

Curriculum Vitae



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Neuropsychologist

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PROFESSIONAL INTEREST AREAS

- Neurological Disorders
- Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
- Acute Traumatic Brain Injury
- Intraoperative Cortical Mapping & WADA Procedures
- Program Development

EDUCATION

Wright State University **Doctor of Clinical Psychology**
School of Professional Psychology, Dayton, Ohio 2010-2014
APA-Accredited Program in Clinical Psychology
Psy.D. Conferred: July 2014
Dissertation Title: *Recovery From Pediatric Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion: A Guide for Youth and Their Families*

Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio **Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology**
APA-Accredited Program in Clinical Psychology 2008-2010
M.A. Conferred: May 2010
Master's Thesis/Independent Studies: *Validation of the Poreh Semi-Complex Figure; Development of a New Obsessive Compulsive Personality Questionnaire*

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio **Bachelor of Arts**
Major: Psychology 2004-2007
B.A. Conferred: August 2007
Senior Honors Thesis: *Factors Affecting Recovery From Childhood Sexual Abuse*

Walsh University, Canton, Ohio **No Degree**
Major(s): Biology/Psychology 2002-2004

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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & EMPLOYMENT

University of Florida **Clinical Assistant Professor/Neuropsychologist**
Division of Neuropsychology July 2016-Present

Service provision: Inpatient & outpatient neuropsychological evaluations; Consultation/Liaison- Pediatric Neurotrauma Service; Director of the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Advanced Practicum & Clinical Rotation; Intraoperative cortical mapping & WADA procedures; Supervision, teaching and mentorship of doctoral students/trainees, interns/residents and post-doctoral fellows.

University of Florida Health Sciences Center **Post-doctoral Fellowship**
Division of Neuropsychology July 2014-July 2016

Mentor: Shelley C. Heaton, Ph.D.

Specialization: Pediatric Neuropsychology

University of Florida Health Sciences Center **Clinical Internship/Residency**
Division of Neuropsychology July 2013-July 2014

Supervisor(s): Shelley Heaton, Ph.D., Duane Dede, Ph.D., Russell Bauer, Ph.D./ABPP, Catherine Price, Ph.D./ABPP, Dawn Bowers, Ph.D./ABPP

Specialization: Neuropsychology

Cincinnati Children's Hospital **Doctoral Practicum/Externship**
Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics (DDBP)/ August 2012-June 2013
The Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental

Disabilities (LEND) Program

Supervisor(s): Ryan Macks, Ph.D., Patty Eiler-Sims, Psy.D., Rebekah Ridgeway, Psy.D.

Wallace Kettering Neuroscience Institute **Doctoral Practicum/Externship**
Kettering Medical Center July 2011-July 2012

Supervisor(s): Julie Miller, Psy.D., ABPP; Nick Doninger, Ph.D., ABPP

Ellis Human Development Institute **Volunteer Doctoral Practicum**
Assessment Clinic and Memory Clinic July 2011-January 2012

Supervisor(s): Allison Fernander, Psy.D., Jeffery Allen, Ph.D., ABPP

Ellis Human Development Institute **Doctoral Practicum/Externship**
General Practice Clinic September 2010-July 2011

Supervisor(s): Michelle Schultz, Psy.D., Jeffery Allen, Ph.D., ABPP

Neurology and Neuroscience Associates **Master's Practicum/Externship**
Supervisor: DeAnna Frye, Ph.D. August 2009-May 2010

Psychometrician **Contracted Employee**
Michael T. Farrell Ph.D. & Associates November 2010 – June 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING

Lecturer Spring 2019- Present
University of Florida
Course Information: Neuropsychological Assessment of Adults (CLP 7427)
Doctoral Course

Lecturer Spring 2017-Present
University of Florida
Course Information: Clinical Assessment Across the Lifespan (CLP 6430)
Doctoral Course

Guest Lecturer Fall 2017; Spring 2018
University of Florida
Course information: Autism Spectrum Disorder
Undergraduate course

Guest Lecturer Spring, 2014; Spring, 2016
University of Florida
Course information: Introduction to Neuropsychology
Undergraduate course

Teaching Assistant Spring 2014; Spring, 2015
University of Florida
Department of Clinical & Health Psychology
Gainesville, FL
Course information: Clinical Assessment Across the Lifespan (CLP6430)
Instructor: Shelley Heaton, Ph.D.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2012
Wright State University
School of Professional Psychology
Dayton, OH
Course information: Cognitive Assessment (PSI 810), graduate course
Instructor: Allison Fernander, Psy.D.

Teaching Assistant Fall 2012
Wright State University
School of Professional Psychology
Dayton, OH

Course information: Interviewing (PSI 830), graduate course
Instructor: Michelle Shultz, Psy.D.

Teaching Assistant

Summer 2012

Wright State University

School of Professional Psychology

Dayton, OH

Course information: Child Assessment (PSI 915), graduate course

Instructor: Allison Fernander, Psy.D.

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2008

Cleveland State University,

Department of Psychology

Cleveland, OH

Course information: Psychology of Learning (PSY 370), undergraduate course

Instructor: Andrew Slifkin, Ph.D.

DIDACTIC PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer

Fall 2018

University of Florida

Clinical Pediatric Psychology Didactic

"Psychopharmacology in the Pediatric Population"

Guest Lecturer

Fall 2017

University of Florida

Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST)

"Creating new clinical opportunities"

Guest Lecturer

Spring 2016

UF Health & Shands Hospital

Pediatric Palliative Care

"Developmental stages/psychological palliative care needs of children with life threatening disease"

Guest Lecturer

Spring 2015

UF Health & Shands Hospital

Pediatric End of Life Nursing Education Consortium

"Communication in children with terminal illness"

Guest Lecturer

Spring 2014

UF Health & Shands Hospital

Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellows Didactic

"The role of clinical neuropsychology in childhood cancer"

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Assistant

July 2012-June 2013

Ellis Human Development Institute, Assessment Clinic
Dayton, OH
Supervisor: Allison Fernander, Psy.D.

Graduate Assistant

January 2009-May 2009

Cleveland State University
Department of Psychology
Cleveland, OH
Supervisor: Albert Smith, Ph.D.

RESEARCH

Neuropsychology Investigator

2018-Present

Seizure Prophylaxis After Acute Traumatic Brain Injury: Comparison of Incidence of Agitation

Duties: Evaluating comparative cognitive functioning between patients given levetiracetam and valproate at 1-2 months and 6 months post-injury.

Neuropsychology Investigator

2018-Present

Feasibility Phase I/II Radiation-Free Allogeneic Hematopoietic Stem-Cell Transplantation (HSCT) for Children with High-Risk Hematologic Malignancies (submitted for funding)

Duties: Neuropsychology investigator conducting pre-treatment, end of treatment and one-year post-treatment neuropsychological evaluations for determining neurocognitive effects of replacing TBI with additional high-dose chemotherapy. Data is submitted as a part of a 2-year study.

Co-Investigator

2017-Present

Infant CPR Anytime: Measuring Anxiety on Teaching Families How to Perform CPR

Duties: Assessment of pre- and post-intervention anxiety and parental distress within the context of pediatric congenital heart disease and novel infant CPR treatment. Data is being collected and examined as a part of a two-year study that received grant funding from the Children's Miracle Network.

Co-Investigator

2015-Present

Erythropoietin for the Neuroprotection of Extremely Low Gestational Age Neonates (ELGANS) Preterm Epo Neuroprotection Trial (PENUT TRIAL)

Duties: Conduct Bayley Scales of Infant & Toddler Development-Third Edition (Bayley-3) with pre-term infants; Certified administrator of neurological examinations with pre-term infants. Data is submitted as a part of a 2-year follow-up study.

Co-Investigator

2015-Present

Clinical Utility of Serum Biomarkers for the Management of Neonatal Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE)

Duties: Conduct Bayley Scales of Infant & Toddler Development-Third Edition (Bayley-3) with

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infants and toddler who suffered HIE and were treated with therapeutic hypothermia. Data is submitted as a part of a study on evaluating biomarker utility and necessary adjuvant treatments in HIE.

Dissertation Research

October 2010-May 2013

Wright State University

Dissertation Title: *Recovery From Pediatric Mild Traumatic Brain Injury/Concussion: A Guide for Youth and Their Families*

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Jeffery B. Allen

Defense date: May 3, 2013

Seminar in Evidenced-Based Methods

September 2012-March 2013

Research Team

Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics

Project: *Writing a Best Evidence Statement & Care Guideline (BEST) for Early Intervention in children with Autism*

Supervisor(s): Karen Burkett, APN; Karen Harpster, Ph.D, OTR/L

Research Assistant

January 2010 - July 2010

Cleveland State University

Department of Psychology

Cleveland, Ohio

Supervisor: Brenda Johnson, Ph. D.

GRANTS

Children's Miracle Network, UF Clinical Infrastructure Grant: Year 1: \$70,000 (2017-2018)

Year 2: \$20,000 (2018-2019)

Climb for Cancer Foundation: Year 1: \$20,000 (2017-2018)

Year 2: \$20,000 (2018-2019)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & TRAININGS

Ad-hoc reviewer: Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society (Under supervision of Shelley Heaton, Ph.D.)

2014 & 2015

Certified in Problem Solving Skills Training (PSST):

2014-Present

An Evidenced-based intervention for parents and caregivers of children newly diagnosed with cancer

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

St. Francis House, Homeless Shelter

2015-present

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Volunteer
Gainesville, FL

Alzheimer's Association: Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's 2012-2013
Participant and fundraiser
Dayton, OH

Student Government Association (SGA) 2010-2011
Representative to the clinical training committee
Wright State University, School of Professional Psychology
Dayton, OH

Summit County Traumatic Brain Injury Collaborative 2009-2010
Graduate student volunteer
Akron, OH

Graduate Psychology Students (GPS) 2008-2010
Secretary, founding member
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, OH

PUBLICATIONS

J. J. Tanner, E. Mellott, E. M. Dunne & C. C. Price (2015): Integrating Neuropsychology and
Brain Imaging for a Referral of Possible Pseudodementia: A Case Report, *The
Clinical Neuropsychologist*, DOI: 10.1080/13854046.2015.1008047

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

(Names: Cascio, Mellott & Livers)

Bailey, B., Udhmani, M., **Mellott, E.**, Heaton, S. (2016). The Role of Executive Functioning in
Youth Academic Achievement. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological
Society 44th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Chambers, A., Frias, A. L., Ortega, A., **Mellott, E. M.**, & Heaton, S. (2016). The Relationship

Between Childhood Sleep Initiation Problems and Verbal Memory. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society 44th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Greif, S.M., **Mellott E.M.**, Switalksi, K.A., Udhani, M.D., Frias, A.L., Johns, P.A., & Heaton, S.C. (2015). Cognitive, Emotional, and Behavioral Features as Predictors of Adaptive Functioning in a Clinical Pediatric Population. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society 43rd Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Heaton, S. C., **Mellott, E.**, Hernandez, L., Hayes, R. L., Glushakova, O., Douglas-Escobar, M. V., & Weiss, M. D. (2014). Predicting Neurodevelopmental Outcome of Infants with Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy Treated with Hypothermia: A Pilot Study Highlighting the Role of Protein Biomarkers. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Seattle, WA.

LeMonda, B. C., Greif, S., **Mellott, E.**, Zamor, T., & Heaton, S. C. (2014). Understanding the association between anxiety and attention across the lifespan: Findings from a heterogeneous pediatric population. Poster presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society, Seattle, WA.

Besuner, P., Burkett, K., Dupont, N., Fowler, A., Harpster, K., **Mellott, E.**, & Vilalba, T. (2013). Evidence Based Interventions for Improving Interpersonal Skills in Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Poster presented at the Ohio Maternal Child and Health Training Programs Poster Symposium, Columbus, OH.

Handel, E., Davidson, K., Magnuson, S., Frantz, S., **Mellott, E.**, & Allen, J.B. (2013). Incremental Predictive Validity in Estimating Premorbid Cognitive Functioning.

Poster presented at the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN) 2013 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Livers, E., & Miller, J. (2012). All shook up: Neuropsychological outcome of a shaken baby. Poster presented at the Midwest Neuropsychology Group Conference in Kettering, OH.

Magnuson, S., Davidson, K., **Livers, E.,** Handel, E., & Frantz, S. (2012). Effect of education quality on predicting premorbid intelligence. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference in Nashville, TN November, 2012.

Mellott, E., Handel, E., & Miller, J. (2012). Long-Term Neurocognitive Outcome of Children Treated for Standard-Risk Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia: A Case Comparison. Poster presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychology Society, Waikoloa, HI.

Brady, B., **Livers, E.,** & Romer-Jordan, K. (2011). Groups in wilderness therapy. Poster presented at the Tri-State Group Therapy Conference in Dayton, OH.

Miller, A., Bryant, K., Martincin, K., **Livers, E.,** Martukovich, R., & Poreh, A. (2009). Examining the self-corrected and non-self-corrected errors on the stroop test. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference in New Orleans, LA November, 2009.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Children's Oncology Group (COG)
American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN)
-Pediatric Special Interest Group
International Neuropsychological Society (INS)
National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)
American Psychological Association (APA)
-Division 40
Ohio Psychological Association (OPA)

Wellgates Scholar Program
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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