

# Clinical Psychology Fellowships

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## Welcome

The Training Committee at the Veterans Affairs Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS, formerly PVAMC) appreciates your interest in our postdoctoral psychology fellowships. The VAPORHCS psychology staff values collegial working relationships with fellows as well as the opportunity to teach and provide supervision.

In addition to the benefits of the training program, living in the Greater Portland Metropolitan Area offers the best of urban and outdoor life. Portland is an extremely livable city, replete with restaurants, music, shopping, and natural beauty. In Portland it's literally possible to take a morning ski run on Mt. Hood's glacier, windsurf in the Columbia during the afternoon, and catch dinner and theatre downtown in the evening. We think you'll enjoy the area as much as we do.

Thank you for considering VAPORHCS for your postdoctoral psychology fellowship. We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,  
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We are under review for accreditation of the Health, Primary Care/Mental Health Integration, and Palliative Care emphasis areas, with site visit anticipated in early 2016

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## About Us



The Veterans Affairs Portland Health Care System (VAPORHCS) is an attractive and vital health care center. In addition to comprehensive medical and mental health services, VAPORHCS supports ongoing research and medical education. VAPORHCS is connected to Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) structurally by a beautiful sky bridge and functionally by shared staff, trainees, and educational opportunities.

The Vancouver, Washington division of the VAPORHCS is located just across the Columbia River. This spacious campus houses long-term rehabilitation programs, a skilled nursing facility, substance abuse treatment program, PTSD clinic, post-deployment clinic, and primary care.

VAPORHCS values diversity in our staff. As an equal opportunity training program, the fellowship welcomes and strongly encourages applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, disability, or other minority status.



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## Fellowship Program Overview

VAPORHCS is pleased to announce four openings in psychology postdoctoral fellowship (residency) emphasis areas at our facility for the 2016-2017 academic year. Fellowships are for 2080 hours to be completed over a 12-month period. The 2015-2016 fellowship training year will begin on September 4, 2016. We are seeking APA accreditation review in 2015-16.

Our program adheres to the scientist-practitioner **model of training** in preparing Fellows for advanced practice in a traditional area of professional psychology. We strive to integrate science and practice throughout training. We support Fellows in achieving realistic research goals, with up to 4 hours per week offered at minimum for trainees to focus on research. Many of our psychology staff conduct research, demonstrating our belief in the importance of the science of psychology in the context of job responsibilities that are primarily clinical or administrative. Interventions and assessment approaches are guided by empirical studies, to the extent that the literature supports this. For example, supervisors model the selection of assessment instruments based on the availability of appropriate normative data for that particular patient. Our didactic series offers a quarterly journal club to strengthen Fellows' understanding of research limitations and translational implications focused on current topics selected by the training cohort. Our training **philosophy** reflects deeply held principles of respect for individual differences, supportive training towards professional growth and transition to an autonomous psychology career, emphasis on science informing psychological practice and vice versa, and ethical practice and decisionmaking. We view the postdoctoral training year as an opportunity to consolidate and advance assessment, treatment, and consultation skills established during internship, while increasing autonomy across the training year to allow our graduates to feel fully prepared to enter an independent psychology career at the end of training. In supervision we reflect the advanced skills of the postdoctoral trainee by eliciting the Fellow's case conceptualization and plan at the outset, and offering reflective supervision to assist the Fellow in deciding on therapeutic goals and actions.

Six hours per week are spent in structured training for all Fellows. Fellows will participate in a specially designed didactic seminar series each week. The series will draw from resources at the VA, at OHSU, and in the community. Didactics will include psychology-specific professional development and didactic seminars twice monthly, alternating with individualized emphasis-specific didactics selected by the postdoc from the many other professional training opportunities available, such as OHSU Psychiatry Grand Rounds. Supervision is provided by licensed VAPORHCS clinical psychologists; fellows will receive two hours of individual supervision weekly and one hour of group supervision with other psychology fellows. Fellows will also be trained in supervision and obtain experience in supervised supervision of practicum students from nearby George Fox University and Pacific University. All fellows meet weekly for one hour of informal peer group time to encourage mutual support and development of a professional collegial network. When the opportunity is available, we encourage our fellows to complete certification for evidence-based treatments, which may include Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Telehealth.

Average time spent in service delivery is 30 hours. The stipend for these positions is currently \$44,530 plus benefits (fellow pays part of the premium). Fellows are granted Annual Leave and Sick Leave, ten federal holidays, and up to six days of authorized absence **when approved by our facility director**, for professional training and presentations. Most clinical and research activities will take place at VAPORHCS, but Fellows may also spend time at outpatient satellite clinics and/or Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), our medical school affiliate. The VAPORHCS Mental Health Division provides an administrative support staff member to mental health training programs. Fifty percent of this position is allocated to Psychology training programs. This staff member assists trainees with the hiring process, assignment/equipment of offices, maintenance of training records, and out-processing.

**Our training goals and related objectives:**

Training Goals	Objectives
Goal # 1: Postdoctoral trainees will be able to function independently as competent professional psychologists delivering clinical services	Objective 1A) Trainees are competent in psychological assessment and diagnosis Objective 1B) Trainees are competent in a wide array of evidence-based, effective psychotherapeutic interventions
Goal #2: Goal #2: Postdoctoral trainees will demonstrate advanced skills in collaborating with diverse professionals and trainees across roles, settings, and levels of the system	Objective 2A) Trainees are competent functioning as members of treatment teams composed of diverse professionals Objective 2B) Trainees provide effective psychological consultation in various settings Objective 2C) Trainees evaluate their own performance and that of others Objective 2D) Trainees are competent in supervising others and offering constructive feedback
Goal #3: Postdoctoral trainees will integrate scientific methods with clinical practice	Objective 3A) Trainees are familiar with the scientific literature and evidence base of their clinical practices Objective 3B) Trainees apply methods of scientific inquiry in evaluating their clinical practices Objective 3C) Trainees favor clinical methods supported by empirical evidence
Goal #4: Postdoctoral trainees will demonstrate professional identity and behavior	Objective 4A) Trainees are knowledgeable of ethical, legal, and professional standards of behavior while integrating them into professional conduct Objective 4B) Trainees articulate and pursue individualized career goals and plans Objective 4C) Trainees evaluate their own experience and behavior, identify training needs/gaps or dilemma, and pursue their remediation or resolution
Goal #5: Postdoctoral trainees will demonstrate sensitivity to diversity across cultures and individuals	Objective 5A) Trainees are experienced in working with a diversity of clients and professionals Objective 5B) Trainees can assess their competence when working with a particular culture or individual and access methods of improving that competence Objective 5C) Trainees can articulate their own cultural identities and influences, assess those of others, and understand how these might interact
Goal #6: Postdoctoral trainees develop depth of clinical experience in an area of emphasis in Psychology practice	Objective 6a) Trainees are acquiring specific competencies in their area of training emphasis

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# Clinical Psychology Fellowship Descriptions

## *Health Psychology Emphasis*

**Bret Fuller, Ph.D., Veronica Rodriguez, Ph.D., lead supervisors.** The health psychology fellow develops behavioral medicine clinical and research skills in a variety of integrated care settings over one year. VAPORHCS offers a unique training experience across the Liver Transplant Program, outpatient mental health, and integrated Primary Care Mental Health Integration clinics. A part of this is participation in the SCAN-ECHO program, a collaboration of primary care physicians, liver specialists and mental health professionals to provide guidance and care in HCV treatment. Patients with HCV commonly present with a complicated set of mental health, substance abuse, and medical issues. Fellows will be full members of the HCV, Liver Clinic, Liver Transplant, and Substance Use Disorder interprofessional care teams, working with complex specialty medicine conditions including Hepatitis C, morbid obesity, diabetes mellitus and tinnitus.

Through firsthand observation and then direct supervision, the fellow will develop a unique set of skills that can be applied to any complex medical condition requiring interprofessional care:

1. Conducting Pre-treatment Evaluations to determine patients' suitability to begin treatment for hepatitis C, bariatric surgeries, and other medical procedures as needed. Evaluations include developing plans to help unsuitable candidates become prepared for treatment and to monitor high-risk patients throughout the course of treatment. These evaluations assess disease knowledge and progression, treatment and side effect knowledge, psychiatric stability, substance use and abuse, psychosocial security, treatment planning and monitoring, and treatment adherence and self-management.
2. Conducting Pre-Liver Transplant Evaluations to determine veterans' suitability to receive and make best use of a rare organ donation. The Fellow will conduct assessments of mental health, substance use, and behavioral issues including procedure knowledge, psychosocial and material support, and adherence and self-management. The fellow will also conduct reassessments to determine progress following transplant. The fellow will participate in the Liver Transplant Selection Conference with OHSU and VAPORHCS medical providers. Finally, the fellow will have the opportunity to observe medical rounds for recently transplanted liver patients.
3. Spending time in a primary care setting offering screening and brief interventions in the context of physical medicine clinics. This experience may also involve similar work in the HIV Infectious disease clinic.
4. Providing Psychological Interventions. The Health Fellow will have the unique opportunity to be part of specialty medical clinics and provide psychological services in Liver Clinics, Substance Abuse Treatment Program, and Transplant Lodging Unit. The Fellow will learn cognitive-behavioral treatments and behavioral medicine interventions for complex conditions such as chronic pain and other somatic symptoms exacerbated by psychological factors.
5. Delivery of empirically based therapy for the treatment of chronic pain and insomnia.
6. Provide tele-mental health consultation for the Specialty Care Transformation Initiative for Specialty Care Access Network-Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (SCAN-ECHO) among medical and liver health providers to assist providers in treatment of Veterans with liver disease.
7. Conducting Clinical Research. VAPORHCS is home to many grant-funded psychologists researching health-related topics. The Health Fellow can select from many existing research opportunities or develop new ones. The NWHCRC has access to local, regional, and national databases.
8. Receiving Research Mentorship. The Health Fellow selects a primary research mentor for the year and can design a training plan involving several principal investigators. Fellows can spend up to 30% of their time on research-related activities.

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## ***Primary Care/Mental Health Integration Emphasis***

**Darin Bergen, Psy.D., lead supervisor, Samantha Kettle, Psy.D., supervisor.** This fellow practices for one year in settings that integrate Mental Health and Primary Care services. The fellow works closely with members of the General Medicine-Psychiatry teams (GM-Psych), groups of mental health professionals embedded in Primary Care clinics. Their placement allows for better coordination of psychiatric and medical care, especially for those patients with multiple co-morbidities. The philosophy behind this approach is that many patients can be successfully managed after brief collaborative interventions on an ongoing basis by their Primary Care Providers (PCP), with ongoing consultation by mental health providers.

Psychologists and trainees have been part of GM-Psych Team from its inception twenty years ago. GM-Psych clinicians serve two clients—the Veteran and the PCP. Training emphasizes both sets of skills, utilizing a systems approach to mental health evaluation and intervention. The Fellow in this position will primarily develop skills in the assessment and treatment of patients seen in Integrated Primary Care settings, primarily through the utilization of the Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) model of care. The Fellow will provide various psychological services, including time-limited individual treatment, cognitive behavioral therapy, Acceptance and Commitment therapy, joint brief visits with the PCP and patient as needed, psychological assessment, as well as easily accessible mental health "curbside" consultations.

Clinical training for the postdoctoral fellowship training will emphasize the following:

1. Appreciation of, and adaptation to the culture of the Primary Care Clinic and the way physicians and other PCPs view and treat mental health problems, including minimalist approaches and fast-paced, high productivity practice;
2. Coordinating care with the other providers in a clinic setting;
3. Understanding common chronic medical problems and their relationships with psychiatric disorders;
4. Understanding the specific needs/culture of veterans and how to treat the particular combination of clinical problems that the most recent cohort of veterans tend to have—chronic pain, PTSD, mild TBI;
5. Understanding commonly used psychotropic medications and how to investigate whether there may be drug interactions with other medicines the patient is taking;
6. Providing consultation and brief intervention model within a Primary Care clinic;
7. Utilizing ACT therapy adapted to Primary Care setting.

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**PLEASE NOTE: The MIRECC emphasis track will not be recruiting for 2016-2017. VA Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment (VAPORHCS MIRECC Fellowship)**

**Jed Grodin, Ph.D., lead clinical supervisor; Ruth Ann Tsukuda, Ed.D., MPH, RN, and James Boehnlein, MD, lead research supervisors.**

The VISN 20 Northwest Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) has as its mission to improve the quality of life and function of Veterans by developing, evaluating and promoting the implementation of effective treatments for military PTSD and its complex comorbidities. These PTSD comorbidities include the behavioral consequences of mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), substance use disorders, chronic pain, and dementia. Therefore, the primary goal of the MIRECC fellowship program is to train psychologists to become leading clinical researchers in these high priority areas of mental health. In collaboration with their mentors, fellows will develop and implement research projects, publish and present findings, write grants, and utilize the latest technology for educational activities and clinical service delivery.

The VA's Advanced Fellowship in Mental Illness Research and Treatment is a two-year postdoctoral training program. Fellows devote 75% of their time to research and education activities (25% of research must be clinically-focused) and 25% to clinical training. Over the course of the two-year program, fellows are trained in clinical and health systems research, advanced clinical care service delivery, and program administration in an interdisciplinary setting.

The MIRECC fellow also has a variety of other novel training opportunities:

1. Participation in weekly research-oriented videoconferences with fellows from the national VA Advanced Fellowship in Mental Illness Research and Treatment (MIRT).
2. Completion of Oregon Health & Science University's Human Investigations Program (HIP), which offers an integrated clinical and translational research education curriculum and results in a Certificate in Human Investigations.
3. Collaboration with clinical researchers who share a common interest in polytrauma, PTSD, and traumatic brain injury.
4. Presentation of research to various disciplines of health practitioners in academic and community settings and the MIRECC Presents videoconference series.
5. Participation in the design and implementation of CME conferences and distance learning programs for VA and non-VA professional staff, and programs for Veterans and their families, throughout the Pacific Northwest.
6. Provision of supervised supervision of clinical services provided by practicum trainees and/or predoctoral interns.

For information about the MIRECC fellowship nationwide, please contact Ruth O'Hara, Ph.D. or Sherry Beaudreau, Ph.D., at the Fellowship hub site, (650) 493-5000 x64119 or [Sherry.Beaudreau@va.gov](mailto:Sherry.Beaudreau@va.gov)). <http://www.mirecc.va.gov/mirecc-fellowship.asp>

The MIRECC fellowship is a two-year interdisciplinary program training psychologists to become outstanding clinical researchers in high priority areas of mental health, serving as change agents to help lead VA and other public and private health care systems through the 21st century. The VAPORHCS MIRECC fellowship site is linked electronically to the other national MIRECC sites for didactic, academic, and research efforts.

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## ***Palliative Care Emphasis***

**Elizabeth Goy, Ph.D., David Greaves, Ph.D., and Amanda Bohlig, Ph.D., lead supervisors.** This fellowship is part of the VA Interprofessional Palliative Care Postdoctoral Fellowship. This is a one-year training program in which the psychologist fellow will join an interdisciplinary palliative care team including other fellows in social work, palliative medicine, nursing, and chaplaincy. The psychology fellow will function year round as a palliative care consult team member, attending palliative care rounds, taking psychology referrals for palliative care inpatients (in hospital and nursing skilled care units) and outpatients, and providing expertise to other hospital disciplines caring for palliative and hospice-enrolled inpatients. Additionally, the fellow will complete several 4- or 6-month training site rotations that may include:

- VA Community Living Center (includes inpatient hospice)
- VA Consult-Liaison Psychiatry Service
- VA Outpatient Mental Health Clinic - individual therapy for end-of-life processing and bereavement
- Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Hematology/Oncology clinics

Training will be designed to maximize the fellow's expertise in psychological aspects of end-of-life care, including: evaluation of mood and quality of life; knowledge and treatment of common end-of-life psychiatric syndromes (including depression, anxiety, delirium, posttraumatic stress disorder, anticipatory grief, substance abuse, and sleep disorders); caregiver strain and processing of grief; in-depth understanding of disease-specific end-of-life trajectories; working with other disciplines including chaplains, social workers, nurses, pharmacists, and physicians to maximize palliative support and identify unmet needs for psychological services; empirical basis of assessment and treatment planning; and advanced understanding of end-of-life pain treatment protocols and symptom management. Overall, this health psychology training opportunity with people at the end of life is very much about living while dying.

Fellows will have a minimum of four hours per week available for development and conduct of faculty/IRB-approved research; this option can be adjusted if more time is desired for clinical activities. Fellows will participate in a psychology postdoc-specific professional development and didactic seminar series twice monthly, a weekly Interprofessional Palliative Care Team didactic, and a monthly all-city palliative care conference. The fellow will receive two hours of individual supervision weekly and one hour of group supervision with other psychology postdoctoral trainees. The fellow will obtain experience in supervised supervision of interns/practicum students.

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## ***Polytrauma Emphasis***

**Daniel Storzbach, Ph.D., Katie McCall, Ph.D., & Amy Wagner, Ph.D., lead supervisors.**

The trainee in this position will develop skills primarily in the assessment and treatment of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This Fellow will work within the current PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) and the Neuropsychology Service located in the Mental Health Clinic. It is expected that the majority of the Fellow's clinical activities will be with veterans who have recently returned from Iraq and Afghanistan, a population that has been shown to have high rates of TBI and PTSD.

The TBI portion of the fellowship will be managed by the Neuropsychology Service. This training experience is designed to enhance the skills of Fellows with prior neuropsychology experience by exposing them to the unique population of veterans with combat-related TBI and other possible combat-related exposures. The emphasis will be on acquiring specialized expertise in assessment and rehabilitation of the effects of both combat-related TBI and co-occurring adverse psychological effects, particularly post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and adjustment reactions. The assessment approach at VAPORHCS combines structured and flexible techniques. In addition to clinical training, fellows will attend seminars that provide theoretical and practical reviews of current issues including formal case presentations, Neuropsychology Case Conferences led by Dr. Muriel Lezak at OHSU, and Neuroscience Grand Rounds. There may also be opportunities to work in collaboration with staff from the VA's Center for Polytrauma Care in Seattle and the Psychology Department at Madigan Army Medical Center.

Fellows will also have opportunities to participate in clinical research, including the ongoing VA Merit Review study "Cognitive Rehabilitation of OIF/OEF Veterans with Cognitive Disorder." This study is a multisite randomized control trial of a manualized cognitive rehabilitation intervention for OIF/OEF veterans with cognitive problems. We are also piloting manualized hybrid PTSD treatment/cognitive rehabilitation interventions.

Within the PCT, fellows will participate in nationally recognized group education and therapy programs developed at the VAPORHCS. They will also gain experience in evidence-based individual treatment models. The Portland and Vancouver PCT staff have expertise in such treatment models as Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Prolonged Exposure (PE), and Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). Training emphasizes conceptualization and treatment of acute and chronic posttraumatic sequelae. The fellow will participate actively in the provision of clinical services, supervise interns, and contribute to ongoing research. The goal of training for the PTSD element is to instill specialized knowledge of and treatment for PTSD and related conditions. Particular emphasis will be on learning and further developing adaptations of PTSD treatments for individuals with TBI.

A major goal of the Polytrauma Fellowship is to provide specialist clinical psychologists with advanced clinical skills that will enable them to provide and facilitate integrated care of multiple coexisting disorders. With this goal in mind, the Polytrauma Postdoctoral Fellowship may be extended to a second year to further integrate and advance the Fellow's specialized first-year training. Advanced training in PTSD treatment, hybrid PTSD treatment/Cognitive Rehabilitation, and special topics (e.g., neuroanatomy) is supplied to maximize expertise in Polytrauma research, assessment, and treatment.

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## **Required Training Experiences for All Fellows**

Regardless of emphasis area, all psychology fellows will gain experience in assessment, treatment, consultation, supervision, administration, ethical principles, and cultural and individual diversity.

### ***Assessment***

Fellows will conduct intake assessments and learn to make competent multiaxial DSM-5 diagnoses. Fellows also use a number of personality and cognitive assessment instruments, including the MMPI-2, PAI, WMS-IV, WAIS-IV, and RBANS. Fellows will further advance their ability to clarify referral questions, select test batteries, administer and score tests, integrate test results with other data, write clear and concise reports, and provide feedback to patients and referring providers.

### ***Treatment***

The VAPORHCS uses a number of psychological treatment approaches, with an emphasis on empirically-supported treatments. Fellows will provide individual therapy that is generally time-limited. Presenting problems include anxiety, depression, personality disorders, and major mental illness. Family therapy also can be an important component of treatment and may be used as an adjunctive or primary mode of therapeutic intervention. Treatment is provided in conjunction with the ongoing assessment of outcome. Additionally, fellows will provide group therapy for a variety of veterans. Fellows acquire skills in developing, planning, and leading psychoeducational and process groups.

### ***Consultation***

Fellows will learn to function as consultants throughout the medical center. In some instances, this will include representing psychology as an integral member of a multidisciplinary team. Helping the team make decisions about assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and discharge planning is considered an important role for fellows. In other instances, the fellow will serve as an independent consultant. Fellows will strengthen valuable professional skills including clarifying referral questions and providing input on diagnostic issues and treatment plans to a variety of independent practitioners, such as physicians, social workers and nurses. By the end of the fellowship, the fellow will have gained advanced skills in providing consultation to multidisciplinary teams, as well as to individual practitioners from different disciplines.

### ***Supervised supervision***

We are committed to mentoring growth in the provision of supervision to future psychologists. All postdoctoral Fellows will work with their primary supervisor, the Director of Psychology Postdoctoral Training, the Director of Psychology Training, and the Director of Practicum Training as appropriate to establish a training relationship with a graduate psychology practicum student and in some cases a current VAPORHCS Psychology intern during the training year. The training program will strive to match interns or practicum students as supervisees who have training interests in the areas of clinical strength of the postdoctoral Fellow. Fellows will also attend VAPORHCS Mental Health Education Committee presentations on supervision, which may be counted as didactic electives. These sessions are also attended by VAPORHCS staff psychologists, who are dedicated to increasing their own competencies in providing supervision and supervised supervision.

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## ***Administrative/Program Development Project***

Each postdoctoral trainee is required to complete an administrative project during the training year. This project provides fellows with a mentored educational experience to develop administrative and leadership skills as part of a well-rounded program of training for professional psychology. Some typical projects in past training years have included:

- Serving as one of two postdoc class representatives on the Training Committee
- Assist with an aspect of developing a VAPORHCS mental health service (e.g. telehealth; training rural providers) or clinic (e.g. postdeployment)
- a 6-8 week psychoeducational group with pre and post (ratings or outcome) measures

At the completion of the project, the postdoctoral resident will write a brief summary of the goals of the project, a 2-3 sentence description of the project, and a summary of the outcomes of the project (narrative, including participant ratings or outcome measures).

## ***Ethics, Multiculturalism and Diversity***

We are an ethically principled, diverse collection of colleagues who welcome growth in our understanding of diverse populations within and around our professional network. We recognize that cultural competence is an ongoing process, and many of us are new to this process. We strive towards an environment that consistently conveys cultural sensitivity, cultural humility, and honors intersecting identities and diverse worldviews. We recognize that this requires an ongoing commitment to evaluation and feedback in order to develop a welcoming environment for all employees and trainees, to model this welcoming culture for others throughout the Portland VA, and to increase diversity in our richly varied community as we grow. Fellows are expected to demonstrate competence in working with culturally and individually diverse clients. Didactic Seminars are a chance to improve Fellows' cultural competence while cultivating a workplace that appreciates diversity. Each Fellow also presents one Seminar during the year on a self-directed topic concerning diversity or ethical/legal issues.

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## Diversity at VAPORHCS

VAPORHCS values diversity in our staff. The DoT, Training Committee, Supervisors, and other staff attempt to model disclosing and welcoming diversity in the workplace. As an equal opportunity training program, the fellowship welcomes and strongly encourages applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, disability, or other minority status. We strive to place a high value on learning about and welcoming diversity into our midst, and have been responsive to feedback as we grow.

In 2011, VAPORHCS Psychology staff initiated a Multicultural and Diversity Task Force to undertake a far-reaching examination of ourselves as mental health service providers, teachers, and supervisors. The results of staff and trainee focus groups helped us to identify learning goals for our staff and our training programs, and the Task Force was soon converted to an ongoing Multicultural and Diversity Committee (MDC). The MDC now includes both staff and trainees, and provides educational events and consultation towards improving our knowledge, awareness and skills in practicing, teaching, and supervising in an inclusive environment.

On an institutional level, VAPORHCS promotes diversity recruitment and retention through an active Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program with an Advisory Committee as well as a Multicultural Diversity Network.

The EEO/Diversity program fosters a diverse and inclusive work environment that ensures equal opportunity through policy development, workforce analysis, outreach, retention, and education to best serve our nation's Veterans. Special Emphasis Program Representatives (SEPRs) champion diversity concerns of particular groups including veterans, ethnic/ racial/ cultural groups, women, LGBTQ people, and people with disabilities. VAPORHCS was the first VA site to establish an LGBT SEPR position on its EEO Advisory Committee; only two other VA sites are known to have an LGBT/sexual minority SEPR. The Multicultural Diversity Network holds varying special-emphasis programming for veterans and staff to highlight the presence of diversity in the facility and help others gain a more complete understanding of those who may be different from themselves: past examples include Asian-Pacific Islander Day, which features food and music from the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander cultures of VAPORHCS employees; LGBT movie presentations for LGBT Pride Month; and the Martin Luther King Day celebration.

**Staff Demographics:** Of 49 psychologists in 2015, 31 (63%) are women and 18 (37%) are men; 44 (90%) identify as Caucasian, 1 (2%) as American Indian/Alaskan Native, 3 (6%) as Asian/Pacific Islander, 1 (2%) as Black/African American, and 6 (12%) as Hispanic/Latino; 5 (10%) identify as LGBTIQ; 3 (6%) identify as subject to the Americans with Disability Act; 1 (2%) is active duty in the military, and 6 (12%) are Veterans; and 7 (14%) speak fluently in other languages in addition to English (1 speaks Afrikaans, 1 Burmese, 1 French, 1 German, and 3 Spanish).

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## Meet the Staff

Staff members are scientist-practitioners of psychology. Staff roles include delivery of clinical service, research, consultation, trainee supervision, and administration. The majority are also OHSU faculty.

**David W. Greaves, Ph.D., Chief of Psychology, Administrative Director of the Mental Health & Clinical Neuroscience Division, and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Greaves received his doctorate from Brigham Young University in 1991 and completed his internship at the VAPORHCS. Over the years Dr. Greaves has worked as a clinician and program manager in multiple clinical settings at the Portland VA, as well as being a past Director of Training. He currently provides supervision to postdoctoral fellows in the Palliative Care program. His professional interests include psychotherapy outcome studies and treatment programs for those with chronic medical illnesses.

**Marilyn Huckans, Ph.D., Director of Psychology Training and Practicum Program, Neuropsychologist for the Mental Health Clinic, and Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** After receiving her doctorate in clinical psychology at George Mason University in 2004, Dr. Huckans completed postdoctoral training in health psychology research and clinical neuropsychology at VAPORHCS. Dr. Huckans' clinical practice focuses on cognitive rehabilitation for veterans with mild cognitive impairments, as well neuropsychological assessment and consultation services through the Neuropsychology Clinic at VAPORHCS. Dr. Huckans is Co-Director of the Psychoneuroimmunology Research Program and an investigator in the Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center at VAPORHCS and OHSU. Her NIH and VA funded research projects focus on neuroimmune mechanisms contributing to neuropsychiatric symptoms and the discovery and development of novel treatments for psychiatric disorders, including immunotherapies for addiction and compensatory cognitive training for mild cognitive impairment.

**Amanda Bohlig, Ph.D., Director of Postdoctoral Training for Psychology, and Staff Psychologist for the Community Living Center (CLC).**

Dr. Bohlig received her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison after she completed her internship at VAPORHCS. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Palliative Care at the Portland VAPORHCS and is now a supervisor for the Palliative Care emphasis track. Dr. Bohlig strives to help Veterans in the hospice, palliative care, rehabilitation, and long-term care units improve quality of life by increasing psychological flexibility with an emphasis on values-based living. Her professional interests include end-of-life processes, couples and family issues in the context of serious illness, posttraumatic stress disorder, supervision, multicultural competence, and third-wave behavioral approaches to treatment.

**Christopher F. Anderson, Ph.D., Program Co-Manager for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) and the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT).** Dr. Anderson received his doctorate from Auburn University and completed his internship at VAPORHCS in 2006, after which he joined the SATP staff. Dr. Anderson consults with the Regional Liver Transplant Program, performing pre-transplant evaluations to determine candidate's risk of relapse post-transplant surgery. Dr. Anderson's current research interests include examining factors that predict patient's status on the liver transplant wait list and examining programmatic factors that increase retention in substance abuse treatment programs.

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**Darin Bergen, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist for General Medicine Psychiatry**

Dr. Bergen received his doctorate from George Fox University after completing his internship at the Salt Lake City VA in 2007. He completed advanced training in medical psychology and geriatrics in the Palliative Care fellowship at VAPORHCS. He then worked as an evaluator in Compensation and Pension as well as consulting at assisted living facilities and nursing homes before joining VAPORHCS as a staff psychologist. He currently conducts brief, evidence-based psychotherapy in the East primary care clinic as part of the General Medicine-Psychiatry service. He has interests in delivering evidence-based psychotherapy (particularly Acceptance and Commitment Therapy) and working on interdisciplinary teams.

**Dawn Edwards, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist General Medicine Psychiatry and Rural Mental Health.**

Dr. Edwards is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and received her internship training at Western New York VAMC. She is a National Training Consultant for the Department of Veterans Affairs evidence-based therapy training for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia. Dr. Edwards presents nationally on the implementation of integrated primary care.

**Bret Fuller, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the Mental Health Clinic, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health & Preventative Medicine at OHSU.**

Dr. Fuller attained his doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in Counseling Psychology and completed a three-year postdoctoral fellowship in addiction studies at the University of Michigan. He spent six years at Oregon Health and Science University where he published in the areas of substance abuse treatment, methadone policy, and smoking cessation. Currently, he is a member of the Northwest Hepatitis C Resource Center.

**Anders Goranson, PsyD, Staff Psychologist for Homelessness Program and Rural Mental Health.**

Dr. Goranson received his doctorate from Antioch University New England after completing his internship at VAPORHCS in 2010. He received advanced training as a fellow in the Mental Health/Integrated Primary Care Fellowship and later in risk assessment and research as the Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) Fellow. Dr. Goranson serves on the hospital's Disruptive Behavior Board and Employee Threat Advisory Team. Dr. Goranson is engaged in research in the areas of violence risk management in Veterans, stalking of healthcare providers, and home-based telemental health.

**Elizabeth Goy, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the Mental Health Clinic, and Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.**

Dr. Goy completed a VA Health Services Research & Development Career Development Award in 2011 researching end of life needs in Parkinson's Disease. Dr. Goy was previously the Director of Training for the Psychology Service at VAPORHCS and continues as a member of the Psychology Training Committee. She is the lead supervisor of the VA Postdoctoral Fellowship in Palliative Care Psychology. Her clinical practice is focused on mental health interventions for patients with chronic or life-limiting illness. Her research interests include psychiatric and psychological aspects of end-of-life care, with an emphasis on neurological disorders. Her research includes: documenting the prevalence of mental disorders in hospice patients at the end of life; treatment strategies for depression in hospice and palliative care patients; identification of predictors of hospice readiness in Parkinson's Disease; family and patient experiences with and views on dying in Oregon; and investigating covarying factors in Veterans with psychogenic nonepileptic seizures.

**Jed P. Grodin, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team.** Dr. Grodin received his doctorate from the University of Southern California, where he conducted research on motivational interviewing and behavior change in psychotherapy. He completed his internship at the Long Beach VAMC and then completed a fellowship in Behavioral Medicine at Harbor-UCLA. Before joining the PTSD Clinical Team at the VAPORHCS, he served as the Behavioral Medicine consultant to the Department of Family Medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

**Daniela Hugelshofer, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist and Program Manager of the Vancouver Mental Health Clinic (V-MHC); Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.**

Dr. Hugelshofer received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Washington State University in 2006, after completing her pre-doctoral internship at the VAPORHCS. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship specializing in general mental health, PTSD, and substance abuse treatment at the Kansas City VAMC in 2007, and was pleased to re-join the VAPORHCS thereafter as a staff psychologist. Her clinical work has most recently focused on the assessment and treatment of military-related PTSD. She has clinical expertise in cognitive-behavioral therapy, with particular emphasis upon the delivery of evidence-based treatments for PTSD, such as Prolonged Exposure (PE) and Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT).

**Samantha Kettle, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist for SATP/PCMHI**

Dr. Kettle received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Pacific University after completing her internship at Valley Mental Health in 2008. She completed the Interprofessional Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery fellowship at Durham VA Medical Center. In 2009, Dr. Kettle became the lead psychologist for the Substance Use Disorder Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) at Durham VAMC. She also became a VA consultant for the Motivational Interviewing (MI), Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET), and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Substance Use Disorders (CBT-SUD) national EBP roll-outs; as well as becoming a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). In 2015, Dr. Kettle transferred to the VA Portland Health Care System. She currently provides consults, intakes, individual, and group therapy in both the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) and at the East primary care clinic as part of the Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) team. She has interests in Multiculturalism, Recovery-based care, Work-life balance, and the integration of Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

**Travis Lovejoy, Ph.D., M.P.H., Staff Psychologist for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP), and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.**

Dr. Lovejoy received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Ohio University in 2011 and completed his internship and health psychology post-doctoral fellowship at the VAPORHCS. He joined the VAPORHCS staff in 2012, and provides clinical services within SATP. Dr. Lovejoy has an active line of research that focuses on the treatment of chronic pain in patients with substance use disorders. Other research interests include the use of motivational and behavioral interventions to reduce HIV transmission risk behaviors in HIV-seropositive persons.

**Kevin F. Mallon, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for General Medicine Psychiatry, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.**

Dr. Mallon received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Nebraska in 1992, completing his internship at the Martinez (California) VA Medical Center, as well as pre- and post-doctoral training in clinical neuropsychology. He worked as a senior psychometrist at the University of California, San Francisco, and as a neuropsychologist at a rehabilitation hospital, before returning to the VA Northern California HCS in 1995, where he worked in primary care mental health, behavioral medicine/pain management, and supervision of neuropsychology trainees. In 2007, he came to VAPORHCS to work in the primary care setting. His interests include psychological and neuropsychological assessment, behavioral medicine, brief therapies, EMDR, and positive psychology

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**Katie McCall, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) and General Medicine Psychiatry.** Dr. McCall received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Texas in 2008. She completed her internship at the VAPORHCS and remained to complete a 2 year polytrauma postdoctoral fellowship working within the Neuropsychology and PTSD clinics. Dr. McCall joined the staff in 2011 working within VAPORHCS's new RRTP program and in GM psychiatry. Her clinical work involves program development and is focused on providing assessment, treatment, and case management for veterans within both the residential and outpatient care settings. Additionally, Dr. McCall was previously the Local Evidence Based Psychotherapy Coordinator for VAPORHCS. Her professional interests include neuropsychological assessment, treatment of PTSD, and the application of acceptance and mindfulness based interventions to clinical problems.

**Benjamin Morasco, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Morasco received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Saint Louis University in 2003. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical health psychology at Harford Hospital and a research fellowship in addictive behaviors at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He joined the VAPORHCS in 2005 and provides clinical services in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program, focusing on patients with comorbid medical or psychiatric disorders. He is a funded investigator examining issues of chronic pain in patients with substance use disorders. Other research interests include pain treatment for patients with hepatitis C, use of opioid medications for chronic pain, and the assessment and treatment of pathological gambling.

**Adam Nelson, Ph.D., Clinical Neuropsychologist for the Neuropsychology Service, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Nelson received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology in Fresno, California, in 2005. He completed his clinical psychology internship at the Portland VA in 2005 and then completed a two-year post-doctoral residency in Neuropsychology at the VA Northern California Health Care System in Martinez. Currently, he is a staff member of the Neuropsychology Service at the Portland VA evaluating the neuropsychological functioning of veterans returning from OEF/OIF. Dr. Nelson also has strong clinical and research interests in geriatric neuropsychology.

**Maya O'Neil, Ph.D., Research Psychologist, Neuropsychology Service, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology at OHSU.** Dr. O'Neil received her doctorate from the University of Oregon and completed her internship at the VAPORHCS. She is an Investigator with the Evidence Synthesis Program and Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality Effective Healthcare Program Scientific Resource Center. She also provides supervision related to neuropsychological research and conducts neuropsychological assessments with the neuropsychology service. Her clinical interests include neuropsychological assessment and treatment of comorbid PTSD and TBI. Her research interests focus on statistics and systematic review methodologies, cultural competence assessment and training, and the psychological and cognitive effects of blast exposure and TBI.

**Gina L. Ortola, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the Mental Health Clinic and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Ortola received her doctorate from Washington State University in 1996 and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in geropsychology at the VAPORHCS. She enjoys incorporating mindfulness-based interventions into her work and has a personal mindfulness practice as well. She has been a member of a Dialectical Behavior Therapy Team for several years and is currently Co-Coordinator for the team. When not working as a psychologist, she enjoys cooking, watching the food network, and being outdoors when it's not raining.

**Douglas J. Park, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist and Local Recovery Coordinator for the VAPORHCS.** Dr. Park received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1990. Dr. Park worked for almost 20 years in community mental health, with a particular emphasis on time-limited psychotherapy and crisis services. He joined the VAPORHCS in 2007. As Recovery Coordinator, Dr. Park works to promote a client-centered approach to care that emphasizes strengths, client empowerment, and living a meaningful life. While utilizing a variety of theoretical paradigms, he particularly attempts to incorporate ACT in his clinical work.

**Jane Plagge, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist, PTSD and Pain.** Dr. Plagge earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Health Psychology from Pacific University in 2009. She completed a Medical Psychology track internship at the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, TX. Her postdoctoral fellowship was in Health Psychology at the VAPORHCS. Subsequently, she joined the VAPORHCS as a staff psychologist specializing in the treatment and research of comorbid chronic pain and PTSD. Her professional interests include health psychology, chronic pain, PTSD, CBT, motivational interviewing, and program development.

**Irene G. Powch, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Powch completed her internship at the Seattle VA and received her doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1995. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Pacific Center for PTSD/VA National Center for PTSD in Honolulu in 1996. She has advanced evidence-based treatments for PTSD related to combat and military sexual trauma. She was a site investigator for the VA Cooperative Study that brought recognition within VA to Prolonged Exposure Therapy and was trained in this therapy by Edna Foa in 2001. She is a certified PE and CPT therapist, and when indicated, integrates object relational/attachment, emotion-focused/gestalt, and feminist/social learning approaches into her work. She is on the forefront of exploring complementary approaches to PTSD treatment. Her research interests include acupuncture as an adjunct to cognitive processing therapy for PTSD.

**Veronica Rodriguez, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program.** Dr. Rodriguez received her doctorate from Arizona State University in 2008 after she completed her predoctoral internship through the Southwest Consortium Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship (SCPPI) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She completed postdoctoral training in Health Psychology at the VAPORHCS. In 2009, she joined the Substance Abuse Treatment Program, where she provides substance/mental health treatment among older adults. Her clinical work focuses on veterans with comorbid substance-related, health/medical, and psychiatric disorders. Her clinical interests include motivational interviewing, mindfulness-based interventions, and intersection between chronic pain and addictive disorders. She also consults with the VAPORHCS Liver Transplant Program, performing substance abuse focused assessments to determine patients' suitability for organ transplant.

**James M. Sardo, Ph.D., Program Co-Manager for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) and the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT), and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Sardo received his doctorate from SUNY Binghamton in 1998 and completed advanced training in PTSD at the VAPORHCS in 1999. As the Co-Manager of the SATP and PCT, he performs administrative duties and provides individual and group services for the treatment of substance abuse. Dr. Sardo consults with the Regional Liver Transplant Team. His research interests include both the etiology and treatment of Alcohol Dependence and the efficacy of skill-based management of PTSD. Dr. Sardo serves in the United States Air Force Reserve and has completed three deployments to Iraq, where he provided a range of mental health services while attached to 332nd EMDG.

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**Daniel Storzbach, Ph.D., Head of the Neuropsychology Service, Research Psychologist, and Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology at OHSU.**

Dr. Storzbach received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1995 and completed his postdoctoral training in neuropsychology at the VAPORHCS. He is the head of VAPORHCS's Neuropsychology Clinic and the primary supervisor for neuropsychology training. Dr. Storzbach's research interests focus on the effects of combat stressors, both psychological and physical, on neuropsychological function. He is currently the principal investigator for a VA-funded study, a multisite investigation of group cognitive rehabilitation outcome. Dr. Storzbach also collaborates on other research with VA and OHSU investigators, particularly at VAPORHCS's PTSD Clinical Team, VAPORHCS's Imaging Service, VAPORHCS's Epilepsy Center of Excellence, VAPORHCS's National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research, and OHSU's Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology. He enjoys travel, hiking, and dining with his family in the Pacific Northwest.

**Sarah Súniga, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team and the Substance Abuse Treatment Program.**

Dr. Súniga received her doctorate from Kent State University in Clinical Psychology with a Health Psychology emphasis. She completed her internship at the VAPORHCS in 2007 and remained to complete postdoctoral training in PTSD. Dr. Súniga became a staff psychologist in 2009, focusing on PTSD and comorbid Substance Use Disorders, working with both the PTSD Clinical Team and Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Her clinical work is focused on providing assessment and treatment of comorbid PTSD/SUD. Additionally, Dr. Súniga is a Prolonged Exposure consultant for the National Center for PTSD, providing consultation to mental health providers throughout VA to implement PE. Her clinical interests include cognitive-behavioral therapy for PTSD, particularly PE and Cognitive Processing Therapy, and mindfulness-based approaches, including Acceptance and Commitment Therapy.

**Malinda Trujillo, Ph.D., staff psychologist for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program and the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team. Co-Chair, VAPORHCS Multicultural and Diversity Committee**

Dr. Trujillo received her doctorate from Colorado State University in 2008 after completing her pre-doctoral internship at the Greater Los Angeles VA Ambulatory Care Center (VA-LAACC). After receiving her degree she completed her postdoctoral training in PTSD at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System in 2009. Dr. Trujillo joined VAPORHCS in 2009. She is currently a staff psychologist for the Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) and the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team (PCT), where she develops programs, provides evaluation, mental health, substance abuse, and PTSD treatment. Her clinical interests include evidence based treatment for PTSD, PTSD and comorbid substance abuse, dual diagnosis treatment, primary care and mental health integration, homeless mental health/advocacy, Latino psychology, and multicultural psychology. She serves on the Multicultural and Diversity Committee. She serves on the Oregon Psychological Association's Diversity Committee. Additionally Dr. Trujillo serves on VAPORHCS Disruptive Behavior Board.

**Saw-Myo Tun, Ph.D., Research Psychologist, Neuropsychology Service and PTSD Clinical Team.**

Dr. Tun received her doctorate from Michigan State University and completed her internship and a two-year polytrauma postdoctoral fellowship at the VAPORHCS. Her clinical and research interests include the psychological and cognitive effects of blast exposure, cognitive rehabilitation for veterans with mild TBI, individual and couples treatment of veterans with comorbid PTSD and cognitive difficulties, and geriatric neuropsychology. Her non-work interests include exploring the Pacific Northwest, reading good books, and learning to rock climb.

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**Lynn M. Van Male, Ph.D., Director of the Prevention and management of Disruptive Behavior (PMDB) Program for VA Central Office, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Van Male received her doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2000 after completing her pre-doctoral internship at VAPORHCS (1999-2000). She served for over nine years as a Staff Psychologist on the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) at VAPORHCS. In addition to her national work with the PMDB program, Dr. Van Male maintains a clinical role on the PCT, serves on VAPORHCS's Disruptive Behavior Board, and is a member of the Threat Assessment Team at VAPORHCS and at OHSU.

**Amy Wagner, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team, and Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU.** Dr. Wagner received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Washington in 1995 and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Center for PTSD, Women's Division, at the Boston VAMC in 1997. Since that time she has held faculty positions at the University of Wyoming and the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. Dr. Wagner joined the Vancouver division of the VAPORHCS in September 2005. She has clinical expertise in cognitive-behavioral therapy for PTSD and anxiety disorders more generally, as well as Dialectical Behavior Therapy. She has research interests in treatment development and evaluation, emotion regulation, and treatment dissemination. Through a VA Merit grant she is currently examining the effectiveness and acceptability of Behavioral Activation Therapy for the early treatment of PTSD and depression among veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Kate Woodside, PhD., Staff Psychologist for Rural Mental Health Initiative, VAPORHCS.** Dr. Woodside received her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2008. Her postdoctoral training with the VAMC Baltimore, Maryland was focused to treating Veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. She joined VAPORHCS in 2009 to help establish the Rural Mental Health program and expand access to VA care for underserved Veterans through the use of telehealth and electronic innovations. Dr. Woodside is involved in research projects and partnerships which emphasize clinical application and accessibility of technology, with special focus to meeting the mental health needs of Veterans and their families through evidence-based psychotherapies delivered via webcam into Veterans' homes. Dr. Woodside also serves on VAPORHCS's Psychology Training Committee, Women's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, and Military Sexual Trauma Task Force.

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## Current Staff Research Activities

The VA values research for its role in improving patient care and attracting high quality clinical providers and scientific staff. The VAPORHCS is ranked as 11<sup>th</sup> among VA organizations in overall grant support from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently, more than 172 staff at this VA are principal investigators involved in medical and behavioral science research. The VAPORHCS research community is supported by \$33 million in VA, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Defense (DoD) and other funding sources in FY2014.

Each fellowship varies in its mix of clinical and research training; however, VAPORHCS encourages and nurtures involvement in research activities. Many staff welcome trainee involvement in ongoing research including grant preparation, data collection, data analysis, and manuscript preparation. Fellows have opportunities to co-author publications and professional presentations. Fellows especially interested in developing research careers can take advantage of many resources associated with this VA's close ties to OHSU, which is connected to the VA by a sky bridge. Most VA psychologists hold academic appointments at OHSU, which hosts a medical school and other health science programs.

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## Recent Staff Publications and Presentations

The following is a sampling of recent publications and presentations by psychologists who provide clinical supervision to interns.

### **2015/In press**

Dobscha, S.K., **Morasco, B.J.**, Kovas, A. E., Peters, D.M., Hart, K., & McFarland, B.H. (In press). Short-term variability in pain intensity scores in a national sample of older veterans with chronic pain. *Pain Medicine*.

Ellis\*, C., Hoffman\*, W.F., Jaehnert, S., **Plagge, J.**, Loftis, J., Schwartz, D., & **Huckans, M.** (In press). Everyday problems with executive dysfunction and impulsivity in adults recovering from methamphetamine addiction. *Addictive Disorders and Their Treatments*. \*Contributed equally as first authors.

**Huckans, M.**, Fuller, B., Wheaton, V., Jaehnert, S., Ellis, C., Kolessar, M., Kriz, D., Anderson, J.R., Berggren, K., Olavarria, H., Sasaki, A.W., Chang, M., Flora, K., & Loftis, J. (Epub ahead of print). A longitudinal study evaluating the effects of interferon-alpha therapy on cognitive and psychiatric function in adults with chronic hepatitis C. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*. PMID: 25219976.

**Lovejoy, T.I.**, Dobscha, S.K., Turk, D.C., Weimer, M.B., & **Morasco, B.J.** (In press). Correlates of prescription opioid therapy in veterans with chronic pain and a history of substance use disorder. *Journal of Rehabilitation Research & Development*.

**Lovejoy, T.I.**, Heckman, T.G., Sikkema, K.J., Hansen, N.B., & Kochman, A. (2015). Changes in sexual behavior of HIV-infected older adults enrolled in a clinical trial of standalone group psychotherapies targeting depression. *AIDS and Behavior*, 19, 1-8. DOI 10.1007/s10461-014-0746-7

Lovejoy, J.P., Riffe, D., & **Lovejoy, T.I.** (2015). An examination of direct and indirect effects of media use on intentions to avoid unprotected sun exposure. *Health Communication*, 30, 261-270. DOI: 10.1080/10410236.2013.842526

**Morasco, B.J., Greaves, D.W., Lovejoy, T.I.**, Turk, D.C., Dobscha, S.K., & Hauser, P. (2015, May). Development and preliminary evaluation of an integrated cognitive-behavior treatment for patients with the hepatitis C virus who have comorbid chronic pain and substance use disorder. Poster presented at the American Pain Society Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, CA.

**Morasco, B.J.**, Krebs, E.E., Cavanagh, R., Hyde, S., Crain, A., & Dobscha, S.K. (2015). Treatment changes following aberrant urine drug test results for patients prescribed chronic opioid therapy. *Journal of Opioid Management*, 11, 45-51.

**Storzbach, D., O'Neil, M.E., Tun, M.**, Iverson, G., Binder, L., Fann, J. & **Huckans, M.** (In press). Neuropsychological test performance of blast-exposed Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF) Veterans. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*.

### **2014**

Carr, M., **Goranson, A.**, & Drummond, D. (2014). Stalking of the mental health professional: Reducing risk and managing stalking behavior from patients. *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management*, 1(1), 4-22.

Donahue, J., **Goranson, A.**, McClure, K., & Van Male, L. (2014). Emotion dysregulation, negative affect, & aggression: A moderated, multiple mediator analysis. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *70*, 23-28.

**Huckans, M.** (2014, July). Traumatic brain injury (TBI) and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Invited lecture presented at the Portland International Neuroscience Symposium, Portland, Oregon, July 18, 2014.

**Huckans, M., Fuller, B.E.**, Olavarria, H., Sasaki, A.W., Chang, M., Flora, K.D., Kolessar, M., Kriz, D., Anderson, J.R., Vandenbark, A.A., & Loftis, J.M. (2014). Multi analyte profile (MAP) analysis of plasma immune proteins: Altered expression of the extracellular network of peripheral immune factors is associated with neuropsychiatric symptom severity in adults with and without chronic hepatitis C virus infection (HCV). *Brain and Behavior*, *4*(2), 123-42. PMID: 24683507.

Loftis, J.M., **Fuller, B.E.**, & **Huckans, M.** (2014, February). An immunotherapeutic approach to methamphetamine addiction targeting inflammation and neuropsychiatric symptoms. Oral presentation presented at the annual meeting of the Psychiatric Research Society, Park City, UT.

**Lovejoy, T.I.**, & Heckman, T.G. (2014). Depression moderates treatment efficacy of an HIV secondary prevention intervention for HIV-positive late middle-age and older adults. *Behavioral Medicine*, *40*, 124-133. DOI: 10.1080/08964289.2014.893982

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**Morasco, B.J., O'Neil, M.E.**, Duckart, J.P., & Ganzini, L. (2014). Health service use among Veterans with methamphetamine versus alcohol use disorders. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*, *8*, 47-52.

**O'Neil, M.E.**, Carlson, K.F., **Storzbach, D.**, Brenner, L.A., Freeman, M., Quinones, A.R., Motu'apuaka, M., & Kansagara, D. (2014). Factors associated with mild traumatic brain injury in Veterans and military personnel: a systematic review. *J Int Neuropsychol Soc*, *20*(3), 249-61.

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## 2013

**Goy, ER, Bohlig, A,** Carter, J, Ganzini L. (2013). Identifying Predictors of Hospice Eligibility in Patients With Parkinson Disease. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*.

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# Applying to the VAPORHCS Postdoctoral Fellowships

**Eligibility:** We seek candidates who are **US citizens** and will have completed an **APA-accredited doctoral program** in clinical or counseling psychology and an **APA-accredited internship** as of the start of the Fellowship. The dissertation and all doctoral degree requirements must be verified as completed prior to the fellowship start date. VAPORHCS encourages applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds and with a variety of experiences. As an equal opportunity training program, the fellowships welcome and strongly encourage applications from all qualified candidates, regardless of racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, disability, or other minority status.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VA TRAINING PROGRAMS

1. U.S. citizenship. VA is unable to consider applications from anyone who is not currently a U.S. citizen. Verification of citizenship is required following selection. All interns and fellows must complete a Certification of Citizenship in the United States prior to beginning VA training.
2. A male applicant born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the draft by age 26 to be eligible for any US government employment, including selection as a paid VA trainee. Male applicants must sign a pre-appointment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration before they can be processed into a training program. Exceptions can be granted only by the US Office of Personnel Management; exceptions are very rarely granted.
3. Interns and Fellows are subject to fingerprinting and background checks. Match result and selection decisions are contingent on passing these screens.
4. VA conducts drug screening exams on randomly selected personnel as well as new employees. Interns and Fellows are not required to be tested prior to beginning work, but once on staff they are subject to random selection for testing as are other employees.

## ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR INTERNSHIP

Internship applicants also must meet these criteria to be considered for any VA Psychology Internship Program:

1. Doctoral student in good standing at an APA-accredited graduate program in Clinical or Counseling psychology. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical or Counseling Psychology are also eligible.
2. Approved for internship status by graduate program training director.

## ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Postdoctoral fellowship applicants also must meet the following criteria to be considered for any VA Psychology Postdoctoral Program:

1. Have received a Doctorate from an APA-accredited graduate program in Clinical or Counseling Psychology. Persons with a doctorate in another area of psychology who meet the APA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical or Counseling Psychology are also eligible.
2. Have completed an internship program accredited by the APA Commission on Accreditation or have completed a VA-sponsored internship.

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## ELIGIBILITY FOR VA EMPLOYMENT

To be eligible for employment as a VA Psychologist, a person must be a U.S. citizen and must have completed an APA-accredited graduate program in Clinical or Counseling psychology AND must have completed an APA-accredited internship in Psychology, with the emphasis area of the degree consistent with the assignment for which the applicant is to be employed. The only exception is for those who complete a new VA internship that is not yet accredited.

### Selection Policies:

1. Selection of trainees is based on objective criteria derived from the Fellow's clinical experience (amount and diversity); scholarly preparation; personal maturity and significant life experience represented in cover letter essay; research competency, and the match of clinical interests to the emphasis area.
2. Applications are reviewed by the respective emphasis supervisors and the current postdoctoral trainee.
3. All things being equal, consideration is given to top applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds and with a variety of experiences across Veteran's status, racial, ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, disability, or other historically underrepresented groups.
4. Highly ranked applicants may be asked to participate in telephone interviews or teleconference interviews.
5. Selection decisions made by the emphasis supervisors and trainee are reviewed by the Fellowship Director for eligibility and overall programmatic fit. This includes review of initial applicants with an eye towards recruitment of excellent candidates reflecting diverse backgrounds.
6. Selection decisions may occur as early as the second week of January or into the spring depending upon a variety of factors. Applicants who are no longer under consideration will be notified as soon as possible.
7. Responsibilities. The supervisors of each emphasis area recruit and select the respective candidate for that training area. The Fellowship Director has oversight of the process and the option of final approval for any program candidate's selection.

**Deadlines: Applications must be received by December 11, 2015.** We will acknowledge receipt as quickly as possible, and interview highly qualified candidates once applications have been reviewed.

VAPORHCS plans to comply with APPIC recommended recruitment guidelines for the 2016-2017 recruitment cycle, and we will cooperate to the best of our ability with our partner VA training programs across the country. We plan to interview by phone, V-Tel, or Skype to minimize applicant burden. We have not yet determined our offer date, but will keep our applicants fully informed as the national process develops. We will make an early reciprocal offer for a top candidate if contacted with evidence of a competing offer; and we will permit applicants 4 hours to hold an offer from us.

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**Application Instructions:** The following materials are required:

1. A letter of interest (identifying the desired fellowship, a brief summary of your interests and qualifications for this specialty training, why you are interested in this position, and aspirations for your psychology career)
2. Curriculum Vitae (including a brief description of your internship rotations)
3. Three letters of recommendation (at least one from an internship supervisor)
4. A separate, brief memo from your graduate program Training Director or Dissertation Chair stating with certainty that you will complete all graduation requirements, **including the dissertation**, by the start date of the Fellowship (please do not embed this within a letter of recommendation).
5. Official graduate school transcripts

**We will use the APPA CAS system for application in the fall of 2015.**

<https://appicpostdoc.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

Applicants may apply to more than one emphasis area; if so please submit separate applications for each emphasis track; a specific letter of intent should be written individually for each emphasis application and submitted with a CV.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Amanda Bohlig, Fellowship Training Director (e-mail: [amanda.bohlig@va.gov](mailto:amanda.bohlig@va.gov) ; phone: 503-220-8262, ext. 34022) with any questions.

Note: VA interns and fellows are subject to all employment rules applying to federal employees.