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California State University, Fullerton  
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### **EDUCATION**

- 2000-2004      Ph.D., The University of Alabama  
Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited)  
Concentration in Psychology and Law  
*Dissertation: An Investigation of the Influence of Psychiatric Symptoms and Cognitive Abilities on Competence-Related Abilities*
- 1994-1996      M.A., Towson University  
Experimental Psychology  
*Thesis: Maternal Perceptions of Stress, Social Support, and Infant Temperament: Stability, Continuity and Effects on Infant Sociability*
- 1990-1994      B.S., Towson University  
Major: Psychology  
Concentration: Clinical Psychology  
Magna Cum Laude

### **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

- 10/08-Present      License Pending California  
07/05-Present      Licensed Psychologist, New York State, License #016417  
12/98-01/05      Licensed Psychological Associate, North Carolina, License #2232

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 1992-Present      American Psychological Association  
2000-Present      American Psychology - Law Society, Division 41 APA  
2006-Present      International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2008-Present      Assistant Professor, Tenure Track  
Department of Psychology  
California State University, Fullerton  
*Graduate Courses Taught:*      Psychopathology  
*Undergraduate Courses Taught:*      Psychological Testing
- 2004-2008      Assistant Professor, Tenure Track  
Department of Psychology  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
*Graduate Courses Taught:*      Criminal Psychological Assessment  
Psychopathology  
*Undergraduate Courses Taught:*      Psychology and the Law  
Fieldwork in Psychology
- 2004-2008      Faculty Appointment  
Forensic Psychology Doctoral Program  
The Graduate Center – City University of New York  
*Doctoral Courses Taught:*      Intellectual Assessment  
Forensic Interviewing & Evaluation
- 2002-2003      Adjunct Instructor  
Department of Psychology  
The University of Alabama  
*Undergraduate Courses Taught:*      Introduction to Psychology
- 1997-1998      Adjunct Instructor  
Department of Psychology  
Fayetteville Technical Community College  
*Undergraduate Courses Taught:*      Introduction to Psychology

## AWARDS

- 2007      Hunter College - Gender Equity Project  
Grant Writing Assistance Program Award
- 2005      Outstanding Dissertation Award  
Department of Psychology, The University of Alabama
- 2004      Award for Excellence in Research by a Doctoral Student  
Graduate School, The University of Alabama

- 2004 Award for Excellence in Research by a Doctoral Student  
College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama
- 2004 Oliver Lacey-Norman Ellis Research Award  
Department of Psychology, The University of Alabama
- 2000 Graduate Council Fellowship, The University of Alabama
- 1995 Louise M. Berman Curriculum Award
- 1994, 1995 State of Maryland Senatorial Scholarship
- 1994 Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital Certificate in Mental Health Work

### **CONSULTANCIES**

- 2006-2008 Forensic Examiner, Westchester Medical Center, NY  
Conduct competency to stand trial evaluations of criminal offenders
- 2004-2008 Psychologist Consultant to the New York City Police Department  
Conduct workshops with NYPD officer recruits and newly promoted sergeants to train officers and supervisors to work effectively in their interactions with individuals with mental illness
- 2004-2008 Psychologist Consultant to the New York City Police Department –  
Emergency Services Unit & Hostage Negotiations Unit  
Conduct workshops with ESU & HNT officers to use verbal and non-verbal negotiation techniques, along with knowledge of mental illness, to effectively intervene in emergency situations involving individuals with a mental illness
- 2004-2006 Psychologist Consultant, Department of Homeless Services  
Conduct workshops with Peace Officers in training to educate trainees about mental illness, child and elder abuse, and domestic violence issues
- 2001-2003 Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), State of Alabama  
Assist FBI instructors in training local law enforcement officers on methods of interacting with mentally ill persons
- 2001-2003 University of Alabama-Department of Public Safety (UADPS)  
Conduct pre-employment and fitness for duty evaluations for police officers; conduct workshops aimed at increasing police officers knowledge of stress reduction techniques and cultural diversity in police work

## RESEARCH

### Research Grants

- 2008 National Science Foundation (Submitted 01/15/08, Not funded)  
Title: Development and the Juvenile Offender: Creating Consensus Definitions for Aspects of Maturity that Affect Juvenile Legal Proceedings  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba, PhD  
Amount Requested: \$495,000
- 2006 Forensic Psychology Research Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Title: What Factors Do Judges Consider For Juvenile Waiver?  
PIs: Katy Sothmann (PhD Advisee) and Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$1185
- 2006 PSC-CUNY, Research Award, University Committee on Research Awards  
Title: Competency in Children and Adolescents: Exploring the Influence of Psychiatric Symptoms and Personality Characteristics  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$3990
- 2006 John Jay College Research Assistance Program  
Title: Competency in Children and Adolescents  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$1000
- 2005 Forensic Psychology Research Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Title: Competence Assessment Instruments and the Ability to Detect Malingering  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$4775
- 2005 PSC-CUNY, Research Award, University Committee on Research Awards  
Title: An Evaluation of the Influence of Psychiatric Symptoms, Cognitive Abilities and Maturity on the Competence-Related Abilities of Adolescents  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$4340
- 2005 Forensic Psychology Research Institute, John Jay College of Criminal Justice  
Title: Competency to Waive Miranda Rights: Frequency and Style of Test Usage  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$1575
- 2004 The University of Alabama, Psychology Department Research and Travel Grant  
Title: Juvenile Competence to Stand Trial: A Survey of Current Practices & Test Usage among Psychologists  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$350

- 2004 The University of Alabama, Graduate School Research and Travel Grant  
Title: Juvenile Competence to Stand Trial: A Survey of Current Practices & Test Usage Among Psychologists  
PIs: Nancy L. Ryba & Virginia G. Cooper  
Amount: \$445
- 2001 American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Dissertation Grant  
Title: An Evaluation of the Influence of Psychiatric Symptoms & Cognitive Abilities on Competence-Related Abilities  
PIs: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$1500
- 2001 The University of Alabama, Student Activity Research and Travel Grant  
Title: Assessment of Maturity in Juvenile Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations: A Survey of Practitioners  
PI: Nancy L. Ryba  
Amount: \$650

**Peer Reviewed Publications** (\*denotes student advisee)

- Viljoen, J., Wingrove, T., & **Ryba, N. L.** (in press). Adjudicative competence evaluations of adolescent and adult defendants: Judges views regarding key components of competency reports. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*.
- Ryba, N. L.** (in press). The other side of the equation: Considering risk state and protective factors in violence risk assessment. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 8(4).
- Ryba, N. L.** (2008). Cognitive-behavioral therapy for offender hopelessness: Lessons from treatment of forensic inpatients. *Journal of Contemporary Psychotherapy*, 38, 73-80.
- \*Jacobs, M. & **Ryba, N. R.** & Zapf, P.A. (2008). Assessing competence-related abilities and psychiatric symptoms: An analysis of underlying structure and correlates. *Law and Human Behavior*, 32, 64-77.
- Ryba, N. L.**, Brodsky, S. L. & \*Shlosberg, A. (2007). Capacity to waive Miranda rights evaluations: A survey of practitioners' use of the Grisso Instruments. *Assessment*, 14, 300-309.
- Ryba, N. L.** & Shealy, R.C. (2007). Narrowing the gap: How a research intervention influenced clinical forensic practice. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 7, 19-36.
- Ryba, N. L.**, Cooper, V. G., & Zapf, P. A. (2003). Juvenile competence to stand trial evaluations: A survey of current practices and test usage among psychologists. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 34, 499-507.

**Ryba, N. L.,** Cooper, V. G., & Zapf, P. A. (2003). Assessment of maturity in juvenile competency to stand trial evaluations: A survey of practitioners. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice, 3*, 23-46.

McLearen, A. M. & **Ryba, N. L.** (2003). Identifying severely mentally ill inmates: Can small jails comply with detection standards? *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation, 37*, 25-40.

Brodsky, S. L. & **Ryba, N. L.** (2001-2002). The dream drawing technique: First data on differential effects of drawing and written reporting of dream content. *Imagination, Cognition and Personality, 21*, 21-231.

### **Works in Progress & Under Review**

\*Norton, K. & **Ryba, N.** (2008). *An Investigation of the ECST-R as a Measure of Competence and Feigning*. Manuscript under review.

\*Slavikova, M. & **Ryba, N.** (2008). *Establishing a Theory for Why Women Seek Incarcerated Men for Romantic Partners*. Manuscript in preparation.

**Ryba, N. L.** & Zapf, P.A. (2008). *An investigation of the influence of psychiatric symptoms and cognitive abilities on competence-related abilities*. Manuscript in preparation.

**Ryba, N. L.,** \*Sothmann, F. C., \*Norton, K. & \*Slavikova, M. (2008) *A comparison of the MacCAT-CA and the ECST-R in determining competence-related abilities: A simulation study*. Manuscript in preparation.

**Ryba, N. L.,** \*Norton, K., \*Sothmann & \*Slavikova, M. (2008). *Usefulness of the ECST-R in determining competence and detecting feigning*. Manuscript in preparation.

### **Conference Presentations** (\*denotes student advisee)

**Ryba, N.** (October, 2008). *Competence assessment: Issues regarding the use of the MacCAT-CA and the ECST-R*. Southern California Conference in Psychology & Law. University of California, Irvine.

\*Sothman, F. C., \*Lam, J., & **Ryba, N. L.** (August 2008). *Use of the legal system by Chinese Americans*. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. Boston, MA.

\*Slavikova, M. & **Ryba, N.** (March 2008). *Mate selection in nontraditional romantic relationships*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Jacksonville, FL.

- \*Norton, K. & **Ryba, N.** (March 2008). *An investigation of the ECST-R as a measure of competence and feigning*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Jacksonville, FL.
- \*Sothmann, F. C. & **Ryba, N. L.** (August 2007). *What factors do judges consider for juvenile waiver?* Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Ryba, N. L.**, \*Sothmann, F. C., \*Arias, E., & \*Slavikova, M. (August 2007). *Usefulness of the ECST-R in determining competence and detecting feigning*. Paper presented at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Ryba, N. L.** (June 2007). *A comparison of the MacCAT-CA and the ECST-R: Uses and limitations in competency evaluations*. Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services. Montreal, Canada.
- Viljoen, J., Wingrove, T., & **Ryba, N. L.** (June 2007). *Adjudicative competence evaluations of adolescent and adult defendants: Judges views regarding key components of competency reports*. Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services. Montreal, Canada.
- \*Zotolli, T. & **Ryba, N. L.** (June 2007). *Neurocognitive development and juvenile justice policy*. Paper presented at the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services. Montreal, Canada.
- \*Sothmann F. C. & **Ryba, N. L.** (March 2007). *Confirmatory factor analysis and latent class analyses of the MacCAT-CA and the ECST-R: How do these measures compare?* Paper presented at the Off the Witness Stand Conference. New York, NY.
- Ryba, N. L.** (March 2006). *Teaching a graduate level criminal forensic assessment course*. Invited symposium on Pedagogical Approaches in the Psychology and Law Classroom. American Psychology-Law Society Conference. St. Petersburg, FL.
- \*Jacobs, M. & **Ryba, N. L.** (March 2006). *Psychiatric symptoms and symptom clusters associated with competency to stand trial*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. St. Petersburg, FL.
- \*Mesa, V. B. & **Ryba, N. L.** (March 2006). *A comparison of competence assessment instruments and the ability to detect feigning*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. St. Petersburg, FL.
- Ryba, N. L.** & S. Brodsky, S. L. (March 2005). *Competency to waive Miranda rights: Frequency and style of test usage*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. La Jolla, CA.

- Ryba, N. L. & Zapf, P.A.** (August 2004). *Psychiatric symptoms and competence-related abilities across studies*. Poster presented at the 112<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, HI.
- Ryba, N. L.** (August 2004). *Using cognitive-behavioral therapy to treat hopelessness in forensic inpatients*. Poster presented at the 112<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Psychological Association. Honolulu, HI.
- Ryba, N. L. & Zapf, P.A.** (March 2004). *An evaluation of the influences of psychiatric symptoms and cognitive abilities on competence-related abilities*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Scottsdale, AZ.
- Ryba, N. L.** (March 2004). *Narrowing the gap: How a research intervention influenced clinical forensic practice*. Poster presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Scottsdale, AZ.
- Ryba, N. L., Cooper, V. G., & Zapf, P. A.** (August 2003). *Test usage in juvenile competency to stand trial evaluations*. Poster presented at the 111<sup>th</sup> Convention of the American Psychological Association. Toronto, Canada.
- Ryba, N. L. & Zapf, P. A.** (July 2003). *An evaluation of the influences of psychiatric symptoms and cognitive abilities on competence-related abilities: Preliminary results*. Poster presented at the 2003 International, Interdisciplinary Conference of Psychology and Law. Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Ryba, N. L. & Zapf, P. A.** (March 2002). *An investigation of competence-related abilities in a sample of undergraduate students*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Austin, TX.
- Ryba, N. L., Cooper, V. G., & Zapf, P. A.** (March 2002) *Assessment of maturity in juvenile competency to stand trial evaluations*. Poster presented at the 2002 American Psychology-Law Society Conference. Austin, TX.
- Cooper, V. G., **Ryba, N. L.**, & Zapf, P. A. (March 2002). *An investigation of procedures used in competency to stand trial evaluations of juveniles*. Poster presented at the 2002 American Psychology-Law Society. Austin, TX.
- Ryba, N. L. & Fracasso, M. P.** (April 1996). *Parental stress, social support, and infant temperament: Stability, continuity, and effects of infant sociability*. Poster presented at the 1996 International Conference on Infant Studies. Providence, Rhode Island.
- Ryba, N. L.** (December 1995). *Getting parents to talk to each other: Empowering parents to be advocates for their children's literacy*. Paper presented at the 1995 National Reading Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

## Invited Colloquia & Workshops

**Ryba, N. L.** (with Faust, D. & Galperin, G.) (February 2007). *It's not what you think: What are the true indicia of accurate expert testimony in psychology and psychiatry.* New York County Lawyers Association Inn of Court.

Sigalow, S., Moscovitz, S., & **Ryba, N. L.** (November 2005). *Training session for New York City family court practitioners: Use of the JACI in juvenile competence to stand trial evaluations.* New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.

**Ryba, N. L.** (February 2005). *Juvenile competency to stand trial: Current research findings and future directions.* Invited Guest Lecture, Graduate Lecture Series, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

**Ryba, N. L.** (January 2005). *An introduction to developmental issues with the field of forensic psychology.* Invited Guest Lecture CUNY Doctoral Program Lecture Series, The Graduate Center, CUNY.

**Ryba, N. L.** (October 2002). *Juvenile competency evaluations and lessons learned working in the juvenile court.* Invited Guest Lecture, University of Alabama, Child Forensic Psychology Seminar.

**Ryba, N. L.** (September 2002). *Landmark cases in juvenile waiver and juvenile competency.* Invited Guest Lecture, University of Alabama, Psychology and Law Seminar.

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2003-2004      University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, School of Medicine; Chapel Hill, NC  
APA Accredited Internship in Clinical Psychology<sup>1</sup>  
Assessment, intervention, and consultation services provided at UNC Hospitals in crisis emergency services, adult clinical neuropsychology, heart/lung transplant team, child custody evaluation team, and forensic psychiatry services

2003-2004      Federal Correctional Complex; Butner, NC  
APA Accredited Internship in Clinical Psychology<sup>1</sup>  
Forensic evaluations conducted for the U.S. Federal Courts including competency to stand trial and waive Miranda rights, risk assessments, and mental state at time of the offense; intervention and consultation services for the oncology department within the Federal Bureau for Prisons

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<sup>1</sup> One full time internship with 50% training at each institution.

- 2002-2003 Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility; Tuscaloosa, AL  
Provided psychological services for male forensic inpatients in a maximum security setting including: risk assessments, psychological and forensic evaluations, intake assessments, group and individual therapy
- 2002-2003 Neuropsychology Clinic  
Independent Practice of Dr. Mark Prohaska, Ph.D.; Tuscaloosa, AL  
Administered neuropsychological test batteries for outpatient adults with dementia, TBI, stroke, and other neurological impairments
- 2002 Forensic Evaluations  
Independent Practice of Dr. Patricia Zapf, Ph.D.; Tuscaloosa, AL  
Conducted outpatient forensic evaluations including competency to stand trial and mental state at the time of offense for adult criminal offenders
- 2000-2001 University of Alabama Psychology Clinic; Tuscaloosa, AL  
Provided individual and family therapy and intake interviews for children, adolescents, and adults seeking therapy; cognitive-behavior therapy, behavior therapy, interpersonal therapy
- 1999-2000 Staff Psychologist II  
Juvenile Court Outreach Program; Cumberland County MHC; Fayetteville, NC  
Provided court ordered psychological and forensic evaluations; therapeutic services for adjudicated adolescents; maintained program funded by Juvenile Crime Prevention Council
- 1997-1999 Substance Abuse Counselor  
TASC Program; Cumberland County MHC; Fayetteville, NC  
Provided individual and group counseling for adults on probation and incarcerated juveniles; case management; education groups; substance abuse assessments for the court
- 1995-1997 Substance Abuse Counselor - Hina Mauka Treatment Center; Kaneohe, HI  
Provided individual and group counseling for at-risk adolescents; developed and implemented substance abuse education program for teens

## **SERVICE**

### **Editorial Responsibilities**

- 2006-Present Associate Editor  
*Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*  
Editor, Practice Update Section

2005-Present      Ad Hoc Reviewer-Peer Reviewed Journals  
*Law and Human Behavior*  
*Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*  
*Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*

2004-Present      Book Proposal Reviewer  
McGraw Hill  
Guildford Press  
Sage Publications

2000-Present      Ad Hoc Reviewer – National/ International Conferences  
American Psychological Association - Division 41  
American Psychology - Law Society

### **Service to the Field**

2009                Co-Chair for the Division 41 Program for the Annual Convention of the  
American Psychological Association in Toronto, Canada

2010                Chair for the Division 41 Program for the Annual Convention of the  
American Psychological Association in San Diego, California

### **Service to the University**

#### *California State University, Fullerton*

##### *Psychology Department Service*

2008-present      MS Graduate Studies Committee  
2008-present      Commencement Committee

#### *City University of New York*

2006                PSC-CUNY Grant Award Reviewer

#### *John Jay College Service*

2007-2008        Faculty Senate Member  
2007-2008        College Council Member  
2006-2007        Institutional Review Board Task Force  
2005-2008        Institutional Review Board Member

#### *John Jay College - Psychology Department Service*

2006-2007        Strategic Planning Advisory Committee, Deputy Chair  
2006-2007        Space Committee  
2005-2007        Undergraduate Grade Appeals Committee  
2005-2007        Doctoral Program in Forensic Psychology - Admissions Committee  
2004-2006        MA Program in Forensic Psychology - Reorganization Committee

## Student Supervision

### *Masters Theses Supervised*

Thesis Title: Psychiatric Symptoms and Competence-Related Abilities in Adults

Student: Molly Jacobs

Status: Completed May 2006; Published in *Law and Human Behavior*, 2008  
Student accepted in Social Psychology PhD Program, UCLA

Thesis Title: Predicting Use of the Legal System: Examining Confidence, Culture, and Social Control Preference

Student: Jon Lam

Status: Completed May 2007  
Student accepted in Clinical Psychology PhD Program, Fordham University

Thesis Title: Screening for Feigned Incompetence to Stand Trial: A Comparison of Competence Assessment Instruments

Student: Kerri Norton

Status : Completed November 2007; Manuscript under review

Thesis Title: Mate Selection in Nontraditional Romantic Relationships: Establishing a Theory for Why Women Seek Incarcerated Men for Romantic Partners

Student: Marcela Slavikova

Status: Completed April 2008; Manuscript in preparation

### *Doctoral Projects Supervised*

Dissertation Title: Neurocognitive Development and Adolescent Decision-Making: Implications for Research

Student: Tina Zottoli

Status: 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Exam completed fall 2007

Dissertation Title: Construction of a Forced-Choice Task for the Assessment of Factual Understanding and Feigning in Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations

Student: Elizabeth Arias

Status: 2<sup>nd</sup> Doctoral Exam completed spring 2008; dissertation proposal approved Spring 2008; data collection in progress