

# Post Doctoral Fellowship in Forensic Psychology



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## **Overview**

The Forensic Fellowship Program at Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI) and Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC) offers a one-year specialized training experience in forensic psychology. The goal of the fellowship is to provide advanced training to individuals in forensic mental health work in public sector psychiatric mental institutions.

Forensic psychology integrates psychological and legal concepts in analysis and treatment contexts. The fellowship program emphasizes court ordered and legally based cases in the treatment and evaluation of psychiatric consumers in each respective Institute. Post-Doctoral fellow experiences will focus on pretrial competency to stand trial evaluations, evaluations of risk and sexual dangerousness, treatment of individuals deemed incompetent to competency, sexual predator evaluation, and treatment of individuals adjudicated not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

There is also the opportunity to work with juvenile offenders transferred to the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center from other juvenile correctional institutions statewide. This fellowship is unique as it provides forensic experiences with both juvenile and adult populations.

Forensic psychology is continuing to grow as a discipline with exciting and unique opportunities in applied settings and academia. The goal of the fellowship is to produce psychologists with knowledge of the interaction between psychology and law who are capable of assuming positions in a variety of settings. To that end, we provide both academic experiences (e.g., seminars, research, and possible forensic trainings off the institute) in conjunction with the above mentioned applied forensic work.

The fellowship program at MMHI and SRSTC is designed to satisfy the post doctoral licensure hours in Wisconsin and most other states. The program is designed to provide a thorough training experience in forensic psychology consisting of approximately:

- 70% Applied clinical forensic experiences.
- 15% Research
- 15% Seminars and educational experiences

## **Fellowship Training Program**

The training program is designed as a one-year integrated experience in the practice of forensic psychology. The training program integrates both treatment and assessment experiences into the fellowship. The forensic fellowship is composed of two, 12-month rotations: Alternating 6 months at MMHI and 6 months at SRSTC. A full day is allotted for seminars and research.

### **ROTATIONS**

#### **I. Mendota Mental Health Institute (MMHI).**

MMHI, located in Madison, WI has thirteen forensic units encompassing all security levels (i.e., maximum, medium, and minimum). The primary responsibility of the fellow at Mendota Mental Health Institute will be to conduct forensic evaluations. These evaluations will consist of the following:

1. *Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations.* Competency to stand trial referrals includes two types of evaluations: 1) initial pretrial evaluation or 2) re-evaluation of competency to stand trial after an initial finding of incompetence. The fellow will become the primary author on evaluations relatively early in the fellowship year.
2. *Risk Assessments and Diagnostic Evaluations.* The fellow will be asked to complete psychological evaluations to assist with such issues as malingering or diagnostic clarification as well as risk assessments.
3. *Conditional Release Letters.* The forensic fellow will write letters to assist courts in determining if patients adjudicated Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity are prepared for conditional release.

*Clinical evaluations of adolescents placed at Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC).* MJTC is a secure correctional facility located on the grounds of MMHI. The program provides intensive treatment and evaluation to male adolescents who have been adjudicated delinquent and who are considered to have mental health problems that have affected their adjustment in juvenile corrections institutions. The primary responsibility of the fellow at the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center will be to conduct clinical evaluations. These evaluations will consist of the following:

1. *Risk Assessments.* The fellow will be asked to evaluate the level of risk associated with a given juvenile. These evaluations will be used in determining if patients are ready for release and/or what conditions should be in place for patient approaching a release date.

2. *Diagnostic Evaluations.* The forensic fellow will be asked to complete psychological evaluations to assist with diagnostic clarification and treatment planning.

## **II. Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center**

Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center (SRSTC), located in Mauston, WI with a Sexually Violent Persons evaluation team located at the MMHI campus in Madison, Wisconsin. The primary responsibility of the fellow at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment will be to learn about treatment of sexually violent persons committed under Wis. Statute Chapter 980, research on treatment of sexually violent persons, and conducting Chapter 980 evaluations for civil commitment of sexually violent persons.

### **Supervision:**

The fellowship program at MMHI/SRSTC is committed to providing conscientious supervision so the fellow can receive the most from their training experience. The fellow can expect to receive a minimum of three hours of supervision weekly. All reports submitted to the court will be cosigned by the primary supervisor. If the fellow is called to testify, their primary supervisor will accompany them.

### **Research Component:**

The fellow will engage in a clinical research project of their choosing. The fellow has several choices how to facilitate this aspect of the training. First, they can join a current ongoing study. MMHI/SRSTC have several ongoing research projects including malingering in competency evaluations, violence risk assessment, diagnostic issues related to competency to stand trial, as well as treatment outcome measures. Second, the fellow can develop a small research study in a specific area of interest. Finally, both MMHI and SRSTC have a large amount of archival data that can be used to generate a research study. The ultimate goal of the research project is publication.

### **Additional Educational Experiences:**

The fellow is expected to attend a series of seminars focusing on forensic psychology. These seminars include Forensic Seminar, Landmark Case Seminar, and Risk Assessment Seminar. In addition, the fellow will be scheduled to conduct two case presentations throughout the training year. The seminars entail a significant amount

of reading in areas of forensic psychology. An extensive description of the fellowship seminar program is provided later in this brochure.

In addition to the fellowship seminars, MMHI and SRSTC have very active training departments with a number of workshops and training sessions during the course of the year. These sessions are open to the professional community at large for a fee, but all institute staff and affiliates can attend for free.

Depending on the interest of the fellow, additional educational experiences can be arranged. If the fellow is interested in teaching, they will have the opportunity to conduct a seminar(s) for the APA approved predoctoral internship program at Mendota Mental Health Institute.

**Evaluations of the Fellow:**

The fellow will meet quarterly with the Director of the Fellowship Program and receive both oral and written feedback regarding their performance during that quarter. The fellow will also receive an evaluation at the end of the training year summarizing their experiences.

**Stipend:**

There are **two** fellowship positions available. Each fellow receives a stipend of \$52,500. Although health insurance is not provided the stipend should allow fellows to purchase health care coverage.

## **Seminars**

1. *Forensic Seminar.*

Forensic seminar is held weekly to bi-weekly for 1.5 to 2 hours where psychologists, psychiatrists, and attorneys who are employed by a variety of public and private agencies will teach on a variety of topics including forensic ethics, competency to stand trial, the insanity defense, and child custody.

2. *Landmark Case Seminar.*

The landmark case seminar is held weekly to bi-weekly for 90 minutes. The seminar is co-taught by a psychologist and lawyer and provides an in-depth look at both national and state cases that have shaped the practice of forensic psychology. Fellows will prepare brief case summaries to present to the group. By the end of the year the fellow will have a complete summary of each landmark case.

3. *Risk Assessment Seminar.*

The risk assessment seminar is conducted by Maria Murguia De-Moore, Ph.D., an expert in Wisconsin on areas of sexual violence, psychopathy, and risk assessment instruments. The seminar is held twice monthly for nine months.

4. *Case Presentations.*

Each fellow will present two case presentations during the course of the fellowship year. The case presentations will last for approximately one hour. The presentation will focus on an interesting case the fellow encountered conducted during their experience.

## **PSYCHOLOGY FACULTY and CLINICAL INTERESTS**

### ***Faculty with Primary Responsibility for the Fellowship Program***

David Lee, Ph.D., JD

Director of Psychology and Research

Mendota Mental Health Institute

Psychological assessments, individual and group therapy, forensic psychology, and multicultural competency.

Gregory Van Rybroek, Ph.D., JD

Institute Director

Mendota Mental Health Institute

Management and treatment of aggressive patients, interrelationship of psychology/psychiatry and law, and antisocial personalities.

Karyn Gust-Brey, Ph.D.

Forensic Psychologist

Psychological evaluations, competency evaluations, risk assessments, and treatment of aggressive patients.

Jason Smith, Psy.D.

Clinical Director

Sandridge Secure Treatment Center

Treatment of sex offenders, clinical evaluations, and administration of clinical programs.

Deborah McCulloch, MSW

Institute Director

Sandridge Secure Treatment Center

Management and treatment of sex offenders, clinical evaluations and research.

## ***Forensic Fellowship Faculty***

Lesley Baird, Psy.D.

Psychologist, MMHI

Forensic psychology, treatment of schizophrenia, individual and group psychotherapy, and psychological assessment. Suicide assessment and dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT).

Michael Caldwell, Psy.D.

Psychologist, MMHI and MJTC

Treatment outcomes evaluation, management and treatment of aggressive patients, and risk analysis.

Ana Garcia, Ph.D.

Psychologist, MMHI

Individual and group therapy, forensic psychology, risk assessments and cognitive/behavioral treatment.

Karyn Gust-Brey, Ph.D.

Psychologist, MMHI

Individual and group therapy, forensic psychology, motivational interviewing and/or patients with developmental disabilities and cognitive/behavioral treatment.

Michael Hammer, Ph.D.

Psychologist, MMHI

Psychotherapy, assessment, management and treatment of aggressive patients, and competency assessment.

Paul Lane, Ph.D.

Program Director

Clinical supervision, psychological assessments, and cognitive/behavioral treatment.

David Marx, Psy.D.

Psychologist, MMHI

Individual and group therapy, forensic psychology, therapy outcome measures.

Zachary Moran, Ph.D.

Psychological Associate

Psychotherapy, assessments, research, neuroscience.

Adrea McGlynn, Psy.D.  
Psychologist, MMHI  
Psychotherapy, assessment, management and treatment of  
aggressive patients, and competency assessment.

Maria Murguia, Ph.D.  
Psychologist, MMHI  
Forensic assessment; individual and group therapy, and behavioral  
programming.

Jason Smith, Psy.D.  
Clinical Director  
Sandridge Secure Treatment Center  
Treatment of sex offenders, clinical evaluations, and  
administration of clinical programs.

Lakshmi Subramanian, Ph.D.  
980 Evaluation Director  
Sandridge Secure Treatment Center  
Evaluation of sex offenders, clinical evaluation, and expert court  
testimony.

Steve Splitek, Ph.D.  
Psychologist, MMHI  
Individual, group, and family psychotherapy; psychological  
assessment of adolescents and adults.

## **Application Requirements**

Applicants must have a Ph.D./Psy.D in clinical or counseling psychology. Evidence must be provided that the individual has completed all aspects of their graduate program or will have prior to the onset of the fellowship. In addition, applicants must have completed or in the process of completing an APA approved predoctoral internship.

Previous forensic experience is unnecessary; however, we hope the applicant will have had some previous exposure to insure they are making an informed decision regarding their decision to apply to the fellowship. It is necessary to have some previous experience working with individuals with chronic and severe mental illness. Experience in psychological assessment is a critical prerequisite for applying to the fellowship program. Any questions regarding the fellowship should be addressed to David Lee, Ph.D., JD at David.Lee@dhs.wisconsin.gov. He can also be reached at (608) 301-1047.

**Applicants should submit the following as part of their fellowship application:**

1. Full Curriculum Vitae
2. Arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to Dr. David Lee (at least one from an internship supervisor).
3. A statement of purpose (1-2 pages) providing the following:
  - a. Interest in forensic psychology.
  - b. Reason for applying to the forensic fellowship.
  - c. Previous experience in forensic psychology.
  - d. Previous experience with mentally ill adults.
4. Sanitized (all identifying information removed) assessment/forensic evaluation.

**Materials should be forwarded to:**

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