MICHIGAN MEDICINE AND VA ANN ARBOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM POSTDOCTORAL CONSORTIUM IN ADULT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

2019 POSTDOCTORAL RESIDENCY BROCHURE
Application Deadline: December 14, 2018

Four positions anticipated beginning in September 2019

- 1 Adult Position (Michigan Medicine)
- 2 Adult Position (VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System)
- 1 Adult Women’s Position (VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System)

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MICHMED/VAAAHS Consortium Overview
Michigan Medicine (MICHMED) and the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System (VAAAHS) have joined programmatic forces to create a Training Network in Professional Psychology, consisting of two consortial programs and one non-consortial program. The two consortial programs are Clinical Neuropsychology and Clinical Psychology, and the nonconsortial program is in Clinical Child Psychology. All three programs are accredited by the American Psychological Association (next site visit 2020). The overall Training Network is led by the Network Training Committee Chair, J. Todd Arnedt, Ph.D.

MICHMED and VAAAHS provide a rich interdisciplinary training environment with seminars, invited lectures, and opportunities for collaboration with faculty across disciplines and departments. The training philosophy of the programs in the training network is a scientist-practitioner model. The institutional philosophy and values of all of the programs are focused on normative healthcare ethical values of beneficence, non-malfeasance, and social contract in a context of public service. The central goal and mission of the training network is to contribute to the development of competent clinical psychologists. To serve this overall goal, the training network welcomes applications from individuals who have graduated from accredited clinical/counseling psychology programs. The program selects candidates whose academic and clinical preparation, supervisor recommendations, and perceived synergy with our programs are ideally suited. Thus, we hope to identify postdoctoral fellows who demonstrate a readiness to learn. To that end, the training network provides the breadth and depth of experiences in assessment, treatment, consultation, and scholarly support of practice and research.

Fellows in the Clinical Psychology Consortium complete training after one year; fellows at the MICHMED site of the Consortium have the option to extend their training into a second year, to enhance their research and advanced clinical training portfolio. Questions about the accreditation and the accreditation process can be addressed to:

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Clinical Adult Psychology
The Clinical Psychology focus provides specialty training in the acquisition and application of evidence-based practice in clinical adult psychology. Clinical training occurs in interprofessional settings with a specialized research emphasis for each fellow. In keeping with the goals of the broader training program, the Clinical Psychology focus develops professionals with the specialty training necessary to accurately assess, diagnose, and provide treatment to individuals with a variety of psychiatric disorders throughout their lifespan. Fellows select a preferred primary site (MICHMED or VAAAHS) when applying to the program, although clinical and research experiences can be obtained at either site. Our program prepares fellows to direct clinical programs, educate professional psychologists, and perform programmatic research. Clinical research opportunities are available in the following areas: mood and anxiety disorders; women’s mental health; sleep disorders and health psychology; PTSD; substance use disorders; psychotic disorders; and mental health recovery.

For the 2019-2020 class, the MICHMED/VAAAHS Clinical Psychology Consortium will be recruiting 4 fellows for the following positions (more than one position can be ranked per applicant):

- MICHMED-Adult (1 position available)
- VAAAHS-Adult (2 positions available)
- VAAAHS-Adult Women’s (1 position available)
Clinical Psychology Sections

Michigan Medicine (MICHMED) Clinical Adult Section
The MICHMED Clinical Adult Section provides outpatient assessment, consultation, and treatment services across the range of adult psychiatric disorders.

MICHMED Facilities
MICHMED consists of hospitals, health centers, and clinics owned and operated by the University. At its core is the UM Medical Center, a large, attractive interconnected complex of contemporary buildings, located virtually in the center of Ann Arbor, a focal point of the city and the University campus. Major facilities consist of the University Hospital (UH), the Cancer and Geriatric Centers, and the Maternal and Child Health Center (MCHC), which is comprised of Mott Children’s Hospital, Von Voigtlander Women’s Hospital, and the Holden Neonatal Unit. The UM Hospitals have a total bed capacity of 809. The UM Medical Center provides more ambulatory patient care visits than any other academic medical center in the country, approximating 1.6 million annually. The East Ann Arbor Medical Campus, Kellogg Eye Center, Turner Geriatric Center, and the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Hospital and Health System are in close proximity. Adding to the University’s research capabilities in 2009, UM acquired the North Campus Research Complex—formerly the Pfizer property—which is close to the East Ann Arbor Medical Campus, and encompasses four parcels of land and 30 buildings. The acquisition added nearly two million square feet of sophisticated laboratory facilities and administrative space, along with furnishings.

Postdoctoral activities for Adult Clinical Psychology fellows take place primarily in the Department of Psychiatry’s Depression and Ambulatory Care Center within the Rachel Upjohn Building, a state-of-the-art facility located on the East Ann Arbor Medical Campus that was completed in 2006. This building includes over 39,000 net square feet (over 54,000 BGSF), and provides key new laboratories for current PHS-funded investigators, clinical investigation facilities and offices, educational facilities, and treatment clinics.

VAAAHS Clinical Adult Section
The VAAAHS Clinical Adult Section has a long history of evaluating and treating Veterans in acute and long-term care inpatient, outpatient, and rehabilitation settings.

VAAAHS Facilities
The Ann Arbor VA Medical Center is located adjacent to the University of Michigan campus and medical center. Our medical center is a 105-bed general medical-surgical hospital, which includes an inpatient psychiatric unit, outpatient mental health clinics, substance abuse disorders treatment and extensive medical and other psychiatric outpatient and recovery services. The Community Living Center (CLC), specializing in short-term geriatric work, is attached to the Medical Center. Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) provide outpatient mental health services to Veterans in the VAAAHS catchment area but residing nearer to Jackson, Michigan; Flint, Michigan; and Toledo, Ohio. Mental Health facilities have been fully updated in the past few years. Offices for fellows have modern support facilities, with full computer access to the University of Michigan information systems and library, as well as VAAAHS information systems.
Education
In addition to core curriculum, fellows in the MICHMED/VAAAHS Clinical Psychology Consortium have several unique learning opportunities, ranging from targeted coursework to visiting lectures. Educational opportunities include both mandatory training requirements designed to ensure smooth and consistent progress throughout the training program, and optional training opportunities that can be pursued to enrich the training experience to the extent that there is available time.

**Required:**
- Weekly Professional Development Seminar
- Weekly Grand Rounds
- Monthly Postdoctoral Forum
- Monthly Bioethics Conference (Mandatory Twice Per Year)

**Optional as time permits:**
- Section meetings
- Invited Lecturers throughout the MICHDMED and VAAAHS

Teaching/Supervision Experiences
Fellows are provided with the opportunity to perform clinical supervision of predoctoral practicum students and interns. Additional supervision of undergraduate students who work with faculty and fellows on a wide variety of research projects is also available. In addition, fellows may also provide assistance in teaching seminars with faculty members. Fellows also take part in an annual half-day supervision skills workshop.

Clinical Psychology: Clinical Experiences
Adult fellows develop individualized training plans comprised of experiences selected by the fellows in conjunction with their primary faculty mentor. Clinical experiences typically account for 50% of the fellow’s experience and may be a combination of experiences at either the MICHMED or VAAAHS site from those described below. The following figure provides an overview of the clinical experiences at the two sites:
**Michigan Medicine**

**Adult Anxiety and Depression Programs**
The adult anxiety and depression programs provide individual and group Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for patients with anxiety, depression, and comorbid disorders. Psychiatry fellows receive training in CBT for anxiety disorders and depression, and psychology postdoctoral fellows, social work fellows, and practicum students may obtain supervised experience treating these disorders.

**Behavioral Sleep Medicine (BSM) Clinic**
The BSM Clinic conducts initial consultations and follow-up visits (individual and group therapy modalities) for adults 18 years of age and older with sleep disorders amenable to evidence-based sleep treatments (e.g., CBT for insomnia). The primary referrals to the BSM clinic are for insomnia, hypnotic discontinuation, circadian rhythm sleep-wake disorders, and adherence to medical regimens (e.g., Continuous Positive Airway Pressure, CPAP). Many initial consultations are conducted in a multidisciplinary context, where clinical psychologists work side-by-side with sleep medicine physicians. Fellows are additionally encouraged to rotate through other UMHS sleep-related clinics, including the General Sleep Disorders, Pediatric Sleep Clinic, and Alternatives to CPAP Clinic, where they gain exposure to various medical specialties involved in the care of patients with sleep disorders. (e.g., Neurology, Pulmonology, Pediatrics, Otolaryngology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery).

**Early Psychosis (PREP) Clinic**
The PREP Clinic conducts initial consultations and early interventions for adolescents and young adults 14 years of age and older presenting with early psychosis or symptoms suggestive of increased risk for developing a psychotic disorder (attenuated psychosis syndrome or “prodromal” psychosis). We are the only early psychosis clinic in southeast Michigan. Our treatment focuses on evidence-based psychosocial interventions, including individual CBT for psychosis (CBTp), family psychoeducation, case management, and group therapy. Medication treatments are also available when appropriate. We are a multidisciplinary team consisting of clinicians and researchers from multiple disciplines, including clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers. Fellows have the opportunities to learn and provide specialized assessments and individual, family, and group interventions for this young population. Fellows are also encouraged to participate in local educational outreach activities to help promote early detection and intervention on campus and in the community.

**University of Michigan Addiction Treatment Service (UMATS)**
The University of Michigan Addiction Treatment Service is an outpatient substance use disorder treatment center located in the Department of Psychiatry, Rachel Upjohn Building. In addition to psychiatric services (medication management, outpatient detoxification, and opioid substitution treatment), psychotherapy services include intensive outpatient programming, aftercare groups, dual diagnosis groups, family/couple’s therapy, individual therapy, treatment for healthcare professionals, and a blended motivational interviewing/psychoeducational group. Fellows will work collaboratively in our interdisciplinary team of psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, and certified addiction nurses to treat patients with substance use or dual diagnoses. Fellows will conduct individual and group therapies and have the opportunity to receive specialized training in Motivational Interviewing and Behavioral Couple’s Therapy, in addition to cognitive behavioral approaches.

**Women and Infants Mental Health Clinic**
The WIMHC is an outpatient clinic in the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Michigan Health System. Our clinic is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, nurse-practitioners, psychologists, and social workers. Trainees on the team include psychology practicum students, psychiatry fellows, and social work interns and fellows. As a tertiary care clinic, we specialize in assessment and treatment of mental health conditions in women, primarily during pregnancy, postpartum,
and other times of hormonal change (e.g., perimenopause). We also offer dyadic-based psychotherapy services for mothers and their infants and young children. As one of very few clinics in Michigan that specialize in perinatal mental health, we serve a diverse population, often with medical and psychiatric comorbidities. As part of this rotation, postdoctoral fellows complete a mentorship in Interpersonal Psychotherapy.

**VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System**

**Health Psychology**
The health psychology offerings emphasize functional assessments and brief interventions for patients presenting in ambulatory care settings. Exposure to interprofessional practice and the “medical home” model are important elements in learning. The fellow can gain experience with chronic pain management, MOVE! Weight Management and other patient education programs, and tobacco cessation services with some additional options. Working with the Pain Clinic and Primary Care (and Brent Coy, Ph.D.), the fellow can learn to provide comprehensive, bio-psychosocial assessments and provide integrated CBT-based chronic pain management services. Fellows can be integral part of the MOVE! Weight Management, Diabetes Education, or Cardiac/Pulmonary Rehabilitation, facilitating behavior change enhancement and stress management classes in these programs. Using Motivational Interviewing (MI) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) principles, the fellows may collaborate with Pharmacy and Nursing to offer tobacco cessation services as well. Integrated care opportunities are also available with Oncology, Women’s Health and the Sleep Clinics. The fellows may also conduct organ transplant and/or bariatric surgery mental health evaluations. Therefore, assessment and consultation skills, and both individual and group intervention modalities are available experiences. We aim to provide the fellow with experience in working as part of medical teams in different parts of the hospital setting, consult with referring providers, and practice serving as a representative of the field of psychology in the broader healthcare setting.

**Mental Health Clinic (MHC)**
Training opportunities in the Mental Health Clinic include thorough and careful diagnostic assessment and psychotherapy training with a wide variety of outpatient clients. Fellows may learn risk assessment and crisis intervention strategies, interviewing and assessment skills, and other screening techniques. Individual therapy cases and group therapy experiences (e.g., depression and anxiety) are available. The clinic offers opportunities to work closely with a variety of mental health professionals. Treatment approaches include empirically supported strategies, such as CBT, Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), MI, and Solution-Focused/Strategic Therapies. There are opportunities for fellows to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds who present with a wide range of psychopathology. There is flexibility to accommodate individual fellow interests in terms of caseload, development and implementation of treatment groups, and program assessment and evaluation activities.

**Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team (PCT)**
The PCT functions as an outpatient specialty clinic within the medical center. This multi-disciplinary team provides comprehensive assessment, treatment, and research-based protocols to patients with PTSD. The fellow may attend teaching rounds, perform assessments, and follow cases within this specialty clinic. Fellows will have opportunities for training and practice in specialized PTSD evaluation and empirically supported treatments, including Prolonged Exposure (PE) and Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). In addition to weekly individual supervision, fellows participate in weekly PCT staff meetings. This includes clinical case presentations, evaluation presentations, and didactic presentations on topics related to PTSD.

**Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery (PSR&R)**
The Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery (PSR&R) offers training opportunities across multiple
specialty clinics (e.g., Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery Center; Mental Health Intensive Case Management, Acute Inpatient Mental Health, Compensated Work Therapy, etc.) spanning the full continuum of care. The focus of PSR&R is weighted towards improving Veterans’ functioning, and role functioning. This means we work to help individuals develop and pursue their personal living, learning, and socialization goals in an effort to help them move forward in their mental health recovery. PSR&R offers multiple opportunities in initial and diagnostic assessments; recovery action planning; group-based EBPs (e.g., Cognitive Behavioral Social Skills Training, Illness Management & Recovery, Dual Diagnosis, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy, Wellness Recovery Action Planning, etc.); individual therapy (e.g., CBT for Psychosis and Solution-Focused approaches); community-based work helping Veterans apply the skills they’ve learned or developed; program development and evaluation; and working with peer-based services. Additional PSR&R opportunities are also available in the areas of home visits (MHICM), outreach, and working with community partners.

Substance Use Disorders Section (SUDC & SUD IOP)
The SUD experiences include opportunities for training in assessment and diagnosis, treatment planning, participating in multidisciplinary treatment, and training in empirically supported intervention approaches for individuals with substance use disorders with and without comorbidities. Psychological treatment approaches across levels of care include Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), Motivational Interviewing/Enhancement Therapy, Behavioral Couples Therapy, Harm Reduction, Mindfulness Based Relapse Prevention, and Contingency Management. The clinic provides core therapy groups using CBT, as well as a number of specialty interventions, (e.g., emotion regulation, IMR, behavioral pain management, insomnia treatment). There are opportunities for fellows to work with individuals presenting with a wide range of psychopathology from diverse backgrounds in both inpatient and outpatient settings. There is also flexibility to accommodate individual fellow interests in terms of caseload, development/implementation of treatment groups, program assessment/evaluation, and research activities.

Telemental Health Services
The VA is dedicated to improving access to care for Veterans using telehealth and telemedicine. Telemental health (TMH) is rapidly becoming the wave of the future, with ample opportunity for research and program development. Fellows interested in telemental health services will have the opportunity to conduct evidence-based evaluations and interventions for a wide variety of mental health disorders using clinical video technology (CVT) to the community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCS), community partners, and to Veterans’ homes. Specific evidence-based modalities available include cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) for depression and anxiety, CBT-Insomnia, CBT-Chronic Pain, ACT, and Behavioral Couples Therapy (BCT). Common presenting concerns include depressive disorders, bipolar disorders, and anxiety disorders. However, the TMH team gets all types of referrals and will work with fellows to assign cases that fit interests or learning needs. In supervision, special attention will be paid to development and maintenance of therapeutic rapport, as well as risk assessment and safety procedures using this modality. Fellows will gain experience developing and navigating relationships with administrative and clinical staff at multiple locations. They will also attend weekly telemental health team meetings, which includes case consultation as well as administrative topics that are important in promoting and disseminating the telemental health service.

Women Veterans’ Mental Health
This experience involves evidence-based care in the outpatient mental health clinics (MHC, SUDC, and PCT) and/or health clinics. The Women’s VAAAHS Fellow may elect to focus in a single clinic or can collaborate with supervisors to incorporate clinical care opportunities from multiple clinics and sites. The focus on women’s mental or behavioral health training may involve participation in both individual and group therapy offerings specifically for women Veterans and training in common intersections between military culture, gender issues, and other aspects of diversity. Options include trauma-focused treatments for PTSD (CPT, PE), DBT, Interpersonal Violence, Wellness Group for Women, Military Sexual Trauma
evaluation and interventions for women, and brief interventions within the Substance Use Disorders Clinics. Fellows with interest in providing trauma-focused therapy with Women Veterans diagnosed with PTSD are required to attend the PE and CPT trainings at the beginning of the fellow year. Fellows may be integrated into the Women’s Health Clinic (4 hours per week) to provide consultation/liaison and/or brief interventions to women presenting for specialty medical assessments or care. There are several current research options available throughout the service. Fellows are afforded many opportunities to be integrally involved in administrative activities (i.e., membership in the Women Veterans’ Mental Health Working Group, projects associated with mental health service aspects of the AAVHA Women Veterans’ Programming Committee).

Couples & Family Intervention
Fellows may have the opportunity to see couples utilizing the Behavioral Couples Therapy Model (BCT), Behavioral Family Therapy for SMI, and the Integrative Behavioral Couples Therapy model (IBCT). Cases may be referred for numerous presenting problems (marital distress, substance use, SPMI, etc.). Fellows may also provide evidence-based CBT for partner abuse. Opportunities for providing parenting skills training for Veterans and family education are also available. Opportunities for administrative activities are available as well through involvement in the family services work group.

Additional Opportunities

Compensation & Pension
Fellows have the opportunity to interview, observe, and assess Veterans seeking financial compensation for a broad range of psychological disorders. The central responsibilities of the experience involve psychological and neuropsychological assessment of Veterans across the adult lifespan. These evaluations involve conducting and integrative review of the Veteran's Claims File (service medical records, etc.), computerized records, interview, and administration of psychometric measures. Fellows are introduced to the idea of rendering a “medical opinion” in the context of a medico-legal evaluation.

Psychological Assessment
Fellows may practice and learn our battery of neuropsychological tests at the start of the year in addition to reviewing standard objective and personality test procedures. Psychological testing experience includes not only interpretation of tests, but also organization and integration of interview and historical data.

Clinical Adult Psychology: Research Experiences
We believe that progress in understanding human behavior can come from testing hypotheses generated from clinical observations. Research involvement is a necessary component of the modern clinical psychologist and therefore is a significant emphasis of the Clinical Adult Psychology training program. Fellows typically select a research component to their training plan ranging from 10-40% of their training time at the VAAAHS. Here, fellows are encouraged to work with a faculty member’s current research or produce a small original study that complements the interest of a faculty psychologist who could serve as a mentor for the project. MICHMED fellows are matched with an academic/research mentor and spend roughly 40% of their time in research activities, with an emphasis on development and execution of original scientific work as well as manuscript/grant writing.

Consortium training faculty are involved in many kinds of clinical research efforts, including VAAAHS and NIH funded projects (often in conjunction with other University of Michigan faculty). These activities provide students with knowledge of psychology’s interface with related health disciplines. Faculty is involved with projects in a variety of departments, such as Surgery, Psychiatry, Neurology, Internal Medicine, Neuroscience, the VAAAHS Serious Mental Illness Treatment Research and Evaluation Center (SMITREC), the University of Michigan Addiction Research Center (UMARC), and
the Mental Health Research Institute. All fellows have access to the wealth of research-related resources at the University of Michigan, such as the Center for Statistical Research and Consultation (CSCAR) and Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR). Training faculty is also involved as members of NIH or VAAAHS Research Committees and can introduce the fellow to the elements of good peer research review. In a similar fashion, a number of faculty are active on editorial boards as editors, board members, or regular reviewers of research manuscripts and can mentor fellows on how constructive peer reviews can improve the quality and utility of research.

Current Fellows
- **Lee Eshelman, Ph.D.** (VAAAHS- Women’s Health): Miami University; University of Wisconsin-Madison *(internship)*
- **Katherine Fedele, Ph.D.** (VAAAHS-Adult): University of Akron; Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center *(internship)*
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behavioral treatments for substance use disorders and co-morbid mental health conditions. Dr. Bonar is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers. She is the primary supervisor for the clinical rotation in the UMHS Addiction Treatment Service. Her research interests include: applications of mobile and digital media technologies to assessment and intervention for substance use and related risk behaviors, brief interventions using motivational interviewing principles, and prevention of substance use problems and related outcomes (e.g., injury, violence, HIV) in adolescents and emerging adults. Her research has received support from NIDA, NIAAA, and the Fordham University Research Ethics Training Institute. Dr. Bonar is also an Editorial Fellow (2015-2016) for the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.

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**Carol Lindsay-Westphal, Ph.D.**
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Dr. Lindsay-Westphal is a Staff Psychologist at AAVHA and a Clinical Instructor with the University of Michigan Medical School. She earned her degree in Clinical Psychology from Northwestern University, where she completed the health psychology training track. Her primary interest is facilitating lifestyle change for enhanced health. During her career she has worked in tobacco cessation, the VA’s MOVE Program for weight management, psychology training, and the outpatient Mental Health Clinic. She holds VA certification in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Depression, and Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD. As the Bariatric Psychologist, she completes pre-surgical psychosocial evaluations for weight loss surgery candidates, and assists with their pre- and post-surgical adaptation. Dr. Lindsay-Westphal also enjoys trainee supervision and contributing to the multidisciplinary Bariatric Surgery Team.
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Saudia Major, PhD, is a Clinical Psychologist at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI. She works in the Home Based Primary Care program, serving geriatric Veterans who suffer from chronic, medical ailments and subsequent depression and anxiety. Dr. Major also provides behavioral health services to seniors in skilled nursing facilities throughout SE Michigan. Dr. Major earned her doctorate in Clinical-Community Psychology from the University of South Carolina. She completed her internship and residency at Florida State Hospital, a forensic psychiatric hospital in Chattahoochee, FL. She has volunteered for the NMSS since 2004, and was a member of the NMSS North Florida Chapter Clinical Advisory Committee during her residence in FL. Clinical interests include suicide prevention, dementia, & caregiver stress. Dr. Major has been involved in research exploring the benefits of exercise on disease management, specifically mental illness and Multiple Sclerosis. Prior areas of research have included attachment theory, relationship satisfaction, and cardiovascular reactivity.

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Dr. Morris is a Clinical Psychologist in the outpatient Substance Use Disorder Clinic (SUDC). He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri and completed postdoctoral training at the University of Michigan/VAAAHS consortium where he specialized in the treatment of SUD with particular emphasis on dual diagnoses. His clinical interests include utilization of measurement-based care to enhance treatment outcomes and evidence-based treatments for SUD and commonly co-occurring disorders. His research primarily focuses on better understanding how the co-occurrence of SUD with other psychiatric conditions (e.g., TBI, chronic pain, insomnia) relates to substance-related consequences, particularly interpersonal violence, and treatment engagement. Dr. Morris also is actively involved in a variety of research projects across the mental health service.
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Dr. Nelson is a Clinical Psychologist and the Local Recovery Coordinator for the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, and holds an Assistant Professorship with the University of Michigan Medical School. He serves as the VA lead for the UM/VA Adult Track of the Postdoctoral Consortium. Dr. Nelson completed his doctoral degree at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and attended an Interprofessional Postdoctoral Fellowship in Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery at the San Diego VA. His clinical interests include psychosocial rehabilitation, cognitive-behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, psychosocial/psychiatric rehabilitation, and mental health recovery for individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness, particularly psychotic-based disorders. His research concentrates on psychophysiological indices of attentional and affective processes, motivational factors promoting mental health recovery, and computer-based interventions.

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Dr. Porter is a Clinical and Research Psychologist at AAVHS and Clinical Assistant Professor with the University of Michigan Medical School. She earned her doctoral degree at Eastern Michigan University. She currently serves as PI for multisite treatment outcome study and provides oversight of the VAAAHS practica training experiences. Dr. Porter’s clinical and research foci include treatment outcomes with Veterans experiencing PTSD; improving access to care and retention in empirically supported PTSD interventions; the intersections of trauma and somatic/pain complaints; trauma and aging; outcomes for Veterans with co-occurring legal problems; suicide and high risk behaviors; psychometric qualities of assessment instruments; and differential diagnoses specific to anxiety. She is actively involved in several research activities with the PTSD Research Team. In addition, Dr. Porter has an interest in applied biomedical ethics and is currently co-chair for ethics consultation within VAAAHS.

Jessica Schubert, Ph.D.
Mental Health Clinic (MHC)

Dr. Schubert is a Staff Psychologist in the outpatient Mental Health Clinic. She earned her Ph.D. from Binghamton University (SUNY) with focus in EBPs for anxiety disorders. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Durham Veterans Affairs Medical Center and her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry. Her fellowship emphasized both research and clinical practice with a dual concentration in Behavioral Sleep Medicine and Anxiety Disorders. Dr. Schubert’s clinical and research interests include improving the quality, efficiency, and dissemination of EBPs for anxiety disorders and understanding the impact of sleep disturbance on mental health as it relates to treatment outcomes.
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Dr. Sexton is the Women Veterans’ Mental Health Coordinator, a Staff Psychologist in the PTSD Clinic, and a Clinical Assistant Professor with the University of Michigan Medical School. She obtained her Ph.D. in at Eastern Michigan University and postdoctoral training at the UM Medical School. Her primary clinical work entails evaluation and therapy services related to trauma (PTSD and other clinical presentations associated with interpersonal violence and military/non-military sexual trauma). She supervises the Women Veterans’ Mental Health and Applied Research rotations, facilitates trainee engagement in women’s mental health administration, and provides training in the assessment and treatment of disordered sleep. She is the PI on a study examining Veterans’ engagement, retention, and clinical outcomes following military sexual trauma (MST) and Co-PI on the Mental Health Services’ study on mental and medical outcomes and service use utilizing psychosocial, clinical, laboratory, and other clinical indicators. Her primary research interests are PTSD; MST and other interpersonal traumas; sleep; perinatal mental health; program evaluation; psychometrics; and predictors of treatment engagement, retention, and outcome.

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Dr. Smith is the Chief of the PTSD Clinical Team service. She holds a Clinical Instructor position with the Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan Medical School. She attained her doctoral degree from Fuller Seminary and completed postdoctoral training in PTSD at the Ann Arbor VA. Administratively, Dr. Smith oversees the coordination of clinical and evaluation services in the PCT. Dr. Smith is a certified trainer and consultant in Prolonged Exposure (PE) Therapy and provides supervision of Interns utilizing PE or Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT). Her clinical and research interests entail evidence-based interventions for PTSD, development of clinical interventions for PTSD, provision of evidence-based PTSD interventions in group formats, perceived perpetration, and spirituality and trauma.

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Dr. Swanson, Ph.D., CBSM, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Swanson obtained her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Alabama. She completed her clinical internship at the Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System, followed by a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Swanson’s research and clinical work are focused on sleep and circadian rhythms in perinatal mental health, with a particular interest in sleep-based interventions to improve outcomes in perinatal depression. Dr. Swanson is a primary clinical supervisor in the Women and Infants Mental Health Clinic and she also provides supervision within the Behavioral Sleep Medicine Clinic. Her research has received support through NHLBI.
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Dr. Tso is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan. Dr. Tso obtained her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical psychology at the University of Michigan Medical School. Dr. Tso is a licensed clinical psychologist and is specialized in assessment and psychotherapy for schizophrenia and psychotic disorders. She directs the psychological treatment services of the PREP Clinic, currently the only clinic in southeast Michigan dedicated to evaluation and treatment of early and prodromal psychosis. She serves as the clinical supervisor in the Early Psychosis (PREP) clinical rotation. Dr. Tso’s research focuses on social cognition in schizophrenia and bipolar disorders. She uses electrophysiological (EEG/ERP) and neuroimaging (fMRI) methods to investigate neural mechanisms underlying altered socio-emotional functions in these disorders. Her research has received support through NIH/MICHR, American Psychological Foundation, and the Depression Center.

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Dr. Valentine is a Clinical Psychologist at the Ann Arbor VA Medical Center. She completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine at the University of North Texas. She served on active-duty in the United States Air Force during her internship and post-doctoral training. During her time in the military, she worked as a staff provider in the Mental Health Clinic, an element leader in the substance abuse prevention and treatment program, and as suicide prevention program manager. She serves as primary supervisor for the telemental health minor rotation. Clinical interests include providing evidence-based psychotherapies to rural and remote veterans and health behavior change. Her past research has focused on posttraumatic growth and meaning making following stressful events. Current research interests include efficacy and effectiveness of telemental health services, as well as quality improvement projects for the telemental health team.

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Dr. VanderVeen is the Chief of the Substance Use Disorder – Intensive Outpatient Clinic (SUD-IOP), Acting Chief of the Substance Use Disorders Clinic (SUDC), and holds a Clinical Assistant Professor position with the Department of Psychiatry, University of Michigan Medical School. He earned his doctoral degree at Texas Tech University and completed his internship at the University of Mississippi / Jackson VA consortium. Following this, Dr. VanderVeen completed a postdoctoral fellowship with an emphasis on substance use and co-occurring PTSD at the VA in Jackson. Dr. VanderVeen’s current clinical activities entail the use of motivational interviewing and evidence based practices for the treatment of substance use disorders. In regards to his research, Dr. VanderVeen’s interests have focused on substance use and the prevention of relapse. Specifically, he is interested in risk
and resilience factors, such as impulsivity, as measures of relapse and repeated use of treatment services. Dr. VanderVeen has also published several articles on training and competency measures within clinical psychology doctoral programs as well as the internship match.

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Dr. Warren, Ph.D., ABPP, is a Clinical Associate Professor in Psychiatry in the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Warren obtained his Ph.D. in Psychology at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon, and completed his clinical internship at the University Counseling Center at UO in Eugene and the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Warren is certified by the American Board of Professional Psychologists. Dr. Warren’s primary research interests include assessment and treatment of worry and self-criticism; self-compassion interventions; and the effectiveness of evidence-based CBT treatment of anxiety disorders. He is on the editorial board of the Journal of Rational Emotive and Cognitive Behavior Therapy and serves as a reviewer for conference submissions to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA). He is a member of the ABCT CBT Definition Task Force of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies. Dr. Warren conducts the CBT for Depression Mentorship for psychiatry fellows, clinical social workers, and nurse practitioners and provides both individual and group CBT for adults with anxiety and depression.

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Dr. Winters serves as the Training Director of the VAAAHS training programs. She is the Acting Associate Chief and Chief Psychologist of the Mental Health Service and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry. She earned her doctoral degree at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Research Institute on Addictions. Dr. Winters is closely involved with Interns throughout the programming year and supervises several of the available rotations. Her clinical activities entail substance use disorder and treatment, substance use and violence, behavioral couples therapy, intimate partner violence, Motivational Interviewing, and implementation of empirically supported treatments. Dr. Winters focuses on research elucidating factors associated with substance use disorders and treatment outcome, substance use and violence, behavioral couples therapy, and intimate partner violence.
ANN ARBOR LIFE AND COMMUNITY

The University of Michigan and VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System are located within the mid-sized city of Ann Arbor. The 2010 Census recorded its population to be 113,934, making it the sixth largest city in Michigan. Ann Arbor is renowned for its cultural offerings and is home to an avid base of sport enthusiasts. Ann Arbor has you covered year-round, whether you enjoy arts, sports or recreational activities, shopping, festivals, casual or fine dining, family-friendly activities, or nightlife. Ann Arbor is also home to award winning public schools and higher learning universities and colleges. For further information please visit www.visitannarbor.org.

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America's Best Main Streets, Fodor's Travel, 2014
Clinical Psychology Application Process

The application deadline for the Clinical Psychology Consortium residency is December 14, 2018. An application cover sheet with instructions can be downloaded at https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/psychiatry/education/other-programs/psychology-postdoctoral-training.

Application materials include:

1) A completed application cover sheet
2) Letter of interest/Statement of future goals
3) Graduate School transcripts
4) CV
5) 3 letters of recommendation

For general questions about the program, contact Jessica Hamden, the Psychology Postdoctoral Residency Training Program coordinator (UM-VA-PostdocApply@umich.edu or 734-763-4872). For specific inquiries about opportunities at the MICHMED site, contact J. Todd Arnedt, Ph.D., University of Michigan Training Program Director (tarnedt@med.umich.edu); for questions about the VAAAHS site, contact Beau Nelson, Ph.D. VA Ann Arbor Track Lead (Clayton.Nelson2@va.gov).

The MICHMED/VAAAHS Consortium offers stipends ranging from $48,432 to $53,177 for 1st and 2nd year fellows, respectively. In addition, fellows are eligible for medical benefits, paid vacation days, and travel support for professional development.

Candidate interviews take place typically in January and February. Onsite or electronic interviewing options are available. After a review of applications, individuals will be contacted for interview.

Eligibility Requirements for Psychology trainees in VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) adheres to all Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action policies. As a Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Health Professions Trainee (HPT), you will receive a Federal appointment, and the following requirements will apply prior to that appointment.

1. U.S. Citizenship. HPTs who receive a direct stipend (pay) must be U.S. citizens. Trainees who are not VA paid (without compensation-WOC) who are not U.S. citizens may be appointed and must provide current immigrant, non-immigrant or exchange visitor documents.

2. U.S. Social Security Number. All VA appointees must have a U.S. social security number (SSN) prior to beginning the pre-employment, on-boarding process at the VA.

3. Selective Service Registration. Male applicants born after 12/31/1959 must have registered for the Selective Service by age 26 to be eligible for U.S. government employment, including selection as a paid or WOC VA trainee. For additional information about the Selective Service System, and to register or to check your registration status visit https://www.sss.gov/. Anyone who was required to register but did not register before the age of 26 will need to apply for a Status Information Letter (SIL) and request a waiver. Waivers are rare and requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the VA Office of Human Resources Management. This process can take up to six months for a verdict.

4. Fingerprint Screening and Background Investigation. All HPTs will be fingerprinted and undergo screenings and background investigations. Additional details about the required background checks can be found at the following website: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/codification/executive-
5. Drug Testing. Per Executive Order 12564, the VA strives to be a Drug-Free Workplace. HPTs are not drug-tested prior to appointment, however are subject to random drug testing throughout the entire VA appointment period. You will be asked to sign an acknowledgement form stating you are aware of this practice. See item 8 below.

6. Affiliation Agreement. To ensure shared responsibility between an academic program and the VA there must be a current and fully executed Academic Affiliation Agreement on file with the VHA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). The affiliation agreement delineates the duties of VA and the affiliated institution. Most APA-accredited doctoral programs have an agreement on file. More information about this document can be found at https://www.va.gov/oaa/agreements.asp (see section on psychology internships). Post-degree programs typically will not have an affiliation agreement, as the HPT is no longer enrolled in an academic program and the program is VA sponsored.

7. TQCVL. To streamline on-boarding of HPTs, VHA Office of Academic Affiliations requires completion of a Trainee Qualifications and Credentials Verification Letter (TQCVL). An Educational Official at the Affiliate must complete and sign this letter. For post-graduate programs where an affiliate is not the program sponsor, this process must be completed by the VA Training Director. Your VA appointment cannot happen until the TQCVL is submitted and signed by senior leadership from the VA facility. For more information about this document, please visit https://www.va.gov/OAA/TQCVL.asp

   a. Health Requirements. Among other things, the TQCVL confirms that you, the trainee, are fit to perform the essential functions (physical and mental) of the training program and immunized following current Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and VHA policy. This protects you, other employees and patients while working in a healthcare facility. Required are annual tuberculosis screening, Hepatitis B vaccine as well as annual influenza vaccine. Declinations are EXTREMELY rare. If you decline the flu vaccine you will be required to wear a mask while in patient care areas of the VA.

   b. Primary source verification of all prior education and training is certified via the TQCVL. Training and Program Directors will be contacting the appropriate institutions to ensure you have the appropriate qualifications and credentials as required by the admission criteria of the training program in which you are enrolled.

8. Additional On-boarding Forms. Additional pre-employment forms include the Application for Health Professions Trainees (VA 10-2850D) and the Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306). These documents and others are available online for review at https://www.va.gov/oaa/app-forms.asp. Falsifying any answer on these required Federal documents will result in the inability to appoint or immediate dismissal from the training program.

9. Proof of Identity per VA. VA on-boarding requires presentation of two source documents (IDs). Documents must be unexpired and names on both documents must match. For more information visit: https://www.oit.va.gov/programs/piv/_media/docs/IDMatrix.pdf