

Get to Know Our Current Fellows



Ivana Cernokova, PhD

First Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Cernokova received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Wyoming. She received her master's degree in clinical mental health from University of Wyoming and then went on to complete her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from University of North Texas. Dr. Cernokova completed an APA accredited internship in pediatric neuropsychology at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Dr. Cernokova's prior research focused on assessing neural connectivity and aspects of cognitive functioning in pediatric intractable epilepsy before and after epilepsy surgery. A portion of her research also focused on factors that influence concussion recovery.



Halle T. McCracken, PhD

First Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. McCracken received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Florida. She received her master's degree and then went on to earn her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Mississippi. Dr. McCracken completed an APA-accredited internship in health service psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the Neuropsychology and Brief Treatment tracks.

Dr. McCracken's prior research has focused on psychosocial correlates of headache and other disorders affecting the central nervous system. A portion of her research has also focused on how social determinants of health affect neurocognitive outcomes in individuals across the lifespan.



Natalie Ridgely, PhD

First Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Ridgely received her bachelor's degree in neuroscience from Muhlenberg College. She received her first master's degree in psychological science from The Catholic University of America, and her second master's degree in clinical psychology from the University of Houston. She then went on to complete her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Houston. Dr. Ridgely completed an APA-accredited internship in health service psychology at Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the Neuropsychology and Behavioral Psychology.

Dr. Ridgely has a strong interest in health and science literacy, and her previous research has focused on how individuals access, understand, and apply scientific information to inform their daily lives. She is curious about how health and science literacy impact patients' and families' experiences receiving neuropsychological services.

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Christina Dandar, PhD

Second Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Christina Dandar received her bachelor's in psychology from Kalamazoo College. She received her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Wayne State University. Dr. Dandar completed an APA-accredited internship in pediatric neuropsychology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, University of Tennessee Professional Psychology Internship Consortium.

Dr. Dandar's prior research has focused on the influence of perinatal risk factors and early brain insult/vulnerability on neurocognitive outcomes. A portion of her research has also focused on identifying early predictors of neurocognitive outcome in children and adolescents with sickle cell disease.



Holly Dustin, PhD

Second Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Holly Dustin completed a bachelor's in psychological science from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA. She received her doctoral degree from Georgia State University in the joint Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology/Cognitive Neuroscience Program. Dr. Dustin completed an APA-accredited internship in pediatric neuropsychology at the Texas Children's Hospital.

As a research assistant prior to graduate school, Dr. Dustin's research focused on the neural mechanisms of executive and social-cognitive functioning after pediatric moderate to severe traumatic brain injury as well as in survivors of childhood brain tumor. Her doctoral research focused on utilizing neuropsychological and neuroimaging methods to identify neurocognitive outcomes in long-term survivors of childhood brain tumor and adolescents and adults with congenital heart disease. During fellowship, she is looking forward to expanding her research and clinical experiences through working with patient and families of diverse and complex medical, developmental, and cultural backgrounds.



Noor Qasmieh, PhD

Second Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Noor Qasmieh earned a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Maryland at College Park. She received her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the University of Maryland at College Park. Dr. Qasmieh completed an APA-accredited internship in pediatric neuropsychology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Dr. Qasmieh's research has focused on improving assessment of social anxiety disorder in youth, with an emphasis on exploring multi-modal and multi-informant approaches. During fellowship, she is looking forward to further developing her clinical and research experiences through working with families with a variety of medical conditions, neurodevelopmental disorders, and cultural backgrounds.

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Claudia Campbell, PhD

First Year Clinical Psychology Fellow

Dr. Campbell graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Child Advocacy Studies from the University of Missouri—St. Louis. They also received their Master of Science in Psychology and PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Missouri—St. Louis. Dr. Campbell completed an APA-accredited internship at Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Child and Family Traumatic Stress and Center for Developmental and Behavioral Health.

Dr. Campbell completed their doctoral dissertation titled "A Latent Profile Analysis of High-Risk Children's Problematic Sexual Behavior." Broadly, Dr. Campbell research focus includes examination of trauma-related risk factors and outcomes among marginalized and underserved youth populations. During fellowship, Dr. Campbell is hoping to expand their research to investigate associations between childhood trauma exposure, neurodevelopmental differences, and behavioral and emotional symptoms.



Briayanna Johnson, PhD

First Year Clinical Psychology Fellow

Dr. Johnson earned her BA in Psychology and African American Studies from Temple University. She completed her PhD in Counseling Psychology at Howard University. She also completed an APA-accredited pre-doctoral internship in Health Service Psychology at Momentous Institute in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Johnson has worked as a Graduate Research Assistant with the HHMS-AGEP Alliance (Howard, Hampton, Morgan State – Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate), where she conducted qualitative and quantitative studies examining the lived experiences of Black STEM doctoral students at HBCUs. Her work explored themes of academic socialization, sense of belonging, and identity development within historically Black academic spaces. Her broader research interests include inter-generational trauma, academic and career self-efficacy, African American financial socialization, and the economic empowerment of marginalized communities. Briayanna has presented at national conferences on topics such as mindfulness, Black grief and social justice, the Black family, and the unique challenges and strengths of HBCU doctoral students. During fellowship, Briayanna is eager to expand her research and clinical expertise by working with patients and families from diverse medical, developmental, and cultural backgrounds, integrating her commitment to equity, healing, and empowerment into both scholarship and practice.

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Tara Bord, PsyD

Second Year Clinical Psychology Fellow

Dr. Bord graduated with a B.S. in Psychology from Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. Bord returned to Eastern Kentucky University where she received a M.S., and later a Psy.D., in Clinical Psychology. Dr. Bord completed her APA accredited pre-doctoral internship at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in the Department of Psychiatry.

Dr. Bord's dissertation was titled, "Measures of Mood: Adaptations for Adults with Developmental Disabilities and/or Severe Mental Illness." During fellowship, she is looking forward to expanding her research and clinical experiences.



Ying Wu, PhD, NCSP

Second Year Clinical Psychology Fellow

Dr. Wu graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Neuroscience from Syracuse University. She received her Master of Science in Education degree in Psychology of Bilingual Students and Ph.D. in School Psychology from Fordham University. Dr. Wu completed an APA-accredited internship at Pleasantville Union Free School District.

Dr. Wu completed her doctoral dissertation titled "Stress, Coping, and Adjustment of International Students During COVID-19: A Mixed-Methods Study." During fellowship, Dr. Wu is looking forward to expanding her research and clinical experiences through working with patients and families of diverse neurodevelopmental and cultural backgrounds.

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