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MERCADO

CURRENT POSITION

2005-present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Psychology
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY

EDUCATION

2003 **Doctor of Philosophy**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Psychology Department
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology/Psychology-Law
Dissertation: Decision-making about volitional impairment in the sexual
predator commitment context

2002 **Masters of Legal Studies**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Law College

1997 **Masters of Arts**
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Psychology Department
Area of Study: Clinical Psychology
Thesis: The effectiveness of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to
assist in permanency planning
1997 'Outstanding Thesis in Psychology' Award

1995 **Bachelor of Arts**
State University of New York at Buffalo
Major: Psychology

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2004-2005 **Lecturer**, Monash University
Department of Psychological Medicine, Melbourne Australia

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Establishing empirical evidence for use in sex offender policy and sexual violence prevention.

PEER REVIEWED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- Jeglic, E.L., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Levenson, J. (under review). The prevalence and correlates of depression and hopelessness among sex offenders subject to community notification and residency restriction legislation
- Colombino, N., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Jeglic, E.L. (under review). Situational aspects of sexual offending: Implications for residency restrictions and GPS monitoring laws.
- Chajewski, M., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2008). An impact evaluation of sex offender residency restrictions in rural, urban and county-wide jurisdictions. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, *XX*, xxx-xxx.
- Terry, K.J., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Perillo, A. (2008). Priests who abuse and were abused: Understanding victimization in the Catholic Church. *Victims and Offenders*, *3*, 412-422.
- Robilotta, S., **Mercado, C.C.**, & DeGue, S. (2008). Application of the polygraph examination in the assessment and treatment of Internet sex offenders. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, *8*, 383-393.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Alvarez, S., & Levenson, J. (2008). The impact of specialized sex offender legislation on community re-entry. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, *20*, 188-205.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Tallon, J.A., & Terry, K.J. (2008). Persistent sexual abusers in the Catholic Church: An examination of characteristics and offenses patterns. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *35*, 629-642.
- Perillo, A.D., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Terry, K.J. (2008). Repeat offending, victim gender, and extent of victim relationship in Catholic Church sexual abusers: Implications for risk assessment. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, *35*, 600-614.
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Ogloff, J.R.P. (2007). Risk and the preventive detention of sex offenders in Australia and the United States. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, *30*, 49-59.
- Mercado, C. C.**, Bornstein, B.H., & Schopp, R.F. (2006). Decision-making about volitional impairment in Sexually Violent Predators. *Law and Human Behavior*, *30*, 587-602.
- Boothroyd, R.A., **Mercado, C.C.**, Poythress, N.G., Christy, A., & Pettila, J. (2005). Clinical outcomes of defendants in mental health court. *Psychiatric Services*, *56*, 829-834.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Schopp, R.F., Bornstein, B.H. (2005). How might mental health professionals understand sex offender volitional impairment? Conceptualizing “inability to control” following the *Hendricks* and *Crane* decisions. *Aggression and Violent Behavior: A Review Journal*, *10*, 289-309.

- Elbogen, E.B., **Mercado, C.C.**, Tomkins, A.J., & Scalora, M.J. (2002). Perceived relevance of factors for violence risk assessment: A survey of clinicians. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health, 1*, 37-48.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Elbogen, E.B., Scalora, M.J., & Tomkins, A.J. (2001). Judgments of dangerousness: Are sex offenders assessed differently than civil psychiatric patients? *Psychiatry, Psychology, and Law, 8*, 146-153.
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Scalora, M.J. (2001). Child molestation: Factors related to level of violence. *Journal of Threat Assessment, 1*, 21-34.
- Calkins, C.A.**, & Millar, M. (1999). The effectiveness of Court Appointed Special Advocates to assist in permanency planning. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal, 1*(2), 37-45.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Mercado, C.C.** (2008). Sex offender treatment. In B. Cutler (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Law*. Sage Publications.

BOOK CHAPTERS, NEWSLETTERS, & RE-PRINTS

- Mercado, C.C.**, Terry, K., & Perillo, A. (under contract). Sexual abuse in the Catholic Church and other youth serving organizations. *International Perspectives on Sexual Offending*. Wiley
- Mercado, C.C.**, Merdian, H.L., & Egg, R. (under contract). The Internet and sexual offending: An international perspective. *International Perspectives on Sexual Offending*. Wiley
- Jeglic, E., Maile, C., & **Mercado, C.C.** (under contract). Treatment of offender populations: Implications for risk management and community reintegration. *Rethinking Corrections*. Sage. (L. Gideon & H. Sung, Eds).
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Bornstein, B.H. (2008). Does proximity to schools tempt former sex offenders? *APA Monitor on Psychology*.
- Chajewski, M., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2008). An analysis of sex offender residency restrictions in Newark, New Jersey. *Sex Offender Law Report, 9*, 1, 11-15 .
- Mercado, C.C.** (2006). Detención preventiva de los abusadores sexuales: Una perspectiva comparativa de ley. *Pensamiento Psicológico, 7*, 7-14. (Reprinted from *Sex Offender Law Report, 7*(4), pp. 51-54, by C.C. Mercado, 2006).
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Bornstein, B.H. (2006). Expert testimony in insanity cases. *APA Monitor on Psychology, 37*(10), 59-61.

Mercado, C.C. (2006). Comparative law perspective of the preventive detention of sex offenders. *Sex Offender Law Report*, 7(4), 51-54.

Elbogen, E.B., **Mercado, C.C.**, Tomkins, A.J., & Scalora, M.J. (2001). Clinical practice and violence risk assessment. In D. Farrington, C.R. Hollin, & M. McMurrin (Eds.), *Sex and Violence: The psychology of crimes and risk assessment*. Reading, England: Harwood Academic

BOOK REVIEWS

Mercado, C.C. (in press). Review of M.L. Hidalgo (2007) *Sexual Abuse and the Culture of Catholicism: How Priests and Nuns become Perpetrators*. New York: The Haworth Maltreatment and Trauma Press. In *Journal of Trauma and Dissociation* (forthcoming).

GRANTS AWARDED

- 2008 **CUNY Collaborative, \$39,963**
 Title: Sex Offender Management, Treatment, and Civil Commitment: An Empirical Analysis of Four Sex Offender Populations
 PI: Cynthia Calkins Mercado, Elizabeth Jeglic, & Steve Zeidman
- 2008 **John Jay College Scholarly Excellence Award** (equivalent of two course releases)
- 2008 **John Jay College Research Assistance Program, \$1000**
- 2007 **National Institute of Justice (NIJ), \$296,656**
 Title: Sex Offender Management, Treatment, and Civil Commitment: An Evidence Based Analysis Aimed at Reducing Sexual Violence
 PIs: Cynthia Calkins Mercado & Elizabeth Jeglic
- 2007 **John Jay College Forensic Psychology Research Institute (FPRI), \$5000**
 PIs: Cynthia Calkins Mercado & Elizabeth Jeglic
- 2007 **John Jay College Research Assistance Program, \$1000**
- 2007 **PSC-CUNY Research Grant, \$4500**
- 2006 **John Jay College Forensic Psychology Research Institute (FPRI), \$2460**
- 2006 **PSC-CUNY Research Grant, \$4700**
- 1999-
2003 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln Warden Research and Travel Award, \$3000**
- 2001 **American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS)/Division 41 Grants-In-Aid, \$500**

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- Perillo, A., & **Mercado, C.C.**, & Terry, K. (2008, October). Patterns of age and sexual recidivism among clergy sexual abusers. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) held in Atlanta, GA.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Jeglic, E., & *Ackerman, A. (2008, October). An examination of factors that predict Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) commitment in a sample of treated sex offenders. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) held in Atlanta, GA.
- Jeglic, E., *Katz, S., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2008, October). Sex offender reactions to civil commitment. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) held in Atlanta, GA.
- Robilotta, S., **Mercado, C.C.**, & *Ackerman, A. (2008, October). Early abuse history and its relationship to sexual offending. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) held in Atlanta, GA.
- Colombino, N., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Jeglic, E. (2008, October). Situational aspects of sexual offending. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) held in Atlanta, GA.
- Alvarez, S., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2008, March). What do sex offenders think about notification and residency restriction statutes: An examination of offender narratives. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) in Jacksonville, FL.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Tallon, J.A., & Terry, K.J. (2008, March). Serial clergy abusers: An examination of the characteristics and patterns of priests with multiple allegations of sexual abuse. In **C.C. Mercado** (Chair), *Sexual abuse in the Catholic Church: Offending patterns and risk implications*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) in Jacksonville, FL.
- Perillo, A.D., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2008, March). Specific Risk Assessment in Catholic Church Sexual Abuse: A Comparison to General Sex Offender Research. In **C.C. Mercado** (Chair), *Sexual abuse in the Catholic Church: Offending patterns and risk implications*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) in Jacksonville, FL.
- Perillo, A.D., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2008, March). Patterns of Age and Recidivism among Clergy Sexual Abusers. In **C.C. Mercado** (Chair), *Sexual abuse in the Catholic Church: Offending patterns and risk implications*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APLS) in Jacksonville, FL.
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Chajewski, M. (2007, October). *Sex offender residency restrictions: A geospatial analysis*. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference held in San Diego, CA in October, 2007.

- Jeglic, E.L., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2007, October). *The stability of sex offender typologies*. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference held in San Diego, CA.
- Perillo, A.D., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Terry, K.J. (2007, October). *Recidivism, victim gender, and extent of victim relationship in Catholic Church sex offenders*. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference held in San Diego, CA.
- Robilotta, S., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2007, October). *The role of pornographic exposure in the etiology of sex offending: A comparison of sex offenders and non-sex offenders*. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference held in San Diego, CA.
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Jeglic, E. (2007, July). *Early victimization and the relationship to later offending patterns in sex offenders*. Paper presented at the Third International Congress of Psychology and Law, Adelaide, Australia in July 2007.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Alvarez, S., & Sahlstrom, K. (2007, June). *Depression and hopelessness among sex offenders: Implications for risk management*. Paper presented at the North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, Ottawa, Ontario.
- Chajewski, M., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2007, March). *Geo-spatial analysis of sex offenders in the state of New Jersey*. Paper presented to the 9th National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Crime Mapping Conference.
- Chajewski, M., & **Mercado, C.C.** (2007, March). *Sex offender residency restrictions: A geo-spatial analysis*. Paper presented at the Off the Witness Stand: Using Psychology in the Practice of Justice conference, New York, NY.
- Mercado, C.C.**, & Alvarez, S. (2007, March). *The impact of residency restrictions and community notification laws on sex offender reintegration*. Paper presented at the Off the Witness Stand: Using Psychology in the Practice of Justice conference, New York, NY.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Terry, K., Smith, M., & Tallon, J. (2006, September). *Nature and scope of child sexual abuse by Catholic priests: Victim characteristics*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Chicago, IL.
- Terry, K., **Mercado, C.C.**, Tallon, J., & Smith, M. (2006, September). *Nature and scope of child sexual abuse by Catholic priests: Offender characteristics*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Chicago, IL.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Barber-Rioja, V., Kucharski, T., & Duncan, S. (2006, March). *Predicting institutional violence: A comparison of the PCL-R, MMPI-2, and PAI*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Mercado, C.C.** (2005, March). *An investigation into the ability to control deviant or offensive urges*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, La Jolla, CA.

- Mercado, C.C.**, Boothroyd, R.A., Petrila, J., Christy, A., & Poythress, N.G. (2004, November). *The Broward County (Florida) Mental Health Court Project: Recent findings on client outcomes*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists, Section of Forensic Psychiatry, Fremantle (Western Australia), Australia.
- Mercado, C.C.** (2004, September). *Preventive detention of sex offenders*. Paper presented at the Victorian Chapter symposium of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (ANZAPPL), Castlemaine (Victoria), Australia.
- Mercado, C.C.** (2004, July). *Indefinite commitment of sexual predators in the United States: An investigation into the conceptualization of volitional impairment*. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law, Port Douglas (Queensland), Australia.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Bornstein, B.F., & Schopp, R.F. (2003, July). *Volitional impairment and sexual predator commitment*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the European Association of Psychology and Law, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Pearce, M., & Schopp, R.F. (2002, March). *Hendricks and the "inability to control" dangerousness*. Paper presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Austin, TX.
- Elbogen, E.B., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Tomkins, A.J. (2002, March). *Documentation of violence risk factors*. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Austin, TX.
- Mercado, C.C.** & Scalora, M.J. (2001, February). *The association between offense characteristics, psychopathy, and displays of violence within sexual offenses*. Poster session presented at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Claussen-Schulz, A., Elbogen, E.B., Scalora, M.J., & Tomkins, A.J. (2000, March). *Clinicians' judgments of dangerousness: Differential risk assessment for sex offenders and civil psychiatric patients?* Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Mercado, C.C.**, Scalora, M.J., Huss, M., & Tomjack, B. (2000, March). *An analysis of sexual violence, sex crime type, and psychopathy in incarcerated sex offenders*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Elbogen, E.B., **Mercado, C.C.**, & Tomkins, A.J. (1999, November). *Clinician perceptions of relevance in violence risk assessment: A comparison across mental health settings of risk factors from actuarial guidelines*. Symposium presented at Conference on Risk Assessment & Risk Management, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
- Calkins, C.A.** & Scalora, M.J. (1999, August). *Violent child molestation: Predictive factors*. Poster session presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

- Elbogen, E.B., Tomkins, A.J., Scalora, M.J., & **Calkins, C.A.** (1999, July). *The influence of clinical context in violence risk assessment: Availability of MacArthur risk cues in mental health settings*. Poster session presented at the joint meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society and the European Association of Psychology and Law, Dublin, Ireland.
- Claussen-Schulz, A., **Calkins, C.A.**, Elbogen, E., Tomkins, A., & Scalora, M. (1999, March). *Sex offenders, dangerousness, and recidivism: A review of predictive risk factors*. Poster session presented at the Prediction and Management of Violence Symposium, Lincoln, NE.
- Elbogen, E., **Calkins, C.A.**, Pothuloori, A., Tomkins, A., & Scalora, M. (1999, March). *Violence risk assessment in the psychiatric crisis center: Do clinicians have enough information to make accurate predictions of dangerousness?* Poster session presented at the Prediction and Management of Violence Symposium, Lincoln, NE.
- Calkins, C.A.**, & Millar, M.G. (1998, April) *Effectiveness of child advocates to assist in permanency planning*. Poster session presented at the joint meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association and Western Psychological Association, Albuquerque, NM.
- Silver, N.C., Thurman, J.M., **Calkins, C.A.**, Carey, S.T., Hofer, M.L., Koch, M.G., & Bell, R.J. (1996, April). *The ludic love style: Differences on the Erotometer*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association, Park City, UT.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Level Courses

Survey of Psychology and Criminal Justice, John Jay College (co-teaching with Dr. Jen Dysart)
 Intellectual Assessment, John Jay College
 Civil Forensic Psychology, Monash University (co-taught with Dr. James Ogloff)
 Criminal Forensic Psychology, Monash University (co-taught with Dr. James Ogloff)

M.A. Level Courses

Evaluation of Sex Offenders, John Jay College
 Sex Crimes, John Jay College
 Psychology and Law, John Jay College
 Objective Personality Assessment, John Jay College

B.A. Level Courses

Psychology and the Law, John Jay College; Monash University
 Abnormal Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Clinical Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 Human Sexuality, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

INVITED TALKS

July 2006 **Avances en Psicología Forense**
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Colombia

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church: Understanding the causes and context of the problem.
(PI: Dr. Karen Terry)

EDITORIAL/REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer

Law and Human Behavior
Psychology, Public Policy, and Law
Journal of Offender Rehabilitation
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology
Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice

Associate Editor

Glossary of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Sage Publishers

POSTDOCTORAL CLINICAL WORK

2005– present **Trainer, “Managing Situations Involving Mentally Disturbed Persons”**
New York City Police Department Training Program
Funded by a grant to the CUNY Research Foundation

Provide training for NYPD Recruits, Sergeants, and Emergency Services Unit officers and other law enforcement agencies on mental illness and interacting with emotionally-disturbed persons.

2004-2005 **Psychologist, Psychosexual Treatment Program**
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health Service (*Forensicare*),
Melbourne, Australia
Facilitated individualized treatment for a community-based sex offender population and performed court-ordered pre-sentence evaluations

CLINICAL TRAINING

- 2002-2003 **APA-Accredited Clinical Psychology Internship Program**
Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI)
 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
 Internship Director: Richard Weinberg, Ph.D.
 Rotations: 1) Mobile Crisis Response Team, 2) DACCO Substance Abusing Mothers with Infants (SAMI) program, 3) Village of Excellence Charter School, 4) Hillsborough County Public Schools, and 5) Mental Health Policy Research
- 1999-2002 **Psychology Extern, Psychological Consultation Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**
- 2001-2002 Jointly performed forensic evaluations on a consultant basis with **Steven Blum, Ph.D.**, Lincoln, NE
- 1999-2000 Jointly performed forensic evaluations on a consultant basis with **Scott Bresler, Ph.D.**, Lincoln, NE
- 2000-2002 **Psychology Extern, Bryan LGH Medical Center West Assessment Team**
 Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services, Lincoln, NE
- 2000-2001 **Psychology Extern, Statewide Forensic Mental Health Service, Sex Offender Services, Lincoln, NE**
- 1999-2000 **Psychology Extern, Statewide Forensic Mental Health Service, Intensive Care and Observation Program, Lincoln, NE**
- 1996-1997 **Psychology Extern, Warner Wilson, Ph.D., Private Practice, Las Vegas, NV**
- 1996 **Psychology Extern, Clark County Juvenile Courts Psychology Department, Las Vegas, NV**
- 1996-1997 **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), CASA Program, Eighth Judicial District Court, Las Vegas, NV**
- 1995 **Psychology Extern, State of Nevada Specialized Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Program, Las Vegas, NV**

SELECTED ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2007 Stable and Acute 2007 Risk Assessment Workshop; Conducted by Andrew Harris in San Diego, CA
- 2007 SVR-20; Conducted by Steve Hart and Doug Boer in Adelaide Australia
- 2004 The Hare Psychopathy Checklist (PCL-R, PCL:SV, and PCL:YV; three-day course): Conducted by Robert Hare and James Ogloff, Melbourne, Australia
- 2002-2003 Mental Health Policy
Weekly seminar series conducted by research and policy staff at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI), Tampa, FL

SPECIALIZED INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

- June 1997 - **Honor's Intern**
August 1997 **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
Child Abduction and Serial Killer Unit, Quantico, VA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychology-Law Society (AP-LS), Division 41
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (IATSO)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST