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### OFFICE LOCATIONS

#### PRIMARY OFFICE

Brookside Psychologists, 104-3060 Mainway Drive, **Burlington** ON, L7M 1A3

#### SECONDARY OFFICE

Brookside Psychologists, 274 Fourth Avenue, Unit 4, **St. Catharines** ON, L2S 0B6

### PRIMARY PRACTICE AREAS

#### SERVICES:

- Neuropsychological assessment
- Disability and fitness-to-work evaluations
- Medicolegal and insurer examinations
- Cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) treatment

#### ISSUES ADDRESSED:

- Traumatic brain injury
- Concussion
- Depression & anxiety disorders
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Adult ADD/ADHD
- LGBTTIQ+ / gender identity issues

### EDUCATION

#### PH.D., PSYCHOLOGY

- University of Toronto, 2011

#### MASTER'S DEGREE, PSYCHOLOGY

- University of Toronto, 2000

#### B.A. HONORS DEGREE, PSYCHOLOGY

- York University, Toronto, 1997

### LICENSURE

#### COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS OF ONTARIO:

- **Psychologist, Autonomous Practice** (2011 to present) – Practice in Counselling, Clinical Psychology, & Neuropsychology with Adults
- **Psychologist, Supervised Practice** (2010-2011)
- **Psychological Associate** (2006-2010) – Practice in Counselling & Clinical Psychology with Adults

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**CERTIFICATION****CERTIFIED IN CATASTROPHIC IMPAIRMENT EVALUATION (C-CAT) (MENTAL AND BEHAVIOURAL TRACK)**

(2017 to present) - Certified by the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators (CSME) and the Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment (CAPDA)

**CERTIFIED IN MEDICOLEGAL EXPERTISE (CMLE)**

(2020 to present) - Certified by the Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators (CSME) and the Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment (CAPDA)

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS****ONTARIO PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

- 2017 to present - **Member**

**ONTARIO BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION**

- 2013 to present - **Member**

**ONTARIO REHAB ALLIANCE**

- 2013 to present - **Member**

**CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MEDICAL EVALUATORS**

- 2016 to present - **Member**

**BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF PEEL/HALTON**

- 2016-2017 – **President of Board of Directors**
  - 2013-2016 – **Vice President of Board of Directors**
  - 2013 – **Member of Board of Directors**
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**WORK & TRAINING****BROOKSIDE PSYCHOLOGISTS**

**(Previously Dr. Lesley Miller & Associates)**

**Director, Psychologist/Neuropsychologist, 2014 to present**

- Director of a large private psychology practice with office locations in Burlington and St. Catharines.
  - Oversee a staff of four employees and over 30 clinicians (including psychologists, neuropsychologists, psychotherapists, psychometrists, and supervised therapists).
  - Provide cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) treatment of patients presenting with a variety of psychological conditions, primarily anxiety disorders (e.g., panic attacks, excessive worry, fear of leaving the house, posttraumatic stress), mood disorders (e.g., depression), and chronic pain.
  - Conduct neuropsychological and psychological assessments and treatment of patients presenting with psychiatric conditions, chronic pain, traumatic brain injury, and concussion.
  - Provide disability and catastrophic impairment assessments and applications, insurer examinations, medicolegal opinions on mental and behavioural impairments.
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**STORRIE, VELIKONJA, & ASSOCIATES**

**(Private Psychology Practice)**

**Psychologist/Neuropsychologist, 2010 to 2014**

- Neuropsychological and psychological assessments and treatment of patients presenting with psychiatric conditions, chronic pain, traumatic brain injury, and concussion.
- Disability and catastrophic impairment assessments and applications, medicolegal opinions on catastrophic impairment.

**BURLINGTON PSYCHOLOGICAL & COUNSELLING SERVICES**

**(Private Psychology Practice)**

**Psychologist/Neuropsychologist, 2010 to 2014**

- Cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) treatment of patients presenting with a variety of psychological conditions, primarily anxiety disorders (e.g., panic attacks, excessive worry, fear of leaving the house, posttraumatic stress), mood disorders (e.g., depression), and chronic pain.

**ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTHCARE HAMILTON**

**Anxiety Treatment and Research Centre & Neuropsychological Consultation Service**

**Psychology Doctoral Resident, 2009 to 2010**

- Neuropsychology assessments of patients presenting with variety of conditions, including stroke, dementia, traumatic brain injury, lupus, MS.
- Provided cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) treatment of patients presenting with variety of anxiety disorders, including panic disorder, agoraphobia, social phobia, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), and specific phobia.
- Diagnostic assessment of anxiety disorders through psychological tests and structured clinical interviews.

**TORONTO REHABILITATION INSTITUTE**

**Cognitive Neurorehabilitation Sciences Lab (Traumatic Brain Injury Recovery Study)**

**Psychological Associate, Psychometrist, 2006 to 2009**

- Conducted comprehensive neuropsychology assessments of inpatients and outpatients presenting with moderate to severe traumatic brain injury and/or spinal cord injury, including provision of feedback to patients and families.
- Conducted research into natural course of recovery in traumatic brain injury.

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**SUNNYBROOK HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE****Neuropsychology Consultation Service****Psychology Doctoral Practicum, 2007 to 2008**

- Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological assessments of patients, aged between 45 to 89 years, presenting with cognitive decline secondary to dementia, mild cognitive impairment, stroke, normal aging, and multiple sclerosis.

**CENTRE FOR ADDICTION & MENTAL HEALTH****(Psychological Assessment Service; Work, Stress, and Health Program)****Psychometrist, 1999 to 2006**

- Assessment of psychiatric inpatients and outpatients for differential diagnosis of mood and anxiety disorders, psychotic disorders, substance use disorders, somatoform disorders, eating disorders and personality disorders.
- Conducted psychological insurance examinations (IE) to assess level of disability and mental/behavioural impairments regarding long term disability benefits.
- Conducted psychological disability assessments and cognitive behavior therapy treatment of WSIB-referred survivors of traumatic workplace accidents.
- Conducted neuropsychological assessments regarding brain injury, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, learning disorders and Asperger's Disorder.

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**CLINICAL  
SUPERVISION  
PROVIDED****SUPERVISION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS COMPLETING THEIR YEAR OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE FOR THE COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS OF ONTARIO:**

- Dr. Eva Muharib, Clinical Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2017-2018
- Dr. Narmeen Ammari, Clinical Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2016-2017
- Dr. Brian Mainland, Clinical Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2015-2016
- Dr. Elizabeth Holmes-Bose, Clinical Psychology and Counselling Psychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2014-2016
- Dr. Charlotte Hasson, Clinical Psychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2014-2015
- Dr. Chez-Roy Cheval Birchwood, Clinical Psychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2014-2015
- Dr. Carmelinda Longo, Clinical Neuropsychology, Supervised Practice Year, 2014-2015

**SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNS AND PRACTICUM STUDENTS:**

- Lana Rappaport, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Adler University, 2018-2019
- Santiago Hoyos, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Medaille University, 2018-2019
- Jean Dennis, Doctoral Psychology Intern, Medaille University, 2016-2017
- Jean Dennis, Master's Psychology Practicum, Medaille University, 2014-2015
- Ronak Jamali, Master's Mental Health Counselling Practicum Student, Medaille University, 2015-2016

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Miller, L.S., Colella, B., Mikulis, D., Maller, J., & Green, R.E.A. (2013).** Environmental enrichment may protect against hippocampal atrophy in the chronic stages of traumatic brain injury. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*. doi September 24, 2013.

**Miller, L.S. (2011).** *Recovery from moderate to severe traumatic brain injury: Hippocampal atrophy, environmental enrichment, and implications for functional outcome.* Doctoral dissertation: University of Toronto, Canada.

Bagby, R. M., Marshall, M. B., Bury, A., Bacchioni, J. B., & **Miller, L. S.** (2006). Assessing underreporting and overreporting response styles on the MMPI-2. In J.N. Butcher (Ed.), *MMPI-2: A Practitioner's Guide*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Bagby, R. M., Marshall, M. B., Basso, M. R., Nicholson, R. A., Bacchioni, J., & **Miller, L. S.** (2005). Distinguishing bipolar depression, major depression, and schizophrenia with the MMPI-2 clinical and content scales. *Journal of Personality Assessment*, *84*(1), 89-95.

Scheibe, S., Bagby, R.M., **Miller, L.S.**, & Dorian, B.J. (2001). Assessing posttraumatic stress disorder with the MMPI-2 in a sample of workplace accident victims. *Psychological Assessment*, *13*(3), 369-374.

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**INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS**

- **Neuropsychological Testing in Cases of Prolonged Symptoms Following Concussion.** Clinical presentation to management. Proactive Physio Plus, Owen Sound (Sep 22, 2018).
  - **Understanding Neuropsychological Assessment.** Presentation to the Ontario Medical Association – Physicians' Health Program, Toronto. (2017)
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**PRESENTATIONS TO  
BROOKSIDE  
PSYCHOLOGISTS  
STAFF**

- CBT Protocol for Depression
  - CBT Protocol for OCD
  - CBT Protocol for Generalized Anxiety Disorder
  - CBT Protocol for ADHD
  - Auto Insurance: What Psychologists Need to Know
  - Evidence-Based Practice in Psychology
  - Malingering and Response Style in Assessment
  - Medical-legal and Independent Medical Examinations
  - Privacy and Confidentiality Issues in Psychology
  - Working with Third Party Payers
  - Return to Work and Disability Issues in Psychology
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**CONTINUING  
EDUCATION**

**REMOTE TELE-PSYCHOLOGY:**

- **Remote Tele-Assessment Guidelines.** Webinar. Hosted by the Ontario Psychological Association. Presenter: Dr. Diana Velikonja. (2020)

- **Best Practices in Tele- Assessment with Performance-Based Cognitive and Neuropsychological Tests: Evidence, Test Selection, and Ethical Data Interpretation.** Webinar. Hosted by the NYSPA Neuropsychology Division. (2020)
- **Remote Examination: What You Need to Know.** Webinar hosted by the Canadian Society of Medical Examiners. (2020)
- **Cyber Security & Privacy.** Conference webinar hosted by the Ontario Psychological Association. Presenter: Dr. Amber Smith. (2020)

#### **MEDICOLEGAL AND INSURER EXAMINATION / DISABILITY:**

- **Major Depressive Disorder and Differential Diagnosis: The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic.** Webinar hosted by the Canadian Society of Medical Examiners. (2020)
- **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Amidst the Stress of the COVID-19 Pandemic.** Webinar hosted by the Canadian Society of Medical Examiners. (2020)
- **The Burden of Proof: Proving the Client's Losses & Causation.** Webinar. Hosted by Thomson Rogers Lawyers. (2020)
- **The Worker is Adamant: Is it Compensable?** Webinar hosted by the Canadian Society of Medical Examiners. (2020)
- **Cultural Competencies: Perils and Pitfalls.** Webinar hosted by the Canadian Society of Medical Examiners. Presented by Dr. R. Nemeth and Mr. Lee Akazaki. (2020)
- **Where the LAT is At: What Rehab Providers Should Know.** Webinar hosted by the Ontario Rehab Alliance. (2020)
- **Certification Training in Medicolegal Expertise (CMLE).** Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators and CAPDA. Toronto, ON. (2018)
- **New Regime: Rocky Road or Stairway to Heaven?** Ontario Rehab Alliance. Presenters: Willie Handler. Ancaster (Nov 9, 2018).
- **Dealing with Denial, Avoiding & Managing Denials.** Ontario Rehab Alliance. Hosted by Laurie Davis, *Executive Director*, ORA (Feb 20, 2018)
- **Protected Accounts and Protecting Your Business.** Ontario Rehab Alliance. Hosted by Laurie Davis, *Executive Director*, ORA. (2018)
- **The CAT Came Back: Definitive Workshop on Catastrophic Impairment Evaluation.** Canadian Society of Medical Evaluators and CAPDA. Toronto, ON. (2017)
- **Recent Case Law and the Legal Perspective on Expert Evidence and Report Writing.** Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment (CAPDA). Toronto, ON. (2017)
- **Definitions of Disability in Multiple Settings: Implications for Psychologists.** Canadian Academy of Psychologists in Disability Assessment Workshop. Toronto, ON. (2012)

#### **CLINICAL TOPICS:**

- **Clinical Considerations with Pedophilia.** Webinar. Presented by Dr. Ainslie Heasman, Psychologist, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (2020)
- **Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) Protocol for Insomnia.** Presented by Dr. Matthew King, Psychologist. Brookside Psychologists. (2019)

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- **Post-traumatic Stress Disorder: Evidence-Based Treatments.** Presented by Dr. Philippe Shnaider, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University. Brookside Psychologists. (2018)
  - **Adult Gender Identity Issues in Psychology.** Presented by Dr. Nicola Brown, Prior Head of the CAMH Adult Gender Identity Clinic. Brookside Psychologists. (2018)
  - **Introduction to LGBTQ and Health Needs.** Rainbow Health Ontario, Burlington, ON. (2015)
  - **Clinical Supervision Skills to Enhance Competencies.** Ontario Psychological Association. Toronto, ON. (2014)
  - **Acquired Brain Injury Provincial Conference.** Ontario Brain Injury Association. Niagara Falls, ON. (2013, 2015)
  - **Counselling Trans Clients.** Rainbow Health Ontario, Sherbourne Health Centre, Toronto, ON. (2013)
  - **Discharge & Beyond 2012: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spinal Cord & Neurotrauma Conference - Learning to Overcome the Obstacles, Challenges and Journey, While under the Microscope of Statutory Accident Benefits.** Burlington ON. (2012)
  - **Trans Health Connection Mentorship Program** – Sherbourne Health Centre, Toronto. Biweekly conference regarding upcoming issues in transgender health care in Canada. (2012-2013)
  - **Frontline Health: Transgender Endocrine Therapy** (2012)

#### **EMPLOYMENT LAW:**

- **Bill 148: Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act - Employment Standards Certification Workshop.** Workplace Law Consulting Inc., Toronto (May 15, 2018).
- **Employment Standards Compliance: Hours of Work, Leaves of Absence, Permits and More.** Stringer LLP, Management Lawyers, Toronto. (May 1, 2018)