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INTRODUCING THE 23RD CHILDREN'S MERCY TRAINING CLASS!

We welcome the 2018-2019 intern class to the Children's Mercy Section of Psychology!

MEET THE INTERNS

Carolyn Bates, MA, joins us from the child and family subspecialty of the Clinical Psychology program at Loyola University Chicago. Her dissertation examined the influence of family entropy on child obesity and obesogenic behaviors. Her clinical interests involve pediatric psychology and treating youth with acute and chronic health conditions. She enjoys working with children, their families, and medical teams to promote positive psychosocial and physical health outcomes in the context of medical treatment. Outside of work, Carolyn enjoys running and plans to participate in the KC marathon this fall. She also likes to explore restaurants and live music around Kansas City.

Caroline Pittard, MEd, comes to us from the Counseling Psychology program at the University of Louisville. Her dissertation topic involves the conceptualization of the positive cognitive triad and associations with depressive symptoms in adolescents. Her clinical interests include the treatment of childhood psychopathology using cognitive and/or behavioral approaches and empowering families in support of their children. In addition, she has a special interest in the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents with developmental disabilities. Beyond the workplace, she enjoys trying new restaurants and spending time with her partner and cat. She also loves listening to true crime and historical podcasts, as well as watching Carolina basketball.



Pictured clockwise from top left: **Ayanda Chakawa, Ali Calkins-Smith, Caroline Pittard, Jon Poquiz, and Carolyn Bates.**

Jon Poquiz, MA attends the Clinical Child Psychology program at the University of Kansas. His dissertation focuses on the examination of the role of social factors in the stability of proactive and reactive aggression. His clinical interests include system-based interventions. He enjoys working with high-risk adolescents and their families; yet he is also looking forward to gaining more experience working with younger kiddos. Reflective of his love for music, Jon minored in musical theory, plays the piano, and is considering learning the cello. He has a border collie/Australian shepherd mix dog named Bo, who is incredibly smart and goofy. He loves to unwind with Lego sets consisting of overwhelming amounts of pieces. Most importantly, he likes a good suspense/thriller or romantic fiction novel, as he is currently enjoying the Crazy Rich Asians trilogy.

MEET THE FELLOWS

Ali Calkins-Smith, PhD, graduated from the Clinical Psychology program at the University of Kansas. She recently completed her internship on the pediatric track at Children's Mercy Kansas City. Her dissertation focused on adherence behaviors on youth following the completion of an intensive interdisciplinary pain rehabilitation program. Her clinical interests are broadly within both inpatient and outpatient work in pediatric psychology. She has specialized interests within pediatric pain, orthopedic/sports medicine, and cardiology. Outside of work, Ali enjoys spending time with her husband and their two cats, Lars and Remy. They enjoy going to KC sporting events, eating delicious food at new restaurants, and spending time with family and friends.

Ayanda Chakawa, PhD, graduated from the Clinical Psychology program at Auburn University and recently completed her internship on the clinical track at Children's Mercy Kansas City. Her dissertation focused on the impact of mental health literacy on treatment seeking intentions across specific disorders accounting for race and ethnicity. Her clinical interests include cultural competence in mental health treatment, clinical assessment, and program development. Beyond work, Ayanda enjoys spending time with friends and family, traveling, shopping, baking, and catching up on her favorite television shows.

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!

CHILDREN'S MERCY GRADS

Former CM interns and fellows 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 2017-2018:

Ali Calkins-Smith, PhD, graduated from the University of Kansas. She remained at Children's Mercy for fellowship which will be focused in pain management, orthopedics and cardiology.

Ayanda Chakawa, PhD, graduated from Auburn University. She continues her fellowship training at Children's Mercy with plans to focus on behavioral pediatrics, primary care consultation services, and Operation Breakthrough.

Casey Lawless, PhD, graduated from the University of Florida. She is completing fellowship at Children's National in DC to further specialize in pediatric psychology, primarily working with youth with Cystic Fibrosis.

Our Fellows from 2017-2018:

Natalie Brei, PhD, completed her internship and fellowship at Children's Mercy. She is working to develop and establish an integrated behavioral health program in a primary care clinic through Catholic Social Services in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gillian Mayersohn, PsyD, completed fellowship at Children's Mercy. She accepted a pediatric psychology position at St. Louis Children's Hospital specializing in liver, kidney, heart, and lung transplant.

Jenna Oppenheim, PsyD, completed fellowship at Children's Mercy. Jenna accepted a faculty position at Children's Medical Center of Dallas where she specializes in pediatric psychology providing hematology and oncology services.

OTHER D&B TRAINEES



In addition to psychology interns and postdoctoral fellows, our division includes ten 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 2018-19 academic year are:

Luke Allen— Gender Pathways Research
Carolina Bejarano— Eating Disorders
Erin Bojanek— Special Needs/ Autism
Toni Crouse— Neuropsychology
Kelsey Dachman— Behavioral Pediatrics
Tiffany Kitchline— Pain Management and GI Research
Arwen Marker— Clinical Child/Pediatrics

Alexandra Monzon— Weight Management
Victoria Perko— Eating Disorder Research
Brianne Richson— Eating Disorders

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

Michael Slogic, MD
Grace Winningham, MD

Our psychiatry team provides training for Child Psychiatry Fellows from KU, who complete a 3-month rotation including experience with inpatient consults and outpatient clinics.

We also host Pediatric Residents for one half-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, treatment, 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, 4-month long (2 days per week) specialty rotations. Interns may choose concentrated experiences in 3 out of 5 rotation options: ADHD/Behavioral Pediatrics, 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 full year of experience in inpatient consultation/liaison and outpatient child psychology clinic as well as three 4-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.

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

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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 52 psychologists work on multidisciplinary inpatient and outpatient teams throughout the entire hospital!



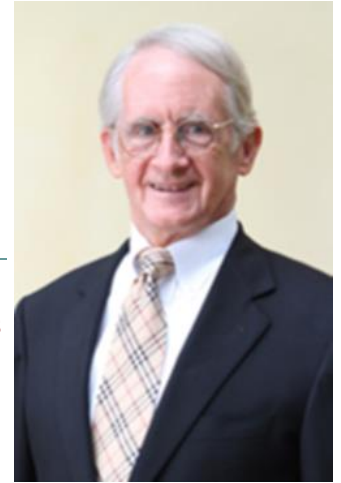
Clinical Child Specialists



Brian Belden, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

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



Edward R. Christophersen, PhD, ABPP

Professor of Pediatrics (Emeritus Faculty)

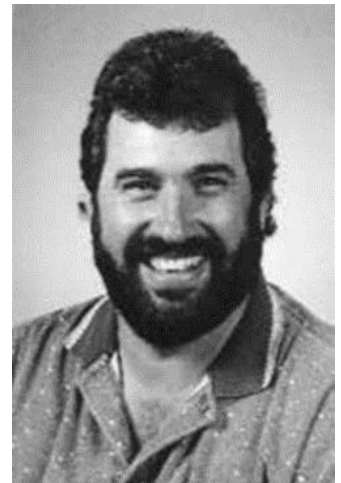
Specialties: ADHD; Toileting Problems; Anxiety Disorders in Young Children; Parenting Issues



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

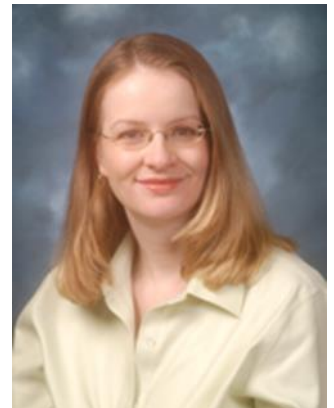
Clinical Child Specialists



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



Kerry Prout, PhD

Specialties: Behavior problems, Mood and Anxiety Disorders, Developmental Disorders, Adjustment Concerns, Early Childhood Concerns, Behavioral Sleep Concerns



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 disorder, such as grief/loss, and divorce.



Leslee T. Belzer, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

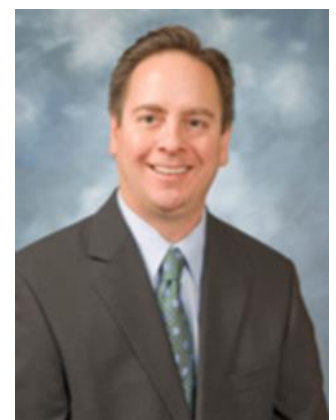
Specialties: Psychological services in Primary Care for children with medical complexity, siblings and parents; Psycho-



Girwan Khadka, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

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



Timothy 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, Affective Disorders, Child Trauma and Maltreatment



Cy B. Nadler, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Disruptive and Severe Behavioral Problems;



Melissa Campbell, PsyD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Developmental Delays , and Behavioral Prob-

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 Allan, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Disruptive Behavior Disorders;
Anxiety Disorders



Simone Moody, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Disruptive Behavior Disorders;
Behavioral Pediatrics



Trista Perez-Crawford, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

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

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

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, Internalizing Disorders, and 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

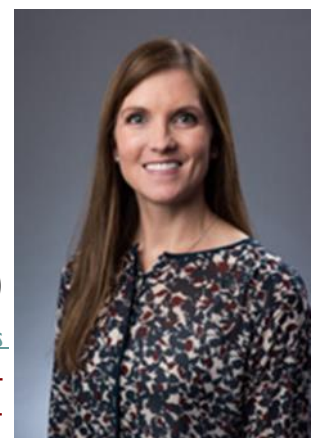
Specialties: Gastroenterology; Feeding Disorders; Elimination Disorders



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 Responsibility; Adjustment to Pediatric Chronic Illness

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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