Employment

LBH Research & Consulting, LLC, Fort Worth, Texas

2013 - Present

President

Independent Consulting & Research, Specializing in Attachment Measures and Training

- Specialize in working with agencies (e.g., non-profits, family courts, etc.) that serve at-risk children. Provide TBRI® training to organizations and families, provide Attachment assessments (AAI, AQS) of adults and children. Provide expert witness testimony, and speaking to impel change in Texas.

Grand Canyon University

2017 - 2018

Dissertation Chair

Online Dissertation Chair

- Mentor and oversee dissertation process for graduate students

DCCCD, Dallas, Texas

2014 - 2016

Adjunct Faculty

Campus and Dual-Credit Adjunct Faculty

- Adjunct Psychology Faculty

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

2012 - 2013

Assistant Director of Research

TCU Institute of Child Development

- Administrative and collaborative oversight of all research, research staff, and training activities; TBRI® based research and training.

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

2011 - 2012

Research Scientist

TCU Institute of Child Development

- TBRI® researcher and trainer.

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

2006 - 2010



PhD Candidate and Teaching/Research Assistant

- PhD candidate with research and teaching load.

Dallas MetroCare, Dallas, Texas

2005 - 2006

Special-Needs Offender Program

- Case manager for high-risk offenders.

Center for Comprehensive Services, Carbondale, Illinois

2004 - 2005

Rehabilitation Specialist

- Directed psychological interventions for residents who suffered traumatic brain injury.

Education

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

2010

Ph.D. - Experimental Psychology

Emphasis: Developmental Psychology

Expertise: Child Abuse/Neglect/Deprivation, Adult/Child

Attachment

Dissertation: Development of an Adult Attachment Scale

Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2004

M.A. in Clinical Psychology; Psi Chi Membership

Thesis: Measures of Self-Esteem, Self-Efficacy, Locus of Control and Depression within the Low-Income Population in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*9 months as Forensic Intern with Wisconsin Forensic Unit

Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

2001

B.S. in Psychology; Cum Laude

Major: Psychology Minor: Philosophy



Select Publications

- Purvis, K., Cross, D., Federici, R., Johnson, D., & McKenzie, L. B. (2007). The Hope Connection: a therapeutic summer day camp for adopted and at-risk children with special socio-emotional needs. *Adoption & Fostering*, 31(4), 38-48.
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- Purvis, K. B., Cross, D. R., McKenzie, L. B., Razuri, E. B., & Buckwalter, K. (2014). A Trust-Based Intervention for Complex Developmental Trauma: A Case Study from a Residential Treatment Center. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 31(4), 355-368.

Select Presentations

McKenzie, L. B. & Kowalchuk, R. K. (2004). Psychological Well-Being Within a Low-Income Mid-Western Sample. Paper presented at the meeting of the International Conference for Social Science Research, New Orleans, LA.



- McKenzie, L. B., & Cross, D. R. (2008). Preliminary Report: Evidence Based Practices for Tarrant County. Paper presented at the Bridging the Gap Symposium, Fort Worth, Texas.
- McKenzie, L. B., Purvis, K. B., & Cross, D. R. (2009). Evidence Based Practices for Family Law. Paper presented at the Texas Judicial Summit, Fort Worth, Texas.
- McKenzie, L. B., Purvis, K. B., & Cross, D. R. (2010). Attachment and the Lifelong Effects of Disruption. Paper presented at the Texas Judicial Summit, Fort Worth, Texas.
- McKenzie, L. B., Purvis, K. B., & Cross, D. R. (2012). Understanding the Impact of Attachment for Family Law. Paper presented at the Texas Judicial Summit, Fort Worth, Texas.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2014). Attachment and Child Development. Paper presented at the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, Fort Worth, Texas.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2016). Attachment and Consequences of Global Deprivation. Paper presented at the Centers for Children & Families Conference, San Antonio, Tx.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2017). Attachment, Abuse, and Broken Relationships. Paper presented at the All Church Home Conference, Fort Worth, Tx.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2017). Custody and Child Development. Paper presented at the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, Fort Worth, Texas.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2017). Attachment and Related Outcomes for Children. Paper presented at the Centers for Children & Families Conference, Lubbock, Tx.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2017). Attachment and Related Outcomes for Children. Paper presented at the Centers for Children & Families Conference, San Antonio, Tx.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2017). Attachment, Abuse, and Broken Relationships. Paper presented at the All Church Home Conference, Fort Worth, Tx.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2022). Addressing the Breakdown of Our Children, Nuclear Families, and Society. Paper presented at the Young Conservatives of Texas Conference, Dallas, Tx.
- McKenzie, L. B. (2022). Addressing the Breakdown of Our Children, Nuclear Families, and Society. Paper presented at the Travis County True Texas Project Conference, Austin, Tx.



Unpublished Manuscripts

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- Purvis, K. B., McKenzie, L. B., Rus, A. V., & Cross, D. R. (2011). A Brief Report of Neurochemical Profiles for 28 Romanian Infants Raised in either Institutional or Biological Settings. Unpublished manuscript, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.

Political/GOP Activities

2022 RPT Convention Houston, TX

Delegate for Red River County

2024 RPT Convention San Antonio, TX

- Delegate for Red River County
- Priorities 2 of the Top 15 2024
 - o Complete Family Law Reform
 - Judicial Accountability
- Rules 2024
 - o Rule 44 closing testimony to save Rule 44 in its entirety
 - Rule 44 Added the ability to Censure the Judiciary



2025 Legislative Session

- SJR27 Restructuring the State Commission on Judicial Conduct
- SB293 Pay increase for judges and many oversight mechanisms to promote accountability

2025 Tarrant County

- Addressing corrupt officials with Chapter 87 Civil Removal; and
- Addressing corrupt officials with formal Verified Criminal Complaints
- GOP Precinct Chair for #2468

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