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.

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 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.

INTRODUCING THE 22ND CHILDREN’S MERCY TRAINING CLASS!

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 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.

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 hematologic/oncology patients, comorbid chronic medical conditions, internalizing disorders, and consultation/liaison services. Outside of work, she enjoys tennis, yoga, baking, reading, stargazing, and time with friends and family.
Former CM interns are working across the US in academic medical centers, private hospitals, group and private practices, and teaching at colleges and universities.

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

**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.

Find more information at: [http://www.childrensmercy.org/APA/](http://www.childrensmercy.org/APA/)
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 multidisciplinary 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. Christophsersen, 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
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; Community-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
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.

Girwan Khadka, PhD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
**Specialties:** Child and Adolescent Mental Health; Coordinating care with Psychiatry

Leslee T. Belzer, PhD
Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
**Specialties:** Psychological services in Primary Care for children with medical complexity, siblings and parents; Psycho-

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.
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
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
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

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
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
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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