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## CURRICULUM VITAE

Licensed Psychologist:      Alabama (November 2007)  
   Florida (July 2013)

### **Education/Training**

APPCN Member Postdoctoral Fellowship- *Clinical Neuropsychology* (9/07-8/08)  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Neurology  
*Supervisors:* Daniel Marson, J.D., Ph.D. and H. Randall Griffith, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

APA Approved Clinical Internship- *Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology Emphasis*  
(8/06-08/07) Birmingham VA Medical Center/University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Psychology Training Consortium  
*Supervisor:* Jocelyn McGee, M.S.G., Ph.D.

Ph.D.- *Clinical & Health Psychology*, University of Florida (08/2007)  
*Specialty concentration in Neuropsychology, Neurorehabilitation, and Clinical Neuroscience*  
Doctoral Dissertation: Self-Perception of Language Performance Following Stroke: Implications for Rehabilitative Efforts (funded by VA Associated Health Rehabilitation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship)  
*Doctoral Dissertation Committee:* Anna Bacon Moore, Ph.D. (Chair), Bruce Crosson, Ph.D., ABPP/CN (Co-Chair), Leslie Gonzalez Rothi, Ph.D., Michael Marsiske, Ph.D., Manfred Diehl, Ph.D.

M.S.- *Clinical & Health Psychology*, University of Florida (05/2003)  
Master's Thesis: Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging of Overt Language Production in Aphasia Rehabilitation: The Contribution of the Language Non- Dominant Hemisphere  
*Chair:* Anna Bacon Moore, Ph.D.

B.A.- *Psychology*, Trinity University (05/2000)  
Thesis: Theory of Mind: Cognitive Influences on Childhood Aggression  
*Thesis Advisor:* Margery Arnold, Ph.D.

## Academic Appointments and Clinical Experience

08/23-present

Clinical Professor of Psychology and Associate Director of Clinical Training in the Clinical Psychology Master's Program, University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology

*Courses Taught:* Practicum in Psychological Counseling (CYP 6942), Psychopathology (CLP 3143), Psychology Internship (CYP 6948C), Physiological Psychology (PSB 5005), Neuropsychology (PSB 4240), Physiological Psychology (PSB 3002), Individual Assessment (CLP 6441C), General Psychology (PSY 2012)

*Duties:*

- Sole responsibility for lectures and generating discussion about the subject-matter among students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels
- Assignment of papers and grading of assignments and exams
- Administrative duties as Associate Director of Clinical Training: self-assessment/self-study, graduate student recruitment, graduate student admissions, assist Program Director with oversight of graduate student curriculum, monitoring graduate student progress throughout the Clinical Psychology Master's program, monitoring approximately 30 Master's-level graduate students' service provision and progress in clinical training at each site, monitoring student intern hours, and provision of secondary supervision and oversight of clinical training.
- Attendance at faculty/staff meetings and participation on a variety of committees within the Psychology Department and at the University level
- HIPAA Compliance Officer for the Department of Psychology
- Provide therapeutic interventions to patients with a wide range of neuropsychological disorders and debility from chronic injuries and illnesses. Populations served include outpatient adult patients with stroke, traumatic brain injury, brain tumor, spinal cord injury, neurodegenerative disorders, cardiac issues, orthopedic issues, dementing illnesses, neuropsychiatric disorders, and movement disorders. Additionally, provide psychoeducational assessments for UCF student-athletes as needed. Responsibilities include providing weekly psychoeducation, psychotherapeutic intervention, and behavior modification techniques.
- Supervise graduate student clinicians in neuropsychological assessment and therapeutic intervention. Provide on-call/supplementary supervision as needed.

04/20- present

Associate Chair of Academic Programming, University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology

*Duties:*

- Psychology Department course scheduling and faculty course assignment
- Department liaison to UCF Connect/UCF Regional Campuses
- Provide assistance to Department Chair in department personnel and business matters, implement and administer directives from the Chair, and serve as needed in a department leadership role

01/18- 08/23

Clinical Associate Professor and Practicum and Internship  
Coordinator/Supervisor in the Clinical Psychology Master's Program,  
University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology, and School of  
Communication Sciences & Disorders

*Courses Taught:* Practicum in Psychological Counseling (CYP 6942), Abnormal Psychology (CLP 3143), Psychology Internship (CYP 6948C), Physiological Psychology (PSB 5005), Neuropsychology (PSB 4240), Physiological Psychology (PSB 3002), Individual Assessment (CLP 6441C), General Psychology (PSY 2012), Neuropsychological Assessment (CLP 7429), Advanced Neuropsychology Practicum (CLP 7943C)

*Duties:*

- Sole responsibility for lectures and generating discussion about the subject-matter among students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels
- Assignment of papers and grading of assignments and exams
- Administrative duties as Practicum and Internship Coordinator include seeking out and developing practicum and internship sites, securing and maintaining contracts and community partnerships with training sites, serving as the UCF faculty liaison, monitoring approximately 30 Master's-level graduate students' service provision and progress in clinical training at each site, monitoring student intern hours, and provision of secondary supervision and oversight of clinical training.
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08/16- 12/17

Clinical Associate Professor and Director of the UCF Psychology Clinic,  
University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology

*Courses Taught:* Neuropsychological Assessment (CLP 7429), Advanced Neuropsychology Practicum (CLP 7943C), Supervision Practicum (CLP 7942L), Abnormal Psychology (CLP 3143), Neuropsychology (PSB 4240), Physiological Psychology (PSB 3002), General Psychology (PSY 2012)

*Duties:*

- Sole responsibility for lectures, generating discussion about the subject-matter among students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels
- Assignment of papers and grading of assignments and exams
- Administrative duties as Director of the Psychology Clinic included: supervising clinic staff, supervising the graduate teaching assistant assigned to the Psychology Clinic, monitoring clinic revenue, maintaining supplies, test ordering, revising clinic forms as needed, revising the Psychology Clinic website as needed, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Psychology Clinic, and leading weekly educational workshops for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Attendance at faculty/staff meetings and participation on a variety of committees within the Psychology Department and at the University level
- HIPAA Compliance Officer for the Department of Psychology
- Conduct outpatient neuropsychological evaluations and therapeutic interventions with patients with a wide range of neuropsychological disorders and debility from chronic injuries and illnesses. Populations served include outpatient pediatric and adult patients with stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, neurodegenerative disorders, cardiac issues, orthopedic issues, dementing illnesses, neuropsychiatric disorders, and movement disorders. Additionally, provide psychoeducational assessments for UCF student-athletes as needed. Responsibilities include conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, test selection (based on presenting problem), neurobehavioral status exam, and test administration. Responsibilities also include interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, providing feedback to patients and referring providers, treatment recommendations, and patient and family education. Additionally, psychotherapeutic intervention and behavior modification techniques are implemented as needed.
- Supervise graduate student clinicians in neuropsychological assessment and therapeutic intervention. Provide on-call/supplementary supervision as needed. Supervise unlicensed clinical faculty supervisors.

01/16- 08/16

Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor and Interim Director of the UCF Psychology Clinic, University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology

*Courses Taught:* Neuropsychological Assessment (CLP 7429) and Advanced Neuropsychology Practicum (CLP 7943C)

*Duties:*

- Sole responsibility for lectures, generating discussion about the subject-matter among students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels
- Assignment of papers and grading of assignments and exams
- Administrative duties as Director of the Psychology Clinic included: supervising clinic staff, supervising the graduate teaching assistant assigned to the Psychology Clinic, monitoring clinic revenue, maintaining supplies, test ordering, revising clinic forms as needed, revising the Psychology Clinic website as needed, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Psychology Clinic, and leading weekly educational workshops for undergraduate and graduate students.
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- Supervise graduate student clinicians in neuropsychological assessment and therapeutic intervention. Provide on-call/supplementary supervision as needed. Supervise unlicensed clinical faculty supervisors.

08/15-12/15

Graduate Faculty Scholar and Adjunct Professor, University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology

*Courses Taught:* General Psychology (PSY2012) and Personality Theory and Research (PPE 3003)

*Duties:*

- Sole responsibility for lectures, generating discussion about the subject-matter among undergraduate students
- Assignment of papers and grading of assignments and exams

10/13-12/15

Rehabilitation NeuropsychologistHalifax Health/Brooks Rehabilitation  
Center for Inpatient Rehabilitation

*Duties:* Conduct inpatient neuropsychological evaluations with patients with a wide range of neuropsychological disorders and debility from chronic injuries and illnesses. Populations served include inpatient pediatric and adult patients with stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, neurodegenerative disorders, cardiac issues, orthopedic issues, dementing illnesses, neuropsychiatric disorders, and movement disorders. Responsibilities include conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, test selection (based on presenting problem), neurobehavioral exam, and test administration. Responsibilities also include interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, providing feedback to patients and referring providers, treatment recommendations, and patient and family education. Additionally, psychotherapeutic intervention and behavior modification techniques are implemented as needed to assist in rehabilitation treatment participation.

08/09-08/13

Assistant Professor of Psychology, University of Montevallo, Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

*Courses Taught:* Foundations of Psychology (Psyc 201), Psychopathology (Psyc 310), Psychological Testing (Psyc 418), Clinical Techniques and Ethics (Psyc 351), Forensic Psychology (Psyc 350), Health Psychology (Psyc 352), Biological Psychology (Psyc 425)

*Duties:*

- Tenure-track position
- Sole responsibility for lectures, generating discussion about the subject-matter among students
- Assignment of papers and grading of assignments and exams
- Adviser to students majoring in Psychology
- Faculty adviser to University-sponsored student group (Spectrum)
- Faculty adviser for Psychology Club
- Founding board member of UM's Safe Zone alliance
- Psychology librarian liaison
- Member of multiple faculty search committees
- Research in neuromarketing and ethics
- Attendance at faculty/staff meetings

01/12- 04/13

Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist

Glenwood, Inc./Shelby County Board of Education Special Education Services; Birmingham, Alabama

*Duties:* Conduct outpatient psychological and neuropsychological evaluations with patients with a wide range of psychological and neuropsychological disorders. Consult with local school districts to assist with special education planning, IEP development, and service implementation. Responsibilities include conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, test selection and administration, neurobehavioral

exam, interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, providing feedback to patients and referring providers, and providing post-evaluative referral services.

05/10 – 09/11

Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist

Alabama State Department of Education

*Duties:* Independent consultant (appointed by Governor Bob Riley) for the State Department for matters pertaining to mental health issues and neuropsychological insults affecting the people of Alabama.

09/08 – 05/10

Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist

Grayson & Associates, P.C., Birmingham, Alabama

*Duties:* Conduct outpatient psychological and neuropsychological evaluations with patients with a wide range of psychological and neuropsychological disorders. Provide psychotherapeutic services to individuals with neurological and psychiatric disorders. Responsibilities include conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, test selection and administration, neurobehavioral exam, interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, providing feedback to patients and referring providers, and providing post-evaluative supportive psychological services.

09/07 – 08/08

Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow

*Supervisors:* **Daniel Marson, J.D., Ph.D., H. Randall Griffith, Ph.D., ABPP-CN, and Roy Martin, Ph.D.**

*Duties:* Conducted outpatient neuropsychological evaluations with patients with a wide range of neuropsychological disorders. Populations served included outpatient adults with dementing illnesses, psychiatric disorders, and movement disorders. Responsibilities included conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, test selection (based on presenting problem), neurobehavioral exam, and test administration. Responsibilities also included interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, providing feedback to patients and referring providers, and supervising graduate students and psychology interns.

08/06 – 08/07

Neuropsychology Intern

*Supervisors:* **Jocelyn McGee, Ph.D., DeLisa West, Ph.D., Robert Savage, Ph.D., Daniel Marullo, Ph.D., Avi Madan-Swain, Ph.D., William Beidleman, Ph.D., and Chebon Porter, Ph.D.**

*Duties:* Conducted inpatient and outpatient neuropsychological evaluations with patients having a wide range of neuropsychological, neurological, and psychological disorders. Populations served included inpatient and outpatient adults and children seen for severe mental illness, epilepsy, dementia, spinal cord injury, amputation, brain disease, traumatic brain injury, and visual impairment. Responsibilities included conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, as well as test

selection (based on presenting problem) and administration. Responsibilities also included interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, and providing feedback to patients and referring medical providers. Other responsibilities included assistance in training graduate students in case conceptualization and test scoring.

01/07 - 05/07

Co-Teacher, *Psychology and Religion*, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Psychology

*Duties:*

- Prepare and present lecture material
- Assist with exam development
- Assist with developing and grading thought papers
- Graded examinations
- Led study sessions prior to each exam

08/05 – 01/06

Advanced Practicum in NeuroTrauma

*Supervisors:* **Robert Guenther, Ph.D., ABPP, and Thomas Kerkhoff, Ph.D., ABPP**

*Duties:* Conducted acute inpatient evaluations with integrated neuropsychological testing of adults with spinal cord injury and/or traumatic brain injury. Responsibilities included conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, as well as test selection (based on presenting problem) and administration. Responsibilities also included interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, and providing feedback to patients, family members and referring providers.

05/05 - 08/05

Advanced Practicum in Clinical Child Neuropsychology

*Supervisor:* **Eileen Fennell, Ph.D., ABPP**

*Duties:* Conducted child neuropsychological evaluations with neurologically compromised children, children with suspected learning disabilities and children with developmental delays. Responsibilities included conducting clinical interviews with the children's parents, and where appropriate with the child, medical record review, test selection (based on presenting problem), and test administration. Responsibilities also included interpretation of integrated findings, report writing, and providing feedback to parents, schools, and referring providers.

05/04 - 08/04

Rural Based Practicum in Primary Care Psychology

Community Based Outpatient Clinic for Veterans Affairs, Ocala, Florida

*Supervisor:* **Julius Gylys, Ph.D.**

*Responsibilities:* Conducted psychodiagnostic assessment and psychotherapy in a rural community, including individual therapy, smoking cessation groups, and marriage counseling.



- 08/03 - 01/04      Clinical Neuropsychology Practicum  
 Psychology Clinic, Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida  
*Supervisors:* **Dawn Bowers, Ph.D., Duane Dede, Ph.D.**  
*Responsibilities:* Conducted inpatient and outpatient neuropsychological evaluations with patients having a wide range of neuropsychological and neurological disorders. Populations served included inpatient and outpatient adults seen for learning disabilities, epilepsy, dementia, and traumatic brain injury. Responsibilities included conducting clinical interviews, medical record reviews, as well as test selection (based on presenting problem) and administration. Responsibilities also included interpretation of assessment measures, report writing, and providing feedback to patients and referring medical providers.
- 01/03 - 05/03      Clinical Child Psychology Practicum  
 Psychology Clinic, Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida  
*Supervisor:* **James Johnson, Ph.D., ABPP**  
*Responsibilities:* Conducted psychological evaluations and clinical interviews of children under the age of 18 in an outpatient setting. Evaluations included learning disorder assessments, behavioral and conduct problems, and cochlear implants. Responsibilities also included interpretation of assessment measures, report writing and providing interpretive feedback to patients and parents.
- 08/02 - 01/03      Health Psychology Practicum  
 Psychology Clinic, Shands Hospital, Gainesville, Florida  
*Supervisors:* **Lori Waxenberg, Ph.D., Robert Guenther, Ph.D., ABPP, and James Rodrigue, Ph.D.**  
*Responsibilities:* Conducted clinical interviews, reviewed medical records, administered and interpreted psychological testing, and provided feedback to patients. Consulted with medical providers regarding psychological factors that contribute to medical conditions. Populations served included inpatient and outpatient adults seen for chronic pain management, pre-transplant evaluations, and inpatient assessment for presence of psychological stress and/or psychopathology interfering with medical treatment and recovery.

*Supervised Psychotherapy/Treatment*

- 08/06 – 08/07      Veteran Populations  
*Supervisor:* **Wendy Ravello, Ph.D., William Beidleman, Ph.D. and Chebon Porter, Ph.D.**  
*Responsibilities:* Conducted individual therapy with veterans of foreign wars. Presenting problems included: PTSD, anxiety and depressive disorders. Patients included WWII, Vietnam-era, Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans. Patient populations also included veterans with visual impairments who were enrolled in the Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center. Treatment approaches included interventions from cognitive-

behavioral, supportive, interpersonal orientations, as well as manualized – based treatments.

10/02 - 06/06

Adult Populations

*Supervisors:* **Lori Waxenberg, Ph.D., Michelle Widows, Ph.D., Ronald Rozensky, Ph.D., ABPP, Julius Gylys, Ph.D., Patricia Durning, Ph.D., Eileen Fennell, Ph.D., ABPP, Samuel Sears, Ph.D., Duane Dede, Ph.D., Robert Guenther, Ph.D., ABPP, David Janicke, Ph.D. and Robert Frank, Ph.D.**

*Responsibilities:* Conducted individual, couples and group therapy. Presenting problems included anxiety and depressive disorders, adjustment disorders, chronic pain, Axis II disorders, conversion disorders, and adjustment to TBI and spinal cord injuries. Patients included those from varying economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds. Treatment approaches included interventions from cognitive-behavioral, supportive, interpersonal and psychoanalytic theoretical orientations.

Children & Adolescents

*Supervisors:* **Stacey Hoffman, Ph.D., Lori Waxenberg, Ph.D., David Janicke, Ph.D., and Sheila Eyberg, Ph.D., ABPP**

*Responsibilities:* Conducted individual and family involvement therapy with children and adolescents. Issues addressed in therapy included adjustment disorders, behavior problems, family conflict, attention problems, weight and adherence issues, and depression with suicidal intent. Populations served included those from urban and rural areas with varying cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. Treatment approaches included cognitive-behavioral interventions and supportive therapy approaches.

**Awards**

2021	UCF “High Quality” Course Designation for Neuropsychology
2019	University of Central Florida Women’s History Month Awardee
2019	UCF “Quality” Course Designation for Neuropsychology
2018	Faculty Member of the Game University of Central Florida Men’s Basketball
2017	Favorite Professor Award University of Central Florida Pi Beta Phi Fraternity
2010, 2011, 2012, 2013	Favorite Professor Award University of Montevallo Chi Omega Fraternity
2010	Favorite Professor Award University of Montevallo Women’s Soccer Team
2010	Favorite Professor Award University of Montevallo Men’s Basketball Team
2010	Favorite Professor Award University of Montevallo Women’s Basketball Team
2005	Molly Harrower Memorial Award for Excellence in Psychodiagnostic Assessment
2005	Phyllis and Robert Levitt Award for Excellence in Clinical Neuropsychology Research from the College of Public Health and Health Professions
2004-2005	Awarded Department of Veterans Affairs Associated Health Rehabilitation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (6 Awarded Nationally)
2000	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , Trinity University
1999, 2000	Mortar Board National Honor Society Beyond the Call Award
1999	Golden Key National Honor Society
1998-2000	Psi Chi National Honor Society; President (Trinity University Chapter) 1998-1999
1998-1999 and 97-98	Volunteer of the Year Awards for the Meadowland
1997	Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society

**Research and Other Professional Experience**

01/17- present      Consultant (unpaid) for the National Football League Players' Association

09/07-08/08      Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Neurology

*Duties:*

- Clinical duties in the Department of Neurology, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center
- Postdoctoral Fellow for financial capacity evaluations in participants with memory disorders
- Postdoctoral Fellow for financial capacity evaluations in participants with serious mental illness
- Postdoctoral Fellow for an examination of functional capacity in participants with cognitive deficits
- Postdoctoral Fellow for an examination of self-awareness and functional capacity discrepancy
- Data analysis
- Manuscript preparation

10/04 - 12/05      Clinical Neuropsychology Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Brain Rehabilitation Research Center/ Malcom Randall VA Medical Center

*Duties:*

- Principal investigator for dissertation work
- Assist with conceptual development of new protocols
- Data analysis
- Project management for off-site principal investigator
- Manuscript preparation

08/01 - 07/06      Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida and Brain Rehabilitation Research Center/ Malcom Randall VAMC (Mentors: Bruce Crosson, Ph.D. and Anna Moore, Ph.D.)

*Duties:*

- Assistance with functional magnetic resonance imaging procedures with stroke patients and healthy controls
- Image analysis
- Data coding and sound analysis of acquired subject responses during neuroimaging

- 09/00 - 07/01      Research Associate, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York  
*Duties:*
- Administer and score neuropsychological tests
  - Conduct clinical interviews with participants
  - Assistance in many types of magnetic resonance imaging
  - Preparation of documents for Institutional Review Board
  - Certified New York State HIV test counseling
  - Assist with manuscript preparation
- 06/00 – 08/00      Research Associate, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Research and Education Institute, Torrance, California  
*Duties:*
- Administer and score neuropsychological tests
  - Conduct clinical interviews with participants
  - Assistance in many types of magnetic resonance imaging
  - Assist with manuscript preparation
- 08/99 – 5/00      Instructor, Busy Bodies, San Antonio, Texas  
*Duties:*
- Work individually with children suffering from neurological impairment and/or delayed motor development to help them develop age-appropriate motor and classroom skills
  - Administer and score neuropsychological tests.
- 06/99 – 08/99      Co-facilitator/Intern, Inland Hospice Association, Claremont, California  
*Duties:*
- Co-facilitated bereavement/grief support groups
  - Assist in development of children’s bereavement support groups
- 01/98 – 5/00      Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas (Advisors: Margery Arnold, Ph.D., Paula Hertel, Ph.D. and James Dixon, Ph.D.)  
*Duties:*
- Thesis research examined relationship between children’s theory of mind and childhood aggressive behavior.
  - Research experience in psychology in area of memory and dysphoria.
  - Research experience in psychology in area of cognitive variability in problem solving strategies.

## Academic, Service Learning, and Research Progress

### *Grants/Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Awards*

- 01/21- 12/22 University of Central Florida Pabst-Steinmetz Foundation Arts & Wellness Innovation Award (\$25,000) for the proposal “Advocating for Aphasia: Using Performing Arts to Create a Conscious Community”
- 04/17 - 07/19 University of Central Florida Quality Enhancement Plan Award for the proposal of a “UCF Adaptive Community” (funding from 7/2017-7/2019)
- 10/04 - 12/05 Department of Veterans Affairs Associated Health Rehabilitation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship; Principal Investigator for award funding dissertation work titled “Self-Perception on Language Performance Following Stroke: Implications for Rehabilitative Efforts” (6 Fellowships awarded nationally)

## Research Interests

- Neuropsychology of brain injury and disease in adults and children.
- Neuroanatomical correlates of brain injury and disease.
- Neuroimaging: MRI, fMRI, PET.
- Cognitive rehabilitation following brain injury.
- Neuropsychological correlates of pharmacology.
- Neuroeconomics, neuromarketing, and ethics.

## Publications/Presentation

### *Peer Reviewed Publications:*

**Sherod, M.** (2022) Navigating relationships while living with acoustic neuroma/vestibular schwannoma: How to Minimize Emotional Looting. *Notes (Acoustic Neuroma Association)*, 164, 6-7.

**Sherod, M.** (2021). Acoustic Neuroma: Understanding Emotional, Cognitive, and Behavioral Changes. *Acoustic Neuroma Association*.

Scott, R.\* & **Sherod, M.G.** (2019). A clinical case demonstrating the effectiveness of an individualized multimodal intervention for chronic pain and cognitive sequelae secondary to traumatic brain injury. *Clinical Case Studies*, 18, 344-360.

Horn, E., Boyd, B., & **Sherod, M.** (2019). (Re)discovering story and voice: The adaptive community theatre project. *Canadian Journal of Disability Studies*, 8, 41-65.

MacPherson, R., **Sherod, M.**, & Craft, S. (2014). The neomarketing era: A synergistic relationship between marketing and neuroscience. *The Journal of American Academy of Business, Cambridge*, 20, 17-23.

- Sherod, M. G.**, Griffith, H.R., Copeland, J., Belue, K., Krzywanski, S., Zamrini, E., Harrell, L.E., Clark, D.G., Brockington, J. C., Powers, R. E., & Marson, D. C. (2009). Neurocognitive predictors of financial capacity across the dementia spectrum: Normal aging, mild cognitive impairment, and Alzheimer's disease. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, *15*, 258-267.
- Gopinath, K., Crosson, B., McGregor, K., Peck, K., Chang, Y., Moore, A., **Sherod, M.**, Cavanaugh, C., Wabnitz, A., Wierenga, C., White, K., Cheshkov, S., Krishnamurthy, V., & Briggs, R.W. (2009). Selective detrending method for reducing task-correlated motion artifact during speech in event-related fMRI. *Human Brain Mapping*, *30*, 1105-1119.
- Crosson, B., Moore, A. B., McGregor, K. M., Chang, Y.-L., Benjamin, M., Gopinath, K., **Sherod, M. E.**, Wierenga, C. E., Peck, K. K., Briggs, R. W., Rothi, L. G., White, K. D. (2009). Regional Changes in Word-Production Laterality After a Naming Treatment Designed to Produce a Rightward Shift in Frontal Activity. *Brain and Language*, *111*, 73-85.
- Crosson, B., McGregor, K., Gopinath, K.S., Conway, T.W., Benjamin, M., Chang, Y.L., Moore, A.B., Raymer, A.M., Briggs, R.W., **Sherod, M.G.**, Wierenga, C.E., & White, K.D. (2007). Functional MRI of language in aphasia: A review of the literature and the methodological challenges. *Neuropsychology Review*, *17*, 157-177.
- Crosson, B., Fabrizio, K. S., Singletary, F., Cato, M. A., Wierenga, C. E., Parkinson, R. B., **Sherod, M.**, Moore, A. B., Ciampitti, M., Holiway, B., Leon, S., Rodriguez, A., Kendall, D. F., Levy, I. F., & Gonzalez Rothi, L. J. (2007). Treatment of naming in nonfluent aphasia through manipulation of intention and attention: A phase 1 comparison of two novel treatments. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, *13*, 582-594.
- Crosson, B., Moore, A. B., Gopinath, K., White, K.D., Wierenga, C. E., **Gaiefsky, M. E.**, Fabrizio, K. R., Peck, K. K., Soltysik, D., Milsted, C., Briggs, R. W., Conway, T. W., & Rothi, L. J. G. (2005). Role of the right and left hemispheres in recovery of function during treatment of intention in aphasia. *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*, *17* (3), 392-406.
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- Peck, K. K., Moore, A. B., Crosson, B., **Gaiefsky, M.**, Gopinath, K. S., White, K., & Briggs, R. W. (2004). Functional magnetic resonance imaging before and after aphasia therapy: Shifts in hemodynamic time to peak during an overt language task. *Stroke*, *35*, 554-559.
- Chang, L., Ernst, T., Witt, M.D., Ames, N., **Gaiefsky, M.**, & Miller, E. (2002). Relationships among brain metabolites, cognitive function, and viral loads in antiretroviral-naïve HIV patients. *Neuroimage*, *17*, 1638-1648.
- Ernst, T., Chang, L., Jovicich, J., Ames, N., **Gaiefsky, M.**, & Arnold, S. (2002). Abnormal brain activation on functional MRI in cognitively asymptomatic HIV patients. *Neurology*, *58*, A441-A441.

Chang, L., Witt, M., Miller, E., Jovicich, J., Ames, N., Zhu, W., **Gaiefsky, M.**, & Ernst, T. (2001). Cerebral metabolite changes during the first nine months of HAART. *Neurology*, *56*, A474-A474.

*Manuscripts in Progress:*

**Sherod, M.** “Uh-Coo-Stick New-Roam-Uh: A Child and Adolescent’s Guide to Understanding and Helping Loved Ones with AN” (In preparation).

*Published Abstracts:*

Engelhoven, A., **Sherod, M.**, & Whiteside, J.D. (2019). Bridging student learning and community participation in persons with neurological injury. *Aphasia Access*. (Biannual conference of Aphasia Access, March 8, 2019, Baltimore, MD).

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*Creative Projects and University Service*

Producer and Director, "UCF Aphasia Choir Presents: A Disco Holiday." Public performance. UCF Theatre Building, Orlando, Florida, November 22, 2019.

Producer and Director, "Never Stop Living." Invited performance for UCF Celebrates the Arts featuring the Adaptive Community Theater. Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Orlando, Florida, April 6, 2018.

Producer and Director, "UCF Aphasia Choir presents an Elvis and Beatles Medley." Invited performance for the UCF Aphasia House. Aphasia House, Orlando, Florida, April 20, 2018.

Producer and Director, "The Aphasia Choir Winter Holiday Performance." Public performance. UCF Theatre Building, Orlando, Florida, November 30, 2018.

Producer and Director, "The Aphasia Choir Presents: Classic Hits." Public performance. UCF Theatre Building, Orlando, Florida, April 11, 2019.

*Papers and other Convention Presentations not under Published Abstracts:*

**Gaiefsky, M.E.**, & Arnold, M.E. (2000). Theory of mind: Cognitive influences on childhood aggression. Poster presentation at the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, D.C.

Waesche, J., & **Sherod, M.** (2023). Best practices for developing and retaining clinical placements for students. Invited conversation hours for Clinical/Counseling Psychology at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.

*Invited Speaker:*

"The Emotional Impacts of 'Watching and Waiting.'" Nashville, TN.- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, August 24, 2023.

"Anxiety, Depression, and the Neurocognitive Effects of Acoustic Neuroma." Featured Speaker for ANAwareness Week Webinar, August 10, 2023.

"Caregiver Fatigue." Featured Speaker for International ANA Caregiver Support Webinar, June 1, 2023

"Neurocognitive Effects of Acoustic Neuroma." Mobile, AL.- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, April 18, 2023.

“How Are We Doing? A Day Devoted to Mental Well-Being.” News 6 (CBS) News Segment, Orlando, Florida, original air date: February 24, 2023.  
<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2023/02/24/less-than-half-of-people-in-florida-with-mental-illness-dont-get-treatment/>

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” San Diego, CA.- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, February 23, 2023.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” Orlando, FL.- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, September 13, 2022.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” Washington D.C.- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, May 14, 2022.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” Philadelphia- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, April 2, 2022.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” Denver- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, March 5, 2022.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” North Florida- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, January 29, 2022.

“ANA Live: Ask the Docs.” Featured Panelist for International Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, November 4, 2021.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” St. Louis- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, October 16, 2021.

“Medical Trauma and Coping with Anxiety (and Depression).” Seattle- based International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, July 30, 2021.

“The Neurocognitive Effects of Acoustic Neuroma.” International presentation for the Acoustic Neuroma Association Webinar, February 12, 2020.

“The Neurocognitive Effects of Acoustic Neuroma.” Presentation at the Orlando Acoustic Neuroma Association Support Group, Orlando, Florida, September 10, 2019.

“Synesthesia.” Presentation at Orlando Science Center: Science Night Live, Orlando, Florida, August 17, 2019.

“The UCF Adaptive Community Project.” Presentation at the UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Summer conference (QEP track), University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, May 9, 2018.

“The Cognitive Cost of Concussions.” Presentation at the NFL Players’ Association Pro Bowl Health Symposium at UCF, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, January 28, 2017.

- “This is Your Brain on Drugs. Any Questions?” Presentation at Trauma Stat Conference for Medical CEU credits, Halifax Health, Daytona Beach, Florida, September 2015.
- “Homosexuality in the South.” Presentation for the 2012 Annual Gay-Straight Alliance Southeastern Conference, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama, March 10, 2012.
- “Suicide in the Elderly.” Fox 6 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: April 24, 2010.
- “Celiac Disease.” Fox 6 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: January 23, 2010.
- “Alzheimer’s Disease A-Z: From Diagnosis to Living with Alzheimer’s.” Presentation for CEU credits for social workers and nurses of the Medical Social Service Organization (MSSO) of Birmingham, Brookdale Place, Birmingham, Alabama, January 21, 2010.
- “Living with Multiple Sclerosis.” Fox 6 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: August 22, 2009.
- “Living with Multiple Sclerosis.” NBC 13 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: June 15, 2009.
- “Aging Parents: When to Step In.” NBC 13 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: April 25, 2009.
- “Dementia 101.” Fox 6 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: February 28, 2009.
- “Coping with Cognitive Changes.” NBC 13 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: February 16, 2009.
- “Diagnosis Dementia: Now What?” NBC 13 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: January 12, 2009.
- “How Not to Over-Celebrate New Year’s.” Fox 6 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: December 27, 2008.
- “How to Cope with Caregiver Fatigue.” NBC 13 News Segment, Birmingham, Alabama, original air date: November 17, 2008.
- “Emotional, Psychological, and Sexual Effects of Stroke.” Presentation for Geriatric Noon Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, March 8, 2007.
- “The legal aspects of dying.” Lecture for Grief, Loss, Death and Dying, University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama, October 11, 2006.
- “Emotional/psychological/sexual effects of stroke.” Lecture for Brain Research and Rehabilitation Stroke Support Group, Malcom Randall VAMC, Gainesville, Florida, August 6, 2004.

“Functional magnetic resonance imaging: A window to the brain & brain rehabilitation.”

Presenter for the opening of the Brooks Center for Rehabilitation Studies, Jacksonville, Florida, September 2003.

***Special Positions Held/Committee Membership/Community Service Activity:***

Medical Advisory Board for Acoustic Neuroma Association 2020- present (Board Member)

Department of Psychology Diversity & Inclusion Task Force 2020- 2022 (Chairperson)

Adaptive Community (UCF Registered Student Organization) 2019- 2023 (Faculty Advisor)

Department of Psychology Space Committee 2018 – 2020 (Chairperson)

UCF University Athletics Advisory Committee 2017 - present (committee member)

Florida Academic Healthcare Patient Safety Organization 2017- present (UCF Representative)

Department of Psychology Diversity and Inclusion Committee 2017 – 2022 (member)

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology 2016-present (grant reviewer)

HIPAA Compliance Officer 2016-present; University of Central Florida

UCF Health and Wellness Task Force 2016- present (member)

UCF Health Sciences HIPAA Collaborative 2016- present (member)

Psychology Program Library Liaison 2012-2013; University of Montevallo

Spectrum 2009-2013; University of Montevallo’s Gay-Straight Alliance (Faculty Adviser)

Psychology Club 2010-2013; University of Montevallo (Faculty Adviser)

Safe Zone 2010- 2013; University of Montevallo (Board Member)

College Night Committee 2010-2013; University of Montevallo (Member)

Section Chief of Psychiatry 2009-2010 Brookwood Medical Center

Special Equestrians 2006- 2013 (Volunteer)

Brain Rehabilitation Research Center Clinical Research Operating Committee 2004-2006  
(Principal Investigator, Member)

Social Committee for Child Health Conference 2005-2006 (Member)

Gainesville Habitat for Humanity Building Committee 2005-2006 (Volunteer)

Charleston Habitat for Humanity Building Committee 2000 (Volunteer)

San Antonio Habitat for Humanity Building Committee 1997 (Volunteer)

Trinity University Volunteer Action Council Executive Committee (Site Leader 1998-2000;  
Volunteer 1996-2000)

*Membership in Professional Societies:*

APA Member (2000-2001, 2016- present)

APTC Member (2016- 2017)

*Supervisory Roles:*

Past roles have included supervising several undergraduate research assistants, graduate research assistants, and graduate teaching assistants. Currently supervise multiple graduate student clinicians.

**Graduate Students**

Bailey Wagaman (2020- present; completing Master's degree in clinical psychology; accepted to doctoral program in Clinical Psychology- neuropsychology track)  
Thesis: The Effects of Traumatic Experiences on Identity Among People with Expressive Language Disorders

Emalee Kerr (2020- present; completing Master's degree in clinical psychology; accepted to doctoral program in Clinical Psychology)

Jacqueline Kavanagh (2020- present; completing Master's degree in clinical psychology)

Kelly Griffin (2019- 2021; completed Master's degree in clinical psychology, currently completing doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology- neuropsychology track)

Christopher Nelson (2019-2021; completed Master's degree in clinical psychology, currently completing doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology- neuropsychology track)

Rosanna Scott, Ph.D. (2016-2019; completed Doctoral degree in clinical psychology 2020)

Danielle Herring, Ph.D. (2016-2019; completed Doctoral degree in clinical psychology 2019)

Nicole Chacho (2018-2020; completed Master's degree in clinical psychology 2020)

Christina Del Toro (2004-2005; completed Master's degree in speech/language pathology)

Ilana Levy, Ph.D. (2005-2006; completed Doctoral degree in clinical psychology 2012)

**Undergraduate Students**

McNair Scholars (University of Montevallo)

Melissa Hollon (2010- 2011) Advisor (McNair Scholar Award Winner)

Andrea Echols (2010-2011) Co-advisor

Honors in the Major (University of Central Florida)

Alyssa Hayes (2023-present; Psychology, Neuroscience Track)

Thesis: The Roles of Locus of Control, Stress, and Relatedness in Trust-Learning Behavior and Social Media Privacy (working title)

Kadambari Vyas (2021-2022; Biomedical Sciences)

Thesis: The Role of the Prefrontal Cortex and Stress in Huntington Disease-Mediated Aggression

Mackenzie Kelly (2021-2022; Psychology)

Thesis: Identity Development and Reconstruction Among Caregivers of People with Aphasia

Hang (Joyce) Duong (2020-2021; Psychology)

Thesis: News on Social Media and Attitudes Among Consumers

Krupali Patel (2020 – 2021; Psychology)

Thesis: Examining the Relationship Between Mental Health Conditions and Risk Perception in Determining COVID-19 Preventative Behaviors

Chloe LaRochelle (2019-2020; Biomedical Sciences)

Thesis: Investigating Aggression in Huntington Disease

Honors Students (University of Florida)

Christy Milsted, M.D. (2001-2003; medical school graduate)

Ashley Wabnitz, M.D. (2002-2004; completed an NIH post-baccalaureate fellowship and medical school graduate)

Research Assistants (University of Florida)

Trista Perez, Ph.D. (2004-2006; completed Doctoral degree in clinical psychology)

Mark Kurtzman (2003-2005)