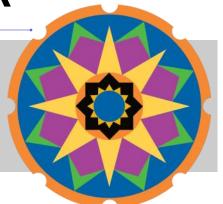
### Psychology Internship Program at Children's Mercy Kansas City

### INTERNSHIP NEWSLETTER

### See Inside for:

- Introduction to interns and fellows, and updates on last year's trainees
- Description of the internship and of Kansas City
- Photos of our psychology group



### INTRODUCING THE 20th CHILDREN'S MERCY INTERN CLASS!

Please welcome the 2015 intern class to our quickly growing Psychology Section!

Cynthia Pierre, MA, joins us from Loyola University where her dissertation focuses on the buffering effect of adaptive social support on African American males exposed to community violence. Her clinical and research interests center on stress, coping, mental health, and complex trauma presentations in minority youth. When not at work, you might find her cooking or curled up reading classic literature.

Alana Goldstein, MA, comes to Kansas City from Xavier University where her dissertation is titled "Transition Readiness in Adolescents and Young Adults with Sickle Cell Disease." Her clinical interests include hematology and oncology, adherence to treatment regimen, and pain management and her research focuses on transition readiness and treatment

adherence in youth with sickle cell disease. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, painting, and cooking.

**Sherilynn Chan, MS,** is attending the University of Miami where

her dissertation focuses on cyber victimization, aggression, and alcohol use in adolescents. Clinically she is focused on work with children and adolescents with chronic illness, and her research interests focus on peer victimization, adolescent health risk behaviors, social functioning among youth with chronic pain. Outside of work she enjoys running, exploring Kansas City, Parks & Recreation (on Netflix and in real life), and watching hockey.

### THREE FELLOWS FOR 2015-2016

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

Girwan Khadka, PhD, graduated from Washington State University and completed internship at Children's Mercy. His primary clinical and research interests include ADHD, sluggish cognitive tempo, special needs, disruptive behaviors, learning disorders, and anxiety. Outside of work you might find him read-

ing world literature, cooking, watching classic movies, and studying etymology or symbology.

Gail Robertson, PhD, graduated from Idaho State and interned at the Munroe-Meyer Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. Her clinical interests broadly focus on the integration of clinical and pediatric psychology, leading to her rotations in sleep, behavior management, adherence, pain, and C/L. Her research interests are centered on executive functioning, sleep, and the application of behavioral techniques to medical adherence. Outside of work, she likes to read (mostly sci-fi and fantasy, with the occasional criminal mystery thrown in), collect literature (the older the better), swim, participate in social action and advocacy, and is attempting to become a horror movie fanatic.

Greg Schutte, PhD, graduated from Oklahoma State University and completed his internship at the May Institute. His clinical and research interests center on the functional analysis of problem behavior, and understanding the mechanics that promote generalization of skills and behavior. Outside of work, you might find him following sports, working on his grilling, or being active and outdoors by fishing, golfing, or helping on the farm back home.

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 CMH 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 TRAINEES

#### **Our interns:**

Kelsie Hendrickson traveled to Joint Base Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, to complete a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship. The first year provides training in clinical child psychology and the second year focuses on pediatric psychology. On fellowship, she provides psychological diagnosis, assessment, and treatment for families of military service members and military retirees.

Genevieve Maliszewski won a fellowship through the KU Medical Center. She is conducting both research and clinical work in pediatric diabetes, as well as clinical and quality improvement work with the cystic fibrosis clinic.

Girwan Khadka stayed on for a fellowship at Children's Mercy, where he is receiving training in special needs and general clinical psychology. He is conducting therapy and assessments for patients referred from our physician col-

leagues, and also within some specialty clinics. See page I for more details.



### **Our fellows:**

Christina Low was hired at Children's Mercy where she is a member of the Children's Mercy Autism Team and specializes in assessment and behavioral intervention with children with special needs including autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, down syndrome, and 22Q deletion syndrome. She also serves as the codirector of the Interdisciplinary Constipation and Incontinence Clinic that is housed within the Division of Gastroenterology. Dr. Low Kapalu's clinical interests include short term treatment of developmental and behavioral concerns including toileting issues, behavioral problems (e.g., aggression, noncompliance, and tantrums), sleep difficulties, and internalizing disorders.

Natalie Passanante was also hired at Children's Mercy where she is specializing in kids with autism spectrum disorders, disruptive behavior disorders, and anxiety.

### OTHER D&B TRAINEES

In addition to psychology interns and post-doctoral fellows, our division includes 10 one-year practicum students (8 clinical and 2 research) from area universities including the University of Kansas (Clinical Psychology, Child Clinical, and Counseling Psychology programs), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (Clinical Psychology and Counseling Psychology programs). We also host Pediatrics residents for one-month rotations, and these residents spend time with our Psychiatrists, De-

velopmental/Behavioral Pediatricians, and Psychologists in a variety of clinical settings.

Further, the Division of Developmental and Behavioral Sciences also has a fellowship in Developmental Behavioral Medicine! Our current D&B fellows are: Candice Allen-Jara, MD July Jean-Cuevas, MD Jose Raymundo Lopez Lizarraga, MD Elizabeth Mikovich, MD and Lisa Pham, DO

### 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 <u>accredited by the American Psychological Association</u>, and is a <u>member of the Association</u> 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, 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 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! http://www.childrensmercy.org/APA/

### INTRODUCING OUR MEDICAL STAFF...

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 internship website for all our Medical Staff. In fact most of these are linked by clicking on the picture for each psychologist!

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 40 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

<u>Professor of Pediatrics</u>

<u>Specialties</u>: ADHD; Common Childhood Behavioral Disorders;

Toileting Problems; 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

Prevention Strategies

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





Associate Professor of Pediatrics

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



### Christine Moser, PsyD

<u>Associate Professor of Pediatrics</u>

<u>Specialties</u>: Psychological Testing; Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy; Suicide Risk and Resilience in Adolescence



# 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

<u>Specialties</u>: 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



Timothy R. Apodaca, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Adolescent Mental Health; Substance
Abuse; Mood Disorders

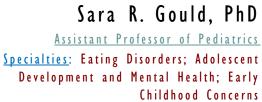




Kathryn B. Pieper, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Eating Disorders; Adolescent Psychotherapy





### Development & Autism Spectrum



Victoria C. Little, PhD Associate Professor of Pediatrics Specialties: Attention Deficit Disorders: Autism Spectrum Disorders; Learning Disabilities



Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Specialties: Autism Assessment and Early Intervention, School Problems and Consultation, Mood and Affective Disorders, Attention Deficit Disorders, Child Trauma and Maltreatment

Cynthia R. Call, PsyD



Cy B. Nadler, PhD Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Specialties: Disruptive and Severe Behavioral Problems: Autism and Related Neurodevelopmental Disabilities; Parenting



Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Specialties: Autism Spectrum Disorders; Common Behavioral Problems (Non-Compliance, Aggression, Self Injurious Behavior and Toileting Difficulties); Constipation and Incontinence (through GI)



Natalie M. Passanante, PsyD Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics Specialties: Autism Spectrum Disorder; Disruptive Behavior Disorders; Anxiety Disorders





### Development & Autism Spectrum



Katie L. Lindberg, PsyD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Assessment of autism, ADHD, and developmental disabilities



Assistant Research Professor

<u>Specialties</u>: Developmental Psychology; Cognitive Psychology; <u>Baby Lab at KU Med Center</u>





Carla C. Allan, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: ADHD; Disruptive Behavior Disorders;

Anxiety Disorders



Trista A. Perez, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Autism and Developmental Disabilities;
Behavioral Interventions and Diagnostic Assessment; Assessment and Therapy for Spanish Speaking Families

Simone S. Moody, PhD

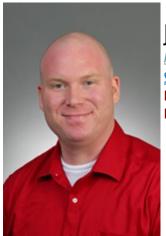
Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: ADHD; Disruptive Behavioral Disorders;

Behavioral Pediatrics



## Neuropsychology



John "Josh" Hall, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

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







Hilary C. Boorstein, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Significant/Multiple Disabilities (Assessment and Behavioral treatment); Cognitive and Behavioral Effects of Genetic Disorders; Down Syndrome; Follow-up of NICU Survivors

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



Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

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



# Chronic Pain



Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Inpatient Consultation/Liaison;
Pain Management



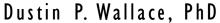


Mark A. Connelly, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Specialties: Chronic and Acute Pain; Somatization Disor-

ders; Adjustment Disorders



Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Pain Management; Pediatric Pain Rehabilitation; Acceptance-Based Treatment



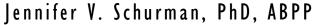
### Gastroenterology, Hepatology, & Nutrition



Rebecca J. Johnson, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Promoting development of Young Children with Chronic Health Conditions; Kidney Dialysis and Transplant; Intestinal Rehabilitation; Cystic Fibrosis; Adherence



Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Childhood Chronic Illness; Functional Abdominal Pain; Biopsychosocial Interactions; Pain Prevention; Volitional Nonadherence

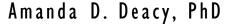




Michele H. Maddux, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

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



Associate Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Pediatric Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (FGIDs); Chronic Somatic Symptoms; Internalizing Disorders

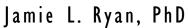




Laura E. Slosky, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Gastroenterology; Feeding Disorders; Elimination Disorders



Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Pediatric liver disease and transplant; Adherence; Family Allocation of Treatment Responsibility; Adjustment to Pediatric Chronic Illness



## Weight Management



Meredith L. Dreyer Gillette, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Childhood Obesity; Type I Diabetes; Obesity Among Children with Special Needs; Medication Adherence; Adjustment to Illness

Amy R. Beck, PhD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Pediatric Obesity, School-Based Mental Health, Complex Trauma, Anxiety Disorders



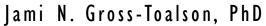
### Other Specialty Teams



Anna M. Egan, PhD, ABPP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Chronic Illness, Adherence to Treatment Regimen, Adjustment to Illness, Diabetes, PHIT Kids



Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Treatment Adherence; Transition to Adult Health Care; Pediatric Transplant





Tiffany Willis, PsyD

Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics

<u>Specialties</u>: Infant Mental Health; Attachment; Special Healthcare Needs; Minority and Underserved Populations

Kevin C. Smith, PhD

Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Specialties: Pediatric Sleep Disorders



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Brian Belden, PhD

### **Pediatric Psychology Lead**

Rebecca Johnson, PhD, ABPP

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Anna Egan, PhD, ABPP

### **Assoc. Training Directors**

Maria Korth, PhD (Peds track)
Christy Kleinsorge, PhD (Clin track)
Cynthia Call, PsyD (Post-docs)
Rachel Moore., PhD (Practicum)

### **Staff Psychologists**

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