Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology, San Francisco Veterans Administration Medical Center

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Dear Prospective Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the newly established two-year Postdoctoral Clinical Neuropsychology Fellowship at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. The fellowship for which you are applying will begin late August 2008. One stipend will be available, at a rate of $46,968 annually the first year and $49,220 the second year. Federal health insurance coverage, holiday, sick and professional leave are provided.

The fellowship training emphasis is in clinical neuropsychology. The fellow will attend didactic seminars and rounds, receive supervised experience in clinical assessment and consultation, clinical interventions, research, teaching and supervision, and familiarity with administrative roles of clinical psychologists working in a VA hospital. The fellowship will satisfy Postdoctoral supervised hour requirements for California licensure, and is designed to provide experiences that will support the trainees’ future eligibility for ABPP certification in Clinical Neuropsychology. Candidates must have completed an APA-approved internship and an APA-approved doctoral program prior to start of fellowship. Application deadline is January 18, 2008.

The national training mission of VA is broad and explicitly includes training of health care professionals for the nation, as well as for the VA system. We train fellows to be qualified to go on to VA jobs, and others to go on to work in research, other medical centers and the private sector.

Please download and review our fellowship brochure and fill out the application form. Note that we prefer that you email your completed application (except transcripts) directly to me at johannes.rothlind@va.gov. If you have any questions about the fellowship, please feel free to call me at (415) 221-4810 ext 2346 or e-mail me. SFVAMC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority applicants are especially encouraged to apply.

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BACKGROUND

The San Francisco VA Medical Center (SFVAMC) has a record of cutting edge clinical care, education, and research. The activities and clinical, teaching and research and scholarly achievements of our faculty are extensive, and the SFVAMC therefore provides a rich training environment, with opportunity for post-doctoral fellows to gain mentored experience in a wide range of settings and domains of professional development.

The SFVAMC, classified as a Type 1A medical center for its complexity, provides primary patient care to 46,000 veterans throughout Northern California at both the main hospital as well as five CBOCs. The SFVAMC is also a tertiary referral center for other centers within VISN 21. Yearly, there are 350,000 visits in 45 outpatient clinics. There is significant diversity of racial/ethnic/SES patient groups. A Women's Health Program serves our 2000+ women veterans. Veterans of all ages receive general medical as well as specialized evaluation and treatment at the SFVAMC and affiliated CBOC. The SFVAMC is in the process of being designated a VA Polytrauma Support Clinic Team that will provide cognitive rehabilitation services to OEF/OIF veterans. For the past years, VISN 21 has been a Mental Illness Research, Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) site, with the SFVAMC serving as a primary component. In 1997, the SFVAMC also developed the first comprehensive VA Parkinson’s Disease Research Education & Clinical Center (PADRECC), which has become the model for other PADRECCs nationally. The comprehensive epilepsy program at the SFVAMC has been designated as a DVA Clinical Program of Excellence.

The San Francisco VAMC also has the largest funded research program within the Veterans Health Administration with $78 million in total research expenditures in FY06. Investigations of particular relevance to this fellowship include: Parkinson’s disease, molecular genetics of neuropsychiatric disorders, Alzheimer’s disease, Gulf War illness, stroke and advances in medical neuroimaging. The SFVAMC also has a Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP) in aging.

Educating future health care providers is one of the five missions of the SFVAMC and has a major presence within this institution. The SFVAMC is closely affiliated with the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), one of the top ranked medical schools in the country, and we train 1500 of their students in 60 professional and allied health academic programs yearly.

In support of the clinical care mission of the VA, SFVAMC clinical psychologists provide a broad range of clinical services, including individual and group therapy, cognitive remediation, and assessment services designed to characterize neuropsychological function and impairment, aid longitudinal monitoring of cognitive functioning, facilitate diagnosis and treatment, and support evaluations of competency, vocational and rehabilitation planning, and patient and family consultation and therapy.

The SFVAMC has a long tradition of psychology training. The psychology pre-doctoral internship has been APA-accredited since 1979 with three full-time VA-funded pre-doctoral clinical positions. In 2000, the SFVAMC Mental Health Service inaugurated a VA-funded clinical Postdoctoral psychology fellowship program in clinical psychology with emphasis in the areas of Substance Abuse and PTSD which is fully accredited by the American Psychological Association Committee on Accreditation. In 2006 the SFVAMC was awarded funding for a two-year clinical neuropsychology fellowship training position.

Psychological services and psychology training at the SFVAMC are integrated within Mental Health Service programs. The relationships between psychology, psychiatry, and other programs are enormously collaborative.
The SFVAMC Mental Health Service has both inpatient and outpatient programs and our staff are engaged in multidisciplinary care in a variety of settings, interacting with a variety of specialty medical teams and service providers. Disciplines represented on these multidisciplinary teams include general medicine, neurology, psychiatry, other medical specialties, clinical psychology, nursing, social work, addiction specialist, psychometric, neurophysiology, speech pathology, physical therapy, and vocational rehabilitation. Cornerstones of our Psychology training model include development of advanced clinical proficiencies and knowledge in clinical psychology but also exposing trainees to the unique contributions of our discipline and those of other health care providers in a multidisciplinary health care environment serving veterans.

The psychology staff is comprised of 20 Ph.D.s and one Psy.D. Psychologists. The staff members are UCSF faculty and VA Medical Staff and have clinical privileges to provide a very broad range of services. Our staff and trainees have access to the UCSF library, colloquia and seminars including weekly Psychiatry Grand Rounds. Mental Health Grand Rounds occur monthly at the SFVAMC.

**Postdoctoral Clinical Neuropsychology Training Rotation Sites**

1) Neuropsychological Assessment Program: The Neuropsychological Assessment Program offers neuropsychological assessment and consultation to all clinical outpatient and inpatient programs at the SFVAMC and affiliated CBOC. Referrals are generated by primary care physicians and through specialty clinic providers in Mental Health, Neurology, Infectious Disease, Environmental Medicine and Visual Impairment Services. Common neurological illnesses seen within this clinic include Dementia of the Alzheimer’s Type (DAT), Vascular Dementia, Alcohol Dementia, Parkinson’s disease, focal stroke, TBI and Multiple Sclerosis. Patients experiencing cognitive deficits in the context of psychiatric conditions (PTSD, schizophrenia, substance abuse disorders) are frequently sent for further evaluation and consultation. Other presenting disorders include learning disabilities, and adult ADHD. Clinical services include comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations, neurocognitive screenings, serial evaluation, and detailed feedback, consultation and education to patients, family, and referral sources.

2) TBI Program: This recently established multi-disciplinary clinical program emphasizes interprofessional consultation amongst neurologists, rehabilitation medicine physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers and primary care physicians. The program focuses on evaluation and treatment of OEF/OIF veterans suffering symptoms associated with head trauma and PTSD, including clinical issues that lie at the interface of neurocognitive and emotional functioning. Current VA Merit and Research Career Development Awards support the implementation and refinement of evidence-based neurocognitive rehabilitation of individuals suffering TBI.

3) Nursing Home Care Unit (NHCU) & Geriatric Mental Health: The NHCU at the SFVAMC provides rehabilitation, sub-acute medicine, neurocognitive evaluation, and long-term and palliative care to mostly elderly veterans with a wide variety of neurological, medical, and psychiatric difficulties. Geriatric Mental Health program provides a full complement of evaluation and treatment modalities in service to elderly veterans. Neuropsychological consultations include rapid evaluations of patients, competency and capacity evaluations, participation in patient rounds and consultation with staff from Geriatric Medicine, Psychiatry, Pharmacy, Occupational/Physical/Recreational Therapy, Chaplaincy, Dietetics and Nursing. Other Geriatric Mental Health services include a late life Disorders treatment group and the Geriatric Mood Assessment Clinic where dementia is differentiated from depression among elderly patients.

4) Memory Disorders Clinics: In the SFVAMC Clinic, Neurology and Neuropsychology staff and trainees conduct rapid dementia evaluations. Memory Disorders Clinic staff also facilitate regular education and support groups for elderly patients with mild cognitive impairment and provide consultation to VA staff, patients and families regarding recent advances in diagnosis and treatment of dementia, estate planning and community support. This program offers telehealth as well as face-to-face clinical services to veterans and their families dealing with
effects of cognitive decline in late life. The interprofessional UCSF Memory and Aging Center (MAC) provides diagnosis, treatment and research of cognitive and behavioral disorders resulting from neurodegenerative disorders (600 new patients per year).

5) Movement Disorders Clinic: The PADRECC at the SVAMC is a world-renowned interprofessional clinical, training and research center. The PADRECC provides care for Parkinson’s disease and related neurological diseases, providing cutting-edge treatment services to veteran patients (including deep brain stimulation and MRI-guided therapies to reduce movement disorder symptoms), caregiver support and education, as well as training to residents, interns and fellows, and clinical and basic research. The post-doctoral fellow has the opportunities to provide neuropsychological evaluation and consultation services regarding patients with Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease, and other neurological disorders affecting motor and cognitive functioning, assist in caregiver consultation and support, and collaborate in research.

6) Comprehensive Epilepsy Center: This center is a VA Clinical Program of Excellence and provides comprehensive evaluation and treatment services for veterans suffering epilepsy and non-epileptic seizures. Neuropsychological assessment of pre-surgical patients are carried out to facilitate treatment decisions. Assessments may include Wada (sodium amytal) assessments and intra-operative speech mapping related to lateralization of language and memory functioning. Follow-up evaluations are also provided.

7) Health Psychology The Health Psychology services offered at the SFVAMC include pain management, assessment and consultation, including pre-surgical evaluation of bariatric surgery candidates, individual and group psychotherapy, biofeedback therapy and hypnosis interventions designed to assists patients in managing stress and chronic pain. Patients are referred to the Health Psychology Clinic from the Primary Care Mental Health Clinic, Pain Clinic, and several other ambulatory care clinics. Patients referred to Health Psychology frequently suffer co-morbid neuropsychiatric and substance use disorders and participate in other mental health programs concurrently, requiring coordination of care with other mental health providers.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Purpose

This postdoctoral fellowship provides advanced education and supervised training experienced tailored to needs of individual fellows, with emphasis on development of advanced proficiencies in clinical neuropsychology across a range of clinical settings. We subscribe to the scholar-practitioner model of psychology training. The fellow will graduate with preparation to engage competently in the work as an advanced level clinical psychologist within the Veterans Health Administration system or other setting in which a range of general and specialized clinical neuropsychological consultation and intervention skills are in demand.

Advanced training is defined by the following criteria:

- Focused learning by means of intensive immersion in clinical experiences with supervision by licensed psychologists with established competencies in clinical neuropsychology and other qualified professionals.

- Additional didactic training to provide a further background and context in the empirical, clinical and other literatures relevant to clinical neuropsychology.

- Opportunity to develop a professional identity through their supervising interns, serving as program leaders and assuming high levels of responsibility.
• Greater depth of supervised clinical experiences than is feasible for a psychology intern on the same rotations. Examples include exposure to a wider variety of patients, more complicated or challenging cases, or cases requiring specialized skill sets.

• Opportunity to participate in research and/or scholarly activities relevant to clinical neurosciences under the mentorship of psychologists and physicians involved in cutting-edge research. Promotion of understanding of the complementary relationship between science and practice.

• An additional postdoctoral year of general professional development, including being treated as a junior colleague and internalizing the role of mentoring trainees.

• Emphasis on the development of the fellows’ cultural competence and understanding of each patient’s history (i.e. age, SES, gender, ethnicity, religion and sexual orientation).

**Teaching Methods**

Fellows will receive a weekly minimum of two hours of individual supervision from the psychology faculty. Methods of supervision include role modeling, mentoring, in-vivo observation, and co-consultation.

Fellows will have opportunities to work with patients of varying backgrounds, cultures, and clinical needs.

Training will build upon baseline skills acquired during graduate training and predoctoral internship. The fellow will be granted progressively more autonomy and responsibility over the course of the fellowship, in an organized sequence.

The fellows will be required to attend the weekly Neuropsychology and Psychological Assessment Seminar. Including these seminars, there will be three to six hours of supplemental structured learning activities per week. Such experiences include case conferences, in-services, seminars and formal scholastic presentations. Advanced readings from the evolving body of scientific knowledge will be assigned.

Professionals from other disciplines provide adjunct supervision/consultation within their area of expertise.

Written evaluations are designed to provide explicit feedback on strengths and deficiencies and suggest corrective actions.

**Core Faculty**

**Administrative Faculty**

Russell Lemle, Ph.D. Director of Psychology Training and Psychology Director, Mental Health Service
Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist, Director, SFVAMC Neuropsychological Assessment Program

**Clinical and teaching faculty**

Timothy Carmody, Ph.D. Psychologist, Director of Health Psychology programs
Patrick Dulin, Ph.D., Psychologist Geropsychology Clinic
Michael Drexler, Ph.D., Psychologist, Director of Geropsychology
Charles Filanosky, Ph.D., Psychologist, Medical Practice – Mental Health Integrated Clinic
Russell Lemle, Ph.D. Chief Psychologist, Director of Training
Shira Maguen, Ph.D. Psychologist, PTSD Clinical Team
Supervision and mentorship are available from other psychologists, psychiatrists, and neurology staff working at the training sites listed in this brochure (see description of training experiences and supervisory staff below)

**Overall Structure of Fellowship**

The fellowship commences at the beginning of September, 2008. At the beginning of the first training year, the fellow will develop individualized training plans relating to the general competencies, including matching to a research mentor. This plan will take into account the fellow’s strengths, deficiencies and training goals. At four month intervals written evaluations of the fellow will be completed by supervising staff.

Postdoctoral fellows will have approximately 45 hours per week assigned.

**Training Experiences:**

**Rounds and Didactic experiences:**

The fellow is expected to attend three to six hours of didactic and related learning activities weekly. These will include the twice-weekly Neuropsychology Seminar and Case Conference, a monthly TBI Clinical Case Conference, and a bi-weekly Postdoctoral Fellows Professional Issues Seminar at the SFVAMC. The fellow has opportunity to attend numerous rounds, case-conferences, and journal club meetings and related events held at the SFVAMC and UCSF. These include weekly Neuropathology Rounds (Brain Cutting), Neuropathology Round, and Neurology and Psychiatry Grand Rounds, the Movement Disorders Clinic Journal Club (SFVAMC PADRECC), and the Epilepsy Clinical Case Conference (VA/UCSF). A wide range of didactic training opportunities occur through the UCSF Memory and Aging Center, including the interprofessional clinical case conference where all cases are discussed, a weekly Cognitive Neuroscience Seminar, and monthly Frontotemporal Dementia Teaching Case, monthly Clinical-Pathological Case Conference and Neurology Grand Rounds. The fellow is encouraged to attenda a monthly neuropsychology case-conferences that is coordinated by former Palo Alto VAMC neuropsychologist William Lynch, ABPP-CN and hosted on a rotating basis by clinical staff and fellows from local training and clinical sites (Martinez VA, Kaiser Rehabilitation Programs). Other opportunities for teaching and didactics include continuing education activities sponsored through the Northern California Neuropsychology Group. Fellows are also encouraged to participate in professional societies as a further way to expand their knowledge and keep their knowledge of our field up-to-date.

**Clinical Training:**

Fellows will maintain continuing involvement in clinical Neuropsychological Assessment Program throughout the fellowship, and will gain broader experience through a variety of other rotations in different clinical settings. The additional rotations may take the form of clinical work over the course of the fellowship (see hours listed below), or may be in the form of more time-intensive but time-limited rotations lasting for 3-12 months. The training received at the different sites is described in the following section, along with a list of primary supervisor(s) and adjunct teaching/supervisory staff (in parentheses).

1) **Neuropsychological Assessment Program**: (12-16 hours/week) The fellow will gain advanced training in provision of clinical services including neurocognitive screenings, comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations, and consultation, including detailed feedback and education to patients, family, and referral sources. This program has a family and community neuropsychology emphasis. Consultations are tailored to facilitate rehabilitation, community integration, optimization of residual functioning, enhancement of role functioning, and family caregiver adjustment. Fellows gain experience in interpreting longitudinal change in neuropsychological
test performance in select clinical samples. Supervisors: Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D., Charles Filanosky, Ph.D., Michael Drexler, Ph.D.

2) **TBI/PTSD Program:** (4-8 hours/week) The fellow will gain supervised experience focused on evaluation and treatment of OEF/OIF veterans suffering symptoms associated with head trauma and PTSD, especially as this relates to clinical issues that lie at the interface of neurocognitive and emotional functioning. Skills gained by the fellow will extend to TBI-related psychoeducation for recently discharged veterans, detailed neuropsychological evaluation to aid diagnosis, rehabilitation planning, consultation in a multidisciplinary setting, and neurocognitive rehabilitation. The fellow will gain knowledge related to the diagnosis and clinical care of veterans with PTSD. Supervisors: Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D. Charles Filanosky, Ph.D., Shira Maguen, Ph.D. (Tatiana Novacovic-Agopian, Ph.D., Anthony Chen, MD, Neurologist; Gary Abrams, MD, Neurologist, Chief, Rehabilitation Medicine).

3) **Movement Disorders Clinic:** (4-6 hours/week) The fellow will gain supervised experiences providing neuropsychological evaluation and consultation services to patients with Parkinson’s disease, Huntington’s disease, and other neurological disorders affecting motor and cognitive functioning, including screening for patients under consideration for deep brain stimulation for movement disorders, and other clinical questions. Supervisors: Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D (Randall Cockshott, Ph.D, Susan Heath, CNS, Elaine Lanier, RN, William Marks, MD, Graham Glass, MD Gail Kang, MD).

4) **Nursing Home Care Unit (NHCU) and Geriatric Mental Health:** (4-6 hours/week) This rotation offers the fellow additional specialized training in geriatric neuropsychological assessment and consultation, multidisciplinary assessment and the role of the clinical psychologist in geriatric rehabilitation, sub-acute medicine, and long-term and palliative care for mostly elderly veterans with a wide variety of neurological, medical, and psychiatric difficulties. Additional skills gained by the fellow include techniques related to competency and capacity evaluations for patients in acute and subacute care settings, and individual and group interventions for adults with age-associated cognitive changes and late-life mood disorders. These opportunities include co-facilitating a late life Mood disorders group and individual evaluation and treatment in the Geriatric Mood Assessment Clinic. In addition, there are opportunities for gaining skills in assessing elderly veterans in their homes with the Home Based Primary Care clinic. Supervisors: Michael Drexler, Ph.D., Patrick Dulin, Ph.D., Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D.

5) **Memory Disorders Clinics:** (3-6 hours/week) In the SFVAMC Clinic, the fellow will become part of a multidisciplinary team that provides screening, differential diagnosis, and consultation for dementia arising in late-life. The fellow gains facility in carrying out rapid, individualized neuropsychological screening for dementia and consultation in a multidisciplinary environment. Fellow will gain experience carrying out telehealth consultations to SFVAMC satellite clinics, and will gain more direct familiarity with the roles of other professionals (neurology, geriatric psychiatry, geriatric medicine, social work, geriatric nurse practitioners) in the evaluation, care and treatment of elderly veterans with cognitive impairment. Further opportunities for exposure to less common cortical dementia’s such as Fronto-Temporal Dementia, and additional neuropsychology training are available through the UCSF Memory and Aging Center. Supervisors: Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D (Kristine Yaffe, MD, Joel Kramer, Psy.D., ABPP-CN [UCSF Memory and Aging Center])

6) **Health Psychology and Pain Clinic** (2-4 hours weekly). The post-doctoral fellow will have opportunities to gain additional supervised experience consulting to multidisciplinary medical team, including primary care physicians, neurologists, and anesthesiologists, concerning psychological factors relating to assessment and treatment of chronic pain (neuropathic pain, diabetic neuropathy, spinal chord injury, and other degenerative and traumatic conditions). Psychological interventions are provided in an individual or group format through this program. Supervisors: Timothy Carmody, Ph.D. (Susan Lee, M.D. and Nahla Nasser, M.D., pain anesthesiologists, Linda Chetaitis, R.N., pain nurse)
7) **Comprehensive Epilepsy Center:** (2-4 hours/week) Fellows gain opportunities to conduct neuropsychological assessment of pre-surgical patients, Wada (sodium amytal) assessments and intra-operative speech mapping related to lateralization of language and memory functioning. In this rotation, the fellow interacts in clinical case conferences with neurologists, EEG technicians, neuroradiologists, clinician nurse specialists, and interventional radiology staff, becoming more familiar with the professional roles of each, and gaining familiarity with unique assessment and treatment needs of patients suffering different varieties of epilepsy. Interested fellows may elect to gain additional case-experience and training under the supervision of Dr. Deborah Cahn-Weiner at the UCSF Epilepsy Center. Supervisors: Johannes Rothlind, Ph.D. (Karen Parko, MD., Neurologist, Christopher Songster, EEG Technician, Deborah Cahn-Weiner, Ph.D., ABPP-CN [Neuropsychologist, UCSF Epilepsy Program,])

8) **Research:** (6-10 hours/week) The fellow will have the opportunity to assist or develop his/her own project within our one of our ongoing clinical research studies. Some ongoing projects carried out at the SFVAMC include studies examining methods of cognitive rehabilitation for TBI, PTSD, neuropsychological functioning in Parkinson’s disease, outcomes of deep brain stimulation for Parkinson’s Disease, pre-clinical markers for dementia, CNS manifestations of Gulf-war illness, and methods for the assessment of self-appraisal of neuropsychological functioning in healthy adults and individuals with neurological disease. Fellows are encouraged to become engaged in research. They will be encouraged to present their research work within our group, to submit their work to national meetings such as the International Neuropsychological Society, the National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, and to prepare and submit research manuscripts or other scholarly material to peer review journals.

9) Fellows will attend the 45 minute weekly meeting of all Psychology faculty. They are invited to contribute as colleagues to discussions regarding training and professional development.

10) The fellow will prepare and give formal didactic presentations and engage in supervision of the clinical neuropsychological assessments carried out by pre-doctoral trainees, including psychology interns and psychology externs.

**Facilities/Resources**

The fellow will have an assigned office. Clinical space will be provided on assigned rotations. The fellow will have a computer in his/her office which has access to the Internet and on-line search resources as well as word processing and medical record keeping. A broad range of psychological and neuropsychological tests and supportive material (computer scoring, manuals etc.) is available. Clerical support is available through Psychological Services. The SFVAMC Medical Library has over 350 current journal subscriptions. Medline and Psych Info searches can be completed online and are supported through the library, as are numerous other resources. Salary is $46,986 for the first year, $49,220 for the second. Federal employee health insurance is available to fellows.

Up to 12 days is allotted yearly for paid Educational Leave. In addition, in each of the last six years, up to $460/year has been available to fellows to support attendance at professional conferences. We expect those funds to continue to be available, but cannot guarantee.

**California Licensure**

The fellowship will provide and satisfy the California Board of Psychology’s requirement for 1500 hours of supervised postdoctoral experience.
Application Information

Eligibility: Candidates must be graduates of APA-accredited doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology and must have completed an APA-accredited internship. All requirements for the doctoral degree must be completed prior to the start of the fellowship year. Persons with a Ph.D. in another area of psychology who meet the APA criteria for respecialization training in Clinical or Counseling Psychology are also eligible.

Application: All application materials must be received by January 18, 2008. The application can be found at the end of this brochure.

Selection: Selection will involve review of written application materials, three letters of reference, and in-person or telephone interviews with each member of the Postdoctoral Selection Committee. Selection criteria will include “goodness of fit” in terms of complementary interests, goals and experience, as well as the quality of the applicant’s educational, scholarly and clinical skills, as judged from application-related material.
Appendix

BIOGRAPHIES, CORE TEACHING FACULTY

Timothy P. Carmody, Ph.D.
Dr. Carmody is Director of the Health Psychology and Psychology PRIME Programs at the SFVAMC and Health Sciences Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the UCSF. He has been a member of the Psychological Services staff since 1985. Dr. Carmody received his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Montana in 1977. For eight years, he was a faculty member in the Department of Medical Psychology at the Oregon Health Sciences University. His professional interests include chronic pain, nicotine dependence, psychological factors in the prevention and treatment of coronary heart disease, stress/anxiety management, biofeedback, and obesity/weight control. He has conducted research and published in a variety of areas in behavioral medicine including smoking cessation, coronary risk factors, pain management, dietary management of hyperlipidemia, coronary-prone behavior, and medical adherence. Earlier in his career, Dr. Carmody was the recipient of a Research Career Development Award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) and has served on several ad hoc grant review committees for NHLBI. His research has been funded through the VA Health Services R&D and Rehabilitation R&D Programs, NIH/NIDA, and the University of California Tobacco-Related Diseases Research Program. He is affiliated with the Treatment Research Center in the Department of Psychiatry and currently is the principal investigator or co-investigator on four funded research studies on smoking cessation and pain management. He is an editorial consultant to several professional journals and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings. He recently received a special contribution award for his work as a member of the Smoking Cessation Technical Advisory Group in support of the Public Health and Prevention Strategic Group at VA Headquarters.

Michael L. Drexler, Ph.D.
Dr. Drexler is the Local Facility Psychosocial Rehabilitation Coordinator (LRC) for severely mentally ill, and is a geropsychologist and geriatric neuropsychologist. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Health Sciences in the Department of Psychiatry at the UCSF. His time is spent across a number of venues including the Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center (PRRC), Nursing Home Care Unit (Social Focus Cohort), with additional hours in areas such as Rapid Response and Geriatrics Clinic. Prior to coming to the VA, he worked for 10 years at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco, one of the largest skilled nursing and sub-acute rehabilitation facilities of its kind, where he served as Director of the Neuropsychology Service, Program Director of Psychosocial Units, and Psychosocial Coordinator of the Dementia Cluster. Dr. Drexler has worked as the consulting psychologist/neuropsychologist for Geriatric Services of San Francisco, Garfield Geropsychiatric Hospital in Oakland, Morton Bakar Geropsychiatric Center in Hayward, and Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco. He is adjunct professor at the California School of Professional Psychology of Alliant University, Berkeley/Alameda, is Assistant Clinical Professor at UCSF, and is Instructor in Geropsychology and Neuropsychology at UC Berkeley Extension. Dr. Drexler is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, and his service to that organization has included being Chair of the Education Committee. He teaches neuropsychology and neuropsychological assessment at Alliant International University in San Francisco, and is an Instructor at the University of California, Berkeley, Extension. He is a Past President of the Northern California Neuropsychology Forum. He received his doctorate from the California School of Professional Psychology (Alliant International University), Berkeley, in 1988.

Patrick Dulin, Ph.D.
Dr. Dulin is a staff psychologist with the Substance Use Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Team (SUPT) and the Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) service. He performs neuropsychological and capacity evaluations of elderly adults in an outpatient clinic and in veterans’ homes with the Home Based Primary Care service. His appointment with the SFVAMC began in November, 2006 following 5 years as a faculty member in a clinical
psychology training program with the Massey University School of Psychology in New Zealand. Dr. Dulin received his doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Utah in 2000 and completed his clinical internship at the Salt Lake City VAMC in 1999. His psychotherapeutic work utilizes interpersonal and cognitive behavioral approaches. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on older adult mental health and treatment issues, factors associated with alcohol abuse as well as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) interventions and the influence of experiential avoidance on mood and anxiety disorders. His current research interests are focused on trauma exposure across the life span and related physical and mental health problems among older adults as well as continued research into therapeutic interventions aimed at reducing avoidance processes.

Charles Filanosky, Ph.D.
Dr. Filanosky is a staff psychologist in the Medical Practice – Mental Health Integrated Clinic (MP-MHIC) joining the SFVAMC in 2007. Prior to this, he completed a two year post-doctoral residency in clinical neuropsychology and rehabilitation research at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and a pre-doctoral internship at Tewksbury State Hospital in Massachusetts. He earned his doctorate at the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in 2004. Dr. Filanosky is primarily located in the MP-MHIC where he evaluates veterans who screen positive for mental health concerns and provides consultation services to the medical staff. His therapeutic approach integrates cognitive-behavioral, existential, and mindfulness based therapies. He also performs neuropsychological evaluations for PNAP where he specializes in traumatic brain injury (TBI). In addition, he is involved in the coordination of services for returning OEF/OIF veterans, consults to the PCT, performs compensation and pension evaluations and is a member of the TBI Interdisciplinary Team. His research interests include neuropsychological assessment, TBI, applications of technology in within mental health, and coping with grief and bereavement.

Russell Lemle, Ph.D.
Dr. Lemle is Chief Psychologist and Psychology Training Director, Mental Health Service and Associate Clinical Professor, UCSF Medical School, Department of Psychiatry. He obtained his doctorate from SUNY at Buffalo in 1979. He completed his predoctoral internship at UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute in 1978 and his postdoctoral fellowship in Family Therapy at Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute. Between 1984 and 1993, he was Chief of the SFVAMC Outpatient Alcohol Clinic, during which period he authored clinical articles on alcohol treatment and etiology. Since 1992, he has been the Chief Psychologist. Other areas of professional interest and teaching include counter-transference, couples and group therapy. Dr. Lemle is on the Planning Committee of the yearly national VA Psychology Leadership Conference and postdoctoral fellows are encouraged to attend the conference. In 2005, he received an APA Presidential Citation for his significant contributions to national VA Psychology issues. Dr. Lemle is a Fellow in the APA Division 18.

Shira Maguen, Ph.D.
Shira Maguen, Ph.D., is a staff psychologist on the Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Clinical Team (PCT). Dr. Maguen completed her internship and postdoctoral training at the National Center for PTSD at the VA Boston Healthcare System after receiving her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Georgia State University in 2002. She is involved with both the clinical and research components of the PTSD program. Within the PTSD clinical program, Dr. Maguen conducts evaluations, leads therapy groups, and sees patients for individual therapy. She is involved in the coordination and provision of services for the returning Afghanistan and Iraq War veterans, and leads a Modern Deployment Psychotherapy Group. Additionally, she lead a spouse/partner group for those in relationships with veterans with PTSD, and a Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Group for individuals with sexual trauma histories. Dr. Maguen specializes in evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapies, including Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD and Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) for PTSD. She provides supervision to psychology interns, externs and fellows, teaches psychiatry residents in training with the PCT, and participates in the PCT educational seminar. Her research interests fall under the umbrella of PTSD and include risk and resilience factors in veterans, the psychological impact of exposure to
death and dying in Iraq War veterans, traumatic grief, and coping with the ongoing threat of terrorism in countries such as Israel.

**Johannes C. Rothlind, Ph.D.**

Dr. Rothlind is a staff psychologist who directs operations of the Neuropsychological Assessment Program at the SF VAMC. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at UCSF. Dr. Rothlind obtained his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Oregon in 1990, with a focus in neuropsychology. He completed his pre-doctoral clinical psychology internship at the UCSD/San Diego VAMC with special emphasis in geriatric neuropsychology. From 1990-1992 he completed a NIA-sponsored postdoctoral neuropsychology fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he was engaged in mentored research on the neuropsychology of Huntington’s disease and received further supervised training in clinical neuropsychology. Dr. Rothlind came to the SFVAMC in 1995 after serving for several years on the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine where he was an assistant professor of psychiatry with a practice and supervisory responsibilities in clinical neuropsychology. Dr. Rothlind’s responsibilities at the SFVAMC include leadership of the operations of the Neuropsychological Assessment Program. He provides evaluation and consultation services to a wide range of clinical programs including the various clinics of the Mental Health Service, Medical Practice Clinics, the PADRECC, Memory Disorders Clinic, Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, and TBI clinic. Through the Memory Disorders Clinic, he has worked to advance techniques for telehealth neuropsychological screening and consultation. Dr. Rothlind provides both teaching and supervision to clinical psychology trainees (practicum students, interns, post-doctoral fellows) and psychometric technicians. He leads weekly training seminars and case-conferences for trainees, during which he facilitates review of core topics in neuropsychological and psychological assessment, including neuroanatomy, and theoretical and empirical foundations of clinical neuropsychological assessment and consultation. Dr. Rothlind also maintains active collaboration with SFVAMC and UCSF investigators on several research projects, including studies examining neuropsychological functioning in veterans with alcoholism, HIV disease, Gulf War Illness, PTSD, and Parkinson’s disease. His research interests include neuropsychological outcomes following deep brain stimulation for treatment of Parkinson’s disease, and methods for evaluating self-appraisal of neuropsychological functioning. He currently serves as the lead neuropsychologist for, and is active on the executive committee of the multicenter NINDS-VA Cooperative Study group comparing best medical therapy and deep brain stimulation of the Subthalamic nucleus and Globus Pallidus for treatment of Parkinson’s disease.
APPLICATION

San Francisco Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
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Identifying Information

Name _____________________________________ U.S. Citizen?__________
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Doctoral Program_____________________________________________

Program APA-approved? _____ Program Type (circle): Clinical/Counseling? University/Professional?

Doctoral Degree (circle) Psy.D./Ph.D. Completed? __________

If Answer to Above is “No”, please use a separate sheet to specify the following:
  Describe in detail the status of your dissertation.
  Date on which you expect to complete all requirements for the doctoral degree.
  Include a letter from your dissertation chairperson describing your dissertation status and timeline.

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Pre-Doctoral Internship________________________________________

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Application Checklist

______ Cover letter. In your letter, please briefly elaborate on your preparation for post-doctoral training in clinical neuropsychology, personal strengths, gaps/deficiencies in past training or experience, goals for the fellowship, and your career goals. Please state reasons why you believe you would be a good “fit” for this fellowship program (You may use the letter to supplement information about yourself not included in your CV and other application information).

______ A letter of support from current Internship Training Director indicating that you are in good standing to successfully complete your predoctoral internship, including completion date. If already completed, you can mail a copy of your pre-doctoral internship certificate.

______ Three letters of recommendation in support of your application.

______ Letter from your dissertation chairperson describing your dissertation status and timeline (If you have not completed doctoral degree)

______ Current CV

______ Graduate School Transcript

______ 2 work samples (e.g. at least one of which is a redacted clinical evaluation summaries; other work-samples may include published manuscripts on which you are first author, where applicable, additional clinical evaluation summaries, or other manuscripts or evidence of scholarly and/or clinical productivity and proficiency).

Interviews will be arranged for top candidates based upon a review of written application materials. In general, in-person interviews will be required; however phone interviews may be made available in the event of special circumstances. Please call us to advise of any problems or special considerations relating to your availability for an in-person interview.

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Letters from your recommendation letter writers should be emailed to johannes.rothlind@va.gov from their institutional (e.g., university or agency) email address, with your name indicated in the subject line. We encourage all files to be sent as Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat files.

For further information about the fellowship and/or the application process, please email or call Dr. Rothlind at (415) 221-4810 ext. 2346.

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Application Deadline: January 18, 2008  
Start Date: End of August/beginning of September, 2008