

# Nathan E. Cook

## Curriculum Vitae

National Youth Screening and Assessment Project  
Department of Psychiatry  
University of Massachusetts Medical School

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## Education

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- Sept. 2009 to May 2014 (expected)     **Ph.D. Clinical Psychology**  
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI  
Focus area: Research Methodology
- Sept. 2006 to May 2008     **M.A. Forensic Psychology**  
Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI  
\* Empirical Thesis: *The confluence of psychopathic traits, violence, and mental health needs in adolescent females: Theoretical and treatment implications.* (Chair: Frank DiCataldo, Ph.D.)
- Sept. 2002 to May 2006     **B.S. Criminal Justice, Summa Cum Laude**, minor in Forensic Psychology, Undergraduate Certificate in Forensic Behavior  
Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA

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## Research Experience

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June 2008 to present     **Research Coordinator II**, National Youth Screening and Assessment Project  
University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA  
Supervisor: Gina Vincent, Ph.D.

### *Grant:*

- \* Youth Risk/Needs Assessment for Recidivism: Implementation and Effectiveness Study. (John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation); PI: Gina Vincent, Ph.D., Co-I: Debra DePrato, M.D., Thomas Grisso, Ph.D.; 2008-2010.

### *Responsibilities Include:*

- \* Train new research staff
- \* Conduct interviews with juvenile justice personnel regarding how they assess youth for risk of violence and treatment intervention needs
- \* Manage databases - including data entry, cleaning, and analysis using SPSS, SAS, and Access
- \* Provide technical assistance to juvenile justice agencies
- \* Assist in the preparation of research projects for publication and presentation

Jan. 2009 to March 2010     **Research Assistant**, University of Massachusetts Medical School  
*Grant:* Psychopathy and Treatment Outcomes in Forensic Psychiatric Patients: A Pilot Study. Funded by Commonwealth Medicine. PI: Gina Vincent, Ph.D.; Co-I: Ira Packer, Ph.D.; 2006 to 2010.

- \* Conducted research interviews with psychiatric patients
- \* Managed databases, including data entry, cleaning, error checking, and analysis

- May 2009 to July 2009      **Research Assistant**, Center for Mental Health Services Research,  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Project: Department of Mental Health Consumer Satisfaction Survey  
\* Interviewed consumers of services from the Massachusetts Department of  
Mental Health regarding the quality of services they received
- April 2008 to Aug. 2008      **Research Assistant**, doctoral dissertation of Laura Guy, Ph.D.  
Title: *Performance indicators of the structured professional judgment  
approach to assessing risk for violence to others: A meta-analytic survey*  
\* Coded empirical studies for a meta-analysis to establish inter-rater reliability
- Aug. 2007 to May 2008      **Research Intern**, Center for Mental Health Services Research,  
University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Supervisor: Albert Grudzinskas, J.D., Project: Boston Police Study  
\* Assisted in the development of training protocols for police and emergency  
services personnel for handling encounters with juveniles in crisis, elderly  
citizens, and persons suffering from mental illness
- Sept. 2007 to May 2008      **Graduate Research Assistantship**, Roger Williams University  
Supervisor: Garrett Berman, Ph.D., Project: Comprehensive Guide for  
Graduate Programs in Psychology and Law
- Sept. 2006 to Aug. 2007      **Graduate Research Assistantship**, Roger Williams University  
Supervisor: Charles Trimbach, Ph.D., Project: Gender Differences in Mate  
Selection
- Sept. 2005 to May 2006      **Undergraduate Research Project**, Bridgewater State College  
Advisor: Dion Dennis, Ph.D., Project Title: *The Violent Order: Evidence of  
Chaos Theory in Serial Murder*

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## Publications

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### Peer Reviewed Journals

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Vincent, G. M., Chapman, J. C., & **Cook, N. E.** (in press). Risk/Needs Assessment in Juvenile Justice: Predictive Validity of the SAVRY, Racial Differences, and the Contribution of Needs Factors. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Hall, T., **Cook, N. E.**, & Berman, G. L. (2010). Navigating the expanding field of law and psychology: A comprehensive guide to graduate education. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice, 10*, 69-90.

**Cook, N. E.**, Barese, T. H., & DiCataldo, F. (2010). The confluence of mental health and psychopathic traits in adolescent female offenders. *Criminal Justice and Behavior, 37*, 119-135.

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## Conference Presentations

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- Guy, L. S., Fusco, S., & **Cook, N. E.**, Vincent, G. M. (2010, August). Juvenile probation officers' experiences using risk/needs assessment tools in the field. In E. P. Mulvey & C. A. Shubert (Chairs), *Empirically based approaches for improving the juvenile justice system*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Vincent, G. M., Paiva, M., & **Cook, N. E.** (2010, August). Implementation of risk/needs assessments in juvenile probation: Changes in probation officer recommendations. In E. P. Mulvey & C. A. Shubert (Chairs), *Empirically based approaches for improving the juvenile justice system*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
- Guy, L. S., Fusco, S., & **Cook, N. E.**, Vincent, G. M. (2010, May). *Juvenile probation officers' decision-making processes and experiences using risk/needs assessment tools in the field*. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, Vancouver, BC.
- Cook, N. E.**, Guy, L. S., & Vincent, G. M. (2010, March). *Probation officer self-appraisal of clinical judgment efficacy: How well do think they can predict risk for reoffending?* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, Vancouver, BC.
- Cook, N.**, Vincent, G. M., & Grisso, T. (2009, March). *Regional differences in mental health symptoms among juvenile offenders*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Chapman, J., Vincent, G. M., & **Cook, N.** (2009, March). Differential predictive validity of the Structured Assessment of Violent Risk in Youth (SAVRY) by race. In G. M. Vincent (Chair), *Contemporary issues in juvenile risk assessment*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Barese, T., **Cook, N.**, Falkenbach, D. M., & DiCataldo, F. (2009, March). *Psychopathic traits and adolescent offending: Does prior experienced abuse underlie future modes of violence?* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, San Antonio, TX.
- Cook, N.**, & Grudzinskas, A. J. (2008, August). Juveniles in crisis. In A.J. Grudzinskas & J.C. Clayfield (Chairs), *Boston Police Study: Mental Illness in the Criminal Justice System*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Cook, N.**, Barese, T., & DiCataldo, F. (2008, August). *Gender and psychopathic traits in adolescence: Offense and victim characteristics*. Poster presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Berman, G. L., Hall, T., **Cook, N.**, Birmingham, S., & Williamson, L. (2008, March). Look No Further! Presenting a New and Complete Guide for Graduate Programs in Psychology and Law. In G.L. Berman & T. Hall (Chairs), *The Future of Graduate Education: Reports on Graduate Training and Higher Education in Psychology and Law*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, Jacksonville, FL.

Barese, T., **Cook, N.**, & DiCataldo, F. (2008, March). *Psychopathy and adolescent females: Does gender moderate the relation between childhood trauma and PCL:YV scores?* Poster presented at the American Psychology Law Society Conference, Jacksonville, FL.

Chabot, A. S., McCormick, D., Dutra, B., LaSalle, S., Trimbach, C., Cade, B., **Cook, N.**, and Harnsberger, B. (2007, October). *Preferred characteristics in mate selection as a function of having an older sister.* Poster presented at the meeting of the New England Psychological Association, Danbury, CT.

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## Honors and Awards

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Sept. 2010 to May 2011	University of Rhode Island Graduate School Tuition Scholarship
October 2009	Outstanding Poster Presentation, Psychiatry Research Day, University of Massachusetts Medical School
Sept. 2007 to May 2008	Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Grant, Roger Williams University
Sept. 2006 to May 2007	Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology Grant, Roger Williams University
Sept. 2005 to May 2006	Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology
April 2006	Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

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## Professional Affiliations

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American Psychological Association  
American Psychological Association for Graduate Students (APAGS)  
Division of Evaluation, Measurement, & Statistics (Division 5)  
Clinical Psychology (Division 12)  
Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40)  
American Psychology-Law Society (Division 41)  
Society for Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (Division 53)  
Association for Psychological Science  
International Association of Correctional and Forensic Psychology

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## Reviewer Activities

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### Journals

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April 2010	<b>Reviewer</b> , <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i>
February 2010	<b>Student Reviewer</b> , <i>Psychological Methods</i>
September 2009	<b>Student reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice</i>
September 2008	<b>Student reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology</i>

### Conferences

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October 2009	<b>Reviewer</b> , American Psychology Law Society Conference, March 2010, Area: Developmental/Juvenile Clinical Issues
October 2008	<b>Student reviewer</b> , American Psychology Law Society Conference, March 2009, Areas: Developmental/Juvenile Clinical Issues and Psychopathy



- March 2010                    **Student volunteer**, American Psychology Law Society Conference, Vancouver, BC
- Sept. 2008 to Sept. 2009    **Campus representative**, American Psychology Law Society Student Section, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA
- March 2009                    **Student volunteer**, American Psychology Law Society Conference, San Antonio, TX

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### **Trainings Attended**

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- March 2010    Meta-Analysis in Psychology and Law Research, workshop attended at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, Vancouver, BC  
**Instructor:** Siegfried Sporer, Ph.D.
- March 2010    Structural Equation Modeling, workshop attended at the meeting of the American Psychology Law Society, Vancouver, BC  
**Instructor:** Candice Odgers, Ph.D.
- Sept. 2008    HIPAA 101: Data Privacy and Security, Office of Compliance and Review, Center for Health Law and Economics, Commonwealth Medicine, Shrewsbury, MA  
**Instructor:** Nancy Repice, J.D.
- August 2008    Administering and Scoring the HCR-20, Worcester State Hospital, Worcester, MA  
**Instructor:** Ira Packer, Ph.D.
- June 2008    Using the Risk for Sexual Violence Protocol, Worcester State Hospital, Worcester, MA  
**Instructor:** Stephen Hart, Ph.D.
- Feb. 2008    Research methodology: Designing a study for forensic questions, Forensic Post-doctoral Fellow Seminar, Worcester State Hospital, Worcester, MA  
**Instructor:** Thomas Grisso, Ph.D.
- Nov. 2007    Psychopathy and the Use of the Psychopathy Checklist List-Revised, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA  
**Instructor:** Gina Vincent, Ph.D.
- Sept. 2007    Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) Program, Online training program in research ethics, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA