

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT & LICENSURE

University of Southern California, Rossier School of Education

Marriage Family Therapy Program Core Faculty Member/Part-Time Lecturer, July 2025-Present

Part-Time Lecturer: Marriage and Family Therapy Program, August 2022 – June 2025

Courses: EDUC 546 Psychopathology for Marriage and Family Therapists, EDUC 553 Psychopharmacology, EDUC 583 Counseling Across the Lifespan, EDUC 633 Child and Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence, EDUC 645B Practicum III

Supervisor: Theodore Burnes, PhD, HSPP, LPCC, MEd

University of Southern California, Dornsife College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences

Part-Time Lecturer: Department of Psychology, August 2023 – December 2024

Courses: PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology, PSYC 437 Adolescent Development

Supervisor: Antoine Bechara, PhD

Dr. Lacy Olson-Ayala Private Practice – drolsonayala.com

Owner of telehealth practice, October 2021 – present

VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System – Telemental Health Clinic

Staff Psychologist, Full-Time, April 2017 – August 2019, Part-Time, August 2019 – June 2020

Supervisor: Mickie Fisher, PhD

CBT-California/DBT-California

Staff Psychologist, Full-Time, September 2016 – February 2017, Part-Time, March 2017 – April 2018

Supervisor: Lynn McFarr, PhD

California Psychology Licensure – PSY-28437, June 2016 – present

Florida State University Psychology Department

Full Lecturer, August 2013 – April 2014

Course: Abnormal Psychology

Supervisor: Mark Licht, PhD

EDUCATION

VA San Diego Healthcare System PTSD Clinic

APA Accredited Postdoctoral Fellowship in Clinical Psychology, September 2015 – September 2016

La Jolla PTSD Clinic, Supervisors: Abigail Angkaw, PhD, & Joanna Jacobus, PhD

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX

APA Accredited Predoctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology, July 2014 – July 2015

Training Director: Ellen Teng, PhD

Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL

APA Accredited Program in Clinical Psychology

PhD, August 2015, Dissertation Co-Chairs: Christopher Patrick, PhD, & Jeanette Taylor, PhD

MS, December 2011, Master's Thesis Chair: Edward Bernat, PhD

San Diego State University

BA, May 2009, Summa Cum Laude, Outstanding Psychology Student of Graduating Class

Major: Psychology / Minor: Biology of Physiological Psychology

PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Full Lecturer

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, August 2013 – April 2014

Course: Abnormal Psychology

Supervisor: Mark Licht, PhD

Overall Instructor Rating – 98% rated "Excellent" (5 out of 5)

Invited Lecturer

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA January 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Audience: West Los Angeles psychiatry residents. Training Title - "Sexual Transference and

Countertransference in psychotherapy." Instructors: Sravan Kakani, MD, and Philip Blumenshine, MD

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA April 2019

Course: Psychology Intern Empirically Based Psychotherapy Seminar, Lecture Title - "Skills

Training for Affective and Interpersonal Regulation." Instructor: Anna Okonek, PhD

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA April 2019

Audience: West Los Angeles psychiatry residents. Training Title: "Prolonged Exposure Therapy."

Instructor: Sravan Kakani, MD

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA February 2018 – October 2019

Audience: VA administrative, nursing, social work, medical, psychiatry, and psychology staff

Members. Training Title: "Weathering the Storm: How to Navigate Disruptive Behaviors"

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA October 2018

Audience: Psychology Department Staff and Trainees. Training Title: "Integrating Sexual Health into Clinical Practice"

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System – Los Angeles, CA March 2018

Course: Psychology Intern Diversity Seminar, Lecture Title - "Borderline Personality Disorder, childhood sexual trauma, and sexuality." Instructors: Anjuli Amin, PhD, and Yong Song, PhD

Terminal Island Federal Correction Institution – San Pedro, CA, March 2017

Course: Internship Seminar, Lecture Title – "Borderline Personality Disorder, childhood sexual trauma, and sexuality." Chief Psychologist: Michael Wydo, PsyD

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, February 2014
 Course: Interpersonal Relationships. Instructor: Adam Johnson, PhD

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, April 2013
 Course: Clinical and Counseling Psychology. Instructor: Lauren Holland, MS

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, March 2012
 Course: Research Methods. Instructor: Edward Bernat, PhD

Teaching Assistant

San Diego State University Department of Psychology, January 2009 – May 2009
 Course: Careers in Psychology. Instructor: Emilio Ulloa, PhD

San Diego State University Department of Psychology, January 2008 – May 2008
 Course: Neuropsychology. Instructor: Paul Gilbert, PhD

San Diego State University Department of Psychology, August 2006 – December 2006
 Course: Academic Counseling Experience. Instructor: Emilio Ulloa, PhD

San Diego State University Department of Psychology, August 2005 – December 2005
 Course: Statistical Methods in Psychology. Instructor: Richard Graf, PhD

SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

Academic/Professional Mentor

Past/Current MFT Master's Level Students	January 2023 – present
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Personal Academic Mentor

Maria Nichole Romero	August 2018 – May 2021
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Clinical Supervisor

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System

Laura Enriquez, MA	August 2018 – July 2019
Emily Owens, MA	February 2018 – May 2018

CBT-California/DBT-California

Wendy Morgan, MFT	October 2016 – February 2017
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VA San Diego Healthcare System PTSD Clinic

Mary Dozier, MS, Psychology Practicum Student	September 2015 – June 2016
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Alumni Mentor

San Diego State University Aztec Mentor Program

Thuy Pham, BS, MFT Graduate Student	February 2016 – May 2016
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POST-GRADUATE CLINICAL TRAINING

APA Accredited Postdoctoral Clinical Psychology Fellow

VA San Diego Healthcare System PTSD Clinic, Full Time, September 2015 – September 2016

Training Directors: Brian Buzzullo, PhD, and Autumn Backhaus, PhD

Primary Supervisors: Abigail Angkaw, PhD, and Joanna Jacobus, PhD

APA Accredited Predoctoral Clinical Psychology Intern

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX, Full Time, July 2014 – July 2015

Training Director: Ellen Teng, PhD

GRADUATE CLINICAL TRAINING

Psychological Trainee

Florida State University Crisis Management Unit – Tallahassee, FL, As Needed, July 2013 – May 2014

Supervisor: Joyce Carbonell, PhD

Psychological Trainee

Florida State University Psychology Clinic – Tallahassee, FL, 10-12 hours/week, August 2010 – January 2014

Supervisors: Thomas Joiner, PhD, Pam Keel, PhD, Brad Schmidt, PhD, Therese Kemper, PhD, Sandy Kerr, PhD, and Kimberly Driscoll, PhD

Dialectical Behavior Therapy Coordinator

Florida State University Psychology Clinic – Tallahassee, FL, Three hours/week, August 2012 – August 2013

Supervisor: Thomas Joiner, PhD

Psychological Trainee

Apalachee Center – Tallahassee, FL, 10 hours/week, July 2011 – July 2012

Supervisors: Mark Reeve, PhD, and Ann Funk, PhD

Clinical Research Assistance

Florida State University Christopher Patrick Lab – Tallahassee, FL, One hour/week, July 2010 – July 2011

Supervisor: Christopher Patrick, PhD

CLINICAL TRAINING EXPERIENCES

Full list of continuing education experiences available upon request

Maternal Mental Health Professional Certificate Training

Postpartum Support International and 2020 Mom, February – May 2020

Trainer: Multiple professionals coordinated by Postpartum Support International

Healing from Moral Injury

University of Southern California, May 2019

Trainer: William Nash, MD

Family Consultation

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System, December 2018 – June 2019

Trainer: VA staff psychologist

Cognitive Behavioral Analysis System of Psychotherapy

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, September 2016

Trainer: Eric Levander, MD, & Lynn McFarr, PhD

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, September 2016

Trainer: Jessica Schneider, PhD

Two-Day Dialectical Behavior Therapy

Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, September 2016

Trainer: Lynn McFarr, PhD

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Personality Disorders

APA Convention, August 2016

Trainer: Judith Beck, PhD

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia

VA San Diego Healthcare System, November 2015

Trainer: Philip Gehrman, PhD

Clinical Psychology Supervision

VA San Diego Healthcare System, November 2015

Host: Autumn Backhaus, PhD

Prolonged Exposure

VA San Diego Healthcare System, November 2015

Trainer: Carolyn Allard, PhD

Law and Ethics

VA San Diego Healthcare System, October 2015

Trainers: Brian Buzzella, PhD, and Autumn Backhaus, PhD

Motivational Interviewing

VA San Diego Healthcare System, September 2015

Trainers: Abigail Angkaw, PhD, and Brittany Davis, PhD

Population Specific Competencies for Quality Care

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX, November 2014

Trainer: Verneda Harris-Irving

The Many Faces of Diversity: Increasing Cultural Competency When Working with Veterans and Employees with Disabilities Workshop

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX, October 2014

Trainer: Linda Mona, PhD

An Introduction to the MMPI-2-RF Workshop

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX, September 2014

Trainer: Paul A. Arbisi, PhD, Minneapolis VA Health Care System

Shifting Cultural Lenses in Clinical Practice Workshop

Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL, April 2014

Trainer: Steven Lopez, PhD

Behavioral Tech Intensive Dialectical Behavior Therapy

Gulf Coast University – Fort Myers, FL, June 2013

Trainers: Lorie Ritschel, PhD & Melanie Harned, PhD

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Disruptive Behavior Management Training Team Chair

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System, February 2018 – June 2020

Psychology Diversity Committee Co-Chair

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System, November 2017 – August 2019

Psychology Staff Training Committee Member

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System, September 2017 – August 2019

Continuing Education Committee Member

Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System, June 2017 – March 2019

Aztec Mentor Program Mentor

San Diego State University, January 2016 – May 2016

Postdoctoral Multicultural Diversity Committee Member

VA San Diego Healthcare System, September 2015 – September 2016

Multicultural Diversity Subcommittee Member

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center – Houston, TX, August 2014 – July 2015

Graduate Advisory Committee Member

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, May 2013 – June 2014

Graduate Mentor in the Psychology Graduate Students for Diversity - Undergraduate Mentoring Program

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, January 2011 – June 2014

Psychology Graduate Students for Diversity Creator and Chair

Florida State University Psychology Department – Tallahassee, FL, January 2011 – June 2014

Psi Chi and Psychology Club Officer

San Diego State University – San Diego, CA, August 2007 – May 2009

Undergraduate Psychology Peer Advisor

San Diego State University – San Diego, CA, August 2005 – May 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Baggett, L. R., Eisen, E., Gonzalez-Rivas, S. K., **Olson, L. A.**, Cameron, R.C., & Mona, L. R. (2017). Sex positive assessment and treatment among female trauma survivors. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 73 (8), 965-974.
- Eisenbarth, H., Angrilli, A., Calogero, A., Harper, J., **Olson, L. A.**, & Bernat, E. M. (2013). Reduced negative affect response in female psychopaths. *Biological Psychology* 94(2), 310-318.
- Sadeh, N., Verona, E., Javdani, S., & **Olson, L.** (2009). Examining psychopathic tendencies in adolescence from the perspective of personality theory. *Aggressive Behavior*, 35, 399-407.

Book Chapters

- Olson, L. A.** & Patrick, C. J. (2018). Clinical aspects of Antisocial Personality Disorder and Psychopathy. In W. J. Livesley's *Handbook of Personality Disorders*.

Presentations

- Olson, L.A.** (August 2016). Borderline Personality Disorder, childhood sexual trauma, and sexuality. Oral Presentation. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, Colorado.
- Olson, L.A.**, Yancey, J., Flaisch, T., Kirmse, U., Bowyer, C., Schupp, H., & Patrick, C.J. (June 2015). Reduced LPP brain response during serial rapid picture processing covaries with the disinhibitory facet of psychopathy. Poster Presentation. Society of Scientific Study of Psychopathy, Chicago, Illinois.
- Olson, L.A.**, Byrnes, L., Diaz, J., Beyko, A., Mulligan, E., Bernat, E., & Joiner, T. (November 2013) The influence of Dialectical Behavior Therapy skill use on emotional experience and risky behaviors. Poster Presentation. Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Olson, L.A.**, Bernat, E.M., Cole, A., & Anokhin, A. (September 2012). Genetic influences on neural correlates of emotional processing: Affective picture-related ERP's in female twins. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Eisenbarth, H., Harper, J., **Olson, L.**, Calogero, A., Angrilli, A., & Bernat, E. M. (September 2012). Event-related potentials during perception of emotional facial expressions in psychopathic female inpatients. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Olson, L.A.**, Bernat, E.M., Cole, A., & Anokhin, A. (September 2012). Genetic influences on neural correlates of emotional processing: Affective picture-related ERP's in female twins. Poster presentation. International Organization of Psychophysiology, Pisa, Italy.
- Olson, L.A.**, Harper, J., Golosheykin, S., Bernat, E.M., & Anokhin, A. (April 2012). Development of the feedback-related negativity in early adolescence: A longitudinal study of time-frequency theta and delta components. Poster presentation. Florida State University Graduate Research Day, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Olson, L.A.**, & Bernat, E. M. (February 2012). Affective processing by the late positive potential (LPP) and P3 across directed and incidental picture-viewing tasks: A time-frequency approach. Oral presentation. Florida Education Fund Mid-Year Research and Writing Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- Olson, L.A.**, Harper, J., Golosheykin, S., Bernat, E.M., & Anokhin, A. (September 2011). Development of the feedback-related negativity in early adolescence: A longitudinal study of time-frequency theta and delta components. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Harper, J., **Olson, L.A.**, Nelson, L.D., & Bernat, E.M. (September 2011). Delta band reward processing occurring during the feedback-related negativity. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Kothur, S., Harper, J., **Olson, L.A.**, & Bernat, E.M. (September 2011). Separable theta and delta processes underlying the time-domain P3: A multi-task evaluation. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Harper, J., **Olson, L.A.**, Bache, K., Kiehl, K., & Bernat, E.M. (May 2011). P3 is negatively related to PCL-R Factor 1 and Factor 2 shared variance. Poster presentation. Society of the Scientific Study of Psychopathy, Montreal, Canada.

- Olson, L.A.,** Block, J., Greenstein, J., Patrick, C. J., Aviyente, S., & Bernat, E. M. (October 2010). Affective late positive potential (LPP) is consistent across passive and incidental picture viewing: A time-frequency approach. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, Portland, Oregon.
- Olson, L.A.,** Nelson, L., Bernat, E., & Patrick, C. J. (October 2009). Indexing cognitive control processes using Task-Switching Stroop and Event-Related Potentials. Poster presentation. Society of Psychophysiological Research, Berlin, Germany.
- Frank, G.K. W., **Olson, L.A.,** Vaculikova, L., Papaj, A., Lizarraga, S., & Yang, T. (October 2008). Brain pathways in impulsive aggression male youth in relation to measures of aggression. Poster presentation. Annual American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- Olson, L. A.,** Vaculikova, L., Papaj, A., & Frank, G. K. W. (August 2008). Reactive Aggressive Youth Brain Activation in Response to Visual Stimuli. Poster presentation. American Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Olson, L.A.,** Obendorfer, T., Frank, G.K. (May 2008). Reactive aggressive youth activation is increased in response to emotional faces but reduced during an impulsivity task. Poster presentation. Society of Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- Olson, L.A.,** Sadeh, N., Verona, E. (April 2008). Psychopathic Traits in Treatment-Referred and Community Adolescents: Validity of a Normal Personality Measure of Psychopathy. Poster presentation. Western Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Irvine, California.
- Olson, L.A.,** Frank, G.K. (November 2007). Reactive aggressive youth activation is increased in response to emotional faces but reduced during an impulsivity task. Slide presentation. Society of Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, California.
- Frank, G.K., **Olson, L.A.** (November 2007). Reactive aggressive youth activation is increased in response to emotional faces but reduced during an impulsivity task. Press conference. Society of Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, California.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Graduate Researcher

Florida State University Christopher Patrick Lab – Tallahassee, FL, July 2012 – August 2015

Supervisor: Christopher Patrick, PhD

Dissertation Title: “Rapid affective processing event-related potentials and externalizing psychopathology correlates” – *Defended November 2014*

Graduate Researcher

University of Konstanz Harald Schupp Lab – Konstanz, Germany, June 2014 – July 2014

Supervisors: Harald Schupp, PhD, and Tobias Flaisch, PhD

Graduate Researcher

Florida State University – Tallahassee, FL, August 2009 – June 2013

Supervisor: Edward Bernat, PhD

Master’s Thesis Title: “Affective processing by the late positive potential (LPP) and P3 across directed and incidental picture-viewing tasks: A time-frequency approach” – *Defended August 2011*

Study Coordinator

University of California San Diego Psychiatry Department, May 2006 – May 2009

Supervisor: Guido Frank, M.D.

Honors Thesis Title: “Brain pathway activation in reactive aggressive youth in response to threatening and fear inducing visual stimuli and its distinction from non-emotional impulsivity.”

Research Assistant

University of Minnesota - Minneapolis, MN, May 2008 – July 2008

Supervisors: Christopher J. Patrick, PhD and Edward Bernat, PhD

Training Program: Twin Cities Research Experience for Undergraduates

Research Project: "Indexing cognitive control processes using Event-Related Potentials."

Research Assistant

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, June 2007 – September 2008

Supervisor: Edelyn Verona, PhD

Training Program: Summer Research Opportunities Program

Research Project: "Psychopathic traits in treatment-referred and community adolescents: Validity of a normal personality measure of psychopathy."

Research Assistant

San Diego State University, January 2006 – December 2007

Supervisor: Ralph-Axel Mueller, PhD

Training Program: Ronald E. McNair Scholars Summer Program

Research Projects: 1) "A functional magnetic resonance imaging study of pseudo-word acquisition in children and adults." and 2) "A behavioral study of developmental differences in long-term memory encoding of sensory stimuli."

AWARDS AND HONORS

FSU Graduate Research Dissertation Development Award, 2014

FSU Graduate Research Development Award, 2013

FSU Morcom Career Development Award, 2013

FSU Congress of Graduate Students Conference Presentation Grant, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009

Florida Education Fund McKnight Fellow, 2009

Henry L. Jansen Award Recipient, 2009

SDSU Outstanding Psychology Student Award, 2009

Mortar Board Nancy Reed Gibson Scholarship, 2009

SDSU Student Research Symposium Provost Award, 2009

Mortar Board Honors Society, Speaker/Program Chair, 2007, 2008, 2009

Dean's List, 2004-2009

Quest for the Best, SDSU Vice Presidential Student Service Award Recipient, 2008

Mortar Board Honors Society Membership Vice President, 2008

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society, 2008

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign SROP Outstanding Research Award, 2007

San Diego State University Homecoming Court Member, 2007

Psi Chi Lecture Coordinator, 2007

Minority Access to Research Careers Scholar, 2007

First Place Psychology Poster Presentation, SDSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2007

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, 2007

Arthur C. Harris Memorial Scholarship Recipient, 2006

Golden Key Honors Society, 2006

Minority Biomedical Research Support Scholar, 2006

Psi Chi Historian, 2006

McNair Scholar, 2006

Psi Chi Honors Society, 2005

Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, 2005

AD HOC REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

Biological Psychology
Journal of Abnormal Psychology

MEMBERSHIP

International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Full Member, 2023
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Full Member, 2022
America Psychological Association Member, 2016
Society of the Scientific Study of Psychopathy Student Member, 2010, 2015
Society of Psychophysiological Research Student Member, 2009-2014
Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Student Member, 2013
Western Psychological Association Student Member, 2007
Society of Neuroscience Student Member, 2007
America Psychological Association Student Affiliate, 2006

REFERENCES

Available upon request