



Psychology Postdoctoral Residency Program
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System
Applications due: January 1, 2024

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Note: We have two residents in our Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) emphasis area, one to two residents in Clinical Health Psychology, two residents in our Holistic Mental Health emphasis area, one resident in our General Mental Health emphasis area, one resident in Psychological Assessment and one resident in our PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) emphasis area all of which are one year in length. Our Neuropsychology emphasis area is a two year post doc, currently APA accredited and is accepting applicants this training year. (Please see the specific Neuropsychology brochure for additional details on that position)

Accreditation Status

The postdoctoral residency at the **VA Loma Linda Healthcare System** is currently accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association. Questions regarding the accreditation process may be addressed to: APA, Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, (202) 336-5979.

Application & Selection Procedures

Qualifications for Residency include: U.S. citizenship, earned doctorate in psychology from an APA-accredited program by start date (this includes completed defense of the dissertation), and completed APA-accredited internship.

It is important to note that a CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION STATUS, CERTIFICATION OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP, and DRUG SCREENING are required to become a VA resident. The Federal Government requires that male applicants to VA positions who were born after 12/31/59 must sign a Pre-appointment Certification Statement for Selective Service Registration before they are employed. It is not necessary to submit this form with the application, but if you are selected for this residency and fit the above criteria, you will have to sign it. All residents will have to complete a Certification of Citizenship in the United States prior to beginning the residency. We will not consider applications from anyone who is not currently a U.S. citizen. The VA conducts drug screening exams on randomly selected personnel

as well as new employees. Residents are not required to be tested prior to beginning work, but once on staff they are subject to random selection as are other staff.

*The VA policy on non-discrimination can be found below:

https://www.va.gov/optometry/docs/VHA_Directive_1018_Nondiscrimination_in_Federally_Conducted_Education_and_Training_Programs.pdf

*Additionally, access to the COA (Commission on Accreditation) can be found below

<http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation/about/coa/>

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Health Professions Trainees (HPTs) (psychology interns and postdocs) are appointed as temporary employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. As such, HPTs are subject to laws, policies, and guidelines posted for VA staff members. There are infrequent times in which this guidance can change during a training year which may create new requirements or responsibilities for HPTs. If employment requirements change during the course of a training year, HPTs will be notified of the change and impact as soon as possible and options provided. The VA Training Director for your profession will provide you with the information you need to understand the requirement and reasons for the requirement in timely manner. In light of this, the VA system recently mandated that all HPT's provide proof of COVID vaccination or provide documentation of a religious or medical exemption why they are not vaccinated. Failure to provide this proof would make an HPT unable to train in the VA system.

Additionally, VA employees and HPT are subject to random drug testing, please take a moment to review the VA system drug policy below. Please note, this policy includes the use of cannabis even in states in which the recreational and medicinal use of cannabis is legal. The VA follows federal guidelines, not local state guidelines.

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For additional helpful information regarding the eligibility requirements for HPTs at the VA please follow the links below:

<https://www.psychologytraining.va.gov/eligibility.asp>

<https://www.psychologytraining.va.gov/docs/Trainee-Eligibility.pdf>

Application: The following are required by **January 1, 2024**:

- Letter of interest that clearly includes: the residency emphasis(es) you are interested in; how you envision this training will further your aspirations as a clinical psychologist, your theoretical orientation, experience working with diverse populations, and research interests.
- Autobiographical statement to help us get to know you.
- Current CV that includes a description of your internship rotations and anticipated graduation date.
- Copy of your graduate transcript(s).
- Letter of reference from your internship director, describing your progress and anticipated completion date.
- A letter from the chair of your dissertation committee that details the status of your dissertation and the anticipated completion date of your doctoral training. Your doctoral degree must be completed before the start date of your postdoctoral training
- Letter of reference from a supervisor familiar with your work in the emphasis area for which you are applying.

Please Note: We require submitted applications to come through the APPA CAS portal (APPIC Psychology Postdoctoral Application Centralized Application Service) and we will abide by the suggested [APPIC Postdoctoral Selection Guidelines](#) and [Common Hold Date](#) posted here: [Postdoctoral Selection Standards \(appic.org\)](#). The above documents will be requested and should be submitted through the CAS portal. Complete the basic demographic, education, clinical training information, and transcripts required of all applicants for all APPA CAS programs. Then select the appropriate program(s) (emphasis area) within the Loma Linda VA Health Care System. APPA CAS allows you to request letters of recommendation electronically which are then uploaded by the letter writer. (Note: APPA CAS refers to letters of recommendation as "Evaluations").

Deadlines/Stipend/Benefits: Notification regarding interviews will take place in early to mid to January with interviews to follow. Interviews will be conducted either in person or on the telephone/video (most likely video or phone if COVID is still in pandemic status), and preference will be given to candidates with prior training and experience in the specific emphasis areas.

The anticipated start date for all areas of emphasis is August 12, 2024. Postdoctoral Residencies are a full year, full-time commitment with a salary of \$59, 797 per annum. Vacation, sick leave, authorized leave for conferences, and health insurance are available.

Postdoctoral Residency, Admissions, Support and Initial Placement Data

Briefly describe in narrative form important information to assist potential applicants in assessing their likely fit with your program. This description must be consistent with the program's policies on intern/postdoc selection and practicum and academic preparation requirements:

The comprehensive mission of our psychology postdoctoral residency training is to provide our residents with the experiences necessary for them to become scientifically oriented, thoroughly ethical, intensively trained, and highly skilled psychologists, well-prepared as professionals in the discipline of clinical psychology in the twenty-first century. We emphasize training in health psychology and outpatient psychology within the context of a holistic approach to human health and welfare. Furthermore, as our program is located in Southern California, another aspect of our mission is the education of our trainees to work with individuals of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Our program emphasizes an awareness of and sensitivity to cultural and human diversity as central to all psychological training and future practice.

Describe any other required minimum criteria used to screen applicants:
 US citizenship/APA accredited internship/APA accredited doctoral program

Financial and Other Benefit Support for Upcoming Training Year*

Annual Stipend/Salary for Full-time Interns	\$59,797
Annual Stipend/Salary for Half-time Interns	n/a
Program provides access to medical insurance for postdoc?	Yes
If access to medical insurance is provided:	
Trainee contribution to cost required?	Yes
Coverage of family member(s) available?	Yes
Coverage of legally married partner available?	Yes
Coverage of domestic partner available?	No
Hours of Annual Paid Personal Time Off (PTO and/or Vacation)	4 hours per 2-week pay period
Hours of Annual Paid Sick Leave	4 hours per 2-week pay period
In the event of medical conditions and/or family needs that require extended leave, does the program allow reasonable unpaid leave to interns/residents in excess of personal time off and sick leave?	Yes
Other Benefits (please describe):	

Initial Post-Residency Positions

(Provide an Aggregated Tally for the Preceding 3 Cohorts)

	2020-23
Total # of residents who were in the 3 cohorts	

Total # of residents who remain in training in the residency program	27	
	PD	EP
Community mental health center		
Federally qualified health center		
Independent primary care facility/clinic		
University counseling center		
Veterans Affairs medical center		14
Military health center		
Academic health center		1
Other medical center or hospital		2
Psychiatric hospital		1
Academic university/department		4
Community college or other teaching setting		
Independent research institution		
Correctional facility		
School district/system		
Independent practice setting		5
Not currently employed		
Changed to another field		
Other		
Unknown		

Note: "PD" = Post-doctoral residency position; "EP" = Employed Position. Each individual represented in this table should be counted only one time. For former trainees working in more than one setting, select the setting that represents their primary position.

Psychology Setting

This brochure describes the postdoctoral residency program at the VA Loma Linda Healthcare System. It is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). The first cohort of postdoctoral residents began in September 2008 in Health Psychology and Trauma. We currently have ten postdoctoral residency positions, with emphasis in the following areas: one in trauma, two in Clinical Health Psychology, two in PCMHI, one in general outpatient mental health (with an emphasis in Evidence Based Psychotherapies), two in holistic mental health, one in psychological assessment, and one in a two-year neuropsychology residency. We had a site visit from the APA Commission on Accreditation in November 2015 and received our full 7 year accreditation (the longest available at the time) in the spring of 2016 for our general post-doctoral fellowship. We are slated to have an APA site visit in 2023 for re-accreditation. This was followed by an accreditation of our neuropsychology fellowship shortly thereafter. In August 2022, we will begin our fiftieth cohort of postdoctoral residents.

VA Loma Linda Healthcare System



The VA Loma Linda Healthcare System, also known as Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Medical Center, opened in December 1977. It is located on a beautifully landscaped thirty-four-acre site. The four-story Medical Center building contains an internal space equivalent to fifteen football fields. The second-floor houses numerous Mental Health Service staff, including the Substance Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program, pain and health psychology, embedded mental health staff in the Emergency Department, and a 30-bed inpatient psychiatric unit. Other specialized treatment programs include the hemodialysis unit; the Community Living Center (nursing home and hospice care, 108 beds); medical and surgical intensive care units; and a coronary care center. Neuropsychology and Homeless programs are housed in the newly constructed Valor building, which is just North of the main hospital. In October 2016, the facility opened a 300,000 sq. ft. Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) a mile up the road from Medical Center. Along with housing many Mental Health Service programs, the ACC also supports a variety of outpatient clinics such as primary care Patient Aligned Care Teams (PACT), Women's health, Post-Deployment Clinic, Preventive Medicine, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and other specialty outpatient services.

Annually, Loma Linda Healthcare System serves the medical needs of approximately 71,000 Veterans. With a dedicated staff ceiling of over 3700 VA employees, hundreds of contract staff across the community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs, and myriad volunteers, the Healthcare System provides approximately 111,096 inpatient, and 1,236,035 outpatient encounters annually (2018). Five CBOCs and one telehealth satellite clinic affiliated with the Medical Center provide access to care to veterans throughout San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. The Mental Health Service has a robust footprint within VA Loma Linda HCS, serving 23,202 unique patients and generating 204,000 encounters annually (2018). The facility is committed to its training mission and enjoys strong support. To fulfill the agency's three-fold mission of patient care, teaching, and research, the Medical Center is equipped with up-to-date diagnostic, therapeutic, and support equipment. Medical research programs are allocated over 40,000 square feet of space, and an active affiliation is maintained with the Loma Linda University Medical and Dental Schools.

Psychology

Within the Mental Health Service and throughout the Healthcare System, psychologists play a vital role in virtually every program. Currently, MHS employs over 60 psychologists, which include the Psychology Executive, 3 Supervisory Psychologists, 2 Directors of Training, and numerous key section and team leads across both inpatient and outpatient care. Assignments for

the staff psychologists are as follows: Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP), PTSD Clinical Team (PCT), Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI), Health Psychology, Pain/Health Psychology, Access/Intake Clinic, Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, Neuropsychology, Psychological Assessment, Dual Diagnosis/CORE, Substance Treatment & Recovery (STAR), Psychosocial Rehabilitation & Recovery Center (PRRC), High Risk Psychotherapy/Suicide Prevention, Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV), Geropsychology, Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), Compensation & Pension, and Disruptive Behavior Committee.

The major functions of psychology within the Mental Health Service include the provision of psychological services to patients, consultation, teaching, assessment, program development and outcomes evaluation. Psychologists provide comprehensive services to inpatients and outpatients within the healthcare system and to their families through a variety of roles. In addition, they serve as members of interdisciplinary treatment teams on both inpatient and outpatient units, coordinators of vocational and psychosocial rehabilitation programs, and serve the Medical Center as consultants. Within the discipline of psychology, there is also a strong emphasis on pre-doctoral training. The 10-14 psychology practicum students and 8 pre-doctoral interns receive training within the Mental Health Service. The Psychology Internship Program has been accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) since 1981.

The Veteran Population

The Medical Center is a federally funded teaching hospital and, as such, is dedicated to the education, research, and provision of innovative healthcare services to Veterans. Our program emphasizes an awareness of and sensitivity to cultural and human diversity as central to all psychological training and future practice. Our goal is to prepare psychologists to work with individuals of diverse ethnic, religious, sexual orientation, and cultural backgrounds. Within the healthcare system, the majority of veterans identify as male, a significant number identify as female, as well as those veterans who identify as other than the binary terms of male and female. Among our cohort, Veterans self-identify as from the following racial/ethnic backgrounds: 1.1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 2.8% Asian, 14.2% Black or African American, 2.1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 64.8% White, 1% multi-racial, and 13.8% unknown or declined to answer.

According to the Census Bureau (2018 data) there are approximately 18 million military veterans, of which 1.7 million are women. Veterans represent about 7% of the U.S. population over the age of 18. Most Veterans served during times of war. The number of Veterans who served during the following periods of service can be broken down as follows: World War II (485,000), the Korean War (1.3 million), Vietnam era (6.4 million), Gulf War (3.8 million), and Post-9/11 from September 2001 or later (3.7 million). The 2018 Census also indicates that the Veteran population is comprised of men and women who identify in the following ethnic categories (numbers are approximate): Caucasian (13.7 million), African American (2.1 million), Hispanic (1.2 million), Other, non-Hispanic (789,000).

Training Model and Program Philosophy

Our goal is to train psychology postdoctoral residents to be competent practitioner/scholars in Clinical/Counseling Psychology. The underlying philosophy of our Psychology Postdoctoral

Residency Program emphasizes that graduates will be first and foremost psychologists who are well grounded in the theory and science of psychology then going on to become and function as professional psychologists in a variety of settings. Clinical applications and the process of scientific inquiry are built upon foundational psychology courses in the postdocs' curriculum and prior clinical experiences. We at the Loma Linda VAHCS are committed to providing supervision that is appropriate for the training and level of competency that each postdoctoral resident possesses. Our mission is to equip psychologists who meet general advanced practice competencies in psychology. Thus, upon completion of the postdoctoral residency, our alumni are able to function effectively in a variety of multidisciplinary settings, such as a VA hospital or other teaching hospitals.

Program Goals and Objectives

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Program Structure

The psychology postdoctoral residencies are in emphasis areas of experience based upon individual training goals related to working with our diverse patient population found in a general medical center, or outpatient individual clinics. Residents will have an opportunity to work with adult Veterans and, in many cases, with other members of the family. At the beginning of the residency year, each resident and primary supervisor will develop specific training goals and complete the Supervision Agreement and the resident will complete a Self-Evaluation. An evaluation is done midway through the training year (or more often if helpful/necessary) and at the completion of the residency. At the end of the residency year, a final evaluation is developed for transmittal to the Director of Training, and Residents will meet requirements for applying for licensure in California as well as most other states.

Supervision is an important aspect of this program and is designed to promote independence in practice as the year progresses. All Psychology residents are supervised in accordance with the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Board of Psychology (BOP), State of California Guidelines and Principles. The Directors of Training meet with supervisors monthly or more often to discuss the performance and growth of residents in order to provide the best training possible. At least two hours of individual supervision is also provided every week, with more as needed. In addition, residents participate in two hours of group supervision through weekly EBP Case Conference and Group Supervision of Supervision. Additional didactics/training opportunities are listed below under each emphasis area. Opportunities exist for residents to provide supervision to pre-doctoral interns and/or psychology practicum students and conduct professional training seminars or presentations. Additional options for continuing

education are offered throughout the training year. Outstanding library, computer, and medical media services are available to residents. Authorized leave for education and professional conference attendance is encouraged. All Psychology Postdoctoral Residents are supervised in accordance with the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Board of Psychology (BOP), State of California Guidelines and Principles. The Directors of Training meet with supervisors weekly to discuss the performance and growth of Residents in order to provide the best training possible. Also, all trainee data/files are maintained by the Training Director and kept either in a locked file in the Training Director's office, or on a secure network drive that is accessible to the Directors of Training, one member of the training committee, and the trainee while they are still in training at the Loma Linda VA.

Each resident is expected to work 40 hours each week, and this is usually accomplished between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, however some residents have elected to work altered tours of duty (i.e. 4/10s) with the approval of their primary supervisor and if it was an option in the department in which they worked. This is not guaranteed, however increasing numbers of postdoctoral residents have elected 4/10s in the past few training years. Offsite opportunities may be available at Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). Our goal is for residents to become actively involved in assessment, consultation, multidisciplinary decision-making, and group and individual therapies with both inpatients and outpatients. Depending on the residents' interest, arrangements can be made for residents to pursue an area of personal research or professional development.

Training Experiences

Positions are available in six emphasis areas: General Mental Health (GMH) (aka BHIP) with a Third Wave Behavioral Psychotherapy Emphasis (1 year), Clinical Health Psychology (1 year), Holistic Mental Health (1 year), PTSD Clinical Team (1 year), and Primary Care Mental Health Integration (1 year), Psychological Assessment (1 year). There is currently funding for nine general postdoc positions (1-2 in Health Psychology, 2 in Holistic Mental Health, 2 in PCMHI, and 1 position each in: GMH, PTSD, and Psychological Assessment). It should be noted that all residents, regardless of emphasis area, participate in common activities, including general didactics, supervision of supervision, and a professional development supervision hour. They are all also held to the same standards on mid-year and final evaluations.

Please note: COVID 19 and telehealth/teleworking

The COVID-19 pandemic has created numerous personal and professional challenges for us all. One of these challenges is uncertainty about what will happen next week, next month, and especially one year from now.

The Loma Linda VAHCS Psychology training program has prided itself on its transparency, providing detailed and accurate information about our program and training opportunities. With COVID, transparency means we cannot definitively predict how specific or adjunctive training opportunities may evolve for the 2024/2025 training year.

We can say that there will likely be more utilization of telehealth and technology-based delivery platforms. We do not expect there to be any significant changes to the base clinical services or

populations served through rotations and adjunctive experiences described in our materials. Although a lot happened in 2020/2021/2022 with all trainees and many staff abruptly shifting to providing clinical services and training remotely, our dedication to high-quality clinical care and psychology training, and our dedication to the trainees themselves has never been stronger.

Description of Postdoctoral Residency Emphasis Areas:

General Mental Health (aka BHIP) With An Option for Third Wave Behavioral Psychotherapy Emphasis: (one position)

A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The General Outpatient Behavioral Health resident will be a part of an Interdisciplinary Team within the Behavioral Medicine Service. Each Team provides an integrated, patient-centered approach in the provision of a wide variety of services, including medication management, psychoeducation, motivational enhancement, tele-mental health, and evidence-based individual and group psychotherapy services.

The General Outpatient Behavioral Health resident will be involved in treating Veterans with complex psychiatric diagnoses and co-morbid psychiatric and medical diagnoses. During the training year, the resident will further refine diagnostic skills, gain experience in working with complicated and challenging patients, enhance generalist training, and hone skills within specialty areas. As a part of the team, the resident will provide time-limited, evidence-based treatment to adults and older adults with a wide range of mental health disorders, including depression, anxiety, Bipolar Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Substance Use Disorders, and Schizophrenia. Additionally, as a General Outpatient Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Team member, the resident will actively participate in weekly team meetings to address and solve patient-specific and system/process concerns. The resident will conduct general BHIP Intake assessments and therapy treatment planning appointments. There are three different training track options for the resident to choose from within BHIP in order to help personalize this year of training to meet individual needs:

Option 1: “FULL DBT TRACK”

On this track, the resident will learn DBT and ACT for the full year and have the option to supplement one or two other treatments depending on availability. For example, the resident may have the opportunity to incorporate other type(s) of BHIP therapies such as CBT-Insomnia, CBT-Depression, or CBT-Anxiety but is not guaranteed any specific one (see “Selective Training Opportunities” below for options). This track has a heavy emphasis on the third wave therapies, DBT (60-70%) and ACT therapies (30-40%). The resident is part of the DBT team for the full year and participates in ACT therapy groups and 1:1 ACT cases. This includes:

- Participating and learning to manage the DBT skills group
- Learning to do skills coaching with a 1:1 DBT patient
- Opportunity to provide DBT phone coaching within regular business hours
- Participation in weekly DBT consultation team
- Weekly study group (to learn about DBT strategies and how to block various behaviors)
- Learn and complete intake assessments for DBT patients/referrals wanting DBT
- Participate and manage an ACT Therapy group

- Maintain and manage individual ACT therapy cases

The resident will gain mastery in the following areas of DBT:

- DBT functional behavioral chain analysis (learning to chain various target behaviors)
- Solution analysis (map coping skills to curtail problematic behavior)
- Missing links analysis (problem solve and cope ahead for therapy interfering behaviors)
- Managing a 1:1 DBT patient and orienting them to the DBT treatment and to biosocial model of DBT.

Option 2: “PARTIAL DBT/EBP TRACK”

The resident will gain some DBT experience along with ACT and other EBP treatments. This track includes the following:

- *Partial DBT training* requires commitment for 6 months (*may include a change of supervisors*) or 12 months (*limits exposure to variety of supervisors*):
 - Participate in the DBT skills group
 - Complete DBT intake assessments
 - Participate on the weekly consultation team
 - Attend the weekly DBT study group
- *Partial ACT/EBP training* includes:
 - ACT-Depression and Anxiety group and individual ACT cases
 - Increased mastery in 2 to 3 additional modalities listed below in the “Selective Training Opportunities”

Option 3: “Non-DBT, Full EBP TRACK”

The resident will build mastery in the use of 3 or more EBP treatments listed below in the “Selective Training Opportunities” for the management of group and individual therapy skills. This option allows for rotation under different supervisors.

B. POPULATION

Patients receiving care in General Outpatient Behavioral Health are veterans ranging in age from their 20s to their 80s, comprising a diverse range of cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Patients present with a wide range of mental health disorders, including Depression, Anxiety, Bipolar Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Substance Use Disorders, Personality Disorders, and Schizophrenia.

C. STAFFING AND SUPERVISION

The outpatient mental health clinic consists of 8 Outpatient Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Teams which include 11 board certified Psychiatrists, 11 Clinical Psychologists, 8 Clinical Social Workers, 6 Nurse Practitioners, 3 Licensed Vocational Nurses, and 4 Mental Health Pharmacists.

As a General Outpatient Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Team member, the resident gains experience as part of a team that fosters the provision of mental and behavioral health services using a patient-centered, interdisciplinary model. In addition to the resident, the team will be comprised of staff from various disciplines (Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Social Workers,

Pharmacists, and Nurses) and trainees (Psychiatry Residents, Pharmacy Residents, Social Work Interns, and Psychology Interns).

D. STANDARD TRAINING EXPECTATIONS:

- Participation as an effective member on an interdisciplinary treatment team including collaborating with other disciplines. This will include presenting intakes and therapy cases to the interdisciplinary team and providing feedback to members of the team on cases and course of treatment etc.
- General BHIP Intake assessments (biopsychosocial intakes)
- Therapy treatment planning appointments to revise Veterans' treatment plans once they are in the program. This often involves some education on types of treatments, levels of treatment, and some motivational interviewing.
- Evaluation to determine patients' candidacy, readiness, and appropriateness for various forms of Evidence-Based Psychotherapies.

E. SELECTIVE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Co-lead/Lead an Evidence-Based Psychotherapy group:
 - ACT Depression/Anxiety group
 - Women's ACT Depression/Anxiety group
 - DBT Skills group (as part of full DBT program)
 - Managing Behavior and Affect (MBA) group (DBT Skills only group)
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Anxiety group
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression group
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia group
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain group
 - CPAP Desensitization group (systematic desensitization)
 - Bipolar Disorder Group (DBT based)
 - REACT group for managing anger (CBT and DBT based)
 - Mindfulness & Compassion group
 - PTSD Coping Skills group
 - Parenting with PTSD group
 - General Coping Skills group
- Provide Individual Evidence-Based Psychotherapy
 - Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
 - Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (as part of full DBT program)
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Anxiety
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain
 - CPAP Desensitization individual patients
 - Limited opportunities to do trauma-focused work such as providing Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD and Prolonged Exposure for PTSD
 - Limited opportunities to do Biofeedback/Neurofeedback

- Limited opportunities to provide Psychodiagnostic Assessment.
- Opportunities to supervise psychology interns and/or psychology practicum students. This may include supervising interns and/or practicum students on ACT cases or other types of EBP cases.

Not all training groups or types of treatments may be available at any given time based on staffing, available supervisors, groups sizes, flow of patients, demands or needs of the BHIP team, DBT team, etc. In addition to these extensive and intensive clinical activities, the resident will be exposed to didactics on evidence-based practices, will present didactics within an area of expertise, and will present case conferences regarding patients whom they are treating. The resident will consult with other providers throughout the Medical Center regarding referrals and treatment of referred patients, participate in individual supervision, and provide supervision. The resident will also be expected to be involved in program development and/or a research project of interest.

CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY - POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (One to two positions)

CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY - POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

A. Program Description

The Mission of the Clinical Health Psychology program is: *“Veterans’ integrative health is number one.”* We aim to provide accessible, effective services that will meaningfully improve our Veterans’ combined (i.e., physical, mental, social, spiritual) health. We strive to help each Veteran to realize their values, to maximize their quality of life by preventing diseases whenever possible, and to promote quality of life even with chronic medical conditions. We work within interdisciplinary teams to deliver interventions to promote healthy behaviors and reduce health risks at multiple levels including: individual and group psychotherapy, trainings, coaching and consultation with other health providers, and system-level strategies aimed at colleagues in primary and specialty care as well as executive leadership.

Our Clinical Health Psychology training emphasis respects the skills and experience of our trainees while providing them with a well-rounded health psychology experience to help clarify and move closer to their career goals while maximizing “marketability.” A breadth of experiences is provided, including an introduction to the concepts and culture of Clinical Health Psychology. These include individual and group-based lifestyle skills management interventions, values-driven, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), mindfulness-based behavior change strategies, motivational interviewing and enhancement trainings, assessments, and program development and evaluation. There are many opportunities for providing education to Veterans, consultation with allied health professionals, and tiered supervision of other psychology trainees. Depending on training level, there are also opportunities for specialization in one or more areas (e.g., chronic pain management, biofeedback training, diabetes management, pre-surgical assessments).

The Clinical Health Psychology Service and training emphasis is comprised of two areas of clinical practice:

Outpatient Health Psychology focuses on the development of skills commonly utilized in outpatient clinic settings (e.g., medical specialty clinics, such as gastroenterology; mental health services for specific medical conditions, such as diabetes), which focus on psychological interventions within the context of all levels of prevention. Outpatient Health Psychology services are located at the VA Loma Linda Ambulatory Care Center (ACC).

Inpatient (Medical) Health Psychology focuses on the application of health psychology within a medical context, typically at the secondary and tertiary levels of prevention. These activities are located at the VA Loma Linda Medical Center working in a combination of inpatient and outpatient settings alongside several interdisciplinary teams comprised of physicians, nurses, and other medical staff. In addition to treatment, clinicians and trainees conduct pre-procedural evaluations and consult with various medical teams.

B. Location and Population

The Clinical Health Psychology program is co-located between the VA Loma Linda Medical Center in Loma Linda, CA, and the VA Loma Linda Ambulatory Care Center (ACC), in nearby Redlands, CA. Our program provides services to Veterans across a diversity of ages, gender identification, and cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Veterans present with an extensive range of medical concerns including (but not limited to) diabetes, obesity, organ failure, cancer, pre- and post-operative status, chronic pain syndromes, sleep apnea, and insomnia. These health conditions are often comorbid with various mental health symptoms and diagnoses such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, eating disorders, substance use disorders, and personality disorders.

Please note that training opportunities within the Inpatient Clinical Health Psychology emphasis necessitate trainees to be present on-site to render face-to-face care due to the nature of the inpatient populations we serve. Trainees will be provided with education on all proper safety and health precautions at the beginning of their rotation and will be provided with any PPE determined necessary per guidance from VA Loma Linda's Infectious Disease Clinic. For the Outpatient Clinical Health Psychology emphasis, there is the possibility of partial telehealth from home as part of the work schedule.

C. Faculty and Supervision

The Clinical Health Psychology training program is staffed by psychologists who are located within the Health Psychology Service and collaborating psychologists in the Psychological Assessment Service, the Acute Mental Health (AMH) Service, Pain Clinic, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). Therefore, psychologists and trainees routinely work within various interdisciplinary teams consisting of physicians, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists,

respiratory therapists, dieticians, chaplains, and affiliated trainees, among others. Psychology trainees of all levels are active members of the treatment teams which they are a part of.

Primary supervision is provided by California-licensed staff psychologists, with additional (adjunctive) training and supervision in specific clinical activities provided by other VA Loma Linda staff psychologists. Supervision meets or exceeds all requirements from the California Board of Psychology and ample supervision is provided to meet requirements for eventual licensure in the State of California. In addition to routine weekly individual supervision with a licensed clinical psychologist within the program, it is common for trainees of all levels to receive additional individual supervision, participation in co-therapy/assessment, and direct observation of cases. Interns and postdoctoral residents also participate in weekly program-level group supervision.

The VA Loma Linda Psychology Training Program and Clinical Health Psychology faculty are committed to your time with us being a *training* experience to prepare you for your future in clinical psychology rather than merely a working experience!

D. Day and Time Requirements

The Health Psychology Service staff provide clinical care from Monday through Thursday. Postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to seek a modified tour-of-duty (work schedule) that corresponds with the service's schedule. However, modified schedules are at the discretion of facility leadership. Historically, many of our postdoctoral fellows choose to work a 4/10 schedule, Monday through Thursday, 07:00-17:30.

E. Training Opportunities:

Trainees in the Clinical Health Psychology emphasis will have the opportunity to gain experience across a variety of core and elective activities. Core activities are *required* components of the training experience which trainees are expected to participate in. Elective activities are decided based upon the trainee's personal training goals and availability. As the program is constantly evolving, please note that any rotation activities are subject to change.

Postdoctoral fellows will participate in all weekly meetings and trainings. Core activities will be split into two full-time, six-month rotations based on setting, with one postdoc on the outpatient service and the other postdoc on the inpatient service. Rotations will switch approximately halfway through the training year (approximately February).

Clinical Health Psychology Weekly Meetings and Training:

- Weekly Health Psychology Team Meeting - Mondays
- Biofeedback Didactics - Mondays
- Weekly AMH/Clinical Health Psychology Didactics - Thursdays

- Tiered Supervision of Psychology Interns or Practicum Students (Based on availability)

Core Outpatient Clinical Activities:

- Stress Management / Biofeedback Group - Mondays
- Diabetes Empowerment Group (DEG) - Tuesdays
- HealthMate for Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) Group – Wednesdays
- HIV Group – Infectious Disease – Tuesdays
- Individual Health Behavior Interventions (e.g., Individual treatment for adjustment to terminal illness, new medical diagnoses, cancer, weight management/obesity, stress-related medical disorders, and CBT-Chronic Pain as available)

Core Medical Health/Inpatient Clinical Activities:

- Inpatient Medical Consultation Liaison Service
 - Psychotherapy
 - Neurocognitive and Psychodiagnostic Assessment
 - Capacity Evaluation
 - Case Consultation
 - Rounds with Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
- Pre- and Post-Bariatric Surgery Evaluations
- Pre-Transplant Evaluations
- Pre-Spinal Cord Stimulator Evaluations
- Pre-Amputation Evaluations
- Participation in Interdisciplinary Team Meetings
- Individual Health Behavior Interventions (e.g., (CBT/) Individual treatment for adjustment to terminal illness, new medical diagnoses and cancer, weight management/obesity, stress-related medical disorders, and CBT-Chronic Pain as available)

Clinical Health Psychology Elective Clinical Activities (as available):

- Biofeedback training and psychophysiological assessment for veterans
- Tinnitus Group – 2 sessions per month – Wednesday mornings with Audiology Department
- MOVE Program – weight management and pre-bariatric surgery program teamed with dietician and Nutrition Department
- Sleep Disorders
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I)
 - CPAP Desensitization
- Chronic Pain Treatments
 - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain (CBT-CP)
 - Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Chronic Pain (ACT-CP)
- Mindfulness-based and values-driven therapies
- Consultation and Care Coordination with Primary Care-Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) and Behavioral Health Integrated Program (BHIP) staff and trainees

- Consultation and Care Coordination with Primary Care and Specialty Medical Clinics
- Observation of surgical procedures in the Operating Room (e.g., bariatric surgery amputation; hernia repair).
- Process Improvement Projects and Research
- Clinician Education and Coaching
- Loma Linda University Medicine Grand Rounds

Holistic Mental Health/Interprofessional Mental Health: (two positions)

Overview

The Holistic Mental Health (HMH) program focuses on incorporating the intersections of all aspects of a Veteran's identity (i.e., cultural, spiritual, and religious identities) to help them achieve their mental health goals and engage in a value-based life. The foundation of this program is the residents' infusion into two interprofessional mental health teams to enhance collaborative treatment options and education experiences across disciplines. Through these shared professional experiences and didactics, trainees acquire the unique opportunity to approach Veteran care from a variety of professional perspectives while simultaneously honing skills within their respective discipline. To accomplish this goal, the first of two interprofessional teams was created with funding from the VA Mental Health Education Expansion. This team of trainees is comprised of two postdoctoral psychology residents, two chaplain interns, two social work interns, and two to three advanced psychiatry residents. Together, they work across multiple clinics throughout the hospital, facilitating seamless care of the whole Veteran with an emphasis on learning how to effectively incorporate the awareness of the Veteran's (and our own) cultural, spiritual, and/or religious identities into their mental health care.

The second interdisciplinary team that is home to HMH residents is the PTSD Clinical Team (PCT). This is a specialty clinic within Mental Health that focuses on PTSD education, outreach, and the delivery of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) for PTSD. While the resident is working in PCT, they will address recovery from the effects of having experienced traumatic life event(s). The resident will undertake a wide range of responsibilities including: educating Veterans and their families about PTSD and treatment options through LLVAHCS, providing individual assessment and care coordination of patients impacted by trauma, conducting individual psychotherapy including EBPs for PTSD, facilitating group psychotherapy and psychoeducational classes utilizing cognitive-behavioral approaches, consulting with other treatment teams, providing supervision of practicum students or pre-doctoral interns, and co-leading psychotherapy for Advanced Recovery options (i.e., Moral Injury, Forgiveness, and ACT for PTSD). In regards to the EBPs for PTSD, HMH residents will have the opportunity to complete intensive trainings modeled after the VA Roll-Out trainings for: Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Prolonged Exposure (PE), and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). After completion of the trainings, residents will engage in weekly consultation (within EBP didactic hour for CPT & ACT and with PCT providers for PE) with the goal of successfully completing individual therapy with Veterans in these modalities.

Additionally, while options will be determined by each year's availability of programs and adjunctive supervisors, HMH residents may have the opportunity to engage in supplementary interprofessional experiences to create unique, tailored training opportunities while treating the entire Veteran. Past residents have engaged in opportunities to work with other teams as part of the Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP), the Health Psychology Team, Biofeedback, Assessment, and the Women's Clinic. The most common location for additional breadth and depth of training opportunities is in BHIP. Veterans treated within BHIP outpatient clinics present with a breadth of diagnoses (e.g., depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and personality disorders), including many with complex co-occurring psychiatric and medical disorders. Clinical activities within BHIP could encompass individual psychotherapy, group therapy, and couples therapy. The resident can carry an outpatient psychotherapy caseload and conduct time-limited psychotherapy including EBPs referred from BHIP providers. Opportunities are provided to gain experience and skill in the implementation of non-trauma focused EBPs (e.g., Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, etc.). An attempt will be made to accommodate the resident with preferred experiences that will round out their postdoctoral residency given available clinical opportunities.

Residents will participate in supervision and didactics with the larger cohort of psychology residents on Thursday mornings. Additionally, HMH residents participate in HMH didactics and Holistic Interprofessional Process Group on Friday afternoons. The HMH didactics cover important elements of each discipline represented in the team as well as unique aspects of culture and diversity, with special considerations given to various world faiths and spirituality. The HMH Interprofessional Process Group includes two chaplain interns, two postdoctoral psychology residents, two social work interns, and two to three advanced psychiatry residents. In this group, participants come together to create a novel and co-created experience by the combination of broader perspectives from different professions and by the deeper exploration within their own discipline. Cases are discussed in this group, and through processing cases, each member of the group has the opportunity to increase awareness of themselves and their patients in terms of the bio/psycho/social/spiritual model. No particular personal religious and/or spiritual preference is necessary to be a part of this training program, however we ask that all participants take an open stance to learning about the religious/spiritual worldview of others in order to improve our skills to provide mental health services to a wide variety of humans now and in the future. An interprofessional team, including Bryan Goudelock, Ph.D. and Cheri Coleman, M.Div. (Board Certified VA Chaplain & CPE Supervisor), facilitate the HMH Interprofessional Process Group.

PTSD Clinical Team (PCT): (one position)

A. Program Description

The PTSD Clinical Team (PCT) is a specialty treatment program providing prompt access and optimum continuity of care for veterans experiencing emotional or other psychological difficulties as a result of traumatic experiences in their life. The goal of PCT is to support diverse veterans with a trauma history in establishing and maintaining healthy, balanced, and active

lives, enhanced interpersonal and social skills, and to strengthen their emotional health and support systems. The VA provides trauma-related treatments along a continuum of care in mental health, with PCT serving as an intensive outpatient program focusing exclusively on PTSD, including for patients who may have co-morbid DSM-5 diagnoses and/or complex PTSD presentations. The program offers a menu of specialty PTSD treatments, with emphasis on evidence-based psychotherapy (EBP). Individualized treatment plans are collaboratively developed with veterans and measurement-based care (MBC) is utilized throughout engagement in PCT. It is the expectation that veterans will take an active role in their treatment planning and care coordination in order to tailor treatment to their personal needs and goals, and to optimize treatment effectiveness. The PCT program model is a team-based approach to care that is aimed at helping veterans recover from the effects of trauma so that they may enjoy an improved quality of life.

Services offered in PCT are time-limited and trauma-focused with core treatments being Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Prolonged Exposure (PE). There are also EBP-preparatory treatment options including: PTSD Coping Skills group, Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation (STAIR) Group, Mantram Repetition, and Mindfulness. For individuals who have completed a trauma-focused treatment (i.e., CPT, PE), the program offers some limited advanced recovery options including: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Moral Injury, and Forgiveness. PCT takes a flexible approach to treatment and attempts to meet the veterans where they are by considering the stages of recovery and degree of readiness. Each veteran is assigned a Pathfinder within the program to oversee treatment planning and progress.

B. Population

PCT offers treatment to veterans with diverse identities including but not limited to a wide range of ages (e.g., twenties to nineties), gender identification, sexual orientation, physical abilities, and cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Veterans from all military branches and eras of war (e.g. Vietnam, Persian Gulf, OEF/OIF/OND) receive treatment within the PCT. Uniquely, the Loma Linda VA PCT offers treatment for life span trauma (i.e., to include non-military traumatic events occurring in childhood or adulthood).

C. Staffing and supervision

The PCT is a comprehensive interdisciplinary treatment program consisting of individuals from Psychology, Social Work, Chaplaincy, Medication Management, and administrative support personnel. Psychology trainees are active members of the team and may include psychology practicum students, psychology interns, a PCT psychology postdoctoral fellow and up to two Holistic Mental Health psychology postdoctoral fellows. Other trainees frequently involved in the PCT are Social Work Interns and Chaplain Interns. Trainees obtain experience co-facilitating clinical activities with psychologists and team members from other disciplines. In addition to a primary supervisor, fellows also often obtain clinical or adjunct supervision and/or consultation from more than one of the psychologists and other team members working within this program.

D. Training Activities

The goal of the PCT emphasis area is to provide the postdoctoral fellow with a specialized year in trauma-focused assessment and psychotherapy experiences. Training and clinical experiences are aimed at developing proficiency in delivering trauma-focused therapy across the phases of treatment within PCT. A particular emphasis is toward evidence-based psychotherapies (EBPs) including Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Prolonged Exposure (PE). In addition to the multi-day CPT training and consultation for all trainees, the resident also completes a multi-day Prolonged Exposure (PE) training conducted by PCT staff. The PE training is followed up with ongoing monthly group consultation as well as individual supervision of a PE case. The PCT postdoctoral fellow will be given a range of training opportunities to become proficient in EBPs, including for complex presentations of PTSD. For all therapy interventions, services are offered via telehealth and in-person. As a result, the postdoctoral fellow will have the opportunity to become proficient in telehealth delivery of all currently offered PCT treatments. Unique training opportunities in program management and facility process improvement help support the development of a well-rounded trauma specialist who is also knowledgeable in systems-level processes within the VA.

In addition to weekly postdoctoral training experiences, specific PCT training activities may include:

- Facilitation of PCT orientation, a PTSD and program psychoeducational seminar, for newly referred patients to PCT
- Provision of individual intake assessments to confirm DSM 5 diagnosis of PTSD, differential diagnoses, and engage in collaborative treatment planning
- Comprehensive assessments to determine patients' readiness and appropriateness for engagement in specialty PTSD treatment including trauma-focused evidence-based psychotherapy
- Facilitation of psycho-educational group or individual psychotherapy which may include: PTSD Coping Skills, Mindfulness, Mantram Repetition, Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation (STAIR), Written Exposure Therapy for PTSD (WET)
- Individual evidence-based psychotherapy to include CPT and PE
- Facilitation of advanced phase group psychotherapy, which may include: ACT for PTSD, Forgiveness, and Moral Injury
- Ongoing collaborative recovery-based treatment planning with patients
- Co-facilitation, along with HMM postdoctoral fellows, of the monthly Trauma Journal Club. The Trauma Journal Club is open to all of mental health service.
- Tiered supervision of a designated PCT trainee, and possibly providing didactics and in-services on PTSD to trainees or treatment teams within other services

- Exposure to administrative processes, including managing and receiving consults of newly referred patients and phone pre-screening of consults to assess for appropriateness of referral
- Engaging in systems-level activities focused on process improvement and delivery of specialty PTSD care, including: member of Strategic Analytics for Improvements and Learning (SAIL) PTSD workgroup, national and regional mentoring calls for the National Center for PTSD, opportunities to learn about and assist in program management
- Participation in weekly interdisciplinary team meeting involving case presentation and team-based care
- Outreach activities within the healthcare and community settings as available
- Development of a group or project based on a combination of needs/gaps identified in the program and trainee's interests/area of expertise.

Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI): (two positions)

**Two positions – 1 Generalist
1 Women’s Health Emphasis**

A. Program Description

Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) is often the point of entry for mental health care within the greater VA system. We see Veterans who present with a wide variety of mental health concerns and symptom severity. Our primary goal is to serve as mental health liaisons to increase access to care, reduce stigma, and collaborate with our interdisciplinary team to promote all aspects of wellbeing. The clinical environment is interdisciplinary and collaborative as we work alongside healthcare partners including physicians, nurses, dietitians, pharmacists, social workers, peer specialists, and other specialty care providers. We are available for same-day mental health triage throughout the hospital to connect Veterans with the appropriate level of care. PCMHI staff are co-located within each of the hospital’s primary care clinics and serve as the behavioral health consultants with the goal to provide education and promote access to mental health care. We attend daily interdisciplinary huddles within each of our clinics and are integrated as an essential component of the care team.

The PCMHI setting is dynamic and fast-paced, offering the opportunity to quickly establish rapport while building foundational clinical skills which are fundamental across any clinical setting. While PCMHI does prioritize short-term solution focused therapy, there is flexibility in treatment approach to allow for longer term care as we strive to meet the needs of our patient population. Trainees can expect to gain experience with brief functional assessment, crisis management, suicide risk assessment, treatment planning, evidence-based individual and group therapy interventions, and team-based collaborative care. A unique component of the PCMHI

rotation is the ability for our trainees to gain an in-depth understanding of all components of the VA health care system as we resource and connect Veterans to appropriate care.

There are so many opportunities within PCMHI for program development. PCMHI postdoc residents are encouraged to select an area of specialty and to work towards implementing a project to improve Veteran experience of care. This has been a rewarding opportunity for trainees to be creative and leave a positive impact, as well as for their own professional development.

Note: Some opportunities in the Women's Health clinic may be available to the resident in the generalist track, however priority will be given to the Women's Health postdoc and is dependent in supervisor availability.

Treatment modalities can include:

- Motivational Interviewing (MI)/Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET)
- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Depression/Anxiety (CBT-D/CBT-A)
- Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (ACT)
- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain (CBT-CP)
- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I)
- Prolonged Exposure in Primary Care (PE-PC)
- CPAP Desensitization
- Tobacco Cessation
- Grief and loss
- Geropsychology interventions (e.g., dementia and caregiver support, healthy aging, brief assessment of cognition)

Group therapies currently being offered:

- Anger Management
- Anxiety Support
- Caregiver Support
- Harm Reduction (Substance Abuse)
- Healthy Aging
- PTSD 101 (Ambulatory Care Center)
- Memory Skills for Older Adults with PTSD (M-SOAP)

Women's Health Emphasis

The Loma Linda VA has a unique, dedicated Women's Health Center. Our providers within the women's health clinic are co-located amongst physicians, gynecologists, maternity care

managers, nurses, a social worker, dietician, and pharmacist. Mental health programming within the women's clinic is growing as we have a team who meets twice weekly consisting of providers from Primary Care Mental Health (PCMHI), Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP), Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Mental Health Treatment Coordinator (MHTC), and Peer Specialist. As a valuable member of this team, we welcome the Women's Clinic resident to participate and contribute in these meetings.

What separates VA Loma Linda Women's Health Clinic postdoc from other women's centers is the opportunity to train in both primary care and BHIP levels of care, while also receiving training in a specialized health clinic. This is a unique opportunity to train in all levels of care within the VA system, from the patient's initial contact with mental health, to learning how to assess and triage patients and determine the appropriate level of care, and providing treatment based on this assessment. Trainees can expect to carry a caseload at both the PCMHI and BHIP levels of care. By the end of the training year, the trainee will have had in-depth experience in offering the primary care model of therapy as well as long term EBPs through the Women's BHIP clinic.

Program Development

Program development is an inherent part of being a provider in a VA Women's Clinic and an aspect of our jobs that we are deeply passionate about. Therefore, residents are encouraged and supported to lead a program development project of their choosing. Residents are guided through the program development process, such as developing a needs analysis, monitoring progress, and collaborating with interdisciplinary team members.

Women's Health Center supervisors have specialized training and certification in a variety of treatment modalities and can provide supervision and training in:

Perinatal and Reproductive Mental Health

- Interventions, guidelines, and resources from Postpartum Support International
- Reach Out Stay Strong (ROSE) for New Mothers*
- Recently received additional funding for Circle of Security training, focused on improving attachment and bonding between caregivers and infants
- Interpersonal Therapy for Reproductive Mental Health (IPT)

Trauma-Informed Care

- Prolonged Exposure (full model and primary care model)
- Cognitive Processing Therapy
- PTSD Coping Skills/Trauma 101 (group)
- Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation (STAIR)
- Recovering from Intimate Partner Violence through Strength and Empowerment (RISE)*

Gender Affirming Care

- Diagnostic assessment and readiness to pursue gender affirming hormone therapy
- Provide gender affirming individual therapy specific to gender transition

- Works collaboratively with interdisciplinary team which consists of endocrinologist, clinical pharmacist, nursing, social work, chaplain, and psychology

Eating Disorder

- Enhanced Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Eating Disorders

Depression and Anxiety Management

- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) both group and individual
- Interpersonal Therapy (IPT)
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)

***RISE** – Developed by the National Center for PTSD and the Women’s Health Sciences Division. Rise is an evidence based, trauma-informed therapy program for VA patients who have experienced IPV (e.g., verbal threats, controlling behavior, coercive or unwanted sexual behavior, and physical aggression).

***ROSE** – **An evidence-based program that has been shown to reduce cases of postpartum depression by half among low-income women in a series of randomized control trials.**

Psychological Assessment Area Emphasis (one position)

The fellow in this emphasis area would gain experience in psychological assessment and evaluation in an outpatient setting. There may be an option to gain limited inpatient experience involving bedside testing as part of our Consultation and Liaison psychology team at the main hospital. In the outpatient setting the fellow would gain experience conducting psychodiagnostic evaluations on referrals from multiple departments including our PTSD clinic, Holistic Mental Health clinic, Addictions clinic, Intake Clinic, and Primary Care as well as the general outpatient mental health settings. The fellow would also be involved in co-leading a psychological assessment training program for our pre-doctoral interns weekly. The fellow would provide assessment, evaluation and feedback in formal didactics weekly.

Opportunities would be to gain exposure to psychological testing administration, scoring, and interpretation and report writing skills. To learn how to utilize psychological measures within a clinical setting and provide feedback to a multidisciplinary team to further treatment for patients. Training Goals/Objectives are to gain knowledge and experience in administration, scoring, and interpretation with: Rorschach, MMPI-3, MCMI-IV, PAI, 16-PF, and other psychological measures to assist in the treatment planning of patients.

The Assessment Fellow would also assist in supervising the assessment cases being completed by the interns, and/or practicum students as well as providing didactics and in-services on psychological assessment, measures and evaluation to both trainees and treatment teams within the Behavioral Medicine Service (BMS).

For more details on our training site, please see the link below;

http://www.lomalinda.va.gov/clinical_training/Psychology_Training.asp

Acute Mental Health (AMH): Access Clinic & Emergency Department (ED)

LLVA Psychology Postdoctoral Residents began to train for 4 hours per week in the Access Clinic and Emergency Department during the 2023-2024 training year. This will likely be a required part of all LLVA Psychology Postdoctoral Residents' training experience during the 2024-2025 training year. Postdocs start of training and shadowing current Access Clinic and ED Mental Health Staff until they are ready to then take the lead and be shadowed themselves. Postdocs will work towards increasing independence in this setting with appropriate scaffolding.

The Access Clinic & ED experience offers Psychology postdocs the opportunity to work within a mental health triage care model, which focuses on addressing the immediate concerns of Veterans presenting for urgent mental health services. Psychology postdocs will provide a variety of short-term and solution-focused services including brief diagnostic interviews, interventions, and collaboratively developed recommendations for follow-up based on each Veteran's unique circumstances. This service offers opportunities for growth and development across areas including risk assessment, triage-care, brief solution-focused behavioral & psychotherapeutic intervention, and tailored treatment recommendations/referrals.

The Access Clinic is an outpatient same-day mental health service for Veterans who are seeking urgent mental health services including medication management, social/systems assistance, and one-time psychotherapy. The team serves Veterans with a broad array of presenting concerns and offers dynamic short-term intervention tailored to address the immediate needs of each Veteran. This service model deviates from more traditional outpatient services in that it is limited to one-time interventions that often serve to initiate meaningful change in a single instance of care. Interventions may include solution-focused psychotherapy, motivational interviewing, collaborative problem-solving, and coping skills education.

The Emergency Department (ED) provides acute care services for Veterans with a variety of mental health concerns and presenting issues that include physical, social, and psychological distress. Mental health providers work collaboratively with ED medicine staff to assess Veteran's needs and offer recommendations along with brief interventions as indicated. Training will include experience with an array of higher acuity mental health concerns including risk assessment and triage, psychodiagnostic evaluations, and brief interventions (e.g., solution-focused therapy, coping skills education, etc.). Psychology postdoctoral residents will serve alongside social work staff in an immersed care setting, offering in-person high acuity intervention.

Requirements for Completion of Postdoctoral Residency

Prior to beginning the postdoctoral residency at the Loma Linda VAHCS, each resident completes a self-assessment that helps to identify areas of strength and areas for future growth. This then helps the primary supervisors tailor the training experience for each resident. The

residents are strongly encouraged to expand their clinical horizons by gaining experiences in areas that they feel less competent in while still under appropriate supervision.

It is expected that upon completion of the program, all postdoctoral residents will demonstrate competence in the following domains:

Level 1—Advanced competency areas required of all programs at the postdoctoral level

- a. Integration of science and practice. This includes the influence of science on practice and of practice on science.
- b. Individual and cultural diversity. This includes issues of cultural and individual diversity relevant to advanced practice, as appropriate to the setting, the population served, and the focus or specialty area.
- c. Ethical and legal. This includes professional conduct, ethics and law, and professional standards for providers of psychological services relevant to advanced practice, as appropriate to the setting, the population served, and the focus or specialty area.

2. Level 2—Program-specific or area-of-focus competencies

- a. The program specifies expected learning outcomes appropriate and relevant for the area of health service psychology emphasized in training (i.e., residents' expected competencies upon program completion).
- b. The program requires all residents to demonstrate competencies at an advanced level in those domains integral to achieving its aims. These may include some or all CoA profession-wide competencies or other competencies identified by the program.

At the Loma Linda VAMC the following areas are specifically evaluated: **Research, Ethical & Legal Standards, Individual & Cultural Diversity, Professional Values, Attitudes & Behaviors, Communication & Interpersonal Skills, Assessment, Psychological Intervention, Supervision, and Consultation & Interprofessional/Interdisciplinary Skills**

At the beginning of the training year, each resident will receive a Psychology Postdoctoral Residency Manual that specifies the required competency elements within each domain. Each resident is evaluated twice per year in the above domains, or more frequently if helpful and/or necessary.

Scale Anchors

1. Substantial supervision needed (e.g. beginning practicum level) = Substantial supervision and direction required on all cases regardless of the difficulty of the cases, little to no autonomous judgement

2. Close supervision needed (e.g. mid-practicum level) = close supervision required on most straightforward cases/projects

3. *Regular supervision needed (e.g. intern entry level) = regular supervision required on challenging cases/projects and in new skill areas*
4. *Periodic supervision needed (e.g. intern mid-year level) = periodic supervision required on challenging cases/projects and in new skills areas; most cases/projects need consultation only*
5. *Little supervision needed (e.g. intern exit level/postdoc entry level) = little consultation/supervision needed. Sound critical thinking/judgement evident overall*
6. *Consultation sometimes needed (e.g. postdoc mid-year level) = overall sound critical thinking/judgement. Some consultation needed in advanced or specialized area(s)*
7. *Consultation rarely needed (e.g. postdoc exit level) = sound critical thinking/judgment is evidenced in advanced or specialized area(s). Consultation needed on very complicated cases/projects*
8. *Diplomate (ABPP) level (e.g. typical psychologist 2 years post degree)*

Facility and Training Resources

Facilities: The Medical Center has been recognized nationally as the recipient of the Robert W. Carey Organizational Excellence Award in 2003. It is located close to several other major training facilities, i.e., Loma Linda University Medical Center and Patton State Hospital, and has training agreements with both. VAHCS residents are encouraged to participate in a wide range of training opportunities throughout the year, which also facilitates their completion of psychology continuing education coursework required to obtain licensure.

Office space and equipment: At this time, each Postdoc Resident has their own dedicated office/computer/telephone. Depending upon availability, office space may be shared with another postdoctoral resident or trainee if needed. All offices include personal computers with access to VA's state-of-the art Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS), the VA and Federal government websites (i.e., intranet) for on-line continuing education, and to the Internet for research and other professional communications.

Neuropsychology Clinic and Computer Laboratory: The neuropsychology clinic is supported by a part time Psychology Technician who administers neuropsychology screening batteries and oversees the clerical activities of the clinic, including scheduling appointments, maintenance of the computer laboratory, ordering testing supplies, and computer maintenance.

The Neuropsychology Clinic Computer Laboratory is available for computerized neuropsychological assessment programs which include but are not limited to: Iowa Gambling Test (IGT), Victoria Symptom Validity Test (VSVT), Wisconsin Card Sorting Test Computer Version 4 (WCST-CV4), and online administration and interpretation of objective personality assessment instruments: Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-3 (MCMI-3), Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory-2 (MMPI-2), PAI (Personality Assessment Inventory), and Rorschach Interpretation Assistance Program-5 (RIAP-5). Scoring programs are available for the Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Function Software Package (BRIEF-SP), California Verbal Learning Test-2 (CVLT-2), Halstead-Reitan Battery (Heaton), Neuropsychology Assessment Battery (NAB), Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-III and IV (WAIS-III and WAIS-IV), and Wide Range of Achievement Test-4 (WRAT-4).

Library/Information Services Support: All VAMC trainees have access to state-of-the art information services, including traditional library resources and information technology services (ITS). The Department of Veterans Affairs is a world leader in applied medical research, and this VAMC is fortunate to have an active Research Service which can provide research consultation including use of Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) for data analysis.

Staff/Supervision: Interaction between residents and psychology staff will be in the form of individual and group supervision and formal and informal educational activities. Residents are invited to attend on-site CEU offerings in areas inside and outside their area of expertise and may be invited to be part of the presenting faculty for topics relevant to their emphasis area. Interaction with staff from psychology and other disciplines are available through the resident's active participation in interdisciplinary program development and treatment team meetings, as well as informal case consultations.

Administrative Policies and Procedures

The length of this fellowship is 2080 hours over 52 weeks. Residents accrue 4 hours of annual leave and 4 hours of sick leave for every pay period (2 weeks). Requests for leave time must be entered electronically into VATAS prior to taking the leave, and the postdocs should let the Training Director and all affected supervisors know about leave via e-mail. Postdocs will not be allowed to "borrow against" leave that they have not yet accrued. If an postdoc is out unexpectedly, they they will need to notify their supervisor and the Behavioral Medicine timekeeper as soon as possible. Authorized Absence (AA) for professional development can also be requested, but it is up to the discretion of the Training Committee & supervisors to approve the requests. Examples of appropriate AA activities include continuing education and professional conferences. AA can only be taken for the days that these meetings occur; travel time must be taken as Annual Leave.

Due Process: All residents are afforded the right to due process in matters of problem behavior and grievances. The due process document is distributed to and reviewed with all residents during their first week at VA Loma Linda. A copy of our due process policy is available on request.

Privacy policy: We collect no personal information from potential applicants who visit our Website.

Self-Disclosure: We do not require residents to disclose personal information to their clinical supervisors except in cases where personal issues may be adversely affecting the resident's performance and such information is necessary in order to address these difficulties.

Training Staff

ANA ABU-RUS

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program, Women's Health Center

Ph.D., 2021, Alliant International University, San Diego, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Women's issues such as reproductive health and maternity care, Recovering from intimate partner violence through Strengths and Empowerment (RISE)

Intervention for Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), Interpersonal Therapy (IPT), Reach Out, Stay Strong, Essentials for mothers of newborns (ROSE) Program for prevention of postpartum depression, Trauma treatments such as CPT, PE, PTSD Coping skills, Skills Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation (STAIR), ACT, HRV-Biofeedback, multicultural/diversity concerns, Cognitive-Behavior Therapy Enhanced for Eating Disorders, mindfulness, and program development.

KELLIE ASHBY

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Psy.D., 2015, University of La Verne, Clinical Psychology

Evidence-based psychotherapies including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression. Other interests include assessment, multicultural and diversity issues, and strengths-based psychotherapy.

CRISTINA BALES

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP)

Psy.D., 2016, University of La Verne, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia, anger management work, mindfulness skills, trauma work, individual and group therapy, professional training and development, and multicultural and diversity.

JULIE BAZZO

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP)

Psy.D., 2014, Loma Linda University, Clinical Psychology (Specialization in Clinical Health Psychology)

M.Ed., 2005 Boston University, Counseling Psychology (Specialization in Sport Psychology)

Evidence-based Cognitive Behavioral Psychotherapies with emphasis in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) & Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). Clinical responsibilities include individual psychotherapy, group therapy, and clinical interview/intake. Interest in patients with comorbid chronic physical and mental health conditions. Practicum student supervisor for Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program (BHIP).

LORI BRODIE

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Ph.D., 2003, University of California, Santa Barbara, Counseling/Clinical/School Psychology

Professional interests: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Biofeedback, psychological evaluation for weight loss surgery, cross-cultural and diversity issues.

TAYLOR BROUGHTON

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Psy.D., 2021, George Fox University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: individual and group therapy, psycho-diagnostic testing, assessment, interpersonal psychotherapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, and processed-based approaches to psychotherapy.

JOSHUA M. BULEY

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program - Evaluation

Psy.D., 2004, Indiana State University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Cognitive behavioral therapy, differential diagnosis, professional issues.

CHRISTINE CARDENAS

Geropsychology Outpatient Clinic

Ph.D., 2009, New Mexico State University, Counseling Psychology

Clinical interests: Geropsychology, dementia, caregiver support, and multicultural and diversity issues. Evidence-based psychotherapies: Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Depression, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Depression, Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD.

TYSON CHUNG

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Ph.D. 2007, Fuller Theological Seminary Graduate School of Psychology, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Psychological assessment, outpatient psychotherapy

PAUL CUSTER

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program: Rancho Cucamonga CBOC

Ph.D. 2001, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology

Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Patton State Hospital, 2002

Professional interests: Severe mental illness, psychodynamic psychotherapy, integrating theoretical approaches, professional training and development

LUTHER E. DAVIS

Deputy Associate Chief of Staff for Mental Health

Ph.D., 2006, Loma Linda University, Clinical Psychology

MHA, 2019, University of Southern California

ABPP in Clinical Psychology

Program management and policy, data analytics and performance improvement, cognitive-behavioral therapy, primary care mental health integration, motivational interviewing, cognitive processing therapy, military mental health, and individual/group psychotherapy

ANDREW DiSAVINO

Psychology Executive

BA, Rutgers University 1984

MA, New School for Social Research 1986

PsyD, Florida Institute of Technology 1990

ABPP in Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Background in behavioral medicine, neuropsychology, and PTSD. Individual and group cognitive-behavioral psychotherapy with general mental health populations.

MELINDA DOUANGRATDY

Suicide Prevention Program

Psy.D., 2017, Hawaii School of Professional Psychology, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Evidence-based psychotherapies including Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD and Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Borderline Personality Disorder. Other interests include psychiatric inpatient treatment, severe psychotic and mood disorders, forensic evaluations (competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility), Motivational Interviewing, Solution-Focused Therapy, and other strengths-based psychotherapy.

SERENA ENKE

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program: Murrieta CBOC

PhD, 2009, Colorado State University, Counseling Psychology

Professional interests: Group therapy, evidenced-based treatments, incorporating mindfulness into the treatment of PTSD and general outpatient mental health.

MARISSA N. EUSEBIO

Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI) - Women's Health Center

Ph.D., 2021, Palo Alto University

Professional interests: Trauma/PTSD, Women's Health, maternal mental health including post/peri partum depression and anxiety.

NANCY L. FARRELL

Couples Psychologist/ Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

PsyD; DrPH; BCB, 2005, Loma Linda University, Clinical Psychology & Public Health Preventive Care

Professional interests: Promote and provide healthy living and preventive care, health behavior change, staff training and health coaching.

GREGORY S. FOLEY

Health Psychology Service

Ph.D., 2018, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Psychological assessment including pre-procedural evaluations, and assessment of psychiatric and medical inpatients; Consultation-Liaison Psychology including individual psychotherapy, psychological assessment, capacity evaluation, and IDT consultation; Chronic pain treatments including CBT and ACT for Chronic Pain, and Biofeedback; Inpatient group psychotherapy.

SAMANTHA L. FRENCH

Neuropsychology

Ph.D., 2008, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Neuropsychology, Geropsychology, dementia, fear of developing Alzheimer's disease, caregiver support, rehabilitation psychology

PHILLIP G. GABLE

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program - Evaluation

Ph.D., 2011, Fuller Theological Seminary Graduate School of Psychology, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Differential diagnosis, cognitive behavioral therapy, military psychology, military medical planning and operations, organizational consultation.

MARIAN GHEBRIAL

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program: Rancho Cucamonga

CBOC Ph.D. 2005, Pennsylvania State University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Axis I and II disorders, namely addiction, trauma, anxiety disorders, relapse prevention, individual, group, and couples' psychotherapy. Cognitive-behavioral and integrative therapy models; motivational interviewing. Research interests include antisocial behavior, psychopathic personality traits and treatment outcome research.

JASON GOLDSTEIN

PTSD Clinical Team (PCT)

Ph.D. 2015, University of Louisville

Professional interests: Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) for PTSD, integrating religious and spiritual themes into therapy, forgiveness, grief and loss, nightmare management, moral injury.

BRYAN K. GOUDELOCK

Psychology Program Manager, Associate Training Director - Psychology, Training Director – Holistic Mental Health Program, PTSD Clinical Team

Ph.D., 2007, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology

Professional interests: PTSD, CPT, PE, Moral Injury, IBCT, Motivational Interviewing, psychodynamic and interpersonal psychotherapy, multicultural/diversity concerns, individual & group psychotherapy, professional training & development, integrating religious and spiritual themes into therapy.

ELIZABETH M. GRACE

Acute Psychiatry, Consultation and Liaison, and Emergency Services

M.A., 2015, University of San Diego, Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Psy.D., 2020, George Fox University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Psychological assessment (psychodiagnostic and cognitive) for psychiatric and medical inpatients; Pre-surgical evaluations; Brief individual psychotherapy for patients and with acute medical and psychiatric conditions. Additional interests include Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) psychotherapy, mindfulness, health psychology, mind-body connection as relates to trauma.

ANTHONY HWANG

BHIP Supervisor

Ph.D., 2010, Brigham Young University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Evidence-based psychotherapies: Cognitive-Behavior Therapy Enhanced for Eating Disorders, Cognitive-Behavioral Conjoint Therapy for PTSD, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain, T.E.A.M.-CBT by David Burns, MD for trauma, depression, and anxiety, and multicultural and diversity issues.

SHIRLEY C. KILIAN

Community Living Center-formerly Nursing Home Care Unit; Neuropsychology

Ph.D., 2004, Graduate School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Clinical Psychology.

Professional interests: Neuropsychology, geropsychology, differential diagnosis

CORY E. KOWALSKI

PCMHI Staff Psychologist

Ph.D., 2020, Graduate School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Clinical Psychology.

Professional interests: Aging and Dementia, Neuropsychology, TBI, brief solution focused therapy, sleep disturbances, caregiver support, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), mindfulness, health psychology, mind-body connection, and cognitive rehabilitation.

CHRISTINA LARSON

PTSD Clinical Team (PCT)

Ph.D., 2011, University of North Texas, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) for trauma and depression, Prolonged Exposure (PE), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), and moral injury.

VERONICA LLAMAS

Neuropsychology & Polytrauma

Ph.D., 2014, Loma Linda University

Professional interests: Neuropsychology, geropsychology, non-pharmacological treatments for dementia, polytrauma

CHRISTINA MANNINO

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Ph.D., 2016, Loma Linda University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Evidence-based psychotherapies including Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Depression/Anxiety (individual), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain (group and individual), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression (individual), and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (group and individual). Other interests include trauma work, Mindfulness, and Self-compassion.

MOLLY MUNDS

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Functional Restoration Program (Pain IOP)

Ph.D., 2017, Alliant International University/CPSS Los Angeles,

Clinical Psychology Clinical Interests: Psychological interventions for chronic pain management including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Chronic Pain, whole health integration, Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (VA-CALM), biofeedback, clinical hypnosis, interdisciplinary program development, Motivational Interviewing for health-related behaviors, assessment and triage for chronic pain. Common comorbidities include SUD, sleep disorders, diabetes, and obesity.

JOE NEE

Behavioral Health Service: Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI)

Ph.D. 2015, California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, Los Angeles

Professional interests: multicultural and diversity issues, mental health disparities, evidence-based approaches to psychotherapy, short term approaches to psychotherapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), and Motivational Interviewing.

TRINNIN OLSEN

Behavioral Health Service: Primary Care Mental Health Integration (PCMHI), Corona CBOC
Psy.D. 2019, Rosemead School of Psychology, Biola University, Clinical Psychology.

Clinical Interests: Whole health, integrated team-based care, psychodynamic psychotherapy, individual & group psychotherapy, professional training & development, leadership coaching, process improvement.

DAN PEREZ

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Psy.D. 2020, The Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Moral Injury, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) for PTSD, psychodynamic psychotherapy, humanistic/existential psychotherapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), individual and group psychotherapy, clinical research.

MICHAELA SANDOVAL

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Recovery Center (PRRC)/Co-Occurring Recovery Empowerment (CORE)/Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) Provider

Unlicensed Graduate Psychologist; Palo Alto University, Clinical Psychology, Emphasis in Forensic Psychology

Professional interests: Provides individual and group therapy utilizing Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, substance abuse counseling, and Mindfulness. Other interests include Positive Psychology, Motivational Interviewing, research on stigma and discrimination, criminal justice contact, and LGBTQ+ communities.

EDWARD B. SINGER

Substance Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Program, VA Loma Linda Healthcare System Ph.D. 2013, Alliant International University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Treatment of comorbid substance use and mental health disorders, including PTSD, anxiety and mood disorders. Cognitive-behavioral and integrative therapy models. Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Prolonged Exposure (PE) for trauma; Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET) for substance use; Anger Management; Mindfulness and DBT skills training. Research interests include post-traumatic resilience factors (adaptive humor style, creative expression).

MARY STEPHENS-LEVY

Suicide Prevention- High Risk Therapy Team

Ph.D., 2007, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Evidence-based psychotherapies including Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depression (group and individual). Other interests include assessment and treatment of suicidality, Motivational Interviewing, and Interpersonal Psychotherapy Informed treatment for Depression and Complicated Grief.

RANDY STINNETT

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program

Psy.D., 2010, Loma Linda University, Clinical Psychology
ABPP, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Interests include evidence-based psychotherapy for PTSD including CPT and EMDR; psychotherapy integration of cognitive-behavioral, short-term psychodynamic, and gestalt/process-based models; integration of spirituality themes into mental health.

DANIEL STROSKY

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program: Corona CBOC

PsyD 2017, Rosemead School of Psychology, Biola University, Clinical Psychology.

Clinical Interests: PTSD, CPT, EMDR, Moral Injury, Motivational Interviewing, psychodynamic and interpersonal psychotherapy, individual & group psychotherapy, professional training & development.

NELLY A. SWANSON

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program - Evaluation

Psy.D., 2009, Alliant International University (CSPP), Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Cognitive behavioral therapy, cognitive processing therapy, differential diagnosis, health coaching, professional issues/development.

KENDRA TRACY

PTSD Clinical Team (PCT)

Ph.D., 2014, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: trauma and sexual victimization/perpetration; Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Cognitive Processing Therapy, Psychodynamic Therapy, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion practices.

ALISON FLIPSE VARGAS

Mental Health Service – Acute Mental Health (AMH)

Psy.D., 2013, Pepperdine University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: brief individual and group psychotherapy for inpatients and outpatients with acute medical and psychiatric conditions; Psychological assessment for psychiatric inpatients & medical inpatients.

LAUREN WARNER SIMMONS

Behavioral Health Interdisciplinary Program: Corona CBOC
Ph.D., 2004, Oklahoma State University, Counseling Psychology

Professional interests: Evidence-based psychotherapy for PTSD (Cognitive Processing Therapy & Prolonged Exposure), mindfulness based approaches, post-traumatic growth, patient-centered team based care, inter-professional mental health education.

R. SCOTT WENGER

Training Director - Psychology, Integrated Dual Diagnosis Program, PRRC
Psy.D., 2003, Pepperdine University, Clinical Psychology

Professional interests: Addiction Treatment, dual diagnosis program, treatment of chronic mental illness, psychological assessment, relapse prevention treatment, individual and group psychotherapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, interests in treatment of personality disorders and psychodynamic psychotherapy.

ASHLEY WILKINS

PTSD Clinical Team (PCT)
Ph.D. 2016, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology

Professional interests: Evidence-based psychotherapies including Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for PTSD, Prolonged Exposure (PE), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) for PTSD. Additional clinical interests include: Moral Injury, the integration of spirituality and psychotherapy, psychodynamic and existential psychotherapy, cultural identities and diversity in therapy, individual and group psychotherapy.

Residents

2022-23 Postdoctoral Residents

Antonella Bariani-Alliant San Diego (HMH)
Marvin "Nico" Cabral-Alliant San Diego (PCT)
Brian Clawson-Pepperdine (Neuro)
Kerianne Kramer- Loma Linda (PCMHI)
Connor Nance-Loma Linda (Clinical Health)
Catherine Nash-Midwestern U (GMH)
Michelle Ngo- Loma Linda (PCMHI)
Anna Noll-Fuller (Psych Assessment)
Sloane Rickman-Palo Alto (HMH)
Miriam Rizk- Loma Linda (Clinical Health)

2021-22 Postdoctoral Residents

Ana Abu-Rus-Alliant International Univ San Diego (HMH)
Deborah Barrozo-Azusa Pacific University (PCMHI)
Taylor Broughton -George Fox University School of Graduate Psychology (Psych Assessment)
Marissa Eusebio-Palo Alto University (HMH)

Dylan Faire-Loma Linda University (GMH)
Kristelina Gonzalez-The Chicago School of Professional School (PCMHI)
Corey Kowalski – Fuller University (Neuropsychology)
Annette Lee-Azusa Pacific University (PCT)
Helen Ma-Palo Alto (Health)

2020-21 Postdoctoral Residents:

Abigail Alido, Loma Linda University (GMH)
Gabriela Bolivar, Loma Linda University (PCMHI)
Janel Davis, Alliant University (Health)
Elizabeth Grace, George Fox University (Psychological Assessment)
Grace Kim, Biola University (HMH)
Corey Kowalski, Fuller University (Neuropsychology)
Michelle Lin, Palo Alto University (PCMHI)
Sarah Nam An, Loma Linda University (PCT)
Aurora Pham, University of Iowa (HMH)
Jennifer Shaheed, George Fox University (Health)

2019-2020 Postdoctoral Residents:

Joshua Buch, Pepperdine University (HMH)
Cecilia Costa, Pepperdine University (PCMHI)
Tara Donaghue, American School of Professional Psychology (HPDP)
Larisa Grams-Benitez, Fuller University (GMH)
Michelle McDonnell, Loma Linda University (Neuropsychology)
Esmeralda Nunez, Loma Linda University (HMH)
Trinnin Olsen, Biola University (HPDP)
Mihaela Schneider, Pepperdine University (PCMHI)
Melissa Stewart-Buret, Spalding University (PCT)

2018-2019 Postdoctoral Residents:

George Dabdoub, University of La Verne (PCT)
Michael Finlay, Loma Linda University (Holistic)
Carolyn Foley, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology (Outpatient Mental Health)
Greg Foley, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology (Psych Assessment)
Ronald Freche, University of Kansas (HPDP)
Ross Lisman, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology (Holistic)
Michelle McDonnell, Loma Linda University (Neuropsychology)
Cam Nguyen, Argosy-Orange County (PCMHI)
Alexis Tsacoumangos-Azusa Pacific University (PCMHI)
Elizabeth Wolpern, Loma Linda University (HPDP)

2017-2018 Postdoctoral Residents:

Lyndsay Brooks, Pepperdine University (Psych Assessment)
Xiaorui Chen, Pepperdine University (Holistic)
Monica Ellis, Fuller Theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology (HPDP)

Eddie Erazo, University of Nevada Las Vegas (HPDP)
Diego Esparza-Duran, Loma Linda University (PCMHI)
Jacklyn Friedenthal, PGSP Stanford Consortium (Outpatient Mental Health)
Christine Mathews, Loma Linda University (Holistic)
Beatrice Tsai, University of La Verne (PCMHI)
Christina Mannino, Loma Linda University (Trauma/PCT)

2016-2017 Postdoctoral Residents:

Yurivia Cervantes-Manzo, California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, San Francisco (Neuro)
Corie Houlbjerg, George Fox University (HPDP)
Mitch Keil, Azusa Pacific University (Outpatient Mental Health)
Palak Kothari, Loma Linda University (Holistic)
Christina “Istina” Mannino, Loma Linda University (Holistic)
Mariam Parekh, Syracuse University (PCMHI)
Emmily Shinne, University of Detroit, Mercy (Trauma/PCT)
Tammy Torres, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology/Stanford PsyD Consortium (HPDP)

2015-2016 Postdoctoral Residents:

Chrstitina Fay, Spalding University (PCMHI)
Kaycee Fortanasce, Azusa Pacific University (Holistic)
Jason Goldstein, University of Lousiville (Holistic)
John Helmer, California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, San Diego (HPDP)
Amy Leino, Palo Alto University (Outpatient Mental Health)
Veronica Llamas, Loma Linda University (Neuro)
Tiffany Massia, Azusa Pacific University (HPDP)
Joe Nee, California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, Los Angeles (PCMHI)

2014-2015 Postdoctoral Residents:

Julie Bazzo, Loma Linda University (Health)
Leetyng “Jen” Chou, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University (Health)
Nathaniel Hawkins, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University (Trauma/PCT)
Veronica Llamas, Loma Linda University (Neuropsychology)
Maribel Padua, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University (Health)
Dylan Schwartz, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University (Health)
Natalie Stroupe, University of Kansas (Outpatient Mental Health)

2013-2014 Postdoctoral Residents:

Alex Barrad, PGSP- Stanford Psy.D. Consortium (Trauma/PCT)
Amanda Dewbray, Arizona School of Professional Psychology (Health)
Krystal Gregg, George Fox Univeristy (Health)
Andi Scott, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University (Health)
Troy Stettler, Pacific University (Neuropsychology)

Roxanne Upah, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology at Palo Alto University (Health)
Christina Wei, Ohio University (Outpatient Mental Health)

Local Information

Loma Linda, a city with about 23,000 residents, is located in the "Inland Empire" region of Southern California. It is situated to the east of Los Angeles and approximately 75 miles from the Pacific Ocean. This is an area rich in California history. Agriculture, especially citrus, still plays an important role in the local economy.

The San Bernardino Mountains (with peaks rising to 10,000 feet) can be seen just to the north and east of the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Medical Center. The southern Sierra Nevada range is accessible within a half day drive and provides outstanding skiing, hiking, and backpacking trails. The Mediterranean climate makes for ideal weather during most of the year. With approximately 300 days of sunshine, there are unlimited opportunities for involvement in outdoor recreational activities. San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles county beaches can be explored year round. Resorts in Palm Springs and other desert communities are accessible within one hour.

The nearby cities of Redlands, San Bernardino, and Riverside provide additional urban benefits, such as affordable housing (relative to Southern California), music, theatres, museums, dining, and entertainment. Los Angeles and San Diego offer an abundance of cultural attractions, sporting events, musical performances, restaurants, nightclubs, and theme parks. For single people and families alike, this region provides a unique opportunity for access to nature, sunshine, the ocean and entertainment, without the crime and congestion associated with other urban areas.

There are several universities and healthcare training facilities located in and around Loma Linda. Established 100 years ago, Loma Linda University (LLU) has grown into an internationally recognized center for medical, dental, behavioral, public health, and allied health training. The LLU Medical Center is located less than one mile from the VA Medical Center. Physicians, nurses, and allied health staff provide clinical, research, and teaching services in both places. The University of California, Riverside is currently developing a School of Medicine. The neighboring community of Redlands is home to a private undergraduate university. California State University, San Bernardino provides excellent undergraduate training in psychology and human development.