

Current Funded Psychology Research

Investigator	Funded Projects	Grant Awarded by	\$ Amount
Erbes, C.R. & Polusny, M.A.	<i>Couple Relationships in Returning</i>	Lilly Endowments, Inc.	99,876
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Genomics in Recovery from Serious and Persistent Mental Illness</i>	Department of Veterans Affairs	149,231
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>The Effects of Blast As Compared to Post-traumatic Stress Disorder on Brain</i>	Department of Defense (DoD)	1,352,107
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Genes Associated with Functional and Structural Neural Injury after Brain</i>	Minnesota Veterans Research Institute	20,000
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Electrophysiological Anomalies in Youth Affected by Schizophrenia</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	15,000
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Neural Phenotype-Genotype Associations in Schizophrenia</i>	Department of Veterans Affairs	799,400
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Aberrant Cortical Dynamics in</i>	National Institutes of Mental	726,856
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Prefrontal-Parietal Interactions and Visual Controlled Processing Deficits in</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	12,000
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>MEG of Visual Attention Deficits in Schizophrenia</i>	Mental Illness and Neuroscience Discovery (MIND) Institute	42,000
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Cognitive Deficits as Indicators of Genetic Liability in Schizophrenia</i>	Department of Veterans Affairs	638,100
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Cognition-Related Brain Abnormalities in Relatives of Schizophrenia Patients</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	9,500
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Verbal and Working Memory Deficits in</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	5,000
Sponheim, S.R.	<i>Frontal and Temporal Lobe Functioning</i>	Department of Veteran's Affairs	94,600
Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R., Murdoch, M., Arbisi, P.A., Thuras, P.D., & Reddy, M.	<i>Gender War and Sexual Harassment: A Longitudinal Follow-up of OIF Veterans</i>	Center for Chronic Disease Outcome Research	18,980
Polusny, M.A., Erbes, C.R., Arbisi, P.A., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C.	<i>Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF</i>	Department of Defense (DoD)	787,176
Polusny, M.A., Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R.	<i>Readiness and Resilience in National Guard Soldiers (RINGS) Interview</i>	Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center	84,000
Polusny, M.A., Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R., & Thuras, D.	<i>National Guard Service Personnel Predeployment Study</i>	Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center	12,000
		Research Service Supplemental Funds	5,000
Polusny, M.A.	<i>Women's Recognition of Facial Expressions of Emotion and Emotional Responding as Risk Factors for Sexual</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	10,000
Polusny, M.A., Ries, B.J., Clemensen, L.	<i>Health Care Utilization Following a Natural Disaster</i>	Allina Medical Foundation	15,000
Polusny, M.A., & Ries, B.J.	<i>Predictors of Child and Family Post-Disaster Functioning</i>	National Institutes of Mental Health	49,545
Polusny, M.A. & Follette, V.M. (Sponsor)	<i>Victimization, Alcohol Abuse, and High Risk Sexual Behavior</i>	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	10,008
Harris, J.I.	<i>Religiosity and Coping with Trauma: Longitudinal Relationships</i>	Minnesota Veterans Research Institute	20,000
Harris, J.I.	<i>Religiosity, Trauma, and Health: Bridging the Gaps among Disciplines</i>	John Templeton Foundation	167,000

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Arbisi, P.A.	<i>Validation of the RC scales in Medical and Psychiatric Outpatients and Identifying Implausible PTSD Claims by</i>	University of Minnesota Press	20,000
Arbisi, P.A.	<i>Genetic and Biochemical Factors Associated with Risk and Resilience in</i>	Minnesota Veteran Research Institute	20,000
Spoont, M.R.	<i>PTSD Treatment Participation: Who Starts, Who stays, and Who Drops</i>	Health Services Research and Development, Department of	844,300
Spoont, M.R.	<i>Neural Correlates of Anger and Cognition in Repetitive Aggressive</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	8,595
Hagedorn, H.J.	<i>Effectiveness of Contingency Management in VA Addictions</i>	VA Health Services Research & Development	898,604
Hagedorn, H.J.	<i>Liver Health Initiative Video</i>	GlaxoSmithKline	35,000
Hagedorn, H.J.	<i>The Liver Health Initiative</i>	VA Quality Enhancement	19,522
Engdahl, B.	<i>PTSD and Sleep Disturbances in POWs and Combat Veterans</i>	VA Merit Research Project	303,000
Engdahl, B.	<i>Iraq War returnee research</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	100,000
Engdahl, B.	<i>POW research</i>	Minnesota Medical Foundation	50,000
Engdahl, B., Collins, R., & Harris, J.	<i>Worth Therapy Polytrauma Enhancement</i>	VA Compensated	299,000
Polusny, M.A., (PI), Arbisi, P.S., Erbes, C.R., Kehle, S., Nelson, N., Thuras, P.D., collins, R., Sayer, N., & Murdoch, M.	<i>Mild TBI/PTSD Comorbidity and Post-Deployment Outcomes in National Guard Soldiers.</i>	VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Rapid Response Project	75,000
Kehle, S. (PI), Polusny, M.A., (Co-I), Wilt, t., Murdoch, M., & Hodgers, J.S.	<i>The Clinical Effectiveness of Exposure Treatments for PTSD</i>	Health Services Research and Development Short-Term Project Award	10,531
Erbes, C.R. (PI), Polusny, M.A. (Co-PI), Arbisi, P.A., Harris, J.I., & Thuras, P.	<i>Impact of Psychiatric Diagnoses and Injury on Vocational Outcomes in OIF Veterans</i>	VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiatives (QUERI) Rapid Response Project	75,000
Anaya, H., Hagedorn, H., & Henry, R.	<i>A Formative Evaluation of Organizational Readiness to Adopt and Implement Nurse-Based HIV Rapid</i>	Va Queri Rapid Response Project	75,000
Arbisi, P.A.	<i>Examination of the Impact of Context on MMPI-2 Validity Scales in</i>		6,500
Arbisi, P.A.	<i>The Validity of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (RF) in Identifying the Development of Chronic Pain</i>		21,000
Nelson, N.S., Sponheim, S., McGuire, K., Arbisi, P., & Polusny, M.	<i>Neuropsychological Outcomes of Blast-Related Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (mTBI) Among Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi</i>	Minnesotal Veterans Research Institute (MVRI)	20,000

Total Amount Awarded 8,023,431

Leskela, J. Dieperink, M.	<i>CSP 519 Integrating Practice Guidelines for Smoking Cessation into Mental Health Care for PTSD, 5 year</i>	Cooperative Studies	1,200,000
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Licensed Psychologist

Education

BS, Microbiology, University of Minnesota, 1980

Internship: University of Minnesota Consortium 1988-1989

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1990.

Research Interests

- Use of the MMPI-2 to improve clinical prediction in psychiatric and medical settings
- Validation of the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical Scales in medical and psychiatric settings.
- Development of an adaptively administered version of the MMPI-2.
- Use of the MMPI-2 in detection of malingering in psychiatric and medical settings.
- Appropriate use of objective psychological assessment in disability evaluations

Clinical Interests

- Rapid and accurate assessment and diagnosis of psychopathology in outpatient settings to facilitate triage and treatment planning.
- Consultation with inpatient psychiatry team on diagnostically challenging inpatients.
- Assessment of motivation for treatment within the context of compensation seeking.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota
- Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications (within last 2 years)

Sellbom, M., Ben-Porath, Y.S., Graham, J., Arbisi, P.A., & Bagby, R.M. (2005). Susceptibility of the MMPI-2 Clinical, Restructured Clinical (RC), and Content Scales to Over- and Under-Reporting. *Assessment* 12, 79-85.

Arbisi, P.A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., & McNulty, J.L. (in press). The ability of the MMPI-2 to detect feigned PTSD within the context of compensation seeking. *Psychological Services*

Tellegen, A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., Sellbom, M, Arbisi, P.A., McNulty, J.L. & Graham, J.R. (in press). Further evidence on the validity of the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical (RC) Scales: Addressing Questions Raised by Rogers et al. and Nichols. *Journal of Personality Assessment*

Sellbom, M, Ben-Porath, Y.S., McNulty, J.L., Arbisi, P.A., & Graham, J.R. (in press). Elevation differences between MMPI-2 clinical and restructured clinical (RC) scales: Frequency, origins, and interpretive implications. *Assessment*

Book Chapters & Monographs (within last two years)

Arbisi, P. & Seime, R.J. (2005). Use of the MMPI-2 in Health Care Settings. In J. N. Butcher (Ed), *MMPI-2: A Practitioner's Guide*. Washington DC : American Psychological Association.

Arbisi P. (2005). Assessing clients in personal injury and disability cases. In J. N. Butcher (Ed), *MMPI-2: A Practitioner's Guide*. Washington DC : American Psychological Association.

Polusny, M., & Arbisi, P.A. (2006). Assessment of psychological distress and disability after sexual assault in adults. In G. Young (Ed), *Causality: Psychological Knowledge and Evidence in Court*. Kluver.

Funded Research

1993-2007 Continuously funded studies related to the use of the MMPI-2 in Inpatient and Medical Settings. Current Funding related to validation of MMPI-2 RC scales and adaptive administration of the MMPI-2 in outpatient psychiatric and medical settings as well as the use of the MMPI-2 in assessment of sexually traumatized veterans. University of Minnesota Press Co-Principal Investigator: \$400,500 (renewed annually)

Recent Presentations (within past two years)

Arbisi, P.A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., & Sellbom, M. (2005). Empirical Correlates of the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical (RC) Scales in an Inpatient Psychiatric Setting. Paper presented to the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago , IL .

Wygant, D.B., Arbisi, P.A., & Ben-Porath, Y.S. (2005). Examination of the Fake Bad Scale's (FBS) validity and incremental validity in predicting somatic malingering. Paper presented to the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago , IL .

Parker, B.D., Arbisi, P.A., & Peterson , C.A. (2005). Rorschach and MMPI-2 indices of psychosis: An examination of incremental validity. Paper presented to the Society for Personality Assessment, Chicago , IL .

Arbisi, P.A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., & Forbey, J.D. (2005). What about scale 3: Do RC1 and RC3 predict the same clinically meaningful descriptors? Paper presented to the 40th Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Ft. Lauderdale , FL.

McNulty, J.L., Palmer, P., Arbisi, P.A., Ben-Porath, Y.S., & Graham, J.R. (2005)A factor structure comparison between the clinical and restructured clinical scales. Paper presented to the 40th Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Ft. Lauderdale , FL.

Forbey, J.D., Ben-Porath, Y.S., & Arbisi, P.A. (2005). An exploration of the computer adaptive (CA) MMPI-2 in an Inpatient/Outpatient setting. Paper presented to the 40th Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Ft. Lauderdale , FL.

Harkness, A.R., McNulty, J.L., Arbisi, P.A., Tellegen, A. & Ben-Porath, Y.S. (2005). Improving prediction of psychotic features by taking negative emotionality into account. Paper presented to the 40th Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Ft. Lauderdale , FL.

Giebenhain, J.E., Derry , J.A., Phillips, D.A., & Arbisi, P.A. (2005, May).Decreased physical activity and self-efficacy in college students with SAD. Poster presentation at the annual national meeting of the American Psychological Society, Los Angeles , California .

Sellbom, M., Ben-Porath, Y. S., & Arbisi, P. A. (2006, March). Capturing Psychopathic Personality Traits with the MMPI-2 Restructured Clinical (RC) Scales. Paper to be presented at the 2006 Annual Conference for the American Psychology – Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.

Wygant, D.B., Ben-Porath, Y.S., Arbisi, P.A., & Berry, D. (2006, March). An MMPI-2 Validity Scale Designed to Detect Somatic Over-Reporting in Civil Forensic Settings. Paper to be presented at the 2006 Annual Conference for the American Psychology – Law Society, St. Petersburg, FL.

Arbisi, P.A., Polusny, M. & Erbes, C. (2006). Comparison of MMPI-2 clinical and RC scales in women veterans with sexual assault history. Paper presented to the 41st Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Minneapolis, MN.

Erbes, C. Polusny, M., & Arbisi, P. (2006). MMPI-2 PSY-5 Scales as predictors of resilience in women veterans with sexual assault. Paper presented to the 41st Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Minneapolis, MN.

Tiegreen, S., McNulty, J.L., Harkness, A.R., Ben-Porath, Y.S., Graham, J.R., & Arbisi, P.A. (2006). What personality patterns are common in mental health settings? Large sample MMPI-2 PSY-5 elevation prevalences in mental health settings. Paper presented to the 41st Annual MMPI-2 MMPI-A Workshops and Symposia, Minneapolis, MN.

Other Professional Service

- Consulting Editor: Psychological Assessment, Assessment
- Core Faculty MMPI-2 Workshops

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Education

- BS, Psychology, North Dakota State University, 1990
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1996-1997, Geropsychology Track
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology Track, Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School, 1998.
- Post-doctoral supervision in clinical neuropsychology, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1998-2000

Clinical/Research Interests

Staff neuropsychologist working on the Geropsychiatry Team at the Minneapolis VAMC. Primary responsibilities include neuropsychological and psychological assessment on the Geropsychiatry team, as well as consultation/liaison assessment services throughout the medical center. Also provide individual, group, and couples/family psychotherapy working from a cognitive/behavioral theoretical orientation while also drawing on narrative and acceptance-based strategies. Clinical and research interests lie in the areas of dementia, executive dysfunction, functional living skills, caregiving issues, and early detection of Alzheimer's disease. Provide supervision to pre- and post-doctoral psychology trainees in the areas of geropsychology and neuropsychology, and provide instruction and didactic training in the area of neuropsychological assessment at the year-long Neuropsychology Case Conference. Also conduct Compensation and Pension neuropsychological and psychological evaluations for veterans seeking compensation for service-related disability.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications/Presentations

Barisa, M., Rodman, J., Thuras, P., Bares, K., Dysken, M., & Kuskowski, M. (1999). Differential effects of cognitive and behavioral factors on functional status in patients

diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.

King, R.B., Carlson, C.E., Shade-Zeldow, Y., Bares, K.K., Roth, E.J., Heinemann, A.W. (2001). Transition to home care after stroke: Depression, physical health, and adaptive processes. *Research in Nursing & Health*, 24, 307-323.

Primeau, M., Engelstatter, G.H., & Bares, K.K. (1995). Behavioral consequences of lightning and electrical injury. *Seminars in Neurology*, 15, 279-285.

Spoont, M.R., Bares, K.K., & Pardo, J.V. (1999). Impulsive violence and the recall of anger laden memories during PET imaging. *Neuroimage*, 9: S664.

Funded Research Grants or Training Contracts in Last 5 Years

None

Other Professional Service

- Member, American Psychological Association
- Member, International Neuropsychological Society
- Member, Midwest Neuropsychology Group
- Part-time private practice consulting to nursing home staff on behavioral interventions for residents with dementia or problematic behaviors

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Katy Barrs, Psy.D.

Staff Psychologist

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology, University of Georgia, 2001
- Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology, University of Denver, 2004 Internship Consortium 1992-1993
- Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology, University of Denver, 2007
- Internship: Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology, 2006-2007

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Katy Barrs recently graduated with her Doctor of Psychology degree and is serving as a staff psychologist in the Severe and Persistent Mental Illness clinic. Her primary duties at the V.A. include providing assessment and psychotherapy to veterans who seek services in the Severe and Persistent Mental Illness clinic.

Areas of interest include severe and persistent mental illness, projective personality assessment, psychological trauma, and suicide/self-harming behaviors. Dr. Barrs has primarily been trained from a psychodynamic theoretical orientation, but often incorporates cognitive behavioral, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), and other orientations into her clinical work.

She recently completed her internship at the Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology. Her primary rotation was at the Brockton V.A. Medical Center, where she provided assessment, psychotherapy, and consultation services. This work was conducted mostly in the Severe Psychopathology Inpatient unit, but also in a residential substance abuse program and the PTSD outpatient clinic. Dr. Barrs also worked at Boston Medical Center during her secondary rotation, where she provided services in the Child Psychiatry and Neuropsychology clinics. She was also a member of a research team that was studying suicide and self-harming behaviors in the veteran population.

Dr. Barrs is also interested in international psychology and the effects of war on societies. During the summer of 2006, she traveled abroad to Sarajevo, Bosnia where she lived for three months, completed an externship, and studied the psychological effects of war and trauma on individuals and societies.

Some of her personal interests include watching SEC college football, traveling, and listening to music.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentation

None

Previous Academic Affiliations

Teaching Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine
Clinical Fellow, Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

Other Professional Service

- American Psychological Association
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS)
- The International Association of Applied Psychology

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Jenna Bemis, Ph.D.
Staff Psychologist

Education

- BA, Psychology, University of Minnesota, 2000.
- Internship, Minneapolis VA Medical Center 2007-2008
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, University of Minnesota, 2008.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Bemis recently completed her internship at the Minneapolis VA and has joined the Post Traumatic Stress Recovery team. Her duties include providing individual, group, and couples interventions to adults who are suffering from negative effects of traumatic events, as well as conducting psychological assessments to clarify diagnostic, personality, and cognitive, questions and inform treatment. Special clinical interests include Cognitive Processing therapy (combined group/individual model), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and couples therapy. In addition to working primarily from a cognitive-behavioral perspective, she enjoys utilizing strength-based, mindfulness-based, relational, and social constructivist approaches.

Dr. Bemis places emphasis on the relevance of basic research in applied clinical settings. Thus, social, developmental, personality, and positive psychology perspectives inform her interventions. Current research interests are in the areas of effectiveness of evidence-based therapies, strength-based approaches with couples, and equine assisted therapy for survivors of military sexual trauma.

Previous Academic Affiliations

Instructor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota

Presentations

Bemis, J., Frazier, P. A., Goski, T., Weisberg, Y. J., & Simpson, J. A. (2007, August). *Influencing adaptive relationship beliefs and promoting positive relationship outcomes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Shallcross, S. L., Bemis, J., Frazier, P. A., & Simpson, J. A. (2008, March) *Correlates of perceived responses to positive life event disclosures in romantic couples*. Poster presented at the International Counseling Psychology Conference, Chicago, IL.

Professional Membership

- American Psychological Association
- Minnesota Psychological Association
- Minnesota Women in Psychology
- International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

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Melodie Broden, Ph.D.

Staff Psychologist

Education

- BA, Psychology, Bemidji State University
- MS, Rehabilitation & Community Counseling, St. Cloud State University
- Doctoral Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Loyola University Chicago

Clinical/Research Interests

- Psychological and vocational assessment
- Career decision making models
- Personality theory
- Adjustment to disability
- Treatment for personality disorders
- Mental health and workplace adjustment issues

Academic Positions

None

Recent Publications

Broden, M., & Agresti, A. (1998). Responding to therapists' sexual abuse of adult incest survivors: Ethical and legal considerations. Psychotherapy, 35, 96-104.

Recent Presentations

Broden, M., & Agresti, A. (1999, August). Psychologists' perceptions of clients who claim therapist sexual abuse. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

Professional Affiliation

APA



John P. Billig, Ph.D., ABPP

Licensed Psychologist

Coordinator, Mental Health Primary Care Integration

Board Certified in Clinical Psychology

Education

- BA, Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1988
- Internship: University of Minnesota Psychology Internship Consortium 1992-1993
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1993.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Billig provides coverage to Primary Care Medicine Clinics, and is Supervisor and Program Coordinator of the Mental Health/Primary Care Integration Team, a team of psychologists, psychiatrists, and a clinical nurse specialist, providing integrated behavioral health services within primary care clinics. His theoretical orientation is behavioral, with emphasis on contemporary behavioral perspectives and approaches, including Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and Motivational Interviewing. He leads Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction groups and psychoeducational groups for patients enrolled in inpatient and outpatient weight loss programs. Other professional interests include assessment and treatment of major psychopathology in medical patients, issues related to sexual orientation and sexual identity, and HIV/AIDS. .

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Erbes, C., Polusny, M. A., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004). Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment instruments. *Psychological Services*, 1(1), 31-39.

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentation

Billig, J. P., Cardaciotto, L., Dahl, J., Lundgren, T., & Walser, R. (2005, July). ACT and mindfulness. Workshop presented at the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Summer Institute, Philadelphia , PA.

Billig, J. P., Landes, A. M., Farr, D. D. , & Thuras, P. D. (2004, November). Symptom and function change in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction. Poster presented at the 38th Annual Convention of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, New Orleans , LA.

Farr, D. D., Billig, J. P., Landes, A. M., & Thuras, P. D. (2004, November). Symptom and function change with Mindfulness Meditation in PTSD Veterans. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, New Orleans , LA.

Erbes, C., Billig, J., Polusny, M., McGuire, K., Mylan, M., Olson, D., & Isenhardt, C. (2001, August). Critical Decisions In Outcome Measurement for Determining Best Practices. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco , CA .

Billig, J. P. (Chair). (1999, August). Integrating psychological services into primary care for women veterans. Symposium conducted at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston , MA .

Other Professional Service

- American Academy of Clinical Psychology
- American Psychological Association
 - (Division 12 - Clinical Psychology)
 - (Division 18 - Psychologists in Public Service)
 - (Division 38 - Health Psychology)
 - (Division 44 - Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Issues)
- Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy
- Association of VA Psychologist Leaders

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Staff Psychologist

Education

- B.S., Biology, University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point , 1994.
- Internship, Minneapolis VA Medical Center , 2002 – 2003, Geropsychology Track.
- Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, Concentration in Neuropsychology, Argosy University – Twin Cities, 2004.
- Post-doctoral supervision in clinical neuropsychology and rehabilitation psychology, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2004-2006.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Blahnik is a staff psychologist on the Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Team at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Her primary responsibilities include neuropsychological and psychological assessment of patients with TBI, as well as provision of psychotherapeutic interventions to patients with TBI in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Her work also involves provision of TBI-related adjustment counseling, psychological support, and education to family members. Her theoretical orientation is primarily psychodynamic and interpersonal while also incorporating behavioral, cognitive-behavioral, and social constructivist strategies. Her research interests lie in the areas of community reintegration following TBI, assessment of impaired consciousness and long term outcome, and neuropsychological impairments in individuals with TBI and other neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Pape, T.L.B., Lundgren, S., Heinemann, A.W., Guernon, A., Hurder, A.G., Wang, J., Roth, H., Blahnik, M., & Williams, V. Establishing a prognosis for functional outcome during coma recovery. *Brain Injury* (in press).

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentation

Blahnik, M. & Sponheim, S. (March, 2003). Verbal memory processes in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree biological relatives. Poster session presented at the Sixth Biennial Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia, Colorado Springs , Colorado .

Lundgren, S., Blahnik, M., Pape, T.L.B., Guernon, A., Williams, V., & Sigford, B. (June, 2005). Clinical implementation of the disorders of consciousness scales (DOCS). Poster session presented at the Second Annual American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN) Workshops & Annual Meeting, Minneapolis , Minnesota .

Pape, T.L.B., Lundgren, S., Heinemann, A., Guernon, A., Hurder, A.G., Wang, J., Roth, H., Blahnik, M., & Williams, V. (March, 2006) Establishing a prognosis for functional outcomes during coma recovery. Poster session presented at the Second Annual Federal TBI Interagency Conference, Bethesda , Maryland .

Professional Affiliation

American Psychological Association, Member, Division 40

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Education

- BA, Psychology, Bridgewater State College, 1995
- Internship, Minneapolis VA Medical Center 2004-2005
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Bowling Green State University, 2007.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Chiros is a staff psychologist at the Rochester, Mankato, and St. James Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). As part of the Minneapolis Primary Care Mental Health Integration team her duties include provision of mental health services within a primary care practice setting, including consultation to primary care doctors, consultation with other MH team members, and brief interventions to patients (both individual and group formats). She also provides individual and couples therapy to adults. Clinical interests include contemporary behavioral therapies and cognitive processing therapy.

Professional Membership

- American Psychological Association
- Association for Contextual Behavioral Science

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Christie Clason, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

Education

- B.A., Psychology, University of California Irvine, 1995.
- Internship, Neuropsychology Track, Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital, Bedford, MA, 2003-2004.
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Fuller School of Psychology, 2004.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology, Medical College of Georgia, School of Medicine, Dept. of Neurology, 2004-2006.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Clason is a neuropsychologist in the Department of Mental and Behavioral Health at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Primary responsibilities include general neuropsychological consultation for a range of neurobehavioral and medical disorders such as dementia, stroke, multiple sclerosis, and traumatic brain injury among others. Research interests include neuropsychological sequelae of neurological and psychological disorders on brain function, cognition and quality of life.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Hallam, B., **Clason, C.**, Buckwalter, G. & Brown, W. (2000). Regional callosal morphology and cognitive function in Alzheimer's disease. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 6 (2), 154.

Buckwalter J.G., Kratz K., Poysky, J, **Clason, C.**, Luna, L.M., Parson, T., Reger, G., & Stanczyk, F.Z. (2000). Insulin-Like Growth Factor, cognition and mood in post-menopausal women. *Journal Society of Gynecological Investigation*, 7(S), 224A.

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Lee, G. P., Park, Y. D., **Clason, C. L.**, Lee, K. (2006). Disparate views of health-related quality of life between adolescents with epilepsy and their parents. *Epilepsia*, 47 (S4), 111.

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Funded Research

None

Professional Affiliation

- American Psychological Association (Division 40)
- International Neuropsychological Society
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Education

- BA, Psychology, Boston College, 1982
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1994-1995
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, University of Minnesota , 2003

Clinical Interests

- Individual and family interventions for traumatic brain injury and polytrauma
- Neuropsychological assessment
- Neuropsychological rehabilitation across the lifespan

Research Interests

- Psychological adjustment, quality of life and community re-integration in traumatic brain injury and polytrauma
- Family functioning in polytrauma rehabilitation
- Development of best practices in traumatic brain injury and polytrauma rehabilitation

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Vanderploeg R., Collins R.C., Sigford B., Date E, Schwab, K., Warden D., & the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Study Planning Group (In press, 2006). Practical and theoretical considerations in designing rehabilitation trials: The DVBIC cognitive-didactic versus functional-experiential treatment study experience. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 21(2).

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Education

BA, Psychology, Luther College, 1995

MA Clinical Psychology, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 1998

Internship: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 2000-2001

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2002

Post-doctoral Fellowship: Henry Ford Health System, 2001-2003

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Cohen is a neuropsychologist within the Mental Health Patient Service Line. Her primary responsibilities are provision of inpatient and outpatient neuropsychological assessment for individuals with a variety of psychiatric, medical, and neurological illnesses. Specialty clinical and research interests include Multiple Sclerosis, Neuro-oncology, and quality of life in neurological disease and older adult populations. She provides neuropsychological assessment supervision to pre- and post-doctoral trainees. Dr. Cohen's primary theoretical orientation is Cognitive Behavioral in nature, with an emphasis on understanding behavior in a biopsychosocial context. She particularly enjoys working with neurologically compromised individuals and their families.

Academic Positions

None

Recent Publications

Baird, A.D., **Wickie, S.**, MacNeill, S. M., Smith, J. F., and Friedman, S. R (2006)

Introducing Residents to Geroneuropsychology in One Day: An Enriched Curriculum. *Neuropsychiatric Disease and Treatment*, 2(1) 101-104.

Wickie, S.K. & Marwit, S.J. (2000-2001). Assumptive World Views and the Grief Reactions of Parents of Murdered Children. *Omega: Journal of Death & Dying*, 42(2), 101-113.

Funded Research

None

Professional Affiliations

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Collins, R., Lanham, R.A., & Sigford, B.J. (2000). The reliability and validity of the Wisconsin HSS Quality of Life Inventory in traumatic brain injury. *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, 15(5), 1139-1148.

Funded Research (current)

Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center , Investigator.

Polytrauma and Blast-related Injury Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI), Field Liaison; Implementation & Dissemination Advisory Group.

Community Re-Integration of Injured Soldiers, Principal Investigator Linda Resnick, PhD; Co-Investigator.

Non-intrusive Post Battle Health and Wellness Monitoring, Consultant.

Recent Presentation

Collins, R. (2005, September). Traumatic Brain Injury and Polytrauma: Meeting the Emerging Rehabilitation Challenges of the War on Terror. Invited speaker, Sixth Annual Managing Challenging Situations in Brain Injury Care, Minneapolis , MN .

Collins, R., Kusar, L., MacLennan, D., & Voydetich, D. (2005, August). Polytrauma Rehabilitation: Process and Challenges. National Satellite Broadcast, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System, Salt Lake City , NV .

Collins, R., Engdahl, B., & Sullivan, M. (2005, May). Promoting Adjustment among Polytrauma Patients and their Families. Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 23 Extended Care & Rehabilitation Educational Summit , Minneapolis , MN .

Sigford, B. & Collins, R. (2005, April) Rehabilitation of the Combat Injured: Process, Challenges and Outcomes. Department of Veterans Affairs VISN 23 Mental Health Conference: Recently Deployed Veterans, Minneapolis , MN .

Collins, R. (2005, March) Traumatic Brain Injury and Polytrauma: Meeting the Emerging Challenges. Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Minneapolis VA Medical Center , Minneapolis , MN .

Collins, R. (2005, February) Traumatic Brain Injury and the War on Terrorism: Meeting the Treatment Challenges. Minnesota Department of Human Services, TBI Advisory Committee, St. Paul , MN .

Collins, R. (2005, January) Traumatic Brain Injury and the War on Terrorism: Special Issues in TBI Rehabilitation. Twin Cities Speech-Language Pathologists Association, Minneapolis , MN .

Collins, R. (2004, September) Stress, Depression and Disability. Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, St. Paul , MN .

Collins, R. (2004, June) Beyond the Trenches: Serving the Rehabilitation Needs of Veterans and Military Service Men and Women with Traumatic Brain Injury. Invited speaker, 11th Annual Mayo Clinic Brain Injury Conference, Rochester , Minnesota .

Stephens, G., Collins, R., & Sigford, B., (2004, April). Implementing a national system of care for veterans and active duty personnel with traumatic brain injury. Poster presented at the Veterans Health Administration Care Management Conference, Omaha , Nebraska .

Felde, A., Collins, R., Engdahl, B., Lundgren, S., MacLennan, D. & Sigford, B. (2003, September) Management of neurobehavioral syndromes after traumatic brain injury. National Satellite Broadcast, Department of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System.

Collins, R. (2003, May) Measuring quality of life in individuals with traumatic brain injury. Presented to the Twins Cities Brain Injury Community Committee, Minneapolis , Minnesota .

Collins, R., Sigford, B., & Warden, D. (2002, July). Factors associated with quality of life in traumatic brain injury: the role of mood in self-reported life quality. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Symposium of the Brain Injury Association of America, Minneapolis , Minnesota .

Collins, R. (2000, July). The psychometric properties of a new measure of quality of life. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Symposium of the Brain Injury Association, Chicago , Illinois .

Collins, R., Lanham, R., & Sigford, B. (1999, December). The reliability of a quality of life measure in traumatic brain injury. Poster presented at 1st Federal Interagency Conference on Traumatic Brain Injury: Traumatic Brain Injury in the 21st Century: Learning from Models of Research and Service Delivery, Bethesda , Maryland .

Collins, R., Lanham, R., & Sigford, B. (1999, June). Quality of life in traumatic brain injury: Is reliable measurement possible? Poster presented at the Third World Congress on Brain Injury, International Brain Injury Association, Quebec City , Quebec , Canada . Earned First Place Poster Award.

Other Professional Service

- Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee, 2003 – present

- Minnesota State Traumatic Brain Injury Interagency Leadership Council, 2003-present
- Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Telerehabilitation Field Work Group
- Implementation & Dissemination Advisory Group, VHA Polytrauma and Blast-related Injury Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)
- Minneapolis-St. Paul Brain Injury Community Committee, Co-Chair 2002-2005
- Psychological Consultant, People Incorporated Epilepsy Services, 2000-2003
- Department of Veterans Affairs Special Contribution Awards (2002, 2004)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Pride in Public Service Award, 1996

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Education

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- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2003-2004.
- Ph.D.: Counseling Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2004.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Curry's primary role at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center is as the site assessment technician for VA Cooperative Study #519: Integrating Practice Guidelines for Smoking Cessation into Mental Health Care for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. He also provides clinical services on the Posttraumatic Stress Recovery Team (PTSR), including group and individual therapy, psychological assessment, and anger management. His primary theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral, with additional training and experience in Time-Limited Dynamic Psychotherapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and Cognitive Processing Therapy.

His research interests are in the areas of treatment outcome and test interpretation feedback.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Curry, K. T., Leskela, J. A., Erbes, C. R., Pavlik, K. M., Polusny, M. A., & Gulden, A. M. (2007, August). *Treatment Adherence, Premature Dropout, and Symptom Presentation in OEF/OIF Returnees*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Petska, K. S., Kattar, K. A., & Curry, K. T. (2007, August). *Cognitive processing therapy*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Leskela, J. A., Curry, K. T., Erbes, C. R., Pavlik, K. M., & Polusny, M. A. (2006, November). *Treatment Adherence and Premature Dropout in OEF/OIF Returnees*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Curry, K. T., & Hanson, W. E. (2005, August). *National survey of psychologists' test interpretation training and practice: A mixed methods study*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Hanson, W. E., Pawlowski, C. A., & Curry, K. T. (2005, August). *Using clips from popular movies to teach "behavioral observation" skills*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Professional Affiliations

- American Psychological Association, Member
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Education

- B.A. in Psychology 1975
- University of Minnesota
- Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology 1980
- University of Minnesota Department of Psychology
- APA approved internship completed, 1980, Minneapolis VAMC

Clinical/Research Interests

- Assessment and treatment of veterans with disabilities, including traumatic brain injury and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- Clinical supervisor of the Work Therapy program, serving about 80 veterans with severe employment handicaps.
- Research interests include the course of adjustment among returning OIF-OEF veterans, posttraumatic growth among trauma survivors, and spirituality and coping with trauma. I also supervise interns and postdoctoral fellows.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Harris J, Erbes C, Engdahl B, Winskowski A, Olson R, McMahill J (2008) Christian religious functioning and trauma outcomes. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 64(1)17-29.

Harris J, Engdahl B, Winskowski A (2007) Types of workplace social support in the prediction of job satisfaction. *Career Development Quarterly*, 56(2) 150-156.

Erbes C, Engdahl B, Johnsen E, Westermeyer J (2007) PTSD and service utilization in a sample of Iraq and Afghanistan returnees. *Military Medicine*, 172(4), 359-363

Erbes C, Engdahl B, Dikel T, Eberly R, Page W (2006) A comparative study of PTSD assessment under standard conditions and in the field. *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research*, 15(2), 57-63

Pardo J, Kuskowski M, Engdahl B, Eberly R, Hagen M, Dikel T (2006). Brain Imaging in studying PTSD. *Journal of Affective Disorders*. 91:S20

Erbes C, Johnsen E, Harris J, Dikel T, Eberly R, Engdahl B (2006) Posttraumatic growth among American POWs. *Traumatology: The International Journal*, 11(4), 285-295

Dikel T, Engdahl B, Eberly R (2005) PTSD in former prisoners of war: Prewar, wartime, and postwar factors. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 18, 69-77

Book Chapters

Engdahl, B. (2005). International findings on the impact of terrorism. In: *The Trauma of Terrorism: Sharing knowledge and Shared Care*. Danieli, Y., Brom, D. & Sills, J. (Eds.) The Hayworth Press.

Danieli Y, Engdahl B & Schlenger W (2004). The psychosocial aftermath of terrorism. In: *Understanding Terrorism: Psychosocial Roots, Consequences, and Interventions*. Moghaddam F & Marsella A (Eds.) Washington DC : American Psychological Association. (pp 223-246)

Engdahl B, de Silva P, Solomon Z & Somasundaram D (2003) Psychosocial interventions with former combatants. In: Green B, et. al. (Eds.) *Trauma Interventions in War and Peace: Prevention, Practice, and Policy*. NY: Plenum Press. (pp.271-290)

Funded Research

2008-2010: \$500,000. Neuroimaging approaches to PTSD and its recovery in OIF/OEF veterans. (Co-PI's: P. Pardo, A. Georgopoulos)

2008-2010: (submitted) Neuroimaging, genetic and neuroinformatic approaches to PTSD and its recovery in OIF/OEF veterans. (PI: J. Pardo)

2004-2008: \$150,000 Templeton Foundation grants to study spirituality, prayer training and coping with trauma. (PI: J. Irene Harris)

2004- Present: Various foundation grants supporting Iraq War returnee projects.

Recent Presentations

The onset of post-war PTSD; contrasts in trauma severity and study design. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) annual convention, Chicago, 2008, Engdahl B, Erbes C, Winkowski A, Eberly R.

Combat trauma, ethnicity, family functioning, and spirituality: Their impact on postwar outcomes. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies convention, Baltimore, 2007, Symposium chair.

From WWII to Iraq to the community: Interplay of resilience, spirituality and posttraumatic growth. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies convention, Los Angeles, November 2006. Engdahl, B, Symposium chair.

Adjustment, growth, and spirituality among U.S. Iraq War veterans: Beyond PTSD. ISTSS Convention, Toronto , 2005. Symposium chair.

The rehabilitation psychologist's role in recovery from traumatic brain injury and combat stress; Helping soldiers and their families. VA VISN 23, 2005

Posttraumatic growth and the impact of 9/11 among POWs. American Psychological Association convention, Chicago, August 2002.

Other Professional Service

- Ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals and funding agencies.

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Education

- BA, Psychology, University of New Mexico, 1995.
- Internship, Clinical Psychology, Memphis VA Medical Center 1999-2000.
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Texas Tech University, 2000.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Serious and Persistent Mental Illness, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2000-2001.

Clinical/Research Interests

In addition to administrative duties managing the Posttraumatic Stress Recovery Team I have clinical duties that include the provision of outpatient and group psychotherapy with adults who are suffering from long term negative effects of traumatic events (e.g. PTSD), as well as conducting diagnostic assessments with traumatized adults.

Theoretical Model: Primarily constructivist, with a focus on active meaning-making processes. Interests in cognitive-behavioral and narrative psychotherapies. Current research interests include risk and resilience factors in recently returned combat soldiers (especially environmental factors such as social support), long-term correlates of traumatic events (including sexual abuse), methods of treatment for PTSD, constructivist conceptualizations of trauma, and clinical outcome assessment.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota , School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry

Recent Publications

1. Harris, J.I., *Erbes, C.R.*, & Engdahl, B.E. (2008). Christian religious functioning and trauma outcomes. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, *64*, 17-29.
2. *Erbes, C.R.*, Westermeyer, J., Engdahl, B., & Johnsen, E. (2007). PTSD and service utilization in a sample of service members from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Military Medicine*, *172*, 359-363.

3. **Erbes, C.R.**, Dikel, T.N., Eberly, R.E., Page, W.F., & Engdahl, B.E. (2006). A comparative study of posttraumatic stress disorder assessment under standard conditions and in the field. *International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research, 15*(2), 57-63.
4. Dieperink, M.E., **Erbes, C.R.**, Leskela, J., Kaloupek, D., Farrar, M.K., Fisher, L., & Wolf, E. (2005). Comparison of treatment for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder among three Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Centers. *Military Medicine, 170*, 305-308.
5. **Erbes, C.R.**, Johnsen, E., Harris, J.I., Dikel, T., Eberly, R., & Engdahl, B. (2005). Posttraumatic growth among American former prisoners of war. *Traumatology, 11*, 285-295.
6. **Erbes, C.R.**, & Harter, S.L. (2005). Personal constructions in therapy with child sexual abuse survivors. In D. Winter & L. Viney (Eds.), *Advances in Personal Construct Psychotherapy* (pp. 177-188). London: Wurr Publishers.
7. **Erbes, C.R.** (2004). Our constructions of trauma: A dialectical perspective. *Journal of Constructivist Psychology, 17*, 201-220.
8. **Erbes, C.R.**, Polusny M.A., Billig J., Mylan M., McGuire K., Isenhardt C., & Olson D.. (2004). Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment instruments. *Psychological Services, 1*, 31-39.
9. Harter, S.L., **Erbes, C.R.**, & Hart, C.C. (2004). Content analysis of the personal constructs of female sexual abuse survivors elicited through the Repertory Grid technique. *Journal of Constructivist Psychology, 17*, 27-43.
10. Spont, M.R., Sayer, N.A., Thuras, P., **Erbes, C.R.**, & Winston, E. (2003). Practical psychotherapy: Adaptation of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy to a VA Medical Center. *Psychiatric Services, 54*, 627-629.

Current Funded Research

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| 2007-2008 | <i>Erbes, C.R.</i> (PI) & Polusny, M.A. (co-PI). Couple relationships in returning OIF/OEF veterans, Lilly Endowments Inc., \$99,876. |
| 2007-2011 | Polusny, M.A. (PI), Erbes, C.R. (Co-PI), Arbisi, P.A., Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Longitudinal Risk and Resilience Factors Predicting Psychiatric Disruption, Mental Health Service Utilization, & Military Retention in OIF National Guard Troops, Department of Defense (W81XWH-07-2-0033), \$787,176. |
| 2007-2008 | Polusny, M.A. (PI), Arbisi, P.A., Erbes, C.R. (Co-I), Murdoch, M., Erickson, D., Rath, M., & Courage, C, Readiness and Resilience in |

National Guard Soldiers (RINGS) Interview Project, Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, \$84,000.

- 2007-2008 Arbisi, P. A. (PI), Polusny, M.A., *Erbes, C.R. (Co-I)*. Validation of the MMPI-2 Restructured Form (MMPI-2 RF) in National Guard Soldiers Recently Returned from Service in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), University of Minnesota Press, \$27,209.
- 2007-2008 Arbisi, P.A., (PI), Sponheim, S., Polusny, M.A., *Erbes, C.R. (Co-I)*, & Thuras, P. Genetic and Biochemical Factors Associated with Risk and Resilience in Returning Iraq Veterans, Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, Investigator Grants Program, \$20,000.
- 2007 – 2008 Harris, J. I. (PI), *Erbes, C.R. (Co-I)*, & Engdahl, B., Religiosity and Coping with Trauma: Longitudinal Relationships, Minnesota Veterans Research Institute, \$20,000.
- 2004 – 2008 J. I. Harris (PI), *Erbes, C.R. (Co-I)*, Engdahl, B., & Kroll, J., Religiosity, Trauma, & Physical Health Outcomes: Bridging the Gap among Disciplines, Templeton Foundation (11320), \$167,000.

Representative Presentations

Presentations

1. *Erbes, C.R.*, Polusny, M.A., Rath, M., Courage, C., Duffy, C., Reddy, M., & Thuras, P. (February 14, 2008). Psychiatric distress in a cohort of deployed National Guard soldiers. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Health Science Research and Development National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
2. Kehle, S., Arbisi, P.A., Polusny, M.A., *Erbes, C.R.*, & Thuras, P. (February 14, 2008). Relationship between pre-deployment alcohol consumption, pre-deployment psychiatric symptoms, and in-theater psychological functioning. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Health Science Research and Development National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
3. Polusny, M.A., *Erbes, C.R.*, Arbisi, P.A., Thuras, P., Reddy, M., Duffy, C., Rath, M., & Courage, C. (February 15, 2008). Prospective predictors of in-theater Post-Traumatic Stress symptoms in a cohort of National Guard soldiers deployed to OIF. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Health Science Research and Development National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
4. *Erbes, C.R.*, Winskowski, A.M., & Engdahl, B.E. (November, 2007). Family functioning and resilience in Iraq War returnees over time. Symposium presented at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Baltimore, MD.

5. Harris, J.I., Ogden, H., *Erbes, C.R.*, Engdahl., B.E., Olson, R.H.A., Winskowski, A.M., & McMahill, J. (November, 2007). Religious practices' relationships with trauma symptoms in combat veterans. Symposium presented at the 23rd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Baltimore, MD.
6. Curry, K.T., Leskela, J.A., *Erbes, C.R.*, Pavlik, K.M., Polusny, M.A., & Gulden, A.M. (2007, August). Treatment adherence, premature dropout, and symptom presentation in OEF/OIF returnees. Presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
7. Arbisi, P. A., Polusny, M. A., *Erbes, C.R.*, & Thuras, P. (May, 2007). The impact of preparation for deployment to Iraq on the MMPI-2 RC scales in National Guard soldiers. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Symposium on Recent Developments with the MMPI-2/MMPI-A.
8. Polusny, M. A., *Erbes, C.R.*, Murdoch, M., Arbisi, P. A., Seifert, A., & Kehle, S. (February, 2007). Gender differences in predeployment stressors and mental health among National Guard troops deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Presented at the Health Services Research and Development National Meeting, Washington, DC.
9. Polusny, M. A., *Erbes, C.R.*, Arbisi, P. A., Thuras, P., Murdoch, M., Kehle, S., Seifert, A., Duffy, C., Rath, M.B., & Courage, C. (February, 2007). Impact of previous combat exposure on psychiatric symptoms among male and female National Guard troops prior to deploying to Iraq. Presented at the Health Services Research and Development National Meeting, Washington, DC.
10. Engdahl, B., *Erbes, C.R.*, Eberly, R., Kennedy, M., Benning, S., & Kattar, K. (November, 2006). Resilience, Posttraumatic Growth, 9/11, and Spirituality Among POWs and OIF/OEF Returnees. Symposium presented at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Other Professional Service

- 2008 Reviewer for Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)
- 2003, 2007, 2008 Reviewer for Journal of Traumatic Stress Studies
- 2004 Poster Reviewer for International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 2004 Annual Meeting
- 2001-present Member of the American Psychological Association
- 2001-present Member of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
- 1998-2004 Member of the North American Personal Construct Network

Academic Affiliations



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Education

- B.A. summa cum laude, Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1970
- M.A., Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1971
- Ph.D., Clinical/Counseling/Community Psychology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1976
- Post-doctoral training, Center for Behavior Therapy, 1977

Clinical/Research Interests

Provide outpatient psychotherapy to patients with depression, anxiety, PTSD, or health issues, with a special focus on work with patients with chronic pain. Provide group psychotherapy and educational presentations on chronic pain issues. Provide biofeedback and hypnosis as adjunct treatments. Provide psychological assessment.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

None

Professional Honors, Recognition

None

Recent Presentations to Professional/Scientific Groups

None

Funded Research

None

Other Professional Service

- American Psychological Association, Divisions 18, 38, and 42
- Minnesota Psychological Association
- Minnesota Women in Psychology (past newsletter editor)
- Psychologists for Social Responsibility (past chair, Minnesota branch)
- Minnesota Society for Clinical Hypnosis (past newsletter editor)

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Education

- BA, Psychology, University of Minnesota , 1992
- MA, Clinical Psychology, University of Maryland Baltimore County , 1997
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1998-1999
- PhD, Clinical Psychology, University of Maryland Baltimore County , 2000

Clinical/Research Interests

Psychosocial, behavioral, and cognitive-behavioral treatments for patients with severe mental illness; behavioral, cognitive-behavioral, and psychopharmacological interventions for patients with substance use disorders; implementation of evidence-based treatments and clinical guidelines into routine clinical practice.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Hagedorn, H. & Willenbring, M.L. (2003). Psychiatric illness among drug court probationers. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*. 29(4), 775-88.

Willenbring, M.L. & Hagedorn, H. (2004). Implementing evidence-based practices in opioid agonist therapy clinics. In A. Roberts & K. Yeager (Eds.) *Evidence-Based Practice Manual: Research and Outcome Measures in Health and Human Services*, New York : Oxford University Press, pp. 340-347.

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Hagedorn, H., Hogan, M., Smith, J., Bowman, C., Curran, G., Espadas, D., Kimmel, D., Kochevar, L., Legro, M. & Sales, A. (2006) Lessons learned about implementing research evidence into clinical practice: Experiences from VA QUERI. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 21, S21-24.

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Hagedorn, H., Dieperink, E., Dingmann, D., Durfee, J., Ho, S.B., Isenhardt, C., Rettmann, N., Willenbring, M. (2007). Integrating hepatitis prevention services into a substance use disorders clinic. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 32(4), 391-398.

Stetler, C.B., Legro, M.W., Rycroft-Malone, J., Bowman, C., Curran, G., Guihan, M., Hagedorn, H., Pineros, S., Wallace, C.M. (2006). Role of "external facilitation" in implementation of research findings: A qualitative evaluation of facilitation experiences in the Veterans Health Administration. *Implementation Science*, 1(23).

Funded Research

IIR, VA HSR&D, "Effectiveness of Contingency Management in VA Addictions Treatment, \$898,604, Hildi Hagedorn, Principal Investigator, September 2006 – August 2009

Recent Presentations

Hagedorn, H., Dieperink, E., Rettmann, N., Durfee, J., Wingert, M, & Knott-Johnson, A. (2007, June). The Liver Health Initiative: Promoting Hepatitis Services in Substance Use Disorders Treatment Clinics. Poster presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Gifford, E., Peirson, H., Wiesner, M., Cook, J., Weingardt, K., Rosen, R., Hagedorn, H., Curran, G., & Finney, J. (2007, March). Assessing Clinical Practices and Adoption Processes of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers. Poster presented at the Society for Behavioral Medicine's 28th Annual Meeting, Washington DC.

Hagedorn, H., Willenbring, M.L., Dieperink, E., Pexa, N., Dingmann, D., Durfee, J., & Ho, S. (2006, February). The Liver Health Initiative: Offering Hepatitis Prevention

Services during Substance Abuse Treatment. Poster presented at the Veterans Affairs' Health Services Research & Development National Meeting, Washington, DC.

Hagedorn, H., Willenbring, M.L., Dieperink, E., Pexa, N., Dingmann, D., Durfee, J., & Ho, S. (2005, June). The Liver Health Initiative: Coordinating Hepatitis Prevention and Treatment Referral through a Substance Use Disorders Clinic. Poster presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Boston, MA.

Hagedorn, H. (2004, July). The Opiate Agonist Therapy Effectiveness Initiative: Impact on Clinic Practice and Patient Outcomes. Paper presented at the Agency For Healthcare Research and Quality's Translating Research into Practice Conference, Washington, DC.

Hagedorn, H., Willenbring, M.L., Kenny, M.E., & Postier, A. (2004, June). Beliefs about Evidence-Based Practices in Addictions Treatment. Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Sixty-Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Willenbring, M.L., Hagedorn, H., Kenny, M.E., Pexa, N.A. & Thuras, P. (2004, June). The Opioid Agonist Therapy Effectiveness (OpiATE) Initiative: Impact on Clinic Practice and Patient Outcomes. Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Sixty-Sixth Annual Scientific Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Willenbring, M.L., Kivlahan, D., Finney, J., Kenny, M., Postier, A., Hagedorn, H. & Grillo, M. (2004, March). Beliefs about Evidence-Based Practices in Addiction Treatment. Poster presented at the Veterans Affairs' Health Services Research and Development National Conference, Washington, DC.

Bowman, C., Curran, G., Hagedorn, H., Hogan, M., Kochevar, L., Legro, M., Mittman, B., Sales, A., & Smith, J. (2003, December). Introduction to QUERI and the QUERI Guide to Research on Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice. Workshop presented at the Quality Enhancement Research Initiative National Meeting, Washington, DC.

Hagedorn, H., Willenbring, M.L. & Kenny, M. (2003, July). The Opiate Agonist Therapy Effectiveness Initiative: Improving Treatment for Opioid Dependence. Poster presented at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Translating Research into Practice Conference, Washington, DC.

Willenbring, M.L. & Hagedorn, H. (2003, April). The Challenge of Implementing Evidence-Based Practices. Workshop presented at the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence National Conference, Washington, DC.

Willenbring, M.L., Hagedorn, H., Postier, A. & Kenny, M. (2003, April). The Opiate Agonist Therapy Effectiveness Initiative: Baseline and Preliminary Outcome Results. Poster presented at the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence National Conference, Washington, DC.

Willenbring, M.L., Hagedorn, H., Postier, A. & Kenny, M. (2003, February). The Opiate Agonist Therapy Effectiveness Initiative: Improving Treatment for Opioid Dependence. Poster presented at the Veterans Affairs' Health Services Research and Development National Conference, Washington , DC.

Hagedorn, H. (2002, October). Psychiatric Illness Among Hennepin County Drug Court Probationers. Paper presented at the National GAINS Center Conference, San Francisco , CA .

Willenbring, M.L., Hall-Flavin, D.K., Kivlahan, D. & Hagedorn, H. (2001, December). Translating Research into Practice. Symposium presented at the Twelfth Annual Meeting and Symposium of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, Amelia Island, FL.

Hagedorn, H., DiClemente, C.C. & Bellack, A.S. (2001, May). Decision Making Considerations for Alcohol Use in Patients with Schizophrenia. Poster presented at the Eight International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Whistler, Canada.

Other Professional Service

Executive Committee Member, VA Quality Enhancement Research Initiative, Substance Use Disorders Module

Academic Affiliations

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- B.M., Music Education, Wilkes University, 1985
- M.S., Education, The College of St. Rose, 1993
- M.S., Rehabilitation Counseling, State University of New York at Albany, 1996
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Texas Tech University, 2001

Clinical/Research Interests

- Psychology of religion
- Rehabilitation and vocational issues
- Oppressed groups, especially gay/lesbian/bisexual people and people with disabilities

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Counseling Psychology
- Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry

Recent Publications

Harris J, Engdahl B, Winskowski A (in press) Types of workplace social support in the prediction of job satisfaction. *Career Development Quarterly*.

Harris, J. I., Cook, S.W. & Kashubeck-West, S. (in press). Christian religious variables relevant to internalized homophobia and sexual identity development. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Psychotherapy*.

Erbes C, Johnsen E, Harris J, Dikel T, Eberly R, Engdahl B (2006) Posttraumatic growth among American POWs. *Traumatology: The International Journal*, 11(4), 285-295.

Harris, J.I., Schoneman, S.W. & Carrera, S. (2005). Preferred prayer styles and anxiety control. *Journal of Religion and Health*-, 44. 403-412.

Harris, J.I., Schoneman, S.W. & Carrera, S. (2002). Approaches to religiosity related to anxiety among college students. *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*, 5, 253-265.

Harris, J.I., Moritzen, S.K., Robitschek, C., Imhoff, A., & Lynch, J.L.A. (2001). The comparative contributions of congruence and social support in job satisfaction. *Career Development Quarterly*.

Funded Research

\$165,000 Templeton Foundation grant to study spirituality and coping with trauma. (Primary Investigator: J. Irene Harris)

\$20,000 Minnesota Veterans Research Institute grant to study longitudinal relationships between spirituality and coping with trauma. (Primary Investigator: J. Irene Harris).

Recent Presentations

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B., Olson, R., Winkowski, A.M., Kroll, J., Willis, R., & Kattar, K. (2006, November) The Role of Prayer in Trauma and Resilience. Presented at the annual convention of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Erbes, C.R., Harris, J.I., Winkowski, A.M., Olson, R.H.A., & Engdahl, B.E. (2006, November) Social support, posttraumatic cognition, and resilience in OEF/OIF returnees and a community sample. Paper presented at the national meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, CA.

Lauderdale, S.A., Hefel, J., Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.E., Engdahl, B.E. & Olson, R.H.A. (2006, November). Predictors of posttraumatic growth in older adults by prayer and religious coping. Poster presented at the national meeting of the Association for Behavior and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.

Harris, J.I., Erbes, C.R., Engdahl, B., Olson, R., Winkowski, A.M., Kroll, J. & Willis, R. (2006, August) Religious beliefs and practices as predictors of adjustment to trauma. Presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

Religion and coping with trauma: What works for whom (Harris J I, Erbes C, Engdahl B, Olson R). Posters presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Convention, Toronto, 2005.

Harris, J.I.; Cook, S. & Kashubeck-West (2002, August). Religious variables relevant to internalized homophobia and sexual identity development. Poster presented at the national convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.

Other Professional Service

Ad hoc reviewer in psychology of religion for several journals.

Academic Affiliations

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Counseling Psychology.
- Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry.

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- BS, Psychology, University of Illinois, 1993
- MA, Clinical Psychology, University of Montana, 1997
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1999-2000
- PhD, Clinical Psychology, University of Montana, 2002

Clinical/Research Interests

Assigned to both the Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders Program (SPDP) and the Addiction Disorders Section (ADS); responsibilities are to provide psychological services to multidisciplinary team, including individual, family, and group therapy, diagnostic and neuropsychological assessment, coordination of patient services, and consultation to other team providers. Current clinical and research interests include psychotic disorders/severe mental illness and cognitive functioning, quality of life issues, and effective therapeutic intervention with this population. Also provide neuropsychological assessment and consultation in a private practice setting. Psychological treatment orientation is primarily eclectic, with an emphasis on cognitive-behavioral approaches.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Olson, D.H., McAllister, M., Hegeman, B., & Willenbring, M. (2001). Innovative program strategies for medically ill alcoholics. Poster session presented at the 2001 Counseling Psychology Conference, Houston, TX.

Olson, D.H., McAllister, M., Hegeman, B., & Nugent, S. (2000). Responsiveness to integrated outpatient primary care for medically ill alcoholic men. Poster session presented at the 108th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Convention, Washington, D.C.

Other Professional Service

Member, American Psychological Association

Academic Affiliations

None

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Home Based Primary Care

Education

- Diplom-Psychologe, Psychology, Universität zu Köln, Germany, 1997
- Internship: Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, 2001-2002
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Long Island University, Brooklyn, 2002

Clinical/Research Interests

As the psychologist on the Home Based Primary Care Team, Dr. Hess delivers psychological services to Veterans and their caregivers in their homes. These services include assessments for cognitive impairment and psychiatric symptoms, diagnosis and treatment planning, focused psychotherapy (mostly time-limited) for patient and caregivers, family/couples therapy, health psychology interventions, psychoeducation, and capacity assessments.

Dr. Hess' clinical approach is based in his relational psychodynamic training, but integrates cognitive-behavioral, behavioral, and other techniques. He is especially interested in theory-driven psychotherapy integration, and has been a member of the Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration (SEPI) since 1995. Before being appointed to his current position, Dr. Hess was the clinical supervisor of an evidence-based family therapy program (Functional Family Therapy), and he continues to use the skills he acquired there in his work with Veterans and their caregivers. More recently, he became interested in working with a geriatric population, and he is also refreshing his training in health psychology interventions. Through his community-based work over the past years, Dr. Hess experienced the necessity for psychological treatment to address multiple systems (e.g., family, community, church), and his interventions are guided by a biopsychosocial conceptualization of psychological processes. He also advocates a strength-based approach, which dovetails with his research interests in positive psychology, life satisfaction, quality of life, and the treatment of depression. Dr. Hess also enjoys mentoring aspiring psychologists and supervising psychology interns.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Hess, L.M. (2007). Functional Family Therapy: An evidence-based approach for treating acting-out adolescents. Presentation to the psychology intern/extern seminar at MHA of Westchester, NY

Hess, L.M. (2006). Functional Family Therapy: An evidence-based approach for treating acting-out adolescents. Presentation to the psychology intern/extern seminar at MHA of Westchester, NY

Hess, L.M. & Neil, J. (2003). The Mobile Crisis Team and its interface with the police. Brief presentation given at various police precincts in Brooklyn, NY.

Hess, L.M. (2003). Treating severe mental illness in the community: Psychological interventions within a Mobile Crisis Team. Guest lecture to social work students at Hunter College, New York, NY

Hess, L.M. (2002). Case presentation of a patient with Narcissistic Personality Disorder to the Behavioral Health Rounds, Beth Israel Medical Center, New York, NY

Hess, L.M. (2000). Instructor: Social Psychology. Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY.

Other Professional Service

- Completed Externship Training in Functional Family Therapy (FFT, 2004) and as FFT site supervisor (2006).
- Completed Police Training Program: “Managing Situations Involving Mentally Disturbed Persons” (2002). John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY (in conjunction with N.Y.P.D. Hostage Negotiation Team)
- Visiting Fulbright Scholar in the clinical psychology doctoral program at the University of Miami, FL (1994/95). Preliminary research on the assessment of life satisfaction and quality of life in health psychology interventions.

Academic Affiliations

- 1995-Present Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration
- 1997-Present American Psychological Association

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- B.A., Psychology, University of California San Diego, 1995
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2004-2005
- PhD, Clinical Psychology, University of Arizona, 2005

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Hoffman-Konn is assigned to the Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) team. Her responsibilities are to provide psychological services within a multidisciplinary team, including individual, couples, and group therapy, diagnostic assessment, coordination of patient services, and consultation to other team providers.

Current clinical and research interests include psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery-oriented approaches to helping individuals diagnosed with psychotic disorders/severe mental illness and evaluating therapeutic outcomes. Psychological treatment orientation is integrative, with an emphasis on cognitive-behavioral approaches.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Hoffman-Konn, LD, Rohrbaugh, MJ, and Shoham, V. Coping style and retention in couple treatment for alcoholism: looking beyond the drinker. Society for Psychotherapy Research, Phoenix, Arizona, April 23, 2004.

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Hoffman-Konn, LD, Rohrbaugh, MJ, and Shoham, V. Coping style and retention in couple treatment for alcoholism: looking beyond the drinker. Society for Psychotherapy Research, Phoenix, Arizona, April 23, 2004.

Other Professional Service

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B.A., Psychology, Millikin University, 1996
M.A., Student Affairs Administration, Michigan State University, 1999
Clinical Internship: Battle Creek VA Medical Center, 2003-2004
Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Michigan State University, 2006

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Psychology & Neuropsychology:
University of Michigan, Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation,
2006-2008

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Howard is a staff psychologist on the Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Team at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Her primary responsibilities include neuropsychological and psychological assessment of patients with TBI, as well as the provision of psychoeducational and psychotherapeutic interventions to patients with TBI in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Her work also involves provision of TBI-related psychoeducation to family members. Her theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral. Her research interests lie in the areas of psychological adjustment, and community re-integration following TBI, SCI, and polytrauma, and assessment of neuropsychological impairments in individuals with neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Howard, A.D. (2007, Fall). Relationships, Adjustment, & SCI. *SCI access*, 15 (2), 6.

Funded Research

Recent Presentations

Howard, A.D. (January 21, 2008). Adjustment issues in traumatic brain injury rehabilitation. University of Michigan Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Howard, A.D. (November 28, 2007). The pathophysiology and neuropsychology of Multiple Sclerosis. University of Michigan Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Howard, A.D. (April 11, 2007). The neuropsychology of stroke. University of Michigan Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Howard, A. D. (2001). Student and faculty perceptions of LGB issues in counselor training. A poster presented at Great Lakes Regional Conference in Akron, OH.

Howard, A. D., Hood, C., & Mitchell, P. (2000). Psychotherapy in cyberspace: An ethical referral alternative. A symposium presented at Great Lakes Regional Conference in Muncie, IN.

Howard, A. D. (1998). Student athletes slipping through the cracks.
A paper presented at the 3RD Annual Michigan State University College Student
Experience Symposium in East Lansing, MI.

Other Professional Service

American Psychological Association, Member

Academic Affiliations

None

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Partial Psychiatric Hospitalization Team (PPH)

Education

- Psy.D.: Clinical Psychology, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado; August, 1984
- MBA: University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota; July, 2000
- M.S.: Clinical Psychology, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana; May, 1981
- B.A.: Psychology, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana; May, 1979

Clinical/Research Interests

- Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota College of Medicine, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Adjunct University Assistant Professor, Counseling and Psychological Services, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Selected Publications

Isenhardt, C.E. (In press). Motivational Interviewing. In R. J. Craig (Ed.). Clinical and diagnostic interviewing. Northvale, NJ: Jason Aronson.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M.A., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004). Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment instruments. *Psychological Services*, 1, 31-39.

Isenhardt, C.E. (2003). Review of the Stress Profile. *The 15th Mental Measurements Yearbook*. Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements.

Isenhardt, C.E. (2003). Review of the Miller Common Sense Scale. *The 15th Mental Measurements Yearbook*. Lincoln, NE: Buros Institute of Mental Measurements.

Isenhart, C.E. (2001). Men's issues in substance abuse treatment. In G.R. Brooks & G.E. Good (Eds.), (pp. 246-262). *The New Handbook of Counseling and Psychotherapy Approaches with Men*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Isenhart, C. E. & Van Krevelen, S. (1998). Relationship between stages and processes of change in a sample of alcohol dependent males. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*, 10, 175-184.

Isenhart, C.E. (1997). Pre-treatment readiness for change in alcohol dependent subjects: Predictors of one-year follow-up status. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, 58, 351-357.

Funded Research Grants or Training Contracts in Last Five Years

None

Other Professional Service

- Member, American Psychological Association
- Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders, APA College of Professional Psychology

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- Clinical Internship: Battle Creek VA Medical Center, 2003-2004
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Michigan State University, 2006
- Postdoctoral Fellowship in Rehabilitation Psychology & Neuropsychology: University of Michigan, Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, 2006-2008

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Howard is a staff psychologist on the Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Team at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Her primary responsibilities include neuropsychological and psychological assessment of patients with TBI, as well as the provision of psychoeducational and psychotherapeutic interventions to patients with TBI in both outpatient and inpatient settings. Her work also involves provision of TBI-related psychoeducation to family members. Her theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral. Her research interests lie in the areas of psychological adjustment, and community re-integration following TBI, SCI, and polytrauma, and assessment of neuropsychological impairments in individuals with neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- None

Recent Publications

Howard, A.D. (2007, Fall). Relationships, Adjustment, & SCI. *SCI access*, 15 (2), 6.

Recent Presentations

Howard, A.D. (January 21, 2008). Adjustment issues in traumatic brain injury rehabilitation. University of Michigan Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Howard, A.D. (November 28, 2007). The pathophysiology and neuropsychology of Multiple Sclerosis. University of Michigan Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Howard, A.D. (April 11, 2007). The neuropsychology of stroke. University of Michigan Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Howard, A. D. (2001). Student and faculty perceptions of LGB issues in counselor training. A poster presented at Great Lakes Regional Conference in Akron, OH.

Howard, A. D., Hood, C., & Mitchell, P. (2000). Psychotherapy in cyberspace: An ethical referral alternative. A symposium presented at Great Lakes Regional Conference in Muncie, IN.

Howard, A. D. (1998). Student athletes slipping through the cracks. A paper presented at the 3RD Annual Michigan State University College Student Experience Symposium in East Lansing, MI.

Other Professional Service

- American Psychological Association, Member

Academic Affiliations

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Education

- BA, Psychology, St. Olaf College, 1998.
- Internship, Clinical Psychology, Minneapolis VA Medical Center 2003-2004.
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Iowa, 2004.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Rehabilitation Psychology, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2004-2005.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Johnsen is a rehabilitation psychologist in the Extended Care and Rehabilitation Service with the Spinal Cord Injury team. Her primary responsibilities involve individual, couple, and group psychotherapy with individuals who have experienced spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, and other related disorders. Her theoretical orientation is primarily cognitive behavioral with a focus on concepts from contextual behavioral therapies. She performs neuropsychological assessments and cognitive rehabilitation for veterans with cognitive changes related to their neurological condition. Her clinical interests also include family and caregiver adjustment. She will be involved in program development in preparation for the opening of the Spinal Cord Injury Center in 2009. Her research interests include adjustment and coping following disability, stress management, and use of music and other complementary therapeutic approaches for medical and neurological populations.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Publications

Johnsen, E.L., Tranel, D., Lutgendorf, S., & Adolphs, R. (in press). A neuroanatomical dissociation for emotion induced by music. *International Journal of Psychophysiology*.

Erbes, C., Westermeyer, J., Engdahl, B., & Johnsen, E. (2007). Post-traumatic stress disorder and service utilization in a sample of service members from Iraq and Afghanistan. *Military Medicine*, 172, 359-363.

Gosselin, N., Peretz, I., Johnsen, E., & Adolphs, R. (2007). Amygdala damage impairs emotion recognition from music. *Neuropsychologia*, 45, 236-244.

Weinrib, A.Z., Rothrock, N.E., Johnsen, E.L., & Lutgendorf, S.K. (2006). The assessment and validity of stress-related growth in a community-based sample. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 74*, 851-858.

Etzel, J.A., Johnsen, E.L., Dickerson, J., Tranel, D., & Adolphs, R. (2006). Cardiovascular and respiratory responses during musical mood induction. *International Journal of Psychophysiology, 61*, 57-69.

Erbes, C., Eberly, R., Dikel, T., Johnsen, E., Harris, I., & Engdahl, B. (2005). Posttraumatic growth among American former Prisoners of War. *Traumatology, 11*, 285-295.

Martin, R., Johnsen, E.L., Bunde, J., Bellman, S.B., Rothrock, N.E., Weinrib, A., & Lemos, K. (2005). Gender differences in patients' attributions for myocardial infarction: Implications for adaptive health behaviors. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine, 12*, 39-45.

Johnsen, E.L. (2004). Self-monitoring. In A.J. Christensen, R. Martin, & J.M. Smyth (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Health Psychology*. New York: Plenum/Kluwer.

Lutgendorf, S.K., Johnsen, E.L., Cooper, B., Anderson, B., Sorosky, J.I., Buller, R.E., & Sood, A.K. (2002). Vascular endothelial growth factor and social support in ovarian cancer patients. *Cancer, 95*, 808-815.

Lutgendorf, S.K., Anderson, B., Ullrich, P., Johnsen, E.L., Buller, R.E., Sood, A.K., Sorosky, J.I., & Ritchie, J. (2002). Quality of life and mood in women with gynecologic cancer: A one year prospective study. *Cancer, 94*, 131-140.

Johnsen, E.L. & Lutgendorf, S.K. (2001). Contributions of imagery ability to stress and relaxation. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine, 23*, 273-281.

Current Funded Research

None.

Representative Presentations

Johnsen, E. (2007, September). *Music in brain injury rehabilitation*. Bethesda Hospital Eighth Annual Managing Challenging Situations in Brain Injury Care Conference.

Johnsen, E., Winskowski, A.M., Kennedy, M., & Engdahl, B. (2005, November). *Family functioning and adjustment among returnees with and without brain injury*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.

Weinrib, A., Rothrock, N., Johnsen, E., Anderson, B., Sorosky, J., & Lutgendorf, S. (2005, March). *Stress-related benefit finding in cancer patients and community*

residents. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

Etzel, J.A., Johnsen, E.L., Dickerson, J.A., & Adolphs, R. (2004, October). *A program to accurately identify peaks in respiration and EKG signals for use in psychophysiological research*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research.

Johnsen, E., Tranel, D., Etzel, J., Lutgendorf, S., & Adolphs R. (2003, November). *Emotional responses to music following amygdala damage*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience.

Johnsen, E., Bellman, S.B., Bunde, J., Rothrock, N., Lemos, K., & Martin, R. (2003, March). *Women are less likely than men to attribute their myocardial infarctions to behavioral factors*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

Bunde, J., Johnsen, E., Rothrock, N., Bellman, B., & Martin, R. (2003, March). *Depression and treatment delay among myocardial infarction patients*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychosomatic Society.

Other Professional Service

- Member, American Psychological Association
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- Member, International Neuropsychological Society

Academic Affiliations

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Assistant Director of Training
Post Traumatic Stress Recovery Program

Education

- BA, Psychology, University of Minnesota , 1997
- MA, Clinical Psychology, Argosy University , 2000
- PsyD, Clinical Psychology, Argosy University , 2002
- Internship, Minneapolis VAMC, 2001-2002

Clinical Interests

Dr. Kattar is a clinical psychologist and coordinator of the Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) program on the Post Traumatic Stress Recovery team. Her duties include the assessment and treatment of psychiatric responses to trauma utilizing individual, family, and group therapy, as well as conducting posttraumatic stress disorder evaluations, and psychological testing including neuropsychological assessment. Special clinical interests involve the training and implementation of evidenced-based therapies such as CPT for trauma-related symptoms. Dr. Kattar is also a geropsychologist and provides assessment and therapy for older adults.

As Assistant Director of Training for the Psychology Training Program, Dr.Kattar is the coordinator of the practicum program and also assists with the operations and administration of training of interns and post doctoral fellows including recruiting and selection of students. Duties include mentoring and supervising practicum students, interns, and post doctoral fellows.

Research Interests

Dr. Kattar is interested in therapy outcomes for evidenced-based therapies in real-world settings. She is currently conducting clinical outcome assessment for Cognitive Processing Therapy using a combined individual/group model. Trainees and staff are welcome to join this ongoing project as well as future projects.

Future projects will include clinical outcome assessment for cognitive-behavioral therapy couples treatment (CBCT) with PTSD (partner incorporated PTSD treatment).

Academic Positions

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota Medical School, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology,
- University of Minnesota Liberal Arts Graduate Program, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Graduate Department of Professional Psychology, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Selected Publications

Johnson, D., Westermeyer, J., Kattar, K., & Thuras, P. (2002). Prospective life charting of posttraumatic stress disorder: Developing an instrument. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 90, 683-692.

Recent Presentations

March 2007, Psychology's Role in Health Care, Didactic for University of Minnesota medical students, Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

November 2006, Prayer as a Coping Strategy for Trauma, Symposium, Annual Conference of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, Hollywood, California.

July 2004, Procedures and Protocols for Patient Management and Care, Bariatrics Medical Group, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

June-July 2004, Behavioral Issues and Dementia, Roitenberg Nursing Home, St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

March-April 2004, Aging and Memory, Dakota Area Regional Transportation for Seniors, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Other Professional Service

- Reviewer for *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.
- Private practice

Academic and Professional Affiliation

- American Psychological Association

- Minnesota Psychological Association
- Minnesota Women in Psychology
- Psychologists in Long-Term Care
- Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society

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Molly Kodl, PhD
Licensed Psychologist

Education

- BA, Psychology, St. Olaf College, 1998
- MA, Clinical Psychology, University of Illinois-Chicago, 2000
- PhD, Clinical Psychology, University of Illinois-Chicago, 2004
- Internship: Rush University Medical Center, 2003-2004
- Fellowship: Rush University Medical Center, 2004-2005

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Kodl is a staff clinical psychologist for the Post Traumatic Stress Recovery Team (PTSR). She provides assessment and psychotherapy to patients on an individual, couples, group or family basis. Although Dr. Kodl's primary theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral, she has special interests in mindfulness-based techniques as well as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Dr. Kodl is also interested in health behavior change, such as weight loss and smoking cessation, and its interaction with mental health.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Fu, S.S., Kodl, M.M., Willenbring, M., Nelson, D.B., Nugent, S., Gravely, A.A., & Joseph, A.M. (in press). Ethnic differences in alcohol treatment outcomes and the effect of concurrent smoking cessation treatment. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Kodl, M.M., Fu, S.S., & Joseph, A.M. (2006). The timing of treatment for habitual smoking and alcohol dependence. *Alcohol, Research & Health*, 29, 203-207.

Kodl, M., Lee, J.L., Matthews, A.K., Cummings, S., & Olopade, O.I. (2006). Correlates of depressive symptoms among women seeking cancer genetic counseling and risk assessment at a high risk cancer clinic. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*, 15, 267-276.

Funded Research

None

Representative Presentations (for 2007)

Kodl, M.M., Mermelstein, R.M., & Flay, B.R. (2007, February). *Parenting and adolescent smoking: Reciprocity of influence?* Presented as a paper at the 13th annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Austin, TX.

Kodl, M., Fu, S., Nelson, D., Gravely, A., Willenbring, M., & Joseph, A. (2007, February). *Depression, smoking and alcohol consumption following treatment for alcohol and nicotine dependence.* Poster session presented at the 13th annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Austin, TX.

Fu, S.S., Kodl, M., Joseph, A.M., Hatsukami, D.K., Johnson, E.O., Breslau, N., Wu, B., Bierut, L. (2007, February). *Ethnic disparities in smoking cessation and tobacco treatment among middle-aged smokers.* Presented as a paper at the 13th annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Austin, TX.

Other Professional Service

None

Academic Affiliations

- American Psychological Association Member
- Minnesota Psychological Association Member
- Society for Research in Nicotine and Tobacco Member

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Nancy J. Koets, Psy.D.

Licensed Psychologist

Education

- BME, Music Education, Illinois State University, 1978
- MS, Psychology, Illinois State University, 1993
- Internship, Clinical Psychology, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2000 - 2001
- PsyD, Clinical Psychology, Argosy University, Chicago, Illinois, 2005

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Koets is a member of the Mood Team and provides therapeutic services to veterans seen in that clinic. Along with individual and group therapy, she conducts diagnostic interviews and completes psychological evaluations and neuropsychological screens. Additionally, she is involved in the training and supervision of students.

Given that her training was primarily psychoanalytic in nature, psychodynamic theory informs her understanding of human behavior and behavior change. At the same time, she has come to appreciate the utility of other approaches. She has experience and training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy and is interested in the use of mindfulness-based stress reduction interventions.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure Status

No current academic position

Recent Publications

None

Recent Presentations

None

Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association

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Jennie Leskela, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist
Chief Psychologist

Education

- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Michigan State University , 1996
- MSW, Social Work, Michigan State University , 1985
- Internship: Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1995-1996

Clinical/Research Interests

Chief Psychologist: Responsible for delivery of psychological services across the Primary Care, Mental Health, Specialty Care, and Extended Care and Rehabilitation Patient Service Lines, along with dependent CBOC's.

Program Manager: Administration of Posttraumatic Stress Recovery Program focusing on the assessment and treatment of psychiatric responses to adult and childhood trauma.

Staff Psychologist: Diagnostic assessments, personality, projective, and neuropsychological testing; and psychotherapy.

Supervision and Training: Director for the Family Therapy Training Clinic and supervisor and mentor for the psychology internship and postdoctoral training programs.

Professional issues: childhood trauma and adult trauma.

Research interests: clinical outcome assessment; substance use and PTSD; treatment adherence in OEF/OIF returnees.

Theoretical Orientation: Psychodynamic-informed therapy with interests in narrative therapy.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota
- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Dieperink, E., Leskela, J., Dieperink, M.E., Evans, B., Thuras, P., & Ho, S.B. (2007). The effect of Pegylated Interferon-a-2b and Ribavirin on posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms. *Psychosomatics*.

Dieperink, M., Erbes, C., Leskela, J., Kaloupek, D., Farrer, M.K., Fisher, L., & Wolf, E. (2005). Comparison of treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder among three Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Centers. *Military Medicine*, 170, 305-308.

Sponheim, S.R., Serurus-Johnson, C., Leskela, J., & Dieperink, M.E. (2003). Proverb interpretation in schizophrenia: The significance of symptomatology and cognitive processes. *Schizophrenia Research*, 65, 117-123.

Leskela, J., Dieperink, M., & Thuras, P. (2002). Shame and posttraumatic stress disorder. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 15, 223-236.

Funded Research

Co-Investigator, Minnesota Medical Foundation, University of Minnesota, funded \$12,900, Quality of life, subjective improvement, and treatment satisfaction in combat-related PTSD.

Co-Site Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, estimated budget: up to \$14,000. Genetic tissue banking for VA Cooperative Study # 519 secondary study

Site Investigator, VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Department of Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies Program, estimated budget: up to \$1,043,833. Integrating practice guidelines for smoking cessation into mental health care for posttraumatic stress disorder, VA Cooperative Study # 519.

Academic Affiliations

None

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Licensed Psychologist
Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology

Education

- BS, Biology and Psychology, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1969
- Ph.D., Cognitive Psychology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1973
- Respecialization: Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1974-1976
- Internship: University of Minnesota Hospitals, 1976-1978

Clinical/Research Interests

Coordinates neuropsychological consultation services, member of the Traumatic Brain Injury team, and member of the Mental and Behavioral Health team

Cognitive behavioral orientation

Research activities: Department of Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center; Measurement, Treatment Effectiveness and Outcomes Post Severe Brain Injury

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Pape, T.L-B., Kelly, J.P., Bode, R., Heinemann, A.W., and Lundgren, S. (1999). The Disorders of Consciousness Scale* (DOCS*). Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Department of Education, Chicago, Illinois. (*copyrighted)

Funded Research

- Department of Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Program (collaborator), 4/92-present
- Measurement, Treatment Effectiveness and Outcomes Post Severe Brain Injury, 7/1/01-6/30/04

Recent Presentations

None

Other Professional Service

None

Academic Affiliations

None

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John Merladet, Ph.D., M.B.A.

Licensed Psychologist

Vocational and Rehabilitation Psychologist

Polytrauma/Compensated Work Therapy Program

Education

- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, CSPP, University of Minnesota, 2000
- Internship: Elmhurst Hospital Center, Queens , N.Y. , 1999-2000
- M.S., Clinical Social Work, Columbia University, 1993
- M.B.A., Pace University, New York, NY, 1990
- B.B.A., CCNY, Baruch College, 1986

Clinical/Services Delivery Position or Responsibilities

Dr. Merladet serves as the primary psychologist involved in the care of polytrauma/compensated work therapy program. Dr. Merladet's clinical work is in the area of vocational psychology and in TBI rehabilitation. Of specific interest is in assisting patients return to gainful employment post injury, and negotiating with employers issues around accommodations. He has served as a consulting psychologist for New York State's office of vocational services for people with disabilities, and worked closely with individuals with disabilities seeking vocational and rehabilitation services. Currently, Dr. Merladet tracks veterans progress through inpatient, outpatient and transitional services permitting vocational rehabilitation services to begin at the earliest possible point. Dr. Merladet has strong background in vocational, neuropsychological, and clinical assessment which allows the development of a comprehensive vocational plan that lead the rehabilitation planning process. In addition, his training in psychotherapy addresses barriers to successful return to work for patients struggling with issues around acceptance, depression, and other behavioral difficulties. Further, his business background allows him to extend into the business community to develop outside resources willing to help veterans obtain re-employment.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Adjunct Professor, Queens College, Department of Education, Counseling 2001-2004

Past Publications

Demographic, Cognitive and Academic Factors that Predict Graduation for Learning Disabled College Students, Doctoral Dissertation, University of Minnesota, 2000.

McCarthy, Sundby, Merladet, & Luxenberg (1997). Identifying Attendance Correlates for a Teen and Young Adult Parenting Program, *Family Relations*, 46.

Funded Research

None

Past Presentations

Merladet, J. (2005, October). Understanding Memory Disorders. Presentation provided to S.A.G.E. – Queens' members on aspects of memory loss and tips on managing forgetfulness.

Merladet, J. & Campbell, H. (2005, September). Use of the Achenbach in Child Clinical Assessment. Presentation provided to North General Hospital, N.Y., Out Patient Psychiatry Department.

Merladet, J. & Campbell, H. (2004, September). Introduction to Biofeedback and Neurofeedback. Presentation provided to North General Hospital, N.Y., Psychiatry Department regarding history, theoretical background, and applicability of biofeedback.

Merladet, J. (2002, October). Biofeedback and Psychological Testing. Presentation of the uses of psychological testing as a biofeedback practitioner. Provided to the meeting of the New York State Society of Biofeedback, Long Island Chapter.

Merladet, J. & Campbell, H. (2002, September). Introduction to Biofeedback and Neurofeedback. Presentation provided to Elmhurst Hospital Center, Queens, N.Y., Psychology Department regarding history, theoretical background, and applicability of biofeedback.

Antelis, S & Merladet, J. (2002, May). Biofeedback and Self Regulation in the Treatment of Trauma. Co-presentation to Guardian of the Sick: Project for Holocaust Survivors on the application of biofeedback tools in the treatment for trauma.

Merladet, J. (2000, October). Understanding Psychiatric Disabilities Under the ADA (The Americans with Disabilities Act). Presented at Elmhurst Hospital Center information on the ADA and its role in assisting clinician's efforts to connect patients with long-term gainful employment.

Merladet, J. (1997, August 5). Cross-cultural Personality Assessment. Minnesota Department of Rehabilitation, St. Paul. Panel participant.

Nutter, K. & Merladet, J. (1997, March 21). Decision Making Strategies. La Oportunidad, St. Paul.

Merladet, J. (1995, March 24, July 13). Treatment of the Hispanic Client. United Behavioral Systems, Minneapolis. Panel participant.

Other Professional Service

- Training in neuropsychological assessment, Mt Sinai Hospital, New York, NY.
- Psychological Evaluator for Physicians for Human Rights, Victims of Torture, NY
- Certified in EMG Biofeedback.
- Certified in Hypnotherapy.

Academic Affiliations

- American Psychological Association
- APA Division 22-Rehabilitation Psychology
- APA Division 18- Psychology in the Public Service

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Kathy McGuire, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

Education

- B.A. in Psychology, Carleton College , 1988
- Clinical Psychology Internship, University of Washington School of Medicine , 1997
- Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota , 2000
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology, Minneapolis VA Medical Center , 2001

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. McGuire is a psychologist in the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Her primary responsibilities include neuropsychological and psychological assessment of mild, moderate and severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) on the TBI/Polytrauma team. Her theoretical orientation is primarily cognitive/behavioral therapy. Special clinical and research interests include assessment of electrophysiological and neuropsychological impairments in individuals with schizophrenia, TBI, and other neurological disorders.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Sponheim, S. R., McGuire, K. A., & Stanwyck, J. J. (in press). Neural anomalies during sustained attention in first-degree relatives of schizophrenia patients. *Biological Psychiatry*.

Sponheim, S.R., Steele, V. R., & McGuire, K. A. (2004). Verbal memory processes in schizophrenia patients and biological relatives of schizophrenia patients: Intact implicit memory, impaired explicit recollection. *Schizophrenia Research*, 71, 339-348.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M. A., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004). Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment instruments. *Psychological Services*, 1, 31-39.

McGuire, K. A., Katsanis, J., Iacono, W. G., & McGue, M. (1998). Genetic influences on the spontaneous EEG: An examination of 15-year-old and 17-year-old twins. *Developmental Neuropsychology*, 14, 7-18.

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Liska, J., Vuchetich, J.P., Dionisio, D.P., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A., & Sponheim, S. R. (April, 2005). Clinical, Functional, Neuropsychological and Brain Imaging Correlates of Nailfold Plexus Visibility in Schizophrenic Patients and Family Members. Poster, International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savannah , Georgia.

Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., & McGuire, K.A. (October, 2004). Electrophysiological Correlates of Verbal Memory Dysfunction in Biological Relatives of Schizophrenia Patients. Poster, 19th Annual Meeting for the Society for Research in Psychopathology, St. Louis , Missouri .
Dionisio, D.P., Sponheim, S.R., & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2003). Saccadic Performance and Associated Cortical Potentials in Schizophrenia Patients and their First-degree Relatives. Poster, International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs , Colorado .

Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2004). Magnetoencephalography of Neural Processes Associated with Sustained Attention Deficit in Schizophrenia. Poster, Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco , California .

Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., & McGuire, K.A. (October, 2003). Specificity of Electrophysiological Abnormalities During a Continuous Performance Task to Schizophrenia. Poster, Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Toronto , Ontario.

Dionisio, D.P., Sponheim, S.R., & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2003). Saccadic Performance and Associated Cortical Potentials in Schizophrenia Patients and their First-degree Relatives. Poster, International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs , Colorado .

McGuire, K.A., Sponheim, S.R., & Sass, S.M. (April, 2003). Scalp Topography of Resting EEG Frequency Abnormalities in Schizophrenia Patients and Relatives of

Schizophrenia Patients. Poster, International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs , Colorado .

Sponheim, S.R., Bernat, E.M., & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2003). Gamma Band Activity during a Degraded-Stimulus Continuous Performance Task in Schizophrenia Patients and Their First-Degree Biological Relatives. Oral Presentation, International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs , Colorado .

Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A., & Stanwyck, J.J. (April, 2002). Vigilance and Vulnerability for Psychosis: Event-related Potentials in Relatives of Schizophrenia Patients during a Continuous Performance Task. Poster, Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco , California .

Sass, S.M., Sponheim, S.R., & McGuire, K.M. (October, 2001). Repetition Priming and Verbal Memory in Schizophrenia. Poster, 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Montreal , Quebec .

Sponheim, S.R., Sass, S.M., & McGuire, K.A. (October, 2001). Encoding ERPs and Memory for Words in Schizophrenia. Poster, 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Montreal , Quebec .

Olson, D.H., Billig, J., Polusny, M., Erbes, C., Isenhardt, C., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., & Vye, C. (August, 2001). Critical decisions in outcome measurement for determining best practices. Poster, American Psychological Association Convention, San Francisco , California .

Sponheim, S.R. & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2001). Functional Brain Abnormalities Associated with CPT Performance in Schizophrenia: New Event-related Potential Evidence. Oral presentation, International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Whistler, British Columbia .

Sponheim, S.R. & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2001). Attention or Sustained Attention Deficit? Event-related Potentials over the Course of a Continuous Performance Task in Schizophrenia. Poster, Fifth Biennial Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia, Whistler, British Columbia .

Sponheim, S.R. & McGuire, K.A. (April, 2001). Deficient Recall, Intact Recognition: ERP Evidence Regarding the Nature of Verbal Memory Deficits in Schizophrenia. Poster, Fifth Biennial Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia, Whistler, British Columbia .

Professional Affiliation

- American Psychological Association, Member, Division 40
- Society for Psychophysiological Research, Member

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Medical Center Assistant Director
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Education

- MHA, Baylor University, 2005
- Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, 1986
- Internship, San Francisco VA Medical Center, 1985
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley , 1987

Professional Interests

Dr. Mylan works in the Minneapolis VAMC's Director's Office as Medical Center Assistant Director. She continues to function as a clinical psychologist providing clinical care and teaching in the internship and fellowship programs. Prior to her current appointment she served as Coordinator of the Mood Disorders Team and the Psychology Supervisor for the Mental Health Section of the Psychology Department. Dr. Mylan's clinical areas of specialization include addictive disorders, mood and anxiety disorders, and time limited dynamic psychotherapy. Dr. Mylan's combined administrative and clinical interests include the intersection of evidence based practice and national health policy, measurement of performance in organizational quality management, the use of strategic planning tools to enhance organizational performance, and the judicious application of business and industry principles to health care management.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Mylan, M., Hosea, L., Hall, B., and Zeckler, G. (2004). Hospice care still underutilized primed for wider use, full benefits. *San Antonio Medicine*, Vol. 57, No. 7, 20.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004) Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment. *Psychological Services*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 31-39.

Vye, C., Leskela, J., Rodman, J., Olson, D., & Mylan, M. (2001). Development of an anxiety interventions clinic within a veteran's administration medical center. *Behavior Therapist*, Vol 24, No. 3, 49-56.

Recent National Presentations

Olson, Ph.D. D.H., Hojffman-Konn, L. Herndon, R., Vye, C.S., Hartl, T.L., Perry, J.N. & Mylan, M.M. (2005) Modifying Empirically Supported CBT for Anxiety to Account for Comorbidity. Presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington D.C.

Brown, D., Mylan, M., Lee, J. (2004) Executive preceptor skills: Mentoring the next generation. Presentation at Baylor Scholars Day, in Waco , Texas .

Olson, D.H., Leskela, J., & Mylan, M. (2003) Innovative methods for better managing large psychiatric caseloads. Poster presentation at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto , Canada .

Vye, C., Mylan, M., & Leskela, J. (March, 2001). Cognitive behavioral therapy for PTSD with co-morbid panic attacks: Case examples and implications for clinical decision-making, Presentation, Anxiety Disorders Association of America, Atlanta , Georgia .

Mylan, M., Olson, D.H., & Vye, C. (2001). Anxiety interventions clinic. Poster session Presented at the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), Las Vegas , Nevada .

Olson, D.H., Mylan, M., Billig, J., Polusny, M., Erbes, C, Isenhardt, C., McGuire, K., & Vye, C. (2001). Task force on critical decisions about best outcome Measurement for determining best practices. Presented at the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), Las Vegas , Nevada .

Olson, D.H., Polusny, M., Erbes, C., Mylan, M., Vye, C., Isenhardt, C., & McGuire, K. (2001) Critical decisions about outcome measurement in determining best practices. Poster session presented at the American Psychological Association Convention in San Francisco .

Vye, C., Mylan, M., Dieperink, E. (2000) Innovative Approaches to treating co-morbid anxiety disorders. National VA Teleconference, Minneapolis Minnesota .

Awards

Recipient: Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year, U.S. Army Baylor Program in Healthcare Administration, June 2004

Recipient: Association of VA Psychology Leaders Professional Service Award, August 2002.

Recipient: Undersecretary for Health's Innovations Award, August 2000.

Recipient: Federal Women's Program Award, March 1998.

Academic Affiliations

- American Psychological Association
- Association of VA Psychologist Leaders
- American College of Healthcare Executives
- Association of Military Surgeons of the United States

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Laura Meyers, Ph.D.

Licensed Psychologist

Education

- Fellowship: Health Psychology & Serious Mental Illness, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 2006-2007
- Internship: Bay Pines VA Health Care System, Bay Pines, FL, 2005-2006
- PhD, Clinical-Community Psychology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2006
- BA, Psychology, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, 2000

Clinical/Services Delivery Position or Responsibilities

Dr. Meyers serves as staff clinical psychologist for the Mental Health/Primary Care Integration Team. Her duties include providing triage, assessment, and psychotherapy to patients in the primary care clinics and provides consultation and in-service training to mental health and medical staff.

Specialty areas include trauma-related disorders (i.e., sexual and combat), health psychology (e.g., chronic pain, weight management, sleep), couples' therapy, and Axis II disorders. Theoretical orientation is cognitive behavioral with a special interest in contemporary behavior therapies such as Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), especially with chronic pain patients.

She provides supervision to pre- and post-doctoral psychology trainees and co-supervises the DBT extended therapy seminar.

Beyond the work world, interests include exploring the never-ending list of Twin Cities' eclectic restaurants, volunteering with homeless dogs, and planning fabulous trips that she will take some day.

Research Interests

- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy with chronic pain patients
- Resiliency factors in returning OIF/OEF veterans
- Promoting resiliency through conjoint (couples) therapy

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- None

Recent Publications

Meyers, L. (2007, September). Use of imagery with polytrauma patients. National polytrauma nurses convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. (2007, September). Living with chronic pain: An Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) approach. Chronic Pain Day presentation at the Minneapolis VA, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. & Schumacher, M. (2007, August). Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills workshop. Training day at the Minneapolis VA, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. (2007, January). Living with chronic pain: An Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) approach. Mental Health Grand Rounds presentation at the Minneapolis VA, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Meyers, L. L., Kilmann, P. R., Posey, S. J., & Heath, M. B. (2004). The influence of perceived attachment on relationship stability. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA), Atlanta, Georgia.

Kilmann, P. R., Vendemia, J. M. C., Meyers, L. L., Kilmann, A., & Fitz, M. E. (2004). Personality characteristics of women seeking weight reduction. Poster presentation at the annual conference of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA), Atlanta, Georgia.

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Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology

Clinical Neuropsychologist

Education

- BA, Psychology, St. John's University, 1998.
- M.A., Theology, Fuller School of Theology, 2003.
- Internship, Neuropsychology Track, Rush University Medical Center, 2003-2004.
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Fuller School of Psychology, 2004.
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Adult Clinical Neuropsychology, Evanston Northwestern Healthcare (Northwestern University Affiliate), 2004-2006.

Clinical/Research Interests

Clinical interests include neuropsychological evaluation of various medical conditions that are associated with underlying brain involvement, including traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, brain tumors, movement disorders, demyelinating conditions, and more. Neuropsychological evaluations may also include assessment of psychological conditions that often contribute to cognitive dysfunction, such as depression, anxiety, and chronic mental illnesses (e.g., bipolar disorder, schizophrenia).

Research interests include forensic neuropsychology, response validity assessment through use of the MMPI-2 and effort measures, cognitive and psychological outcomes following mild traumatic brain injury, meta-analysis, and epistemological assumptions of neuropsychological evaluation.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

n/a

Recent Publications

Nelson, N. W., Boone, K., Dueck, A., Wagener, L., Lu, P., & Grills, C. (2003). Relationships between eight measures of suspect effort. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, *17*, 263-272.

Malina, A. C., Nelson, N. W., & Sweet, J. J. (2005). Framing the relationships in forensic neuropsychology: Ethical issues. *Journal of Forensic Neuropsychology*, *4*, 21-44.

- Nelson, N. W., Parsons, T. D., Grote, C. L., Smith, C. A., & Sisung, J. (2006). The MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale: Concordance and specificity of true and estimated scores. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 28, 1-12.
- Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., & Demakis, G. (2006). Meta-analysis of the MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale: Utility in forensic practice. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 20, 39-58.
- Sweet, J. J., Nelson, N. W., & Moberg, P. (2006). *The Clinical Neuropsychologist & American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology 2005 "Salary Survey": Professional practices, beliefs, and incomes of U.S. Neuropsychologists*. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 20, 325-364.
- Nelson, N. W. (2007). Differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's dementia and vascular dementia. *Disease-A-Month*, 53, 148-151.
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- Sweet, J. J., & Nelson, N. W. (2007). Validity indicators within executive function measures: Use and limits in detection of malingering. For K. Boone (Ed.) *Detection of noncredible cognitive performance*. New York, NY: Guilford Publications.
- Nelson, N. W., & Sweet, J. J. (2008). Malingering of psychiatric disorders in neuropsychological evaluations: Divergence of cognitive effort measures and psychological test validity indicators. In J. Morgan & J. Sweet (Eds.) *Neuropsychology of malingering casebook*. New York, NY: Taylor & Francis.
- Sweet, J. J., Condit, D., C., & Nelson, N. W. (2008). Feigned amnesia and memory loss. In R. Rogers (Ed.) *Clinical assessment of malingering and deception* (3rd edition). New York, NY: Guilford Press.
- Smart, C., Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., Bryant, F., & Heilbronner, R. L. (in review). Identification of insufficient cognitive effort using the MMPI-2: An optimal classification tree analysis.

Funded Research

n/a

Representative Presentations

Grote, C. L., Parsons, T. D., Nelson, N. W., Smith, C. A., & Geary, E. (2004, February). MMPI-2 obvious-subtle difference scores predict failure on the Victoria Symptom Validity Test. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the International Neuropsychological Society, Baltimore, MD. Abstract published online in the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 10 (S1), 82.

Nelson, N. W., Grote, C. L., Parsons, T. D., Smith, C. A., & Geary, E. (2004, February). Do MMPI-2 “conversion-v” profiles impact poor performances on the Victoria Symptom Validity Test? Poster session presented at the annual conference of the International Neuropsychological Society, Baltimore, MD. Abstract published online in the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 10 (S1), 83.

Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., & Heilbronner, R. L. (2005, June). Examination of the new MMPI-2 Response Bias Scale (Gervais): Relationship with standard and supplementary MMPI-2 validity scales. Poster session presented at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Minneapolis, MN. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 19 (2), 154.

Sweet, J. J., Nelson, N. W., & Heilbronner, R. L. (2005, June). Relative lack of correspondence of individual MMPI-2 validity scales with individual measures of cognitive effort. Poster session presented at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Minneapolis, MN. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 19(2), 156.

Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., Berry, D. T. R., & Granacher, R. P. (2006, June). Exploratory factor analysis of cognitive effort and response bias. Poster session presented at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Philadelphia, PA. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

Sweet, J. J., Nelson, N. W., Berry, D. T. R., Granacher, R. P., & Heilbronner, R. L. (2006, June). Impact on MMPI-2 of cognitive effort as measured by the Victoria Symptom Validity Test, Letter Memory Test, and Test of Memory Malingering. Poster session presented at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Philadelphia, PA. Abstract published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.

Nelson, N. W., Sweet, J. J., Smart, C. M., Bryant, F. B., Berry, D. T. R., Granacher, R. P., & Heilbronner, R. L. (2007, February). Identification of cognitive effort using the MMPI-2: An optimal classification tree analysis. Poster session to be presented at the annual conference of the International Neuropsychological Society, Portland, OR. Abstract published online in the *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*.

Other Professional Service

- Professional Affiliations: American Psychological Association (APA); American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN); International Neuropsychological Society (INS); Midwest Neuropsychology Group (MNG)
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Education

B.A., Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1993

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Internship, UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute and Hospital, 2003-2004

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Kent State University, 2004

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Intervention Training for the Psychoses, UCLA, Department of Psychiatry, 2004-2005

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Psychological Research on Schizophrenic Conditions, UCLA, Department of Psychology, 2005-2007

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Nienow is a clinical psychologist for the Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) team and the Family Psychoeducation program. She provides assessments and individual, family, and group psychotherapy for adults with psychotic and mood disorders. Her theoretical orientation is primarily cognitive-behavioral.

Current research is focused on psychosocial functioning in schizophrenia. One research focus has been to study the mechanisms by which cognitive, social-cognitive, and symptom factors influence interpersonal and community functioning in individuals with schizophrenia. A second emphasize has been to examine the efficacy of family psychoeducation interventions for patients with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Cohen, A. S., Nienow, T. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Docherty, N. M. (in press). Attribution bias in facial emotion perception: Relationship to symptoms and social functioning in schizophrenia. *Psychopathology*.

Dinzeo, T. J., Cohen, A. S., Nienow, T. M., & Docherty, N. M. (2008). Arousability in schizophrenia: Relationship to emotional and physiological reactivity and symptom severity. *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica*, *117*, 432-9.

Cohen, A. S., Alpert, M., Nienow, T. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Docherty, N. M. (2008). Computerized measurement of negative symptoms in schizophrenia. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, *42*, 827-836.

Nienow, T. M., Docherty, N. M., Cohen, A. S., & Dinzeo, T. J. (2006). Attentional dysfunction, social perception, and social competence: What is the nature of the relationship? *Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 115*, 408-417.

Subotnik, K. L., Nuechterlein, K. H., Green, M. F., Horan, W. P., Nienow, T. M., Ventura, J., & Nguyen, A. T. (2006). Neurocognitive and social cognitive correlates of formal thought disorder in patients with schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research, 85*, 84-95.

Nienow, T. M., & Docherty, N. M. (2005). Internal source monitoring and communication disturbance in patients with schizophrenia. *Psychological Medicine, 35*, 1717-1726.

Cohen, A. S., Dinzeo, T. J., Nienow, T. M., Smith, D. A., Singer, B., & Docherty, N. M. (2005). Diminished emotionality and social functioning in schizophrenia. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 193*, 796-802.

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Nienow, T. M., & Docherty, N. M. (2004). Internal source monitoring and thought disorder in schizophrenia. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 192*, 696-700.

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Docherty, N. M., Cohen, A. S., Nienow, T. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Dangelmaier, R. E. (2003). Stability of formal thought disorder and referential communication disturbances in schizophrenia. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 112*, 469-475.

Docherty, N. M., Rhinewine, J. P., Nienow, T. M., & Cohen, A. S. (2001). Affective reactivity of language symptoms, startle responding, and inhibition in schizophrenia. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology, 110*, 194-198.

Funded Research

None.

Representative Presentations (last 5 years)

Nienow, T. M., Moradi, S., & Nuechterlein, K. H. (2007, October). *Theory of mind and neurocognitive predictors of social competence in schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Iowa City, IA.

Nienow, T. M., Moradi, S., & Nuechterlein, K. H. (2007, March). *Contribution of theory of mind and executive functions to social functioning in schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, CO.

Nienow, T. M., Subotnik, K. L., Horan, W. P., Ventura, J., & Nuechterlein, K. H. (2006, October). *Role functioning in schizophrenia: Contributions of cognition, thought disorder, and negative symptom severity*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology, San Diego, CA.

Nienow, T. M., Docherty, N. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Cohen, A. S. (2006, May). *Neurocognitive and social-cognitive contributions to functional outcome in patients with schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry, Toronto, Canada.

Nienow, T., Docherty, N., Cohen, A., & Dinzeo, T. (2005, April). *Contributions of neurocognitive functioning and symptomatology to emotion recognition performance in patients with schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savannah, GA.

Cohen, A. S., Nienow, T. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Docherty, N. M. (2005, April). *Misinterpreted facial emotions, symptoms, and social functioning in schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savannah, GA.

Nienow, T. M., Docherty, N. M., Dinzeo, T. J., & Cohen, A. S. (2004, October). *Neurocognitive predictors of social competence in patients with schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology, St. Louis, MO.

Dinzeo, T. J., Nienow, T. M., Cohen, A. S., & Docherty, N. M. (2004, October). *Emotional arousability and social functioning in schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology, St. Louis, MO.

Nienow, T. M., Cohen, A. S., Dinzeo, T. J., & Docherty, N. M. (2003, October). *Associations between neurocognitive functioning and affect recognition in schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Toronto, Canada.

Rhinewine, J. P., Nienow, T. M., & Docherty, N. M. (2003, October). *Sense of self in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree relatives*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Toronto, Canada.

Nienow, T. M., Armelie, A., Cohen, A. S., & Docherty, N. M. (2003, March). *Source monitoring and communication disturbance in patients with schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, CO.

Other Professional Services

Ad hoc reviewer for several journals.

Academic Affiliations

American Psychological Association
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Education

- BA, Psychology, Bowling Green State University, 1977
- Internship: VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1987.

Clinical/Research Interests

Cognitive behavioral treatment approaches to anxiety disorders, integration of primary medical care approaches for medically ill alcohol dependent patients, and program development.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Associate Professor, Psychology Department, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Stinchfield, R., Hanson, W. & Olson, D (Chapter, In Press). Problem and Pathological Gambling in College Students. In George S. McClellan (Eds.) *New Directions in Student Services*.

Olson, D.H. [Contributing Author]. In J.W. Collins & N.P. O'Brien (Eds.), *The Greenwood dictionary of education* (2003). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., & Olson, D. (2004) Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment. *Psychological Services*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 31-39.

Vye, C., Leskela, J., Rodman, J., Olson, D., & Mylan, M. (2001). Development of an anxiety interventions clinic within a veteran's administration medical center. *Behavior Therapist*, Vol 24, No. 3, 49-56.

Olson, D.H. & Claiborn, C.D. (Reprinted version of 1990 article) Interpretation and arousal in the counseling process. *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 37, 131-137. Reprinted by Clara E. Hill, Ph.D. for *Helping Skills Reader*, published by the American Psychological Association in the near future, as a part of articles selected which “make critically important points in a highly engaging way.”

Olson, D.H. & Willenbring, M.L. (1999). Treating medically-ill heavy drinkers in the primary care setting, *Medicine & Behavior*, Vol 2, No.1, 1-7.

Willenbring, M.L. & Olson, D.H. (1999). Randomized trial of integrated outpatient treatment for medically ill alcoholic men. *Archives in Internal Medicine*, Vol. 159, 1946-1952.

Funded Research Grant Participation

Willenbring, M., Olson, D., Sonnier, E., Miller, M., Nelson, P., Lynch, J., (1991 to 9/96). Effectiveness of outpatient care for alcohol related disorders. \$259, 900, funded 5-year HSR&D grant.

Olson, D.H., Willenbring, M., & Lofgren (1989-1990). Effectiveness of an approach with heavy drinking medical outpatients. \$50,000, funded 2-year Research Advisory Grant.

Willenbring, M., Lofgren, R., Olson, D., Miller, M., Lathrop, L., & Lynch, J. (1989). A health education approach to heavy drinkers in the medical setting. \$31,000, funded 1-year Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation Grant.

Recent Presentations

Olson, Ph.D. D.H., Hojzman-Konn, L. Herndon, R., Vye, C.S., Hartl, T.L., Perry, J.N. & Mylan, M.M., Modifying Empirically Supported CBT for Anxiety to Account for Comorbidity. Presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention August 18, 2005

Olson, D.H., Baumann, B.D., Hicks, T.V., Vye, C.S., Hartl, T.L., Perry, J.N., and Heffernan, L.B. Addressing negative treatment indicators in cognitive behavioral anxiety disorder treatments. Poster session accepted for the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Honolulu, Hawaii July/August, 2004.

Olson, D.H., Leskela, J., & Mylan, M. Innovative methods for better managing large psychiatric caseloads. Poster presentation at the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Toronto, Canada, August 8, 2003.

Vye, C. & Olson, D.H. Cognitive-behavioral treatment of anxiety disorders (March 21-22, 2002). Presented to audience of 160 staff members at the Palo Alto VA Medical Center, where we have trained staff in the treatment of anxiety disorders and exported our anxiety interventions treatment model.

Deacon, B. & Olson, D.H. Brief group CBT for anxious patients in substance abuse treatment. Poster session accepted for the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in Chicago in August of 2002.

Mylan, M., Olson, D.H., & Vye, C. (2001). Anxiety interventions clinic. Poster session Presented at the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), June 1, 2001 in Las Vegas.

Olson, D.H., Mylan, M., Billig, J., Polusny, M., Erbes, C, Isenhardt, C., McGuire, K., & Vye, C. (2001). Task force on critical decisions about best outcome Measurement for determining best practices. Presented at the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), June 1, 2001 in Las Vegas.

Olson, D.H., McAllister, M., Hegeman, B., & Willenbring, M. (2001). Innovative program strategies for medically-ill alcoholics. Poster session presented at the Houston 2001 Counseling Psychology Conference, March 2, 2001.

Olson, D.H., Polusny, M., Erbes, C., Mylan, M., Vye, C., Isenhardt, C., & McGuire, K. Critical decisions about outcome measurement in determining best practices. Poster session presented at the American Psychological Association Convention in San Francisco, August, 2001.

Olson, D.H., Isenhardt, C., Lynch, J., Weller, L., & Dingmann, D. (2000). Brief Motivational strategies with hazardous drinkers referred from a Smoking cessation program. Poster session presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Washington D.C.

Olson, D.H. & Willenbring, M.L. (1999). Treating medically-ill heavy drinkers in the primary care setting. Poster session presented at the American Psychological Association Convention, Boston.

Other Professional Service

Editorial Review Board - Journal of Counseling Psychology

Academic Affiliations

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Education

- B.A., Psychology, Hamline University, 1994
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center 1998-1999
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1999

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Perry is a Staff Psychologist with the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Team (“Mood Team”); the Team Leader and Program Manager for the Mood Team; and the Acting Team Leader and Program Manager for the Geropsychiatry Team.

Her primary clinical and training duties include supervising and mentoring doctoral-level psychology students and students of other disciplines; conducting diagnostic assessments and neuropsychological screening evaluations; and providing individual, marital, and group psychotherapy to veterans with emotion regulation difficulties and interpersonal problems.

Her psychological treatment orientation is eclectic, with strong emphasis on cognitive-behavioral approaches. Her administrative and clinical work focuses on designing and implementing programs to match evolving service needs. Other interests include writing about psychological treatment planning and the uses of objective personality assessment tools, particularly the MMPI-2.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota, 2004-Present
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hamline University, 2002

Recent Publications

Butcher, J. N., & Perry, J. N. (in press). Psychological assessment in treatment planning. New York: Oxford.

Butcher, J. N., Perry, J. N., & Atlis, M. M. (2000). Validity and utility of computer-based test interpretation. *Psychological Assessment*, 12, 6-18.

Butcher, J. N., Perry, J. N., & Dean, B. L. Computer-based assessment. Chapter in preparation.

Butcher, J. N., Perry, J. N., & Hahn, J. (2004). Computers in Clinical Assessment: Historical developments, present status, and future challenges. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 60, 331-345.

Butcher, J. N., Rouse, S. V., & Perry, J. N. (2000). Empirical description of psychopathology in therapy clients: Correlates of MMPI-2 scales. In J. N. Butcher (Ed.) *Basic sources on the MMPI-2* (pp. 487-500). Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Perry, J. N. (2002). Assessment of treatment resistance via questionnaire. In J. N. Butcher (Ed.) *Clinical Personality Assessment* (2nd ed., pp. 96-108). New York: Oxford University Press. Updated chapter for 3rd edition is currently in press.

Perry, J. N., & Butcher, J. N. (2006). Butcher Treatment Planning Inventory. In J. H. Greenhaus & G. A. Callanan (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of career development*.

Perry, J. N., & Butcher, J. N. (2006). Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory - 2. In J. H. Greenhaus & G. A. Callanan (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of career development*.

Perry, J. N., & Butcher, J. N. (2004). The Butcher Treatment Planning Inventory (BTPI): An objective guide to treatment planning. In M. E. Maruish (Ed.) *The use of psychological testing for treatment planning and outcomes assessment: Instruments for adults* (3rd ed., pp. 589-601). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Perry, J. N., Miller, K. B., & Klump, K. (2006). Treatment planning with the MMPI-2. In J.N. Butcher (Ed.) *MMPI-2: A handbook for practitioners* (pp. 143-164). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Perry, J. N., Scullard, M., & DiLorenzo, N. (Spring 2003). Are they up to the job? Suggestions for enhancing the selection and development of law enforcement personnel, a study by Martin-McAllister Consulting Psychologists, Inc. *Minnesota Police Chief*, 23, 31-37.

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Olson, D. H., Baumann, B. D., Hicks, T. V., Vye, C. S., Hartl, T. L., Perry, J. N., & Heffernan, L. B. (2004, July/August). Addressing negative treatment indicators in cognitive behavioral anxiety disorder treatments. Poster presented at the 112th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI

Olson, D. H., Hoffman-Konn, L., Herndon, R. W., Vye, C. S., Hartl, T. L., Perry, J. N., & Mylan, M. M. (2005, August). Modifying empirically supported CBT for anxiety to account for comorbidity. Research presented at the 113th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

Perry, J. N. (2006, March). Assessment-guided treatment planning: A case example. Poster presented at the 2006 Society for Personality Assessment Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Perry, J. N., Dieperink, E. W., Thuras, P. D., Westermeyer, J. J., & Canive, J. (2005, February). The role of cultural affiliation in accessing mental health care among Native American veterans. Poster presented at the 2005 Health Services Research and Development Service National Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Professional Affiliation

- Member, Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (2006 - Present)
- Member, Society for Personality Assessment (2005 - Present)
- Member, American Psychological Association (2000 - 2004)
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society, Zeta Chapter
- Member, Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society

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Education

- BA, St Olaf College, 1970
- MA, Miami (Ohio) University, 1978
- Ph.D., Miami (Ohio) University, 1980
- Residency: Northwestern University Medical School, 1979 - - 1980

Clinical/Scholarly Interests

- Group Therapy, Assessment, Consultation in Psychiatry Partial Hospitalization Program
- Individual Psychotherapy, PostTraumatic Stress Recover Program
- Co-Director, Psychological Assessment Clinic
- Director, Psychoanalytic Extended Therapy Clinic
- Psychoanalytic Theory and Therapy
- Rorschach Inkblot Test (Exner + Rapaport-Schafer-Schachtel)
- Military History
- Private Practice in Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy and Psychodiagnosis

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Associate Professor, University of Minnesota

Funded Research

Nothing this “trendy”; every patient is “research” into the mind.

Recent Publications

Meloy, R., Acklin, M., Gacano, C., Murray, J. & Peterson, C.A. (1997) Contemporary Rorschach Interpretation. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates

Peterson, C.A. (1999). And a little child shall lead them. Review of M. Leichtman, *The Rorschach: A Developmental Perspective*, *Journal of Personality Assessment*, 72, 457-459.

Peterson, CA & Sayer, N. (1998). Schachtel on Form: Once More, with Feeling. *Journal of Personality Assessment*, 71, 160-171.

Peterson, CA. (2003). Psychological Testing: Another "Point of View". Review of M. Silverstein, *Self-Psychology and Diagnostic Assessment*, *Journal of Personality Assessment*, 80, 319-320.

Recent Presentations

Peterson, C.A. (2003). Encounter with the Unfamiliar. Society for Personality Assessment. San Antonio, TX.

Other Professional Service

- Associate/Section Editor, *Journal of Personality Assessment*
- Emeritus, National Advisory Board, Buros Institute of Mental Measurements

Academic/Professional Affiliations

- Fellow, Society for Personality Assessment
- Member, International Rorschach Society

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Education

- BA, Psychology, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, 1990
- Internship: Minneapolis VA Medical Center 1996-1997
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Nevada, Reno, 1998

Clinical Interests

- Assessment and treatment of trauma related clinical responses
- Contemporary behavior therapies including Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), Acceptance Commitment Therapy (ACT), and Functional Analytic Psychotherapy (FAP)
- Early interventions for trauma expose individuals
- Supervision, training and mentoring of psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows

Research Interests

- Experiential avoidance and long-term correlates of sexual trauma
- Behavior and psychological mechanisms of sexual revictimization
- Trauma exposure and emotion regulation and psychopathology and health outcomes
- Psychological assessment of PTSD
- Disaster mental health issues

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Polusny, M. A. & Murdoch, M. (2005). Adult sexual assault among male veterans: Prevalence and implications for clinical practice. *Psychiatric Times*, 22, 4, 34-38.

Murdoch, M., Polusny, M. A., Hodges, J., & Cowper, D. (in press). The association between in-service sexual harassment and posttraumatic stress disorder among compensation-seeking veterans. *Military Medicine*.

Rosenthal, M. Z., Polusny, M. A., & Follette, V. M. (in press). Avoidance mediates the relation between perceived criticism in the family of origin and psychological distress in adulthood. *Journal of Emotional Abuse*.

Hayes, S. C., Strosahl, K. D., Wilson, K. G., Bissett, R. T., Pistorello, J., Toarmino, D., Polusny, M. A., Dykstra, T. A., Batten, S. V., Bergan, J., Stewart, S. H., Zvolensky, M. J., Eifert, G. H., Bond, F. W., Forsyth J. P., Karekla, M., & McCurry, S. M. (2004). Measuring experiential avoidance: A preliminary test of a working model. *Psychological Record*, 54, 553-578.

Polusny, M. A., & Arbisi, P. A. (in press). Assessment of psychological distress and disability after sexual assault in adults. In G. Young, A. Kane, & K. Nicholson (Eds.), *Causality: Psychological knowledge and evidence in court*. New York : Kluwer Academic/Plenum Press.

Polusny, M. A., Rosenthal, M. Z., Aban, I. , & Follette, V. M. (2004). Experiential avoidance as a mediator of the effects of adolescent sexual victimization on negative adult outcomes. *Violence and Victims*, 19, 109-120.

Polusny, M. A. (2004). Risk for revictimization. Contributing author in *Military Sexual Trauma*, Department of Veterans Affairs, Employee Education System, Veterans Health Initiative (VHI) Independent Study Course.

Erbes, C., Polusny, M. A., Billig, J., Mylan, M., McGuire, K., Isenhardt, C., Olson, D. (2004). Developing and applying a systematic process for evaluation of clinical outcome assessment instruments. *Psychological Services*, 1, 31-39.

Naugle, A. E., Bell , K. M., & Polusny, M. A. (2003). Clinical considerations for treating sexually revictimized women. *National Center for PTSD Clinical Quarterly*, 12, 12-16.

Murdoch, M., Polusny, M. A., Hodges, J., O'Brien, N. (2004). Prevalence of in-service and post-sexual assault among combat and non-combat veterans applying for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) posttraumatic stress disorder disability benefits. *Military Medicine*, 169, 392-395.

Leon, G. & Polusny, M. A. (2004). Introduction to the special theme issue on psychosocial issues in disaster and terrorism. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*, 19, 2.

Schroeder, J. & Polusny, M.A. (2004). Risk factors for adolescent alcohol use following a natural disaster. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*, 19, 122-127.

Palm, K., Polusny, M. A., & Follette, V. M. (2004). Vicarious traumatization: Potential hazards and interventions for disaster and trauma workers. *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*, 19, 7378.

Batten, S. V., & Polusny, M. A. (2002). Special series: Science-based responses to terrorism: Psychological interventions in the wake of terror. *Cognitive and Behavioral Practice*, 9, 264-265.

Polusny, M. A., Batten, S. V., & Hanson, D. (2002). Introduction to special series: Behavior therapists' responses to terrorism, disaster, and trauma. *The Behavior Therapist*, 25, 25-26.

Polusny, M. A., Batten, S. V., Foa, E. B., Gist, R., Gurwitch, R. H., Hayes, S. C., & Kilpatrick, D. G. (2002). Science-based responses to terrorism. *The Clinical Psychologist*, 55, 11-13.

Recent Presentations

2004-2007 Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research & Development, "Sexual Assault Prevalence Among Male, PTSD-Disabled Gulf War Veterans, GWI 04-352, \$525,325, M. A. Polusny, Co-Principal investigator.

2003-2005 Minnesota Medical Foundation, "Women's Recognition of Facial Expressions of Emotion and Emotional Responding as Risk Factors for Sexual Victimization: A Pilot Study," \$10,000. M. A. Polusny, Principal investigator.

1999-2000 Allina Medical Foundation, "Health Care Utilization Following a Natural Disaster," \$15,000. M.A. Polusny, Co-Principal investigator.

1998-1999 National Institute of Mental Health, "Predictors of Child and Family Post-Disaster Functioning," #1 R03 MH59660-01, \$49,545. M.A. Polusny, Principal investigator.

1995-1996 National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, "Victimization, alcohol abuse, and high risk sexual behavior," Individual National Research Service Award # 1F31 AA05456-01, \$10,008. M.A. Polusny, Principal investigator.

Polusny, M. A., Erbes, C., Felde, A., Tyrrell, B., Kraft, J., & Dean, B. (2004, November). Women veterans' emotion cue perception and adult sexual assault risk. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, New Orleans, LA.

Ritter, M. .R., Ries, B. J., & Polusny, M. A. (2004, November). The impact of family functioning and degree of exposure on subjective stress following a tornado. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, New Orleans, LA.

Schultz, J.R., Bell, K.A., Naugle, A.E., Polusny, M.A., & Ries, B.J. (2004, November). Prevalent relationships between childhood sexual abuse, alexithymia, alcohol abuse & adult victimization. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Advancement of Behavior Therapy, New Orleans, LA.

Zuellig, A. R., Polusny, M. A., Dickinson, K. A., VanEgeren, L., Thuras, P. & Murdoch, M. (2003, November). The role of emotional avoidance in the relationship between sexual victimization and posttraumatic stress disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Boston, MA.

Dickinson, K. A., Polusny, M. A., Schultz, J., Murdoch, M., & Van Egeren, L. (2002, November). Self-reported health experiences of women veterans related to sexual victimization, emotion regulation problems, and PTSD symptoms. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Reno, NV.

Schultz, J., Bell, K. M., Polusny, M. A., Naugle, A. E., Giebenhain, J., & Ries, B. J. (2002, November). Identifying hazardous correlates of alexithymic females: Long-term implications for childhood sexual abuse. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Reno, NV.

Ruggerio, K. J., Buckley, T., Cloitre, M., Polusny, M. A., & Dolan-Sewell, R. (2002, November). Research in response to disasters and terrorism: Challenges, critical issues, and the RAPID-grant funding mechanism. Panel discussion presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Reno, NV.

Batten, S. V., & Polusny, M. A., Co-chairs (2001, November). In the wake of terror: Science based guidelines for mental health professionals. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, Philadelphia, PA.

Editorial Service

- Editorial Board, Journal of Trauma Practice, 2004-Present
- Special Issue Associate Editor, Prehospital and Disaster Medicine, 2004
- Special Series Co-Editor, The Behavior Therapist, 2002
- Special Series Co-Editor, Cognitive and Behavioral Practice, 2002
- Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Traumatic Stress, Professional Psychology: Research and Practice, Education and Treatment of Children, Law and Human Behavior
- Reviewer, Program Committee for the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, 1999, 2005
- Program Deputy for Poster Sessions, annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, 2004
- Program Committee, Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, 1998, 2000, 2002-2005

Other Professional Service

- Member, Subcommittee member, AABT's Responses to Terrorism, Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, 2002-Present
- President, Trauma and Disaster Special Interest Group, Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, 2000-2001
- President-Elect, Trauma and Disaster Special Interest Group, Association for the Advancement of Behavior Therapy, 1999-2000

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John L. Rodman, PhD.
Licensed Psychologist

Education

- BA-State University of New York at Potsdam, 1980
- A-Psychology, Wake Forest University, 1982
- Internship-Palo Alto VAMC, 1986-1987
- Ph.D., State University of New York at Albany, 1988

Clinical/Services Delivery Position or Responsibilities

Responsible for provision of individual and group psychological services (assessment, consultation, therapy) to both medical and psychiatric inpatients and outpatients. Provision of neuropsychological assessments in response to hospital-wide referrals. Current clinical/research interests include the detection and treatment of early Alzheimer's Disease (i.e., Mild Cognitive Impairment; MCI) and interventions for dementia caregivers.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Johnson, C. & Rodman, J. (October 2001). The psychologist's role in the nursing home setting. Newsletter of the Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance, 10-11.

Vye, C., Leskela, Rodman, J., Mylan, M. & Olson (2001). Development of an anxiety interventions clinic within a veteran's administration medical center. *The Behavior Therapist*, 24, (3).

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Rodman, J., Kerzner, L., Sailer, N., & Kent, R. (2002, April). Understanding and coping with memory loss. Symposium presented at May You Live To Be 120: A Jewish community mini-conference on mental health issues and aging, St. Paul.

Rodman, J. (2002, February). The role of the psychologist in the long-term care setting: Invited presentation at the annual conference of the Minnesota Health and Housing Alliance, Minneapolis.

Bares, K., Rodman, J., & Allen, j. (2001, November). Caring for the caregiver. Symposium presented at Opening Doors, Opening Minds, & Opening Hearts: A Jewish community conference on mental health, Minneapolis

Rodman, J., Bares, K., & Rottenberg, S. (2001, November). Normal versus problematical aging: Depression and dementia in older adults. Symposium presented at Opening Doors, Opening Minds, & Opening Hearts. A Jewish community conference on mental health, Minneapolis.

Vye, C., Leskela, J., Rodman, J., & Mylan, M. (2001, March). PTSD with co-morbid panic attacks: Case examples and implication for treatment matching. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Anxiety Disorders of America, Atlanta.

Barisa, M., Rodman, J., Thuras, P., Bares, K., Dysken, M., & Kuskowski, M. (1999, November). Differential effects of cognitive and behavioral factors on functional status in patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, San Antonio.

Other Professional Service

Ad-hoc reviewer for Journal of Rehabilitation Research

Academic Affiliations

None

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Partial Psychiatric Hospitalization Program Coordinator

Education

- BA, Psychology, University of Minnesota , 1987
- MA, Clinical Psychology, University of North Dakota, 1990
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of North Dakota, 1993
- Internship, Human Services, Inc in Washington County, 1992-1993

Research Interests

Clinical Interests

Dr. Schumacher is a staff psychologist in the Post Traumatic Stress Recovery program focusing on the assessment and treatment of psychiatric responses to trauma. Her primary duties include individual, couple, and group psychotherapy, as well as posttraumatic stress disorder evaluations. Additional responsibilities include mentoring and supervising practicum students and interns. Her theoretical orientation is integrative, with an emphasis on cognitive behavioral interventions and contemporary behavioral approaches, including Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). She has experience and interest in Mindfulness-Based stress reduction interventions. Special clinical interests include behavioral interventions for insomnia/sleep disturbances, health psychology, and assessment and treatment of anxiety disorders. Prior to joining the VA, Dr. Schumacher worked for 12 years in an integrated internal medicine clinic focusing on health psychology interventions. She has an interest in integrating patient-centered, evidence-based mental health services in primary care settings.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications (within last 2 years)

None

Book Chapters & Monographs (within last two years)

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations (within last two years)

None

Other Professional Service

Academic and Professional Affiliation

- American Psychological Association
- Minnesota Psychological Association
- Minnesota Women in Psychology

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Wayne G. Siegel, Ph.D., ABPP

Licensed Psychologist

Director of Training/ Psychology Mental Health Supervisor

Board Certified in Clinical Psychology

Education

- BA, Psychology, University of Maryland, 1988
- Internship: Vanderbilt/ VA Medical Center, 1992-1993
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, University of Iowa, 1993

Clinical/Services Delivery Position or Responsibilities

Dr. Siegel serves as the Director or Training for the Psychology Internship, Postdoctoral fellowship and graduate practicum training programs. He also serves as Administrative Supervisor for Psychology Mental Health staff and hold several leadership positions within the Minneapolis VACM and nationally .

Dr. Siegel's clinical work is in the Addictive Disorders Section with patients who have comorbid substance use and severe psychiatric disorders. He is also involved in the Dialectical Behavioral Therapy and Acceptment and Commitment Therapy Programs. Dr. Siegel completed his BA at the University of Maryland and his PhD in Counseling Psychology at the University of Iowa (1993). He interned at the Vanderbilt University/VA Medical Center Consortium in Nashville, TN . He holds the ranks of Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota and in the Department of Professional Psychology at the University of St. Thomas.

He has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Psychology since 2004. Dr. Siegel enjoys mentoring practicum students, doctoral interns, and postdoctoral fellows and administrating the Psychology pre-doctoral and postdoctoral Training Programs. Personal interests include spending time with his family, cooking, working with computers, and long-distance running and triathlons.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

- Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota
- Clinical Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN

Recent Presentations

Siegel, W. (2007). Psychology Training Evaluations Using a Network Based MS Access Data Base; 5 Year Outcome Data, APPIC Conference, San Diego, CA.

Siegel, W. (2007). Neuropsychological Assessment with A Substance Use Population. University of Minnesota Addiction Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel W. (2007). Psychology Training Evaluations Using a Network Based MS Access Data Base: A Five Year Review, APPIC Conference, San Diego, CA.

Siegel, W. (2007). Instructor: Psychopathology. University of St. Mary's, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2006). Guest Lecture – Psychology Consultation in a Large Medical Center. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2006). Psychological Assessment With A Substance Use Population. University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2006). Instructor: Projective Psychological Assessment. University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2006). Instructor: Descriptive Psychopathology. University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2005). Psychological Assessment With A Substance Use Population. University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2005). Psychological Assessment; Striving for Excellence: University of St. Thomas Interprofessional Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2005). Psychological Assessment With A Substance Use Population. University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2005). Instructor: Projective Psychological Assessment. University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2005). Guest Lecture – Substance Use Disorders. University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2004). Forensic Psychological Assessment of Asylum Seekers, Asylum Network/ University of MN Law School, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2004). Psychology Training Evaluations Using a Network Based MS Access Data Base, AVAPL Conference, Washington, D.C.

Siegel, W. (2003). Psychological Assessment With A Substance Use Population. University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2004). Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Dysfunction. Family Therapy Clinic. Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Siegel, W. (2003). Psychological Assessment in Legal Arenas. Presented to Faegre & Benson LLP, Law Firm, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2003). Psychotherapeutic Interventions with Individuals with Substance Use and Other Comorbid Disorders. University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2003). Diagnostic Interviewing. Presentation to doctoral interns, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2003). Neuropsychological Assessment in a Substance Use Population. Presentation to Addictive Disorders Staff, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Siegel, W. (2003). Internship Training Evaluations Using a Network Based MS Access Data Base, APPIC Conference, Orlando, FL.

Siegel, W. (2003). Treatment Outcome in Substance Abuse. Presentation to the University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2003). "Dialectic Behavior Therapy Case Presentation - Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Siegel, W. (2002). Pathological Gambling; Diagnosis and Treatment. Presentation to the University of Minnesota Addiction Psychiatry Fellows, Minneapolis, MN.

Siegel, W. (2001). Postdoctoral training win a changing VA system. APPIC Conference, New Orleans, LA

Siegel, W. (1998). Diagnostic Interviewing. Presentation to doctoral interns, Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center (September, 1998).

Siegel, W., Isenhardt, C., Olson, D.H., & Mylan, M., (1998) Symposium on "Innovative Treatments of Substance Use Disorders. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Other Professional Service

- VA Psychology National Professional Standards Board (2008 – present)
- Chair, VA Psychology Training Council (2008 - present)
- Chair – Minneapolis VAMC Affiliated Health Education Professions Committee (2008 – present)
- American Psychological Association’s Commission on Accreditation (2008 – present)
- Veterans Administration Central Office National Field Advisory Council for Primary Care Mental Health Integration (2008 – present).
- Veterans Administration Central Office National Advisory Council for Psychology Training Web Site Portal Development (2007 - present).
- Staffer, Minneapolis VAMC Academic Excellence Council (2007 – present)
- Appointed Veterans Administration Central Office National Psychology Educational Enhancement Proposal Review Board
- Chair, Minneapolis VAMC Professional Standards Board (2006-2007)
- Member, VISN23 VAMC Professional Standards Board (2006 – present)
- Trainer for the VHA Psychology National Professional Standards Board
- APPIC award for excellence in postdoctoral training (2004)
- Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition, Network Emergency Support Team
- VA Special Contribution Awards (12)
- Involved in Root Cause Analysis investigations of adverse clinical outcomes for the VA Medical Center.
- Completed VA VISN 23 LEAD (Leadership Development) Program

Academic Affiliations

- 1988-Present American Psychological Association
- 2003-Present American Psychology-Law Society and Division 41 of APA
- 2004-Present APA Division 18 Public Service
- 2004-Present APA Division 12 Clinical Psychology
- 2001-Present Asylum Network

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Education

- BA, Grinnell College, 1985
- MA, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, 1991
- Psy.D. Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, 1999

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Silversmith works as a staff psychologist in the Addictive Disorders Service at the Minneapolis VAMC. He provides psychological assessment and treatment of veterans. He also trains students. Research interests include the relationship between personality pathology and substance abuse.

Before his employment at the VA, he worked for the state of Minnesota in a variety of capacities. He conducted forensic evaluations at the Minnesota Security Hospital. He also worked in the state prison system assessing and treating sexual offenders.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

Assistant Professor, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Trudeau, D.L., Isenhardt, C.E., & Silversmith, D.J. (1994). Efficacy of smoking strategies in a treatment program. *Journal of Addictive Diseases*, 14, 109-116.

Isenhardt, C.E. & Silversmith, D.J. (1994). The influence of the traditional male role on alcohol abuse and the therapeutic process. *The Journal of Men's Studies*, 3, 49-57.

Isenhardt, C.E., & Silversmith, D.J. (1996). MMPI - 2 response styles: Generalization to alcohol assessment. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 10, 115-123.

Davison, M.L., Bershady, B., Bieber, J., Silversmith, D., Maruish, M.E., & Kane, R.L. (1997). Development of a brief, multidimensional, self-report instrument for treating outcome assessment in psychiatric settings: preliminary findings. *Assessment*, 4, 259-276.

Isenhardt, C.E. & Silversmith (1997). MMPI - 2 response styles: Generalization to alcohol assessment. In G.A. Marlatt & G.R. VadenBos (Eds.), *Addictive behaviors: Readings on*

etiology, prevention, and treatment. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Nature, Nurture, and Mathematics Too!
Center of Applied Mathematics
University of St. Thomas
St. Paul, MN
October 2005

Assesment and Treatment of Common Personality Disorders in Correctional Settings
(shared presentation)
Department of Corrections
St. Paul, MN
April, 2005

The Assessment & Treatment (?) of Sexual Sadism (shared presentation)
Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Seventh Annual Conference
Brooklyn Park, MN
March, 2004

The Use of Personality Testing in the Assessment of Sex Offenders
Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Seventh Annual Conference
Brooklyn Park, MN
March, 2003

Treating Offenders with Intellectual Deficits (shared presentation)
Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Seventh Annual Conference
Brooklyn Park, MN
March, 2003

Predictors of Substance Abuse Treatment Outcome (Poster session)
Minnesota Psychological Association Spring Conference
Minneapolis, MN
May, 1999

Masculine Gender Role Stress in an Inpatient Substance Abuse Population
Men's Studies Conference

Dekalb, IL
March, 1994

Chemical Dependency Treatment Matching Study: One-Year Follow-up Results
Chemical Dependency Fall Conference
Bloomington, MN
October, 1994

Multi-site Treatment Matching Study
Chemical Dependency Fall Conference
Bloomington, MN
November, 1992

Professional Affiliation

None

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Anita Sim, PhD
Staff Psychologist

Education

- B.S., Psychology, College of William & Mary, 1998
- M.A., Clinical Psychology, University of Nebraska, 2002
- Internship, Neuropsychology Tract, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, 2005-2006
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Nebraska, 2006
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Clinical Neuropsychology, University of Virginia, 2006-2008

Clinical/Research Interests

Clinical responsibilities primary involve neuropsychological assessment of traumatic brain injury on the Polytrauma team within the Extended Care/Rehabilitation Service Line. General clinical interests include assessment of various neurological and medical conditions, including acquired/traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, dementia, stroke, and surgical candidates for organ transplant and epilepsy. Areas of scholarly and research interests include investigating mTBI, sports-related concussion, psychometric properties of neuropsychological tests, neurocognitive deficits in schizophrenia, and the role of multicultural issues in neuropsychology.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Current Funded Research

None

Recent Publications:

Sim, A. H., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Wilson, K. R. (2008). Prolonged recovery of memory functioning following mTBI in adolescent athletes. *Journal of Neurosurgery*, *108*, 511-516.

Sim, A.H., Freeman, J. R, Broshek, D.K., & Barth, J.T. (in press). Sports concussions. In B. Uzzell, N. Varney, & G. O'Shanick (Eds.), *Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Onset, Consequences, and Outcome*.

Selected Presentations:

Sim, A.H., Marcopulos, B., & Aucone, E. (2008). *The impact of low education on Test of Memory Malingering (TOMM) performance among forensic and non-forensic psychiatric inpatients*. Poster presented at the 36th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Waikoloa, HI.

Turba, U. C., **Sim, A.H.**, Agarwal, A.K., Bozlar, U., Hagspiel, K.D., & Rehm, P.K. (2007). *Radiation necrosis vs. recurrent tumor assessment using both F-18 FDG PET and MRI*. Poster presented at the 2007 annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America, Chicago, IL.

- Sim, A.H.,** Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Wilson, K. (2007). *Prolonged recovery of memory functioning following mTBI in adolescent athletes*. Poster presented at the 35th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Portland, OR.
- Sim, A. H.,** Wilson, K., Terryberry-Spohr, L., & Bleiberg, J. (2006). Do adolescents need new baseline data each year in order to assess for concussion recovery? [Abstract]. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 20, 218-219. Poster presented at the 2006 annual conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Sim, A. H.,** Wilson, K., & Terryberry-Spohr, L. (2006, February). *Normative study of Post-concussion symptoms in high school athletes and the effects of previous head injury*. Poster presented at the 34th annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Boston, MA.
- Sim, A. H.,** Terryberry-Spohr, L., Bleiberg, J., & McCrea, M. (2005, August). The Nebraska Concussion Study: Implementing a concussion management program. In L. Terryberry-Spohr & A. Moore (Co-chairs), *Assessment and Management of Concussion in High School Athletes*. Symposium conducted at the 2005 American Psychological Association annual convention, Washington D.C.
- Sim, A. H.,** Terryberry-Spohr, L., & McCrea, M. (2005, February). *The relationship between self-reported learning disability/ADHD/previous concussion to baseline scores on the Standardized Assessment of Concussion (SAC)*. Poster presented at the 33rd annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- Sim, A. H.,** Peer, J. E., Ritchie, A. J., & Spaulding, W. D. (2003). The Rey-Osterrieth and RBANS complex figure tasks: A systematic comparison [Abstract]. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 9(2), 169. Poster presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Honolulu, HI.

Other Professional Service

- Steering Committee Member: APA Division 40 Ethnic Minorities Affairs
- Member: American Psychological Association, International Neuropsychological Society
- Affiliate: American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology

Beret Skroch, Psy.D.

Licensed Psychologist

Education

- BAS, Psychology, University of Minnesota, Duluth, 1994
- Internship: United States Navy, Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, VA, 1997-1998
- Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, 1998

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Skroch serves as a staff clinical psychologist for the integrated Mental Health/Primary Care team. Her role on this team is to assist primary care providers in managing the overall health of their enrolled population by improving recognition, treatment, and management of mental health problems within the primary care population. Specific duties include immediate triage, focused evaluation, and behavioral treatment of mental health problems, as well as immediate consultation to primary care providers on the management of these problems within the primary care setting. In addition, Dr. Skroch provides supervision to pre- and post-doctoral psychology trainees.

Specialty areas include behavioral health integration/health psychology, chronic pain management, eating disorders, addictions, and military psychology. Theoretical orientation is cognitive behavioral with a special interest in the application of the biopsychosocial model, stages of change theory, motivational interviewing, and mind-body therapies such as mindfulness, meditation, breathing, imagery, and spirituality.

Dr. Skroch spent nine years in the United States Navy as a Naval Psychologist and feels blessed to have the opportunity to continue her work at the VAMC, with our veteran population. During her time in the Navy, she developed a passion for traveling and took full advantage of being stationed in Naples, Italy for four years. Other interests include running, reading, writing, live music, and movies.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Mindful Eating, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples (USNH), Italy, December 2004

Biopsychosocial Pain Management, USNH, Italy, July 2004

Evaluation and Management of Eating Disorders, USNH, Italy, May 2004/December 2005

Refining Your Diagnostic Skills: DSM-IV and ASAM, USNH, Italy, November 2003

Becoming a Culturally Skilled Counselor, USNH, Italy, November 2003

Other Professional Service-Awards

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, October 2002 and June 2006

Letter of Commendation, June 1999 and April 2004

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Scott Sponheim, Ph.D.
Licensed Psychologist

Education

- BA, Mathematic, Physics, Philosophy, Concordia College, Moorhead, 1985
- Internship, Minneapolis VA Medical Center, 1992-1993
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of Minnesota, 1993

Clinical Interests

- Cognitive behavioral interventions for psychotic symptomatology
- Community-based support and interventions for the seriously and persistently mentally ill
- Family-oriented clinical and educational interventions in schizophrenia.

Research Interests

Dr. Sponheim has conducted continuously funded research into schizophrenia for the past fourteen years. In his studies he investigates cognitive and brain-based abnormalities found in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree relatives.

Select cognitive and brain abnormalities are thought to be important to schizophrenia because they may reflect genetic vulnerability for developing the disorder. Consequently, he has established a genotyping laboratory in which specific genes are examined for association with cognitive and brain-based indices.

Brain-based measures currently used in Dr. Sponheim's laboratory include indices of brain electrical activity, magnetoencephalography to study magnetic fields of the brain, and magnetic resonance imaging to study brain structure and function.

Magnetoencephalography is done in collaboration with Dr. Apostolos Georgopoulos in the Brain Sciences Center and magnetic resonance imaging studies are conducted with Dr. Angus MacDonald III in the Department of Psychology and the Center for Magnetic Resonance Research at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Sponheim co-advises psychology doctoral students at the University of Minnesota and Argosy University and has active collaborations with researchers in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota.

A recent addition to his work includes studies of individuals who have experienced brain injury, particularly those who have been exposed to explosive blast. Currently he is conducting a study using brain electrical activity and structural brain imaging to document effects of blast-injury on neural function in soldiers. One element of the work is to determine whether specific genes predict degree of neural injury and recovery from neural injury.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status:

- Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, Psychiatry, 2007 – present
- Member, Graduate Faculty , University of Minnesota, Psychology, 1997 - present
- Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, Psychology, 2007 - present

Other Professional Service

- Member. Board of Directors. Minnesota Veterans Research Institute. Minneapolis VA Medical Center. December 2006 to present.
- Member. Advisory Council, People Incorporated (a private nonprofit corporation providing services to the severely mentally ill in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area), 2007 to present.
- Member, Research and Development Committee, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1996 to 1999, 2003 to 2006.
- Member. Board of Directors, People Incorporated, 1999 to 2007. Director of Program Committee, 2000 to 2005. Secretary, 2001 to 2002. Vice President, 2002 to 2004. President, 2004 to 2006.

Recent Publications (within past 5 years)

1. Georgopoulos, A.P., Karageorgiou, E., Leuthold, A.C., Lewis, S.M., Lynch, J.K., Aslam, Z., Carpenter, A.F., Hemmy, L.F., Koutlas, I.G., Langheim, F.J.P., McCarten, J.R., McPherson S.E., Pardo, J.V., Pardo, P.J., Parry, G.J., Rottunda, S.A., Segal, B.M., Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., Stephane, M., Westermeyer, J.J. (in press). Synchronous neural interactions assessed by magnetoencephalography: A functional biomarker for brain disorders. *Journal of Neural Engineering*.
2. Goghari V.M., Sponheim S.R. (in press). Divergent backward masking performance in schizophrenia and bipolar disorder: Association with COMT. *American Journal of Medical Genetics Part B: Neuropsychiatric Genetics*.
3. Vuchetich, J.P., Liska, J., Dionisio, D.P., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A., Sponheim, S.R. (in press). Clinical, functional, neuropsychological and brain imaging correlates of

nailfold plexus visibility in schizophrenic patients and family members. *Psychiatry Research*.

4. Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A., Stanwyck, J.J. (2006). Neural anomalies during sustained attention in first-degree biological relatives of schizophrenia patients. *Biological Psychiatry*, 60, 242-52.
5. Laes, J.R., Sponheim, S.R. (2006). Does cognition predict community function only in schizophrenia?: A study of schizophrenia patients, bipolar affective disorder patients, and community control subjects. *Schizophrenia Research.*, 84,121-31.
6. Davenport, N.O., Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J. (2006). Neural anomalies during visual search in schizophrenia patients and unaffected siblings of schizophrenia patients. *Schizophrenia Research*, 82, 15-26.
7. Richter H.O., Costello P., Sponheim S.R., Lee J.T., Pardo J.V. (2004). Functional neuroanatomy of the human near/far response to blur cues: eye-lens accommodation/vergence to point targets varying in depth. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 20, 2722-32.
8. Sponheim, S.R., Steele, V.S., McGuire, K.A. (2004). Verbal memory processing in schizophrenia patients and biological relatives of schizophrenia patients: Intact implicit memory, impaired explicit recollection. *Schizophrenia Research*, 71,339-348.
9. Sponheim, S.R., Surerus-Johnson, C., Leskela, J., Dieperink, M.E. (2003). Proverb interpretation in schizophrenia: The significance of symptomatology and cognitive processes. *Schizophrenia Research*, 65: 117-123
10. Sponheim, S.R., Iacono, W.G., Thuras, P.D., Nugent, S.M., Beiser, M (2003). Sensitivity and specificity of select biological indices in characterizing psychotic patients and their relatives. *Schizophrenia Research*, 63, 27-38.
11. Sponheim, S.R., Surerus-Johnson, C., Dieperink, M.E., Spont, M. (2003). Generalized cognitive dysfunction, symptomatology, and specific cognitive processes in relation to functioning of schizophrenia patients (letter to the editor). *Schizophrenia Research*, 64, 191-193.

Funded Research (current)

1. Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI), “Genetic and Biochemical Associations with Risk and Resilience in Returning Iraq Veterans”, direct cost \$20,000. S.R. Sponheim, Co-Investigator, P.A. Arbisi, Principal Investigator. June 2007 to June 2008.

2. Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI), “Genes Associated with Functional and Structural Neural Injury after Brain Injury”, direct cost \$20,000. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. December 2006 to December 2007.
3. Minnesota Veterans Research Institute (MVRI), “Components of Memory and Attentional Dysfunction in Traumatic Brain Injury”, direct cost \$20,000. S.R. Sponheim, Co-Investigator, K.A. McGuire, Principal Investigator. December 2006 to December 2007.
4. Treatment Program Funding for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23, Department of Veterans Affairs, “Implementing Evidence-Based Family Psychoeducation for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness”, direct cost \$300,417. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Author. July 2006 to September 2009.
5. Treatment Program Funding for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23, Department of Veterans Affairs, “Implementing Evidence-Based Specialized Treatment Program for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness: Illness Management and Recovery”, direct cost \$285,566. S.R. Sponheim, Co-Author, B. Hegeman, Principal Author. July 2006 to September 2009.
6. Treatment Program Funding for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23, Department of Veterans Affairs, “New Evidence-Based Specialized Treatment Program for Veterans with Serious Mental Illness”, direct cost \$1,630,824. S.R. Sponheim, Committee Chair and Co-Principal Author. June 2005 to May 2008.
7. Merit Review Grant, Department of Veterans Affairs, “Neural Phenotype-Genotype Associations in Schizophrenia”, direct cost \$799,400. S.R. Sponheim, Principal Investigator. April 2005 to March 2010.

Recent Presentations (within past 5 years)

1. Jain, S., MacDonald, A.W. III, Sponheim, S.R., Chafee, M.V. (June, 2007). Spatial cognition supporting object construction activates a frontal-parietal network in humans. Presented at the 13th Annual Meeting for The Organization for Human Brain Mapping, Chicago, Illinois.
2. Seo, D., Bernat, E.M., Stanwyck, J.J., Sponheim, S.R. (May, 2007). Neural correlates of verbal memory recall deficits in schizophrenia patients and their unaffected biological relatives. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, New York, New York.
3. Aviyente, S., Evans, W., Bernat, E.M., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2007). A time-varying phase coherence measure for quantifying functional integration in the brain. Presented at the International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing, Honolulu, Hawaii.

4. Arens, A., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2007). Frontal lobe functions not associated with the catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT) gene in schizophrenia. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
5. Silberschmidt, A.L., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2007). Personality characteristics of biological relatives of schizophrenia patients are related to their COMT genotype. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
6. Sponheim, S.R., Bernat E.M. (April, 2007). Association of susceptibility genes for schizophrenia with gamma frequency anomalies during sustained attention. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
7. Kang, S.S., Sponheim, S.R., Im, C.H., Force, R.B., Stanwyck, J.J., MacDonald, A.W. III, Chafee, M.V. Aberrant cerebral magnetic fields and hemodynamic signals in schizophrenia during controlled processing in spatial working memory. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
8. Hurdelbrink, J.A., Sponheim, S.R., Goghari, V.M., MacDonald, A.W. III (April, 2007). Electrophysiological components of conflicting habitual responses. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
9. Goghari, V.M., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2007). Associations between the COMT polymorphism and symptom dimensions in schizophrenia. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
10. Force, R.F., MacDonald, A.W. III, Sponheim, S.R. (October, 2006). An fMRI study of DS-CPT-related brain activity in chronic schizophrenia. Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting for the Society for Research in Psychopathology, San Diego, California.
11. Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A., Stanwyck, J.J., Bender, T, Malone, S.M (October, 2006). The COMT val allele is associated with diminished neural responses in schizophrenia patients and their relatives during sustained attention. Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting for the Society for Research in Psychopathology, San Diego, California.
12. Goghari, V.M., Sponheim S.R. (October, 2006). Specific deficit in visual masking performance to the genetic liability for schizophrenia and relationship to COMT polymorphism. Presented at the 20th Annual Meeting for the Society for Research in Psychopathology, San Diego, California.
13. Davenport, N.D., Lim, K.O., Sponheim, S.R. (May, 2006). Differential regional relationships between cognition and DTI measures in schizophrenia. Presented at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry, Toronto, Canada.

14. Jain, S., Sponheim, S.R., Bernat, E.M., MacDonald, A.W. III, Chafee, M.V. (April, 2006). Neural correlates of cueing for objects. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, California.
15. Kang, S.S., Sponheim, S.R., Bernat, E.M. (April, 2006). Abnormal time-frequency components associated with antisaccade eye-movement deficits in schizophrenia and their first degree biological relatives. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, California.
16. Wozniak, J.R., Silverman, A.B., Sponheim, S.R., Davenport, N.D., Wanduragala, D.M., LaFave, A.E., Lim, K.O. (February, 2006). Clinical correlates of white matter integrity in chronic schizophrenia. Presented at the Thirteenth Biennial Winter Workshop on Schizophrenia Research, Davos, Switzerland.
17. Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., Bernat, E.M. (September, 2005). Cue-dependent modulation of neural activity during object identification in schizophrenia patients. Presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Lisbon, Portugal.
18. Stanwyck, J.J., Sponheim, S.R. (September, 2005). Specificity of electrophysiological abnormalities during visual search to schizophrenia: A five group comparison. Presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Lisbon, Portugal.
19. Venables, N.C., Bernat, E.M., Sponheim, S.R. (September, 2005). Resting state EEG abnormalities as indicators of genetic vulnerability in schizophrenia and bipolar disorders: A family study. Presented at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Lisbon, Portugal.
20. Sponheim, S.R., Bernat, E.M. (April, 2005). Early and late gamma band abnormalities in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree biological relatives during visual sustained attention. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.
21. Kang, S.S., Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., Chafee, M.V. (April, 2005). Aberrant cerebral magnetic fields in schizophrenia during controlled processing in spatial working memory. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research 2005, Savanna, Georgia.
22. Force, R.B., Venables, N.C., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2005). Auditory attention event-related potential abnormalities and schizotypal signs in relatives of schizophrenia patients: Do they co-occur in implicating genetic liability for schizophrenia? Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.
23. Laes, J., Sponheim, S.R., MacDonald, AW III. (April, 2005). Relationships between cognitive functions and current social functioning in schizophrenia and bipolar affective

disorder. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.

24. Lim, K.O., Wozniak, J.R., Hoptman, M., Sponheim, S.R., Silverman, A., Davenport, N.D., LaFave, A.E. (April, 2005). White matter and cognition in patients with schizophrenia: A DTI voxel-wise correlation analysis. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.

25. Wozniak, J.R., Silverman, A., Sponheim, S.R., Davenport, N.D., LaFave, A.E., Lim, K.O. (April, 2005). Clinical correlates of white matter integrity in patients with chronic schizophrenia. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.

26. Liska, J., Vuchetich, J.P., Dionisio, D.P., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2005). Clinical, functional, neuropsychological and brain imaging correlates of nailfold plexus visibility in schizophrenic patients and family members. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.

27. Vuchetich, J.P., Davenport, N.D., Sponheim, S.R., Lim, K.O. (April, 2005). Association between white matter microstructure and CSF volume in schizophrenic subjects. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.

28. Caligiuri, M., Lohr, J., Dean C., Sponheim, S., Hegeman, B. (April, 2005). Motor abnormalities in family members of patients with schizophrenia. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Savanna, Georgia.

29. Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A. (April, 2005). Neural anomalies and verbal memory in schizophrenia patients and their relatives. Seventh Biennial Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia, Savannah, Georgia.

30. Davenport, N.D., Lim, K.O., Sponheim, S.R. (October, 2004). Intrahemispheric EEG coherence related to fractional anisotropy. Presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, California.

31. Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A. (October, 2004). Electrophysiological correlates of verbal memory dysfunction in biological relatives of schizophrenia patients. Presented at the 19th Annual Meeting for the Society for Research in Psychopathology, St. Louis, Missouri.

32. Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A. (April, 2004). Magnetoencephalography of neural processes associated with sustained attention deficit in schizophrenia. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, California.

33. Sponheim, S.R., Stanwyck, J.J., McGuire, K.A. (October, 2003). Specificity of electrophysiological abnormalities during a continuous performance task to schizophrenia. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Toronto, Ontario.
34. Thompson, R.B., Sponheim, S.R. (October, 2003). Are auditory attention abnormalities specific to genetic risk for schizophrenia?: Evidence from event-Related potential data. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Toronto, Ontario.
35. Dionisio, D.P., Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A. (April, 2003). Saccadic performance and associated cortical potentials in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree relatives. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
36. McGuire, K.A., Sponheim, S.R., Sass, S.M. (April, 2003). Scalp topography of resting EEG frequency abnormalities in schizophrenia patients and relatives of schizophrenia patients. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
37. Thompson, R.B., Sponheim, S.R. (April, 2003). Auditory attention in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree relatives: An event-related potential study. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
38. Sponheim, S.R., Bernat, E.M., McGuire, K.A. (April, 2003). Gamma band activity during a degraded-stimulus continuous performance task in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree biological relatives. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
39. Blahnik, M.M. Sponheim, S.R. (March, 2003). Verbal memory processes in schizophrenia patients and their first-degree biological relatives. Presented at the Sixth Biennial Mount Sinai Conference on Cognition in Schizophrenia, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
40. Davenport, N.D., Sponheim, S.R. (May, 2002). Electrophysiological recordings during span of apprehension in schizophrenia patients and their relatives. Presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Society of Biological Psychiatry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
41. Sponheim, S.R., McGuire, K.A., Stanwyck, J.J. (April, 2002). Vigilance and Vulnerability for Psychosis: Event-related potentials in relatives of schizophrenia patients during a continuous performance task. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, San Francisco, California.

Other Professional Service

- Faculty. NIMH training grant awarded to the Clinical Science and Psychopathology Research Program, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota. 1997 to present.
- Board of Directors, People Incorporated (a private nonprofit organization providing services to the severely mentally ill in the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan area), 1999 to present. Director of Program Committee, 2000 to present. Secretary, 2001 to 2002. Vice President, 2002 to 2004. President, 2004 to present
- Research and Development Committee, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1996 to 1999, 2003 to 2006.

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Education

- 1990 Ph.D., University of Minnesota, Clinical Psychology.
- 1983 B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo, Psychology.
- 1987 Clinical Psychology Internship. Albany Medical College Internship Consortium, Albany Medical College and Capital District Psychiatric Center, Albany, NY.

Clinical/Research Interests

On the Behavioral Health Team I provide psychotherapy services, diagnostic and neuropsychological assessments for patients who have medical problems or chronic pain in addition to mental health issues. Research interests include looking at the impact of disability program participation on clinical symptoms and health care use and the role of health beliefs in treatment adherence for patients who have mental health problems.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status:

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Minnesota
- Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Sayer NA, Spoont M, Nelson DB & Nugent S. (in press). Development and Psychometric Properties of the Disability Application Appraisal Inventory. *Psychological Assessment*.

Sayer NA, Spoont MR & Murdoch M. (In press). The Veterans Affairs Disability Compensation Program: What Providers Should Know. *Federal Practitioner*.

Sayer NA, Spoont MR & Nelson DB (in press). Veterans seeking disability benefits for posttraumatic stress disorder: who applies and the self-reported meaning of disability compensation. *Social Sciences & Medicine*.

Spoont MR, Sayer NA, Thuras P, Erbes C & Winston E (2003). Adaptation of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy to a VA Medical Center. *Psychiatric Services*. 54 (5): 627-629.

Sponheim SR, Surerus-Johnson C, Dieperink M & Spoont M. (2003) Generalized Cognitive Dysfunction, Symptomatology, and Specific Cognitive Processes in relation to Functioning of Schizophrenia Patients. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*. 64 (2-3): 191-193.

Spoont, M.R., Bares, K.K., & Pardo, J.V. (1999). Impulsive violence and the recall of anger laden memories during PET imaging. *Neuroimage*, 9: S664.

Funded Research

Co-Primary Investigator. Health Services Research and Development, Department of Veterans Affairs (1999-2004). Perceptions of the C&P process for PTSD: Symptoms and Service Utilization. \$493,050. Nina Sayer, PhD, Primary Investigator.

Primary Investigator. Local Initiated Project, Health Services Research and Development, Department of Veterans Affairs (2002). Examining the Relationship between Illness and Treatment Beliefs in PTSD and Degree of Treatment Participation – A Pilot Project. \$9,150. Nina Sayer, PhD, Co-Primary Investigator.

Co-Primary Investigator. Local Initiated Project, Health Services Research and Development, Department of Veterans Affairs (2002). Attitudes and Beliefs of Veteran Service Officers. \$9,150. Nina Sayer, PhD, Primary Investigator.

Recent Presentations

Sayer N, Spoont M, & Nelson D. The Self-Reported Changes Associated with the Determination of Disability Claims for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Poster to be presented at AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 6, 2004, San Diego CA.

Sayer, N., Spoont, M., Thuras, P., Erbes, C., & Winston, E. Evaluation of a Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 110th Annual Convention. August 24, 2002, Chicago, IL.

Spoont, M., Sayer, N., Nelson, D., Nugent, S., Jonk, Y. & Murdoch, M. Changes in Service Utilization during Phases of the C&P Process for PTSD. Poster presented at the Veterans Affairs 2002 Health Services Research & Development Annual Meeting. February 14, 2002, Washington, D.C.

Sayer, N. Spoont, M. , Nelson, D., Nugent, S., & Murdoch, M. Perceptions of the Compensation and Pension Process for PTSD Predict Stressfulness and Satisfaction. Paper presented at the Veterans Affairs 2002 Health Services Research & Development Annual Meeting. February 14, 2002, Washington, D.C.

Spoont, M., Sayer, N., Nelson, D., Nugent, S., & Murdoch, M. Changes in Service Utilization Associated with Evaluation of PTSD for Disability Claims. Paper presented at the American Psychological Association 109th Annual Convention. August 24, 2001, San Francisco, CA.

Other Professional Service

Involved in Root Cause Analysis investigations of adverse clinical outcomes for the VA Medical Center.

Academic Affiliations

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Education

- BA, Psychology, Northern Michigan University, 1999.
- MA, Counseling Psychology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2001.
- Internship, Clinical Psychology, Battle Creek VA Medical Center 2005-2006.
- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Michigan State University, 2006.
- Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, National Center for PTSD- Pacific Islands Division, 2006-2007.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Strom is a staff psychologist on the Post Traumatic Stress Recovery Team. He is involved in providing individual, couples, group psychotherapy, diagnostic assessment, and case management. His clinical interests include the treatment of PTSD-related anger and the provision of Prolonged Exposure for PTSD. Current research interests include health and high risk behaviors associated with PTSD, telemental health applications, and the intersection of race and culture in psychological treatment and research.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None.

Publications

Lopez, F., Chervinko, S., Strom, T., Hsu, P., Kinney, J., & Bradley, M. (2005). What does it mean to be an adult?: A qualitative study of college students' perceptions and coping processes. *Journal of College and Character*, 2.

Strom, T. Q., & Kosciulek, J. (2007). Stress, Problem Solving and Coping Following Traumatic Brain Injury. *Brain Injury*, 21(11), 1137-1145.

Current Funded Research

None.

Representative Presentations

Greene, C. J., Morland, L. A., & Strom, T. Q. (2007). *Using telemental health for PTSD care to rural veterans: Skills and best practices*. Workshop presented at the 23rd annual ISTSS conference, Baltimore, MD.

- Strom, T. Q., Morland, L. A., Castelda, B. A., Frueh, B. C., Pagano, I., & Greene, C. J. (2007). *PTSD related anger and high risk behavior*. Presentation at the 23rd annual ISTSS conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Strom, T. Q., Lee, D. J., Trahan, E., Kaufmann, A., & Pritchett, T. (2007). *Clarifying misconceptions: The use of race and culture in counseling psychology 1995-2004*. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Castelda, B., Strom, T. Q., Morland, L. M., Greene, C., Pagano, I. H., & MacDonald, T. (2007). *Acculturation, PTSD symptom severity and anger in Pacific Island veterans*. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Morland, L. M., Greene, C., & Strom, T. Q. (2007). *PTSD and anger in Pacific Island veterans*. Presentation at the 115th annual American Psychological Association conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Strom, T. Q., Morland, L. M., Ralston, T., Pagano, I. H., & MacDonald, T. (2006). *Ethnocultural identification and PTSD symptom severity in Pacific Island veterans*. Presentation at the 22nd annual International Society for Trauma and Stress Studies conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Strom, T. Q. (2004). *Male gender role conflict and dispositional coping styles in college age men*. Presentation at the 112th annual American Psychological Association conference, Honolulu, HI.
- Lee, D. J., & Strom T. Q. (2003). *Making a Difference: Race is Not Culture*. Presentation at the annual Great Lakes Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.

Other Professional Service

- Member, American Psychological Association
- Member, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Academic Affiliations

None

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Education

BA, Psychology, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1974

Internship: Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago 1978-1979

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, Southern Illinois University, 1980.

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr. Van Egeren serves as staff clinical psychologist for the Women's Comprehensive Health Center. Her duties include providing assessment and psychotherapy to primary care patients in the Women's Comprehensive Health Center, psychological evaluations of bariatric surgery patients, and consultation and inservice training to medical staff. She serves as coordinator of military sexual trauma services for the medical center and the region. In addition, Dr. Van Egeren develops and implements needed mental health services for women veterans (e.g., infertility evaluations, eating disorders, sexual trauma) both within the women's clinic and cross mental health teams.

Specialty areas include health psychology with a focus on women's health, sleep disorders, and sexual trauma. Theoretical orientation is cognitive behavioral with a special interest in contemporary behavior therapies such as Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

On a national level, Dr. Van Egeren serves on VA committees related to sexual trauma and healthcare for women veterans.

Other Interests

Latest work-related side interest has been to facilitate the implementation of a weekly farmers market at our VA medical center. Other obsessions include traveling, maintaining a 100+ year old house, contemporary art and design, trying to keep up with her cyclist-crazy husband and the latest endeavors of her young adult son, and playing with Oscar, the family dog, who provides endless opportunities to observe the impact of inconsistently applied behavioral principles.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status:

Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, Psychology Department, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

Van Egeren, L. (2004). Assessment approaches in health psychology: Issues and practical considerations. In P. Camic and S. Knight (Eds.), *Handbook of health psychology* (2nd ed., pp. 1-16). New York: Hogrefe and Huber.

Yee, E., Baillie, S., Ho, M., Schapira, M., & Van Egeren, L. (Eds.). (2001). *Women's primary care guide*. Northport, NY: VHA employee Education System, HQ Women's Health Program, and HQ Office of CIO.

Van Egeren, L. (2001). Somatization. In E. Yee, S. Baillie, M. Ho, M. Schapira, & L. Van Egeren, (Eds.), *Women's primary care guide* (pp. 88-91). Northport, NY: VHA employee Education System, HQ Women's Health Program, and HQ Office of CIO.

Van Egeren, L. (2001). Mental health consultation and referrals. In E. Yee, S. Baillie, M. Ho, M. Schapira, & L. Van Egeren, (Eds.), *Women's primary care guide* (pp. 27-30). Northport, NY: VHA employee Education System, HQ Women's Health Program, and HQ Office of CIO.

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

Van Egeren, L. (2008, August). Disordered Eating Behaviors of Women Veterans in a Primary Care Setting. Poster accepted for presentation at the 116th Annual Convention of APA, Boston, MA.

Speck, R., **Van Egeren, L.**, Pederson, D., Dockter, T. (2007, September). Implementation of a Farmers Market at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Paper presented at the VA Symposium on Obesity, Nutrition, and Fitness, Washington D.C.

Van Egeren, L., Huber, T. (2003, December). Integrating mental health into primary care. VISN 23 primary care providers workshop, Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

Zuellig, A., Polusny, M. A., Dickinson, K. A., **Van Egeren, L.**, Thuras, P., & Murdoch, M. (2003, November). The Role of Experiential Avoidance in the Relationship Between Sexual Victimization and PTSD Symptoms in Women Veterans. Poster presented at the 37th Annual Convention of AABT, Boston, MA.

Dickinson, K. A., Polusny, M. A., Schultz, J., Murdoch, M., **Van Egeren, L.**, & Schultze, R. (2002, November). Self-Reported Health Experiences of Women Veterans Related to Sexual Victimization, Emotion Regulation Problems and PTSD Symptoms. Poster Presented at the 36th Annual Convention of the Association for the Advancement of Behavioral Therapy, Reno, Nevada

Van Egeren, L. (2001, November). Eating and emotions. Paper presented at the Centers for Obesity Research and Education (C.O.R.E.) Obesity Workshop for Practitioners, Minneapolis, MN.

Van Egeren, L. (2001, May). Insomnia: A non-medication approach to a solvable problem. Paper presented at the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Other Professional Service: Awards (last 5 years)

May 1, 2008 - VISN 23 Mental Health Team of the Year Award. Awarded for Implementation of Cognitive Processing Therapy at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center

Dec 20, 2004 - Special Contribution Award, Minneapolis VA Medical Center. Awarded for Contribution to the Veterans Health Initiative module on Military Sexual Trauma

August 7, 2003 - Certificate of Appreciation, Women Veterans Health Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs - Awarded for Contribution to the Veterans Health Initiative module on Military Sexual Trauma

Other Professional Service: VA National Committees (last 5 years)

2005-2007 Women's Mental Health Strategic Planning Committee.
Identify & facilitate evidence-based optimal mental health practice models.

2002-2004 Planning Committee, Veterans Health Initiative Independent Study Courses.
Military Sexual Trauma Module: vaww.sites.lrn.va.gov/vhi/index.cfm

Other Professional Service: VISN 23 and Minneapolis VA Medical Center Committees (last 5 years)

2004-Present Member, Obesity Work Group, Develop care guidelines and programs for VA medical centers in the region

Other Professional Service: Other

Invited Author, Veteran's Health Initiative Special Training Module, "Military Sexual Trauma" (2003), <http://vaww.sites.lrn.va.gov/vhi/index.cfm>

Academic Affiliations

1980-Present Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

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Education

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- MA, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 1993
- Internship, VA Medical Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota 1996-1997
- Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, 1998

Clinical/Research Interests

Dr Wagner's clinical work is in the Program for Traumatic Stress Recovery Clinic, primarily with outpatients with trauma histories who manifest mood, anxiety, and/or substance use disorders. She is the Time-Limited Dynamic Psychotherapy (TLDP) training coordinator. Special clinical interests include behavioral interventions for insomnia/sleep disorders and she is also involved in the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy consultation group.

Dr. Wagner enjoys training practicum students and interns. Personal interests include camping/fishing, gardening, spending time with family/friends, and baking (gourmet scones).

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status:

Clinical Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota

Recent Publications

None

Funded Research

None

Recent Presentations

None

Other Professional Service

None

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- 1993-Present American Psychological Association
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Education

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- MA, University of Minnesota, 2002
- PhD, University of Minnesota, 2005
- Internship: Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis 2003-04

Clinical/Research Interests

My work as a psychologist on the Mood Team consists primarily of psychotherapy with individuals and groups. I am also involved in assessment (diagnostic interviewing, personality assessment, cognitive screening) and training/supervision of students. My own clinical training was primarily cognitive-behavioral, and I continue to draw on these skills in my work, especially when trying to help people struggling with acute symptomatology. However, on the basis of my ongoing clinical work with a broad range of individuals, I have come to identify with psychoanalytic ways of understanding people, and this understanding increasingly influences my work. I continue to pursue clinical training in this area.

Academic Position, Rank, Tenure-Status

None

Recent Publications

Walden, B., Iacono, W. G., & McGue, M. (2007). Trajectories of change in adolescent substance use and symptomatology: Impact of paternal and maternal history. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, 21, 35-43.

McGue, M., Elkins, I., Walden, B., & Iacono, W. G. (2005). Perceptions of the parent-adolescent relationship: A longitudinal investigation. *Developmental Psychology*, 41, 971-984.

McGue, M., Elkins, I., Walden, B., & Iacono, W. G. (2005). The essential role of behavioral genetics in developmental psychology: Reply to Partridge (2005) and Greenberg (2005). *Developmental Psychology*, 41, 993-997.

Walden, B., McGue, M., Iacono, W. G., Burt, S. A., & Elkins, I. (2004). Identifying shared environmental contributions to early substance use: The respective roles of peers and parents. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 113, 440-450.*

* Article abstracted in January 2005 issue of *Clinician's Research Digest*, 23, 4.

Funded Research

I am not currently involved in empirical/funded research. As a graduate student, I was involved in research on a longitudinal twin study of substance abuse and related problems.

Recent Presentation

None

Previous Academic Affiliations

None

Other Professional Service

None

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