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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Veterans Health Administration (VA) has a long history of educating and training professionals to care for patients with unhealthy alcohol use, substance use, and substance use disorders. In 1994, the VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) established post-residency fellowship training to qualified physicians through the Advanced Fellowship in Substance Abuse Treatment. The evolution of the understanding of substance use and addictive disorders led the VA to recognize that many types of healthcare professionals—not just physicians—engage in addiction identification, assessment, and treatment. These professionals typically engage Veterans through interdisciplinary teams. Thus in 2014, the VA established the OAA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment. The purpose of this new interprofessional addiction fellowship was to develop leaders with the vision, knowledge, and commitment to develop, implement, and evaluate addiction treatment and services in order to improve healthcare for Veterans and the nation. Additionally, for the first time, OAA expanded eligibility for this fellowship to associated health care professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and psychologists prepared at both the doctoral and master’s levels. Each of the seven fellowship sites selected is led by two Co-Directors (one physician and one associated health care professional). Each site is minimally authorized to accept two fellows (one physician and one associated health care professional) for this two-year training experience. As such, at any one time, 28 Advanced Fellows could be engaged in interdisciplinary addiction education and training. In 2015, the National Coordinating Center was established to provide a national interdisciplinary addiction curriculum, coordinate activities between the sites, assist in recruitment of fellows, and disseminate products from the fellows, sites, and overall program.

At the end of fiscal year 2019, 18 Advanced Fellows were actively engaged in training through the OAA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment and 42 Advanced Fellows had graduated from the program. The Advanced Fellows participated in scholarly activities, addiction-related education and training, and clinical activities (no more than 10 hours a week) at the local sites. In addition, through monthly Advanced Fellow webinars, the National Coordinating Center provided a unified curriculum of 1) interdisciplinary education in addictions, 2) professional development, and 3) opportunities for networking and scholarly work dissemination. In May of 2019, the Advanced Fellows presented their scholarly work to a national VA audience. From the start of the fellowship through FY2019, the Advanced Fellows published 143 peer-reviewed papers (many in leading addiction journals), authored over 256 scholarly presentations, and were awarded 15 grants. The 42 alumni of the program have matriculated to leadership roles in VA and non-VA settings.
Number of Fellows by Year*

![Bar chart showing the number of Fellows by year from 2014 to 2019.](image)

- **Physician Fellows**
- **Other Fellows**
- **Total Fellows**

*Number of active fellows on last day of fiscal year

Scholarly Products by Calendar Year#

![Bar chart showing scholarly products from 2014 to 2019.](image)

- **Publications**
- **Presentations**
- **Grants**

# Scholarly products from Oct 1 through September 30 of each year
II. BACKGROUND

The VA has long identified the need for highly trained professionals to lead clinical, educational, research, and system transformation initiatives, yet has also recognized that there have traditionally been few training pathways to develop professional capacities in these areas. For this reason, VA has been especially proactive in developing an addiction treatment workforce that will meet the present and future needs of those individuals with substance use and addiction.

Initial Fellowship Opportunities for Physicians

Through OAA, the VA has a long history of training physicians to address addiction among Veteran populations. To improve clinical and research training in addictions, in 1994, the VA began offering post-residency fellowship training to qualified physicians through the Advanced Fellowship in Substance Abuse Treatment. These unaccredited Advanced Fellowships provided psychiatrists and other physician specialists the opportunity to receive clinical training in addiction treatment as well as training in education, research, and administrative leadership. From 1994-2012, 76 physicians at 15 VA facilities were trained in this two-year fellowship program. These training programs led to the establishment of two unique training pathways - the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment and the accredited Psychiatry Fellowships for physicians.

The Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Programs were eventually recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Council of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). These ACGME accredited fellowships were available only to residents graduating from psychiatry training programs. Currently, the ACGME recognizes 49 accredited Addiction Psychiatry Fellowships for which the VA provides both substantial financial support (supporting 58 positions) and training environments with their academic affiliates at 37 participating VA facilities. Through these activities, the VA is both a graduate medical education payer (second largest after the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services), and provides the clinical and educational environments and clinical faculty that provide trainees with immersion in integrated treatment programs.

Expanded Fellowship Opportunities for Professionals from all Healthcare Disciplines

The VA also recognized that shifts in the understanding of substance use and addiction, and corresponding treatment strategies, created a treatment environment in which many types of healthcare professionals—not just physicians—engage in addiction identification and treatment, typically in interdisciplinary teams. Thus, the VA modified and re-competited its non-accredited addiction fellowship program and solicited proposals from VA facilities to serve as fellowship sites for the current OAA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment. For the first time, OAA expanded eligibility for this fellowship to associated health care professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, social workers, and psychologists prepared at both the doctoral and master’s levels. The continued purpose of this new interprofessional addiction fellowship is to develop leaders with the vision, knowledge, and commitment to develop, implement, and evaluate addiction treatment and services in order to improve healthcare for Veterans and the nation.

In FY2014, seven VA healthcare systems were selected as interprofessional addiction fellowship sites, each led by two Co-Directors (one physician and one associated healthcare professional). Each site is authorized to accept two fellows (one physician and one associated health care professional) for this two-year training experience. In 2015, the fellowship’s National Coordinating Center was established to develop and deliver a national interdisciplinary addiction curriculum, coordinate activities between the sites, assist in recruitment of fellows, and disseminate products from the fellows, fellowship sites, and the program overall. Our fellows are academically...
productive, receiving independent grant support for research projects, presenting their scholarly work at international conferences, and publishing book chapters and other peer reviewed scholarship. Since the inception of the latest interprofessional fellowship, 60 interdisciplinary fellows have been or are currently being trained. The VA is committed to developing change agents in addiction research, clinical care, and administration, and is leading the nation in interdisciplinary fellowship training in addiction.
III. FELLOWSHIP SITES, FELLOWS, AND DIRECTORS

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowships in Addiction Treatment Fellowship Sites

VA Boston Healthcare System
Boston, Massachusetts

VA North Texas Health Care System
Dallas, Texas

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital
Madison, Wisconsin

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

South Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System
San Antonio, Texas

VA San Diego Healthcare System
San Diego, California

VA Connecticut Healthcare System
West Haven, Connecticut
The purpose of the Interprofessional Addiction Fellowship at the VA Boston Healthcare System is to train future generations of VA healthcare leaders to: 1) conduct innovative research in addictions, 2) provide evidence-based treatments for addictions and co-morbid conditions, and 3) effectively manage teams, services, or programs that serve Veterans with addictions.

Program Description

The Interprofessional Addiction Fellowship in Boston is designed to provide a broad range of training experiences in research, management, and evidence-based clinical service delivery related to addictions. Trainees spend 75% of time in research, management, and educational activities and up to 25% in direct service. Fellows develop competencies in the conduct of scholarly research, provision of clinical services, and leadership of clinical addiction programs, addiction training programs, or other components of the healthcare system that impact services for Veterans with addictions. Fellows acquire knowledge and skills through implementation of an Individualized Learning Plan jointly developed by the fellows and mentors.

Research and Clinical Opportunities in Addiction

The Fellowship at VA Boston offers advanced training in: 1) research in the area of treatment outcomes, basic biological sciences, psychopharmacology, and service delivery; 2) clinical mentorship across a range of sites including addiction and PTSD programs, as well as specialized programs for returning Veterans and women Veterans; and 3) supervised management experiences at different levels of the organization. The fellow joins an academically rich and vibrant training environment for health professionals in programs affiliated with Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School. The VA Boston is also home to the National Center for PTSD, which is devoted to research in all aspects of traumatic stress including the interconnection with addictions.

Focal Areas

- Treatment outcome research: evaluation of novel treatments for substance use, trauma, and PTSD, web/mobile applications to deliver care for addictions, and development of medication-assisted therapies for addictions
- Service delivery research: innovative approaches to treating addictions in primary care
- Biological research: neurological bases of addiction, neuropsychological and cellular changes associated with alcohol use

FELLOWS

Vicki Ameral, PhD

Dr. Ameral received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Clark University. She completed her clinical internship at VA Boston Healthcare System and is currently in her second year of fellowship. Dr. Ameral is interested in development and testing of novel behavioral strategies for improving treatment engagement and outcomes during early phases of SUD treatments. Additional, broader interests include the application of experimental research to treatment development projects, the application of contextual behavioral theory to SUD treatment settings, and the role of technology in treating SUD and co-occurring conditions. Dr. Ameral has also contributed to research on help-seeking for interpersonal violence, and has a continued interest in the intersection of recovery from addiction and trauma-related disorders, particularly among veterans. Her dissertation...
research was funded by the Society of Addiction Psychology, and her work has been published in the Journal of Contextual Behavioral Science, the Journal of Counseling Psychology, and the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, among others. During fellowship, Dr. Ameral is continuing to develop her program of research through contributions on projects evaluating brief in-person and technology-based interventions for OUD and co-occurring PTSD and alcohol use.

**Michelle Bourgeois, PhD**

Dr. Bourgeois earned her bachelor’s degree from Wellesley College and her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Boston University. She completed her predoctoral internship at the VA Boston Healthcare System, with a primary focus on posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and co-occurring substance use disorders (SUD) treatment. She is broadly interested in evaluating how well various evidence-based PTSD treatments work for veterans with co-occurring SUD. Current projects include 1) examining the efficacy of exposure-based PTSD treatments (i.e., Written Exposure, Prolonged Exposure) for co-occurring alcohol and substance use, and 2) adapting and implementing PTSD treatments within a residential SUD treatment program. For her dissertation, Dr. Bourgeois evaluated a brief meditation treatment for unipolar depression and anxiety disorders. She remains interested in mindfulness and compassion-based interventions, especially regarding mindfulness-based interventions for co-occurring PTSD and SUD.

**Elise Hocking, PhD**

Dr. Hocking received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Jamestown and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of South Dakota. She completed her predoctoral internship at the VA Boston Healthcare System, with a focus on treatment for co-occurring posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance use disorders (SUD). Her primary research interests include the effects of substance use on intimate partner relationship functioning, including conflict and partner aggression. Her dissertation examined the interaction between attachment insecurity and alcohol use on intimate partner violence, and was funded by the Center for Brain and Behavior Research. Additional interests include program development and evaluation for SUD treatment programs. Current projects include 1) examining the effects of substance use on interventions for intimate partner aggression, and 2) implementing contingency management and mindfulness-based interventions in outpatient SUD treatment programs.

**DIRECTORS**

**Deborah Brief, PhD**

Dr. Deborah Brief is a licensed clinical psychologist, Director of Residential and Rehabilitation Services at the VA Boston Healthcare System, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine, and Assistant Professor of Psychology at Boston University. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago, completed an NIAAA fellowship at the University of Washington, and joined the VA Boston Healthcare System in 1987. Dr. Brief is responsible for managing the continuum of residential programming, outpatient addiction treatment programs, and vocational services in the VA Boston Healthcare System. She is Co-Director of the Interprofessional Addiction Fellowship Program in Boston, and a faculty member in the Boston Psychology Internship and Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Programs. Dr. Brief's longstanding research interests have focused on developing and testing novel psychosocial interventions for addictions. Her latest research is
focused on the development and evaluation of a Web and mobile interventions for Veterans with post-deployment problem drinking and PTSD symptoms.

**John Renner, MD**

Dr. John Renner is Professor of Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM), and Associate Chief of Psychiatry for VA Boston Healthcare System. He graduated from Yale University and Case University School of Medicine. Since 1979 he has been working at VA Boston and currently directs an outpatient addiction program. In addition, he is Associate Director of the BUSM General Psychiatry Residency Program and Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Residency. Dr. Renner has written and lectured extensively on treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction, is a member of the American Psychiatric Association Council on Addiction Psychiatry, and President-Elect of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry. In 2010, he co-edited the Handbook of Office-Based Buprenorphine Treatment for American Psychiatric Press, Inc. He is a member of the Data Safety Monitoring Board for the Clinical Trials Network of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the Clinical Advisory Committee of the Physician Health Service of the Massachusetts Medical Society, a Consultant to the Department of Psychiatry at MA General Hospital, and a member of the faculty of Harvard Medical School Division on Addictions. He is also former medical director of the SAMHSA funded Physicians Clinical Support System-Buprenorphine.
The Dallas Addiction Leadership Training fellowship is designed to develop our future clinical, academic, and/or administrative leaders in the addiction field. This program aims to increase the breadth and depth of research in the field of addiction. Fellows are mentored on projects of particular interest and relevance to the fellows’ future goals.

Program Description

Fellows spend 75% of their time on a mentored project of particular interest and relevance to the fellows' future goals. No more than 25% of fellow effort shall be for required clinical service. The program is focused on facilitating leadership skills and research mentorship.

The leadership component of the DALT program ensures that fellows cultivate advanced proficiencies in: 1) utilizing the essential leadership and management skills needed to promote addiction clinical care and/or research and its resourcing; 2) maintaining an appreciation of how different disciplines (physicians, psychologists, nurses, administrators, etc.) think, organize information, and communicate; and 3) employing a thorough understanding of how to market addiction efforts with the goal of showing how they align with and support other management efforts.

The mentorship component of the DALT fellowship facilitates the unique career goals and particular interests of the fellows. Fellows work with the co-Directors of the program to determine a primary and secondary mentor whose expertise is consistent with individualized professional goals. In addition to administrators and researchers at the Dallas VA, mentors can be selected from affiliated sites such as UT Southwestern Medical Center, or other professionals within the community. Current research mentors who hold appointments at UT Southwestern Medical Center include Drs. Arthur Westover, Carol North, James LePage, and Roger Bedimo.

Please see the DALT website, https://www.northtexas.va.gov/educ_affil/DALT.asp for research interests of individual faculty mentors as well as additional information about our site.

Research and Clinical Opportunities in Addiction

The scholarship experience develops the DALT fellows' professional skills and knowledge in academic research, ethics, and education. Although the focus of this effort will, of course, be on addictive disorders, these skills and knowledge translate into all of medicine and psychology. Scholarship is promoted with didactics, clinical training, journal clubs, and supervisory sessions on ethics in research, research design, manuscript writing, and individualized mentorship.

In addition to the extensive leadership training at VANTHCS, fellows attend classes within the UT Southwestern Clinical Translational and Research Scholar Program. Fellows share training experiences with advanced trainees from other programs at VANTHCS including the Interdisciplinary Substance Abuse Fellowship Program and Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Program.

A broad array of clinical service programs, focused on treating Veterans with substance use disorders, are available at the VA North Texas Health Care System (VANTHCS). This allows DALT fellows the opportunity to train in a variety of settings including: 1) Substance Abuse Residential Rehabilitation Program; 2) Inpatient Detoxification Unit; 3) Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program for Addictions; and 4) Opioid Replacement Clinic.
**Focal Areas**

- Clinical Translation Studies in Addiction
- Trauma and Substance Use
- Epidemiological Approaches using the VA National Database
- Psychoeducation for HCV and Alcohol Behaviors
- Homelessness in Veterans
- Suicide Assessment and Intervention
- Integrated Stepped Care of Patients with HIV and Alcohol Use Disorders
- Vocational Rehabilitation

**FELLOWS**

**Aline Rabalais, PhD**

Dr. Rabalais is a DALT Fellow at the North Texas VA Healthcare System whose research focus is the development of innovative interventions for addressing PTSD and its co-morbid conditions, such as SUD, with an emphasis on treatment engagement. To explore this topic, she has successfully secured funds to support two treatment engagement-related projects: an initial feasibility project using VA Center of Innovation (COIN) funds, and a one-year MIRECC pilot grant. In addition to these funded projects, she has authored and co-authored a variety of publications in PTSD, SUD, and/or engagement. One of these is a first-authored paper that directly relates to her MIRECC pilot and describes a study of exercise-induced emotional improvements in PTSD and SUD residential program patients. Another paper detailed qualitative data collected from Veterans diagnosed with PTSD that examined the acceptability and feasibility of a novel, clergy-mental health clinician collaborative intervention for moral injury. Although these papers and projects do not represent an exhaustive list, they do highlight her primary interest in treatment development for PTSD and co-occurring SUD. Dr. Rabalais hopes to continue to build her research credentials as a DALT fellow and eventually pursue a clinical researcher faculty position.

**Christopher Holland-Deguire, PsyD**

Christopher Holland-Deguire, PsyD. is a postdoctoral fellow in the Dallas Addiction Leadership Training fellowship at VANTHCS. He obtained a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Stephen F. Austin State University. He obtained an M.A. in Clinical Psychology at the Georgia School of Professional Psychology and a PsyD. in Clinical Psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Dr. Holland-Deguire completed his predoctoral internship on the generalist track at VANTHCS. His graduate training has been focused on brief interventions across various clinical settings as well as working with survivors of trauma. Dr. Holland-Deguire’s clinical and research interest focus on the interaction between substance use and surviving traumatic events, specifically in populations with limited social support. He has a passion for supervising/ training future professionals as well as program development and improving system processes. Dr. Holland-Deguire is part of various professional committees and plans to incorporate his love for clinical work and training into a leadership role within the VA system.
Jason Flake, PhD

Jason Flake earned his doctorate in Public Administration and Public Policy from the University of Texas at Arlington. His undergraduate and Masters degree are in criminal justice and criminology. He is a veteran and retired law enforcement officer with over twenty years of combined criminal justice training and experience. His dissertation explored the relationship between a veteran identity within veteran treatment courts and favorable policy outcomes for justice-involved veterans entering and proceeding through treatment programs. His dissertation reflects his passion for serving both justice-involved veterans and the larger veteran community. As an Addiction Fellow, Jason intends to explore the relationship between substance use disorders, mental health disorders, and criminal justice involvement among veterans. His primary goal is two-fold. First, his intention is to produce a more thorough understanding of key factors associated with criminal justice involvement and arrest. From these findings, he intends to provide early identification and early intervention for at-risk veterans with the hope of reducing the human and societal costs associated with criminal offending.

DIRECTORS

Jamylah Jackson, PhD, ABPP

Jamylah Jackson, Ph.D., ABPP, is the Psychology Training Director for the Psychology Internship and Post-Doctoral fellowships at the Dallas VA Medical Center and Co-Director of the DALT fellowship. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center. After earning her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Georgia, she completed her pre-doctoral internship and post-doctoral fellowship in Substance Abuse at the Dallas VA Medical Center. Dr. Jackson has been a staff psychologist at the Dallas VA Medical Center since 2006 and is Board Certified in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Jackson was a national consultant for the Department of Veterans Affairs Prolonged Exposure Initiative for PTSD treatment program from 2010-2013, and is VA certified in Prolonged Exposure and Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD. She is a member of the VA Psychology Training Council’s Multicultural and Diversity Committee and chair of the Psychology Diversity Committee at the Dallas VA from 2007-2015. In addition to her clinical and administrative roles, she serves as a supervisor to psychiatry residents and is involved in teaching psychology trainees and medical students.

Geetha Shivakumar, MD, MSCS

Geetha Shivakumar, MD, MSCS is a well-known researcher in women’s mental health. She obtained her medical degree from Bangalore Medical College, India, completed her general psychiatry residency training (2004) and T32 research fellowship (2006) at UT Southwestern Medical Center. She is also a graduate from UT Southwestern’s Clinical Scholars program (2009). Her research work focuses on impact of reproductive hormones and events on mood, anxiety and trauma and stressor-related disorders. She is a recipient of VISN17 new investigator award. She has completed many research studies and currently serves as site PI for two multi-site studies at Dallas VA Medical Center. She has published in peer-reviewed journals, co-authored book chapters and is an invited speaker at local and national level. In addition to research, she serves as site-lead for VA North Texas to participate in the HSR&D WH-Practice Based Research Network and serves as IRB member at Dallas VA Medical Center. She is a board-certified psychiatrist and staff psychiatrist at MH Trauma Services, Dallas VA Medical Center. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, UT Southwestern Medical Center and involved in teaching and other educational activities for medical students.
residents, and pharmacy students. She directs women’s mental health track of general psychiatry residency program at UTSW and oversees training and scholarly activities for residents in this track. Dr. Shivakumar will mentor DALT fellows on scholarly projects and foster leadership potential in SUD.
William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital  
Madison, Wisconsin

The Madison VA Medical Center (William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital) and its academic affiliate, the University of Wisconsin, seek to train medical and associated health professionals in scholarly work and leadership in addictions treatment, with particular focus on health services research and quality improvement.

Program Description

Fellows will gain exposure to a broad range of clinical settings where scholarly activity takes place. Trainees will integrate into the local system and into care teams. This will also foster collaborative contact with potential mentors, allowing fellows to identify a mentor with compatible research interests. The Addictive Disorders Treatment Program (ADTP) is the multi-disciplinary substance abuse treatment program at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin. ADTP provides a full-continuum of addiction services and settings. Madison VA also has a highly developed Integrated Care Team that assists with addictions medical management in primary care settings.

Research and Clinical Opportunities in Addiction

- Current ongoing projects by program faculty
- Alpha-agonist therapy to reduce the likelihood of stress-related relapse in the setting of alcohol use disorder
- Screening in trauma for opioid misuse prevention
- Pharmacotherapeutic and behavioral treatment innovations for PTSD
- Adjunctive pharmacotherapies for opioid use disorder
- Educational innovations to enhance physician knowledge of the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders and related complications
- Implementation of smoking reduction treatment for smokers unwilling to quit in VA primary care
- Treatment engagement outcomes with implementation of Contingency Management

Focal Areas

- Addiction health services research
- Technological applications in treatment
- Pharmacotherapy
- Behavioral health integration into general medical settings
- Treatment engagement and retention
- Quality improvement
- Development of effective tobacco dependence treatments
FELLOWS

Jesse Kaye, PhD

Dr. Jesse Kaye is a clinical psychologist in the VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital, Madison, WI. He earned his PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and completed his predoctoral clinical internship at the VA in Madison. Dr. Kaye's research interests focus on psychological and neurobiological stress mechanisms that contribute to addiction etiology and relapse. His research spans the translational spectrum from basic psychophysiology and psychopharmacology laboratory studies through randomized controlled clinical trials. He has a broad interest in treatment development for substance use disorders, PTSD, and other co-occurring mental health conditions. His research has been funded by the NIH National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, UW-Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention, and National Science Foundation.

Jessica Hobart, MSW

I graduated from Iowa State University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and minors in Sociology and Adult, Family, & Child Services. I went on to complete my Masters of Social Work from St. Ambrose University in 2019. While enrolled at St. Ambrose University I completed two internships, my first being with the Family Advocacy Program at the Rock Island Arsenal and the second being with the Intensive Outpatient Program – Substance Use Disorder, located with the Davenport Community Resource & Referral Center which is established through the Iowa City VA Healthcare System. In order to successfully graduate from the MSW program at St. Ambrose University I completed a capstone project about opioid use and addiction, which showcased local resources such as addiction treatment programs and safe needle exchange sites. As an addiction treatment fellow, I hope to explore the importance of the family system as being a part of the recovery process.

DIRECTORS

Ashley Snyder, LCSW, CSAC

Mrs. Snyder is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Clinical Substance Abuse Counselor. She has worked for the VA for 3 years as a Substance Use Disorder Counselor, providing dual diagnosis treatment to Veterans while focusing on utilizing a continuum of care approach. Prior to working at the VA, Mrs. Snyder was a treatment provider and case manager for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and primarily worked with the high risk/high need population as they re-enter into a community setting from an institution.

Mrs. Snyder currently works at the Addictive Disorders Treatment Program (ADTP) located in Madison, WI. While at ADTP, Mrs. Snyder has facilitated and trained numerous students and staff members on ASAM Levels of Care, Evidenced Based Practice Interventions for Substance Use Disorders, SBIRT Interventions and National Drug Court Treatment Standards. Mrs. Snyder is currently involved in facilitating and setting up evidenced based interventions/protocols with the local Veteran's Treatment Court Program, as well as working with an integrated DBT Team to assist in meeting the complex needs of some of the Veterans whom present for services.
Randall Brown, MD

Dr. Brown is Board Certified in Family Medicine and Addiction Medicine. He has been involved in trainee education and research in substance use disorders for the last 12 years. He founded and serves as the Director of the UW-VA Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program in Madison, WI. This training program was selected as a National Model Program under an NIH-NIAAA R25 award. As a part of this award, Dr. Brown participated in national meetings of Program Directors and leadership of the American Board of Addiction Medicine to establish national standards for addiction medicine training. He lectures UW undergraduates; graduate students in nursing, medicine, social work, and pharmacy; family medicine residents; internal medicine residents; and attending level physicians of many specialties on substance use issues. He is an NIH-funded researcher with 20+ peer-reviewed publications to his credit, and is the Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator on 9 ongoing addiction health services research efforts.

Jessica Cook, PhD

Jessica Cook, PhD, is an Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health (UW-SMPH) and is an investigator at the Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. Dr. Cook is also a clinical psychologist at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA where she Co-Directs the Advanced Fellowship in Addictions Treatment. Dr. Cook’s research is currently supported by awards from the National Cancer Institute and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her program of research addresses two major areas: 1) the role of reward functioning deficits (i.e., anhedonia) in smoking motivation, and, 2) the development of effective tobacco treatments for veterans and difficult-to-treat populations.
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System is an approved site for the VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment sponsored by the VA Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA). Pittsburgh’s program is known as VAPHS’ Interdisciplinary Addiction Program for Education and Research (VIPER) and is located within the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP). The purpose of VIPER is to increase the number and professional diversity of VA clinicians, researchers, and educators prepared to reduce the burden of Veteran alcohol and other drug (AOD) use, addiction, and related health consequences in general medical and specialty settings.

*Program Description*

The aims of the competency-based VIPER fellowship are to:

- Develop VIPER Fellows’ capacity to fully assess, treat, and manage patients with AOD use and addiction within interdisciplinary systems of care (*Interdisciplinary Addiction Practice*)
- Develop VIPER Fellows’ capacity to develop, test, and implement interventions and processes of care for patients with AOD use and addictions in collaboration with investigators with diverse professional backgrounds, methodologies, and approaches (*Interdisciplinary Addiction Research*)

Fellows will spend at least 75% of their time in mentored, addiction research and/or quality improvement and educational experiences. VIPER fellows will also participate in a unique year-long seminar series regarding interdisciplinary research. Up to 25% of Fellows’ effort may be allocated to non-educational clinical service.

*Research and Clinical Opportunities in Addiction*

VAPHS has a rich history of leadership and expertise in interdisciplinary addiction clinical practice, research, education, and training activities. At VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Fellows will train in an excellent addiction treatment environment with rich scholarship components in education and research activities. In addition, Fellows will be able to access the diversity of addiction scholarship, mentors, seminars, and other activities at the University of Pittsburgh, VAPHS’ university affiliate. Several unique, recurring seminars will prepare the VIPER Fellow for a leadership career in addiction research, education, or administrative roles.

VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System research programs have a record of excellence and both clinical and research faculty have a commitment to the academic process, including research and publishing. There are rich opportunities for collaboration in research for any VIPER Fellow who intends to pursue an academic career.

*Focal Areas*

- Addiction and substance use in general medical settings
- Interdisciplinary research and clinical training
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
- Addiction pharmacotherapy
- Addiction and homelessness
- Program implementation and evaluation
FELLOWS

Rachel Bachrach, PhD

Dr. Bachrach is a clinical psychologist and 3rd year postdoctoral fellow through the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Dr. Bachrach earned her doctorate from the University at Buffalo and completed clinical internship at the University of Pittsburgh Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Bachrach has been involved in alcohol-related research for over 10 years, examining the predictors and consequences of unhealthy alcohol use in adolescents and young adults. During graduate school, she was awarded an F31 award through NIAAA to investigate the daily relationship between PTSD symptoms, peer norms, and alcohol use in trauma-exposed adults. Her research currently focuses on improving the use of evidence-based addiction care in VA. In 2018, she was awarded a VISN 4 MIRECC pilot grant to examine the rates of alcohol-related screening, unhealthy drinking, and brief intervention occurrences among VISN 4 primary care patients deemed high-risk for hospitalization. Most recently, she submitted a VA Career Development Award (HSRD) to pilot test a novel implementation intervention to improve access to and quality of alcohol-related care in VA primary care services.

Stephanie Gannon, MDiv

Rev. Stephanie Gannon is a Unitarian Universalist minister and 2015 graduate of Union Theological Seminary in NYC, where her program focus was Psychiatry and Religion with a minor in eco-theology. She completed two years as a chaplain resident in Behavioral Health at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, where she led numerous spirituality groups and provided one-on-one spiritual care to Veterans in crisis on inpatient psychiatric units, which made her aware of a special calling to mental health chaplaincy and the justice issues associated with mental illness.

As a first-year Addiction fellow, Stephanie’s intention is to study how spirituality has been used effectively within addiction treatment. Her goal is to raise the profile of the chaplain within the interdisciplinary team in the CTAD clinic at VAPHS and to demonstrate that addressing spiritual issues is a critical element of recovery. As a certified Hatha yoga instructor, she would like to develop more spirituality groups that incorporate mindfulness practices and are focused on spiritual themes such as grief and loss and self-compassion.

DIRECTORS

Karin Daniels, PhD

Dr. Karin Daniels is Co-Director for both the National Coordinating Center and the Pittsburgh site of the VA Advanced Interprofessional Fellowship in Addictions Treatment. As a Research Health Science Specialist with the Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP), she also administers several local VA fellowships and manages the PACT High Risk Care Investigator Network. Dr. Daniels earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University at Buffalo where she received training in addiction treatment at the Canandaigua and Buffalo VAMCs. Over that past 6 years, she has worked on a broad range of research and quality improvement projects at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Dr. Daniels was the Independent Evaluator for the Pittsburgh site of VAST-D, a multisite, randomized control trial of treatment resistant depression. In this role she conducted extensive psychological screens, including assessment of alcohol and non-alcohol substance use disorder. As an external facilitator for the national quality improvement project ‘Evaluation of Peer Specialists on VA PACTs’, she provided support to sites as they integrated Peer Specialists into
VA Primary Care settings. Dr. Daniels also served as the Project Coordinator during the initial development stage of a qualitative evaluation of the Stratification Tool for Opioid Risk Management (STORM).

Adam J. Gordon, MD, MPH

Adam Gordon is a VA Health Services Investigator and Implementation Scientist with a 20-year track record of conducting research on the quality, equity, and efficiency of health care for vulnerable populations. A major theme of his research includes examining the efficacy, effectiveness, and implementation of evidence-based identification, assessment, and treatments for patients with addiction. He has mentored research and clinical trainees at all levels, and was the founding Director of the Pittsburgh Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment site, a role which he continues as a distance mentor to Pittsburgh fellows.

Dr. Gordon is currently the Section Chief of Addiction Medicine at the Salt Lake City VA Health Care System, where he is a Core Faculty member in the VA Salt Lake City Informatics, Decision-Enhancement and Analytic Sciences Center (IDEAS), a VA Center Of INovation (COIN). He is PI of the VISN 19 Partnered Implementation Initiative (PII; A) to encourage medication treatment for opioid use disorders; Co-PI of the ADAPT-OUD study which is implementing medication treatment for opioid use disorders in underperforming VA facilities across the US; implemented the Stepped Care for Opioid Use Disorder Train the Trainer (SCOUTT) Initiative and co-PI of a PII project providing ongoing external facilitation implementation efforts to assist the SCOUTT initiative. He directed the Buprenorphine in the VA (BIV) which matriculated into the Medication Addiction Treatment in the VA (MAT-VA) Initiative Dr. Gordon is a board certified internal medicine (American Board of Internal Medicine) and addiction medicine physician (American Board of Preventive Medicine) and a Fellow in the American College of Physicians (FACP) and a Distinguished Fellow in the American Society of Addiction Medicine (DFASAM).

In addition to his roles in the VA Healthcare System, Dr. Gordon is the Elbert F. and Marie Christensen Endowed Research Professor, tenured Professor of Medicine and Psychiatry, at the University of Utah School of Medicine and is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Substance Abuse.*
South Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System  
San Antonio, Texas

The primary goals of our two-year fellowship are to train advanced fellows to be leaders who work in interdisciplinary healthcare teams to: (1) conduct innovative research in addictions, (2) learn skills to implement evidence-based clinical treatment for Veterans with substance use disorder, and (3) effectively create and manage clinical services and training initiatives.

Program Description

Fellows spend 75% time in educational, management, and research training, and up to 25% in direct clinical service. Fellows have individualized training and mentoring, to ensure a high quality learning experience. Advanced fellows join an academically rich and vibrant training environment alongside other interdisciplinary health professionals in programs within the VA and faculty affiliated with the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Research and Clinical Opportunities in Addiction

Previous mentors have had funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Veteran's Administration (VA), and the Department of Defense (DOD). Collaborative research and clinical opportunities are tailored to the fellows' career development plan.

Areas for research may include (but are not limited to):

- Alcohol and opioid use disorder pharmacotherapy
- Interdisciplinary research and clinical training
- Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in primary care settings
- VHA quality improvement program training (practice facilitation), implementation, and analysis with emphasis on alcohol use disorder prevention and management
- Co-morbid disorders
  - Chronic pain and substance use disorder
  - Polytrauma clinical triad (PCT) - TBI, PTSD, pain
  - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and substance use disorder

FELLOWS

Elizabeth Lehinger, PhD

Dr. Lehinger earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Seattle Pacific University in Seattle, Washington. She completed her doctoral internship in clinical psychology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Lehinger’s research interests include examining the role of emotional avoidance in substance use disorders and co-occurring conditions including chronic pain and post traumatic stress disorder. She is also interested in improving interventions for the reduction of opioid use in individuals with chronic pain and opioid use disorder through interprofessional collaboration.
DIRECTORS

Miguel Ybarra, Ph.D.

Dr. Ybarra completed his doctoral degree in Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his doctoral internship at the Howard University Counseling Service, with major rotations at the Howard University Hospital Department of Surgery's Transplant Service (Kidney/Liver) and the Superior Court of the District of Columbia completing psychological assessments with children and adolescents. Dr. Ybarra has been active in Supervision/Training since the completion of his Master's degree in 1992 and has been involved in training/supervision and with the Training Committee at the South Texas Veteran Healthcare System in San Antonio for the last ten years. He is currently the Training Director for the Clinical Fellowship at the STVHCS.
VA San Diego Healthcare System  
San Diego, California

Through a combination of interprofessional training opportunities, our goal is to prepare clinical/counseling psychology fellows and physician fellows for careers as independent addictions treatment providers, researchers, and leaders in the VA and/or an academic setting.

Program Description

The VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS) is one of seven sites selected for a VA-funded Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment. Our two-year Advanced Fellowship recruits clinical/counseling psychologists and physicians. The plan is to recruit one clinical/counseling psychologist and one board eligible or board certified physician each year. Advanced Fellows must demonstrate interest in pursuing VA careers with addiction treatment as a significant focus. Fellows will spend at least 75% of their time in educational experiences and clinical research in addiction treatment. No more than 25% of fellow effort shall be for non-educational clinical service.

Research and Clinical Opportunities in Addiction

Training consists of didactic coursework and seminars aimed at providing requisite skills for developing into an independent researcher. A central component of the program is an independent research project with extensive mentoring by senior faculty members. The program is enhanced by opportunities for other course work, patient care, and teaching based on training goals.

Research mentors hold appointments at VASDHS and/or the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). These include Drs. Tamara Wall and Scott Matthews (Co-Directors), Abigail Angkaw, Robert Anthenelli, Sandra Brown, Neal Doran, Eric Granholm, Igor Grant, Moira Haller, Joanna Jacobus, Mallory Loflin, Nick Mellos, Mark Myers, Sonya Norman, Marc Schuckit, Andrea Spadoni, Susan Tapert, Ryan Trim and Matthew Worley. Faculty research interests include comorbidity and treatment outcome research, tobacco-related research, brain imaging and neuropsychological sequelae, etiology and genetics of substance use disorders. See the UCSD, Department of Psychiatry website for research interests of faculty mentors as well as additional information about our affiliate.

Focal Areas

The VASDHS and UCSD Department of Psychiatry has many psychologists and psychiatrists who are recognized for their scientific contributions in the areas of alcohol and substance use disorders. Faculty research interests focus on comorbidity and treatment outcome research, tobacco-related research, brain imaging and neuropsychological sequelae, etiology and genetics of substance use disorders.
FELLOWS

John Correa, PhD

John Correa, Ph.D., is a second-year postdoctoral fellow in the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at VASDHS. He earned his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of South Florida and completed his predoctoral internship in the VASDHS/UCSD Psychology Internship Training Program. Dr. Correa’s clinical and research interests focus on the intersection between behavioral medicine and addiction psychology, with an emphasis on studying nicotine and tobacco use. Dr. Correa’s program of research has involved identifying motivators for tobacco use and factors that promote smoking cessation among populations associated with tobacco-related health disparities. Dr. Correa is especially interested in developing, evaluating, adapting, and disseminating evidence-based interventions for veterans who are using tobacco products, especially those with co-occurring mental health or substance use disorders. Dr. Correa’s research interests also include emerging nicotine and tobacco products, such as electronic cigarettes and hookah, and co-occurring use of tobacco and cannabis products.

Jessica Tripp, PhD

Jessica Tripp, Ph.D. earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Memphis and completed her pre-doctoral internship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Her graduate and postdoctoral research and clinical training is focused on treating individuals with posttraumatic stress disorder and co-occurring substance use disorders. Dr. Tripp’s research has examined mediators of the relationship between PTSD and substance use/suicidality, including trauma-related guilt and emotion dysregulation, as well as the construct of moral injury.

Kaitlyn Panza, PhD

Kaitlyn E. Panza, Ph.D. is a first-year postdoctoral fellow in the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at the VA San Diego Healthcare System (VASDHS). She earned her bachelor’s degree from Wellesley College and her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Arizona State University. She completed her predoctoral internship at the VASDHS, with a primary focus on the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance use disorders (SUD). Broadly, her research and clinical interests focus on developing, evaluating, and disseminating concurrent treatments for PTSD and SUD. Additionally, her research interests involve studying developmental antecedents and course of PTSD and SUD and exploring how interpersonal relationships and exposure to trauma contribute to the development and maintenance of these disorders. Her dissertation research, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (F31 DA043301), used growth mixture modeling to examine varying trajectories of substance use (tobacco, marijuana, alcohol) and high-risk sexual behavior throughout young adulthood, and subsequently investigated the effects of early trauma, and peer and family factors on the trajectories of these behaviors.
Alexander Kline, PhD

Alexander Kline, PhD is a first-year postdoctoral fellow in the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at the VASDHS. He earned his doctorate in clinical psychology from Case Western Reserve University under the mentorship of Norah Feeny, PhD. Dr. Kline completed his predoctoral internship in the VASDHS/UCSD Psychology Internship Training Program, with emphasis on the assessment and treatment of PTSD and dual diagnosis. His research interests focus on interventions for PTSD and related comorbidities such as substance use, with emphasis on studying ways to improve the efficacy and reach of these treatments. Dr. Kline’s research has examined processes and predictors linked to intervention outcomes, particularly treatment response and dropout.

DIRECTORS

Tamara Wall, PhD

Tamara L. Wall, Ph.D. is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). She received her B.A. in Psychology from UCSD and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Joint Doctoral Program between San Diego State University (SDSU) and UCSD. She completed an internship and a postdoctoral fellowship in Clinical Psychology at the University of California, San Francisco where she specialized in substance abuse services. Dr. Wall is Co-Director of the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at VASDHS and Associate Director of the SDSU-UCSD Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology. Her research interests focus on the etiology and course of substance use disorders, particularly alcohol use disorders. Dr. Wall is licensed as a psychologist in the state of California. She supervises doctoral students, psychology interns, and postdoctoral fellows who perform clinical rotations at VASDHS Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program.

Scott Matthews, MD

Scott C. Matthews, M.D. completed internship and residency in psychiatry at University of California San Diego (UCSD), and fellowship in UCSD’s Fellowship in Biological Psychiatry and Neuroscience. Dr. Matthews is currently Associate Professor of Psychiatry in Residence at UCSD, Co-Director of the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at VASDHS, and Medical Director of the ASPIRE Center at VASDHS. The ASPIRE Center is a 40 bed residential recovery treatment program for treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, alcohol and substance use disorders and other combat-related sequelae. In his role as Medical Director, Dr. Matthews oversees the clinical and research operations of the ASPIRE Center. Dr. Matthews is actively involved in the American Psychosomatic Society, and has served on several committees of this organization. Dr. Matthews' research program uses brain imaging and other methods to understand the neurobiological correlates of major mental illness.
VA Connecticut Healthcare System  
West Haven, Connecticut

The primary goal of this specialized, two-year Advanced Fellowship is to train future generations of VA leaders in addiction treatment and research and to prepare them to work within interprofessional health care settings.

Program Description

The VA Connecticut Healthcare System Interprofessional Fellowship program recruits one physician (MD or DO), one psychologist (PhD or PsyD), and one MDiv candidate for a 2-year training program. The training program emphasizes:

- clinical knowledge and skills in addiction treatment
- interprofessional education skills for teaching junior trainees and the broader community about addictive behaviors
- practice or policy guideline development
- applied research and implementation skills

Fellows participate in several training components. These include: (1) clinical rotations under the preceptorship of the faculty at training sites. Clinical opportunities include outpatient, intensive outpatient, and residential treatment for addictions, outpatient detoxification, medication therapies for opioid addiction, psychosocial rehabilitation, and integrated primary care mental health services; (2) formal core curriculum that is interdisciplinary and comprehensive; and (3) individual mentorship in which each trainee has a primary mentor assigned to him/her who matches the interests of the trainee. Fellows spend 75% of their time in educational, scholarly work and/or clinical research in addiction treatment; 25% of effort is spent on non-educational clinical services.

Research and Education and Quality Improvement Opportunities in Addiction Treatment

This component of training is tailored to the individual fellow and includes conducting an independent research/education or quality improvement project under the mentorship of one of the affiliated faculty members. Research mentors are all faculty at Yale School of Medicine. Fellows also can collaborate with members of our extensive research teams involved in the New England Mental Illness Research and Education Coordinating Center (MIRECC) and the Pain Research, Informatics, Multimorbidities, and Education (PRIME) Center. VA Connecticut Healthcare System has several competitive small funding opportunities via MIRECC, PRIME, and the Psychology Service to supplement pilot research work being conducted by fellows. In addition, the New England VISN continues to support a 2-year Career Development Award that is available for fellows’ application to extend their research training as early career scientists.

Focal Areas

VA Connecticut Healthcare System and Yale School of Medicine are renowned for their work in behavioral pharmacology and medications development, psychotherapy treatment development, randomized clinical trials, conditions co-occurring with addiction (chronic pain, PTSD, serious mental illness), health services and implementation science.
FELLOWS

Jordan Sloshower, MD

Jordan Sloshower, MD, MSc is a research fellow in addiction psychiatry at Yale University/West Haven VA and a recent graduate of the psychiatry residency at Yale University. He was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada and completed a master's degree in medical anthropology at the University of Edinburgh prior to entering medical school at Yale. During his medical training, Jordan pursued global health research and clinical opportunities in India, Nepal, Ecuador, Peru, and South Africa. While in residency, his research focused on the therapeutic application of psychedelic substances and plants and he co-founded the Yale Psychedelic Science Group. His current research project is a clinical trial of psilocybin-assisted therapy in the treatment of depression, also involving EEG markers of neuroplasticity. Jordan's clinical interests include integrative psychiatry, psychodynamic and mindfulness-based psychotherapy, community-based mental health, and the treatment of mood and substance use disorders.

Kristen Serowik, PhD

Dr. Serowik earned her PhD from Suffolk University in Boston, MA and completed her predoctoral internship in Clinical and Community Psychology at Yale University School of Medicine. She is dedicated to the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based treatments for those struggling with substance use disorders. Dr. Serowik's dissertation examined the efficacy of a self-help version of an acceptance-based behavioral intervention, with the aim of providing an efficacious alternative to individuals who may not otherwise access mental health. Currently she is participating on an implementation project studying Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral (SBIRT) for veterans with risky substance use, who have active Compensation and Pension claims for a musculoskeletal condition. She is also working on an initiative to provide education to healthcare professionals about substance use disorder as a way to minimize stigma and to increase the availability of efficacious treatments for addiction.

Holly Heikkila, MDiv

Rev. Holly Heikkila is a Pentecostal minister and 2016 graduate of Regent University’s Master of Divinity program with a focus in Chaplaincy and Coaching. She completed a Chaplaincy Residency at the Hampton Roads’ Veterans Health Administration with an especial focus in Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Hospice environments. Through residency, Rev. Heikkila became most passionate about supporting veterans that were in treatment for Substance Use Disorders (SUD’s). Through providing one-on-one support and facilitating weekly spirituality groups, it became clear that many veterans struggled with moral injury, significant grief, and/or challenges with local faith communities. Rev. Heikkila also became passionate about providing emotional, spiritual and/or religious support to Clinical Staff in the ever-changing healthcare environment(s).

Rev. Heikkila hopes to develop Mindfulness-Based Meditation program(s) that skillfully utilize Spirituality and/or Religion for future use in Chaplaincy Departments across the Veterans Health Administration. Through such research and/or program development efforts, Rev. Heikkila hopes to enable more Veterans and Clinical Professionals to receive meaningful emotional, spiritual and/or religious support from Chaplaincy Departments across the Veterans Health Administration.
DIRECTORS

Ismene Petrakis, MD

Dr. Ismene Petrakis is a Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine and the Director of the Mental Health Service Line at VA Connecticut Healthcare System (VACHS) since July 2010. Dr. Petrakis completed residency training at Yale School of Medicine and then a NIDA-funded addiction psychiatry clinical/research fellowship. She joined the faculty in 1992. Prior to July 2010, she was the Director of the Substance Abuse Treatment Program of the VACHS since 1996. Dr. Petrakis is also the Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Residency at Yale, an ACGME-accredited program and the PI of a NIDA-funded training grant (T32). Her research interests are predominately two-fold: (1) finding appropriate treatments for dually diagnosed individuals and (2) understanding the neurobiological mechanisms underlying alcohol dependence. She has received funding from the Department of Defense, NIH-NIAAA, the VA, NARSAD and the Stanley Foundation.

Steve Martino, PhD

Dr. Steve Martino is a Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine and the Chief of Psychology at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System. He completed his postdoctoral fellowship training at Yale School of Medicine and joined the faculty in 1991. He specializes in the treatment of addictive disorders and of patients diagnosed with co-occurring psychiatric problems, with specific interests in motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral therapy, group work, use of brief interventions in medical settings, and clinical supervision. His current research focuses on strategies for disseminating and implementing empirically supported treatments in community treatment programs and medical settings.

Ellen Edens, MD

Dr. Ellen Edens is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine. In 2002, Dr. Edens received her MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and subsequently completed residency training in psychiatry at Washington University in St. Louis. She completed advanced training in addiction psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine and then a VA-funded addiction psychiatry clinical/research fellowship. She joined the faculty in 2011. Dr. Edens is also the Associate Director of the Addiction Psychiatry Residency at Yale, an ACGME-accredited program, where she oversees the program's didactic curriculum and clinical supervision. Her clinical and research interests dovetail in the area of comorbid addiction and pain. She is currently involved in a clinic designed to assess veterans with chronic pain and long-term opioid treatment. Additionally, she is working to develop a curriculum to train addiction clinicians and psychiatry fellows in the identification, assessment, management and referral of pain complaints.
Dr. David Pilkey is a clinical psychologist and the Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse sections of the Psychology Service, Deputy Director of the Substance Abuse Firm, and Director of the Substance Abuse Day Program. He is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine. In 2000 Dr. Pilkey earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Syracuse University. He has research and clinical interests in the field of addictive behaviors, with a particular emphasis in addictions treatment, evaluation, and training.
IV. FELLOW AND DIRECTOR ALUMNI

Alumni Fellows

Natalie Aldrich, MSW

Natalie Aldrich received her Masters of Social Work degree with a concentration in health care from the University of Wisconsin Madison. Ms. Aldrich has interests in research and implementation of Contingency Management at this clinic and in best practice intervention models to prevent HIV/AIDs risk in the Veteran population. She is interested in furthering exposure to this area with applying education models at this clinic from research and research publishing in regards to addiction treatment. During her fellowship, she developed curriculum and implemented Contingency Management in a group context unique to the Madison VA. Ms. Aldrich participated in the fellowship from August 2017 to February 2018 and is now an AODA Social Worker at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI.

Jessica Armstrong, PhD

Dr. Armstrong earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Clark University in Worcester, MA, and completed her doctoral internship in Clinical and Community Psychology through the Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Armstrong’s fellowship work focused on treating Veterans with multimorbid conditions (e.g., SUD, PTSD, and chronic pain) using evidence-based psychotherapies, conducting research on the relationship between stress and psychopathology, and helping to develop and implement an interprofessional training program to increase hope and optimism in treating SUDs in interprofessional settings. Dr. Armstrong participated in the fellowship from September 2017 through October 2018 followed by a position as a Licensed Psychologist at My Doctor Medical Group in San Francisco, CA.

Curtis Bone, MD

Dr. Bone earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Bone’s fellowship work focused on special populations (i.e. women, patients with chronic pain, incarcerated individuals) in addiction medicine. Dr. Bone participated in the fellowship from November 2016 to August 2018 at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System and has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ty Brumback, PhD

Dr. Brumback earned his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of South Florida. Dr. Brumback's fellowship research included investigation of marijuana's effects on neurocognition, as well as the identification and integration of biomarkers related to substance use problems into prevention and intervention strategies. Dr. Brumback participated in the fellowship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from September 2015 through July 2017 followed by a position as an Assistant Professor at Northern Kentucky University.
Angela Busch, PhD

Dr. Busch received her PhD from Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego, CA. Dr. Busch’s fellowship work was related to adherence clinical practice guidelines and pharmacotherapy recommendations for management of SUD/PTSD. Dr. Busch was active in the fellowship at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI from September 2014 through December 2015 and is now a Psychologist at the Oxford BOP, Federal Prison.

Dina Chivara, PhD

Dr. Chivara earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Community Psychology from DePaul University and completed her clinical internship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine-Birmingham VA Medical Center Consortium. Her professional interests include the intersection of substance abuse and criminal justice-involvement, homelessness, implementation science, quality improvement, and health services research. Dr. Chavira’s fellowship work focused on quality improvement in residential addictions treatment; her main project was a formative evaluation that examined group programming practices and front-line provider perspectives to improve evidence-based practices among the interdisciplinary team. Dr. Chavira participated in the fellowship at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System (STVHCS) from September 2017 to August 2018 when she started a position as an APA Clinical Psychology Residency Fellow at STVHCS.

Inga Curry, PhD

Dr. Curry received her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Wyoming. Dr. Curry’s clinical and research fellowship work was related to risk and resiliency factors related to the development and maintenance of substance use problems and integrating such factors into prevention and intervention strategies for substance use disorders. Dr. Curry participated in the fellowship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from August 2016 through May 2017 and took a position as an SUD/PTSD Psychologist at the VA San Diego Healthcare System.

Brian Earl, MDiv, BCC

Brian Earl, MDiv., BCC earned his Masters of Divinity (MDiv) at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He is a Board Certified Chaplain (BCC) with the National Association of Veteran Affairs Chaplains (NAVAC). In his fellowship Brian had two major research interests: One, to equip and empower Chaplains to provide spiritual care to those dealing with addiction; and, two, to better integrate spirituality and chaplaincy into the overall addiction treatment interdisciplinary team. Additionally, since Brian was the first Chaplain Fellow as a part of the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment, he had the distinct joy, honor and adventure of developing a space and role for chaplains in West Haven now and for future fellows. He participated in the fellowship at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System from October 2017 through July 2019. He then started his new position as a Chaplain at the New Mexico VA Healthcare System in Albuquerque, NM. There he is continuing to use his research training to conduct research into integrating chaplains, religion and spirituality into addiction treatment.
Ms. Edge received her Masters of Social Work degree with a clinical concentration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her fellowship work focused on program improvement, through development of the LGBT-Affirming Services Change Project. Ms. Edge participated in the fellowship at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI from August 2015 to March 2017 and started a position as an Addictive Disorders Treatment Program Social Worker at the William S. Middleton VA Hospital.

Jessica Engle, PhD

Jessica Engle, PhD earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Engle has research interests in interventions to address healthcare disparities among minority populations with addiction, system-based approaches to reducing tobacco use, mechanisms of developing addiction, and trans-diagnostic behavioral treatments for co-occurring disorders. Dr. Engle participated in the fellowship from September 2017 through 2018 at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and is now a PTSD-Substance Use Disorder Specialist at the same VA Medical Center.

Shalu Gugnani, MD

Dr. Gugnani earned her M.D. from the University of Illinois-Rockford, and did residency training at Meharry/Vanderbilt Alliance. Dr. Gugnani was active in the fellowship at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI from November 2014 to October 2015. She then joined Northwest Community Hospital in partnership with Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, located in Arlington Heights, IL, as Medical Director of Addiction Medicine which includes treatment at various levels of care including residential.

Jeffrey P. Haibach, PhD, MPH

Dr. Haibach completed his doctorate degree in Community Health and Health Behavior at the University at Buffalo. His fellowship scholarly work involved quality improvement projects related to multiple health behavior change and the potential of dietary improvement and physical activity as adjuncts to addiction treatment, recovery and prevention, including the evaluation of a wellness group for VA Pittsburgh’s Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Unit. Following his participation in the fellowship at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System from July 2014 through July 2016, Dr. Haibach accepted a position as a Health Science Officer at the VA Central Office.

Moira Haller, PhD

Dr. Haller received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Arizona State University. Dr. Haller’s fellowship work centered on better understanding and treating individuals with substance use disorders and co-occurring PTSD or other psychopathology. Dr. Haller participated in the fellowship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from July 2014 to January 2016. She is now a Staff Psychologist at the San Diego VA, as well as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at University of California, San Diego.
Melodie Isgro, MD

Dr. Isgro obtained her MD from the University of Florida's College of Medicine. Dr. Isgro's fellowship research focused on treatments for patients with co-morbid mental illness and addiction and how an individual's response to different types of stressors may affect craving. Dr. Isgro participated in the fellowship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from August 2014 through March 2016 and is now a clinical Addiction Medicine physician specialist in Anchorage, Alaska.

Nicholas Livingston, PhD

Dr. Livingston received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Montana. He completed his predoctoral internship through VA Boston Healthcare System, in affiliation with Boston University School of Medicine and Harvard Medical School. His program of research consists of (1) studying the effects of discrimination and trauma on mental health and substance use outcomes; (2) identifying mental health disparities and individualized treatment needs of veterans and LGBTQ individuals; and (3) intervention technology development and implementation to treat co-occurring PTSD and substance use disorders. Dr. Livingston completed the fellowship at VA Boston in August 2019 and subsequently accepted a position as Staff Research Psychologist in the Behavioral Science Division of the National Center for PTSD, with an appointment of Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine.

Amy Loree, PhD

Dr. Loree earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Wayne State University. Her fellowship work focused on clinical interventions for substance use in the perinatal period. Dr. Loree participated in the fellowship at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System from August 2015 through June 2017 and then started a position as an Assistant Scientist at Henry Ford Health System, Detroit, MI.

Ajay Manhapra, MD

Dr. Manhapra is an internist who participated in the fellowship at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System from July 2014 through July 2016. He is now an Attending Physician at the Hampton VA Medical Center, Hampton, Virginia where he established Advanced PACT Pain Clinic. Clinically, he is focused on developing a primary care based model for management of severe disabling chronic pain. He continues his research started during the fellowship in the following areas: pain and opioid dependence, OAT retention among those with OUD, and PTSD and SUD.

Rebecca M. McCarthy, PharmD, TTS

Dr. McCarthy completed her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2013 at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. During her fellowship she developed an educational intervention to increase awareness and reduce the stigma of substance use disorders. Following her participation in the fellowship at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System from July 2016 to July 2017, Dr. McCarthy entered a PGY2 Psych Pharmacy Residency at VAPHS. Dr. McCarthy is now a staff pharmacist in the Interdisciplinary Pain Team at VAPHS.
David Lee McCluskey, PhD

David Lee McCluskey earned his PhD in clinical psychology from West Virginia University. Dr. McCluskey has three major clinical and research interests: 1) Understanding the function of avoidance within the context of comorbid PTSD and substance misuse in combat veterans, 2) The use of behavioral economic, operant, and classical conditioning approaches to understand said functional relations, and 3) The examination/utilization of TAPS (Treating Avoidance in PTSD and Substance use disorder) as a means of addressing said functional relations. Dr. McCluskey participated in the fellowship from September 2017 to May 2019 at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System (STVHCS) and accepted a position as a Staff Psychologist at the STVHCS post-fellowship.

Bryan Messina, PhD

Bryan Messina earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Auburn University and completed his internship at the NMVAHCS/Southwestern Consortium in Albuquerque, NM. His graduate and postdoctoral research training focused on behavioral economics, addictions, brief interventions, and psychometrics. His primary research interests are in the utility of behavioral economics as both an assessment and intervention methodology. Dr. Messina participated in the fellowship from August 2017 through August 2019 at the VA San Diego Healthcare System where he examined the impact of brief interventions on the reduction of opioid use in individuals with chronic pain and opioid use disorder. He currently works as a Staff Psychologist at the Austin VA Outpatient Clinic in Austin, TX.

Michael A. Mitchell, MA

Mr. Mitchell received his MA in Applied Psychological Research from Penn State University – Harrisburg. His fellowship work examined patient-centered care using innovative qualitative and mixed-methods to explore patients' perspectives with behavioral healthcare utilization, and particularly those patients with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders through a photo-elicitation project with homeless veterans. Mr. Mitchell participated in the fellowship at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System from September 2013 through February 2015 and is now leading a unit conducting client experience research and evaluation at Allegheny County Department of Human Services.

Andrew Naglich, PharmD

Dr. Naglich graduated from the University of Missouri- Kansas City School of Pharmacy in 2014. His fellowship research activities focused on pharmacotherapy for dual diagnosis patients, dual diagnosis outcome research, and implementing pharmacoepidemiologic methods to improve understanding of medication effects in dual diagnosis patients. Dr. Naglich participated in the fellowship from August 2016 through January 2019 at the VA North Texas Healthcare System. He then began a position as a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist on the Outpatient Mental Health Team at the McAllen VA Medical Center.
Maria Niculete, PhD

Dr. Niculete received her doctoral degree from the University of Missouri in Clinical Psychology. Her fellowship project focused on an evaluation of the Opioid Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Initiative. Dr. Niculete participated in the fellowship at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System from September 2014 to August 2016 and is now a Staff Psychologist in the PTSD-RRTP Program and Local EBP Coordinator at the West Haven VA.

Naomi Nystrom, PsyD

Dr. Nystrom received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Midwestern University in Downers Grove, IL. Dr. Nystrom’s fellowship work was on the effect of tobacco exposure and cessation on the interrelated outcomes of incident dementia, nursing home placement, and death. Dr. Nystrom participated in the fellowship at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital from September 2016 to September 2018 and is now a Neuropsychologist for the MN Department of Human Services.

Shuang Ouyang, PharmD, BCPS

Dr. Ouyang received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Georgia in 2012. Dr. Ouyang’s fellowship research included a project on clinical outcome difference among veterans receiving outpatient group psychotherapy with Seeking Safety or Cognitive Processing Therapy. Dr. Ouyang participated in the fellowship at the South Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System in San Antonio, TX from August 2014 through August 2016 and is now a Clinical Pharmacy Specialist at the South Texas VA.

Angela Petersen, PhD

Angela Petersen earned her Ph.D. in Human Services Psychology at the University of Maryland Baltimore County with emphases in Clinical Psychology and Behavioral Medicine. She completed her clinical internship at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison, WI. Her primary clinical and research interests are in tobacco use among behavioral health populations and translational and implementation aspects of integrating best practices into clinical settings. She is also interested more broadly in tobacco control including policy design, implementation, and enforcement for educational and healthcare campuses. Dr. Petersen participated in the fellowship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from September 2016 to March 2018 followed by a position as a psychologist at the VASDHS Aspire Center and providing psychological and addiction services to homeless female Veterans.

Michel Philippe, PsyD

Dr. Philippe received his Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Forensic Psychology from Carlos Albizu University – Miami campus. His primary interests focus on reintegration for previously incarcerated Veterans, and understanding post-institutional adjustment. Dr. Philippe participated in the fellowship from September 2016 through January 2019 at the VA North Texas Healthcare System. While at this fellowship, he presented his dissertation findings at the 23rd Annual National Black Graduate Conference in Psychology at Prairie View A&M University (located in Prairie View, TX) and at the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health at Charles University (located in Prague, Czech Republic). He then conducted a study on the Brief Addiction Monitor (BAM) to evaluate the
predictive validity on treatment successes and re-incarceration. This study, as well as a descriptive analysis of the BAM, was presented at the 126th APA Annual Convention (held in San Francisco, CA). On January 2019, he started a position as a Staff Psychologist for the Intensive Outpatient Program for substance abuse at the Dallas VA Medical Center.

Gina Poole LaPosta, PhD

Dr. Poole LaPosta received her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Her dissertation research examined fatherhood as a predictor of intimate partner violence treatment engagement and response. She completed her internship at the VA Boston Healthcare System where she specialized in addictions and PTSD. Dr. Poole completed the fellowship in 2017 at VA Boston. Her fellowship research focused on the intersecting areas of addictions, trauma, and family dynamics. She also conducted program evaluation research for a dual diagnosis residential substance use treatment program at VA Boston. Dr. Poole is now a PTSD and Substance Use Specialist at VA Boston. Her primary clinical and research interests are in the areas of intimate partner violence, PTSD, substance use, couples treatment, and parenting.

Marianne Pugatch, MSW

Ms. Pugatch is a master's level licensed independent clinical social worker and a doctoral candidate at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. Ms. Pugatch's fellowship research focused on predictors of referral to treatment for OEF/OIF veterans with a positive alcohol screen. Ms. Pugatch participated in the fellowship from September 2014 to September 2017 and is now a Research Project Manager at the VA Boston Healthcare System.

Walter Roberts, PhD

Dr. Roberts graduated from the University of Kentucky with PhD in Clinical Psychology in 2016 and he completed a NIDA research training fellowship at the Yale School of Medicine in 2018. He joined the VA as an Interprofessional Advanced Fellow in Addiction Treatment in August of 2018. Dr. Roberts' fellowship work leveraged large scale epidemiological and administrative record data to examine the health consequences of tobacco cigarette and e-cigarette use in Veteran and nonveteran populations. He participated in this fellowship at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System until June 2019 when he received a K23 career development award from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to study mobile health biosensors. He is currently an associate research scientist in the Department of Psychiatry at Yale University.

Sean Robinson, PhD

Dr. Robinson received his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the Nova Southeastern Center for Psychological Studies in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Dr. Robinson's scholarly work included an investigation of the impact of labels, stigma, and historical context in substance use disorders and patient care. He participated in the fellowship at the Dallas VA Health Care System from October 2015 to April 2017 and now works as a Clinical Psychologist in the Addiction Treatment Center at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System.
Michael Rountree, MD

Michael Rountree, MD moved his family up from the North Carolina mountains to pursue his passion for addiction treatment. Dr. Rountree is a graduate of St George's University, and has worked around the world in positions as varied as U.S. Army Medical Officer to locum tenens physician. Everywhere he has been, drug dependence and addiction were the chief concerns his patients, fellow providers, and community leaders, so he decided to dedicate his professional life to its treatment.

Shaddy Saba, MSW

Mr. Saba received his Master of Arts degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago's School of Social Service Administration in 2015. Mr. Saba's fellowship work focused on marginalized groups such as homeless Veterans, and integrative medicine treatments such as mindfulness-based interventions. Mr. Saba participated in the fellowship from August 2015 to February 2017 at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. He is now a Social Worker at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Amy Schreiner, PhD

Dr. Schreiner received her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology in 2014 from the University of Central Florida. She was active in the fellowship from September 2014 through August 2016 at the VA Boston Healthcare System. Her fellowship research project included the development and evaluation of technology-based interventions for substance use and co-occurring disorders. Dr. Schreiner’s next position post-fellowship was as an Associate Research Scientist/Project Coordinator at The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse.

Ramona Shayegani, PharmD

Dr. Shayegani received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Oregon State University in June 2014. Dr. Shayegani's fellowship research project focused on the patterns and correlates of zolpidem use among U.S. Veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dr. Shayegani participated in the fellowship program at the South Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System in San Antonio, Texas from July 2015 to December 2016 when she started a position as the Academic Detailing Program Manager at the Las Vegas VA.

Alletia Smith, LMSW

Ms. Smith received her Masters of Science degree in Social Work from the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Social Work in May 2016. Ms. Smith's fellowship work focused on the study of mental health provider behaviors prior to interventions for Alcohol Use Disorder. Ms. Smith participated in the fellowship at the South Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System from August 2016 through December 2017.
Timothy J. Sowicz, PhD

Dr. Sowicz obtained his Ph.D. in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and participated in the fellowship at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS) from September 2016 through July 2018. During this time he received competitive funding from the VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP) and the Center for the Evaluation of Patient Aligned Care Teams (CEPACT) to study the experiences of Veterans and health care providers who participated in an opioid use review clinic. As a nurse practitioner, he also provided primary care services at VAPHS and completed buprenorphine waiver training. Dr. Sowicz is now an assistant professor (tenure track) at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Kangwon Song, PharmD

Dr. Song received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy where her research training focused on evaluating and improving medication-use processes for acute and chronic pain at the institution level. Dr. Song participated in the Interdisciplinary Addiction Treatment Fellowship at the South Texas Veterans Affairs Healthcare System in San Antonio, TX from August 2014 through August 2016. Her fellowship scholarly work included a review of opioid misuse factors in the chronic pain population and patterns of central nervous system medication use among Post-9/11 Veterans. Currently, Dr. Song is working as an inpatient clinical pharmacist at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System while further developing her expertise in using automated databases and pharmacoepidemiology research methodologies through her work on two projects: Trajectories of Pain and Pain Treatment in Veterans with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (and the Chronic Effects of Neurotrauma Consortium Epidemiology Study (Aim 3 San Antonio: Trajectories of Persistent Comorbidity in Warfighters with Mild TBI).

Robin Tan, PhD

Dr. Tan earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology at the University of South Florida and completed her clinical internship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Dr. Tan was active in the fellowship from August 2017 through June 2018 at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. Her clinical training has focused on trauma, addiction, neuropsychology, and health psychology. Dr. Tan has completed research examining biological pathways to substance use, and during her fellowship, she continued her research on the etiology and development of substance use disorders and how substance use affects emotional and neuropsychological functioning during development. Dr. Tan is now a Health Economics and Outcomes Research Analyst with Xcenda LLC.

Francisco Tejeda, MD

Dr. Tejeda attained his Bachelors in Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in Biology and his medical doctorate from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. He attained his M.S.P.H. and completed his General Preventive Medicine residency at Meharry Medical College. His interests have been dedicated on helping others to achieve and maintain a healthy lifestyle by educating on the ill effects of tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drug use which have plagued the Native American population along with the general population as whole. Dr. Tejeda participated in the fellowship at the VA San Diego Healthcare System from July 2017 through August 2019. He then accepted a position as a primary attending physician at the VA San Diego Healthcare System.
Mona Thapa, MD

Dr. Thapa received her medical degree from Nepal Medical College Teaching Hospital. Her fellowship work was related to her strong interest in Global Mental Health. Dr. Thapa participated in the fellowship at the VA Connecticut Healthcare system from January 2016 to November 2016 and accepted a position as a Physician at Sheppard Pratt Medical Center, Towson, Maryland.

Matthew Thomas, MD

Dr. Thomas completed his medical degree and family medicine residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford. Dr. Thomas’ fellowship research included a study of raising awareness amongst primary care physicians and other non-addiction medicine specialists about management of substance use disorders. Dr. Thomas participated in the fellowship at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, WI from October 2015 to March 2017 and took a position as a Family physician and addictionologist at Swedish American Hospital, Rockford, IL.

Alumni Directors

Bryon Adinoff, MD

Bryon Adinoff, M.D. is internationally recognized for his clinical translation research. Dr. Adinoff obtained his medical training at Michigan State University (1979), completed his residency in psychiatry at Tulane University (1983), and obtained a fellowship in the Laboratory of Clinical Studies at the National Institutes on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism at the NIH (1986). He is a tenured Professor at the UTSW and is a Distinguished Professor of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Research and Chief of the Division on Addictions in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Adinoff has been a full-time VA physician since 1988, first as the director of the substance abuse program at the Charleston, SC (1988-1995) and then at the DVAMC (1995-2005). Dr. Adinoff chairs the V17 SUD Leadership Council and VANTHCS Addictions Council, MH Research Committee, and MH Clinician’s Promotion Board. He has been awarded continuous funding from the NIH and/or VA since his arrival in Dallas, primarily in the area of clinical translational research, using neuroendocrine or imaging probes to assess neurobiological disruptions in addiction. He has published over 125 articles and chapters, recently co-edited the book Neuroimaging in Addiction, and is editor of The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Dr. Adinoff will oversee the Scholarship Experience.

Valerie Ahl, PhD

Dr. Ahl is Director of Psychology Training and the Comorbid Disorders/SUD Psychologist at the Madison VAMC. Dr. Ahl has been supervising students in team-based inpatient, residential and outpatient care for 13 years. Dr. Ahl has published a book on general systems theory, and has extensive training in Leadership Development and Systems Redesign methods such as VA TAMMCS and NIATx. At the Addictive Disorders Treatment Program (ADTP) Dr. Ahl has increased use of evidence-based treatments, and continuous symptom monitoring, to improve treatment efficiency and quality. The ADTP treatment team includes peer support, Ph.D.s, MDs, an RN and LPN, and SWs specializing in addiction treatment, VA homeless programs, VA supported employment programs, justice outreach, and suicide prevention.
Lauren M. Broyles, PhD, RN

Dr. Lauren M. Broyles is a full-time Research Health Scientist and Core Faculty member at the VA Pittsburgh Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion (CHERP), and Core Investigator with the VA’s VISN 4 Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC). Dr. Broyles also serves as Co-Director of the Pittsburgh site for the VA Office of Academic Affiliations' Advanced Interprofessional Fellowship in Addictions Treatment.

Dr. Broyles is a nurse investigator with advanced training in health services research, and is the recipient of a five-year VA Career Development Award. Her program of research focuses on alcohol screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) in inpatient and primary care settings. In addition to her research activities, she serves as Chair of the inpatient SBIRT performance measurement implementation team for the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Dr. Broyles holds academic appointments as an Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Assistant Professor of Clinical and Translational Science at the University of Pittsburgh, and Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing.

Randall Chipman, MSW

Mr. Chipman has worked in Addictions Treatment for over 24 years. He played an integral role in the development of ADTP, moving from clinical roles into leadership and management. His training as a teacher (BS-Education) and certification as an Independent Clinical Supervisor are unique, valuable assets for the fellowship. He has broad clinical experience in providing, teaching and mentoring individual and group therapy skills. For the past 21 years he has worked extensively with a broad range of interns from UW-Madison and facilitated learning in an interdisciplinary addictions treatment model providing evidence-based treatments and wrap-around social work case management. Mr. Chipman is currently pursuing interests in implementing measurement-guided care in addictions, building a multidisciplinary team model that can provide long-term care to panels of patients with addictions and co-occurring disorders, building capacity and skill for treating co-occurring disorders in addictions and fostering the integration of treatment for tobacco into diverse settings.

Michael Dawes, MD

Michael Dawes, M.D. is Medical Director of the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System Substance Abuse Treatment Program (STVHCS SATP). He is Co-Director of the VA OAA-sponsored STVHCS Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment, and is a mentor in a National Institutes of Health-Funded T-32. Dr. Dawes received undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (Go Heels!) He is board certified in Adult and Addiction Psychiatry and has training and experience in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He has been the recipient of a Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). His research experience since completing his K-award includes being PI and Co-Investigator on numerous clinical studies and prospective studies funded by the NIH. Themes include examining the relationships among impulsivity, substance use disorders, and suicidal behavior in adolescents and adults. Currently, his major research interest is in Implementation Science. Dr. Dawes is a site PI for a multi-site study, entitled: "A Multi-Faceted Intervention to Improve Alcohol Dependence Pharmacotherapy Access."
Emma Mata-Galan, PsyD

Dr. Emma Mata-Galan, is the Chief of Psychology at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System. Her training and experience consist of treating trauma survivors, running bilingual interdisciplinary pain management programs in Dallas, testing of monolingual patients, and group work with sex offenders. Dr. Mata-Galan currently conducts Cognitive Processing Therapy which combines weekly individual and group psychotherapy for chronic PTSD patients and is a VISN 17 CPT Trainer. She has been an adjunct professor at Our Lady of the Lake University teaching in the areas of consultation for mental health clinicians, the mental health needs of returning veterans and multiculturalism. Currently she is a Clinical Assistant Professor for the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and is an APA site visitor for the Commission on Accreditation

Troy Moore, PharmD, MS, BCPP

Troy A. Moore, Pharm.D., MS, BCPP received his PharmD from the University of New Mexico College of Pharmacy in 2003. He subsequently attended the University of Texas at Austin College, receiving his Master of Science in Pharmacy in 2005 while completing a 2-year Psychiatric Pharmacy at the San Antonio State Hospital and the South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS). He joined the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Department of Psychiatry, Division of Schizophrenia and Related Disorders in 2005 and became Assistant Professor in 2007. He joined the STVHCS as Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in Psychiatry in 2010 where he serves the Substance Abuse and Domiciliary Programs. He is currently is the Director of the ASHP accredited PGY-2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residency at STVHCS, Co-Director of the Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at STVHCS, serves as the Chair of the STVHCS Pharmacy Professional Standards Board, serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties Specialty Council on Psychiatric Pharmacy, and previously served as the Member-at-Large on the Board of Director for the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists.
V. FELLOW SUMMARY

The following tables describe our 18 current and 42 alumni fellows, detailing their degree, field of study, and dates of fellowship participation. Our fellows represent a variety of disciplines including chaplaincy, clinical psychology, health behavior, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, psychology, and social work. Many of our alumni fellows have moved into clinical and research positions in VA settings: Twenty-five of our 42 alumni (60%) accepted employment in VA settings immediately following the fellowship. In addition, seven alumni were employed in non-VA clinical settings, six were employed in non-VA research settings, and two accepted non-VA leadership roles after their fellowship.

Current Fellows (n=18)*

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VI.  COORDINATING CENTER HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

The OAA National Coordinating Center of VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment initiated activities on July 1, 2015 at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. The purpose of the Coordinating Center is to develop, manage, and promote VA interdisciplinary addiction fellows and fellowships through 1) education-facilitating fellows’ achievement of core competencies in addiction care and research through the development and implementation of a national interdisciplinary addiction curriculum; 2) coordination-facilitating liaison opportunities between the sites and VA leadership, coordinating and overseeing site program leadership, and assuming responsibility for routine program operations; 3) recruitment-coordinating the national recruitment of Advanced Fellows; and 4) promotion-disseminating VA Advanced Addiction Fellowships scholarly work.

Education

The Coordinating Center facilitates fellows’ achievement of core competencies in addiction care and research through the promotion and dissemination of educational material on VA Sharepoint and websites. It also provides comprehensive, competency-driven interdisciplinary training through a 60-minute, monthly call for Fellows that promotes a culture of collaborative learning and interaction among Fellows and Site Directors. The monthly calls are focused on professional development and interprofessional research training, with each topic being done in blocks of three months. This two-year curriculum exposes each fellow to all topics with no repetition. Curriculum materials can be viewed at the SUD Sharepoint site. In FY19, the Coordinating Center developed and offered additional curricular options; Insight Oriented Leadership and the VA SUD Treatment Foundational Seminar Series.

*Insight Oriented Leadership (IOL)*: In October and November 2018, first year fellows were offered the option to participate in this 6-session virtual leadership curriculum. IOL was developed and led by Donna LaPaglia PsyD, of Yale University. During the course, 5 fellows met weekly to develop leadership identity, clarity and confidence through self-reflective learning, peer discussion and feedback (Appendix A). The course received positive reviews from fellows and will be offered to a wider audience of fellows in FY20. A poster describing the curricular offering and outcomes was presented at the Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction (AMERSA) National Conference in Boston (Appendix B).

*VA SUD Treatment Foundational Seminar Series*: During FY19, the Coordinating Center partnered with leadership of the VA Center of Excellence in Substance Addiction Treatment and Education (CESATE) Fellowship to develop a cross-fellowship, foundational seminar and discussion series. Planning and development of this three-session series involved stakeholders and leadership from several program offices including; VA Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention – SUD; Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA), National Chaplain Center, Peer Support Services, Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office, Program Evaluation and Resource Center (PERC), VA National OEND Initiative, and Academic Detailing. The introductory session for fellows from both programs was held in September 2019. The three remaining sessions will be presented in FY20. Each of the three sessions will include a national seminar followed by cross-fellowship small group discussion. The promotional flier for this offering can be seen in Appendix C.

Coordination

The Coordinating Center facilitates liaison opportunities between the sites and VA leadership by coordinating and overseeing site program leadership, conducting monthly Site Director calls and quarterly OAA calls, distributing OAA national guidelines, procedures and resources to sites, maintaining email groups for the Fellows, Site Directors, alumni, and other affiliated colleagues, and serving as a central hub to assist with solving site-specific challenges.
Recruitment

Fellows are recruited both by the local sites and the National Coordinating Center. Nationally, fellows are recruited in several ways. The Coordinating Center creates printed and electronic material advertising opportunities for Advanced Fellowship slots at all sites, initiates individual email contact with pre-doctoral students who have obtained dissertation funding in a relevant field as identified through a search of the NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool, reaches potential applicants at national conferences via posters and conference networking, posts fellowship information on relevant listservs, sends emails to the directors of psychology and internal and preventive medicine programs local to the 7 fellowship sites, and posts recruitment ads via national addiction organizations. The Coordinating Center encourages alumni and affiliated colleagues to share information during the fall, the prime season for recruiting fellows.

Promotion and Dissemination

Fellowship information and scholarly works are disseminated in several ways by the Coordinating Center. We maintain an internal Sharepoint site for Fellows and Fellowship Directors as a repository for e-newsletters, annual reports, and other recruitment/promotional materials to facilitate sharing of resources. We publish a bimonthly e-newsletter (Appendix D) for Fellows, Fellowship Directors, and stakeholders that promotes upcoming events, disseminates accomplishments of the Fellows/Directors, and provides educational enrichment. We maintain a website to assist with coordination, recruitment and promotion activities including descriptions of all the sites, links to local websites, and listings of current Advanced Fellows and alumni. We provide an annual report of the National Coordinating Center and local site activities, which serves additionally as an evaluation function. We direct presentations to national stakeholders as requested regarding Fellowship Sites/National Coordinating Center activities, and share resources with other addiction fellowships and professionals.
VII. MAJOR COORDINATING CENTER ACTIVITIES IN FY2019

Development and Implementation of a National Fellowship Curriculum

- Updated the two-year national fellowship curriculum focused on interprofessional research and professional development; materials include slides with presenter notes, articles/reading lists, and supplemental activities (e.g., self-assessment questionnaires, development of professional mission statements)
- Delivered and moderated the above curriculum via a series of monthly 60-minute "webinars" conducted via VA Skype
- Piloted a virtual, case-based, 6-week leadership development course with first year fellows in October and November of 2018
- Developed a cross-fellowship VA SUD Addiction Treatment Foundational Seminar Series in partnership with the CESATE fellowship and held the introductory call (Appendix C)
- Facilitated the sharing of local curricular resources across the 7 sites and compiled materials for future reference

Site Coordination and Support

- Conducted conference calls with OAA to provide curricular and site updates, share administrative information, troubleshoot challenges, and plan upcoming initiatives
- Conducted monthly Site Director conference calls to share information, assess and resolve individual site/director challenges, and obtain director feedback on decisions and special project ideas
- Provided individual site directors with ad hoc interpretive/administrative guidance regarding recruitment, nomination, fellowship start/end dates and use of ORD supplemental funding for fellows
- Served as liaison between individual fellowship sites and OAA regarding administrative questions and issues
- Provided as needed administrative tools and resources for directors (e.g., sample interview and evaluation forms; certificates of fellowship achievement/completion)
- Maintained and regularly updated a SharePoint site with all fellowship curriculum materials, addiction-related resources, and administrative resources for directors
- Developed and distributed 24 bi-weekly "e-blasts" to fellows, directors, and the National Addiction listserv with links to upcoming conferences, presentation/publication opportunities, addiction-related news, and fellow/director achievements (Appendix D)
- Disseminated our Fellow Onboarding Guide resource to local sites to support the onboarding of their fellows (Appendix E)
- Developed a Fellowship specific IDP template which was made available to all sites
- Provided local site-specific support:
  - Responded promptly to multiple individual site inquiries regarding recruitment, onboarding, and fellowship logistics including inquiries on degree requirements, credentialing, clinical hours, definitions of scholarly work, offsite mentorship and scholarly activities, and fellow evaluation
  - Addressed individual site onboarding issue allowing fellow to start on planned date
  - Consulted with site on mechanisms and logistics necessary to utilize ORD provided fellow funds
  - Consulted about reference software and how to approach IT to get it installed
  - Connected Directors from different sites to exchange information about chaplain fellows
  - Responded to a site inquiry about recruitment of a non-clinician fellow. Consulted applicant CV, Fellowship RFA, and Advanced Fellow Handbook to provide guidance
Provided a Director with documentation supporting the receipt of travel funding
Reformatted and distributed information on training opportunities for local site director
Assisted a local addiction medicine fellow in obtaining a list of VA sites affiliated with Addiction Medicine Fellowships
Helped a site determine if Veterans Preference applied to hiring advanced fellows
Responded to site inquiry about health benefits offered to fellows
Connected fellows across sites to provide peer support in a variety of ways (e.g., sharing elevator pitches, giving tutorial on use of reference manager software, providing overview of CDA process)

• Conducted Coordinating Center visit to the San Diego site. This visit focused on a) growing the relationship and opportunities with academic affiliates, specifically with addiction psychiatry and medicine, b) exploring the many resources available due to the multiple OAA fellowships housed at VASDHS, and c) brainstorming options to align local organizational structures and OAA resources to maximize the benefit to fellows. It included meetings with Addiction Treatment fellows and directors, behavioral health leadership, educational leadership, and academic affiliates.

Fellowship Promotion and Recruitment

• Continued our comprehensive cross-site recruitment initiative including:
  o Email blasts, postings on job boards and in relevant newsletters
  o Conference recruitment including; Fellowship Director presence, flyer distribution and informational posts
  o Maintenance of SharePoint folder of individual site recruitment materials for access by directors and fellows for posting at professional conferences
  o Targeted, individual emails to directors of 96 psychology and 94 internal and preventive medicine programs local to the 7 fellowship sites
  o National postings via the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Career Center and APA
  o Website updates relevant to fellowship candidates including program information, research and clinical opportunities, focal areas, staff/fellow profiles, and eligibility/application information for all 7 fellowship sites (www.pittsburgh.va.gov/Trainee/ATF)
  o Dissemination of fellowship recruitment announcement to addiction treatment community via VA, university-based, and professional organization listservs, newsletters, and job boards
  o Individual recruitment emails to addiction related NIH dissertation award recipients within 1-2 years of their doctoral degree, including invitation to current fellow scholarly presentation webinar

• Provided each site with a detailed summary of past year recruitment efforts completed on their behalf by Coordinating Center, to allow for tailoring of future efforts
• Collaborated with site directors in developing discipline-specific recruitment strategies (e.g., social workers, pharmacists, nurses, MDs, and PhDs)
• Referred fellowship inquiries to specific sites based on the interest and aptitude of the candidate
• Provided review and editing of individual sites’ recruitment flyers and other materials
• Continued recruitment of chaplaincy fellows
• Facilitated cross-site introductions of prospective and current Addiction fellows/directors with similar interests and professional backgrounds
• Organized and moderated two webinars featuring 10-minute presentations of all fellows’ scholarly projects (Appendix F). Attendees included fellows, directors, members of the VA addiction community, and national VA substance use/mental health leadership
• Collected and maintained database of fellows’ CVs and scholarly productivity for reporting and promotional purposes
• Collected and maintained database of fellow service at the local, VISN and national level
• Represented OAA Addiction Treatment fellowship in ongoing National Advanced Fellowship Workgroup focusing on evaluation (Dr. Daniels)
• A poster describing the curricular offering and outcomes was presented at the Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction (AMERSA) National Conference in Boston (Appendix B)

Support to Fellows
• Responded to individual fellow requests for counsel and guidance as requested, providing procedural information, guidance, and direct advocacy for individual fellows
• Purchased and distributed 2 addiction textbooks to the fellows at each of the 7 sites
• Provided information to fellows on VA National resources for job placement
• Connected a fellow with a subject matter expert to recommend a measure for her study
• Responded to a fellow’s inquiry about a description of the fellowship for his boards
• Provided advice to a fellow on how to acknowledge OAA in her dissertation
VIII. NATIONAL CURRICULUM

To facilitate our fellows’ development as leaders in addiction treatment, research and education, we developed an interdisciplinary curriculum. This curriculum’s two-year cycle is detailed in the table below. These monthly sessions cover a broad range of topics that promote professional development and interprofessional communication. The curriculum is presented on national conference calls, which further supports interdisciplinary learning by allowing for active participation and the sharing of the diverse perspectives, models, and training experiences of our fellows.

**Curriculum Schedule**

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<td>Preparing a CV; Professional Interviews; Communications Related to Research, Funding and Employment</td>
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Curriculum Delivered in FY2019

The following table describes the national curriculum presented in FY2019. The formal curriculum focused on professional development and interdisciplinary scholarship. The forum encouraged fellows to provide cross-discipline peer support and guidance. The year concluded with each fellow presenting their own scholarly work on a national webinar.

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IX. FELLOWS’ PRODUCTIVITY

Below is a listing of publications, presentations, grants, and service completed by the fellows through September 2019. In total, fellow have published 143 papers, presented 256 times in national and local venues, and were awarded 15 grants (10 competitive; 5 coordinating center funding). Fellows also provided a range of services to veterans and VA staff including educational offerings, committee membership, and veteran event participation and clinical addiction care. The 2019 scholarly presentation agenda and each fellow’s title slide can be found in Appendix F.

Publications

**2019**


Tully L, Correa JB, Doran N. The relationship between family history of tobacco use and progression to tobacco use among young adult e-cigarette users. Preventive Medicine Reports, 2019; 100914.


Livingston NA, Flentje A, Brennan J, Mereish E, Reed O, Cochran B. Real-time associations between discrimination and anxious and depressed mood among sexual and gender minorities:


McCluskey DL, Roache JD, Mata-Galan E. Integrated Behavioral Intervention for Trauma and Substance Use (IBITS): A clinical case series. Under Review.


Roberts W, Rosenheck R. Correlates of concurrent morbid obesity and tobacco use disorder nationally in the Veterans Health Administration. Under review.

Verplaatse TL, Peltier MR, Roberts W, Moore KE, Pittman BP, McKee SA. Associations between nicotine metabolite ratio (NMR) and sex with transitions in cigarette smoking status and cigarette
use: Findings across waves 1 and 2 of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) study. Under review.


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Linden M, **Bone C**, Barry D, Bell K. Is it legal to withhold treatment of opioid use disorder while U.S. citizens are jailed or incarcerated. Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics, July 2018.


Earl B. Pastoral Care in the Opioid Epidemic. Caring Connections. Lutheran Services in America, 2018; 15: 3.

Engle JL, Follette VM. An Experimental Comparison of Two Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) Values Exercises to Increase Values-Oriented Behavior. Journal of Contextual Behavioral Science, 2018. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcbs.2018.08.001


Petersen AA, Jabaiah S, Chen T, Doran NM, Myers MG. Predicting engagement in smoking cessation treatment following a brief telephone evaluation and referral session. Journal of Smoking Cessation, 2018. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/jsc.2018.24


2017


Manhapra A, Rosenheck R, Fiellin DA. Opioid substitution treatment is linked to reduced risk of death in opioid use disorder. BMJ, 2017; 357.


Poole GM, Murphy CM. Fatherhood as a Predictor of Treatment Engagement in Partner Abusive Men. Psychology of Violence, 2017. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/vio0000124


2016


Haibach JP, Ashley HL, Tate RD. A Wellness Group in VA Pittsburgh’s Acute Care Inpatient Psychiatric Unit. Pittsburgh, PA: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, Pittsburgh Healthcare System; May 2016.


Haller M, Norman SB, Cummins K, Trim RS, Xu X, Cui R, Allard CB, Brown SA, Tate SR. Integrated cognitive behavioral therapy versus cognitive processing therapy for adults with...


2015


Norman SB, **Haller M**, Spadoni Townsend A, Drummond SPA, Risbrough V, Hamblen JL, Trim RS, Blanes EX. Maximizing the utility of a single site randomized controlled psychotherapy trial. Contemporary Clinical Trials, 2015; 42: 244-251.


**2014**


Presentations

2019


Bachrach RL, Rosland AM, Kelly M, Luther J, Mikolic J, Chinman MJ, Daniels KS, Williams EC. “Unhealthy alcohol use and brief intervention rates among complex and non-complex Veterans seeking primary care services.” Poster accepted to the annual meeting of the Addiction Health Services Research Conference, Park City, UT. October 2019.

Skrzynski C, Creswell KG, Bachrach RL, Chung T. “Social discomfort moderates the relationship between drinking in response to negative affect and solitary drinking in underage female drinkers.” Presentation in the symposium Social influences on emerging adult alcohol misuse, S. Acuff (Chair), at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Minneapolis, MN. June 2019.


Gannon S. “Enhancing Spiritual Care in an Outpatient SUD Setting: Field Notes from a Self-Compassion & Spirituality Group.” Brief informal presentation on my VAPHS quality improvement project to small group of chaplain colleagues at Transforming Chaplaincy Summer Research Institute at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL. July 2019.


Livingston NA, Brennan JM, Cochran B. (accepted). “Sexual and gender minority concealment and real-time associations between discrimination and anxious and depressed mood. In D. Hope (Chair), Evidence-Based Treatment With Gender Minority Individuals: Considerations for Affirmative Practice.” Symposium conducted at the 53rd annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA. November 2019.


Armstrong JL. “What We Say and How We Say It Matters.” Interprofessional Addiction Mini-Residency Training Program, West Haven, CT, September 2018.

Armstrong JL. “Seeking relief from emotional pleasure: The role of positive emotions in reasons for relapsing to drugs and alcohol in individuals with substance use disorders.” Symposium presented at the 16th Annual Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS) Conference, Montréal, Québec, Canada, July 2018.


Armstrong JL. “Opioid Use Disorders, Stress, and Treatment: A Systematic Review.” Division of Substance Abuse Seminar, West Haven, CT, May 2018.

Bachrach RL, Blosnich JR, Williams EP. “Alcohol screening and brief intervention in a representative sample of Veterans receiving primary care services.” Poster submitted to the
Wright AGC, Bachrach RL. “Balancing rigor and practicality: Common sense guidelines for registration in clinical science.” Paper to be presented as part of the symposium Improving the replicability and transparency of clinical science, J.D. Miller (Chair), at the 32nd annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 2018.

Meisel SN, Williams TF, Wright AGC, Bachrach RL, Simms LJ. “Interpersonal profiles of alcohol use in college students.” Symposium accepted to the annual meeting of the Society for Interpersonal Theory and Research, Montreal, Quebec, June 2018.

Bone C, Madden L, Tetrault J, Terplan M, Barry, D. “Methadone treatment programs may be a key venue to engage women with opioid use disorder in family planning.” Poster Presentation at College on Problems of Drug Dependence, June, 2018.


McCluskey DL, Roache JD, Chavira D, Mata-Galan EL. “Integrated Behavioral Intervention for Trauma and Substance Use (IBITS): A Novel Approach to Treating PTSD and Substance Misuse.” 2018 Annual Resident Research and Quality Improvement Day, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas School of Medicine, San Antonio, TX. May 2018.


Kaye JT, Weinberg A. “Open science: from pre-registration to replication to data sharing.” Invited symposium co-chaired at the 58th annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Quebec City, Canada. 2018.


Livingston NA, Trezza G. “Special treatment considerations for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender veterans in substance use treatment.” Substance Use Disorder Treatment Forum for the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program and Outpatient Clinical Team, VA Brockton Medical Center, Brockton, MA. April 2018.


McCluskey DL, Roache JD, Chavira D, Mata-Galan E. “Integrated Behavioral Intervention for Trauma and Substance misuse (IBITS): A Novel Approach to Treating PTSD and Substance Use Disorder (SUD).” The Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA)’s 2018 Annual Conference. 2018.

McCluskey DL, Roache JD, Chavira D, Moore TA, Medina MK, Mata-Galan E. “Integrated Behavioral Intervention for Trauma and Substance misuse (IBITS) as an Adjunct to Buprenorphine with Naloxone in the Treatment of Co-occurring Combat-Related PTSD and Opiate Use Disorder-A Case Study.” The Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA)’s 2018 Annual Conference. 2018.


McCluskey DL, Roache JD, Chavira D, Mata-Galan EL. “Integrated Behavioral Intervention for Trauma and Substance Use (IBITS): A Novel Approach to Treating PTSD and Substance Misuse.” 2018 Annual Resident Research and Quality Improvement Day, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas School of Medicine, San Antonio, TX. May 2018.

Chavira D, Johnson MK, McCluskey DL, Finley EP. “Quality Improvement in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment: A Methodology for Gap Analysis and Improvement Planning.” 2018 Annual Resident Research and Quality Improvement Day, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas School of Medicine, San Antonio, TX. May 2018.


Naglich A. “Substance Use Disorders and Mental Illness.” Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy, Dallas, TX. February 2018.


in the Alzheimer’s Disease Centers: Considerations When Examining the Racial Differences in Incident Dementia” Poster presented at Alzheimer’s Association International Conference, Chicago, IL, July, 2018.


Nystrom NC. “Most Difficult Case Conference.” Oral Presentation at the WAI-Affiliated Dementia Diagnostic Clinic Network Spring Meeting, Madison Concourse Hotel, May 2018.


Philippe MA. “Descriptive analysis of the brief addiction monitor.” Poster presentation for 2018 Research Week Poster Contest, Dallas VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX, May 2018.


Pugatch, M. “Advancing VA Partnership with Community Healthcare Systems through Interorganizational Care Coordination.” Presented at the RCRC Roundtable, Boston, MA. September 2018.


Tejeda F. "Examining the Relationship Between Sleep, Alcohol Cravings, and PTSD on Heavy Alcohol Use." VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment, Scholarly Presentations. May 2018.

2017


Curry I, Wall TL. “Impulsivity Facets and Marijuana Expectancies Related to Marijuana Use in High-risk Young Adults and their Siblings." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction (Division 50), Albuquerque, NM, 2017.


Naglich A. “Substance Use Disorders and Mental Illness.” Texas Tech University School of Pharmacy, Dallas, TX. March 2017


**Philippe MA**. “Risk and protective factors associated with post-incarceration and recidivism.” Invited talk for XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, July 2017.

**Philippe MA**. “Risk and protective factors associated with post-incarceration and recidivism.” Invited talk for 23rd Annual National Black Graduate Conference in Psychology, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, June 2017.


2016


**Edge ML.** “LGBT-Affirming Services Change Project”. Oral Presentation at the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment Scholarly Presentation Symposium, May 2016.

**Edge ML.** “LGBTQ Substance Use”. Oral Presentation for Continuing Education for the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, William S Middleton Memorial Veteran Affairs Hospital, February 2016.

**Haibach JP.** “Military and Veteran Health Behavior Research and Practice.” Teleconference presentation for the national VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment, May 2016.


Hall KS, Hughes JM, **Haibach JP.** “Behavioral health in military Veterans: challenges and opportunities for health promotion.” Panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington DC, Mar 2016.

Varga CM, Glotfelter MA, Rowan AB, **Haibach JP.** “Psychiatric history, deployments, and impacts of seeking care in a combat theater.” Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington DC, Mar 2016.


**Haller M, Bogner R, Davis B, Colvonen P, Trim R, Norman S.** “Exploring pre-treatment differences between residential and outpatient programs for Veterans with alcohol use disorders and
comorbid combat-related PTSD.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction, San Diego, CA, March 2016.


Loree AM. “Mind-body interventions in mental health treatment.” Psychology Department Colloquium, Wayne State University, May 2016.


Loree AM, Gariepy A, Yonkers KA. “Contraceptive use among women using substances during the postpartum period and up to 2 years later.” Poster presented at the North American Society for Psychosocial Obstetrics & Gynecology 2016 Biennial Meeting, April 2016.


McCarthy R. “Cool To Be Clean” Middle School Education on Drugs of Abuse. Indian Creek Middle School, December 2016.


McCarthy R. “Cool To Be Clean” Middle School Education on Drugs of Abuse. Peters Township Middle School, October 2016.


Niculete ME, Peckham A, Boggs D, Steinberg H. “Naloxone access laws and implementation of overdose prevention programs at Veterans Affairs hospitals.” Presented at the 78th Annual Scientific Meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Palm Springs, CA, June 2016.


Peckham AM, Boggs DL, Niculete ME, Steinberg HR, Boggs A. “Assessment of veteran knowledge and provider attitudes regarding naloxone kits based on follow-up interviews and


Poole GM. “Substance Use in Trauma Exposed Veterans seeking Intimate Partner Violence Treatment.” Oral Presentation at the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment Scholarly Presentation Symposium. May 2016.


Schizer M, Pugatch M. “Motivational Interviewing II: Training Primary Care Providers to engage adolescents at risk for substance use in care.” Pediatric Physician Organization at Children’s (PPOC), Boston Children’s Hospital, Waltham, MA, 2016.

Pugatch M, Putney J. “BCH-Simmons: SW SBIRT Training – Overview of Year 1-3.” SBIRT Summit, Boston Children’s Hospital, Boston, MA, 2016.

Pugatch M. “Returning Veterans from Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: Predictors of the Referral to Treatment after Screening Positive for Problem or Hazardous Drinking.” Scholarly Presentations for the OAA Interdisciplinary Addiction Fellowship, Webinar Format, 2016.

Robinson SM. “‘Addicts’ and ‘Alcoholics’: to what extent are providers using stigmatizing terms in the clinical record?” Presented at the 40th annual meeting of the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse, Washington, DC. 2016.

Saba SK. “Brief Intervention Techniques for Addressing Problematic Alcohol Use.” Lecture to Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner students, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, 2016.

Saba SK. “Introduction to SBIRT: Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment.” Lecture to Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner students, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, 2016.


Saba SK, Jones AL, Broyles LM, Gordon AJ. “Retention in a primary care clinic for homeless veterans with substance use disorders.” Poster presentation at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association of Medical Education and Research on Substance Abuse (AMERSA), Washington DC, November 2016.


Shayegani R, Song K, Amuan ME, Pugh MJ. “Patterns and correlates of zolpidem use among U.S. Veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.” SAMHS (San Antonio Military Health System) and Universities Research Forum (SURF), San Antonio, TX, 2016.

Song K. “Characteristics of Opioid Misuse in the Chronic Pain Population.” Presented by Videoconference for Department of Medical Affairs Medical Systems at the VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment Program Scholarly Presentations, San Antonio, TX, May 2016.


2015


Busch A, Glass J, Gassman M, Brown R. “Pharmacotherapeutic Intervention to Improve Treatment Engagement Among Alcohol Dependent Veterans After Hospital Discharge.” Symposium Presentation as lead presenter of projected titled: Interventions to Facilitate Transitions form Medical Settings Into Addiction Care at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference, Marina Del Rey, CA, October 2015.


Busch A, Hetzel S, Brown R. “Pharmacotherapeutic Intervention to Improve Treatment Engagement Among Alcohol Dependent Veterans After Hospital Discharge.” Poster presented at
the 38th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism (RSoA) Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, TX, June 2015.

**Busch A**, Lewis C, Ahl V. “CogSMART Group for Cognitive Disorder: Cognition, Mood, Social Functioning, and Quality of Life Findings from a Small Pilot Sample.” Poster presented at the Alzheimer’s & Parkinson’s Research Day at Wisconsin Institute for Discovery hosted by the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center and the Parkinson’s Disease Think Tank, Madison, WI, March 2015.


Ahl V, Busch AC, **Edge ML**. “Strengthening treatment access and retention-quality improvement (STAR-QI) project.” Presented at National Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIATx) Change Leader Academy conference, 2015.


**Haller M**, Crocker L, Norman SB, Angkaw AC. “Shame versus guilt as mediators of the relation between PTSD Symptoms and verbal aggression among returning veterans.” Poster presented
at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, New Orleans, LA, November 2015.


**Isgro M.** “Type A/Type B Alcoholism Predicts Differential Response to Topiramate in a Smoking Cessation Trial in Dually-Diagnosed Men.” Poster presentation at Research Society on Alcoholism Conference, San Antonio, TX, June 2015.

**Isgro M.** “San Diego Interpersonal Stressor” (SIPS) presentation, Research Society on Alcoholism Conference, INIA Stress Satellite meeting, San Antonio, TX, June 2015.

**Isgro M.** “Type A/Type B Alcoholism Predicts Differential Response to Topiramate in a Smoking Cessation Trial in Dually-Diagnosed Men.” Poster presentation at Lewis L. Judd Young Investigators Symposium, UCSD, San Diego, April 2015.

**Manhapra A.** “Continued smoking in smoking related medical illnesses associated with substantial substance use disorder burden.” AAAP Annual Meeting, Huntington Beach, CA, December 2015.


**Manhapra A.** “Long-Term Opioid Therapy for Pain: Dependent or Addicted?!! A clinical conundrum.” Invited Presentation at Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders, August 2015.


Niculete M. “Opioid Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program at VA Connecticut – Train the Trainer Presentation.” Addiction Psychiatry Summer Course, Yale School of Medicine Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Program, August 2015.


Niculete M. “Opioid Overdose Prevention Education and Naloxone Administration.” University of Bridgeport Course: Counseling the Addicted (COUN 526), graduate level lecture, July 2015.


2014


Pugatch M. Guest Lecturer, “Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders for Assessment and Diagnosis Course.” Simmons Graduate School of Social Work, Boston, MA, 2014.


Pugatch M. Guest Lecturer, “Motivational Interviewing Skills for Adolescents who use Substances: Didactic and Skills Practice for Substance Use Disorders Course.” Simmons Graduate School of Social Work, Boston, MA, 2014.
Pugatch M. Presenter, “SBIRT for Adolescent Substance Use in Primary Care Mass Behavioral Health Partnership.” Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 2014.

Pugatch M. Trainer, “Statewide Training in Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment.” Miami-Dade County and Broward County, FL, 2014


Song K. University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, PGY2 Psychiatry Medicine Residency Program Lecture on Chronic Pain and Opioid Abuse Management. San Antonio, TX, November 2014.

Grants

Rachel Bachrach, PhD. Implement Intervention to Improve Care for Unhealthy Alcohol Use. VA Health Services Research and Development. Principal Investigator, Direct Cost: $610,724. Pending, Under Review.

Rachel Bachrach, PhD. Risky Alcohol Use Screening and Brief Intervention among High-Risk Veterans Seeking Primary Care Services. Principal Investigator; $15,136. Funded. 2019.


Nicholas Livingston, PhD. Brief technology-based intervention to reduce alcohol use, relapse risk, and PTSD symptoms following discharge from inpatient detoxification. National Center for PTSD (pilot seed funding). Primary Investigator. 2019.

Nicholas Livingston, PhD. “Capturing the interrelationships of homelessness and alcohol Use disorders among veterans through smartphone data collection” Hubert and Richard Hanlon Trust. (Under review). Role: Co-Investigator (PI Keith McInnes, Sc.D.)

Nicholas Livingston, PhD. “Drinking to cope, drinking to fit in: Examining the impact of stigma-related stress and social norms on drinking patterns in sexual minority women” NIAAA, R21 (Under review). Role: Co-Investigator (PI Alison Cerezo, Ph.D.)

Ajay Manhapra, MD. Research In Addiction Medicine Scholar, supported by R25DA033211 from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. 2015.

**Mccluskey, DL.** Veterans Health Care Administration-South Central MIRECC (Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Centers) pilot grant for A Randomized Pilot Trial of an Integrative Behavioral Intervention for Trauma and Substance Use (IBITS) with Veterans. 2019.


**Marianne Pugatch, MSW, MA.** Facilitators and Barriers to SBIRT implementation in pediatric hospital setting. Qualitative research study of interdisciplinary teams in four settings. 2014.


**Robin Tan, PhD.** APA Early Career Travel Award (R13 AA 022858). 2018

### Fellow Service to VA

The table below lists service provided by the fellow to their local VAMC. Service categories include: Clinical, Committee, Research, Education/Training and Veteran Event.

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<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Co-lead a Seeking Safety group in our SARRTP program hold</td>
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<td>Co-lead an Anger Group in the PTSD Clinical Team, providing individual trauma-focused training for a small caseload, and conducting intakes</td>
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<td>Bachrach, Rachel</td>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Conducted evaluations and brief behavioral treatments for Veterans presenting with a variety of psychological and/or substance use problems referred by primary care physicians. June 2018-present</td>
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<td>Provision of psychological consult services in PCMHI, including assessment and referral of patients with chronic pain to the Interdisciplinary Pain Team</td>
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<td>Presented didactics on Harm Reduction and Relapse Prevention to the WPIC/VAPHS Addiction Psychiatry Fellows. March 2019</td>
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<td>Correa, John</td>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Delivery of elements of cognitive-behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, acceptance and commitment therapy, cognitive processing therapy, and mindfulness-based relapse prevention</td>
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| Earl, Brian | West Haven | Clinical | Groups on Grief and Loss for Veterans  
|-------------|------------|----------|--------------------------------------
|             |            |          | One spirituality group a week for the Intensive  
|             |            |          | Outpatient Substance Abuse Day Program on a  
|             |            |          | number of topics: for example: Forgiveness, Spirituality,  
|             |            |          | Grief and Loss, Prayer and Meditation, Identity,  
|             |            |          | Humility, Perspective, Attitude  
|             |            |          | A number of semi-weekly Mental Health outpatient  
|             |            |          | Spirituality groups on various topics: Hope, Art and  
|             |            |          | Spirituality, Purpose, Spiritual Journey, Music and  
|             |            |          | Spirituality  
|             |            |          | Individual spiritual care for Veterans and staff  
|             |            |          | Regular Interdisciplinary Team Meetings  
|             |            | Committee | Planning Committee for the “Addiction Mini Residency”  
|             |            |          | (A two-day interprofessional conference for educating  
|             |            |          | about interdisciplinary addiction treatment)  
| Gannon, Stephanie | Pittsburgh | Clinical | Participate in daily interdisciplinary morning meeting in  
|             |            |          | CTAD  
|             |            |          | Facilitate weekly and bi-monthly spirituality groups in  
|             |            |          | the VAPHS CTAD clinic  
|             |            |          | Provide vacation coverage for colleagues’ groups in the  
|             |            |          | CTAD clinic inpatient and outpatient programming and  
|             |            |          | on inpatient psych units, as needed  
|             |            |          | Complete spiritual assessments on Veterans in the  
|             |            |          | CTAD CORE inpatient program  
|             |            |          | Meet one-on-one with Veterans for grief support and  
|             |            |          | general spiritual care, as needed  
|             |            | Education/ | Served as presenter for CPE resident’s Level Two CPE  
|             |            | Training   | committee. January 2019  
|             |            |          | Gave one-hour presentation on self-compassion  
|             |            |          | practice and ministry for VAPHS Clinical Pastoral  
|             |            |          | Education (CPE) students. July 2019  
| Kaye, Jesse | Madison    | Clinical | Postdoctoral Clinical Psychologist on the PTSD Clinical  
|             |            |          | Team and General Mental Health Clinic conducting  
|             |            |          | assessment, treatment planning and intervention for  
|             |            |          | Veterans with PTSD, Insomnia, and Substance Use  
|             |            |          | Disorders. Primary treatments include Cognitive  
|             |            |          | Processing Therapy, Prolonged Exposure, and  
|             |            |          | Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia  
|             |            |          | Postdoctoral Clinical Psychologist on the PTSD Clinical  
|             |            |          | Team conducting assessment, treatment planning and  
|             |            |          | intervention for Veterans with PTSD as well as  
|             |            |          | concurrent Substance Use Disorders. Primary  
|             |            |          | treatments include Cognitive Processing Therapy and  
|             |            |          | Prolonged Exposure  
|             |            | Research  | Handling Editor for PLOS ONE special issue on  
|             |            |          | Substance Use.  
|             |            |          | Ad hoc reviewer for Journal of Abnormal Psychology,  
|             |            |          | Journal of Psychiatric Research, Psychopharmacology,  
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<td>Livingston, Nicholas</td>
<td>Boston</td>
<td>Committee/Education</td>
<td>Committee member: Diversity and Inclusion Committee, VA Boston Healthcare System, Boston, MA  Duties: program evaluation, consultation, patient and provider (education) outreach programming</td>
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<td>McCluskey, Lee</td>
<td>San Antonio</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Three days per week clinical work at DOMSA at Villa Serena including leadership of ACT group, individual therapy, three SUD evaluations per week Education/Training Development of a series of didactics for future fellows based on the Behavioral Economics of Addiction</td>
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<td>Messina, Bryan</td>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Provide individual therapy and consultation services within a PCMH clinical team</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rabalais, Aline</td>
<td>Dallas</td>
<td>Research</td>
<td>Ad hoc reviewer for Community Mental Health Journal (under mentorship of DALT mentor)</td>
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<td>Roberts, Walter</td>
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<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Lead a group format motivational interviewing group in outpatient addiction recovery services (OARS) clinic Lead a psychoeducational coping skills group at substance abuse day program (SADP) Conduct intake screenings at OARS clinic Deliver cognitive processing therapy to veterans with PTSD comorbid with SUD in the OARS clinic</td>
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<td>Sloshower, Jordan</td>
<td>West Haven</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Assessments and medication treatment in detox clinic Assessment and treatment planning in opioid reassessment clinic Medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder in buprenorphine clinic</td>
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<td>Tripp, Jessica</td>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>Research</td>
<td>Study therapist for a clinical trial examining Prolonged Exposure + Topiramate for PTSD and AUD Study therapist for a clinical trial examining Trauma Informed Guilt Reduction Therapy versus Supportive Care for OEF/OIF/OND veterans</td>
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<td>Tejeda, Francisco</td>
<td>San Diego</td>
<td>Clinical</td>
<td>Clinical management of veterans in active alcohol withdrawal Clinical management veterans with opioid use disorder and placement on medical assisted treatment such as buprenorphine Research Physician in ongoing study on “Combining Topiramate and Prolonged Exposure for PTSD and Alcohol Use Disorder”</td>
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## Appendix A. Insight Oriented Leadership Curriculum Overview

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| **October 11, 2018**
**ONE:** Introduction, Elements of Feedback, and Words to Live By | • Review rules of confidentiality; self-disclosure and trust; creation of learning community  
• Explain course format: Peer driven curriculum administered in a process format  
• Beyond the course structure-faculty leader provides continued mentorship and consultation  
• Facilitated discussion regarding the role of feedback in leadership identity formation; focused analysis of personal experiences giving and receiving feedback  
• Introduce the concept of a personal motto, theme, mission  
• Complete reflective writing assignment: Describe your personal words to live by |
| **October 18, 2018**
**TWO:** Personal Leadership and Leadership Styles | • Review fellow’s first reflective writing assignment--highlighting group themes and differences  
• Reflective writing assignment: define personal leadership qualities, characteristics, abilities |
| **October 25, 2018**
**THREE:** Leadership Challenges | • Review the reflective writing assignment on leadership struggles, challenges, growth points, developmental points  
• Using cohort data, fellows will work in small groups to craft leadership case vignettes  
| **November 1, 2018**
**FOUR:** Case Vignettes | • Role play case vignettes  
• Formalized feedback from peers and instructor regarding thought process, and action  
• Reflective writing - “What did you learn about yourself from this exercise; what did you learn about your peers?” |
| **November 8, 2018**
**FIVE:** Internal Action Logics | • Discuss the concept of internal action logics and leadership performance  
• Small group discussion regarding personal action logic  
• Reflective writing- Write a letter to your “future leadership self” (include your aspirations; adjusted view of leadership self; how has your leadership identity changed as a result of your participation in this class |
| **November 15, 2018**
**SIX:** | • Reading and review of letter to Leadership Self  
• Tailored feedback to each presenter |
Appendix B. Insight Oriented Leadership Poster
Adaption of an In-Person Healthcare Leadership Curriculum to a Virtual, Interprofessional Addiction Fellowship Cohort

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**BACKGROUND:**
Insight Oriented Leadership (IOL) is a curriculum designed to fill a training gap in leadership and career planning within an Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship. This 8-week, small group, process-oriented leadership identity curriculum utilizes self-reflection learning and peer discussion and feedback to successfully support the development of leadership identity. It is offered in-person each spring semester to aid fellows as they map out their career trajectory.

**OBJECTIVE:**
We assessed the feasibility of delivering the in-person, process-oriented IOL healthcare leadership development curriculum offered to Addiction Psychiatry Fellows at one site, to a cohort of interprofessional, geographically dispersed fellows via video teleconferencing.

**METHODS:**
Participants: VA Interprofessional Advanced Addiction Treatment Fellowship from 7 sites (Boston, MA; Dallas, TX; Madison, WI; Pittsburgh, PA; San Antonio, TX; San Diego, CA; West Haven, CT). Format: Six 1-hour weekly group sessions were co-facilitated by the curriculum developer and an alumni fellow via the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Assessments:
- Pre- and post-course ratings of leadership skills and confidence were administered anonymously via Qualtrics.
- Post-course ratings were administered anonymously via Microsoft Forms.

**RESULTS:**
- Participation and Leadership Experience: All first-year fellows were invited to participate, with 3 unable to join due to scheduling or technology issues. Participants reported no prior formal leadership training.
- Leadership Skills Post-course Fellow Ratings:
  - 60% (n=5) Intermediate
  - 40% (n=3) Novice
- 8 Fellows invited
  - 5 Participated
  - 1 Did Not Complete
  - Did Not Expect Difficulty with Video Platform
  - 2 did not participate (25%)
  - 1 Did Not Expect Difficulty with Video Platform
  - 0% of fellows who attended the course reported receiving formal leadership training in graduate school

**RESULTS: Leadership Confidence**
Self-ratings of leadership confidence demonstrated post-course increases for 4/10 skill areas.

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<td>Giving feedback to junior faculty</td>
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**RESULTS: Post-Course Ratings**
Post-course ratings on a 5-point Likert scale (strongly disagree to strongly agree) revealed increased interest (n=5): y=4.33; s=0.58), and knowledge (n=5, 4.03, s=0.58) of leadership as a result of course participation.

**RESULTS: Video Platform**
Acceptability of the video platform was variable (n=4): x=3.0; sd 1.4), and qualitative responses indicated that it posed some technical barriers.

**CONCLUSIONS:**
- Leadership education is minimal during graduate training.
- Postgraduate virtual leadership training can increase leadership interest, knowledge and confidence.
- Future virtual offerings should explore improving access, operability, and quality of video platforms.

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Appendix C. VA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Foundational Seminar Series

VA Substance Use Disorder Treatment Foundational Seminar Series

VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines for SUD
Wednesday, October 30, 2019, 2:00-3:00pm EST
VA Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention - Substance Use Disorder (SUD) leadership will provide an overview of the VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of SUD, discuss the foundational role of shared decision making in the development and implementation of these guidelines, and describe how the guidelines are applied across the continuum of SUD care and a range of SUD diagnoses.

Presenters:
Karen Drexler, MD, National Program Director - Substance Use Disorders
Jennifer Burden, PhD, Deputy National Program Director - Substance Use Disorders

Interdisciplinary Treatment Teams: Beyond Physicians and Psychologists
Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 2:00-3:00pm EST
VA leaders from the National Chaplain Center, Peer Support Services and Clinical Pharmacy Practice Office will describe their program office priorities and initiatives related to the care of Veterans with SUD, and the role of local chaplaincy, peer support and pharmacy providers in SUD clinical treatment teams.

Presenters:
Chaplaincy: Gretchen Hulse, MDiv, MA, BCC, LPC, NCC, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System; Linda Conyers, MDiv, BCC, CESA Prefaculty, VAPSHCS-Seattle
Peer Support: Dan O’Brien-Mazza, MS, National Director-Peer Support Services; Michael Oestreicher, CPSS; Certified Peer Support Specialist, VISN 1 Peer Point of Contact, Springfield Outpatient Clinic VACWMS
Pharmacy: Troy Moore, PharmD, MS, BCPS, Director AMSP Accredited PGY-1 Pharmacy Residency Program; Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Mental Health; Tera Moore, PharmD, National Clinical Pharmacy Practice Program Manager

SUD Dashboards and Metrics
Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 2:00-3:00pm EST
VA leadership from the Program Evaluation and Resource Center (PERC), VA National OEND Initiative and Academic Detailing will provide an overview of VA SUD-related metrics and dashboards, including how these tools relate to clinical practice and can be used to inform care delivery. Leadership from the Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention-SUD will provide closing commentary.

Presenters:
Jodie Trafton, PhD, Director of VA Program Evaluation and Resource Center; Elizabeth Oliva, PhD, VA National OEND Coordinator; Eric Schmidt, PhD, Health Science Specialist, VA Palo Alto Healthcare System; Melissa Christopher, PharmD, Academic Detailing; Chad Kay, PharmD, BCPS, Academic Detailing

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Fellowship Announcements

❖ Jessica Cook, PhD, a fellowship director from the Madison site, has had a 5-year clinical trial from VA funded titled, “Identifying Effective Treatment for Veterans Unwilling to Quit Smoking.” Congratulations Dr. Cook!
❖ Nicholas Livingston, PhD, a recent graduated fellow from the Boston site, will be presenting his poster at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies’ 35th Annual Conference. His poster is titled, “Reduced alcohol use following veterans’ use of online intervention predicts increased hyperarousal symptoms: Next step in assessment and integrated online intervention delivery.” Congratulations Dr. Livingston!

Webinars and Trainings

❖ The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Journal Club will hold a webinar on August 28 at 12:00pm ET on the topic of “Telemedicine-delivered treatment interventions for substance use disorders: A systematic review.” The article of discussion can be found here.
❖ ASAM has released a Call for Abstracts for their Annual Conference which will take place from April 2-5, 2020 in Denver, CO. The online submission deadline is October 4, 2019. More details can be found at the link.
❖ PCSS will be holding three round table discussions on Naltrexone. The session dates are August 29, September 5, and September 12. All calls will take place at 12:00pm ET. Registration for each call, and call topics, can be found at the individual links. PCSS will post FAQs following the discussions.
❖ An on-demand video is now available on TMS titled, “Integrating Tobacco Cessation Treatment in Mental Health Within a VA Health Care System.” The training can be accessed at the link.
❖ PCSS has released two on-demand modules that are available now. “Utilizing Innovative Strategies and MARS Peer Support to Enhance Treatment in Opioid Treatment Programs” and “Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care Settings.” More information can be found at the links.
❖ PCSS offers several modules and videos on the topic of naltrexone. Click the link for a list of educational trainings and resources on naltrexone that are offered.
❖ PCSS has developed SUD 101 Core Curriculum, which is a 22-module core curriculum designed to educate healthcare professionals on the prevention, assessment, and
treatment of substance use disorders throughout continuum of care. The modules can be accessed at any time for no cost.

Addiction Related Resources

❖ The Ralph H Johnson VA Medical Center in Charleston, SC is looking to hire a Clinical Psychologist for their Goose Creek, SC CBOC. The posting will close on 9/5/2019 and is open to the public.
❖ SAMHSA has released the latest data findings from the 2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The report can be viewed at the link. NSDUH provides estimates of the use of illegal substances, prescription drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, as well as mental disorders treatment, and co-occurring substance use and mental disorders in the United States.
❖ There are two blog posts that may be of interest on the Vantage Point Blog. The first is “How VA uses contingency management to help Veterans stay drug free.” The second blog post is “VA partners with Clubhouse International to help Veterans with recovery.”
❖ The Mobile Apps team at the National Center for PTSD has a number of app demo videos live on the VA YouTube channel. Of particular interest may be the video for VetChange, which is an app for PTSD and problem drinking.
❖ A list of national conferences that may be of interest to addiction professionals has been compiled including abstract due dates, conference dates and locations.

Addiction Related News

❖ NAADAC* Professional eUpdate (August 14)
❖ NAADAC* Professional eUpdate (August 21)
❖ NAADAC* Addiction & Recovery eNews (August 16)
❖ IRETA# Social Media Mashup (August 16)
❖ IRETA# Social Media Mashup (August 23)

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†National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

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Save the Date! Scholarly Presentations by the Fellows of the Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment; May 1 and 15th, 2pm EST. Click the link to see the schedule of presentation topics.

Conferences

❖ The 2019 Addictions Health Services Research (AHSR) annual conference will be held in Park City, Utah from October 16-18, 2019. The abstract submission deadline is May 1, 2019. Click the link for more information on the conference and submission instructions.
❖ The 43rd AMERSA Annual National Conference will be held on November 7-9, 2019 in Boston, MA. Click the link for important deadlines and program highlights. The call for abstracts deadline is May 1, 2019.

Webinars and Trainings

❖ A webinar will be held through TMS titled, “Review and Lessons Learned from the Addiction Mini-Residency Program.” This will be held on May 8, 2019 from 1-2:00pm ET. Ellen Edens, MD, Co-Director of the Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System will be presenting. Registration can be completed at the link.
❖ Deborah Brief PhD, Co-Director of the Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment at the VA Boston, will present her work on “VetChange” as part of the PBI Network Lecture Series on May 8, 2019. Audio: (800) 767-1750, code 59744#, Adobe Connect Presentation. For CE credit information, email MobileMentalHealth@va.gov to be added to the VA’s National Center for PTSD (NCPTSD), Dissemination & Training Division mailing list.
❖ A webinar will be held through TMS on May 14 at 1:00pm ET titled, “Motivational Interviewing/Motivational Enhancement Therapy Advanced Consultation Calls – May 2019.” Registration information can be found at the link.
❖ On May 28, 2019 from 2-3:00pm ET, a webinar will be held titled, “An Overview of Tobacco Use Treatment in VA.” More information and registration can be found at the link.
❖ A free web based 31-hour Introduction to Health Care Data Analytics will be offered in Summer 2019 from July 2 to August 27. The Course Syllabus and FAQ’s can be viewed at the link, as well as registration information.
The ASAM Review Course in Addiction Medicine will be held in Dallas, TX from July 25-27, 2019. The sessions cover the addiction medicine exam blueprint of topics for the exam. Registration information can be found at the link.

Addiction Related Resources

- The PTSD Monthly Update has been released by the National Center for PTSD.
- The Psychological Health Center of Excellence has released an article titled, “Facilitating 12-Step Approaches to Change for Service Members with Problematic Drinking.”
- A list of national conferences that may be of interest to addiction professionals has been compiled including abstract due dates, conference dates and locations.

Addiction Related News

- NAADAC* Professional eUpdate (April 17)
- NAADAC* Professional eUpdate (April 24)
- IRETA" Social Media Mashup (April 12)
- IRETA" Social Media Mashup (April 19)
- IRETA" Current (April 2019)

* Institute for Research, Education & Training for Addictions
* National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors
* American Society of Addiction Medicine

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment

This 2-year fellowship provides interdisciplinary research, clinical, and educational training to prepare physician, post-doctoral, and post-masters level fellows as leaders in the field of addiction treatment

Coordinating Center
Local Training Sites
SUD Sharepoint Site

Appendix E. Fellow Onboarding Guide
Fellow Onboarding Guide

Identify fellow applicant

Get: Current Fellow CV
3 Letters of Recommendation
Letter of Intent

Fellow applicant interviewed, selected and interested

Send conditional hire email (example), pending approval of the nomination
Can give approximate pay

Based on local processes for nominating fellows, contact your:
1) Education Office, 2) Credentialing, and 3) Human Resources re: fellow onboarding

FOLLOW-UP REGULARLY!!

FOUR forms must be completed and forwarded to your Local Education Office
THREE forms must be uploaded to the OAA Support Center Database

Advanced Fellow Nomination Worksheet is no longer required, but may be used for internal tracking

We recommend that you have one of the fellowship Directors listed as a contact in the OAA Support Center Database so that they can view the progress in the database, confirm the appointment, and receive notifications.

Current Nominee CV (request updated copy)

Advanced Fellow Nomination Letter
Download and complete as much as possible. Needs to be signed by Program Director, DEO, and VA Facility Director

Application for Health Professions Trainees (10-2850d)
Completed and signed by the fellow applicant and signed by DEO

TQCVL Form
Completed by Program Director. Forwarded to local Education office. Not uploaded to OAA Database, but must attest to its completion in the OAA Database

TQCVL Guide

After forms are uploaded, Fellowship director and ACOS log into database and approve upload
OAA reviews and generates an appointment approval memo
Fellow cannot start until you receive the OAA approval memo!
Approval memo must be forwarded to 1) HR and 2) Fiscal.
## Appendix F. Scholarly Presentation Topics

### Wednesday, May 1, 2019

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Expanding Religious, Spiritual and Chaplain Integration in Substance Use Specialty Care
Chaplain, John Eastman, II, RC
VA Connecticut Healthcare System (VACHS)
(July, 19)

Enhancing Spiritual Care in an Outpatient SUD Setting
Stephanie Guanac, M.Div., BCC
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System
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Exercising Off Anxiety:
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VICTORIA AMERAL, PH.D.
VA BOSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
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John E. Correia, Ph.D.
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Combining Topiramate and Exposure Therapy for PTSD and Alcohol Use Disorder

Does Exposure Exacerbate Symptoms in Veterans with PTSD and Alcohol Use Disorder?

Francesc J. Tejeda, MD, MSPH
VA San Diego Healthcare System
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Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention Among Complex Veterans Seeking Primary Care Services

Leveraging ‘relational agent’ technology to improve drinking outcomes and treatment referrals among veteran primary care patients

Rachel Backer, PhD
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Interdisciplinary Addiction Program for Education and Research
VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System

Nicholas A. Livingston, Ph.D.
Clinical Research Fellow, VA Boston Healthcare System & Teaching Fellow in Psychiatry, Boston University School of Medicine

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