Accreditation Site Visit Completed

The doctoral program welcomed APA accreditation site visitors for our routine review process on November 13 and 14, 2014. The site visitors were Paul Kwon, Ph.D. (chair) from Washington State University, Rafael Javier, Ph.D., ABPP from St. Johns University, and Meera Komarraju, Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. The team reviewed the program’s self study and program documentation and met with key stakeholders including the current students, the director of clinical training, Psychology Clinic Director, clinical faculty, affiliated program faculty, practicum/internship directors, Psychology Clinic supervisors, alumni, the dean of CLAE, the provost, and UDM president Antoine Garibaldi, Ph.D.

The site visitors provided oral feedback in the exit interview and will compile a written report to the Commission on Accreditation within 30 days. The CoA will send the report to the program, and the program will review the site team report and respond to their findings. This process allows programs to correct any factual errors and to clarify any issues noted in the report. The site visit team report and our narrative response will then be reviewed by the CoA during the winter term. We anticipate receiving the accreditation feedback in the spring, as is usually the case when a site visit takes place in the fall.

The site visit team noted many positives about our program, especially the level of student diversity, the clinical training of our students, and the resourcefulness of the faculty in meeting a variety of challenges. The site visit team also noted much progress in the research activities of our students. They were very pleased to meet with the students and the many program stakeholders who took time out of their busy schedules to come to UDM and meet with the site visitors. We greatly appreciate the support of program and department administrative staff, Lynn McLean and Valerie Williams, for their invaluable assistance in making this important function a success.
The 2014 Practicum/Internship Fair was held on Tuesday, October 21, in the President’s Dining Room. The turnout from practicum and internship settings was impressive. Representatives from twelve practicum sites and one internship site attended. Students from the first three years of the program attended as well as a few advanced students interested in local internship settings.

The event is an informal meet-and-greet format in which all sites have a table and can bring materials describing their practicum experience and setting. Our practicum sites encompass a wide variety of experiences for students to gain valuable experience. We have sites that include work with forensic populations, college counseling, primary healthcare, victims of trauma, juvenile assessment, child therapy, eating disorders, neuropsychological testing, and more. The format allows for students to spend some time with representatives of each setting to address questions and gather information. Practicum training will begin in fall 2015 for the 2015-16 academic year.

Students in the 2nd and 3rd years of the program will begin applying to settings in December. Practicum placement is arranged according to a match process similar to the internship match. Match day takes place on Friday, February 20, 2015, which dovetails with the internship match day.

The program continues to pursue high quality settings for our students. The APA site visit team was impressed with the practicum training offered by the program. Any alumni who are involved with or know of settings that might be appropriate for practicum are invited to contact me: Barry Dauphin, Ph.D. (dauphivb@udmercy.edu).
Internship Preparation Night

In order to help intern applicants prepare for interviews, the program held internship preparation night in November. This year it was held on November 25, 2014. Several psychologists assisted in the practice interviews. Thanks goes to James Maher, Ph.D., Jesse Bell, Ph.D., Kristen Abraham, Ph.D., Jay Witherell, Ph.D., and Kelly Bryce, Ph.D. Their support was extremely valuable to prepping our students for internship interviewing.

We also invite students who are currently on internship locally to chat with this year’s applicants about the interview process, to consider interview strategies and to share what they learned from having gone through the experience the previous year. Thanks to Molly Gabriel, M.A., Tony McMahon, M.A., and Brian Peck, M.A. for providing pointers in the interview process.

The Internship Match process is highly competitive. Following the application process, students and internship programs submit ranks to the National Matching Service, which administers Internship Matching Program for the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). The deadline for submission of applicant and program Rank Order Lists for Phase I of the Match will be 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on February 4, 2015. The match is determined via a computerized process. The matching algorithm uses the preferences stated on the Rank Order Lists submitted by applicants and programs to place individuals into positions. The process enables students to match with their highest ranked site that selects them. This year Internship Match day is Friday, February 20, 2015.

For the past decade or so, a significant discrepancy has existed between the number of students in the country applying for APA accredited internships and the number of internship slots available. At its worst, the match discrepancy meant that about 2 students were applying for every one slot available. In other words approximately half of the entire applicant pool did not match with an APA-accredited site. Although the number of accredited internship slots has increased, a substantial discrepancy remains. Thus, the support of faculty, alumni, supervisors and current students is crucial.

Mark your calendars!

Annual Doctoral Program Picnic

Saturday, September 5, 2015

Faculty, Students, Practicum/Internship Directors, Clinic Supervisors, and Alumni are welcome to attend
Alumni News

We provide a forum for alumni to let the Doctoral Program community know what you’re doing. If you’d like to let us know what professional activities you have been involved with and to share pertinent information with your colleagues, then go to the link: http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/990255/3272906f1cad

You could also send alumni news to the program via email: phdclinicalpsychology@udmercy.edu. If you know of any alumni who did not receive a copy of the newsletter, please feel free to forward a copy to them and encourage them to get in touch with us, so that we can update the alumni database.

Lynne Charlet Agar, Ph.D. (1993) has retired after working as a clinical psychologist at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland for 8 years and performing school psychology duties for the Shiawassee Regional Education Service for 12 years. “My career was interesting and fulfilling but now I'm enjoying the time with my husband, family, friends, and hobbies.”

Towania Felton Bellia, Ph.D. (2001) has been working as a staff psychologist at the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, MI since 2004.

Leena Hadied, Ph.D. (2013) started working at the Center for Forensic Psychiatry in December 2014. She is excited to begin this new chapter in her career.

Dominican Sr. Donna Markham, Ph.D. (1979) has been selected the new president of Catholic Charities USA, the national office for Catholic Charities agencies nationwide. Markham succeeds Fr. Larry Snyder, the current president, on June 1.

Markham becomes the first woman to lead Catholic Charities, which was founded in 1910. Snyder is a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and will return to the archdiocese.

Markham currently is president of the Behavioral Health Institute for Mercy Health. She is a board-certified clinical psychologist, has a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit. Further information can be found at: http://ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/dominican-sister-head-catholic-
Practicum Sites

We would like to acknowledge practicum sites utilized by our students for training. Good practicum training is crucial for the development of the next generation of psychologists. Our students have worked recently and/or will be working at the following sites:

- Center for Forensic Psychiatry
- David Cowan & Associates
- Children’s Hospital of Michigan-Project Challenge
- Genesys Regional Medical Center
- Hawthorne Center
- Henry Ford Hospital
- Life Stress Center @ Detroit Receiving Hospital
- Oakland University Graham Health and Counseling Center
- Psychological Assets
- University of Michigan Dearborn Psychotherapy Externship Program in Clinical Psychology
- Walnut Lake Therapeutic Preschool and Developmental Kindergarten of the Michigan Psychoanalytic Institute
- Wayne County Court-Center for Child Study
- Wayne State University-Crittenton Family Medical Center
- Federal Correctional Institution-Milan
- Oakwood Medical Center-Wayne State University Neuropsychology Practicum
- McLaren Family Medical Residency Program

Practicum Match Process

The Practicum Match process has been in place in the metro Detroit area for many years. It's a competitive process and set up to coincide with the Internship Match Day. Students from UDM and Wayne State have traditionally participated in the match, and other universities utilize the process for some sites.

Students apply to various sites in December and January for practicum placements to begin (usually) in September of the following year. In January and February, training sites that have agreed to the match day process invite students to come to their sites and interview for these positions. After interviewing potential practicum students, sites rank them in order of preference.

On Match Day (this year **Friday February 20, 2015**) beginning at **10:00 a.m.**, sites call students and offer them a practicum placement. Students then may accept, decline, or defer a response on the position.

- If they accept, the match is done.
- If they decline (they may have already accepted another position), the site contacts the next student in their ranking.
- Sometimes students may defer a response because they are waiting to hear from another site. In that case, they have a few minutes to contact the other site and see if they are still being considered. They must get back to the first site right away so the site can move on to the next applicant if necessary. Sites select students in a similar way to a job interview. Goodness of fit between student and site is important.

The process works in a very similar way to the old internship process before the advent of computers and sophisticated algorithms. The practicum process that we utilize emulates the internship application process in many ways to help prepare students for that next step in their training.

The APA site visitors noted the quantity, variety and quality of training of our practicum sites.
The Ph.D. Program once again welcomed in the new academic year with a picnic that was held on campus between Reno and Shiple Halls on Saturday September 6. Students, faculty, Psychology Clinic supervisors and alumni were able to enjoy good food on a beautiful September Saturday. We welcomed the new students to the program and provided an opportunity for everyone to hang out together before the new academic year really begins to take off.

Students and faculty worked together to make this event a success. We were able to barbeque using the grills at the university. Lynn McLean (Psychology Clinic Administrative Assistant), Valerie Williams (Psychology Department Administrative Assistant) and doctoral students helped organize the picnic and do the shopping. Special thanks goes out to Arthur Smith-Vaughan, a 4th year doctoral student, for helping get the supplies and coordinate activities for the day. It was great to see folks out with their families and children running around the area soaking in the sun and fun.

We were pleased to welcome CLAE Dean Mark Denham, Ph.D. and his wife Karen Tumblin to the festivities.
Recent Publications and Presentations of our Students
Student Names in Bold.
Publications and Presentations Fall 2014


Frost, S., Weisfeld, C., & Thorne, C. (April 15, 2914) What Are They Thinking: Measuring Adult Thought at UDM. Presentation at Celebration of Scholarly Achievement, Detroit, MI.


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Thank You

Many Practicum and Internship Directors, Psychology Clinic Supervisors and Alumni met with the APA Site Visitors on Thursday November 13, 2014. We greatly appreciate their support of the program and our students.

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John Porcerelli, PhD
Victoria Petti, PhD
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Bethann Kalt, PhD
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Jack Martin, Ph.D.
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Clinic for Child Study, 3rd Circuit Court
Crittenton Hospital (practicum), UDM Psychology Clinic Supervisor and Alumni
Hawthorn Center
John Dingell VA Medical Center-Detroit
Cowan Associates/Alumni
UDM Psychology Clinic Supervisor/Alumni
UDM Psychology Clinic Supervisor
UDM Psychology Clinic Supervisor/Alumni
Life Stress Center@DRH/ Alumni
Center for Forensic Psychiatry
UDM Psychology Clinic Supervisor/Alumni
Psychological Assets/ UDM Psychology Clinic Supervisor
Oakland University Counseling Center
Alumni
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Alumni
Mellisa Boyle graduated from Michigan State University in 2007 with a B.S. in Psychology. Her research experience there involved the use of eye-tracking to understand psycholinguistic phenomena, specifically the way in which native English speakers make parsing decisions when reading ambiguous sentence structures. Mellisa graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2010 with a M.S. in Clinical Psychology. Her research focused on neural correlates of social cognition, specifically differential neural activation during gaze cueing in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) versus neurotypicals using Magnetoencephalography (MEG). Since that time she has worked in Neuropsychology at Henry Ford Health System with both children and adults.

Kate Dykhuis earned her B.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 2012, with a major in Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Science and an academic minor in Biology. After graduation, she worked for two years as a Research Assistant and Study Coordinator in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. Working on various projects, her research focused in particular on the overlapping neural mechanisms implicated in mood and metabolic disorders, and the use of neuroimaging, behavioral measures, physiological measures, and psychological questionnaires to elucidate these relationships. After graduation, Kate hopes to work as a clinical psychologist with adolescents and adults regarding various concerns, in particular disordered
eating, body image, post-traumatic stress, exercise and healthy lifestyle change, and managing psychopathology.

Sami Farhat graduated from the University of Michigan – Dearborn with a degree in Psychology. He is interested in the biological implications of various psychological disorders, as well as researching disorders in regards to the biopsychosocial model.

Mackenzie Kostizen graduated from Hope College in 2014 with a B.A. in psychology and sociology. At Hope, she conducted research on the relationship between activity preference, self-efficacy, and cognitive growth in kindergarten and first grade students. She was also involved in EEG laboratory research examining the relationship between areas of brain activity and word recognition. She worked as a client advocate at Lakeshore Pregnancy Center in Holland, MI where she counseled mainly Hispanic teenagers through their unplanned pregnancies. She developed a free childcare program that allowed the center to see clients that had children and were unable to afford childcare during their appointments. She is interested in working with children and adolescents as a clinical psychologist.

Joseph Mitchell graduated from Lewis University with a B.A degree in Psychology. During his time at Lewis University, he worked as a student researcher under the department chair. He participated in planning, developing, and administering a personality study in 2013. Upon graduation, he moved to Missouri where he worked as a political manager for a candidate of the House of Representatives in the 2014 Missouri primaries. Joseph's current interests include personality factors, emotional regulation, defense mechanisms in individual and couples psychotherapy, and coping mechanisms in young adults. He hopes to work in a university setting and have his own private practice after graduation.

Latoya Patterson graduated from Michigan State University in 2011 with a B.A in Psychology and a minor in Educational and Women’s Studies. She then graduated from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology with a M.A. in Clinical Psychology. Latoya has worked in an outpatient mental health setting as an on-call therapist and a school setting as a school psychologist, primarily providing group therapy to children, adolescent, and adults. Currently, Latoya is a psychometrist at Michigan State University Rehabilitation Clinic. After obtaining her PhD, Latoya hopes to provide services in a community mental health setting, specializing in adolescent female and women issues.

Daniel Porcerelli graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. He worked in the Child Development Lab and has also been involved in research on cancer, object relations, early memories, and body image. As a co-author, his first publication, The Complex Role of Personality in Cancer Treatment: Impact of Dependency-Detachment on Health Status, Distress, and Physician-Patient Relationship, is scheduled to appear in the Journal of Nervous & Mental Disease later this year. At present time, he is working towards his personal trainer certification with the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

Ethan Xiong attended the University of Minnesota, Morris where he majored in psychology and theater arts. Since graduating from college, Ethan was active in the Hmong community; both as an artist and as an activist for racial injustices. Previously, he studied at Argosy University in Eagan, Minnesota and holds a Masters’ degree in psychology. Ethan hopes to someday work at a hospital or a community mental health clinic after graduating from the program. Some of his interests are to work with the general population and those who are underserved and underrepresented in the field of mental health. Additionally, he would like to focus his work in the Hmong community bringing awareness to mental health related issues and disorders, as well as providing access to those who are in need of mental health care services in the community.
Supervisors of the UDM Psychology Clinic

One of the cornerstones of the clinical training in our program is the opportunity for students to work with patients in long term therapy through the Psychology Clinic. Our supervisors provide great training in psychoanalytic work, and we would like to acknowledge their valuable contribution to the success of our students. Below are supervisors who have worked with our students over the last several years.

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