



Kane & Associates, PLLC

Psychological & Forensic Services

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Board Certified Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (ABCSW)

Summary:

Experienced Forensic Psychologist and Clinical Traumatologist with expertise in forensic psychology, clinical traumatology, and evaluating individuals involved in criminal and civil litigation. Proven track record of administering psychological assessments, conducting juvenile and adult competency evaluations, evaluating mitigation for sentencing and writing summary reports. Demonstrated experience working in demanding and challenging circumstances with a focus on empathy and critical thinking.

Primary Interests

Evaluate adolescents and adults involved in legal proceedings. Provide forensic assessments and consultation in juvenile, criminal, and civil cases including:			
Competency to stand trial (fitness)	Competency to provide a knowing, intelligent, and voluntary waiver of Miranda rights	Sentencing and Mitigation	Insanity and Diminished Capacity
Juvenile transfer to adult court	Extended juvenile adjudication	False Confessions	Emotional Damages
Violence Risk Assessment of Adults and Juveniles		Evaluation of Persons Charged with Sexual Offenses	

Trauma Inclusion

Exploration of various impacts of clinical trauma, including, but not limited to:			
Racial trauma, race-related stressors, racial profiling	Complex developmental attachment trauma (Complex PTSD)	Intergenerational and Transgenerational Traumas	Microaggression and Macroaggression Assaults
Invisibility and Impostor Syndrome	Historical, "Just World," and Insidious Trauma	Social, Biological, Chronic Pain, and Isolation Traumas	Vicarious, Betrayal, and Relational Traumas

Forms of Racism

Exploration of the psychological impact of various forms of racism, including, but not limited to:			
Attitudinal and Behavioral Racism	Individual, Institutional, and Cultural Racism	Historical, Symbolic, Modern and Aversive Racism	Subtle vs. Overt Racism
Medical Racism	Colorism and other within-group racial phenomena	White Fragility/ "Karen" Complex	

Developmental Models

Exploration of developmental models leading to juvenile delinquent, criminal, and adult criminal behaviors:					
Racial Identity Development	Cross's Nigrescence & Ego Identity Development	Bandura's Social Learning Theory	Bowlby's Attachment Theory	Kohlberg's Stages of Moral Development	Vygotsky's Sociocultural Theory

Consultation

Expert Witness Consultation	Witness Preparation	Reviewing and Analyzing Mental Health Documents	Mitigation Evaluation
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Forensic Experience

Kane & Associates Psychological and Forensic Services

Clinical Traumatologist & Forensic Evaluator

Seattle, WA

2006- Present

- Provides psychological assessments, interpretation, and evaluation for civil, criminal litigation, GAL, DCYFS and family court matters.
- Provides summary reports for individuals determined incompetent to stand trial due to mental illness.
- Creates comprehensive psychological assessments resulting in accurate evaluations of individuals' competency levels.
- Provides independent medical evaluations, fitness of duty reports, and case consultations.
- Facilitates trial and deposition preparation, reviews medical records, social work records, and provides psycho-social reviews.
- Provides expert testimony in court proceedings resulting in informed legal decisions.

Education

Argosy University Washington School of Professional Psychology, Seattle, WA

Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D), Clinical Psychology, 2005

Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology, 2002

- Pre-Doctoral Internship: Harborview Medical Center, 2005
- Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Workplace Conflict Programs

University of Washington School of Social Work, Seattle, WA

Master of Social Work, 1983

Certificate, Children's Mental Health, 1988

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Social and Cultural Anthropology (Cum Laude), 1977

College of Alameda, Alameda, CA

Associate of Arts, Anthropology and History (Honors), 1973

Licenses and Certifications

- **Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)**
 - Washington #LW00005939
- **Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Certifications**
 - Mental Health Professional
 - Child Mental Health Specialist
 - Minority Mental Health Specialist
 - Domestic Violence Perpetrator Treatment Program
 - DOH Approved Supervisor (Clinical Supervision)



Professional Development Certifications

- **Association of Traumatic Stress Specialists (ATSS)**
 - Certified Trauma Treatment Specialist (CTTS)
- **National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**
 - Member, Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW)
 - School Social Work Specialist (SSWS)
 - Qualified Clinical Social Worker (QCSW)
 - Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW)
- **American Board of Clinical Social Work (ABCSW)**
 - Board Certified Diplomate (BCD)

Postgraduate Education Certificate Programs

University of Virginia Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy (LPPP), Charlottesville, VA

Certificate, Violence Risk Assessment of Adults, 2025

Certificate, Forensic Evaluation of Juveniles: Principles and Practice, 2024

Certificate, Forensic Evaluation of Adults: Principles and Practice, 2024

Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Certificate, Complex Trauma and Child Sexual Abuse Intervention, 2018

Certificate, Aboriginal Focusing Oriented Therapy (AFOT) and Complex Trauma, 2015

Certificate, Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM), 2008

Palo Alto Veterans' Administration Healthcare System, Palo Alto, CA

PTSD Clinical Training Certificate, National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, 2004

Academic Appointments

- **University of Washington**
 - Clinical Instructor, School of Social Work
 - Clinical Associate, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
 - Practicum Instructor, School of Social Work
 - Clinical Associate, Department of Psychology

Professional, Academic, and Community Involvement

- **Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Forensic Social Work, 2009-2014**
- **Presenter, Domestic Violence Impact Panels, King/Pierce County Municipal Courts 2004-2010**
- **Member, Congressional Black Caucus Veteran Braintrust, Conference Planning Committee, 2006-2010**



Professional, Academic, and Community Involvement (cont.)

- **Member, Advisory and Planning Committee, the Certificate Program in Psychological Trauma, School of Social Work, University of Washington, 2007-2012**
- **Member, Steering Committee, Therapy Network for Sexual Abuse Survivors, Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress, 2007-2009**
- **Instructor, the Certificate Program in Psychological Trauma, “Foundation for Trauma Assessment and Treatment.” School of Social Work, University of Washington, Fall Quarter, 2009.**
- **Member, American Psychological Association (APA)**
- **Member, National Organization of Forensic Social Workers (NOFSW)**
- **Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)**

Publications and National Presentations

- **Book: *Our Blood Flows Red: Trauma in African-American Men In Military Service: Clinical Implications For Working With African-American Veterans With Complex Trauma* (Lambert Academic Publishing, Saarbrücken, Germany, 2010)**
- **A Review Study of the Clinical Implications for Working with African American Veterans**
(Doctoral Dissertation, Argosy University, Seattle, WA 2005. Dissertation Abstracts International, 25, 144)
- **2008 Annual Legislative Conference, Congressional Black Caucus, Washington, DC, September 2008**
 - Keynote Presentation: *The Clinical Implications for Working with African American Veterans*
- **32nd Annual National Organization of Forensic Social Workers Conference, Washington, DC, September 2010**
 - Workshop: *The Culturally Competent Evaluator*
- **48th Annual National Association of Black Social Workers, New Orleans, LA, 2016**
 - Workshop: *Responding to Complex Trauma Issues Within the African American Community*
 - Workshop: *The Culturally Competent Evaluator*
- **The Year of Return Conference, Accra, Ghana, 2019**
 - Workshop: *Black and Blue: The Clinical Implications When Law Enforcement Interfaces with African American Males*
 - Workshop: *Black Men Being Left Behind: Clinical Implications of Working with Black Men*
- **Other Workshops:**
 - *Our Blood Flows Red: Clinical Implications of Working with African American Veterans*
 - *Racial / Cultural / Ethnic Transference and Countertransference: Does Race, Culture and Ethnicity Really Matter? The Impact of Race, Culture, and Ethnicity in the Therapeutic Environment*
 - *Brought Up to Be Brought Down: Understanding Rage Behavior and Wounds of the African American Man-Child*
 - *Beyond the Front Door: Clinical Implications When Interfacing with African American Families*