

Curriculum Vitae

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LICENSURE

State of Florida, Psychologist • PY 8130 • 2010 - present
State of Michigan, Psychologist • ID# 6301012065 • 5002 – present

EDUCATION

- Psy.D. **Nova Southeastern University** • College of Psychology
APA-Accredited • Fort Lauderdale, FL • Clinical Psychology • Concentration:
Health Psychology • 2002
- M.S. **Nova Southeastern University** • College of Psychology
APA-Accredited • Fort Lauderdale, FL • Clinical Psychology • 1999
- B.A. **Auburn University** • Auburn, AL • 1995
Major: Psychology • Minor: Family and Child Development
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Clinical Training/Assistant Professor • Nova Southeastern University – College of Psychology • Fort Lauderdale, FL • August 1, 2022 – present

- Teach courses in the Doctoral programs and provide intensive supervision to doctoral students
- Engage in psychological research and scholarship which includes grant writing, publishing, and professional presentations; Supervise students' research
- Participate in center-wide activities including faculty meetings, committee meetings, and clinical competency examinations
- Ensure the currency and adequacy of the doctoral clinical training curricula, and facilitate curricular reviews and revisions as warranted, in collaboration with the Chair and the Director of Academic Affairs
- Develop and maintain practicum relationships with mental health programs

within the Nova Southeastern University Psychology Services Center and the community; Development of practicum assignments Monitor and ensure appropriateness of practicum training and supervision in these programs; Maintain appropriate criteria for practicum placements and supervisors

- Make practicum assignments for doctoral students
- Facilitate the doctoral internship application process for Ph.D. Clinical and Psy.D. Clinical students and monitor the results on an annual basis
- Respond to student and faculty concerns about clinical training, including practicum placement, supervision, and instruction
- Ensure that measures of student, faculty, and other supervisor performance are appropriate, and initiate or facilitate changes as warranted
- In conjunction with the Director of Academic Affairs, evaluate student academic, clinical, and professional progress on a regular basis, provide feedback on such progress, and initiate remediation strategies as warranted
- Formally evaluate faculty program and intensive supervision performance as part of the faculty evaluations
- Work cooperatively with the Director of Academic Affairs and the College of Psychology Assessment and Evaluations Specialist to collect and aggregate proximal and distal Ph.D. Clinical program and Psy.D. Clinical program student outcome data, prepare periodic self-studies as required by the American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation, and respond to all other requests for information from said accrediting body

Director of Internship Training for the South Florida Consortium Internship Program (SFCIP) • Nova Southeastern University – College of Psychology • Fort Lauderdale, FL • August 2017 – August 2023

- Direct and administer the SFCIP including oversight of day-to-day operations, intern selection, tracking intern hours and leave, intern performance monitoring and due process, partner site contracting and membership management, and managing internship publications (handbook, APPIC directory online, etc.)
- Maintain standards of APA accreditation and membership in the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) membership by ensuring and maintaining full compliance with APA's Standards of Accreditation implementing regulations, and coordinating and communicating with appropriate credentialing agencies and maintaining reporting requirements
- Chair the SFCIP Executive and Operations Boards to facilitate development and implementation of the internship program
- Develop and monitor the budget and resources for the internship program
- Collaborate on management of training calendar and internship test holdings

Director of Psychology Services at Broward Health Medical Center (BHMC) • Nova Southeastern University – College of Psychology • Fort Lauderdale, FL • April 2016 – July 2022

- Supervision and training of predoctoral psychology interns and practicum

students

- Provision and coordination of consultation and liaison services to sites within Broward Health Medical Center (BHMC)
- Provision and coordination of psychological services in individual and group format
- Provision and coordination of in-service training for hospital staff and/or community education seminars for consumers/patients
- Administrative oversight of the predoctoral training programs at BHMC
- Supervision of the NSU College of Psychology independent contractor at the BHMC Psychology Service

Adjunct Professor • Nova Southeastern University – College of Psychology/College of Dental Medicine • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 2011 – 2017

- Health psychology curriculum and intensive supervision to doctoral level psychology students
- Behavioral science curriculum to dental students within the College of Dental Medicine
- Counseling curriculum to doctoral level audiology students within the College of Allied Health and Nursing
- Teaching strategies include large and small group lectures, interactive online learning coursework, and outpatient clinical precepting

Associate Director, Behavioral Medicine • Genesys Regional Medical Center Department of Family Medicine • Grand Blanc, MI • 2004 – 2009

- Development, implementation, and evaluation of Family Medicine Residency Behavioral Science block curriculum (i.e., clinical precepting, one-to-one teaching, videotaping, and co-counseling with residents during all three years of training)
- Participation in Medical Education activities for the hospital (e.g., Core Competency implementation/evaluation, developed and implemented a Chief Resident Leadership Retreat, active participant on the Portfolio Workshop Committee, conducted Faculty Development Workshops, etc.)
- Member – Curriculum and Evaluation Committee for the Family Practice Residency Program
- Chair – Family Practice Residency Program Recruitment Committee
- Coordination and implementation of resident videotaping for teaching and evaluating resident's communication skills
- Psychological consultation to family practice residents and attending physicians in outpatient primary care clinics
- Provision of didactic lectures to multiple specialties (e.g., noon lectures/morning reports)
- Provision of training to other disciplines (e.g., social work, nursing) as requested
- Supervision and evaluation of post-doctoral psychology fellows in specialized health behavior assessment and intervention services for inpatient and

- outpatient services as well as in medical education
- Provision of outpatient and inpatient clinical services to child and adult populations (i.e., psychological evaluations/assessments, psychotherapy, testing, behavior change counseling)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Health Psychology Post Doctoral Fellow • Consortium for Advanced Psychology Training – Michigan State University/Flint Area Medical Education – Genesys Regional Medical Center • Grand Blanc, MI • APA-Accredited Clinical Health Psychology Fellowship • 2002 – 2004

- Two-year full-time position with focus in primary care health psychology and medical education
- Psychological consultation to family practice and internal medicine residents and attending physicians in outpatient primary care clinics
- Outpatient clinical services to child and adult populations
- Inpatient consultation-liaison services to the general medical hospital
- Specialized health behavior assessment and intervention services for inpatients and outpatients

Supervisors:

- Mark Vogel, Ph.D.
- Barbara Joyce, Ph.D.
- Heather Kirkpatrick, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychology Resident • Adult Track • Geisinger Medical Center • Danville, PA
APA-Accredited Clinical Psychology Internship • 2001 – 2002

Rotations:

Adult Outpatient Psychiatric Service

- Time efficient assessment
- Outpatient individual, group, and family psychotherapy
- Broad range of diagnoses in a major medical center
- Collaborate with psychiatrists and mental health professionals

Family Practice/Primary Health Care

- Evaluate and treat a broad range of psychological and medically related disorders in a busy family practice
- Collaborate with a team of family practice physicians, residents, physician assistants, and nurses

Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology

- Inpatient individual, family, and group psychotherapy
- Inpatient consultations on patients with a variety of medical conditions including stroke, heart conditions, closed head injuries, COPD, and amputations
- Outpatient neuropsychological and learning disability evaluations
- Part of a multidisciplinary rehabilitation team including psychiatrists, physical

therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, nurses, respiratory therapists, nutritionists, and case managers

Psychiatric Emergency/Consultation-Liaison Service

- Evaluation of patients via the Emergency Department and on the medical and surgical floors of the General Medical Hospital
- Assess and triage suicidal, homicidal, and aggressive patients
- Conduct short-term crisis interventions and supportive therapies

Inpatient Psychiatric Service

- Brief individual and family therapy
- Personality assessments
- Evaluation of cognitive impairment
- Member of treatment team and participate in team meetings

Supervisors:

- John Gerdes, Ph.D.
- Bradley J. Wilson, Ph.D., ABPN
- Susan Paolucci, M.D.
- Arlene Stahl, M.A., PA licensed psychologist

**Practicum Student/Psychology Trainee • Holy Cross Hospital • Fort Lauderdale, FL
1999 – 2000**

- Site is located in the Intensive Rehabilitation Unit (IRU) of a 500+ bed general hospital
- Provided psychological services via an interdisciplinary treatment team (PT, OT, Speech, Nursing) approach with weekly case conferences, co-treatment, and individual therapy of patients with medical disabilities (orthopedic, neuro, general medical)
- Responsible for initial evaluations, consultation reports, individual therapy, treatment planning, and dictation
- Participated in weekly attendance at: Cancer Conference, Stroke Education, Cardiac Rehabilitation, and IRU Case Conferences

Supervisors:

- Allan Ribbler, Ph.D.
- Ana I. Fins, Ph.D.

**Practicum Student/Psychology Trainee • Nova Community Clinic for Older Adults
(NCCOA) • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 1998 - 1999**

- Program is within the Nova Southeastern University Community Mental Health Center system
- Provided outpatient psychological evaluation and treatment to individuals 55 years or older
- Responsible for individual therapy, treatment planning, intake evaluations, psychological assessment/reports, and crisis management
- Participated in bimonthly staff meetings and case presentations
- Attended bimonthly Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Seminars
- Involved in a Stress Management Workshop instructed by William J. Kelleher, Ph.D. that consisted of 8 weekly seminars in a group format

Supervisor:

- William J. Kelleher, Ph.D.

Mental Health Consultant • Children's Assessment Program (CAP) • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 1998 - 1999

- Program (formerly known as M.E. Chiles) is within the Youth & Family Services Department at Henderson Mental Health Center, Inc
- Provided mental health consultations/assessments for children and adolescents involved with the Department of Children and Families (DC&F)
- Responsible for maintaining liaison with DC&F, school personnel, and the Broward County Court System regarding youth's behavior, providing assessment reports, and making recommendations where appropriate

Supervisor:

- Mary Centrone, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor • Nova Southeastern University – College of Psychology/College of Dental Medicine • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 2011 – 2017

- Health psychology curriculum and intensive supervision to doctoral level psychology students
- Behavioral science curriculum to dental students within the College of Dental Medicine
- Counseling curriculum to doctoral level audiology students within the College of Allied Health and Nursing
- Teaching strategies include large and small group lectures, interactive online learning coursework, and outpatient clinical precepting

Adjunct Assistant Professor • Michigan State University – College of Human Medicine – Departments of Psychiatry and Family Medicine • Genesys Regional Medical Center • Grand Blanc, MI • 2002 – 2009

- Invited speaker for the Michigan State University Family Practice Residency Network Senior Resident Leadership Retreat
 - Behavioral science curriculum to family practice and internal medicine residents
 - Basic psychopathology to third year Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and College of Osteopathic Medicine students during Psychiatry Clerkship
 - Teaching strategies include group lectures, one-on-one didactics, outpatient clinical precepting, inpatient psychosocial rounds, and videotape precepting during clinical encounters
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PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

Collings, A., & Fimiani, M. (2024, September). *Career Changes and Transitions: Panel discussion*. Invited speaker at the 37th Annual Celebration Ascension Genesys Hospital Health Psychology Fellowship Conference. Flint, MI.

Fimiani, M. (2012, April). *Professional interactions and cultural sensitivity*. Invited speaker for a Faculty Development Program in the College of Dental Medicine at Nova Southeastern University. Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Fimiani, M. (2011, September). *Dealing with the phobic patient*. Invited speaker for the College of Osteopathic Medicine/College of Dental Medicine Inter-Professional Grand Rounds at Nova Southeastern University. Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Fimiani, M. (2011, July). *Professional interactions and sensitivity training*. Invited speaker for the Advanced Education Programs in the College of Dental Medicine at Nova Southeastern University. Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Fimiani, M. (2009, October). *Sleep: What to do when the sheep keep hitting the fence*. Invited speaker at the Michigan Psychological Association's Rustic Retreat Conference. Roscommon, MI.

Fimiani, M., & Vogel, M.E., (2009, April). *Define, shape and build: Creating a post-doctoral competency based didactic series*. Poster session presented at the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers Membership Conference, Portland, OR.

Vogel, M.E., Kirkpatrick, H., & Fimiani, M. (2008, Fall). Integrated training and practice in primary care: Postdoctoral psychology fellowship and medical residency training partnership at genesys regional medical center grand blanc, michigan. The Register Report,

Joyce, B., Brocato, J., & Fimiani, M. (2007, September). *Program evaluation and improvement: Let's not reinvent the wheel*. Seminar presented at The 28th Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine. Chicago, IL.

Kirkpatrick, H., Fimiani, M., Vogel, M., & Labaere, R. (2007, April). *Never eat shredded wheat: Using a wellness compass program to prevent burnout*. Seminar presented at the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine 40th Annual Spring Conference. Chicago, IL.

Kirkpatrick, H., Fimiani, M., Vogel, M., & Labaere, R. (2007, Spring). *Never eat shredded wheat: Using a wellness compass program to prevent burnout*. Poster presented at the Association for Hospital Medical Education/Association for Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators Spring Education Institute. Marco Island, FL.

Rankl, R., & Fimiani, M. (2006, March). *Competency based evaluation grid of faculty teaching performance*. Poster Session at the ACGME Annual Educational Conference 2006. Kissimmee, FL.

Fimiani, M., & Nyman, S. (2005, September). *Bringing together medical education and clinical service within a collaborative ADHD clinic*. Focused Seminar presented at The 26th Forum for Behavioral Science in Family Medicine. Chicago, IL.

Fimiani, M., & Joyce, B. (2003, September). *Stress-Hardy Residents: Utilizing resident resources to promote wellness*. Seminar presented at The 24th Forum for Behavioral Science and Medical Education. Chicago, IL.

Fimiani, M., (2003, June). *Sleep in Childhood and Adolescence*. Lecture presented at the Living, Learning and the Brain Conference. Flint, MI.

Fimiani, M., & Wilson, B.J. (2001, November). *Stress Management*. Seminar presented to COPD patients. Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA.

Fimiani, M., Gerdes, J., & Diefenbach, L.J. (2001, November). *Smoking and Depression*. Lecture presented at the Tobacco Cessation/Prevention Program Annual Seminar/Re-Certification. Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Co-Investigator • Geisinger Medical Center • Danville, PA • 2001 – 2002

- Part of a larger research study on bariatric surgery procedure and outcome evaluation
- Affiliated with Geisinger Medical Center's Obesity Clinic
- Conducted a critical literature review to assist in developing a screening process for identification of criteria to use in evaluating patients for bariatric surgery
- Self-report measures are administered pre-operatively and every 3 months post-operatively for one year

Supervisor:

- John Gerdes, Ph.D.

Research Practicum • Nova Southeastern University • College of Psychology • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 2001

- Conducted psychotherapeutic interventions as well as administered and scored measures for research study entitled "Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Insomnia with HIV+ Individuals."

Supervisor:

- Ana I. Fins, Ph.D.

Directed Study • Nova Southeastern University • College of Psychology • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 2000

- Completed a critical literature review paper on the psychological impact of the implantable cardioverter defibrillator and included suggestions for future research

Supervisor:

- Ana I. Fins, Ph.D.

Co-Investigator • Holy Cross Hospital • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 2000

- “Psychological Function in Patients with Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators: A measure of premorbid functioning and impact of electric discharges.”
- Completed critical literature review and received IRB approval
- Gathered data that consisted of self-report measures administered pre-operatively, and at 1-month, 7-months, and 13-months post-operatively

Supervisor:

- Allan Ribbler, Ph.D.

Volunteer • Nova Southeastern University • College of Psychology • Fort Lauderdale, FL • 1999 - 2001

- “Cognitive-Behavioral Intervention for Insomnia with HIV+ Individuals”
- Trained in the treatment protocol and responsible for administration and scoring measures as well as conducting psychotherapeutic interventions

Supervisor:

- Ana I. Fins, Ph.D.