The faculty of the APA approved Clinical Psychology Program at Western Michigan University (WMU) seeks qualified students for the doctoral (Ph.D.) program. We especially encourage members of historically underrepresented groups, including ethnic minorities and people with disabilities to apply.

Minimum criteria for admission are a bachelor’s degree with a major in psychology or a related area, GPA of 3.0, GRE scores (verbal + quantitative) of 1000, and strong letters of recommendation from three sources. Compatibility with program philosophy and faculty research interests weigh heavily in decisions. Average credentials of our most recent incoming classes were: GPA 3.3, GRE 1123. Any exceptions to the stated criteria are subject to approval of the psychology faculty at large.

All admitted students receive a commitment of financial support in the form of an assistantship for the first three years of the program. Financial support for additional years is not guaranteed but is often available. Students are also encouraged to apply for university programs (i.e., graduate college fellowships, Thurgood Marshall Awards and King/Chavez/Parks Fellowships for members of underrepresented groups). See details at http://www.wmich.edu/grad/finance.html

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Clinical Psychology Program at WMU is designed to provide broad clinical training utilizing activities within faculty members’ independent practice. The program is planned as a six year curriculum with the sixth year comprising the doctoral internship.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology has been accredited by APA since 1991 (Commission on Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; Phone: 202-336-5979). The Ph.D. program requires successful completion of 95 credit hours of academic work, including practica, internship, advanced doctoral coursework, a comprehensive examination, a thesis, and a dissertation. Students must finish a 750-hour pre-doctoral practicum and a 2000-hour pre-doctoral internship in an approved healthcare setting.

FACULTY

Galen Alessi (Ph.D., University of Maryland, 1974) email: galen.alessi@wmich.edu Dr. Galen Alessi is a Professor of Psychology and a fully licensed psychologist in Michigan and Maryland, as well as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship in behavioral pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins Medical School. He also completed the post-graduate one-year intensive training program in Family Therapy at the Family Therapy Institute ofWashington, D.C. His main research interests are in marital and family therapy, strategic behavioral therapy, and behavioral pediatrics.

Amy L. Damashek (Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, 2007) Dr. Amy Damashek is an Assistant Professor of Psychology who joined the faculty in September 2009. She completed her internship and post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She will teach courses in abnormal child development, child behavior therapy, and psychological assessment. Her primary research interests are in the area of child maltreatment and unintentional childhood injury. Clinically she is well-versed in evidence-based psychotherapies for children and families.

R. Wayne Fuqua (Ph.D., University of Florida, 1977) email: r.wayne.fuqua@wmich.edu Dr. Wayne Fuqua is a Professor of Psychology and the Chair of the Psychology Department. He completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He teaches courses in behavioral medicine, behavioral approaches to treatment, and behavior analysis research methods. His research interests include: the management of health risk behaviors; treatment of habit disorders; developmental disabilities; and functional assessment and analysis. He is the director of the Behavioral Medicine Lab and a frequent contributor to behavior analysis and behavior therapy journals.

Scott T. Gaynor (Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2000; Co-Director of Clinical Training) email: scott.gaynor@wmich.edu Dr. Scott Gaynor is an Associate Professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist. He completed his internship and an NIMH post-doctoral fellowship at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. He teaches courses in child development, child psychopathology, and psychotherapy. Dr. Gaynor also directs the Behavior Research and Therapy Laboratory, which conducts treatment process and outcome research (often with children and adolescents) using cognitive-behavioral and contemporary behavior therapies.

Amy E. Naugle (Ph.D., University of Nevada-Reno, 1999; Co-Director of Clinical Training) email: amy.naugle@wmich.edu Dr. Amy Naugle is an Associate Professor of Psychology. She completed her clinical internship at the Charleston Consortium in Charleston, SC. Prior to coming to WMU, Dr. Naugle completed a NIMH post-doctoral fellowship at the National Crime Victim’s Center, Medical University of South Carolina. Her primary research interests include investigating psychological and interpersonal factors associated with physical and sexual victimization, assessment, training, and psychotherapy outcome issues related to contemporary behavior therapies.

C. Richard Spates (Ph.D., University of Illinois, 1976) email: crspates@aol.com Dr. C. Richard Spates is a Professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist in the State of Michigan. His primary clinical activities and research interests are with individuals with anxiety disorders in general and particularly those related to traumatic stress. He is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress. He is currently the director of the WMU Anxiety Disorders Research Laboratory. He is also a consultant to the V.A. Medical Center of Battle Creek, and the Michigan Department of Community Health’s Bureau of Clinical and Medical Services.

Lester W. Wright Jr. (Ph.D., University of Georgia, 1995) email: lester.wright@wmich.edu Dr. Lester Wright is an Associate Professor of Psychology. His primary clinical and research interests are in the area of human sexuality and deviant behavior. He completed his internship at the University of Mississippi Medical School/Jackson VA Consortium and then completed a post-doctoral fellowship at University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University. He is currently the director of the Clinical Studies Laboratory, an out-patient clinic and research center for individuals requiring assessment and/or treatment of sexual problems.
DISCLOSURE DATA
For detailed information about the WMU Clinical Psychology Program please see data provided at the following web address:

http://www.wmich.edu/psychology/grad/clinical/stats.html

CONTACT US
To request an application, please call the Psychology Main Office at (269) 387-4500 or download the information from the Psychology website at http://www.wmich.edu/psychology. Admission is offered for fall semester only. All application materials are due by December 15th. For information about the Clinical Psychology Program and its faculty, please call the Clinical Psychology Training Program Secretary, Kim Feenstra at (269) 387-4330 or visit us on the World Wide Web at http://www.wmich.edu/psychology.

ABOUT WMU
WMU is one of the nation's premier student-centered research universities drawing students from throughout the state, across the nation, and around the world. Founded in 1903, WMU is:
- Classified as a Doctoral Research University - Extensive by the Carnegie Foundation.
- Placed in the top classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which ranks the quality, mission, and academic output of the national colleges and universities.
- Listed in America's 100 Best College Buys and America's Best College Scholarships.
- Host to chapters of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and Psi Chi (the National Honor Society in Psychology).
- Included among the nation's 50 largest and most comprehensive universities with more than $450 million in new and renovated facilities over the past 10 years.
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CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

FACTS ABOUT THE WMU CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM
- Clinical and research interests in
  o Conduct Problems
  o Child Maltreatment
  o Behavioral Pediatrics
  o Marital and Family Therapy
  o Parenting
  o Health Psychology
  o Interpersonal Violence
  o Clinical Outcome Research
  o Mood and Anxiety Disorders
  o Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
  o Sexual Disorders

WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES?
- Academic Faculty Positions
- Clinical Faculty Positions at
  o Medical Schools
  o Veterans Administration Medical Centers
- Private Practice

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