

# Dr Amanda Jane White

## Forensic Psychologist & Clinical Neuropsychologist



### Overview

I am an endorsed Forensic Psychologist and Clinical Neuropsychologist with extensive training and experience in the preparation of forensic psychological and neuropsychological expert reports. I am skilled in the comprehensive assessment of cognitive, behavioural and psychological impairments associated with complex histories, multiple comorbidities and a range of conditions, including acquired brain injury, neurodegenerative disorders, psychological and psychiatric illness, developmental disorders, neurological conditions, intellectual disability, drug and alcohol issues and forensic matters including risk assessment. I have extensive experience conducting inpatient and outpatient clinical neuropsychological assessments in NSW hospitals. My PhD research allowed me to develop expertise and knowledge regarding capacity assessments and in particular fitness to stand trial assessments. As a part of my research, I consulted with international experts, lawyers and policy makers. I have published papers in international journals and have worked as a peer reviewer for an international journal. I have appeared as an expert witness in the NSW courts and various tribunals. I am an MAA approved assessor for the evaluation of whole person impairment.

### Academic Qualifications

Bachelor of Psychology (Honours First Class) Sydney University	2001 - 2006
Masters of Forensic Psychology (Honours Class 2 Division 1) University of New South Wales	2007 - 2008
Doctor of Philosophy with a Masters of Clinical Neuropsychology Macquarie University	2009 - 2015

### Professional Memberships

Psychology Board of Australia (PBA): PSY0001060973

- *Endorsed in Clinical Neuropsychology*
- *Endorsed in Forensic Psychology*
- PBA approved supervisor (Forensic Psychology & Clinical Neuropsychology)

Member of the Australian Psychological Society (APS)

Fellow of the College of Forensic Psychologists (APS)

Fellow of the College of Clinical Neuropsychologists (APS)

Member of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law (ANZAPPL)

Member of the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment (ASSBI)

Member of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS)

## Employment History

Casual Lecturer College of Professional Psychology	2019-
Casual Lecturer, Master of Forensic Psychology, UNSW	2018-
Director, Neuropsychological and Forensic Services Pty Ltd Forensic Psychologist & Clinical Neuropsychologist Duties: Provide psychological and clinical neuropsychological assessments for expert court reports in both civil and criminal matters. Conduct clinical neuropsychological assessments for private clinical patients. Conduct forensic assessments and risk evaluations for forensic patients.	2016-
Clinical Neuropsychologist, Aged Care and Rehabilitation Unit, Camden & Campbelltown Hospitals (part time) Duties: Conduct clinical neuropsychological assessments for inpatient and outpatients with a variety of disorders impacting the central nervous system. Provide report and opinion to the NSW Civil and Administration Tribunal regarding capacity for accommodation and lifestyle, financial management, medical decisions.	2012-
Supervisor, UNSW Forensic Psychology Clinic (part-time) Duties: Assist in the training and supervision of psychology registrars in the Master of Forensic Psychology Course. This including clinical individual and group supervision, skills training and assessment of students. Working in a team of supervisors.	2020-
Consultant, Dr Susan Pulman & Associates- Clinical Neuropsychologist and Forensic Psychologist Duties: Provide psychological and clinical neuropsychological assessments for expert court reports in both civil and criminal matters. Conduct clinical neuropsychological assessments for private clinical patients. Conduct forensic assessments and risk evaluations.	2011- 2020
Consultant, Duffy Robilliard Psychologists- Forensic Psychologist Duties: Conduct forensic psychological assessments for criminal matters including risk assessment, sentencing matters, s32 reports.	2009- 2011
Contractor, Odyssey House Duties: Conducting evaluations of program participants regarding their intellectual and cognitive functioning to inform diagnoses and treatment programs	2008
Telephone Counsellor (crisis management), Lifeline Sutherland Duties: Provide telephone counselling to community members including crisis management, clients at risk of self harm and clients with a wide range of psychiatric and psychological disorders	2005- 2008
Private Therapist, Private client Duties: Provide an autistic child with therapy using Applied Behavioural Analysis and structured learning programs	2002- 2003



## Psychological Internships

Department of Medical Psychology, Westmead Hospital	2011
Aged Care Unit, Liverpool Hospital	2010-2012
Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit, Westmead Hospital	2010
NF1 and Learning Disorders Clinic, Westmead Children's Hospital	2009
Rod Power Psychology Clinic, Macquarie University	2009
Private Practice, Duffy Robilliard Psychologists	2008
Odyssey House, Campbelltown	2007-2008
Statewide Disability Services (SDS), Department of Corrective Services	2007
National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)	2007

## Additional Professional Training, Workshops, Activities (selected)

Telepsychology Best Practices 101: American Psychological Association, Online training, 24 March	2020
Effective Treatment of Psychopathy: Reality of Oxymoron and Whats next? Professor S Wong, Sydney, 6 September	2019
Brain Imaging for Rehabilitation Clinicians, Dr Ben-Shabab, Sydney, 28-29 July	2019
Cyber Violence, Dr R Kropp, CONCEPT Professional Training, Online, 21 April	2019
Suggestibility in the Criminal Justice System: An Advanced Overview, Dr Jerrod Brown, CONCEPT Professional Training, Online, 9 March	2019
Expert Reviewer: Basic Training, Health Care Complaints Commission, 20 February	2019
PIEF and AHPA Online training: Introduction to the NDIS for Allied Health Professionals	2017
STATIC-2002R & BARR-2002R Workshop, Dr L M Helmus, UNSW, Sydney, 8 December	2017
Violence Risk Training Workshop: Assessment and management using the HCR-20-VR and RSVP; and Assessing personality disorder using the IPDE, Northampton, UK, 28-31 <sup>st</sup> March	2017
State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) training in the assessment of Whole Person Impairment	2016
Expert workshop: Brain Injury and the Criminal Justice System (one day)	2016
SIRA workshop: Nervous System Impairment	2015
SIRA Modules 1 & 2, Allied Health Practitioner Training Program, WorkCover NSW	2015



SIRA Online workshop: Providing Health Services in the NSW CTP Scheme, Motor Accident Authority	2015
Co-convenor of the 34th ANZAPPL Annual Congress <i>Vulnerability and Responsibility: National and International Perspectives</i> , The Menzies Hotel, Sydney, 20-22 November 2014	2014
Workshop training: Aboriginal cultural competency training: Practice skills for working with aboriginal clients, Ms Loretta Kelly and Mr Antony Barac, prepared for Legal Aid NSW (one day course)	2014
Workshop training: Expert witness -In the Witness Box, Dr Phil Watts, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist (two day course)	2010
Workshop training: Autism Spectrum Australia, Assessment and diagnosis of autism spectrum disorders (two day course)	2010
Appointed to the Council Directed Health Assessors List, Health Professional Councils Authority (HPCA)	2020-
Appointed Expert Reviewer, Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC)	2019-
Expert Reference Group, College of Forensic Psychology and Australian Psychological Society Institute (APSI) training initiative for Forensic Psychology Practice Certificate	2019-
Treasurer, National College of Forensic Psychologists (APS)	2019-
Committee Member, National College of Forensic Psychologists (APS)	2018-
Appointment to the SIRA Authorised Health Practitioner Panel	2018-
Professional Member of the Psychology Council of NSW	2018-
Peer reviewer for the Journal of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law	2018-
ANZAPPL NSW Branch President	2014-
Peer reviewer for the Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology	2014-
ANZAPPL NSW Committee Member	2011- 2014
Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) PhD Scholarship, Department of Psychology, Macquarie University	2010

### Awards and Professional Appointments

### Publications

Co contributor to Chapter 14: Psychological assessment in a forensic context, in <i>Crime and Mental Health Law in New South Wales: A practical guide for lawyers and health care professionals 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition</i> . Chief editors: Howard, D. & Westmore, B. (2018). LexisNexis Butterworths, NSW.	2018
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- White, A.J., Batchelor, J., Meares, S., Pulman, S., & Howard, D. (2015). Fitness to stand trial in one Australian jurisdiction: The role of cognitive abilities, neurological dysfunction and psychiatric disorders. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*, DOI: 10.1080/13218719.2015.1080152. 2015
- White, A.J., Batchelor, J., Pulman, S., & Howard, D. (2015). Fitness to stand trial: Views of criminal lawyers and forensic mental health experts regarding the role of neuropsychological assessment. *Psychiatry, Psychology and Law*, DOI: 10.1080/13218719.2015.101540. 2015
- White A.J., Batchelor, J., & Meares, S. (2013). The role of cognition in fitness to stand trial: A systematic review. *The Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology*, DOI: [10.1080/14789949.2013.868916](https://doi.org/10.1080/14789949.2013.868916). 2013
- White, A.J., Batchelor, J., Pulman, S., & Howard, D. (2012). The role of cognitive assessment in determining fitness to stand trial. *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*, 11(2), 102-109. 2012
- Denson, T.F., White, A.J., & Warburton, W.A. (2009). Trait displaced aggression and psychopathy differentially moderate the effects of acute alcohol intoxication and rumination on triggered displaced aggression. *Journal of Research in Personality*, 43, 673-681. 2009
- White, A.J. (2019) Cognition and Capacity in the Legal Context. *Australian Dispute Resolutions Association, NSW Bar Association Sydney, 27 September*. 2019
- White, A.J., & Hughes, M. (2019). Dementia & Crime. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Criminal Law Symposium, Sydney, 16 March. 2019
- White, A.J., & Hughes, M. (2019). The Medical Perspective- Capacity and Vulnerability in Succession Law. *Succession Law Symposium, Sydney, 13 March*. 2019
- White, A.J., & Hughes, M. (2018) Exploring the nexus between cognition, emotion and behaviour, *Lex Medicus, Melbourne, 9 August*. 2018
- White, A.J. & Hughes, M. (2018) Asking the Right Questions. *Medico Legal Opinions Centre of Excellence Seminars, Sydney, 22 February*. 2018
- White, A.J. (2017). Cognition and Capacity. *Salvos Legal Seminars, Salvation Army Headquarters, Sydney, 11 March*. 2017
- White, A.J., & Hughes, M. (2015). Cognition and Forensic Psychology. *Presented at the 2016 Australian Lawyers Alliance National Conference, Port Douglas, QLD, 20-22 October*. 2016
- White, A.J., Batchelor, J., Meares, S., Pulman, S., & Howard, D. (2015). The role of cognition in Fitness to Stand Trial (FST) assessments in an Australian context. *Presented at the 2015 Australian and New Zealand Association of Psychiatry, Psychology and Law & Royal College of Forensic Psychiatry Conference, Canberra, 25-28 November*. 2015

**Presentations  
(selected)**



	White, A.J. (2012). The Role of Cognitive Assessment in Determining Fitness to Stand Trial in Australia: A first look. <i>Presented to Mental Health Review Tribunal (MHRT) NSW.</i>	2012
	Pulman, S., & White, A.J. (2012). Psychological Assessment. <i>Presented to Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) NSW.</i>	2012
	White, A.J., Batchelor, J., Pulman, S., & Howard, D. (2011). Neuropsychological assessment and fitness to stand trial in Australia: A preliminary analysis. <i>Presented at the 2011 APS Forensic Conference, Noosa, 4-6 August.</i>	2011
	Pulman, S., & White, A.J. (2011). Cross-examination of the psychologist as expert witnesses. <i>Presented to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) NSW.</i>	2011
<b>Media</b>	Mind Over Matters: How neuroscience is changing the law (2016, May). <i>Law Society of New South Wales Journal, Issue 22, May 2016.</i>	2016
<b>Workshops/ Training (selected)</b>	Workshops: WISC-V, WMS-IV and WAIS-IV, GEO (Corrections) Victoria (2020, August). Dr Amanda White and Dr Melissa Hughes. <i>Online remote training.</i>	2020
	Invited Speaker, National Judicial College of Australia, New Perspectives on Courtroom Leadership Program (2018, 22-23 November), <i>Brighton, Sydney.</i>	2018
	Guest speaker/trainer, Expert Evidence Training, Master of Criminal Law Course (2018, 13-15 September), <i>University of Wollongong.</i>	2018
	Guest speaker, Expert Evidence Training, Master of Criminal Law Course (2017, 8 September). Dr Amanda White and Dr Melissa Hughes, <i>University of Wollongong.</i>	2017
	Brains and the Law (2016, 10 June). Kevin Connor, Professor Richard Bernati and Dr Amanda White, <i>Legalwise seminar, Sydney.</i>	2016
	Neuropsychology for Forensic Psychologists (2014, 14 July). Amanda White and Dr Susan Pulman, <i>University of Sydney, Sydney.</i>	2014
	Neurolaw in Australia (2014, 2 May). Expert Panel Member. <i>Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics (CAVE), Macquarie University, Sydney.</i>	2014

