

CURRICULUM VITAE

MINA RATKALKAR

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EDUCATION

- Sep 2015 – June 2020 **Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, June 2020
Major Area of Study: Forensic Psychology
Dissertation: *Effects of Trauma and Child Welfare History on Potential Sentencing Jurors' Decisions for Youth Prosecuted in Criminal Court*
- Jan 2014 – May 2016 **Florida Atlantic University**, Boca Raton, FL
M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Thesis: *Can I Ask for Help? The Relationship among Incarcerated Males' Sexual Orientation, Incarceration History, and Perceptions of Rape in Prison*
- Sep 2010 - May 2012 **Columbia University**, New York, NY
M.S. in Social Work
Concentration: Health, Mental Health, and Disabilities
- Sep 2005 - May 2009 **Tufts University**, Medford, MA
B.S. in Clinical Psychology, Community Health

LICENSURE AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Licensed Psychologist, *State of North Carolina*

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, *States of North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Florida*

Certified Sex Therapist, *State of Florida*

PsyPact Member, *Eligible to provide telehealth to clients in 28 states as a licensed psychologist*

Expert Witness, *Florida (11th Judicial Circuit) and North Carolina (10th and 19th Judicial District)*

CLINICAL SPECIALIZATION

- Sep 2013 – Sep 2014 **Advanced Mental Health Training Institute**, West Palm Beach, FL
Sex Therapy Certification Program
120 hours of sexuality education and 20 hours of clinical supervision
Met Florida Department of Health educational requirements for sex therapists

FORENSIC AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Jun 2020 – Present **New Spark Therapy, Durham, NC**
Owner & Founder; Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Conduct trauma-informed therapy and affirming therapy for diverse adults
 - Conduct forensic evaluations for clients in criminal and civil court
 - Speak, teaching, and train professionals on consent and boundaries
 - Supervise licensed clinical social work associates (LCSWA's) seeking licensure (specialization in sex therapy and coping with racial trauma)
- Sep 2020 – Mar 2022 **Lepage Associates, Durham, NC**
Forensic Psychologist and Psychotherapist
- Conducted forensic evaluations for civil, criminal, and family court
 - Testified as an expert witness in criminal and family court
 - Supervised University of North Carolina Chapel Hill psychology students and presented at UNC conferences to foster students' professional development
 - Provided therapy for individuals, families, and couples coping with depression, anxiety, adjustment, AD/HD, eating disorders, and substance use
 - Conducted suicide risk assessments and created safety plans
 - Wrote original newsletter and blog posts for clients, mental health practitioners, and forensic evaluators on therapy and assessment strategies
- Aug 2019 – Jul 2020 **Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA**
Predoctoral Psychology Intern
- Provided Integrative Behavioral Couple Therapy (IBCT) and sex therapy for couples seeking improved sexual intimacy
 - Conducted clinical interviews for veterans referred for AD/HD
 - Supported justice-involved veterans and collaborated with courts to develop trauma-informed treatment recommendations
 - Wrote diagnostic reports and developed treatment recommendations
 - Provided Prolonged Exposure and Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD
 - Conducted emotional regulation and anger management treatment
 - Co-led the Women's Military Sexual Trauma Support group
 - Educated patients about posttraumatic sexual function
- Jul 2018 – Jul 2019 **The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**
Psychology Extern; Supervisor: Ashleigh Adams, Ph.D.
- Provided individual evidence-based therapies (EBT's) for veterans and family members coping with trauma and mood disorders
 - Conducted structured biopsychosocial assessments and diagnostic interviews
 - Administered standardized assessments as a part of measurement-based care
 - Requested and participated in training in telehealth to develop competence in disseminating EBT's virtually

- Jun 2017 – Aug 2018 **Forensic Assessment Clinic, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA**
Forensic Evaluator; Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.
- Conducted forensic mental health evaluations in state and federal correctional facilities and courts for competency to stand trial, juvenile decertification, risk assessments, sentencing mitigation, juvenile lifer resentencing, death penalty, and federal sentencing
 - Evaluated plaintiffs in civil litigation in cases involving claims of harassment, police misconduct, and wrongful incarceration
 - Administered intelligence, personality, cognitive, and forensic assessments
 - Wrote comprehensive reports for use in criminal and civil court proceedings
 - Participated in group supervision examining ethical, legal, and clinical considerations related to forensic evaluation
 - Performed record review and annotation for juvenile residential treatment facilities surrounding the utilization of mental health treatment, confinement and restraint
- May 2016 – Dec 2018 **Drexel Reentry Project, Philadelphia, PA**
Supervision to Aid Reentry (STAR) Therapist; Supervisor: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D.
- Led group counseling sessions for individuals released from federal prison
 - Provided individual evidence-based therapy (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy) for diverse male and female clients reentering into the community after incarceration
 - Provided therapy for clients referred by the Innocence Project for clients exonerated after wrongful convictions
 - Conducted assessments and developed treatment plans for clients in the Philadelphia Federal Reentry Court
 - Coordinated with federal judges and probation officers to support clients
- May 2016 – Jun 2017 **Drexel Psychological Services Center, Philadelphia, PA**
Practicum Therapist; Supervisors: Brian Daly, Ph.D. and Margot Burke, Psy.D.
- Provided evidence-based interventions including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for individual and families coping with anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns
 - Presented clinical cases at department-wide conferences
- Apr 2016 – Jul 2019 **Youth Sentencing and Re-entry Project, Philadelphia, PA**
Mitigation Specialist; Supervisors: Kirk Heilbrun, Ph.D. and Lauren Fine, J.D.
- Led mitigation teams and collaborated with defense attorneys to represent clients sentenced to mandatory life without parole as youth
 - Interviewed clients in Pennsylvania prisons and their families to obtain comprehensive biopsychosocial information
 - Prepared clinical and advocacy reports for sentencing and parole hearings
 - Coordinated community resources to develop treatment and reentry plans
 - Provided education to legal professionals and courtrooms about developmental psychology and adolescent neurological functioning on judgment and decisionmaking

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- Apr 2016 – Apr 2017 **Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center, Philadelphia, PA**
Female Youth Engagement Subcommittee
Group Facilitator; Supervisor: Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D.
- Facilitated discussion groups of female youth in a juvenile detention center to explore issues surrounding contact with law enforcement
 - Created a community resource map of social service organizations with female-specific programming in Philadelphia
- Oct 2015 – Mar 2016 **Morton McMichael School, Philadelphia, PA**
Incredible Years
Practicum Student; Supervisor: Brian Daly, Ph.D.
- Co-led a culturally adapted to foster social and emotional competency with second grade students in West Philadelphia
- Jul 2012- June 2015 **Office of the Public Defender Carlos J. Martinez, Miami, FL**
Felony Mitigation and Placement Unit
Mitigation Specialist; Supervisor: Susan Mankita, LCSW
- Advocated for indigent clients by creating individualized sentencing reports
 - Assessed clients accused of felony crimes in county jails and forensic hospitals
 - Collaborated with forensic psychologists to create treatment recommendations
 - Created original biographical films for use in sentencing
 - Developed treatment plans as viable alternatives to incarceration
 - Reviewed criminal, medical, and social service records
- Sep 2011 – May 2012 **New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY**
Cornell Internal Medical Associates
Medical Social Work Intern; Supervisor: Jill Stolbach, LCSW
- Counseled adult patients and families in English and Spanish
 - Assisted a diverse patient population in navigating healthcare resources
 - Led groups for weight loss, nutrition, and wellness within primary care
 - Conducted assessments and supportive counseling in the intensive care unit
- Sep 2010 - May 2011 **New York City Department of Education, Bronx, NY**
Turnaround for Children, Wade Academies M.S. 117X
School Social Work Intern; Supervisor: Andrea Vazquez, LCSW
- Provided individual counseling, family counseling, and crisis intervention for middle school students
 - Led social skills and sexual health groups for adolescent girls
 - Developed and implemented school-wide sexual harassment, cyberbullying, and online safety programs
 - Supported students on juvenile probation with family education regarding legal involvement and compliance with court mandates
- Sep 2008 - May 2009 **McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA**
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders Institute
Behavioral Coach; Supervisor: Szu-Hui Lee, Ph.D.
- Implemented behavioral therapy plans Exposure and Response Prevention for residential patients with obsessive-compulsive spectrum disorders
 - Collaborated with therapists and unit staff to facilitate patients' progress
 - Participated in case conferences and grand rounds with Harvard Medical School trainees and faculty

- Jun 2008 – Dec 2008 **Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA**
Medical Screening Counselor; Supervisor: Davette Roundtree
- Performed medical screening for underserved populations in the Boston area
 - Counseled a multicultural group of clients on healthy lifestyle choices
 - Provided health education on HIV/AIDS, contraception use, and sexuality
 - Collected and entered service utilization data for Harvard Medical School's community outreach programs

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Jun 2017 – Dec 2019 **Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellow, Philadelphia, PA**
Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology
Supervisor: Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D.
- Primary researcher in a two-year fellowship to create a gender-responsive curriculum to improve relationships between girls of color and law enforcement
 - Adapted an empirically-supported curriculum on relationships between girls and police
 - Conducted focus groups with justice-involved girls of color to ensure their perspectives were incorporated into the curriculum
 - Systematically collected feedback from experts, police, stakeholders, and academics to obtain diverse perspectives and foster program development
 - Created deliverables, including printed curricula and other materials to facilitate implementation of the adapted curriculum
 - Planned survey data collection and an open trial conducted in 2019
- May 2017 – Aug 2019 **Systems for Psychosocial Advances Research Center, Philadelphia, PA**
University of Massachusetts Medical School
Forensic Research Assistant, Supervisor: Gina Vincent, Ph.D.
- Pennsylvania-based research assistant for a multi-site study assessing the long-term impact and cost-effectiveness of risk assessment and risk-need-responsivity reforms in juvenile justice
 - Coded and collected data on child welfare involvement, demographic information, and service referral and utilization among youth on probation
 - Met with juvenile probation department professionals to discuss individual cases, system-wide initiatives and services for court-involved youth
- Oct 2016 – Jun 2017 **True and False Confessions Study, Philadelphia, PA**
Drexel University, Department of Psychology
Graduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: David DeMatteo, J.D., Ph.D.
- Administered IRB-approved protocol to assess college students' likelihood of true and false confession
 - Conducted psychological assessments, including measures of intellectual functioning (Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence-II) and suggestibility (Gudjonsson Suggestibility Scale 2)
 - Identified factors contributing to false confession among college students

- Sep 2015 – Jun 2020 **Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab**, Philadelphia, PA
Drexel University, Department of Psychology
Ph.D. Candidate and IRB Coordinator, Supervisor: Naomi Goldstein, Ph.D.
- Conducted dissertation research on the effects of trauma and child welfare history on potential sentencing jurors' decisions for youth prosecuted in criminal court
 - Designed experimental study and original surveys to examine sentencing recommendations by potential sentencing jurors
 - Examined outcomes of the Pennsylvania Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Youth/Law Enforcement Curriculum
 - Assisted in evaluation of the Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program, a city-wide initiative to reduce youth arrests in Philadelphia public schools
 - Served as the lab Institutional Review Board coordinator from 2015 - 2019
 - Maintained and submitted continuing review documentation to the Drexel Institutional Review Board to ensure ethical research practices
 - Wrote research findings on crossover youth and the impact of dual-system involvement for families in the juvenile justice and dependency system
- Sep 2014 – April 2015 **Whole Health Psychological Center**, West Palm Beach, FL
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Rachel Needle, Psy.D.
- Collected survey data for a study about the impact of social media on romantic relationships
 - Assisted in manuscript preparation
 - Prepared documentation to ensure that sexuality continuing education workshops at Whole Health Psychological Center met American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) standards
- Sep 2009 – Aug 2010 **Tufts Medical Center**, Boston, MA
Department of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Research Assistant, Computer Attention Training in Schools Project
Supervisor: Naomi Steiner, M.D.
- Recruited subjects with ADHD in 17 elementary schools in the Boston area
 - Trained and supervised five undergraduate interns to administer measures
 - Corresponded with Institutional Review Boards on research standards
 - Administered psychological and achievement tests to participants
- Sep 2009- Aug 2010 **Tufts Medical Center**, Boston, MA
Department of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
Research Assistant, Yoga Project, Supervisor: Naomi Steiner, M.D.
- Co-facilitated yoga sessions at an elementary school in Boston
 - Collected outcome data to study the impact of yoga on stress levels in students
 - Assisted with grant writing and submission
- Jan 2007 - May 2007 **Tufts University**, Medford, MA
Spatial Cognition Laboratory
Research Assistant, Supervisor: Tad Brunye, Ph.D.
- Wrote experimental scripts using SuperLab software
 - Scheduled research participants
 - Assisted in a study examining the impact of pronouns on readers' perspectives

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May 2006 – Aug 2006 **Rutgers University**, Piscataway, NJ

Anxiety and Aging Lab

Literature Reviewer, Supervisor: Jan Mohlman, Ph.D.

- Conducted literature searches and review to help develop programming to reduce test anxiety in university students
- Researched measures of anxiety and their use across studies examining test anxiety

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Ratkalkar, M., Jackson, C., & Heilbrun, K. (under review). Race-informed forensic mental health assessment: A principles-based analysis.

Heilbrun, K., Fishel, S., Lankford, C., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2020). Therapy with exonerated clients: Review and recommendations. *The Journal of Forensic Practice*, 22(2), 123- 135.

Ratkalkar, M. & Atkin-Plunk, C. (2017). Can I ask for help? The relationship among incarcerated males' sexual orientation, sexual abuse history, and perceptions of rape in prison. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260517714440>

Ratkalkar, M., Ding, K., Clark, M., Elmished, L, Morrison, M., Boyer, J., Thames, J., Garvin, B., & Daly, B. (2017). Partnering with teachers in the delivery of a classroom-based universal socio-emotional intervention program in urban elementary schools. *Report on Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Youth*, 17(2), 39-46.

MANUALS AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Ratkalkar, M. (in preparation). *Coping with Disclosures of Trauma in Online Forums: Do's and Don'ts*

Ratkalkar, M., McKitten, S., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2019). *The Female Youth Curriculum*. The Pennsylvania DMC Youth/Law Enforcement Corporation, Philadelphia, PA.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Ratkalkar, M., Heilbrun, K., & Pietruszka, V. (2019, August). *Cultural competence in forensic mental health assessment: A race-conscious approach*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Haney-Caron, E., Goldstein, N.E.S, DeMatteo, D., Bomysoad, R., Fishel, S....**Ratkalkar, M.**...April, K. (2019, March). *Ecological validity of a measure of self-reported likelihood of false confessions*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

Ratkalkar, M., Singer, S., April, K., Oliver, M.K, Calio, E., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2019, March). *Creating the female Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum: A gender-responsive approach*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

Ratkalkar, M., Thornewill, A., & Pietruszka, V. (2019, March). What we need: Support and supervision for female trainees. In **M. Ratkalkar** (Chair), *Acknowledging and Addressing Gender-based Bias and Harassment in Psychology and Law*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.

- Pietruszka, V., **Ratkalkar, M.**, Thornewill, A., & Drustrup, D. (2019, March). Acknowledging the problem. In **M. Ratkalkar** (Chair), *Acknowledging and Addressing Gender-based Bias and Harassment in Psychology and Law*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Heilbrun, K., Drustrup, D., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2019, March). Male supervisors and female supervisees in forensic psychology: Clinical and ethical considerations. In **M. Ratkalkar** (Chair), *Acknowledging and Addressing Gender-based Bias and Harassment in Psychology and Law*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Jones, M.A. (2019, March). Approaches to address gender-based bias and harassment in psychology and law. In **M. Ratkalkar** (Chair), *Acknowledging and Addressing Gender-based Bias and Harassment in Psychology and Law*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Brogan, L., Tolou-Shams, M., **Ratkalkar, M.**, & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2019, March). *Public health issues within the juvenile justice system: Identifying predictors of HIV/STI testing among former juvenile detainees*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Portland, OR.
- Ratkalkar, M.**, & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2018, November). *Adapting the Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum for female youth*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Ratkalkar, M.**, Heilbrun, K., Singer, S., Kreimer, R., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2018, August). *Adapting risk-need-responsivity assessments and interventions for exonerees*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Brogan, L., Goldstein, N. E. S., Tolou-Shams, M., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2018, March). *Court-involved, non-incarcerated girls' sexual risk-taking: A public health issue for the juvenile justice system*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Singer, S.C., Kreimer, R., Cole, L., **Ratkalkar, M.**, Le, T. Tiger, A...Goldstein, N.E.S. (2018, March). *Factors predicting recidivism following a school-based arrest: Youths' demographic characteristics and offense type*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, Memphis, TN.
- Haney-Caron, E., April, K., Goldstein, N. E. S., DeMatteo, D., Bomysoad, R., Fishel, S. . . . **Ratkalkar, M.** (March 2018). False confession in the lab: Questions raised from use of a novel paradigm. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Psychology-Law Society, Memphis, Tennessee.
- Ratkalkar, M.**, & Atkin-Plunk, C.A. (2017, November). *In the "hole" and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and mental health treatment in prison*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ratkalkar, M.**, & Atkin-Plunk, C.A. (2017, March). *In the "hole" and needing help: Solitary confinement of women and mental health treatment in prison*. Paper presented at the Helen I. Moorehead-Laurencin, MD, Sex and Gender Research Forum at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

- Ratkalkar, M.,** Wagage, S., Cole, L. M., Barry, M., Thirunagaru, S. & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). *Adapting the Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum for female officers and youth: Process and perceptions.* In *Addressing DMC in 21st century policing: National and local efforts.* (Chair) Goldstein, N.E.S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA
- Singer, S. C., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Giles, E. S., Gale-Bentz, L., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). *Facing the facts: What the data say about the Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum through the lens of the president's task force on 21st century policing final report.* In *Addressing disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in 21st century policing: National and local efforts.* (Chair) Goldstein, N.E.S. Paper presented the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Wagage, S., April, K., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Singer, S., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). *A call to action: National efforts to address disproportionate minority contact (DMC).* In *Addressing disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in 21st century policing: National and local efforts.* (Chair) Goldstein, N.E.S. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Newsham, R., April, K., Janssen, J., Phillips, S., Pietruszka, V., **Ratkalkar, M.,** Thornewill, A., & Heilbrun, K. (2017, March). *The Drexel Reentry Project: Empirical Data.* In *The Drexel Reentry Project.* (Chair) Heilbrun, K. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Goldstein, N. E. S., Cole, L. M., Tiger, A., Houck, M., **Ratkalkar, M.,** & Gale-Bentz, L. (March 2017). *The Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program: Year 2 reductions in arrests, behavioral incidents, and recidivism rates.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Seattle, WA.
- Ratkalkar, M.,** & Klein, A. (2016, June). *Humanizing your clients in court: Collaborating with filmmakers to create social biography films.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, New York, NY.
- Klein, A., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, June). *Clinical considerations for crossover youth: Evaluating foster children involved in the juvenile justice system.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, New York, NY.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, April). *Policing in the bedroom: Ambiguous consent standards for sexual activity among older adults with dementia.* Paper presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Ratkalkar, M.** (2016, April). *Do HIV disclosure laws actually undermine public safety?* Paper presented at the 53rd annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Denver, CO.
- Ratkalkar, M.,** Winter, S., Wagage, S., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2016, March). *Inmates' perceived threats of prison rape and frequency of having sought mental health treatment in prison: An examination of gay, bisexual, and straight incarcerated men.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.

Durham, K., Brogan, L., **Ratkalkar, M.**, Janssen, J., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2016, March). *Prevalence of suicidal ideation and substance dependence in individuals: Comparing individuals with violent and non-violent arrest histories*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Atlanta, GA.

Ratkalkar, M., & Needle, R. (2015, November). *Sexting legislation for juveniles: To punish or protect?* Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Albuquerque, NM.

Ratkalkar, M. (2015, March). *Sexting and revenge porn: Do new laws persecute or protect?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.

Ratkalkar, M. (2014, June). *Addressing sexual cyberbullying of female students: Implications of legislation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, Monterey, CA.

Ratkalkar, M. (2013, June). *Sexual attitudes and behaviors of second-generation Hindu Indian-American females*. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists, Miami, FL.

Steiner, N.J, Sidhu, T.K., **Ratkalkar, M.**, Sheldrick, R.C., & Perrin, E.C. (2010, September). *A randomized trial of computer attention training in children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder*. Poster presented at the annual meeting for the Society of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Boston, MA.

Steiner, N.J, Sheldrick, R.C., Perrin, E.C., Sidhu, T.K., & **Ratkalkar, M.** (2010, June). *Methodological complexities of a randomized controlled trial using computer-based attention training systems in schools for children with ADHD*. Poster presented at the 5th annual Institute of Education Sciences Research Conference, National Harbor, MD.

INVITED LECTURES

Ratkalkar, M. (2019, April). *Where do we stand?* Invited panelist for the Office of Equity and Diversity and Greek Life at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

Ratkalkar, M. (2018, June). *Diverse paths to considering diversity in clinical work*. Lecture presented at the Department of Psychology to undergraduates at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

Ratkalkar, M. (2016, July). *Road(s) to graduate school: There is more than one way to get there!* Lecture presented at the Department of Psychology to undergraduates at Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.

WORKSHOPS

Loya, J., **Ratkalkar, M.**, & Wagage, S. (2016, March). *Respecting differences: Reducing volatile interactions between youth and law enforcement on the street*. Workshop presented at Beyond the Bars, the annual conference of the Center for Justice and the School of Social Work at Columbia University, New York, NY.

Ratkalkar, M. (2014, June). *From arrest to resolution: The experience of your court-mandated client*. Workshop presented at the annual conference of the National Association of Social Workers of Florida, Weston, FL.

POPULAR MEDIA

Smith, C.B. (2018, June 15). Life as a gay man behind bars. *Mel Magazine*. Retrieved from <https://melmagazine.com/en-us/story/life-as-a-gay-man-behind-bars>. [Interviewed by the writer].

Galoustian, G. (2018, April 1). Gay, bisexual, sexually abused male inmates more fearful of prison rape, more open to therapy. *Social Work Helper*. Retrieved from <https://www.socialworkhelper.com/2018/04/01/gay-bisexual-sexually-abused-male-inmates-more-fearful-of-prison-rape-more-open-to-therapy/>. [Interviewed by the writer].

FORENSIC CONSULTATION

Apr 2021 – Jun 2021 **Lepage Associates**, Durham, NC

- Consulted with coparents and attorneys in family court regarding best practices for reunification therapy to restore health family relationships
- Reviewed and critiqued existing forensic evaluations to identify gaps in assessments and services

Oct 2017 – Nov 2017 **Juvenile Law Center**, Philadelphia, PA
Psychology Research Collaborator

- Assisted the Juvenile Law Center, a public interest law firm that advocates for youth involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, in preparing a legal brief on youths' right to privacy in court-ordered services
- Examined ethical codes across mental health fields surrounding confidentiality
- Provided guidance on best practices for ethical and evidence-based practice with youth charged with sex offenses

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jan 2019 – Mar 2019 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Adjunct Professor, Psychology of Sexuality

- Taught a hybrid in-person and online course on human sexuality
- Created original syllabus and lectures on the biological, psychological, and social influences of sexual behavior and values
- Emphasized discussion about diversity in sexual norms, practices and preferences
- Served as faculty sponsor for four poster presentations, one panel presentation, and one graphic design project related to human sexuality for presentation at the Week of Undergraduate Excellence

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- Mar 2016 – Jun 2016 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Teaching Assistant, Sensation and Perception
- Developed and implemented an original mock trial to teach about the use of eyewitness testimony in the legal process
 - Grade online assignments utilizing Drexel Learn’s online platform
- Jan 2016 – Mar 2016 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Teaching Assistant, Psychology 101
- Created original lecture for over 100 students on topics related to gender, sexual orientation, sexuality, mass incarceration and mental illness
 - Guided students through instruction during office hours and online platforms
- Sept 2015 – Dec 2015 **Drexel University Department of Psychology**
Teaching Assistant, Honors Psychology 101 Laboratory
- Individually taught a class of 12 students in Honors Psychology 101 lab
 - Designed syllabus to teach the scientific method and research skills
 - Graded written assignments, lab reports, and oral presentations
- Jun 2011 – Aug 2011 **Building Educated Leaders for Life**
Summer Enrichment Teacher and Teaching Assistant
- Developed an original curriculum for a Character Development course for middle school students in an urban school in the Bronx, NY
 - Assisted teachers in seventh grade math and English classes
 - Served as a teaching assistant for hip-hop dance
- Jan 2010 – May 2010 **Tufts University Department of Drama and Dance**
Middle Eastern Dance Teacher
- Composed weekly lesson plans for undergraduate and graduate students
 - Taught fundamentals of belly dance and choreography

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

- Jan 2013 - Dec 2013 **Florida International University, Miami, FL**
Courses: Death Penalty, Measurement and Appraisal in Counseling
- Jan 2010 - May 2010 **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**
Course: The Psychology of Addiction

STUDY ABROAD

- Jul 2015 **University of the West of Scotland, Hamilton, Scotland**
Graduate course: Criminal Justice in Scotland
- Jan 2012 - Mar 2012 **Columbia University, Havana, Cuba**
Graduate course: Cuba and Social Work – Revolution and Evolution
- Jul 2007 - Dec 2007 **Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina**
Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales
Studied Spanish language and Argentine social movements

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Apr 2019 AASECT Diversity Equity and Inclusion SAR Scholarship
Awarded the cost of attending a Sexual Attitudes Reassessment training (\$475) toward AASECT sex therapy certification
- Jun 2017 – May 2019 Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime
Awarded \$5,000 to develop a gender-responsive intervention to improve relationships between female youth of color and police officers
- Jun 2016 The Melanie Foundation Graduate Student Award
Awarded \$1,000. Award given to a graduate student studying the impact of mental health issues on community violence
- May 2016 Fay Honey Knopp Scholarship, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
Awarded cost of travel, registration and lodging to the 2016 ATSA conference
- Mar 2016 American Psychology-Law Society Diversity Travel Award
Awarded \$500 toward cost of travel to the 2016 AP-LS conference
- Mar 2016 American Psychology-Law Society Continuing Education Grant
Received funding toward fees of continuing education workshops
- Sep 2015 – May 2020 Drexel University Dean’s Fellowship
Awarded \$5,000 of additional funding per year
- Jul 2014 Tufts Alumni Association Chapter Leadership Award
- Jan 2008 – May 2009 Tufts University Dean’s List

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists**
- **American Psychology-Law Society**, Div. 41 of the American Psychological Association

REVIEWER POSITIONS

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of International Forensic Mental Health Services*, 2018
Reviewer, *American Psychology-Law Society* annual conference, 2017
Reviewer, *Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality* annual conference, 2015

SKILLS

Languages: Proficient Spanish, basic Hindi
Statistics: SPSS