, Oklahoma Forensic Center, Oklahoma  
Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
2000-2002 Staff Psychologist, Oklahoma Forensic Center, Oklahoma Department of  
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

**Teaching, Consulting, and Committee Appointments:**

2012-Present Consultant, City of the Village (Oklahoma) Police Department

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- 2011-Present Adjunct Faculty, Forensic Science Institute & Psychology Department (dual appointment), University of Central Oklahoma  
Courses: Forensic Psychology; Internship Site Supervisor
- 2011-Present Clinical Assistant Professor, Psychiatry Department at the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa, School of Community Medicine
- 2011-Present Consultant, City of Yukon (Oklahoma) Police and Fire Departments
- 2006-Present Adjunct Faculty, Griffin Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Residency Program in Norman, Oklahoma
- 2008-2012 Member, Joint committee for court recommendations-Okla. Dept. of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services & Okla. Dept. of Human Services
- 2003-2009 Oklahoma Forensic Center Executive Management Team; Clinical Department Head Committee; Ethics/Research Committee; Behavior Management Committee; and Internal Forensic Review Board.
- 2005-2009 Chairperson, Northeastern Oklahoma Psychology Internship Program, accredited by the American Psychological Association
- 2005-2009 Research Associate, University of Tulsa
- 2006-2009 Risk Assessment Liaison to the Forensic Review Board, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
- 2009 Instructor, National Judicial College  
Course: Mental Retardation and the Death Penalty
- 2006-2007 University of Tulsa, Oklahoma  
Courses: Developmental Psychology; Forensic Psychology
- 1999 Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri  
Course: Behavioral Statistics
- 1998 Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri  
Course: The Repressed Memory Controversy-Clinical/Legal Implications
- 1998 William Woods University, Fulton, Missouri  
Course: General Psychology

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1998 Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri  
Course: General Psychology

1996-1997 University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Courses: Child Psychology

### **Expert Witness Experience:**

2001-Present Expert testimony provided on the issues of (but not limited to) clinical diagnosis, wrongful death, adjudicative competence, mental retardation, confession suppression, defendant dangerousness, police interrogation techniques and false confessions. Work product utilized in hundreds of cases involving the following jurisdictions & agencies:

Oklahoma State District Criminal Courts  
Oklahoma Federal District Criminal Court  
Oklahoma State District Family Courts  
Texas Federal District Civil Courts  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Air Force-Administrative Law Division

### **Media Appearances and Interviews:**

8/5/12 Oklahoma Forum: *Culture of Violence*. OETA (PBS)-Oklahoma City.  
12/16/09 News Channel 9: *Confession Thrown Out*. KWTW (CBS)-Oklahoma City.

### **Manuals and Book Chapters:**

**Roberson, S.** Christopher, S., Rausch, P., & Floyd, R. (2008). Oklahoma Forensic Mental Health Services. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

**Roberson, R. S.** Forensic Psychology: Exciting Career Opportunities in the Legal Arena. In Morgan, R. D., Kuther, T. L., & Habben, C. (Eds.). (2004). *Life After Graduate School in Psychology: Insider's Advice from New Psychologists*. New York: Psychology Press.

Burkett, W., Lanier, P., Russell, J., Hall, T., & **Roberson, S.** (2001). Oklahoma Forensic Mental Health Services. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

**Journal Articles & Published Abstracts:**

**Roberson, S.** (2009, Spring). *Interrogations and False Confessions-What Attorneys Should Know from the Social Sciences*. The Gauntlet: The Law Journal of the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

**Roberson, R.S.** (2001). *Discrediting counseling psychology expert witnesses: The effects of impeachment methods and response styles*. Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering, 61 (9-B).

Mullins, L., Chaney, J., Hartman, V., Albin, K., Miles, B., & **Roberson, R.**, (1995). Cognitive and affective features of post-polio syndrome: illness uncertainty, attributional style, and adaptation. International Journal of Health and Rehabilitation, 17, 28-37.

**Invited Lectures, Professional Conferences, & Grand Rounds:**

- 4/14           **Roberson, S.** The Effective Use (or Impeachment) of Mental Health Experts...What Every Attorney Should Know. Continuing Legal Education presented for the Oklahoma Bar Association. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 11/13           **Roberson, S.** & Moore, Dewayne. Insights to Providing Psychological Testimony-Ethics, Effectiveness, and Coping with Cross-Examination. Presented at the 2013 Oklahoma Psychological Association Annual Conference, Oklahoma City.
- 10/13           **Roberson, S.** *Malingering Examination and Assessment Instruments*. Seminar presented to the Griffin Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Residency Program, Norman, Oklahoma.
- 9/13           **Roberson, S.** *Psychiatric Diagnosis and Disorders*. Presented to the Crisis Intervention Training program to various law enforcement officials throughout Oklahoma. Oklahoma City.
- 4/12           **Roberson, S.** & Mortensen, T. *Juvenile Statements and Confessions-the Law and Science*. Presented at the Oklahoma Bar Association, Criminal Law Section-2012 Oklahoma Forensic Academy, Oklahoma City.
- 8/11           **Roberson, S.** *Guardianship and Conservatorship Evaluations*. Seminar presented to the Griffin Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Residency Program, Norman, Oklahoma.

- 6/11           **Roberson, S.** *Frequent Mental Health Mitigators*. Presented at the Oklahoma District Attorneys' Council Conference on Capital Litigation: An In-Depth Look at Mental Health Issues. Oklahoma City.
- 5/11           **Roberson, S.** and Schaefer, A. B. *Ethical Issues at the Intersection of Mental Health Practice and the Legal System: Privilege and Confidentiality*. Continuing education presented at the 2011 Northeastern Oklahoma Psychology Internship Program Conference. Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 12/10          **Roberson, S.** *Assessment and Treatment of Adjudicative Competency for the Criminal Courts*. Continuing education provided to the Office of the District Attorney for Oklahoma County. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 12/10          **Roberson, S.** *Careers in Forensic Psychology*. Invited lecture to the Student Academy of Forensic Sciences at the University of Central Oklahoma-Forensic Science Institute. Edmond, Oklahoma.
- 12/10          **Roberson, S.** *An Overview of Dangerousness Assessment*. Seminar presented to the Griffin Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Residency Program, Norman, Oklahoma.
- 6/10           **Roberson, S.** *Mental Health Issues in Capital Punishment*. Invited lecture to the Capital Punishment Course at the Oklahoma City University School of Law. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 5/10           Russell, J.L., **Roberson, S.**, Christopher, S.R., Orth, S., Leathers, L., Burkowski, D., Rausch, P., Floyd, R.L., and Irvin, A. *Effectiveness of Individual Competency Training: Evaluation of Referral Process and Various Treatment Approaches*. Poster presentation at the Quality Oklahoma Team Day conference in Oklahoma City.
- 4/10           **Roberson, S.** *Assessment and Treatment of Adjudicative Competency for the Criminal Courts*. Seminar presented to the Griffin Memorial Hospital Psychiatric Residency Program, Norman, Oklahoma.
- 10/09          **Roberson, S.** *The Flynn Effect*. Presented to the Office of the U.S. Public Defender-Oklahoma Western District in Oklahoma City.
- 8/09           Allen, D., Piasecki, M., & **Roberson, S.** *Mental Retardation*. Continuing legal education presented in Oklahoma City at "Best Practices in Death Penalty Cases" sponsored by the National Judicial College.

- 5/09 Christopher, S., **Roberson, S.**, Floyd, R., & Rausch, P. *Dangerousness Assessment*. Poster presentation at the Quality Oklahoma Team Day conference in Oklahoma City.
- 3/09 **Roberson, S.** *Interrogations and False Confessions-What attorneys should know from the social sciences*. Continuing legal education presented at the “Criminal Defense-Vegas Style” conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 9/08 **Roberson, S.** *Interrogations and False Confessions-An Overview of Research, Clinical Assessment Methods, and Policy Recommendations*. Paper presentation at the 2008 National Association of Mental Health Program Directors-Forensic Division conference in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
- 9/08 **Roberson, S.** *Assessment and Treatment of Adjudicative Competency for the Criminal Courts*. Grand rounds presented at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 9/08 Tiegreen, J., & **Roberson, S.** *Comparison of Dynamic versus Static Factors in Risk Assessment: Standardization of the Violence Clinical Risk Indicator*. Paper presentation at the National Association of Mental Health Program Directors-Forensic Division conference in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
- 4/08 **Roberson, S.** *Interrogations and False Confessions-Psychology’s Contribution in Addressing a Social Problem*. Keynote address of the Oklahoma Psychological Society, Spring Research Conference, Edmond, Oklahoma.
- 9/07 **Roberson, S.** *Cultural Competence in Forensic Practice*. Seminar presented at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 9/05 **Roberson, S.** *Review of Oklahoma Forensic Center Performance Improvement Projects: Competency Evaluation, Competency Restoration Treatment, and Risk Assessment*. Presentation to the Board of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), McAlester, Oklahoma.

- 9/05           **Roberson, S., & Lanier, P.** *Oklahoma Forensic Center-Competency Restoration Treatment Program.* Poster presentation at the National Association of Mental Health Program Directors-Forensic Division conference in Stateline, Nevada.
- 7/05           **Roberson, S.** *An Overview of Risk Assessment Methods and Instruments-Improving the Prediction of Dangerousness in ODMHSAS.* Seminar presented to the ODMHSAS Forensic Review Board and clinical staff in Oklahoma City.
- 5/05           Burkett, W., **Roberson, R. S.**, Gay, N., Floyd, R., Christopher, S., Rausch, P., & Cunningham, J. *Competency Treatment Program.* Poster presentation at the Quality Oklahoma Team Day conference in Oklahoma City.
- 1/05           **Roberson, S.** *Expert Witness Testimony and Assessment of Malingering-Implications for Domestic Violence Intervention Services.* Seminar presented to the legal services division and clinicians for Domestic Violence Intervention Services of Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 5/04           Burkett, W., **Roberson, R. S.**, Russell, J., Christopher, S., Manetzke, R., & Rausch, P. (May 2004). *Model Competency Report.* Poster presentation at Quality Oklahoma Team Day conference, Oklahoma City.
- 5/03           **Roberson, S.** *Ethical Considerations in the Criminal Forensic Mental Health Evaluation.* Continuing education presented at the ethics workshop of the Northeastern Oklahoma Psychology Internship Program in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 2001-Present   Designed/provided annual continuing education regarding adjudicative competency to forensic examiners and attorneys within the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, and other agencies.
- 3/00           **Roberson, S.**, Portwood, S., & Sarkasian, G. *The influence of ingratiation during Voir Dire on jurors' verdicts and perceptions of attorneys.* Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 8/97           **Roberson, S., & Murdock, N.** *Race, type of crime, and the use of jury nullification.* Poster presented at the American Psychological Association conference in Chicago, IL.

- 11/94      **Roberson, S.,** & Frederickson, W. *Juvenile gangs: a case of exaggerated adolescence.* Paper presented at the Oklahoma Psychological Association conference in Oklahoma City.
- 4/94      **Roberson, S.,** & Crall, S. *A time perspective comparison between gang member and non-gang member adolescents.* Paper presented at the Oklahoma Psychological Association Conference in Stillwater, OK.
- 4/94      Albin, K., Mullins, L., Miles, B., & **Roberson, S.** *Effectiveness of coping styles of individuals with post-polio syndrome.* Poster presented at the Oklahoma Psychological Society conference in Edmond, OK.
- 4/94      Hartman, V., Mullins, L., Miles, B., Albin, K., & **Roberson, S.** *Psychosocial aspects of individuals with post-polio syndrome and their caretakers.* Poster presented at the Southwestern Psychological Association conference.
- 8/93      Miles, B., Mullins, L., Albin, K., **Roberson, S.,** & Hartman, V. *Psychosocial aspects of post-polio syndrome.* Poster presented at the American Psychological Association conference in Toronto, Canada.

### **Editorial Activities:**

- 2006-present    Reviewer, *Journal of Training and Education in Professional Psychology.* Published by the American Psychological Association and the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers.

### **Professional Organizations & Affiliations:**

- Member, American Psychological Association (APA)  
Member, Oklahoma Psychological Association (OPA)  
Member, American Psychology-Law Society (APLS, APA division 41)  
Member, Delta Delta Epsilon, The Forensic Sciences Honors Society

### **Grant Involvement:**

- Grant, State of Oklahoma. Implemented June 1995 for a three-year duration. Targeted adjudicated juvenile delinquents and at-risk youth for a positive social, educational, and psychological program. \$330,000, 1995-1996. Oklahoma Health Systems, Oklahoma Youth Empowerment System.
- Grant, Oklahoma Department of Corrections/Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, OKMHSAS #820-05. Examination of Moral Reconciliation Therapy in relation to recidivism rates among paroled offenders. \$226,000, 1994-1995. Common Ground Program, Eagle Ridge Institute.



**Awards & Honors:**

Oklahoma Senate and House of Representatives “Psychologist of the Day,”  
April 15, 2013  
Oklahoma Governor’s Commendation Award for the development of the State of  
Oklahoma Individual Competency Training Program Evaluation (coauthor), 2010  
Oklahoma Governor’s Commendation Award for the development of the State of  
Oklahoma Dangerousness Assessment program (coauthor), 2009  
Graduate, Executive Leadership Academy, Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and  
Substance Abuse Services, 2007-2008  
Oklahoma Governor’s Commendation Award for the development of the State of  
Oklahoma Competency Treatment Program (coauthor), 2005  
Oklahoma Governor’s Commendation Award for the development of the State of  
Oklahoma Model Competency Report (coauthor) 2004  
Graduated with Honors, University of Central Oklahoma, 1995

**Student Advising and Mentoring:**

*Dissertation committee memberships:*

Josh Tiegreen (2009). *Comparison of Dynamic versus Static Factors in Risk Assessment:  
Standardization of the Violence Clinical Risk Indicator.*

Scott Adams (2007). *Social Cognition and Interaction Training (SCIT) for inpatients  
with schizophrenia spectrum disorders.*

Chris Michael (2006). *Paranoia: A social and self-report investigation*

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