
Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology

The Center for Neuropsychological Services, an outpatient neuropsychology practice within behavioral health services at Northwell Health is seeking applicants for a 2-year post-doctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology beginning July 1, 2023 (start date is flexible). This postdoctoral fellowship is designed to prepare the fellow for a career specialty in neuropsychology and fulfills the guidelines set forth by The International Neuropsychological Society (INS), American Psychological Association (APA, Division 40), and Houston Conference for board certification in clinical neuropsychology through the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP). This fellowship is not accredited by the American Psychological Association.

Training

The fellowship experience will be in The Center for Neuropsychological Services (CNS), an insurance-taking outpatient program that provides neuropsychological evaluation, consultation, and intervention services to a general client base across the lifespan (ages 3+) and reflective of the New York City and Long Island area. CNS is currently comprised of three neuropsychologists, two post-doctoral fellows, three externs, and participates in the APA-accredited internship in both adult and neuropsychology tracks.

The fellow will conduct neuropsychological evaluations mainly with adult and older adults (approximately 75% of cases) who present with a variety of neurologic, medical, and psychiatric illnesses. There is option to make the experience lifespan if interested.

The fellow will also complete assessments from Zucker Hillside Hospital's Adult Outpatient Psychiatry Department, including Better Outcomes through Ongoing Specialized Treatment (BOOST) program, a specialized outpatient clinic serving clients with established primary psychotic disorders, many of whom have graduated from specialized first episode treatment. Zucker Hillside Hospital is Northwell Health's nationally recognized behavioral health center known for its pioneering clinical, teaching and research programs.

The fellow will participate in all aspects of assessment and consultation services, including clinical interviews and feedbacks, test administration, scoring, interpretation, and report writing. The fellow also has the option to provide cognitive rehabilitation intervention to a small caseload of clients.

Didactics and Supervision

The fellow will receive no fewer than two hours of formal weekly supervision with primary supervisors:

- Christine J. Lee, PhD
- Philip Watson. PhD

Our program also provides availability from any one of the fellowship supervisors on an as needed basis:

- Julia Chen, PhD
- Nathan Frishberg, PhD

Additionally, a broad range of didactics are offered, including Neuropsychology Seminar with the larger neuropsychology group, a Post-doctoral Fellow Seminar on Professional Issues in psychology (led by Dr. Watson), Decolonizing Psychology and Active Antiracist Journal Club (led by Dr. Lee), Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Neurology Grand Rounds, and others if interested. The weekly Neuropsychology Seminar covers diagnostic, neuroscience, and neuropsychology related topics, including neuroanatomy, specific neurologic and psychiatric disorders, and mock fact-findings.

There is also ample opportunity within the larger neuropsychology group to observe Wadas, extra- and intra-operative mappings, etc. The larger neuropsychology group encompasses 12 neuropsychologists, and trainees at the extern, intern, and post-doctoral levels within the departments of neurology, psychiatry, and physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Northwell Health / Zucker Hillside Hospital

Zucker Hillside Hospital is a nationally recognized inpatient and outpatient psychiatric hospital within Northwell Health located on a 32-acre park-like campus bordering Queens and Long Island in New York and is home to an APA-accredited internship program offering tracks in adult and child psychology and clinical neuropsychology. Northwell Health is a large integrated health system that includes 20 hospitals and 400 outpatient offices across the greater New York City Metropolitan area encompassing a service area of seven million people. The research department at Zucker Hillside Hospital works as a division of Northwell Health's Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research and maintains several NIMH-funded research programs that focus on serious neuropsychiatric disorders, such as schizophrenia (including early-onset schizophrenia and the prodrome), bipolar disorder, depression, and others. Major programmatic emphases include neuropsychology, neurophysiology, neuroimaging, genetics, psychopharmacology, and rehabilitation. Zucker Hillside Hospital was included in the U.S. News & World Report Best Hospitals and is a National Institute for Mental Health designated Clinical Research Center for the Study of Schizophrenia.

Equitable and Inclusive Practices

Equity is a core value at CNS and Zucker Hillside Hospital. We are passionate and committed to inclusive, culturally-affirming, and anti-racist practices in all aspects of training and clinical care. We strive to promote diversity across (but not limited to) race, culture, heritage, gender, sexual orientation, and disability status. We believe every member on our team enriches our diversity by exposing us to a broad range of ways to understand and engage with the world, identify challenges, and to discover, design and deliver solutions. Psychology trainees are also provided with BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ specific mentorship and support opportunities throughout the academic year.

Benefits

The fellow will earn \$50,000 annually. Benefits include paid time off, paid legal holidays, and paid professional days (up to 5 days). Northwell Health provides a benefit program that includes health insurance for employees. Northwell Health qualifies as a non-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) and fulfills the requirements for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) federal program.

Application Requirements

Requirements for the fellowship include specialized training and education in neuropsychology, effective written and oral presentation skills, and the ability to obtain a limited permit issued by the New York State Department of Education. Interviews for the fellowship position will be conducted either in person at the Zucker Hillside Hospital, or via video conference as we are being mindful for the changing public health safety

guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19. Please note that this fellowship is not an APPCN member and will not participate in the match process.

Interested applicants should send the following application materials:

- Letter of interest
- Curriculum Vitae
- Graduate transcript
- Two sample neuropsychology reports
- Three letters of recommendations

Materials should be sent electronically by December 16, 2022 to:

Christine J. Lee, PhD

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Faculty biographies:

Julia Chen, PhD: Dr. Chen (she/her) is a pediatric neuropsychologist at The Center for Neuropsychological Services (CNS) at Northwell Health. She specializes in neuropsychological evaluation of children, adolescents, and young adults with neurological, neurodevelopmental, psychiatric, and other complex medical conditions. She has specialized training in early neurodevelopmental assessment of children as young as 18 months of age, executive functioning coaching, and serving patients in inpatient rehabilitation following brain injury. In her role as a clinician, Dr. Chen helps children, their families, schools, and healthcare team better understand their unique strengths and challenges in the context of their medical history and environment, and to move toward feasible next steps to improve current functioning and future development.

Dr. Chen is passionate about increasing access to culturally-responsive neuropsychological care, and training the next generation of neuropsychologists to be ready to serve our evolving communities. She currently serves as co-secretary of the Asian Neuropsychological Association Advocacy Committee. She has also contributed to research focusing on the care of children on the autism spectrum, congenital heart disease, and severe brain injury. Dr. Chen completed her two-year postdoctoral fellowship in pediatric neuropsychology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and her predoctoral internship at the Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in pediatric psychology and neuropsychology. She earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Connecticut with a concentration in neuropsychology, and bachelor's degree from Columbia College at Columbia University.

Christine J. Lee (Chrissy), PhD: Dr. Lee (she/her) is a proud second-generation Korean American who was raised in New York City. She is humbled to be the first in her family to graduate post-secondary education at Barnard College of Columbia University where she studied neuroscience and gender studies. She went on to earn her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with specialization in Neuropsychology and Health Psychology from The Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology of Yeshiva University. Dr. Lee is a published author in peer-reviewed journals centering research on gender and racial mental healthcare disparities and neuropsychological assessment. As one of the few bilingual neuropsychologists nationally, Dr. Lee provides a well-needed service of neuropsychological evaluation for Korean-speaking adults, in addition to providing services across the lifespan in English at CNS at Northwell Health. She also provides culturally-affirming psychotherapy and neurocognitive rehabilitative intervention.

In her role as Co-Chair of the Psychology Division's Council for Anti-Racism and Equity (CARE), she is involved with coordination and development of various causes and initiatives, including the Women's Mentorship Series, creating social and mentorship opportunities for BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ staff and trainees, the promotion of culturally-inclusive supervision and clinical practices, and providing education related to decolonizing practices within psychology. She also holds membership in various neuropsychology professional groups including the Queer Neuropsychological Society, the Hispanic Neuropsychological Society, and serves on the Asian Neuropsychological Association Education Committee where she assisted in the development of, and continues to coordinate the Mentorship Program.

Philip Watson, PhD: Dr. Watson is the director of The Center for Neuropsychological Services, where he is involved with program operations and clinical activities. In his clinical work, Dr. Watson sees children and adults with cognitive concerns occurring from a medical, neurologic, or psychiatric condition. In his larger role at Northwell Health, Dr. Watson oversees all psychological assessments at Zucker Hillside Hospital and is the supervising neuropsychologist at Zucker Hillside Hospital's Early Treatment Program. In his clinical capacities, he is involved in training psychology students at the extern, intern, and fellow levels, and is involved in training psychiatry residents in cognitive assessment.

Dr. Watson is also involved in several research capacities, as the overseeing neuropsychologist in the Division of Psychiatry Research and is involved in a collaborative manner in studies involving autoimmune disorders at The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research and pediatric brain tumor at Cohen Children's Medical Center. Dr. Watson was appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in 2019. Dr. Watson has presented his research findings in multiple peer-reviewed journals and at many international conferences.

Dr. Watson obtained his Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in psychology from Queens College. He obtained a Master of Arts and Master of Philosophy en route to his Ph.D. in clinical psychology, where he specialized in neuropsychology. Dr. Watson completed a clinical internship in neuropsychology at Northwell Health and a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at Northwell Health's Zucker Hillside Hospital.