

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. Dr. Anderson received his masters from North Dakota State University, his doctorate from Auburn University, and completed his internship at VAPORHCS in 2006. Dr. Anderson is currently the Chief of Psychology and program manager for the Substance Addictions Treatment Program (SATP), the PTSD Clinical team (PCT), and the Veterans Justice Outreach Program (VJO). Dr. Anderson's clinical and research interests are in risk of relapse assessment and interventions.



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



Dr. Franklin earned their doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Kansas after completing internship at the Kansas City VA Medical Center. They 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. They have a passion for training and in addition to serving as a training director at VAPORHCS she supervises trainees whenever possible. They are 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. 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 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 justice, 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 Certified EMDR Provider and EMDR Approved Consultant. She is a level 2 ASCH trained clinical hypnosis provider. 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 these days, she enjoys time spent at her workbench in a state of flow working on a metalsmithing project or sipping a bold cup of coffee with a cat on her lap and a good book in hand.

Rebecca Crossley PhD, (she/her/hers) staff psychologist on the Women's & Gender Diverse Mental Health (WGDMH) Specialty Team & 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 WGDMHST, I specialize in the assessment and treatment of eating disorders, complex trauma, LGBTQ+/gender affirming care, and women's reproductive 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), Board Certified Neuropsychologist 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 neuropsychology/polytrauma postdoctoral fellowship at 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 of a Department of Defense (DoD) national study titled 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 psychological and cognitive comorbidities in brain disease, 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, MPH, Core Investigator in the Center to Improve Veteran Involvement in Care, Clinical Director of the National Veterans Rural Health Resource Center, and Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry and School of Public Health at OHSU



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 the Chinese army

during 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.

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



Dr. Cole received her PhD from the Counseling Psychology Department at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and 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 internship rotation 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 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 learners at all levels at VAPORHCS. Dr. Crocker provides culturally

responsive 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 her small children, 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, PCMH 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 PCMH team at the Portland VA in the Bend CBOC in 2021. In addition to PCMH, 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, two young children, and 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.

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



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 PCMH psychologists in the Vancouver primary care clinic. Dr. Hara serves as one of the supervisors for PCMH 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 serving as the Health Behavior Coordinator in Primary Care, 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 served as a consultant with the Regional Liver Transplant Program, performing pre-transplant evaluations to assess Veteran's risk of relapse following transplant surgery. In 2023, Dr. Howard transitioned to the role of Health Behavior Coordinator in Primary Care to focus on the impacts of health behavior on quality of life and mental health, providing consultation and training in Motivational Interviewing to Primary Care providers, as well as direct clinical intervention on health behavior change. She also serves as the hospital's Tobacco Cessation Lead Clinician, working to increase access to tobacco cessation services in an effort to reduce tobacco use and its accompanying health effects. Her clinical interests include motivational interviewing, health behavior change, DBT, and harm reduction. 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) Women's & Gender Diverse Mental Health (WGDMH) Specialty Team Psychologist



Dr. Courtney Johnson completed her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Arizona State University and her internship and health psychology fellowship at VA Portland. She 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 health psychology, LGBTQ+ healthcare, and gender-specific health (e.g., women's health, reproductive mental health, transgender health, and gender affirming care). She has a strong background in assessment and treatment of eating disorders, concerns regarding gender identity, and complex trauma, including identity-based trauma, DID, and sexual trauma. Dr. Johnson is passionate about social justice advocacy, taking a stance of cultural humility to provide culturally responsive care, and serving Veterans who have been pushed to the margins by military and VA systems. She utilizes an integrative care model of culture and health outcomes and incorporates ACT and values-guided therapy, IPT, CBT, DBT, and mindfulness-based, empowerment-based, and affirmative therapies. 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 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 degree 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 then continued her work with the VAPORHCS as a staff Psychologist with the Vancouver, BHIP team (2017) and then in 2019 she joined the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) where she is currently working. 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 as well as the overlap with responses to traumas in general. Dr. Lozier is certified in several PTSD treatments such as CPT, PE, Written Exposure Therapy (WET), and also is trained in EMDR therapy. Dr. Lozier is certified in ACT for depression and applies mindfulness-based interventions throughout her work with Veterans. In addition, she is interested in treatments related to sleep and nightmares and offers Imagery Rehearsal Therapy (IRT) and CBT-I. 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. 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 Addiction Treatment Program. Dr. Morasco is also the Associate Director for Education for the VA Northwest Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) and co-director of its Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment. He 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. Outside of work, Dr. Morasco enjoys spending time with family and friends, participating in a host of outdoor-related activities, and attending various performing arts events.

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 and an Assistant Professor with the Department of Psychiatry at Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Nugent’s research interests are in the areas of psychosocial oncology, chronic pain, and improving care and mental health outcomes for those with complex medical conditions. She is in the fifth year of a five-year Mentored Research Scholar Grant 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, and cognitive rehabilitation. 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 is a research mentor for graduate students, fellows, and junior faculty, and is the Associate Director for Education for the VISN20 VA Northwest Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC) and co-director of its Advanced Fellowship Program in Mental Illness Research and Treatment. 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 or firing wood and soda kilns.

Gina L. Ortola, Ph.D., (she/her/hers) Supervisory Clinical 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 a BHIP Team at the Portland Mental Health Clinic. Dr. Ortola enjoys incorporating mindfulness-based interventions into her work and has a personal meditation practice as well. She was a member of VAPORHCS's DBT team for over a decade, is certified in ACT for depression, and regularly co-facilitates MBCT for Depression group with trainees. 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. Her approach to therapy utilizes a feminist, multicultural, and ecological framework with evidence and research supported treatments. She is certified in Cognitive Processing Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia. Her clinical interests include motivational interviewing, 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 Associate 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 Portland's SI 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, an EMDR therapist (recently updated with HAP training and consultation), and an EFT therapist (completed a two year training program with Charles and Jaimie Levin Edwards). In addition, Dr. Powch is a CPT regional trainer and consultant, APA Div 56 membership chair, supervises interns, and serves on the Multicultural Diversity Committee. Dr. Powch enjoys working with diverse individuals and couples, 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 has served in leadership roles for the VA Section of Division 18 of APA and the Association of VA Psychologist Leaders, and remains an active member of both organizations. 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 identifying Veterans, and treatment of moral injury. Dr. Rodriguez is certified in CPT, PE, CBT-SUD, WET, and CBCT-PTSD. She has completed the EMDR Therapy Basic course and is in consultation. 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, goes to Timbers/Thorns games, and eats at delicious local food carts

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, clinical hypnosis, 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.

Born in New Zealand, his family moved back to the US settling in Arizona. He moved to the northwest about 15 years ago with his wife, a Family Practice physician and two children who are now young adults 23 and 21 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 stayed at VAPORHCS to complete a postdoctoral fellow in Palliative Care, and then landed a job as a staff psychologist at the Community Living Center (CLC). Clinically, she works with multiple interdisciplinary teams and provides behavioral health consultation and psychological services at the CLC, an inpatient rehabilitation and sub-acute skilled nursing facility located on the Vancouver campus. 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 has been a psychologist on the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) since 2019. She earned her doctorate from Drexel University in Philadelphia, completed her internship at the Albuquerque VA, and joined VAPORHCS for her postdoctoral training in Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI). 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 playing with her toddler, 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 (Geropsychology Track) 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; she is also one of the supervisors for the PCMHI postdoctoral fellow and for the PCMHI

predoctoral internship rotation. 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 anti-racist, 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 Veteran 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 a 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.

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Trisha Vinatieri, Psy.D., Chief Wellness Officer and Organizational Development Psychologist. 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 as 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.

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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, VA National Clinical Champion and Faculty for VA CALM Mindfulness Facilitator Training program, 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: chronic pain, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and evidence based complementary and integrative health (CIH) approaches.

Dr. Zaccari is a 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.

Kirk Vandergrift, PsyD



Dr. Vandergrift received his doctoral degree from PGSP-Stanford PsyD consortium in 2021. Throughout his graduate training, he had the opportunity to work in several VA systems, including the San Francisco and Palo Alto VAs. He completed his doctoral internship with the VA Central Western Massachusetts, where he had a rotation in Specialized Inpatient PTSD Unit. It was in this environment that Dr. Vandergrift was immersed in ACT and the ACT Matrix, which has since become his preferred modality of therapy. He later completed his postdoctoral fellowship within the General Mental Health clinic at the VA Boston, where he helped to re-design and implement a new model of the ACT group, and got his first extended experience providing supervision to interns. Dr. Vandergrift is certified in CPT, and his strongest areas of clinical interest are

anxiety, PTSD, and ways in which masculine gender norms can inform disordered behavior. He joined the VA Portland in October, 2022, and is licensed in Oregon. Dr. Vandergrift enjoys the outdoors, reading a good novel, rooting for Pittsburgh sports teams, and spending time with friends and family.