

ALLISON L. MCNEIL
Registered Psychologist #3952 (AB)
Courtesy Register #196 (NS)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in School and Clinical Child Psychology University of Alberta	2022 Edmonton, AB
Master of Arts in School Psychology Mount Saint Vincent University	2009 Halifax, NS
Bachelor of Education Queen's University	2006 Kingston, ON
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology St. Francis Xavier University	2003 Antigonish, NS

PROFESSIONAL WORK AND SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Sessional Instructor **September 2022 – Present**
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

- Teach Ph.D. course: Advanced Child and Adolescent Assessment

Registered Psychologist **August 2022 – Present**
CRUX Psychology, Halifax, NS

- Conduct diagnostic assessments for children, adolescents, adults with developmental, learning, behavioural, and social/emotional challenges

Registered Psychologist **January 2022 – Present**
NEXUS Psychology, Edmonton, AB

- Conduct diagnostic assessments for children, adolescents, and adults with developmental, learning, behavioural, and social/emotional challenges
- Provide individual therapy for children and adolescents presenting with anxiety, depression, and/or general emotion regulation challenges

Clinical Supervisor **January 2022 – Present**
University of Alberta, School and Clinical Child Psychology Program

- Supervise graduate students (assessment) in the School and Clinical Child Psychology Program

Registered Psychologist **June 2017 – Present**
Creative Works Psychological Services, Whitehorse, YT

- Conduct diagnostic assessments for children, adolescents, and adults with developmental, learning, behavioural, and social/emotional challenges

Clinical Supervisor

January 2019 – March 2021

- Supervised provisional psychologist (assessment) during her internship as required by the College of Alberta Psychologists

Registered Psychologist

Term position: February – June 2019

CASA Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health, Edmonton, AB

- Provided individual therapy for children and adolescents presenting with a range of mental health concerns

Registered Psychologist

September 2013 – August 2015

Department of Justice, Whitehorse, YY

- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Prevalence Study
- Conducted FASD assessments with adult offenders

Educational Psychologist

September 2010 – August 2013

Department of Education, Whitehorse, YT

- Traveled to rural communities across Yukon and provided mental health services to students in K – 12
- Conducted psychoeducational, social-emotional, and behaviour assessments
- Provided consultation to teachers, school staff, parents, and families regarding a range of learning and behaviour concerns
- Provided in-services and trainings to teachers in YT schools
- Member of the critical incident responder team

Educational Psychologist (Candidate Register)

September 2009 – August 2010

Tri-County Regional School Board, NS

- Conducted psychoeducational and behavioural assessments for students in K – 12
- Implemented early reading screening program for all K students
- Provided consultation to teachers, school staff, parents, and families regarding a range of learning and behaviour concerns

Educational Assessor

September 2009 – August 2010

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board, NS

- Conducted psychoeducational and behavioural assessments for students in K – 12
- Implemented early reading screening program for all K students
- Provided consultation to teachers, school staff, parents, and families regarding a range of learning and behaviour concerns

PUBLICATIONS

- Kully-Martens, K., McNeil, A., Pei, J., & Rasmussen, C. (2022). Toward a strengths-based cognitive profile of children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: Implications for intervention. *Current Developmental Disorders Reports*, 1-10.
- Kully-Martens, K., Pei, J., McNeil, A., & Rasmussen, C. (2021). Resilience resources and emotional and behavioral functioning among youth and young adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, 1-18.
- McLachlan, K., McNeil, A., Pei, J., Brain, U., Andrew, G., & Oberlander, T. F. (2019). Prevalence and characteristics of adults with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder in corrections: A Canadian case ascertainment study. *BMC Public Health*, 19(1), 43.
- Pei, J., Tremblay, M., McNeil, A., Poole, N., & McFarlane, A. (2017). Neuropsychological Aspects of Prevention and Intervention for FASD in Canada. *Journal of Pediatric Neuropsychology*, 3, 25-37.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- McNeil, A. & Pei, J. (2019, July). *From Deficit-Based to Strengths-Based: A Case Study Exploring Protective Factors*. Session presentation at the XXXVIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Rome, ITL.
- McNeil, A., Pei, J., & Rasmussen, C. (2019, March). *Mental health and service use among adolescents with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder*. Session presentation at the 8th International Conference on FASD, Vancouver, BC.
- McNeil, A. (2018, April). *The developmental trajectory of executive functioning and adaptive functioning in adolescents with FASD: Implications for intervention*. Session presentation at the 8th International Research Conference on Adolescents and Adults with FASD, Vancouver, BC.
- Rasmussen, C., & McNeil, A. (2018, April). *Longitudinal outcomes of children and adolescents with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)*. Invited talk, Policy Wise for Children & Families, Edmonton, AB.
- McNeil, A., Kryska, K., Pei, J., Andrew, G., & Rasmussen, C. (2017, November). *The developmental trajectory of executive function: Implications for intervention*. Poster presentation at the Glenrose Hospital Spotlight on Research Breakfast, Edmonton, AB.
- McNeil, A., Kully-Martens, K., Pei, J., & Rasmussen, C. (2017, November). *Toward a strengths-based neuropsychological profile of children with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder: Implications for intervention*. Poster presentation at the Brain-Child-Partners Conference, Toronto, ON.

McNeil, A. (2017, July). *Intervention with offenders with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder*. Session presentation at the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Prague, CZ.

McNeil, A., Pei, J., Turner, K., Wong, A. & Rasmussen, C. (2016, September). *Integration of Executive Function Constructs Among Youth with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder*. Poster presentation at the NeuroDevNet Annual Brain Development Conference, Calgary, AB.

McNeil, A. & Berg, D. (2008, June). *Processing speed impairments of math disabled children*. Poster presentation at the Canadian Psychological Association Conference, Halifax, NS.

McNeil, A. (2007, May). *Processing speed and arithmetic computation in children*. Roundtable session at the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference, Saskatoon, SK.

NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

McNeil, A. & Halverson, S. (2014, October). *Prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) in Yukon Corrections*. Session presentation during the Yukon Department of Justice Annual Meeting, Whitehorse, YT.

McNeil, A. & Cooper, M. (2012, August). *Learning Disabilities and Classroom Adaptations*. Presentation during the Yukon Teacher's Academy Annual Conference, Whitehorse, YT.

McNeil, A. (2012, August). *Executive Functioning: How Can I Help My Students?* Presentation during the Yukon Teacher's Academy Annual Conference, Whitehorse, YT.

Cooper, M. & McNeil, A. (2011, August). *Learning Disabilities: What Does the Research Tell Us?* Presentation during the Yukon Teacher's Academy Annual Conference, Whitehorse, YT.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, COMMITTEES, AND TEAMS

- College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP) – Current Registered Psychologist
- Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) – Current member
- Yukon Adult Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Diagnostic Team Advisory Committee – Past member
- Yukon Children and Youth FASD Diagnostic Team – Past member
- Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology (NSBEP) – Past member
- Association of Psychologists of Nova Scotia (APNS) – Past member
- Nova Scotia Department of Education – Previous certified teacher
- Ontario College of Teachers – Previous certified teacher

AWARDS, HONOURS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018 – 2019** **WCHRI Training Travel Grant**
Women and Children’s Health Research Institute, Edmonton, AB
- Mary Louise Amire Graduate Student Award**
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- 2017 – 2018** **Kennett Y. Spencer Memorial Scholarship**
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- Alexis Chomicki Memorial Scholarship**
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- Conference Scholarship**
Kids Brain Health Research Network, Toronto, ON
- 2016 – 2017** **Scholarly Mentorship Graduate Award in Educational Psychology**
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- CanFASD Travel Award**
CanFASD, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2015 – 2016** **Recruitment Scholarship**
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
- Outstanding Clinical Sciences Poster for Doctoral Students**
NeuroDevNet Conference, Calgary, AB
- Conference Scholarship**
NeuroDevNet, Calgary, Alberta
- 2015** **Yukon Government Award of Excellence**
FASD Prevalence Study, Department of Justice, Whitehorse, YT
- 2007 – 2008** **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
(SSHRC) Canada Graduate Masters Scholarship**
Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS
- 2002 – 2003** **Scholarship Recipient**
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, AB
- Blair T. Goldrup Memorial Public Service Alliance of Canada
Scholarship**
Halifax, NS
- Dean’s List**
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS
- 2001 – 2002** **Scholarship Recipient**
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS

Dean's List
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS

PRACTICUM & VOLUNTEER WORK

UBC School and Applied Psychology Predoctoral Internship, Sept 2019 – Aug 2020
Vancouver, BC

- Neuropsychology and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Stream
- Conducted neuropsychological evaluations
- Provided individual therapy for children and adolescents with a range of mental health concerns
- Trained in autism assessment

Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, AB Sept 2018 – June 2018
Supervisor: Dr. Eric Wikman

- Lead process oriented adolescent group therapy

Stollery Children's Hospital, Edmonton, AB Sept 2016 – June 2017
Supervisor: Dr. Greg Schoepp

- Clinical Psychology Services Outpatient Unit
- Provided individual therapy for children and youth with a range of mental health concerns

CASA Child, Adolescent and Family Mental Health, Sept 2016 – June 2017
Edmonton, AB
Supervisor: Dr. Beena Thomas

- Member of the Psychological Assessment and Consultation (PAC) Team
- Conducted psychoeducational and mental health assessments for children and youth

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton, AB Jan 2016 – Apr 2016
Supervisor: Ms. Sandra Gallace

- Children, Youth and Families, Addictions and Mental Health Inpatient Unit
- Conducted psychoeducational and mental health assessments

Canadian Psychology Association (CPA) Student Sept 2007 – Jun 2008
Representative, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS

IWK Child and Family Day Treatment Service Mar – Apr 2006
IWK Children's Hospital, Halifax, NS

- Assisted in day treatment program: behaviour and social skills training

Crisis Line Counsellor: X-Nightline Sept 2001 – May 2003
St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS

- Phone counsellor for students experiencing various life stressors
- Trained in crisis intervention, suicide intervention, counseling skills

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant **2015 – 2019**

Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
PIs: Dr. Carmen Rasmussen, Dr. Jacquie Pei

- MILE Math Intervention Study (cognitive testing of children, K to grade 3)
- FASD Longitudinal Study (neuropsychological testing of youth and adults)

Research Assistant **2007 – 2008**

Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, NS
PI: Dr. Derek Berg

- Conducted neuropsychological assessment of grade 2 and 3 students with mathematics difficulties

Research Assistant **2006 – 2007**

Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre (AHPRC), Halifax, NS
PI: Dr. Celeste Alvaro

- Project: Beyond Dissemination: Assessing Receptor Capacity for Research Utilization in Health Systems and Policy
- Conducted qualitative data analysis using NVivo

Group Facilitator: The Fourth ‘R’: Building Healthy Relationships **2003**

Department of Psychology, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS
PI: Dr. Karl Hennig

- Pilot study aimed at educating adolescents about intimate relationships, alcohol/drug use, sexual health
- Lead group sessions with junior high school students

Research Assistant: Child/Infant Development Lab **2002 – 2003**

St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS
PI: Dr. Ann Bigelow

- Conducted recognition tasks with infants and mothers
- Coded and analyzed videotaped data (eye movement)
- Recruited participants

Research Assistant: Child/Infant Development Lab **2002**

St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS
PI: Dr. Kim MacLean

- Coded and analyzed video interviews