

Curriculum Vitae  
**Dr. Chanelle Salonia, C. Pysch (supervised practice), BCBA, R.B.A. (Ont.)**  
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## **EDUCATION**

- 2018 – 2023      **Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology (PhD) (APA Accredited)**  
Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, California  
Dissertation: Peer-Support Group Interventions for Individuals with OCD
- 2018 – 2020      **Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology (MA)**  
Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, California, September 2020
- 2013 – 2016      **Master of Clinical Psychology (MPsy)**  
Adler University, Toronto, Ontario  
Thesis: Sexual Offender’s Perceptions on Early Life Experiences:  
Role, Gender and Forms of Parental Attachment
- 2011 – 2012      **Post-Graduate Certificate in BCBA Respecialization**  
Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL.
- 2006 – 2008      **Master of Arts, Critical Disability Studies (MA)**  
York University, Toronto, Ontario.  
Major Research Paper: Wrongful Birth and Wrongful Life Claims: With a  
Focus on Damages and Prenatal Screening
- 2002 – 2006      **Bachelor of Science (Honours), Psychology (BSc)**  
Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario.  
Major in Psychology

## **BOARD CERTIFICATION OR PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS**

- 2024              **College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario**  
Certificate of registration for a psychologist authorizing supervised  
practice  
Authorized Areas of Practice:
- Clinical Psychology
  - Forensic/Correctional Psychology
- College of Psychologists and Behaviour Analysts of Ontario**  
Certificate of registration for a behaviour analyst authorizing autonomous  
practice (R.B.A. Ontario)

2016 **Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA): #1-16-22177**

### **POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATES/RESPECIALIZATIONS**

2016 Advanced Psychometric Assessment Certificate, Adler University

2014 Advanced Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT), Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, (OISE) at University of Toronto

2012 Applied Behaviour Analysis, Respecialization, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Chicago, IL. Board Certified Behaviour Analyst

### **CLINICAL PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE**

10/2024 – 10/2025 Supervised Practice Year  
Site 1: Dr. Noble & Associates (children and adolescent clinical and school psychology)  
Supervisor: Dr. Cheryl Noble

- Provide client-centered individual therapy to clients with mood and anxiety disorders using CBT and integrated approaches
- Complete intake assessments, including psychodiagnostics
- Complete psycho-educational assessments, including gifted exceptionalty assessments for children and adolescents
- Administer cognitive and outcome measures, including report writing and client or parental feedback
- Receive individual and group supervision, weekly

Site 2: Giorgio Ilacqua Professional Psychology Practice (adult forensic and clinical psychology)  
Supervisor: Dr. Giorgio Ilacqua

- Administer, assess and diagnosis risk and personality assessments for forensic clients, as well as HCAI and WSIB accident-related assessments and reviews
- Individual therapy – trauma-focused and CBT techniques
- Individual and group supervision, weekly

09/2021 – 08/2023 Internship  
Site: Dr. Noble & Associates  
Supervisors: Dr. Cheryl Noble; Dr. Heather McLean  
Areas of Practice: Child, Adolescent, Adult Clinical and School Psychology

05/2020 – 09/2020 Clinical Practicum (PhD III)  
Site: McLean Psychology Centre, Markham, Ontario  
*Supervisors:* Dr. Heather McLean; Dr. Cheryl Noble (Child and School

Psychologist)

Total Hours Completed: 429

- Provided client-centered individual therapy to clients with mood and anxiety disorders using CBT and integrated approaches
- Completed intake assessments, including psychodiagnostics
- Completed psycho-educational assessments, including gifted exceptionalty assessments for children and adolescents
- Administered cognitive and outcome measures, including report writing and client or parental feedback
- Received individual and group supervision

09/2019 – 03/2020

Clinical Practicum Student (PhD II)

Ontario Corrections Institute, Brampton, Ontario

*Supervisor:* Dr. Dragica Fink

Total Hours Completed: 505

- Provided individual therapy to inmates with depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorders using cognitive processing therapy, CBT and integrated approaches
- Provided group therapy to inmates with sexual offending histories, anger management, drug abuse, and relapse prevention
- Completed intake assessments
- Administered cognitive, personality and risk measures as well as wrote reports and provided feedback (example measures: PAI, WAIS-IV, LSI-R, STATIC-99)
- Worked on interdisciplinary team consisting of psychologists, psychiatrist, social workers, nurse practitioner, correctional officers, community case managers
- Attended weekly intake rounds
- Received individual supervision

2018 – 2019

Clinical Practicum Student (PhD I)

Sunnybrook Health Sciences Hospital, Frederick W. Thompson Anxiety Disorders Centre, Toronto, Ontario

*Supervisor:* Dr. Lance Hawley

Total Hours Completed: 631

- Provided individual and group therapy to patients with a diagnosis of OCD, depression, or related anxiety disorders
- Administered the M.I.N.I, BDI-II, BAI, SCID-V, QIDS, PAI, and Y-BOCS
- Integrative report writing and provided feedback
- Attended weekly patient rounds
- Received individual and group supervision

2015 – 2016

Practicum Student – Master’s Level

Durham District School Board, Whitby, Ontario

- Psychoeducational assessments completed (administered WISC-V,

ABAS-2, BASC, Vineland-3)

- Wrote reports and provided feedback
- Individual therapy for children and adolescents with mood and anxiety disorders
- Behavioural observations within classrooms and teacher collaboration for behavioural skill acquisition
- Interdisciplinary team collaboration with school administration, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and external resources

- 2015 - 2016      Practicum Student – Master’s Level  
 Ilacqua, Marino, Costa & Associates, Toronto, Ontario
- Administered risk and personality assessments for forensic clients, including forensic assessment tools and malingering assessments
  - Group therapy for sex offender treatment with an intellectual or developmental disability
  - Received individual supervision

**CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2017 - present      Director of Clinical and Educational Services  
 (Previous position, Associate Director of Clinical 2017 – 09/2020)  
 Vita Community Living Services & Families for Mental Health  
 Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 - 2017      Manager of Clinical Services and Senior Behaviour Therapist  
 Vita Community Living Services & Families for Mental Health  
 Toronto, Ontario
- 2005 - 2006      Ethics Committee Review Board  
 Trent University  
 Peterborough, Ontario

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2018 – present      Faculty – Part-time  
 George Brown College – Griffin Centre (Lumenus Community Services)  
 Dual Diagnosis Certificate Instructor  
 Toronto, Ontario  
 Courses: Sexuality: Assessment and Intervention
- 2011 - present      Faculty: School of Community and Social Services - Part-time  
 Humber College  
 Toronto, Ontario  
 Courses: Behaviour Science; Interviewing Children (forensic practice);  
 and Psychology and the Law

2007 - 2008           Teacher's Assistant  
York University  
Toronto, Ontario

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

April 2019            Dr. Bruce McCreary Memorial Scholarship, Ontario Association on  
Developmental Disabilities and Clinical Services of Ontario.

July 2017             Social Cognition & Perception Lab, Researcher of the Month Award,  
University of Toronto.

December 2014       Manuela Dalla Nora Award of Excellence, Vita Community Living  
Services and Mens Sana Families for Mental Health.

September 2006     Trent University Student Scholarship and Ethics Review Committee  
Student Award.

## **RESEARCH**

### *Experience*

**Research Assistant**, Decision Making During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Fielding Graduate  
University. Primary Investigator: Dr. Sherry Hatcher – 2024

Duties included: Literature review, recruitment, developmental of Qualtrics survey, review and  
analysis of quantitative data, including the qualitative data evaluation involving thematic and  
content analysis methodologies.

**Dissertation Study**, A Pilot Study of Peer Support Groups for Individuals with OCD on a  
Waitlist for Treatment: A Mixed Methods Study: **Sunnybrook Health Sciences Hospital &  
Mood Disorders Association of Ontario**. Chair: Dr. Jessica Emick – 2023

**Research Practicum Student**, Pathways to Belonging: Youth with Intellectual Disabilities:  
**University of Toronto**, Department of Psychology and Occupational Therapy, Dr. Rebecca  
Renwick, September 2018 – 2023

Duties included: assisting with research ethics board proposal submission, community partner  
coordination, recruitment, qualitative research knowledge, facilitation focus groups, interview of  
participants, data collection, analysis and interpretation of results.

**Research Coordinator**, Nuts and Bolts of Healthcare: **Centre for Addiction and Mental  
Health** in partnership with Vita Community Living Services, Dr. Yona Lunsky's Lab,  
September 2017 – February 2020

Duties included: assisting with research ethics board proposal review, community partner coordination, participant recruitment, conducted interviews/focus groups, data collection, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data at national and international conferences.

***Research Assistant***, Trent University, Department of Psychology, Dr. Nancie Im-Bolter's Language and Cognition Lab, June 2017-June 2018.

Duties included: administration of psychometric assessments on pre-school children; scoring, interpreting and coding assessment results for longitudinal research study, processing data, writing reports, participating in research meetings/lab seminars, attending and presenting at academic conferences 2018.

***Research Assistant***, University of Toronto, Department of Psychology, Dr. Nicholas Rule's Social Perception and Cognition Research Lab, June 2017-September 2017 (seasonal).

Duties included: running experiments with human subjects, processing data, coding, participating in weekly research meetings/lab seminars.

### ***Conference Presentations and Seminars***

Richter, P., **Salonia, C.**, Greenwood, L., Kieffer, M.L., & Taube-Schiff, M. (2021). The Growing Role of Peer Support in OCD Recovery. [Presentation]. International OCD Foundation (IOCDF).

**Salonia, C.**, Greenwood, L., Taube-Schiff, M., & Richter, P. (2021). Peer-Support Services for Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: An Evaluation for Individuals Awaiting Treatment. [Research Symposium]. International OCD Foundation Research Symposium.

**Salonia, C.**, & Hingsburger, D. (2021). Behaviour Therapy as a Healing Art. [Health Care Quality Units Webinar]. Milestone Centers for People with Developmental and Behavioural Health Challenges.

**Salonia, C.**, Hingsburger, D., & Khemchand, M. (2020). Making Virtual Vital Through COVID-19. [Presentation]. National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD).

**Salonia, C.**, Hermans, H., & Partab, A. (2020). COVID-19 Collaboration: Alternative Program Planning, Data-Driven Services. [Presentation]. National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD).

Hermans, H., & **Salonia, C.** (2019). The Nuts and Bolts of Healthcare for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. [Presentation]. Ontario Association for Developmental Disabilities (OADD).

- Hingsburger, D., **Salonia, C.**, & Hermans, H. (2018). The Social Context of Disability and Sex Offender Treatment. [Presentation]. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA).
- Miller, K., **Salonia, C.**, & Kay, A. (2016). Putting the Team Back in Treatment: The Role of Direct Support Staff in Treatment and its Impact for Intellectually Disabled Offenders. [Presentation]. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA).
- Salonia, C.**, Federman, M., & Challis, G. (2015). Sexual Offender's Perceptions on Early Life Experiences: Role, Gender and Forms of Parental Attachment. [Research Poster Presentation]. Health and Wellbeing in Developmental Disabilities: Psychiatry University of Toronto.
- Hingsburger, D., Miller, K., Lynn, L., & **Salonia, C.** (2015). Home Safe: Policies, Practices and Protocols for Reducing Abuse in Agencies Serving People with Intellectual Disabilities. [Pre-Conference Seminar]. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA).
- Salonia, C.**, & Cancilla, C. (2015). The Use of Technology as a Resource to Reduce Risk for Individuals in Supported Care. [Presentation]. Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD).
- Hingsburger, D., & **Salonia, C.** (2015). Adulthood: Policies, Practices and Procedures. [Presentation]. Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs (OASIS).
- Lee, D., **Salonia, C.**, & Hingsburger, D. (2014). Deliberate Indifference: Identifying and Reducing Risk to Protect Service Users, Staff and Agencies. [Presentation]. Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD).
- Lee, D., **Salonia, C.**, & Hingsburger, D. (2014). Deliberate Indifference: Identifying and Reducing Risk to Protect Service Users, Staff and Agencies. [Presentation]. Ontario Agencies Supporting Individuals with Special Needs (OASIS).
- Salonia, C.**, Federman, M. (2014). Sexual Offender's Perceptions on Early Life Experiences: Role, Gender and Forms of Parental Attachment. [Research Symposium]. Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA).

***Published Peer-Reviewed Articles***

- Jiwani, A., Hatcher, S. L., Walk, K. J., Weekes, C. A., Chung, M., & **Salonia, C.**, (2025). Adult Projective Drawings in Pandemic Times: Draw-a-Person and Kinetic-Family-Drawings with Associations. *Journal for Mental Health Social Behaviour*. 7(1):200.  
<https://doi.org/10.33790/jmhsb1100200>
- Salonia, C.** (2023). *A pilot study of peer support groups for individuals with OCD on a waitlist*

*for treatment: A mixed methods study* (ProQuest No. 30637902) [Doctoral dissertation, Fielding Graduate University]. ProQuest Dissertations & Theses.

Selick, A., Durbin, J., **Salonia, C.**, Volpe, T., Orr, E., Hermans, H., Zaretsky, L., Malhas, M., & Lunskey, Y. (2022). The nuts and bolts of health care: Evaluating an initiative to build staff capacity to support the health care of individuals with intellectual disabilities. *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities, 35: 2.*

### ***Published Chapters***

**Salonia, C.**, Hermans, H., & Hingsburger, D. (2018). Assessing the Clinical Needs for Intellectually Disabled Sex Offenders. In Ireland, J., Ireland, C., & Birch, P. (2018). *Violent and Sexual Offenders: Assessment, Treatment and Management*. Routledge.

### ***Clinical Newsletters/Articles***

Partab, A., Hermans, H., Grillo, T., & **Salonia, C.** (2020). Navigating Virtual Services: Strategies for Supporting People with IDD. *The International Journal of Direct Support Professionals; 9(11)*.

Hingsburger, D., Lee, D. & **Salonia, C.** (2014). Deliberate Indifference: Understanding the Legal Ramifications of Risk. *Executive Functioning: A Newsletter for Senior Leadership in Organizations Providing Human Services; 1(2)*.

Cancilla, C. & **Salonia, C.** (2013). It's a Juggling Act! Navigating the Emotional Journey of Returning to Work. *Service, Support and Success: The Direct Support Workers Newsletter; 3(4)*.

Hingsburger, D. & **Salonia, C.** (2013). Spinning Downwards: Looking Up Stopping the Slide Toward Negativity in Human Services. Clinical and Educational Department; Vita Community Living Services.

Hingsburger, D. & **Salonia, C.** (2011). Unwrapping the Perfect Holidays: Tips for Staff Serving People with Intellectual Disabilities. *Service, Support and Success: The Direct Support Worker Newsletter; 1(1)*.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD)

Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)

Ontario Psychological Association (OPA)

Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB)

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Lance Hawley, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Hospital – [lance.hawley@sunnybrook.ca](mailto:lance.hawley@sunnybrook.ca)

Dr. Giorgio Ilacqua, Giorgio Ilacqua Professional Psychology Practice – [giorgio@drilacqua.com](mailto:giorgio@drilacqua.com)

Dr. Cheryl Noble, Dr. Noble & Associates – [cheryl@drnoble.ca](mailto:cheryl@drnoble.ca)

Dr. Dragica Fink, Ontario Corrections Institute – [dragica.fink@ontario.ca](mailto:dragica.fink@ontario.ca)

Dr. Marlene Taube-Schiff, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Hospital – [mtaubeschiff@gmail.com](mailto:mtaubeschiff@gmail.com)

Dr. Jessica Emick, Fielding Graduate School – [jemick@fielding.edu](mailto:jemick@fielding.edu)