



California Department of
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POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY



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FORENSIC TRAINING PROGRAM

INSTITUTIONAL MISSION AND VALUES

At all levels of forensic training (practicum, internship, and fellowship), we aspire to train, mentor, and develop forensic psychologists who are committed to excellence in their work and to providing ethical, nonpartisan, and empirically supported evaluations of individuals within various psycho-legal contexts. We strive to provide culturally informed services that result in reliable and valid assessments and opinions. We also aspire to train psychologists who understand their role within the larger forensic system and who will be leaders in the field of forensic psychology.

FORENSIC EVALUATION DEPARTMENT

The Forensic Evaluation Department (FED) is a specialty service that provides forensic assessments, court reports, and forensic consultations within Patton State Hospital. The Patton FED is staffed by 21 forensic psychologists and three forensic psychiatrists. Our forensic fellows conduct most of their forensic evaluations through referrals received by the FED, and they provide ongoing assessments and tracking of progress toward forensic discharge goals/criteria of patients housed throughout our forensic hospital.

THE FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

MISSION AND VALUES

The goal of our Forensic Psychology Fellowship is to provide the highest quality training experiences in forensic psychology. The fellowship provides the necessary postdoctoral supervision requirements for licensure in California, and most fellows become licensed in California or another jurisdiction within approximately 12 months of beginning the fellowship program. Upon completion of the program, forensic fellows will be able to provide forensic assessment services in a wide range of settings covering a wide range of forensic topics, with particular focus on issues related to forensic assessment within the criminal justice system. ***It is a goal of the forensic fellowship that graduates of our program will pursue board certification in forensic psychology through the American Board of Professional psychology (ABPP). Our fellowship is eligible for waiver of the five-year experience requirement for the American Board of Forensic Psychology, the forensic subspecialty of ABPP.*** Therefore, our graduates are eligible to take the written examination shortly after completing the fellowship and licensure. We strongly recommend that fellows bank their credentials with the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPBB) prior to completion of the fellowship, as this will expedite the ABPP application process and allow fellowship graduates to take the written exam shortly after the fellowship. It is also our hope that graduates of our program will go on to become leaders in the field of forensic psychology. We have a strong alumni network, and many graduates of our program hold leadership positions in forensic psychology at the local, state, and national levels.

In addition to the specialty-specific training in forensic psychology, our program emphasizes the following:

- Awareness of important cultural issues that impact patient lives, clinical presentations, and assessment results
- Integration of cultural and societal variables into case formulation, test interpretation, and patient interactions
- The ethical and practical differences between clinical and forensic work
- The necessity to develop and maintain competence in psychological research impacting forensic practice, as well as the broader field of clinical psychology
- Awareness of current controversies in the field
- Facility with the selection and use of specialized clinical assessment instruments (CAIs), forensic assessment instruments (FAIs), and forensically relevant instruments (FRIs).
- The ability to provide treatment within a forensic treatment setting with a particular focus on treatment geared toward achieving forensic discharge criteria (e.g., trial competence restoration)

The postdoctoral training programs at Patton State Hospital are dedicated to the highest standards of practice. At minimum, fellows and supervisors commit themselves to complying with the ethical standards articulated by the relevant professional groups, including the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists, and the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Patton has a Psychology Training Director (Dr. Yenne) who is responsible for the overall administration of all psychology training at the hospital including the fellowship, APA-accredited internship, practicum program, and psychologist continuing education program. Within the overall fellowship program, we have two distinct training programs: Forensic Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology. The Clinical Neuropsychology residency is co-directed by Dominique Kinney, Ph.D., ABPP-CN and Stephen Nitch, Ph.D., ABPP-CN. The Forensic Psychology fellowship is directed by Elise Yenne, Ph.D., ABPP (forensic). This program administrative structure allows for an overall administrator who facilitates training at all levels while also providing program directors who have specialization in the relevant areas for the two specialty fellowship programs. Because the program directors for each training program are board certified in the subspecialties of their respective programs (Forensic Psychology and Neuropsychology, respectively), the didactic content, supervision process, and training experiences covered in each postdoctoral training program are determined and managed by individuals with the appropriate expertise in each subspecialty.

THE HOSPITAL

Patton State Hospital has been accredited as a forensic mental health facility by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) since 1987 and is the largest forensic hospital in the nation that houses male and female criminally insane patients. Patton has a long and interesting history that dates back to 1893 when the hospital was first opened as the “Highland Insane Asylum.”

The current population at Patton State Hospital is composed of approximately 1,500 judicially committed patients with a wide range of mental disorders including schizophrenia-spectrum disorders, mood disorders, personality disorders, substance abuse disorders, and neurocognitive disorders. Patton is the largest forensic psychiatric hospital in the California state hospital system. Because Patton is a maximum-security institution, only those patients who cannot be safely housed in less secure hospitals are admitted. Patton houses most of the female Penal Code patients in California—currently about 300 persons. Some patients are remanded to the hospital because they became mentally ill prior to, or during, a trial and were unable to complete judicial proceedings. Others have been tried and found not guilty by reason of insanity. Some units house criminal offenders who became acutely symptomatic

while imprisoned and required psychiatric treatment, and other units house inmates paroled to the Department of Mental Health prior to release to the community. Some patients who have not committed criminal offenses are admitted through civil commitment procedures because they present a substantial danger due to their mental illness. The patients' varied diagnoses and legal commitments make this a challenging and exciting setting for staff and fellows, requiring maturity and flexibility. This setting provides unique exposure to the complex interactions among severe mental illness, character disorders, substance abuse, criminality, and dangerousness.

The internship and fellowship programs have offices that are located outside of the secure treatment area in Patton's Administration Building. We have a large office for the two forensic fellows and two neuropsychology fellows. Each fellow has their own desk and computer station, and the office also includes a large conference table for group meetings, group supervision, and seminars involving fellows in both tracks (e.g., a Professional Development Seminar). We have separate conference rooms for the seminars that are specific to each fellowship track (e.g., Advanced Forensic Seminar, Landmark Mental Health Cases). Each fellow is assigned their own computer with all Microsoft Office applications and SPSS. We have electronic access (including scanned copies of raw data and completed test forms) to most previous psychological assessments completed by patients at Patton, which helps with record review for clinical cases and facilitates collection of archival research data from the comfort of the fellowship offices. Each fellow is assigned her/his own phone line and alphanumeric pager. Each fellowship office is stocked with psychological testing kits relevant to the specific fellowship program located in the office. We have a full-time secretary, and the fellowship offices are down the hall from our staff library, which is staffed by a full-time librarian. Our library has subscriptions to most major forensic, neuropsychology, and assessment journals and we have interlibrary borrowing privileges at several other hospitals and universities. The Psychology Training Director, Chief of Psychology, and several other psychologists also have offices in the same hallway as the fellows. Patton has an on-site fitness center that can be used by fellows during lunch or after hours.

THE AREA

San Bernardino, California, is a city of approximately 190,000, within a county of over one million people. It is in a valley surrounded by mountains and foothills that are snow-covered in the winter. In the summer, one can fully appreciate the variety of trees planted on the hospital grounds by a former Medical Director, who had an interest in botany. Summers are warm, as the climate is desert-like.

There are multiple opportunities for recreation, sports, shopping, and cultural events within a short drive from Patton. Within a 30-mile radius there are six major universities. Not only do these institutions offer an opportunity for continuing education, they also host special events in art, music and drama. Sports fans will find, within a 1½ hour drive, two major league baseball teams (the Dodgers and Angels), three professional basketball teams (the Sparks,

Lakers, and Clippers), two NHL teams (the Ducks and Kings), three professional soccer teams (Angel City FC, Los Angeles FC, and the Los Angeles Galaxy), and two professional football teams (the LA Chargers and Rams). Soccer participants will appreciate the year-round availability of teams and playing fields. Snow skiing is within 45 minutes; boating, fishing, and camping are within 30 minutes; surf and sand are within 60 minutes; and the golf courses in Palm Springs are less than 60 minutes away. The endless adventure of Hollywood, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills is less than two hours away. San Diego also has numerous recreational and cultural activities and is little more than two hours away.

It is not necessary to travel far to find entertainment. In the area there are more than 20 movie theaters, two community concert associations, the well-known Redlands Bowl Summer Music Festival, fairs, museums, and parks. Upscale shopping and entertainment areas, such as Victoria Gardens and Claremont Village, are also nearby.

Though the San Bernardino Inland Empire is one of the fastest growing areas in California, housing is less expensive than most communities in southern California. Many staff members choose to live in the nearby university community of Redlands or in the mountain communities. Others choose to commute from Rancho Cucamonga (about a 25-minute commute) or other cities closer to Los Angeles, such as Pasadena.

FELLOW SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Patton State Hospital is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, disability, or age

Prospective fellows are recruited nationally from individuals who hold a doctoral degree in clinical psychology and have completed an internship in clinical psychology. Candidates from APA accredited institutions and APA accredited internships are strongly preferred. Prior to beginning the fellowship year, the doctorate must be completed. We expect that incoming fellows have completed their general clinical training. They should already possess facility in the selection, administration, and interpretation of traditional psychological tests; in writing concise yet thorough assessment reports that integrate the data from various sources; in addressing their findings to audiences of varying levels of psychological sophistication, and in conceptualizing appropriate treatment recommendations.

The selection process begins when the applicant accesses application instructions from the Patton psychology training website for the fellowship. The California civil service hiring process has several steps, and it is important to follow all steps outlined in the application instructions on our website. The first level of review confirms that all required materials have been received prior to the deadline date. The second level of review is a thorough examination of all documentation by the Director and members of the Fellowship Committee. After this review, a decision is reached whether to interview the candidate. To reduce costs for applicants, all interviews are conducted via a web-based teleconference platform. Interviews are conducted by the Fellowship Director and one or two other Fellowship Committee members. Final rankings are determined through the consensus of the Director and the committee members of the Fellowship.

Please note that there are two processes that must be completed to apply to our fellowship (the state civil service hiring process on CalCareers and the submission of the fellowship application materials to our Training Director). The materials that must be sent to our training director are listed on our website. Additionally, all applicants must create a CalCareers account (<https://calcareers.ca.gov/>) and complete the online state application process. Please note that the California Examination and/or Application Form (STD678) must be completed in CalCareers. A copy of this form can be saved and submitted with the application packet to Dr. Glassmire. Please note that this form needs to be submitted via CalCareers and as part of the application packet sent to our training director.

The application deadline for the forensic fellowship is posted on the Fellowship Application Process portion of Patton's psychology training website and is updated annually.

The Forensic fellowship accepts two new fellows each year for one-year fellowship appointments. All application materials must be received by the application deadline

indicated on our website to allow the Selection Committee sufficient time to review applications for the selection process. Please note that there are two parts to our initial application process including materials that need to be submitted on the CalCareers website and materials that need to be sent directly to our fellowship. The instructions for this process are outlined on our website.

In addition, prior to beginning employment as a postdoctoral fellow, a criminal justice background and fingerprint check is mandatory, and the fellow must complete a pre-employment physical exam.

STATE EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

STARTING DATE

The fellowship begins on the first day of the State of California's September pay period, which is usually the first weekday in September.

Although fellowship offers are generally made in February, actual employment in September is contingent on passing a physical examination (including drug-screening) and a security clearance including fingerprinting. These must be arranged with the Human Resources office to be completed before the start date. Additionally, proof that the candidate has completed all requirements of their graduate program (including dissertation) is required prior to beginning the fellowship.

SALARY

Forensic Fellows are Limited Term Employees, hired for one-year appointments. The current salary is approximately \$10,494.00 per month (approximately \$125,928 per year). Fellows are paid once per month, usually on the last day of the month on the state calendar. The first payday is the last day of September. There are no unpaid positions.

MEDICAL BENEFITS

Medical, dental, and vision benefits are provided. Several medical insurance plans are provided for employees to choose from, with set amounts paid by the state depending on marital status and number of children.

SICK/VACATION LEAVE, HOLIDAYS, AND ANNUAL LEAVE

Fellows have the same holidays as other state employees. Interns can opt into one of two leave plans:

- Sick/Vacation: Interns opting for sick/vacation leave will accrue 7 hours of sick time (to be used for unexpected absences related to illness or family care) and 8 hours of vacation time (to be used for planned time off). Interns can begin using sick leave immediately; however, there is a six-month waiting period before vacation time can be used.
- Annual: Interns opting for annual leave will accrue 11 hours of leave per month. This type of leave can be used for any approved absence that is covered by sick leave or vacation. In other words, annual leave is used to cover both planned and unplanned absences from work. There are no limitations as to when the intern can start using this type of leave.

Fellows additionally receive two professional development days and continuing education leave, which can be used for conference and training attendance. Fellows must provide a CE certificate confirming attendance at a professional event in order to use continuing education time.

TIME REQUIREMENTS

The fellowship is a one-year full-time placement using the State of California calendar and workweek. Regular hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Although fellows are not expected to perform patient-related work after hours, there are times when reading, studying, or research may occur beyond the regular workweek. Emergency telework can be considered in extraordinary circumstances. This arrangement requires permission from the medical director and will only be used sparingly.

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

Because the fellowship program is demanding, outside employment is *strongly* discouraged. If a fellow must work outside of the program during off-duty hours, he or she must complete an "Incompatible Activities Statement" required by the State of California to ensure that there is no conflict of interest.

ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Patton State Hospital provides an environment of rich clinical opportunities and a wide variety of qualified psychologists and psychiatrists, each with areas of interest and expertise. Elective experiences may be drawn from this variety and are arranged in consultation with the Director according to the fellow's previous experience, goals, and time demands. It should be noted that all elective experiences are subject to the requirement that the fellow be "on track" with acquiring the core competencies described above.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

Opportunities exist for fellows to participate in the evaluation of existing programs at PSH, such as competency restoration programs.

HOSPITAL-WIDE CONSULTATION

A multitude of opportunities exist for working on diverse and interesting cases in conjunction with different consultation teams. Fellows are also often asked to provide forensic consultation or other consultative services related to their areas of expertise.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

One of Patton's strengths has been the quality and relevance of in-service presentations available to psychology staff and trainees, including the fellows. You will be notified of all available opportunities during the fellowship. Our department hosts a monthly Continuing Professional Information Forum ("CPIF") that consists of workshops on topics relevant to working in our setting. Patton also hosts an annual two-day Forensic Conference with a range of speakers on forensic topics.

OUTSIDE CONVENTIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Forensic Fellowship faculty members keep the residents apprised of conventions and workshops relevant to the practice of forensic psychology.

SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION

The fellowship provides each trainee the required supervised experience to meet licensing regulations in most states. For instance, in California psychologists must acquire 1500 hours of supervised postdoctoral experience to qualify for licensure. Our trainees typically accrue about 1800 hours each year on site and approximately 200 additional hours at home doing additional reading and working on research projects, for a total of approximately 2000 hours of supervised professional experience.

In order to comply with APA, APPIC, and state standards for supervised experience, fellows are provided with at least the following core supervision hours:

- One hour per week of individual supervision with the primary supervisor
- At least one hour per week with another qualified supervisor
- At least two hours per week of group supervision with qualified supervisor(s)

Each fellow is formally evaluated at the beginning, middle, and end of the training year; supervisors are expected to review their evaluations in person with the fellow prior to submission. Fellows are also observed providing services and are provided oral and written feedback following the live observations. The evaluations of each supervisor are integrated and summarized by the Fellowship Director and discussed in person with the fellow. A written summary of the feedback is prepared and signed by the Director and the Fellow at the completion of the program.

Fellows are asked to participate in the formal evaluation of the fellowship at the end of the program and are surveyed after graduation from the residency as part of the program's ongoing self-study process.

CORE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY FELLOWSHIP

Forensic psychology encompasses a range of practice areas far broader than any single training program could address. The fellowship program at Patton State Hospital emphasizes certain core competencies, while also providing a limited number of opportunities for elective experiences, which are described later. It is our philosophy that a forensic psychologist can expand upon the core competencies to maintain a high standard of work in whatever areas are chosen for future forensic practice. For example, the ability to search for and apply case law regarding a clinical issue is broadly applicable across jurisdictions and practice areas.

The forensic fellowship is a one-year training program that provides the foundations for board certification in forensic psychology through ABPP. The seminar readings mirror the recommended reading list for preparation for the ABPP forensic written and oral examinations. At the end of the training year, our fellows complete practice written and oral exams designed to prepare them for the board certification process. Patton's forensic fellowship is approved for waiver of the five-year experience requirement for board certification in forensic psychology through ABPP. Therefore, our fellows are eligible to take the written examination after completing the fellowship and licensure as a psychologist.

By the end of the fellowship year, we expect our forensic fellows to have mastered the following core competencies:

- **General Psychology:** Fellows will build upon their earlier training to round out their competence in all the areas of general psychology assumed to be required for licensure in most states.
- **Ethical Principles:** Fellows will be able to articulate and apply the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct and the Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychologists. They will be able to meaningfully discuss the major areas of potential ethical conflicts and liability in forensic practice.
- **Forensic Evaluations:** Fellows will be able to plan and perform forensic evaluations addressed to the specific referral questions and relevant legal standards and will be able to write comprehensive and clear reports outlining the relevant conclusions. They will be able to clarify legal issues with referral sources and apply appropriate legal standards to the available data. They will be familiar with the panoply of specialized forensic instruments in the core areas of practice, such as competence to stand trial and violence risk assessment.

- **Communication and Consultation:** Fellows will be able to communicate clearly to a variety of audiences with different levels of psychological sophistication, from attorneys to physicians, from judges to direct care treatment staff. Written reports and verbal consultations will be understandable, well organized, and relevant. Fellows will be ready to provide expert testimony in both depositions and in court with clarity and professionalism.
- **Fundamentals of Law:** Fellows are not required to be attorneys, but they must understand the structure of the legal system and the fundamentals of legal research, including the ability to find and interpret case and statutory law. Fellows will become familiar with the landmark cases in mental health law. The development of case law regarding the admissibility of expert testimony in federal and state jurisdictions must be understood.

Regardless of the fellow's eventual area of sub-specialization, certain issues are so basic to forensic psychology that all postdoctoral trainees should master them. We include the following in that category:

- the insanity defense/criminal responsibility
- competence to stand trial
- the assessment of violence risk
- the assessment and risk management of psychopathy
- the detection of malingering
- the assessment and treatment of sex offenders
- civil and criminal commitment standards, including parole commitments
- provision of expert testimony

In these basic areas, we expect mastery of the relevant case and statutory law. We expect the fellow will be ready for significant independence in the performance of forensic evaluations from the selection of procedures to the integration of data into well-stated conclusions.

Other areas of forensic practice are included in the seminars, which are geared toward preparing fellows for the American Board of Forensic Psychology Written Examination, which is one of the first steps toward completion of board certification in forensic psychology through ABPP.

APPLIED FORENSIC RESEARCH

Forensic fellows are required to participate in forensic research in one of our ongoing research groups. We currently have ongoing forensically oriented research programs in the areas of competency to stand trial, malingering assessment, forensic applications of the MMPI-3 and PAI, and violence risk assessment. The aforementioned research programs have IRB-approved datasets from which fellows can draw empirical data for their projects. All fellows are required to contribute to the overall functioning of one of these research groups and to contribute to an empirical project that is suitable for publication. Authorship credit is determined at the outset of each project and is based on the relative contributions of each project member.

Core Experiences

Toward the goal of achieving the core competencies listed above, the fellowship program provides a series of core experiences including didactic seminars, supervised practice, and teaching.

Forensic fellows participate in the following seminars:

Advanced Forensic Seminar (Instructor: Elise Yenne, Ph.D., ABPP, Tiffany Truong, Ph.D., & Felix Sanchez, Psy.D.): This seminar meets weekly throughout the year and is designed to cover all of the topic areas and major suggested readings for the ABFP written examination. This seminar will also include a review and briefing of over 190 of the major landmark cases in mental health law.

Controversial Issues Seminar: This seminar meets once per month throughout the year and is coordinated by the fellows. The seminar will be debate-style and cover various controversial issues within the field such as ultimate opinion issues, the use of Artificial Intelligence in forensic practice, empathy in forensic assessment, and more. Participants will include the forensic fellows, forensic assessment interns, forensic practicum student, and evaluators from the Forensic Evaluation Department.

Case Conference/Professional Development Seminar (Instructor: Kerry Hannifin, Psy.D.): This seminar meets one to two times per month throughout the year and provides an opportunity for fellows to present their own cases and be exposed to other cases through invited faculty guests. This seminar is attended by fellows from both tracks and focuses on broad clinical issues that apply to all clinical work regardless of subspecialty.

The following types of cases are considered core experiences and are mandatory for all fellows. Throughout the training year, fellows complete approximately 20 forensic assessments (many fellows complete more than 20 assessments) in the following areas:

Incompetent to Stand Trial: Fellows will be asked to assess patients who have been found incompetent to stand trial and committed under California Penal Code (PC) Section 1370. These patients are particularly appropriate for training not only in the evaluation of trial competence, but also in the detection of malingering. Fellows will be assigned to some patients at the time of admission, and they will “follow” those patients throughout their competency-restoration hospitalization (averaging 90 days). For these patients, the fellow will conduct follow-up evaluations and write court reports to update the courts on patient progress toward attaining trial competency.

Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity: Fellows are frequently asked to consult on patients who are committed to the hospital as Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity under California's PC 1026. Referral questions may include readiness for placement into the Conditional Release program, appropriateness for extension of commitment under PC 1026.5, or recommendations to the court regarding a “sanity writ” under PC 1026.2. Each of these questions involves a thorough assessment of the risk of violent recidivism. Although our fellows do not conduct initial evaluations of mental state at the time of offense (MSO), we provide significant training in this area in the seminars. Additionally, fellows are provided with several case presentations on MSO evaluations from the private practices of their supervisors. Finally, our Mock Court case at the end of the year is based on data from an insanity evaluation. The forensic fellows undergo direct and cross examination on this insanity case.

Offenders with a Mental Disorder: Patton houses a large number of patients who are hospitalized here as a condition of parole, under PC 2962. These patients have a right to several procedural hearings regarding their placement, all of which require expert evaluations and potential testimony. The evaluations provide an excellent opportunity for fellows to address very specific statutory requirements in forensic reports and to provide sworn testimony at Board of Prison Terms hearings.

Forensic Consultations: Other cases may be referred to the fellows by treatment staff or by administration. These referrals are generally for more difficult cases in areas such as violence risk assessment, competency assessment, or questions about issues such as malingering.

Violence Risk Assessment: A salient forensic issue is determining when a patient is ready for release and what existing risk factors are present. Fellows will be asked to perform assessments for a variety of patient types (Mentally Disordered Offenders, sex offenders, NGRI acquittees) to assist in making decisions about risk and readiness for release.

Treatment of Forensic Patients: The fellowship emphasizes forensic assessment, but each fellow also participates in providing some form of treatment to forensic patients. Fellows provide either group or individual forensically oriented treatment throughout the year. A

variety of experiences are available depending on the fellow's background and interests, including sex offender treatment and conditional release preparation groups.

Training, Teaching, and Supervision: One of the missions of the fellowship program is to raise the standard of forensic practice within the hospital by providing training to staff of various backgrounds. Because all psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists on staff must write reports for the court, all need training beyond their clinical backgrounds in the forensic issues relevant to various commitment types. The forensic fellows will be strongly encouraged, but not required, to prepare a presentation on a forensic topic of interest, suitable to be presented to other staff in a format such as our Clinical and Professional Issues Forum. Forensic fellows also may be invited to present various forensic topics to our interns or practicum students if interested. Forensic fellows have the opportunity to provide supervision to practicum students in our practicum training program.

FELLOWSHIP SUPERVISORS AND FACULTY

The supervisors listed below are the primary forensic fellowship supervisors. Patton has a department of approximately 80 psychologists. Therefore, fellows have opportunity to be supervised by several additional psychologists depending on interest.

Robert Brodie, Ph.D., Forensic Fellowship Supervisor, completed his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He completed his predoctoral internship at Patton State Hospital, and then also completed a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology at Patton in 2004. Presently he is a Senior Psychologist Supervisor for the Forensic Evaluation Department. His clinical and research interests include ethnic minority mental health, treatment of the severely mentally ill, and forensic risk assessment. His theoretical orientation is cognitive-behavioral, with special interests in dialectical behavior therapy and interpersonal therapy. Dr. Brodie taught at the University of California, Santa Barbara in the Black Studies department and was adjunct faculty in the graduate psychology programs at the University of La Verne and Loma Linda University. Dr. Brodie maintains a clinical and forensic private practice providing assessment, consultation and treatment services. He specializes in violence and sexual offender risk assessment, providing consultation to the court and attorneys, and general personality assessment.

Laurel Chavez-Mattos, Ph.D., ABPP, Primary Forensic Fellowship Supervisor, completed her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Sam Houston State University with an emphasis in forensic psychology. She completed her internship in the Forensic Track at DSH-Patton and stayed to complete her Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology. She was subsequently hired as a staff psychologist, where she initially worked as a unit psychologist on a long-term all-female unit (individuals found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or designated an Offender with a Mental Health Disorder) before transferring to an all-male acute admissions unit (individuals found incompetent to stand trial or civilly committed on a conservatorship). Dr. Mattos is now a forensic evaluator in Patton's Forensic Evaluation Department (FED). Dr. Mattos is board-certified in forensic psychology through ABPP. In addition to her strong interest in forensic assessment, she enjoys providing individual and group therapy and currently serves on the local DBT implementation committee at DSH-Patton. Her research interests include recent projects evaluating the validity and utility of measures of response style with diverse populations. She currently serves as an Assessment Supervisor in the internship program. In addition to her work at DSH-Patton, she holds a forensic private practice in the community.

David Contreras, Psy.D., ABPP, Primary Forensic Fellowship Supervisor, completed a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of La Verne. He completed his predoctoral internship at Arkansas State Hospital and then, a Forensic Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences/Arkansas State Hospital. Dr. Contreras is board certified in forensic psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) and is a current faculty member of the American Academy of Forensic Psychology. Dr. Contreras serves as

a fellowship supervisor and also coordinates the assessment seminar for the DSH – Patton predoctoral internship in clinical psychology where he lectures on various criminal capacities and mental health case law. In addition to his duties at DSH – Patton, Dr. Contreras also maintains a private practice where he assesses various psycholegal capacities with adult and juvenile populations. He serves on expert panels for both San Bernardino and Los Angeles County, and he is also on a select panel of experts addressing juvenile competency matters in Los Angeles. Dr. Contreras has provided trainings in the areas of violence risk assessment, competency, and malingering. His clinical and research interests include psychometrics, assessment of response style, and developmental considerations in forensic evaluations.

David Glassmire, Ph.D., ABPP, Chief of Psychology, graduated from the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in 2001. He completed the neuropsychology concentration at Patton's internship. Dr. Glassmire also completed Patton's fellowship in forensic psychology in 2002 with an additional emphasis in neuropsychology. Dr. Glassmire is board-certified in forensic psychology through ABPP. He has interests in malingering assessment, competency assessment, and the use of multi-scale inventories such as the MMPI-3 and PAI and conducts research in the aforementioned areas at Patton. In 2023, Dr. Glassmire was awarded the Distinguished Contributions to Forensic Psychology award by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology.

Kerry Hannifin, Psy.D., Forensic Fellowship Supervisor, completed her Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Family Systems from Azusa Pacific University in 2008. She completed an internship at The Guidance Center in Long Beach. As part of her internship training, she completed specialty rotations in neuropsychology at Jonathan Jaques Children's Cancer Center at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center and in child/adolescent trauma and abuse at the federally funded MCAVIC-USC Child and Adolescent Trauma Center in Long Beach. Dr. Hannifin also received one year of formal Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training at Harbor UCLA. Dr. Hannifin was hired as a staff psychologist at DSH-Patton in 2008 and worked on admission units until 2019 when she joined the Forensic Evaluation Department (FED) as a forensic evaluator. In 2021, Dr. Hannifin became one of the Senior Psychologist Supervisors in the FED. Dr. Hannifin also has a private practice in which she completes forensic evaluations and serves as a Qualified Medical Evaluator (QME). Dr. Hannifin has provided supervision at the practicum and intern level and is currently the professional development seminar supervisor for the post-doctoral fellows.

Stephany Molina, Ph.D., Primary Forensic Fellowship Supervisor, completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She completed her pre-doctoral internship in the Forensic Track at DSH-Patton. She remained at DSH-Patton to complete her Postdoctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology. After completing her forensic training, Dr. Molina worked as a clinical and forensic psychologist at state hospitals in Massachusetts and Florida. In these positions, she completed forensic and clinical assessments, provided individual and group treatment, conducted staff trainings related to forensic and clinical

issues, served as an expert witness, and supervised psychology trainees. In 2022, she returned to DSH-Patton as a Senior Psychologist Specialist in the Forensic Evaluation Department. In her current role, she conducts violence risk assessments, sex offender risk assessments, and competency evaluations. Additionally, Dr. Molina is fluent in Spanish and regularly conducts Spanish-language forensic evaluations. Dr. Molina has served as an assessment coordinator in the internship program and a coordinating supervisor in the forensic fellowship. She is also currently one of the co-facilitators of the forensic fellowship's landmark case seminar. Dr. Molina's research interests include psychopathy and forensic assessment of Spanish-speaking populations.

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