

Meet the Staff

Staff members are scientist-practitioners of psychology. Staff roles include delivery of clinical service, research, consultation, trainee supervision, and administration. Many are also OHSU faculty. The following staff are involved in psychology training at VA Portland HCS.

Christopher F. Anderson, PhD, Chief of Psychology Program and Manager for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) and the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT).



Dr. Anderson received his doctorate from Auburn University and completed his internship at VAPORHCS in 2006, after which he joined the SATP staff. Dr. Anderson consults with the Regional Liver Transplant Program, performing pre-transplant evaluations to determine candidate's risk of relapse post-transplant surgery. Dr. Anderson's current research interests include examining factors that predict patient's status on the liver transplant wait list and examining programmatic factors that increase retention in substance abuse treatment programs.

Cassi Franklin, PhD, (she/they) Director of Training, Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program; Staff Psychologist- PTSD Clinical Team



Dr. Franklin earned her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Kansas after completing her internship at the Kansas City VA Medical Center. She then completed a postdoctoral fellowship in PTSD treatment at the Washington DC VA Medical Center in their Trauma Services Program. Dr. Franklin's clinical time is spent as a member of the PTSD Clinical Team and focuses on delivery of evidence-based, trauma-focused interventions. She is committed to trauma-informed and antiracist communication and practice. She has a passion for training and in addition to serving as a training director at VAPORHCS she supervises trainees whenever possible. She is a member of APA's Division 18, the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders (AVAPL), and the VA Psychology Training Council's Multicultural and Diversity Committee, and leads their Multicultural Competence in Supervision workgroup. She and her wife enjoy snuggling their dog and cat, exploring Portland, and staying in to play board games.

Rosie Getchell, PsyD (she/her/hers), Director of Training, Psychology Practicum Program; Staff Psychologist, Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) Team



Dr. Rosie Getchell (she/her) serves as a Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) psychologist at the West Linn CBOC. Identifying as a queer, feminist, and early career psychologist, she has served in several leadership roles throughout her career including the Chair of the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS) Committee with APA, as well as the current President Elect of the Oregon Psychological Association. She is passionate about engaging in leadership within many levels and systems, including the VA system, to help promote change and further the values of equity, inclusion, and diversity within psychology. In her free time, Dr. Rosie enjoys exploring new hiking trails, practicing yoga, lifting weights, enjoying new foods, and exploring more of the pacific northwest with her husband Matt and their dog Hazel.

Jason C. Steward, PhD, Director of Training, Psychology Internship Program, VAPORHCS and Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Oregon Health & Science University



Dr. Steward received his doctorate in Counseling Psychology in 2005 from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Following his graduate training, he taught for several years at Argosy University-Tampa and conducted research on studies investigating cognitive vulnerability models of perceptions of control and PTSD in trauma survivors. In 2008 he joined the VA at Bay Pines VAHCS in the Center of Sexual Trauma Services (CSTS) and also served at the Orlando VAMC in 2011 as their Director of Training in Psychology. In 2016, he joined the VA Portland Healthcare System and served as the Director of Postdoctoral Training then served as the Chief of Psychology for the Alaska VA Healthcare System before returning back to Portland in 2022. Along with his various roles in training and hospital administration, he provides individual, couple, and family therapy. His expertise is in psychological assessment and the treatment of trauma survivors within populations of sexual assault, combat, terrorism, maltreatment, and sudden bereavement. He is licensed in Hawaii.

Greg Baron, PsyD (he/him/his) Staff Psychologist- PCMHI West Linn CBOC

Dr. Baron earned his doctorate in clinical psychology from Pacific University after completing internship at the Walla Walla/Spokane VAMC. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Denver VA focused on PCMHI working primarily out of the large community outpatient clinic (CBOC). Greg currently works as a staff psychologist in the West Linn CBOC providing behavioral health care embedded in a primary care clinic. He is an ACT enthusiast who enjoys helping patients make radical changes to their lives in accordance with their values during brief consultations. He is a member of the VAPTC's Multicultural and Diversity Committee, the VISN 20 PCMHI trainer for Portland, and a primary supervisor for one practicum placement. He and his partner have a young son and old dog and enjoy hiking, camping, exercising, photography, woodworking, and playing music.

Amy Berman, PhD, (she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist – PCT, Vancouver



Dr. Berman earned her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the Tennessee State University, with an advanced specialization in Working with Survivors of Violence, Trauma, and Torture from University of Maryland College Park. She completed her internship at the Portland VA Health Care System, and a postdoctoral fellowship in PTSD/Trauma services in the Trauma Recovery Program at the Baltimore VA Medical Center. Dr. Berman went on to support the launch of the PTSD SUD Dual Diagnosis Intensive Outpatient Program within the Maryland Health Care System, before joining the PTSD Clinical Team as PTSD SUD Specialist at the Portland VA Health Care System. She holds VA Provider status in Prolonged Exposure (PE), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), and is an EMDRIA-trained EMDR Provider. She is an ASCH trained provider with advanced training in clinical hypnosis.

Dr. Berman's research background includes National Science Foundation funded projects on STEM-Related Career Development of historically underrepresented undergraduate and graduate students. Outside of work, she can sometimes be found paddling Oregon's flat waters, riding her strong-willed horse, or taking in a coastal hike with her senior dog. But far more often, she will be enjoying a slow sip of a particularly bold cup of coffee, with a cat on her lap and a good book in hand.

James Boehnlein, MD, MSc, (he/him/his) MIRECC



After completing medical school at Case Western Reserve University, and psychiatry residency training at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU), Dr. Boehnlein trained as a VA/Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a master's degree in medical anthropology. He then returned to OHSU, where he has been Associate Director for Education for the VA Northwest Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) since its inception in 1998, and co-director of its Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment. As Professor of Psychiatry, he also has served as Director of Medical Student Education for OHSU's Department of Psychiatry, and as OHSU's Assistant Dean for Curriculum. For the past 35 years he has been a clinician at the Portland VA Mental Health Clinic and at OHSU's Intercultural Psychiatric Program, where he has treated Southeast Asian, Bosnian, Somali and Central American refugees. His research has focused on cross-cultural psychiatry (particularly cultural and anthropological perspectives on posttraumatic stress disorder among Veterans and refugees, and long-term adjustment of traumatized refugees), the interface of culture and medical ethics, spiritual issues in psychiatry and psychological trauma, and on medical education. He has been a consultant to the Documentation Center of Cambodia for trauma mental health services in Cambodia, and for staff education in preparation for the Khmer Rouge war crimes tribunal. He is board certified in both general and forensic psychiatry, and is past president of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, an international association of psychiatric and social science researchers and educators.

Rebecca Brown PhD, (she/her/hers) staff psychologist on the Women's & Gender Diverse Mental Health Specialty Team (WMHST) & Co-Chair of the VAPORHCS Psychology Multicultural and Diversity Committee (MDC)



I am a proud first-gen, biracial, bicultural, Latina. I am white-passing, cisgender, heterosexual and not living with a disability. I earned my PhD in Counseling Psychology from New Mexico State University, with an emphasis in integrated behavioral health, in 2020 after completing my internship at the Portland VA. As a staff psychologist on the WMHST, I specialize in the assessment and treatment of eating disorders, complex trauma, LGBTQ+/gender affirming care, and women's mental health. My therapeutic work focuses on providing a culturally responsive and affirming space to heal and grow. I am passionate about decolonizing therapy and increasing mental health service utilization. Outside of work, you can find me kayaking with my husband and my two pups, trying out a new brewery, or spending time with friends and family.

Megan Callahan, PsyD, ABPP (she/her/hers), Clinical Neuropsychologist and Research Psychologist for the Neuropsychology Service, VAPORHCS. Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



Dr. Callahan received her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology from The American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University in Washington D.C. She completed her internship and a two-year polytrauma postdoctoral fellowship at the VAPORHCS. Her clinical practice includes neuropsychological assessment, consultation, supervision, and cognitive rehabilitation. She coordinates the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation Clinic within the Neuropsychology Service. Dr. Callahan is the Principal Investigator for a Department of Defense (DoD) multisite study examining the telephone delivery of Cognitively Augmented Behavioral Activation (Tele-CABA) for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). She has additional VA and DoD funding to examine the effectiveness of a hybrid intervention for comorbid mTBI and PTSD and to study photosensitivity and pain in TBI. Dr. Callahan's other research collaborations include studying the psychological and cognitive effects of brain trauma, cognitive rehabilitation, and systemic interventions for healthy brain function and improved quality of life. In her leisure, she enjoys traveling, being outdoors, and following the Portland Timbers.

Jason I. Chen, PhD, Staff Psychologist for the Hillsboro/North Coast CBOC BHIP Teams, VAPORHCS. Core Investigator, VA HSR&D Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC), VAPORHCS.



Dr. Chen received his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of South Florida in 2016 and completed his APA accredited internship at the VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System. Following graduation, he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in health services research at CIVIC. Dr. Chen's research focuses on suicide prevention for populations at elevated risk for suicide, suicide exposure, and community-based approaches. His clinical interests include suicide prevention, mood disorders, PTSD, and chronic illness management through cognitive-behavioral and acceptance and commitment therapy lenses. Dr. Chen strongly values training and has enjoyed the benefit of VA training throughout his professional career (four VAs and counting!). He emphasizes to his supervisees the importance of flexibility within fidelity to breathe life into our manualized treatments for individual Veteran needs. His grandfather served as an Army general in World War II and received excellent care throughout his lifetime. Dr. Chen hopes to provide the same care to all Veterans and promote reintegration and recovery across the lifespan. On the weekends, he enjoys hiking, exploring new neighborhoods, and trying new restaurants.

Tracy Chisholm, PsyD, Behavioral Sleep Medicine Psychologist, Sleep Clinic, VAPORHCS.



Dr. Chisholm received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Nova Southeastern University in 2011. She completed internship at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center (formerly known as the North Chicago VAMC). Dr. Chisholm completed a Med/Health Psychology residency at the Memphis VA Medical Center with an emphasis in rehabilitation and neuropsychology. Dr. Chisholm works full-time in the Portland VA Sleep Center providing Behavioral Sleep Medicine services (BSM). She serves as a CBT-I

National Training Consultant, [Chair for the Behavioral Sleep Medicine CERNER national workgroup](#), and as the [BSM Representative for the Sleep Medicine National Program Office Field Advisory Board](#). She provides consultation for BSM [training and program development](#)

around the country, is always seeking new ways to expand training for and patient access to high-quality BSM service providers. She has developed national telehealth clinic implementation protocols to improve access for rural and other special needs populations. She has a specialized interest in behavioral sleep medicine, sleep disorders, anxiety disorders, TBI, as well as psychoneuroimmunology. Dr. Chisholm has several Veteran family members, making her work at the VA a personally meaningful mission. Dr. Chisholm enjoys spending her time exploring the outdoors with her husband, son, and 2 fur-babies. She also enjoys traveling, gardening, hiking, photography, painting, and finding new recipes to master.

Joshua Clark, PhD, (he/him/his) Clinical Neuropsychologist, VAPORHCS, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU

I have been a staff neuropsychologist at VA Portland since 2018. I am involved in assessments, supervision and training, cognitive rehabilitation, and a little research. I also serve on the Training Committee. In addition to my role at the VA, I have a private practice in the community where I specialize in treating individuals with OCD and PTSD. I am also an assistant professor at Oregon Health and Science University where I teach in the Clinical Psychology PhD program and serve on the curriculum and practicum committees. Prior to my current position in the VA, I was a PTSD specialist at the Fairview CBOC, and before that, I completed a joint PTSD and Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship at VA Portland. I received my PhD at American University in Washington DC and did my predoctoral internship at the Washington DC VA. While I am a neuropsychologist, I value and pursue all aspects of being a clinical psychologist, including therapy, supervision, research, and teaching. In my free time, I enjoy meditating, exercising, and eating (generally in that order), as well as spending time with my wife and our son.

Odessa Cole, PhD, (she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist, PCMHI in Women's Clinic, VAPORHCS



Dr. Cole received her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison after she completed her internship at VA Puget Sound Health Care System American Lake Division. She was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) at the Portland VAPORHCS and is now a supervisor for this PCMHI fellowship and has held multiple roles in the Training Community due to her passion for supervision and training. Dr. Cole's primary position is as a Team Lead Supervising Psychologist in PCMHI. Her

clinical time is dedicated to the Women's Clinic with a focus on services for women-identified Veterans with trauma informed, culturally aware care that addresses MH topics affecting people across the reproductive life span. Outside of work Dr. Cole can be found running after her two small children, spending time outdoors, and eating her way through every great restaurant in Portland!

Nicole Crocker, PhD, (she/her/hers) Clinical Neuropsychologist, VAPORHCS

Dr. Crocker received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Neuropsychology from the SDSU/UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. She completed her internship and a two year postdoctoral residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at the San Francisco VA Health Care System and UCSF. She went on to join the staff at the San Francisco VA and was a Neuropsychologist there for five years before beginning at the Portland VA. Dr. Crocker is passionate about training the next generation of clinical neuropsychologists; she was the Assistant Training Director of the Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at the San Francisco VA and now provides clinical supervision in neuropsychology to trainees of all levels at VAPORHCS. Dr. Crocker provides neuropsychological assessment services to a wide range of patient populations, including

those with neurodegenerative disease and dementia, traumatic brain injury, stroke, epilepsy, developmental disorders, substance use disorders, PTSD and other mood disorders, and provides consultation to a wide range of clinical programs. When she is not working, or wrangling a toddler, you can find her cooking, reading, hiking, gardening or otherwise outside, exploring new places with her family.

Stacy Dodd, PhD, ABPP (she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist, PCMHI Bend CBOC



After obtaining a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan, Dr. Dodd completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of Florida with a focus on Health Psychology. She obtained her pre-doctoral internship and postdoctoral fellowship training at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System with an emphasis in Behavioral Medicine.

Following fellowship she worked as a Behavioral Health Consultant in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) for a year before returning to the VA Palo Alto as a staff psychologist in the Behavioral Medicine Department for 9 years. During her time at the Palo Alto VA she was very active in teaching and training; she provided clinical supervision for 6 practicum students, 40 predoctoral interns, and 19 postdoctoral fellows, facilitated a behavioral sciences rotation for podiatry residents, and chaired the Psychology Continuing Education Committee for 5 years. She joined the PCMHI team at the Portland VA in the Bend CBOC in 2021. In addition to PCMHI, her clinical interests include psycho-oncology, insomnia, sexual functioning, and gender affirming interventions for transgender and gender diverse Veterans. She has been board certified in Clinical Health Psychology since 2017. When not at work she spends her time with her husband, their toddler, and their dog and enjoys all the outdoor activities that Central Oregon has to offer. They will also be welcoming "baby sister" into the family this year.

Bret Fuller, PhD, Supervisory Psychologist for the Mental Health Clinic, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health & Preventative Medicine at OHSU



Dr. Fuller attained his doctorate from the University of Missouri-Columbia in Counseling Psychology and completed a three-year postdoctoral fellowship in addiction studies at the University of Michigan. He spent six years at Oregon Health and Science University where he published in the areas of substance abuse treatment, methadone policy, and smoking cessation. Arriving at the VA Portland Health Care System in 2008, Dr. Fuller serves as the health psychology supervisor for the practicum, internship and post-doctoral

fellowship. He is also the Supervisory Team Lead for a BHIP team on the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic Green Team and for Neuropsychology.

David W. Greaves, PhD, Clinical Director of Whole Health and Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU



Dr. Greaves received his Ph.D. from Brigham Young University in 1991 and completed his internship at VAPORHCS. Over the years Dr. Greaves has worked as a clinician and program manager in multiple clinical settings at VAPORHCS, as well as being a past Director of Training and former Chief of Psychology. Dr. Greaves is part of the faculty for the Ph.D. Clinical Psychology program at OHSU. His professional interests include research into the psychological factors of chronic medical issues and the psychological treatment of persistent and severe mental illnesses. Dr.

Greaves is a native Oregonian and loves spending time with his family, playing and watching all sports, playing drums in his band (Fossil Fools) and dedicating time to his faith.

Vanessa Hara, PsyD (she/her), Staff Psychologist, Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI)



Dr. Hara identifies as a bi-racial Black and Japanese, cis gender, woman from Seattle, WA. Dr. Hara received her doctorate in psychology from Pacific University in 2018. She completed pre-doctoral internship and fellowship at Providence Health and Services, in primary care. Dr. Hara is currently one of the PCMHI psychologists in the Vancouver primary care clinic. Dr. Hara serves as one of the supervisors for PCMHI rotation of the pre-doctoral internship program. Additionally, Dr. Hara serves as one of the multicultural diversity committee (MDC) co-chairs. Dr. Hara's clinical interests include values-based health behavior change, management of chronic illness, women's health, and BIPOC MH. When not working Dr. Hara enjoys baking and spending time with her pups.

Pamella Howard, PsyD, Clinical Psychologist for the Substance Addiction Treatment Program (SATP), VAPORHCS

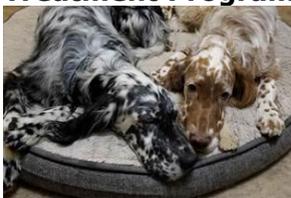
Dr. Howard received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Pacific University in 2015. She completed her internship at VA Illiana HCS focusing on rural mental health care across the lifespan. She joined the staff at the Roseburg VAMC serving as staff psychologist for the SATP and Community Living Center before moving to the Behavioral Health Integration Program. She joined the VAPORHCS staff in 2018, providing individual and group psychotherapy and psychological assessment services within the SATP. She serves as a consultant with the Regional Liver Transplant Program, performing pre-transplant evaluations to assess Veteran's risk of relapse following transplant surgery. Her clinical interests include motivational interviewing, DBT, couples therapy, harm reduction, and mental health treatment among older adults. The daughter of Vietnam Veterans, her family's history of military service led to her own service with the VA.

Courtney K. Johnson, MBA, PhD (she/her/hers) Women's Health Specialty Team Psychologist (Portland Women's Clinic)



Dr. Courtney Johnson received her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Arizona State University. She completed her internship and health psychology fellowship at the Portland VA and is a member of the Multicultural and Diversity Committee (MDC) and the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Advisory Group. Her background training and experience is in treating women with eating disorders, complex trauma and sexual trauma, DID, health psychology, and culturally responsive LGBTQ+ healthcare. Dr. Johnson is passionate about social justice advocacy, multicultural psychology, and LGBTQ+ and gender-affirming care. She utilizes an integrated approach that is guided by an integrative care model of culture and health outcomes and that incorporates ACT and values-guided therapy, IPT, CBT, DBT, and mindfulness-based, empowerment-based, and culturally informed care. Outside of work, she enjoys painting, gardening, dancing, and hosting dinner parties with enough food to feed a village.

Wendy Johnson, PhD, Psychology Program Manager for the Substance Addiction Treatment Program (SATP), VAPORHCS



Dr. Johnson received her doctorate from University of New Mexico after completing her predoctoral internship at VAPORHCS in 2007. She joined the SATP staff in 2008. Her interests are in evaluation and dissemination of evidence-based therapies for substance use disorders. A motivational interviewing (MI) consultant, trainer and mentor, she has been a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) since 2003. She has been providing training in MI for the VA since her internship, and has been a part of the VA National

Training Initiatives for Motivational Interviewing and Motivational Enhancement Therapy since their inception in 2011. She is currently a VA National EBP Lead Trainer for MI/ MET. Dr. Johnson also employs and provides supervision in a variety of evidence-based treatments for substance use disorders including harm reduction and behavioral couples therapy. When not working, you will usually find Dr. Johnson enjoying a variety of activities with her beloved English Setters.

Travis Lovejoy, PhD, MPH, Core Investigator in the Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care, Clinical Director of the National Veterans Rural Health Resource Center, and Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry and School of Public Health at OHSU



Dr. Lovejoy received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Ohio University in 2011 and completed his internship and health psychology post-doctoral fellowship at VAPORHCS. He joined VAPORHCS staff in 2012, and provided clinical services within SATP through 2019, at which time he assumed the Clinical Director position through the VA Office of Rural Health. Dr. Lovejoy has an active line of funded VA and NIH research that focuses on the treatment of chronic pain in patients with substance use disorders. Other funded research examines motivational and behavioral interventions to reduce HIV transmission risk behaviors in traditionally underserved and marginalized groups of people living with HIV. Dr. Lovejoy is actively involved with the American Psychological Association, most recently serving as Chair of its Health Equity Committee.

Crystal C. Lozier, PhD (she/her/hers), Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team, VAPORHCS. Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



Dr. Lozier received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Tennessee, and prior to that she received her Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology from California State University, Fullerton. Dr. Lozier completed her internship and postdoctoral (MIRECC) training at the VAPORHCS. Dr. Lozier joined the VAPORHCS in 2017 as a staff Psychologist, and she is currently on the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT). Dr. Lozier's interest and motivation to work with Veterans began in part because her grandfather served in the Army during World War II. Dr. Lozier's journey started with clinical research which includes interests that are related to PTSD, mindfulness, behavior activation, chronic pain, and cognitive processing of emotional information with trauma survivors. Her clinical work is focused on providing assessment and treatment of military-related PTSD. Dr. Lozier is certified in CPT and PE, as well as Written Exposure Therapy. Dr. Lozier is also certified in ACT for depression and applies mindfulness-based interventions throughout her work with Veterans. In addition, she enjoys working with couples and offers Cognitive-Behavioral Conjoint Therapy for PTSD. Another intervention she likes to deliver is Imagery Rehearsal Therapy for nightmares. Dr. Lozier values being culturally aware and uses a multicultural lens to explore the multiple layers of identities we all hold. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, visiting the coast, going on a run, being with family, painting, and practicing yoga/meditation.

Chad McGhee, PsyD, (he/him/his) Staff Psychologist in the Mental Health Clinic, VAPORHCS



Chad McGhee, Psy.D., (he/him/his) Staff Psychologist in the Mental Health Clinic, VAPORHCS Dr. McGhee completed his doctorate in clinical psychology from Pacific University School of Professional Psychology in 2011. He completed his internship at Southern Illinois University – Carbondale (CAPS) with a special emphasis in couples counseling and confirming therapy for LGBTQIA+ populations. He pursued a post-doctorate residency at Oregon State Hospital where he served as a member of the DBT treatment team during and beyond residency. Dr. McGhee was a full-time clinician and campus outreach coordinator at Washington State University – Vancouver Counseling Center before joining the staff at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington. At MAMC, Dr. McGhee was part of an embedded behavioral health team that treated active-duty soldiers who served in the Special Operations Forces. He specialized in CPT for combat-related PTSD. He joined VAPORHCS in March, 2019 as a staff psychologist and is currently the Blue Team supervisor in the P2 outpatient mental health clinic at the Portland campus. In addition to CPT for PTSD, Dr. McGhee integrates CBT, ACT, DBT and mindfulness-based interventions within a strength-based framework.

Benjamin Morasco, PhD, Staff Psychologist, and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU



Dr. Morasco received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Saint Louis University in 2003. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical health psychology at Hartford Hospital and a research fellowship in addictive behaviors at the University of Connecticut Health Center. He joined VAPORHCS in 2005 and provides clinical services in the Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Dr. Morasco is actively involved in clinical and health services research, with a focus on the treatment of chronic pain in patients with comorbid substance use disorders. Recent projects are also examining the benefits and harms of cannabis use for chronic pain. Dr. Morasco serves as the Co-Director for Research Training for the VA Portland MIRECC fellowship and is the Associate Director of the VA-funded Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC).

Shannon Nugent, Ph.D.,(she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist, VAPORHCS. Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



She completed her PhD in Clinical Health Psychology from the University of Colorado Denver in 2015. She then completed a two-year health services research fellowship with Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC) at VAPORHCS in 2018 and is currently a Core Investigator with CIVIC. Dr. Nugent’s research and clinical interests are in the areas of palliative medicine, psychosocial oncology, chronic pain, and improving access to health care for older adults. She is in the fourth year of a five-year career development award from the American Cancer Society, that focuses on pain management among survivors of head and neck cancer. She is also the PI or Co-investigator on several other funded studies examining cannabis use among cancer survivors, Gulf War Illness and Long COVID. In her free time, she enjoys being outside and spending time with her husband, 3 kids, 3 dogs and various farm animals.

Maya Elin O'Neil, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist for Salem/Newport Telemental Health, VAPORHCS. Associate Professor of Psychology in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, OHSU



Dr. O'Neil received her doctorate from the University of Oregon and completed internship at VAPORHCS and a K fellowship at OHSU before transitioning to a VA Career Development Award. She provides treatment and supervision related to PTSD, suicide prevention, cognitive rehabilitation, family therapy, and neuropsychological assessment. She is core faculty in OHSU's Clinical Psychology doctoral program and a Core Investigator with the Portland VA's HSR&D COIN, CIVIC. Dr. O'Neil supervises graduate students and fellows and is the Co-Director for Research Training for the Portland VA MIRECC fellowship program. Dr. O'Neil is the Principal Investigator of multiple AHRQ-, National Center for PTSD-, DoD/CDMRP-, VA RR&D-, and VA CSR&D-funded grants on PTSD, cognitive rehabilitation, TBI, suicide prevention, and FAIR data/quantitative methods. She cooks, skis, hikes and camps with her dogs, and bikes everywhere, rain or shine. When she's taking a break from writing grants, she can often be found in the ceramics studio throwing functional porcelain mugs and bowls or firing wood and soda kilns in the coastal mountain range.

Gina L. Ortola, PhD., (she/her/hers) Supervisory Psychologist, VAPORHCS, and Associate Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



Dr. Ortola received her doctorate from Washington State University in 1996 and completed both an internship and a postdoctoral fellowship in Geropsychology at VAPORHCS. She manages the Women's Mental Health Specialty Team and a BHIP Team at the Portland MHC. Dr. Ortola enjoys incorporating mindfulness-based interventions (ACT, DBT and MBCT) into her work and has a personal mindfulness practice as well. She was a member of VAPORHCS's DBT team for over a decade and is certified in ACT for depression. Outside of work, Dr. Ortola enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time outdoors.

Carolyn Peterson, Ph.D. (she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist for the Substance Addiction Treatment Program (SATP)



Dr. Peterson received her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oregon after completing her predoctoral internship at VAPORHCS. She was a Health Science Research and Development – Clinical Innovator track fellow at VAPORHCS before joining SATP. Dr. Peterson is currently involved with research for the Compassionate Warrior Training for Reintegration (CWTR) program. Her approach to therapy utilizes a feminist, multicultural, and ecological framework with evidence and research supported treatments. She is certified in Cognitive Processing Therapy and Motivational Interviewing. Her clinical interests include motivational interviewing, Seeking Safety, compensatory cognitive strategies, whole health, self-compassion, substance use, trauma, and values work. Outside of work, she enjoys hiking, cooking, discovering new restaurants, and spending time with her dog and cats. She is a coffee enthusiast and devoted Seahawks fan (GO HAWKS!).

Irene G. Powch, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team, and Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU



Dr. Powch completed her internship at the Seattle VA and received her doctorate from the University of Kansas in 1995. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Pacific Center for PTSD/VA National Center for PTSD in Honolulu in 1996. She was a Site Investigator for the VA Cooperative Study that helped to establish Prolonged Exposure Therapy as an EBT for PTSD in military veterans, particularly women veterans with MST, and was trained in this therapy by Edna Foa in 2001. She is a VA certified PE, CPT, CBCT, and WET therapist, a CPT regional trainer and consultant, APA Div 56 membership chair, and serves on the Multicultural

Diversity Committee. Dr. Powch enjoys working with diverse couples and individuals, and integrates feminist/social learning, object relational/attachment, and emotion focused approaches into her conceptualizations and work.

Josh Rinker, Psy.D., (he/him/his) Patient Care Line Manager at Fairview and The Dalles CBOCs, VAPORHCS



Prior to taking on a managerial role overseeing outpatient mental health at two VA Portland CBOCs Dr. Rinker specialized in treating PTSD on the Fairview BHIP team. In treatment he takes a stage-based approach to addressing trauma, integrating his humanistic orientation with established evidence-based practices. Prior to joining VA Portland he completed his internship at VA SORCC and his postdoctoral residency in the PTSD Clinic of the Albany VA. Dr. Rinker currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer for the VA Section of Division 18 of APA and chairs the Association of VA

Psychologist Leaders Mentoring Workgroup. Outside of work Dr. Rinker and his partner enjoy eating their way through the Portland restaurant scene, fostering kittens for local rescue agencies, and getting together with friends to play board games.

Stephanie Rodriguez, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist for the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT), VAPORHCS.



Dr. Rodriguez received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology, San Francisco. Dr. Rodriguez has worked for the VA since 2012 in the following settings: San Jose Vet Center, Anchorage VA outpatient and residential, Roseburg VA BHIP, and Portland PCT since July of 2018. Her clinical work includes focus in treatment of complex trauma, working with LGBTQ+ and women Veterans, and treatment of moral injury. Dr. Rodriguez is certified in CPT, PE, CBT-SUD, WET, and CBCT-PTSD. She is currently

collaborating with Chaplain Morris and the national Integrative Mental Health division for program development and dissemination of the Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Moral Injury protocol. In her free time, she walks with her black lab named Homer, going to Timbers games, trying new food carts, and going to the beach.

Veronica Rodriguez, Ph.D., (she/her/ella) Psychology Program Manager, for the Substance Abuse Treatment Program (SATP)



Her salient personal and professional identities include her Mexican heritage and having an inner athlete that keeps her moving through all phases of life. Dr. Rodriguez received her doctorate from Arizona State University in 2008 after she completed her predoctoral internship through the Southwest Consortium Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship (SCPPI) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She completed her postdoctoral training in Health Psychology at the VAPORHCS. Dr. Rodriguez Co-Supervises the Substance Use Disorder Clinic, SATP. Her clinical interests include trauma informed mindfulness-

based interventions, behavioral interventions, and intersection between chronic pain and substance use disorders.

Hillel Samlan, Ph.D. (he/him/his), Staff Psychologist, Acute Psychiatry



Dr. Samlan earned his doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Oregon and completed his internship training at the American Lake VA Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. He provides group and individual therapy, assessment, and consulting services to the inpatient psychiatry unit, 5C. His interests include recovery oriented models of care, treatment adaptations for inpatient settings, and sociopolitical influences on mental health. Dr. Samlan previously served as a staff psychologist at the

American Lake VA, working with Veterans with serious mental illnesses in their Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center.

Kenneth Sewell, Ph.D., (he/him/his) Staff Psychologist for the Center for Integrative Pain Care, VAPORHCS. Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU

Dr. Sewell attained his doctorate from the University of Houston in Clinical Psychology and completed a postdoctoral fellowship with the New Mexico Corrections Department specializing in Behavioral Medicine and Forensic Evaluation. His clinical interests include mindfulness-based approaches to pain management, multi-disciplinary treatment of chronic pain and health/wellness psychology. He currently is a psychologist in the Center for Integrative Pain Care (CIPC) within the Operative Care Service, Department of Anesthesiology where he participates in multi-disciplinary evaluation and treatment of chronic pain including the use of ancillary treatment modalities such as biofeedback and hypnosis.

Born in New Zealand, his family moved back to the US settling in Arizona. He moved to the northwest about 13 years ago with his wife, a Family Practice physician and two children who are now young adults 21 and 19 currently in University. His commitment to serving our Veterans has stemmed from growing up in a family where members have served in the military in every generation from the time of the Civil War till the present day.

Erika M Shearer, Ph.D., (she/her/hers), Patient Care Line Manager for Primary Care Mental Health Integration

Dr. Shearer earned her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Rural Veteran and Telemental Health at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle Division. She is licensed in the state of Washington. Dr. Shearer's areas of expertise and interest include integrated care/PCMHI, brief treatment and using telehealth technologies to provide and increase access to mental health services. Her theoretical orientation is primarily third wave cognitive behavioral therapy and she utilizes evidenced based psychotherapies to include: ACT, PE, CPT, and CBT-I. She previously served as a VISN 20 regional trainer and national consultant for the ACT for Depression VA Training and Dissemination effort, Telehealth Master Preceptor, and continues to provide

telehealth training and consultation throughout and outside of the VA Health Care System. Her research interests include mindfulness and acceptance strategies in the treatment of psychological issues related to chronic medical conditions, pain, telesupervision, and all things related to telemental health.

Kathrine Shepherd, PhD, Psychologist, PCT, Portland, VAPORHCS.



Dr. Shepherd received her PhD. from Kent State University and completed her clinical internship and postdoctoral residency at the Cleveland VA Medical Center, specializing in the treatment of PTSD. She joined the Fairview Clinic staff in 2018, working as a PTSD and SUD specialist with BHIP and SATP, and joined the PTSD Clinical Team in 2022. Her clinical interests include concurrent treatment of PTSD and substance use disorders, evidence-based treatments for PTSD and complex trauma, moral injury, and mindfulness and acceptance-based therapies. She likes to spend her free time hanging out with her husband and toddler in the great outdoors (camping, swimming, hiking, frolicking in the snow), occasionally drawing/painting, and food cart hopping.

Quyen T. Sklar, Ph.D., (she/her/hers), Staff Psychologist for Community Living Center, VAPORHCS. Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



Dr. Sklar is a daughter of Vietnamese refugees and born and raised in Southern California. She received her doctorate from Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University after completing her internship at VAPORHCS. She was a postdoctoral fellow in Palliative Care at VAPORHCS and now, serves as one of the supervisors on the Integrated Care fellowship track. Clinically, she works with multiple interdisciplinary teams and provides behavioral health consultation and psychological services at the Community Living Center. Her clinical interests are in geropsychology and palliative/end-of-life care. Dr. Sklar is committed to anti-racist practice and social justice and has been actively involved in the Psychology Multicultural and Diversity Committee and Training Community at VAPORHCS since her training here. Likewise, she tries to approach supervision and training with sensitivity to power and awareness of privileges, and attempts to reduce inequity and injustice whenever possible. When she is not working or corralling her two, young rambunctious kiddos, she enjoys trying out new Portland eateries, hiking, reading, crafting, and slowly renovating her home.

Emily Stasko, M.P.H., Ph.D., (she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist- PTSD Clinical Team



Dr. Stasko earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Drexel University where she worked in the Women's Health Psychology lab. She completed the Southwest Consortium Doctoral Internship in Health Service Psychology in Albuquerque, NM, before coming to VAPORHCS for her postdoctoral training in Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI). Dr. Stasko joined the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) as a Staff Psychologist in September 2019. Prior to embarking on her training in psychology, she received her Master's in Public Health from Yale University and worked as the primary, on-site Field Manager for a women's health focused multi-site NIH-funded research grant in New York City. Her clinical interests include evidence-based treatment for PTSD, women's health, sexual health, and integrated care. In her free-time, Dr. Stasko enjoys trying to convince her toddler that food is better for eating than for throwing, negotiating a truce between her cats, exploring new places, and spending quality time with her family.

Mary Steers, Ph.D. (she/her), Staff Psychologist, Primary Care Mental Health Integration; Deputy Chief of Psychology



Dr. Steers received her doctorate in clinical psychology with curricular emphasis on Geropsychology from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. She completed her internship at the West Los Angeles VA and postdoctoral fellowship in Geropsychology and Home-Based Primary Care at the VA San Diego. Dr. Steers is the PCMHI psychologist in the Internal Medicine Resident Clinic and is one of the supervisors for the PCMHI fellowship. Clinically, she incorporates principles rooted in behavioral therapy, cognitive-behavioral therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, and motivational interviewing to engage veterans in values-based health behavior change and address challenges to improving their overall health. Dr. Steers is an active member of the Multicultural and Diversity Committee and is committed to providing inclusive, equitable, ethical, and culturally competent clinical services and supervision. An avid Oregon Ducks fan and lover of travel, when not working she can be found enjoying a good cup of coffee or great food, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Sarah Súniga, Ph.D., Women Veterans Program Manager (she/her/hers)



Dr. Súniga is a Latinx woman born and raised in Texas. She received her doctorate from Kent State University in Clinical Psychology with a Health Psychology emphasis. She completed her internship at the VAPORHCS in 2007 and remained to complete postdoctoral training in PTSD. Dr. Súniga became a staff psychologist in 2009 in the role of PTSD/SUD Specialist. Dr. Súniga is an Army Veteran (OEF) and deployed in 2012-2013 with a Combat Operational Stress Control (COSC) medical detachment providing mental health services throughout southern Afghanistan. Since 2018, she has been in the role of WVPM with the Women's Health program. Her clinical interests include the treatment of traumatic stress, particularly in the areas of women's health and race-based stress and trauma.

Mark Thomas, PsyD, MBA, (he/him/his), Staff Psychologist – Hillsboro Primary Care Mental Health Integration

Dr. Thomas received his doctorate from George Fox University after completing his internship at Chillicothe VAMC in Ohio. His dissertation examined correlations between diversity variables and law enforcement career motivation with an emphasis on building diversity and support into law enforcement agencies. He completed his post-doctoral training with Hazelden Betty Ford – Springbrook, specializing in residential substance abuse and trauma treatment. He currently works as a Staff Psychologist in the Hillsboro CBOC integrating behavioral health treatment with Primary Care. He is also the PCMHI Facility Trainer for Portland and the primary supervisor for a practicum placement. Outside of his work in VAPORHCS, he is an Adjunct Professor with George Fox University's Graduate School of Clinical Psychology, and conducts psychological evaluations for law enforcement candidates. Dr. Thomas works primarily from a CBT lens (with an affinity for ACT), though will integrate knowledge and techniques from interpersonal, attachment, psychodynamic, and relational domains. In his free time he can be found spending time with his family, friends and German Shepherd, though occasionally he may be scuba diving, reading, writing, practicing motorcycle therapy, and daydreaming about travel adventures.

David Thompson, Ph.D. (he/him, they/them), Staff Psychologist for Primary Care/Mental Health Integration, Hillsboro CBOC; LGBTQ+ Veteran Care



Coordinator VAPORHCS

Dr. Thompson received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Palo Alto University in 2018 after completing his pre-doctoral internship at VA Central Western Massachusetts (VACWM). He went on to complete a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at VACWM. After his fellowship he moved cross-country, yet again, and joined the VAPORHCS staff in 2021 as a PCMHI psychologist working within the Hillsboro CBOC. He serves as one of two LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinators for

VAPORHCS. His clinical background has focused on areas of cultural competence in queer-identifying Veteran care, neuropsychology, cognitive rehabilitation, Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PCMHI), and behavioral sleep medicine. When he is not working with his fellow Veterans, he enjoys spending his time on gardening, social advocacy, and all things nerdy.

Malinda Trujillo, Ph.D., (she/her/hers) Staff Psychologist for the Vancouver Mental Health Team, VAPORHCS. Co-Chair, Multicultural and Diversity Committee, VAPORHCS



Dr. Malinda Trujillo is a bi-cultural (LatinX and white), bi-lingual (Spanish/English), psychologist. Her preferred pronouns are she/her/hers. She received her doctorate from Colorado State University in 2008 after completing her pre-doctoral internship at the Greater Los Angeles VA Ambulatory Care Center (VA-LAACC). After receiving her degree, she completed her postdoctoral training in PTSD at the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health Care System in 2009. Dr. Trujillo joined the VAPORHCS in 2009. She is currently a staff psychologist for the Vancouver

Mental Health Team. Her areas of specialization evidence based treatment, trauma, anxiety, multicultural counseling, LatinX Psychology, race-based stress and trauma, and resiliency/empowerment. She serves on the VAPORHCS Psychology Multicultural and Diversity Committee, the National VA Psychology Training Council Multicultural and Diversity Committee, and VA Race-Based Stress and Trauma Consultation Team. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Trujillo provides didactic training, consultation, and advocacy work in diversity, inclusion, and, trauma.

Ruth Ann W. Tsukuda, M.P.H., Ed.D, R.N. (she/her/hers)

Ruth Ann W. Tsukuda is Associate Director of Education for the VA Northwest Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC), a position she has held since it was initiated in 1998. She is also Co-Director of its Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment at the Portland VA Medical Center. Dr. Tsukuda is the former Director of the Interdisciplinary Team Training in Geriatrics Program and Director of the Oregon Geriatric Education Center. Her research and academic pursuits focus on collaborative interprofessional practice in health care, the function and development of health care teams, and organizational ethics. For many years, she has concentrated her academic endeavors preparing students to work in today's complex and dynamic health care environment. She is actively engaged in the education of medical students and health professionals from multiple disciplines from their entry into health care through post-doctoral and professional practice.

PTSD Clinical Team. Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



Dr. Vinatieri received her doctoral degree from the PGSP-Stanford Psy.D. Consortium with a focus in clinical psychology. She completed her internship at the Loma Linda VA Medical Center and her postdoctoral fellowship at the San Francisco VA Medical Center with a concentration in rural and women's mental health. She then served as a staff psychologist and director of the VA Palo Alto's Women's Counseling Center until moving to the VA Portland in 2018 where she serves as a clinician and team lead for the PTSD Clinical Team. She teaches undergraduate courses at Palo Alto University and serves as an assistant professor at Oregon Health and Science University. Her clinical interests include women's mental health, treatment of PTSD and comorbid diagnoses, and the impact of PTSD on family systems.

Timothy Wright, Psy.D., Staff Psychologist for the Center for Integrative Pain Care (CIPC), VA Portland HCS. Director, Mindfulness Institute, VA Portland HCS. Whole Health Educator. Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, OHSU. Faculty VA CALM, OPCC&CT.



Dr. Wright (he/him/his) attained his clinical psychology doctorate from University of La Salle, PA, having completed an internship at the VA Maine HCS and a post-doctoral fellowship at VA Portland HCS, specializing in palliative care psychology and behavioral medicine. His clinical and research interests are focused on applying contextual CBT and mindfulness-based approaches, with medically-involved populations, such as those with chronic pain and life-limiting illness. Currently, he works part-time as a staff psychologist in the Center for Integrative Pain Care

(CIPC) at VA Portland, providing interdisciplinary pain evaluations, individual and group behavioral health therapy, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), and interdisciplinary program development. Additional responsibilities include being the founding Director of the VA Portland Mindfulness Institute, National VA Faculty for VA CALM Mindfulness Facilitator Training program, with OPCC&CT, and part of the local Whole Health Education team. He is also a primary supervisor for the Integrated Care psychology fellowship, with a focus on chronic pain and mindfulness-based interventions. At home, he is intermittently surviving and thriving, amidst a young family of four.

Belle Zaccari, PsyD (she/her/hers), Staff Psychologist – Affiliate Investigator, CIVIV; Psychologist, Salem BHIP; Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, OHSU



Dr. Zaccari earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the Adler University in Chicago after completing her pre-doctoral internship at the Southern Arizona Psychology Internship Center in Tucson. Dr. Zaccari is a staff psychologist on the Salem BHIP clinic. She takes a holistic approach to therapy and delivers trauma-informed, evidence-based treatments with an expertise in complex trauma. Dr. Zaccari is an Affiliate Investigator at the VA Portland Health Care System(VAPORHCS), Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care (CIVIC). Her research interests include: telehealth

modalities, chronic pain, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), women Veterans, and complementary and integrative health (CIH).

Dr. Zaccari is K12 scholar investigating CIH approaches for comorbid pain and PTSD, and is the site PI for a multisite RCT examining Warrior Renew, an intervention for MST survivors. She is a big fan of the Chicago Bears and spends her time weightlifting, camping, travelling abroad, preserving/pickling/canning, and visiting with beloved friends.