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INTRODUCING THE 22ND CHILDREN'S MERCY TRAINING CLASS!

Please welcome the 2017-2018 intern class to our quickly growing Psychology Section!

**THREE INTERNS FOR
2017-2018**

Ali Calkins-Smith, MA, attends the University of Kansas Clinical Psychology Program. Her dissertation focuses on adherence behaviors in youth following the completion of an intensive pain rehabilitation program. Her broad clinical interests include both inpatient and outpatient services in pediatric psychology. Outside of work, she enjoys watching KC sports, playing volleyball, trying new foods, and loving on her precious cats, Lars and Remy.

**THREE FELLOWS FOR
2017-2018**

As training opportunities continue to develop in our Section, we welcome three new fellows this academic year!

Natalie Brei, PhD, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and recently completed her internship at Children's Mercy Kansas City. Her dissertation focused on the effects of response inhibition training in children with Williams Syndrome. Her current clinical interests include behavioral pediatrics in an integrated primary care setting. Outside

Ayanda Chakawa, MS, comes to us from the Clinical Psychology Program of Auburn University. Her dissertation involves the impact of mental health literacy on treatment seeking intention across specific disorders, accounting for race and ethnicity. Her clinical interests include cultural



Pictured from top left: Ali Calkins-Smith, Casey Lawless, Ayanda Chakawa, Gillian Mayersohn, Jenna Oppenheim, Natalie Brei and Kristen Thompson.

of work she enjoys biking, cooking, and exploring the parks in Kansas City with her husband and children.

Gillian Mayersohn, PsyD, graduated from Nova Southeastern University and completed internship at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Her dissertation focused on posttraumatic growth in children and adolescents. Her clinical interests focus on solid organ transplant, oncology, coping, and well-being. She is also interested in the implementation of positive psychology and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). Outside of work, she loves to bake all kinds of delicious desserts. She is also an avid college football fan and is especially devoted to the Florida Gators.

competence in treatment, assessment, and program development, community based interventions to address stigma and barriers, and mental health and learning concerns in children and adolescents. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, shopping, catching up on favorite television shows, and spending time with friends and family.

Casey Lawless, MS joins us from Clinical and Health Psychology program at the University of Florida. Her dissertation focuses on the impact of sleep in children with cystic fibrosis. Her clinical interests broadly include pediatric psychology, both inpatient and outpatient work. Outside of work she enjoys watching sports, especially teams from Philadelphia and Syracuse University. She also likes going to concerts, festivals, and eating Mexican food, especially nachos.

Jenna Oppenheim, PsyD graduated from Pepperdine University and completed internship at Texas Child Study Center/Dell Children's Medical Center. Her dissertation focused on the examination of oncology summer camp attendance, psychosocial adjustment, and perceived social support among pediatric cancer patients and siblings. Her primary clinical interests include adjustment to diagnosis and treatment with hematology/oncology patients, comorbid chronic medical conditions, internalizing disorders, and consultation/liason services. Outside of work, she enjoys tennis, yoga, baking, reading, stargazing, and time with friends and family.

Find more information at: <http://www.childrensmercy.org/APA/>



Kansas City is a great place to live, with lots to do (parks, museums, jazz clubs, sports, etc), and a reasonable cost of living!

PRIOR INTERNS

Former CM interns are working across the US in academic medical centers, private hospitals, group and private practices, and teaching at colleges and universities.

UPDATE ON LAST YEAR'S TRAINING CLASS

Our Interns from 2016-17:

Natalie Brei, PhD, graduated from the University of Wisconsin. She remained at Children's Mercy for fellowship in behavioral pediatrics and integrated behavioral health in primary care.

Sun Young Hwang, PhD, graduated from George Washington University. She started fellowship training at The MECCA Group, LLC in Washington, DC.

William Frye, PhD, graduated from Auburn University. He began fellowship training at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio in Pediatric Psychology Pain.

Our Fellows from 2016-17:

Kyle Bersted PhD, completed fellowship at Children's Mercy and started a position at Burrell Behavioral Health in Columbia, Missouri.

Kristen Thompson, PhD, completed her fellowship at Children's Mercy in the fall. She currently serves as Pediatric Integration Coordinator at Burrell Behavioral Health in Springfield, Missouri.

Allison Zoromski, PhD, completed fellowship and joined faculty at Children's Mercy dedicated to the ADHD program.



OTHER D&B TRAINEES

In addition to psychology interns and post-doctoral fellows, our division includes eight one-year practicum students who emphasize clinical and research experiences. The trainees join us from area universities including the University of Kansas (Clinical Psychology, Clinical Child, Counseling Psychology, and Applied Behavior Analysis programs), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (Clinical Psychology and Counseling Psychology programs). The current practicum students and experiences for the 2017-18 academic year follow:

Luke Allen, Gender Pathways Services
Christina Amaro, Clinical Child/ Pediatrics
Carolina Bejarano, Weight Management
Shaquanna Brown, Research
Kelsey Dachman, Behavioral Pediatrics
Tiffany Kitchline, Research
Bridget O'Connor, Research
Marcy Vandament, Neuropsychology

The Division of Developmental and Behavioral Sciences provides fellowship training in Developmental Behavioral Medicine! Our current D&B fellows are:

July Jean, MD
Aicha Mahfoudhi, MD
Elizabeth Milkovich, MD
Grace Winningham, MD

Our psychiatry team provides training for Child Psychiatry Fellows from KU, who complete a three-month rotation, including experience with inpatient consults and outpatient clinics.

We also host Pediatric Residents for one-month rotations, and these residents spend time with our Psychiatrists, Developmental/Behavioral Pediatricians, and Psychologists in a variety of clinical settings.

THE CHILD PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP AT CMH

The psychology internship at Children's Mercy provides intensive training in psychological assessment, intervention, consultation, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the context of a dedicated pediatric academic health care environment. By providing the highest-quality supervision and training, the program aims to facilitate a well-balanced set of clinical and professional skills to prepare interns for successful careers as psychologists.

The internship is accredited by the American Psychological Association, and is a member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (AAPIC).

Both the Clinical Child and Pediatric Psychology tracks aim to provide interns with:

(A) a variety of depth and breadth of experience within a pediatric academic medical center,

(B) opportunities for interprofessional development and collaboration through integration into pediatric subspecialty clinics, and

(C) knowledge of successful integration of research into clinical practice.

CLINICAL CHILD TRACK

A year-long outpatient clinical child experience as well as three, four-month long (two days per week) specialty rotations. Interns may choose concentrated experiences in three out of five rotation options: ADHD/Behavioral Pediatrics, Childhood Traumatic Stress, Eating Disorders, Feeding and Elimination, or Special Needs. Training also includes didactics and opportunity for research. The clinical child track emphasize experiences that build skills that will prepare interns to be competitive for fellowships in clinical child psychology and for careers in academic medical centers, primary care clinics, private practice, and a variety of settings.

PEDIATRIC PSYCHOLOGY TRACK

A year-long experience in inpatient consultation/liaison and outpatient child psychology clinic as well as three four-month long rotations in medical specialty clinics, neuropsychology, and pain management. Training also includes didactics and opportunities for research. The pediatric psychology track emphasize experiences that build skills that will promote interns being competitive for pediatric fellowships and being successful in careers as pediatric psychologists in academic medical centers.

SEE WEBSITE AND APPIC DOCUMENTS FOR FULL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE INTERNSHIP AND TRACKS!

<http://www.childrensmercy.org/APA/>

INTRODUCING OUR PSYCHOLOGISTS...

The remainder of this newsletter includes information about the psychologists who are members of our Division. Each of the faculty interact with interns. Some may be primary supervisors or mentors, others may supervise during a major clinic rotation or "mini" medical rotation, and others provide didactics. All, though, are interested in helping interns to have the best experience possible during their year at Children's Mercy.

Our Staff have provided this information to help you get

to know us and what Children's Mercy has to offer. These are obviously very abbreviated descriptions; for more information, you can find a biosketch and/or full CV on the website for all our Medical Staff.

Psychologists are organized by the primary track in which they would likely interact with interns, although some interact with interns across both tracks. It's also worth noting that our 51 psychologists work on multi-disciplinary inpatient and outpatient teams throughout the entire hospital!



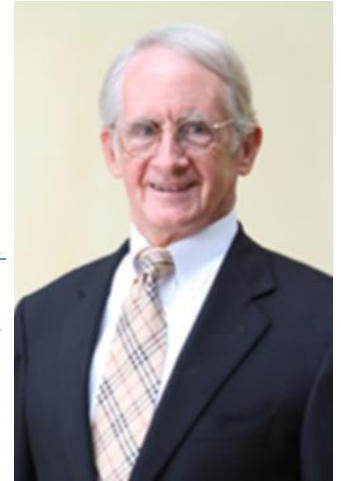
Clinical Child Specialists



Brian Belden, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Attention Deficit Disorders, Parenting, Pediatric Psychology, Learning Disabilities, Psychological Testing, Developmental Disorders



Edward R. Christophersen, PhD, ABPP

Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics

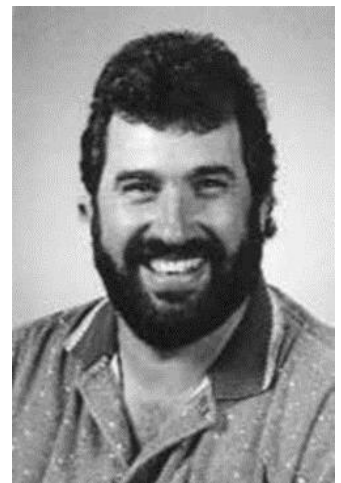
Specialties: ADHD; Toileting Problems; Anxiety Disorders in Young Children; Parenting Issues



David H. Bennett, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Attention Deficit Disorders, Learning Disabilities, School-Related Anxieties and Difficulties, Psychological Testing



Vincent J. Barone, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Common Childhood and Adolescent Behavior Disorders; School Problems; Parenting Issues; Externalizing Disorders; Behavioral Treatments for Pervasive Developmental Disorders; Applied Behavior Analysis; Injury Prevention Strategies



Rochelle L. Harris, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Learning Disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorders, Adjustment and Behavioral Problems, Autism Spectrum Disorders

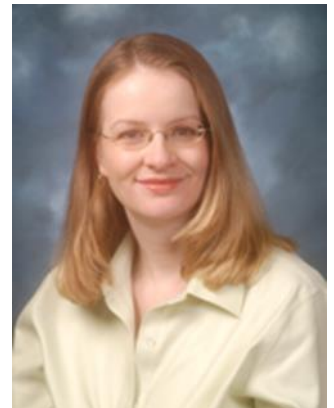
Clinical Child Specialists



Julia E. Thompson, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Child Clinical Psychology;
Trauma Psychology



Christy A. Kleinsorge, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Chronic Illness, Parenting Issues,
Psychological Testing, Feeding



Briana A. Woods-Jaeger, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: CMH at Operation Breakthrough, Anxiety
Disorders; Multi-Problem Clinical Presentations; Com-
munity-Based Mental Health



Christine Moser, PsyD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Psychological Testing; Gender Dysphoria;
Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy; Suicide Risk and
Resilience in Adolescence

Clinical Child Specialists



Megan Bolch, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Evaluation and treatment of ADHD, learning disorders, internalizing disorders, including anxiety and depression, and adjustment disorders, such as grief/loss, and divorce.



Leslee T. Belzer, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

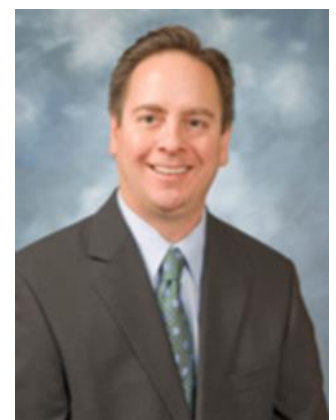
Specialties: Psychological services in Primary Care for children with medical complexity, siblings and parents; Psycho-



Girwan Khadka, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Coordinating care with Psychiatry



Timothy R. Apodaca, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Adolescent Mental Health; Substance Abuse; Mood Disorders

Development & Autism Spectrum



Victoria C. Little, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Evaluation of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Disorders in children age 12 months to 5 years



Cynthia R. Call, PsyD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Autism Assessment and Social Development, School Problems and Consultation, Mood and Affective Disorders, Child Trauma and Maltreatment



Cy B. Nadler, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Disruptive and Severe Behavioral Problems; Behavioral Parent Training; Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Research

Development & Autism Spectrum



Natalie M. Haultain, PsyD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Autism Spectrum Disorder; Disruptive Behavior Disorders; Anxiety Disorders



JoAnn "Bo" Youngblood, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Autism Spectrum Disorders; noncompliance, ADHD, enuresis, toilet training, tantrums, aggression, pill-swallowing



Katie L. Lindberg, PsyD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Assessment of autism, ADHD, and developmental disabilities



Brenda Salley, PhD

Assistant Professor

Specialties: Developmental Psychology; Cognitive Psychology; Baby Lab at KU Med Center

Eating Disorders



Kathryn B. Pieper, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Eating Disorders; Adolescent Psychotherapy



Sara R. Gould, PhD, ABPP

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Eating Disorders; Adolescent Development and Mental Health;



Joanna Wiese, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Eating Disorders, military psychology; anxiety and trauma-related disorders.

ADHD



Carla C. Allan, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Disruptive Behavior Disorders;
Anxiety Disorders



Simone S. Moody, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Disruptive Behavior Disorders;
Behavioral Pediatrics



Trista A. Perez-Crawford, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Autism; Developmental
Disabilities; Behavioral Interventions and
Diagnostic Assessment for Spanish Speaking
and Underserved Populations



Allison Zoromski, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD, clinical and research
interests in school-based mental health

Neuropsychology



John “Josh” Hall, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Neuropsychological Assessment, Outcomes of Epilepsy, Surgery, Congenital Heart Surgery, Tic Disorder, Learning Disorders



Maria D. Korth, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Neuropsychology, Rehabilitation, Concussion Management, Traumatic Brain Injury and Spina Bifida



Paul Glasier, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Neuropsychological Assessment, Epilepsy, Epilepsy Surgery, Hematological/Oncological Disorders, Cardiac Disease



Elizabeth J. Willen, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Neuropsychological Assessment, Congenital Heart Defects, Neurocognitive Outcomes in Infants and Toddlers

Hematology/Oncology



Lynne M. Covitz, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Chronic Illness with Dedicated Services to Hematology/Oncology, Psychology Training, Ethics



Rachel M. Moore, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Chronic Illness and Treatment Adherence; Pediatric Hematology/Oncology; Pediatric Nephrology (Dialysis/Kidney Transplantation)



Gail Robertson, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Chronic Illness with Dedicated Services to Rheumatology, Hematology (Sickle Cell disease), and Dermatology

Weight Management



Meredith L. Dreyer Gillette, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Childhood Obesity; Treating Children with Special Needs (ASD, Down Syndrome, Developmental Disabilities) and Obesity; Type 2 Diabetes



Amy R. Beck, PhD, RYT 200

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatric Obesity, Weight Bias and Stigma, Psychological Trauma, Integration of Yoga with Psychotherapy

Consultation/Liaison & Chronic Pain



Janelle Mentrikoski, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Inpatient Consultation/Liaison; Pain Management



Klanci M. McCabe, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Inpatient Consultation/Liaison; Pain Management; Biofeedback



Sarah Beals-Erickson, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pain Management; Pediatric Pain Rehabilitation; Pediatric sleep disorders



Dustin P. Wallace, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pain Management; Pediatric Pain Rehabilitation; Acceptance-Based Treatment



Mark A. Connelly, PhD

Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Chronic and Acute Pain; Somatization Disorders; Adjustment Disorders

Gastroenterology



Jennifer V. Schurman, PhD, ABPP

Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Childhood Chronic Illness; Functional Abdominal Pain; Biopsychosocial Interactions; Pain Prevention; Volitional Nonadherence



Amanda D. Deacy, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatric Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (FGIDs); Internalizing Disorders; Acceptance-Based Intervention



Michele H. Maddux, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease; Adherence to Treatment Regimen; Transition from Pediatric to Adult-Focused Care



Laura E. Slosky, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

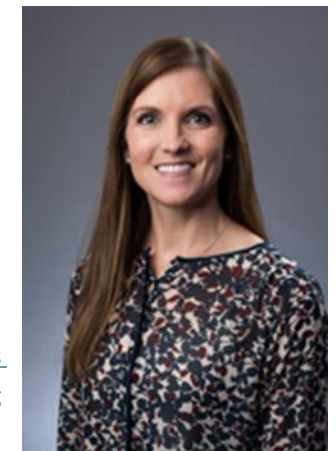
Specialties: Gastroenterology; Feeding Disorders; Elimination Disorders



Christina Low Kapalu, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Behavioral management of constipation and fecal incontinence; consultation with multidisciplinary clinics for chronic medication conditions, mood, anxiety, and behavioral conditions.



Jamie L. Ryan, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatric liver disease and transplant; Adherence; Family Allocation of Treatment Responsi-

Other Specialty Teams



Anna M. Egan, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Endocrine/Diabetes, Disorders of Sexual Development, Gender Incongruence, Adjustment to Diagnosis/Chronic Illness, Nonadherence to Medical Treatment



Jami N. Gross-Toalson, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Treatment Adherence; Transition to Adult Health Care; Pediatric Cardiology and Transplant



Rebecca J. Johnson, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Kidney Dialysis and Transplant; Intestinal Rehabilitation; Cystic Fibrosis; Adherence



Kevin C. Smith, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Pediatric Sleep Disorders



Tiffany Willis, PsyD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Infant Mental Health; Attachment; Special Healthcare Needs; Minority and Underserved Populations

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