

Get To Know Our Current Fellows



Claire Semerjian, PsyD

Second Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Semerjian received her bachelor of science in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University. She received her master's degree from Loyola University Maryland, and her doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University. Dr. Semerjian completed her APA-accredited internship in clinical neuropsychology at University of Florida. Her dissertation examined differences in executive and social functioning in pediatric Neurofibromatosis Type 1 patients with and without ADHD. During fellowship, Dr. Semerjian plans to continue building specialized clinical and research skills through work with pediatric patients with a broad range of medical and neurodevelopmental conditions. Her current research interests focus on outcomes following pediatric brain tumors and leukemia.



Yuri Shishido, PhD

Second Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Shishido received her bachelor of arts from Indiana University, Bloomington and bachelor of laws from Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan. She received her master's and doctorate degrees in Clinical Psychology from Georgia State University with emphasis on neuropsychology and cognitive neuroscience. Dr. Shishido completed her APA-accredited internship in pediatric neuropsychology at UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior. Approached from a broad, integrative framework that includes neurobehavioral (e.g., executive functioning), contextual (e.g., parenting), and biological (e.g., neural systems) factors, and their interplay, Dr. Shishido's research focuses on understanding the role of brain-behavior relationships in elucidating developmental trajectories of neuropsychological outcomes among youth across diverse populations and settings. During her fellowship, Dr. Shishido plans to expand her clinical and research interests in working with youth with a range of neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions affecting executive functioning.



Eliana Sudikoff, PhD

Second Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Sudikoff received her bachelor of science in Psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park and her master's degree and doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Saint Louis University. During graduate school, Dr. Sudikoff received specialized training in neuropsychology and the assessment and treatment of children and adolescents. Her dissertation studied the impact of surgical resection on quality of life in pediatric epilepsy. Dr. Sudikoff completed her APA-accredited internship at Rusk Rehabilitation at NYU Langone Health in pediatric neuropsychology and rehabilitation. Her current clinical interests include assessment of children with complex neurodevelopmental, medical, and neurological conditions. Dr. Sudikoff's research interests include exploring the impact of executive functioning deficits on quality of life for children with epilepsy. She is currently conducting research exploring relationships between executive functioning and adaptive skills in children with epilepsy.

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Amanda Child, PhD

First Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Child received her bachelor of science in neuroscience from Bucknell University and her doctoral degree from the University of Houston. She completed her APA-accredited internship in clinical psychology (pediatric neuropsychology track) at the University of Chicago Medicine. Her dissertation compared long-term cognitive and academic outcomes in pediatric survivors of brain tumor who had been treated with proton or photon radiation therapy. Dr. Child's research interests include cognitive and academic functioning in children with learning disabilities or neurological conditions (i.e., spina bifida, brain tumor). During her fellowship, she looks forward to expanding her clinical and research skills with children with a wide range of neurodevelopmental and medical conditions.



Sandra Rodgin, PhD

First Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. Rodgin received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Rochester and majored in Psychology and minored in Brain and Cognitive Sciences. She received her Master of Art and doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with a Health Emphasis with a minor in Neuropsychology from Yeshiva University. She completed an APA-accredited internship in pediatric neuropsychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Her research has focused on the psychosocial and cognitive correlates of chronic disorders such as epilepsy and asthma. During postdoctoral fellowship, Dr. Rodgin plans to continue her research in the area of pediatric epilepsy. Her clinical interests include providing neuropsychological assessments for children with epilepsy and acquired and traumatic brain injuries.



Ashlee von Buttlar, PhD

First Year Pediatric Neuropsychology Fellow

Dr. von Buttlar received undergraduate degrees in Human Development and Psychology from the University of California, Davis. She then went on to receive a master's degree and a Ph.D. in School Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin with an emphasis in neuropsychology. Her dissertation examined executive functioning in children with cerebellar brain tumors. She completed her APA-accredited pre-doctoral internship training in pediatric neuropsychology at Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Dr. von Buttlar's current research and clinical interests include better understanding the effects of cerebellar brain tumors on executive functioning in children and adolescents, as well as risk and protective factors for neurocognitive late effects in pediatric cancer and brain tumor survivors. During fellowship, she also plans to continue building skills in targeted and brief assessments for pediatric patients with a wide variety of medical and neurodevelopmental conditions.



Danielle Wexler, PhD

First Year Clinical Child Psychology Fellow

Dr. Wexler received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. She received her master's and doctoral degrees in School Psychology from Michigan State University. Dr. Wexler completed her APA-accredited internship in the Pediatric Developmental Disabilities Clinic at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. Her dissertation explored the longitudinal trajectories of children with reading difficulties. During fellowship, Dr. Wexler hopes to continue to build specialized skills in clinical assessment and treatment while working with a diverse population of patients.

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