

Curriculum vitae
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2008 PhD student in Criminal Justice, CUNY/ John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- 2008 MA in Forensic Psychology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/ GPA 3.92
MA Thesis. *Title:* South African Serial Homicide: Offender Crime Scene Interpersonal Styles in Relation to Victims Targeted; *Advisor:* Dr. C. Gabrielle Salfati.
- 2001 M.S. in Criminal Justice and Counseling, University of New Haven/ GPA 3.83
- 1997 B. A. in Sociology, Sarah Lawrence College/ GPA 3.65

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Psi Chi, The National Psychology Honor Society

American Psychological Society, Student Affiliate

Alpha Tau, The Criminal Justice Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Horning, A.M., Salfati, C.G. & Crawford, K. (under review). Homicide: Prior Criminal Specialization and Type of Crime Scene Behaviors.

Salfati, C. G. & Horning, A.M. (in progress). South African Serial Homicide: Offender Crime Scene Interpersonal Styles in Relation to Victims Targeted.

Salfati, C. G. and Horning, A.M. (in progress) Serial Homicide: An Analysis of Cooling Off Periods Between Crimes.

Salfati, C. G., Labuschagne, G., Horning, A.M., and Sorochinski, M. (in progress). Demographics of All Solved Serial Homicides in South Africa 1950-2007.

PRESENTATIONS

Horning, A.M. and Salfati, C. G. (2008, June) Theoretical issues in Serial Homicide: Multiple and live victims. Submitted for review for the Annual Meeting of the Homicide Research Working Group, Huntsville, Texas, USA.

Salfati, C. G., Labuschagne, G., Horning, A.M., and Sorochinski, M. (Upcoming - 2008, March). South African Serial Homicide: An Overview of Characteristics. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Cincinnati, Ohio.

Horning, A.M., Crawford, K., & Salfati, C. G. (2007, November). Homicide: Prior Criminal Specialization and Type of Crime Scene Behaviors. Presented at the Annual American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA.

Horning, A.M., & Salfati C.G. (2007, May). South African Serial Homicide: Offender Crime Scene Interpersonal Styles in Relation to Victims Targeted. Poster presented at Annual Forensic Psychology Masters Student Research Conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, USA.

Horning, A. M., Crawford, K. & Salfati, C. G. (2006, November) Single Homicide: Prior Criminal Specialization and Crime Scene Behaviors. Poster presented at American Society of Criminology Conference, Los Angeles, USA.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007 *Title:* Lead Research Assistant *Project:* South African Serial Homicide Project *Principal Investigator:* Dr. C. Gabrielle Salfati *Institution:* John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Psychology Department, The Offender and Crime Scene Analysis Research Unit *Funded by:* Forensic Psychology Research Institute (FPRI). Under the direction of Dr. Salfati and in collaboration with the South Africa Police Service (SAPS) compiled and collected data on all serial homicide data in South Africa since 1953. Using the Homicide Profiling Index (HPI) coded cases for information on crime scene behaviors, victim characteristics and offender characteristics. Managed two research assistants, prepared the FPRI grant application and maintained dataset. The project aims to help researchers and academics understand cultural and national differences in serial murder as well as identifying factors that can help categorize and link the series and assist police investigators in the apprehension of offenders. I am co-authoring a number of publications based upon our findings from this project and will present at various conferences.

2007 *Title:* Project Coordinator *Project:* Investigation of Personality Traits in Sub-types in an Urban Population. *Principal Investigator:* Dr. Diana Falkenbach *Institution:* John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Psychology Department, Adult Psychopathy Lab. Coordinated studies and data collection on the Investigation of Personality Traits and Subtypes in Urban Populations for Dr. Falkenbach. Data collected using measures of personality such as psychopathy (PP1), narcissism (NPI), as well as measures of aggression (AQ), and emotional processing (DANVA-2-AF).

2007 *Title:* Co-Director *Appointed by:* Dr. C. Gabrielle Salfati and Dr. Diana Falkenbach *Institution:* John Jay College of Criminal Justice, MA Student Research Group. Student led group created to foster a more cohesive research community at John Jay. The

function of group is to create events to assist students in the research thesis track program and to enable awareness of research opportunities within the MA community. Assisted in hosting the Information Session (for new students interested in research), Brown Bag events and the annual John Jay MA Student Research Conference. Created budgets, mission statements, advertised events and liaised directly with relevant administrators at the college, including the director of the MA program in Forensic Psychology and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

- 2002-2005 *Title:* Project Coordinator/ Research Associate *Project:* Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) *Principal Investigator:* Dr. Douglas Longshore *Institution:* Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Neuropsychiatric Institute, University of California, Los Angeles *Funded by:* California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. The evaluation of the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA) involved analyzing the effectiveness and impact of Proposition 36 in 58 California counties over a 5 ½ year period. The evaluation included analysis of client treatment outcomes, recidivism, and cost offset. Duties included: creating statistical and tracking and locating databases, managing and analyzing data, assisting with focus groups and grant writing. Utilized SPSS, FilemakerPro, PowerPoint and Excel. Interviewed clients using the Addiction Severity Index and the Offender Survey.
- 2001-2002 *Title:* Research Associate *Project:* California Treatment Outcome Project (CalTOP) *Principal Investigator:* Dr. Ying Hser *Institution:* Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Neuropsychiatric Institute, University of California, Los Angeles *Funded by:* the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. The California Treatment Outcome Project (CalTOP) was an innovative statewide effort to address data related needs at the state and local levels while also responding to the national trend toward automation, standardization and measurement of programs performance and client outcome. Interviewed substance abuse clients using the Addiction Severity Index.
- 1999-2007 *Title:* Boarding Team Member *Institution:* Department of Homeland Security, United States Coast Guard Reserve. Boarded foreign vessels, port security, enforcement of environmental law and protection. Law enforcement, hostage and terrorist situation training.
- 2000-2001 *Title:* Psycho-legal assistant/ practicum for Master of Science *Institution:* Office of the Public Defender, New Haven, CT. Researched legal and psychological issues and aided investigators and attorneys with specific cases. Specialized in cases such as extreme emotional disturbance and insanity pleas.
- 1997-1998 *Title:* Interviewer *Organization:* Own Recognizance Project, San Francisco Department of Criminal Justice. Interviewed candidates eligible for OR, compiled references and rap sheets for judicial decisions.
- 1996 *Title:* Intern for pre-release program *Institution:* Bayview Correctional Facility for Women, New York, NY. Assisted in workshops focused on rehabilitation, HIV prevention, social and interpersonal issues, and life skills.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2008 *Title:* Adjunct Professor *Institution:* Quinnipiac University, Psychology Department, Hamden, CT. Undergraduate Introduction to Forensic Psychology. The course will cover both theoretical and applied components of the field of forensic psychology. The theoretical aspect of the course will address criminality from a psychological perspective along with theories of aggression. Applied sections of the course will explore the intersection of psychology and the legal system as well as Investigative Psychology.
- 2007-2008 *Title:* Teaching Assistant *Instructor:* Dr. Diana Falkenbach *Institution:* John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Psychopath Assessment. TA for Master's level Psychopathy Assessment course taught by Dr. Diana Falkenbach. Scored PCL-R cases, evaluation of psychology papers, and maintenance of BlackBoard.
- 1997 *Title:* Teaching Assistant *Instructor:* Ann Greene *Organization:* Teachers and Writers Collaborative, New York, NY. Taught creative writing to 4th and 6th grade at Public School 58 in Brooklyn with writer Ann Greene. Compiled anthology of your writers' work.
- 1996 *Title:* Teaching/ Research Assistant *Instructor:* Dr. Regina Arnold *Institution:* Sarah Lawrence College, New York, NY. Assisted professor Regina Arnold in organizing the schools community service program and assisted in teaching Crime and Deviance Theory.
- 1992 *Title:* English Teacher *Location:* Aregua, Paraguay. Taught reading, writing and oral communication of the English language to young people in Aregua, Paraguay. Created a comprehensive curriculum, daily lessons and educational activities.