



Clinical Psychology Residents 2026-2027



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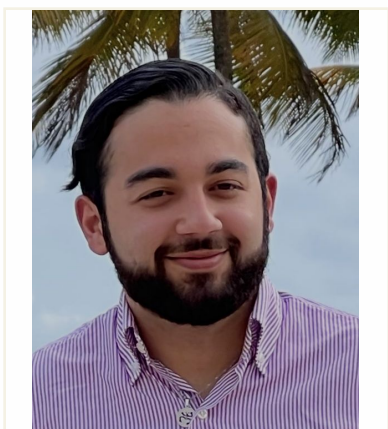
Internship track: Beh Med

Graduate School: Oklahoma State University

Dissertation Title: Tracing the Impact of Evolving Environmental Exposure to Tobacco, Cannabis, and Nicotine Emissions on Children's Mental Health Symptom Trajectories

Clinical Interests: My clinical interests center on health behavior modification in medically complex populations across the lifespan, including substance use disorders, chronic illness, and significant life transitions such as adolescence and the perinatal period, using process-oriented methods within integrated healthcare settings.

Research Interests: My research integrates tobacco and cannabis regulatory science with developmental psychopathology to investigate how perinatal and secondhand exposure to tobacco and cannabis influence neurodevelopmental and behavioral outcomes from the fetal-infant transition through adolescence. Additionally, I am interested in exploring the biobehavioral mechanisms and family dynamics through which parental substance use may contribute to intergenerational risk.



Diego Barcala-Delgado
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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: University of Massachusetts - Amherst

Dissertation Title: What Works for Fathers and Their Children: Examining how Work Shapes Fathers' Mental Health, Parenting, and Children's Mental Health

Clinical Interests: Guided by integrative and interpersonal frameworks, my clinical interests lie in treatments and assessments informed by and addressing systems and contexts that uses a multidisciplinary lens, and with a specific focus on evidence-based treatments during the perinatal period for the family unit as a whole.

Research Interests: Guided by the bioecological model, my research broadly examines how different psychological, social, environmental, and systemic factors influence parents' mental health, their parenting behaviors during the perinatal period, and ultimately their children's development with a specific focus on low-income families of color, and the goal of translating this research into evidence-based interventions to support vulnerable families during their transition to parenthood.



Evan Basting
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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Dissertation Title: Examining proximal associations between minority stress, PTSD symptoms, and alcohol use among bi+ college students with trauma histories

Clinical Interests: Evidence-based, culturally responsive treatment of trauma and substance use among sexual and gender minority individuals and other marginalized communities.

Research Interests: Integrating minority stress and trauma frameworks to understand substance use and intimate partner violence among sexual and gender minority individuals.



Sandra Cepeda
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Internship track: Child

Graduate School: University of Miami

Dissertation Title: Project Independence: Building daily living skills in autistic youth via a caregiver-directed single-session intervention

Clinical Interests: Exposure-based and transdiagnostic cognitive behavioral therapy for youth emotional disorders, with a particular focus on anxiety and obsessive-compulsive disorders.

Research Interests: Development, cultural adaptation, and dissemination of scalable interventions for youth with emotional disorders and autistic individuals.



Michelle Chang

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Internship track: Beh Med

Graduate School: University of California-Los Angeles

Dissertation Title: Losing Loved Ones Too Soon and Too Much: Lifetime Loss, Accelerated Aging, and Neighborhood Carceral Systems in Older Adults

Clinical Interests: Integrating cognitive-behavioral and relational approaches to support the holistic mental and physical health of individuals with medical comorbidities, with a particular interest in tending to experiences of grief among marginalized communities.

Research Interests: Racial disparities in lifetime bereavement and its corresponding impacts on health outcomes (e.g., epigenetic aging, cardiovascular health).



Olivia Chen

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Internship track: Beh Med

Graduate School: University of Miami

Dissertation Title: Multisystem Medical Mistrust and Its Consequences for HIV Care in South Africa: A Multipronged Approach with Item Response Theory and Latent Class Analysis

Clinical Interests: Cognitive-behavioral interventions to support self-management, adherence, and psychosocial adjustment among individuals living with chronic medical conditions, with integration of motivational interviewing and DBT skills.

Research Interests: Psychosocial determinants of health behaviors and health outcomes among individuals living with chronic medical conditions, with additional interests in psychometric evaluation and measure refinement.



Kirsten Christensen

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Internship track: Child

Graduate School: Texas Tech University

Dissertation Title: Improving brief assessment of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in youth: An engaged, stakeholder-informed approach to measure development and testing

Clinical Interests: Evidence-based treatment for high-risk patients, particularly in acute care settings.

Research Interests: Assessment and treatment of self-injurious thoughts and behaviors.



Alex Clement

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Internship track: Child (Juvi

Graduate School: University of Florida

Dissertation Title: "Development and Application of a Simulated Social Media Platform (MockFeed) to Experimentally Evaluate the Impact of Alcohol Content Exposure on Adolescent Alcohol-Related Cognitions and Behaviors"

Clinical Interests: Multisystemic and integrated treatment of youth and young adults presenting with health risk behaviors (suicidality, substance use, risky sexual behaviors), family conflict, and/or acute or chronic stressors.

Research Interests: Interaction of youth with technology and media in the context of etiology, prevention, and intervention of risky behaviors, particularly substance use.



Urvashi Dixit
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Internship track: Beh Med
Graduate School: University of South Alabama

Dissertation Title: Ecological Momentary Assessment of Emotion Regulation, Eating Expectancies, and Binge Eating

Clinical Interests: Providing evidence-based treatments for disordered eating and obesity in individuals with co-occurring medical (e.g., sleep disorders, diabetes) and psychiatric conditions (e.g., depression).

Research Interests: Identifying risk and maintenance mechanisms underlying binge and emotional eating across time, context, and individuals to inform personalized interventions.



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Internship track: Neuro
Graduate School: Boston University

Dissertation Title: Sex Differences in White Matter Pathology: Genetic and Reproductive Influences on Brain Aging

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological evaluation of neurodegenerative and cerebrovascular conditions in older adults and the application of cognitive rehabilitation approaches with individuals experiencing acquired cognitive impairment.

Research Interests: Sex differences in white matter pathology in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia, with a focus on identifying early biomarkers of neurodegeneration using neuroimaging techniques.



Bethany Gray
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Internship track: Adult
Graduate School: Colorado State University

Dissertation Title: "Novel Methods for Developing Measurements of Psilocybin Use Benefits and Negative Consequences"

Clinical Interests: Addiction and compulsive behaviors treatment.

Research Interests: Patterns of substance use and related use outcomes.



Hailey Inverso
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Internship track: Child (Pedi)
Graduate School: University of Florida

Dissertation Title: Caregiver Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices About Islet Autoantibody Screening for Type 1 Diabetes Risk Among Youth in The General Public

Clinical Interests: My clinical interests center on modular, transdiagnostic approaches to supporting youth and families navigating complex medical challenges. In my clinical work, I like to integrate cognitive-behavioral and other theoretical frameworks to meet the unique needs, strengths, and contexts of each patient and family.

Research Interests: My research interests encompass the multi-level mechanisms that support psychological and behavioral wellness among young people navigating life with a chronic illness. Specifically, I am interested in exploring how individual, family, healthcare, and sociocultural systems interact to influence adjustment, resilience, and quality of life while living with a chronic illness. Through this work, I aim to bridge the gap between research and clinical practice by disseminating evidence based tools to benefit all patients and families and promote health equity.



Caroline Kelberman

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Internship track: Child

Graduate School: University of Maine

Dissertation Title: Emotion Regulation as a Developmental Pathway to Risk and Resilience: From Early Childhood Through Emerging Adulthood

Clinical Interests: Assessment and treatment of mood, anxiety, and obsessive-compulsive disorders in children and families, particularly within integrated care settings.

Research Interests: Risk and protective factors contributing to the development and maintenance of internalizing problems in children and their implications for targeted, brief interventions.



Amanda Kenepp

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Internship track: Neuro

Graduate School: CUNY-Queen's College

Dissertation Title: Modeling Math in Children and Women with a Fragile X Premutation Allele

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological assessment of developmental and acquired disability in adulthood; Working with individuals with neurological diagnoses including conducting presurgical evaluations.

Research Interests: Single-gene mutation models of cognitive development, including fragile X premutation; Assessment of functional abilities and intervention strategies to improve daily functioning.



Anne Knorr

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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: University of Notre Dame

Dissertation Title: Stress experiences as markers of person-level vulnerability and temporal risk for near-term suicidal ideation

Clinical Interests: The application of cognitive behavioral therapy with individuals with mood, anxiety, and substance use disorders and the treatment of patients experiencing suicidal ideation.

Research Interests: Suicide risk mitigation among high-risk individuals, including through research on the relationship between stress and suicidal ideation.



Ann Lee

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Internship track: Neuro

Graduate School: Ohio State University

Dissertation Title: Examining Fluid and Structural Neuroimaging Biomarker Correlates of Cognition in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological assessment in older adults, neurodegenerative populations, and individuals with complex medical comorbidities, as well as culturally informed intervention and assessment.

Research Interests: Examining multimodal neuroimaging and fluid biomarker correlates of cognition in aging and neurodegenerative diseases and the contributions of cerebrovascular risk factors to cognitive and brain health.



Mira Leese
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Internship track: Neuro

Graduate School: Rosalind Franklin University Medicine & Science

Dissertation Title: The Memory Integrated Language Test and the Making Change Test:
Cross-Validation of Web-Based Performance Validity Tests

Clinical Interests: Providing neuropsychological assessment services for complex medical adult/older adult populations and delivering evidence-based interventions for individuals with neurological disorders.

Research Interests: Developing and validating web-based performance validity tests and investigating digital biomarkers for Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.



Katherine McManus-Shipp
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Internship track: Child (Pedi)

Graduate School: University of Connecticut

Dissertation Title: Time management and behavioral weight loss: a three paper dissertation

Clinical Interests: Role of psychology on multidisciplinary teams and integrative healthcare to support children's physical and mental health, with a particular interest in preventative care, coping with acute/chronic comorbid medical and psychiatric conditions, and behavioral lifestyle intervention.

Research Interests: Behavioral lifestyle intervention and prevention; assessing the impact of time constraints and time management in behavioral weight loss for individuals, couples, and families.



Cianna Piercey
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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: Colorado State University

Dissertation Title: Acute Physiological, Psychomotor, and Subjective Effects of Kratom and Use of Kratom in Substance Use Disorder Recovery: A Mixed Methods Observational Field Study

Clinical Interests: Evidence-based treatment of substance use disorders and co-occurring psychopathology; harm reduction; multi-cultural feminist approaches; underserved populations.

Research Interests: Substance use harm reduction; polysubstance use; mixed methods approaches; understudied and emerging psychoactive substances.



Pranitha Premnath
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Internship track: Neuro

Graduate School: CUNY-Queen's College

Dissertation Title: Neuropsychological Assessment in Diverse Older Adults: Exploring Participant Experiences of In-Person and Remote Testing for Early Dementia Detection

Clinical Interests: Neuropsychological assessment and cognitive rehabilitation for adults and older adults with neurodegenerative diseases, epilepsy, and other medically complex neurological conditions, with an emphasis on diagnostic clarification, individualized intervention planning, and the role of the neuropsychologist within multidisciplinary care teams.

Research Interests: Utility, feasibility, and acceptability of digital cognitive assessment tools for detecting/characterizing preclinical and clinical dementia, to increase accessibility of assessments for diverse and historically underrepresented populations.



Morgan Robison

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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: Florida State University

Dissertation Title: A multi-modal investigation of self-dehumanization: testing longitudinal associations between self-dehumanization, oxytocin, and suicide risk.

Clinical Interests: Understanding how acceptance, mindfulness, and behavioral skills training function within person-centered treatment models to enhance agency and support recovery among individuals at risk for suicide.

Research Interests: Examining the psychological and neurobiological mechanisms involving self- and other-processing to inform suicide risk assessment and intervention.



Miriam Sheynblyum

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Internship track: Beh Med

Graduate School: University of Florida

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Weight Stigma on Type 2 Diabetes Self-Management

Clinical Interests: Health psychology and behavioral medicine interventions for psychological symptoms and health behavior change among individuals with medical conditions.

Research Interests: Impact of weight bias and stigma on psychological well-being and health behavior engagement, and the development of interventions for weight stigma.



Khristyna Stetsiv

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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: University of Notre Dame

Dissertation Title: Suicidal Ideation as Emotion Regulation: An Ecological Momentary Assessment of Suicidal Thoughts and Other Emotion Regulation Strategies

Clinical Interests: Targeting high-risk and complex psychopathology, such as substance use disorders and suicidal thoughts and behaviors, with an integrative and transdiagnostic evidence-based approach.

Research Interests: Using ecological momentary assessment to examine emotion regulation and other transdiagnostic mechanisms underlying suicidal thoughts and behaviors and other psychopathology.



Abigail Szkutak

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Internship track: Adult

Graduate School: Teachers College at Columbia University

Dissertation Title: Leveraging Neural and Psychophysiological Tools to Better Understand Mechanisms of Emotional Distress and its Treatment in Adulthood: A Three-Paper Investigation

Clinical Interests: Application of traditional and third-wave cognitive behavioral interventions (e.g., mindfulness- and acceptance-based approaches) for adults experiencing transdiagnostic emotion dysregulation, including complex anxiety, mood, obsessive-compulsive presentations.

Research Interests: Examining whether, how, and for whom interventions work for adults with transdiagnostic emotion dysregulation by identifying mechanisms, predictors, and moderators of treatment response using multimethod approaches.
