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Education: M.D., University of Massachusetts Medical School (2010), A.B. Dartmouth College (2005)

Training: University of Massachusetts Medical School Psychiatry and Law Fellowship (Forensic Psychiatry- 2015), Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Residency Training Program (2014), Chief Resident at Massachusetts Mental Health Center (2013-2014), Harvard School of Public Health Global Health Delivery Summer Intensive Program (2013)

Board Certification: ABPN Adult Psychiatry, 2014. ABPN Forensic Psychiatry, 2015

Academic Appointment: Instructor in Psychiatry, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Current Practice and Professional Activities: I am currently a clinical psychiatrist in a maximum-security unit at Bridgewater State Hospital and have a sub-specialty in Forensic Psychiatry. I am also a Designating Forensic Professional (DFP) Candidate and conduct court ordered forensic evaluations mostly in the areas of violence risk assessment, competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility and regularly testify in court for Rogers Hearings as a clinical psychiatrist. Additionally, I have a small private practice and teach UMASS Forensic Psychiatry fellows as well as residents and fellows at various Harvard Psychiatry training programs.

MPS: MPS member since 2010

APA: American Psychiatric Association/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Minority Fellowship (2014-2015), Member of the American Psychiatric Association Council of Law and Psychiatry (2014-2015) and Judicial Action Committee (2014-2015). APA Member since 2010

Other Allied Medical Groups: Member, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (2013-present). Member, Program in Psychiatry and the Law, Massachusetts Mental Health Center/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (2013-present).

Personal Statement: I am honored to be nominated to serve in the Council for the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, an organization I am grateful to for making so many contributions to daily psychiatric practice. My experience in public psychiatry, working with severe mental illness and with the judicial system will bolster the work being done by the Council. Recently, there has been a public spotlight on issues involving our field in Massachusetts: shortages of psychiatrists, suicide and violence prevention, the opioid crisis, mental illness in the criminal justice system, and parity laws. This is a unique moment for our voice to be heard as the world grapples with these issues. MPS has a powerful platform to highlight concerns and advocate for change at the state and national level. I hope my past work in advocating for vulnerable patients and for our specialty will translate to actionable items that propel the agenda of our membership forward.