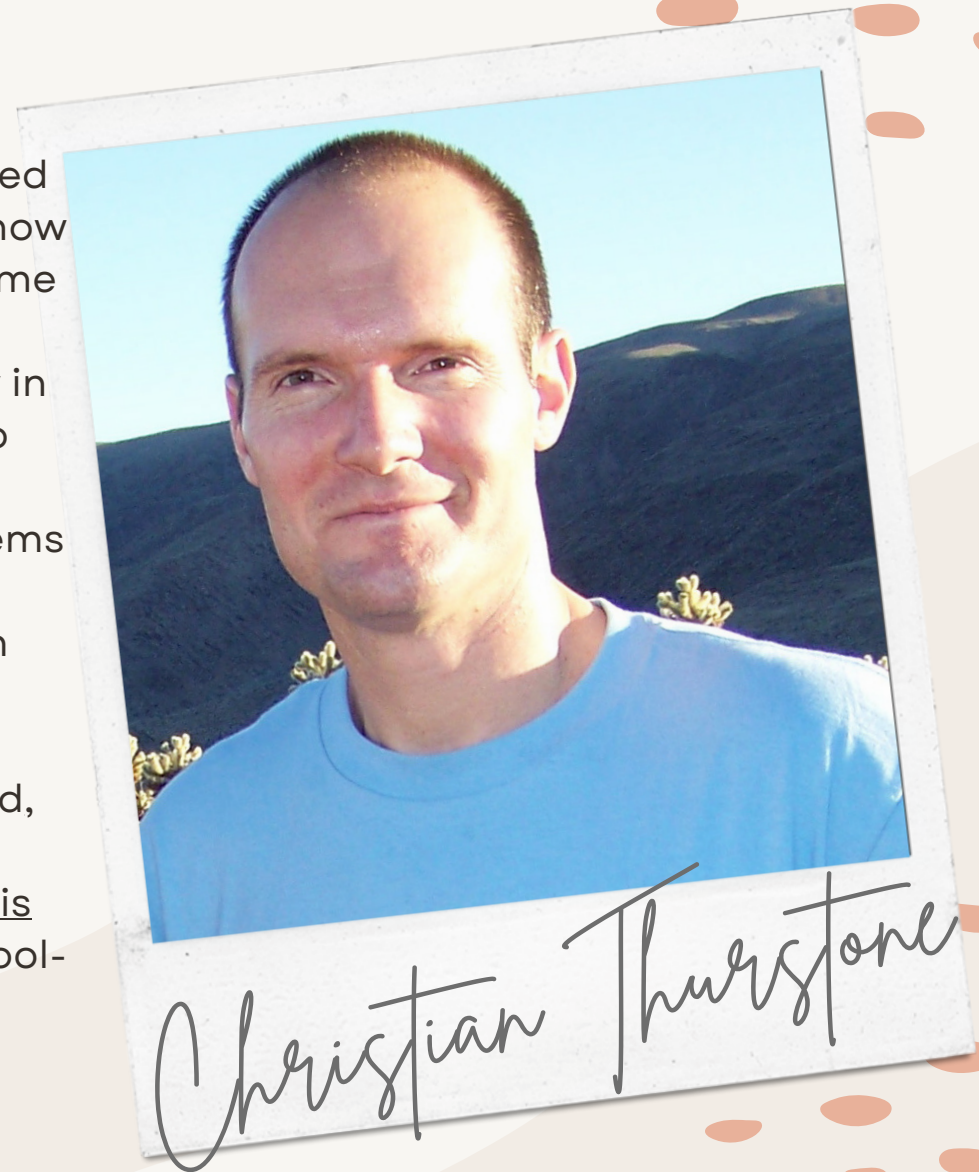


Announcing Rackham Non-Traditional Fellowship *Recipient*



Chris Thurstone started his career as a public school teacher and high school tennis coach. From there, he went to medical school to become a child psychiatrist and addiction psychiatrist. He spent the last 20 years working at Denver's safety-net hospital, where he helped start adolescent substance treatment programs that now cares for about 800 families every year. When he became aware of the suicide, PTSD, and traumatic brain injury problems for U.S. Service Members, he joined the Army in 2012 as a psychiatrist. He later had two deployments to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Chris first heard about Learning Health Systems in 2022, and it was love at first sight. It provides all the tools he had been looking for to do pragmatic research that achieves better outcomes for all adolescents with substance use or misuse. Chris recently turned a final paper for a HILS class into a published manuscript titled, Program Evaluation to Aid Choice of Aripiprazole or Risperidone for Hospitalized Adolescents with Psychosis and Cannabis Use Disorder. Another paper titled, "School-based Services May Eliminate Substance Treatment Disparities: Results from a non-randomized Program Evaluation," which also uses LHS principles, is in press. Congratulations!!



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