

## **Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology**

### **North Shore University Hospital/Long Island Jewish Medical Center**

### **Department of Neurology**

The Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Clinical Neuropsychology within the department of neurology at North Shore University Hospital/Long Island Jewish Medical Center resides in beautiful Long Island, NY and is part of Northwell Health. Our division is composed of four neuropsychologists, a health psychologist, two post-doctoral neuropsychology fellows, three neuropsychology-track interns from the APA-accredited internship program, and four externs. The Northwell Health system has become one of the largest clinically integrated healthcare networks, with more than 20 affiliate hospitals serving the greater New York metropolitan area. The health system provides services to a diverse clientele that mirrors the cultural richness of the New York City metropolitan area. We are located approximately 30 minutes from Manhattan, NY, which is easily accessible via the Long Island Railroad.

In the neuropsychology fellowship program, clinical experience is gained through referrals from two major academic facilities: North Shore University Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center, which are the primary teaching facilities for the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

The fellowship program places an emphasis on the integration of scientific knowledge with advanced clinical training. The program is informed through the Guidelines for Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Neuropsychology, established by the International Neuropsychological Society and American Psychological Association, Division of Clinical Neuropsychology (Division 40) and the model set forth by the Houston Conference. The program will prepare fellows for board certification in neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP).

Training: Fellows will be trained in all aspects of clinical neuropsychology with an emphasis on assessment and treatment planning. The training focuses primarily on adult neurological populations; however, the program takes a lifespan perspective and includes opportunities to work with pediatric, adult, and geriatric patients. The program is integrated into multiple programs within the Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery. An emphasis is placed on experience working within the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, including attendance at weekly interdisciplinary epilepsy surgical conference and participation in pre-surgical neuropsychological evaluations, Wada procedures, and intraoperative language mapping. Primary responsibilities also include working with the Movement Disorders Program and Behavioral Neurology. However, fellows have opportunities to see individuals with a range of medical and neurological diagnoses, including stroke, dementia, cancer, and developmental disorders. During the first year, the fellow gains broad training in clinical neuropsychology; while in the second year, the fellow becomes increasingly involved in the epilepsy program.

The fellows will also assist in supervising externs/practicum students as well as interns who are completing the neuropsychology track in our affiliated APA-accredited Clinical Psychology Internship Training Program. Supervision will consist of training externs and interns in appropriate methods of assessment, scoring, interpretation, and report writing. The fellows' supervision techniques will be supervised by the attending clinician. While a minimum of two hours of supervision with the attending clinician are required, we abide by an "open door" model, which emphasizes and encourages informal consultation/supervision as needed.

Didactics: Neuropsychology fellows at our center take part in rounds and conferences focusing on neuropsychology, neurology, and neuroscience. A didactic seminar is also held for all neuropsychology trainees

(e.g., externs, interns, and fellows) covering a broad range of topics related to neuroscience and neuropsychology. Fellows are involved in selecting didactics topics in addition to the core curriculum, and they are encouraged to present on subjects of interest. Topics include neuroanatomy, specific neurological disorders, and mock fact-finding exercises in preparation for ABPP-CN board certification. The fellows are also required to attend weekly neurology grand rounds and epilepsy surgical conference with the option to attend pediatric neurology grand rounds as well other educational opportunities, such as neurosurgery grand rounds and neuroscience lectures at Feinstein Research Institute.

Research: There are opportunities for scholarly activity, both within the division/department and throughout the institution. This may include participation in ongoing research, preparation of a literature review, or development of an independent research project. Each fellow will develop and complete a research project during the fellowship, as well as present the findings of their project at a national or international conference. Fellows will have some protected research time during the second year of the fellowship. In addition, fellows may also make neuropsychology research presentations within the community.

## **SUPERVISORS**

- Paul Mattis, PhD, ABPP-CN
- Erica Meltzer, PhD
- Kayla Whearty, PhD
- Jami Halpern, PsyD

## **BENEFITS**

Northwell Health provides a generous benefits package that includes 20 days of paid time off based on an accrual model as well as 8 paid legal holidays. They also provide a partially subsidized benefit program that offers the opportunity to select health, life, and disability coverage to meet personal needs.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Fellowship is expected to begin on July 1, 2021 and continue for the period of two years (i.e., through June 30, 2023). Those with later internship graduation dates can be accommodated with a September 2021 start date. The applicant must have completed a PhD or PsyD in an APA- or CPA-accredited clinical or related program and a clinical psychology internship from an APA- or CPA-accredited program.

**We are seeking one postdoctoral fellow for the 2021-2023 training slot. The application deadline is December 1, 2020.**

Interested applicants should e-mail application materials, listed below, to Dr. Kayla Whearty ([kwhearty@northwell.edu](mailto:kwhearty@northwell.edu)):

- Letter of Interest
- CV
- Graduate School Transcript
- Two neuropsychology test reports. Please be sure to comply with HIPAA requirements in ensuring the de-identification of submitted work samples.
- Three letters of recommendation

All interviews will be held via Zoom. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate on-site interview or facility tours in the current health crisis. Please note, we are **not** an APPCN member and **will not be participating in the match process**.

## INFORMATION

Requests for further information should be directed to:

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## CURRENT POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Aliza Jacob, Ph.D. is the second-year postdoctoral fellow. She graduated from the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at The Graduate Center, CUNY at Queens College, and she completed her internship training at Long Island Jewish Medical Center – Zucker Hillside Hospital, Neuropsychology Track. Email: [ajacob6@northwell.edu](mailto:ajacob6@northwell.edu).

Patrick Olsen, Ph.D. is the first-year postdoctoral fellow. He graduated from the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program at Fordham University and he completed his internship training at Long Island Jewish Medical Center – Zucker Hillside Hospital, Neuropsychology Track. Email: [polсен1@northwell.edu](mailto:polсен1@northwell.edu).

## PREVIOUS (RECENT) POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Gennaro DiCarlo, PsyD.  
Clinical Neuropsychology – Cohen Children’s Medical Center

Jacqueline Helcer Becker, Ph.D.  
Associate Scientist/Junior Faculty – Mount Sinai/Internal Medicine

Erica Meltzer, Ph.D.  
Clinical Neuropsychologist – North Shore University Hospital/LIJ Medical Center

Jodi Uderman, Ph.D.  
Clinical Neuropsychologist – Mount Sinai/St. Luke’s Medical Center

Yael Cukier, Ph.D.  
Clinical Neuropsychologist – North Shore University Hospital/LIJ Medical Center

Kelly Janke, Ph.D., ABPP-CN  
Assistant Professor of Neuropsychology – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

Beth Rabinovitz, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Neuropsychology – Weill Cornell Medical College

Chaya Fridman, Ph.D., ABPP-CN  
Director of Neuropsychology in Psychiatry – Weill Cornell Medical College