The faculty of the accredited Clinical Psychology Program at Western Michigan University (WMU) seeks qualified students for training in the doctoral (Ph.D.) program. We especially encourage members of historically underrepresented groups, including ethnic and racial 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) in the 50th percentile or higher, 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 3.72, GRE 306. Any exceptions to the stated criteria are subject to approval of the psychology faculty at large.

The program strives to give all admitted students 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 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.

CORE FACULTY

Amy L. Damashek (Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, 2007) Email: Amy.Damashek@wmich.edu Dr. Amy Damashek is an Associate Professor of Psychology. Her research focuses on the promotion of young children’s safety and well-being via prevention of unintentional child injuries and child maltreatment. Specifically, her work focuses on: the role of parenting behaviors in preventing unintentional child injuries; interventions to reduce injuries; and examination of ways to improve services for at-risk families and children. She is particularly interested in interventions that support low-income families. Clinically, Dr. Damashek is well-versed in evidence-based psychotherapies for children and families. She teaches courses in abnormal child psychology, child behavior therapy, lifespan development, and psychological assessment.

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 a Professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist. He completed his internship and an NIH 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 a Professor of Psychology and licensed psychologist. She completed her clinical internship and NIMH Post Doctoral Fellowship at National Crime Victim’s Center and Charleston Consortium, Medical University of South Carolina. Her primary research interests include transdiagnostic processes (i.e., emotion regulation and experiential avoidance) related to adverse experiences, psychological and interpersonal factors associated with physical and sexual victimization, and contemporary behavior therapies.

Brooke Smith (Ph.D., Utah State University, 2019) Email: Brooكم-Smith@wmich.edu Dr. Brooke Smith is an Assistant Professor of Psychology. She completed her clinical internship at the VA Puget Sound, American Lake Division. Her research interests include therapeutic processes of change and their translation from basic behavioral principles to applications in mindfulness, exposure, and acceptance-based psychotherapies, particularly Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT). She is also interested in novel methodological approaches to measuring processes of change, including physiological and neural measurement techniques. Clinically, Dr. Smith specializes in ACT and mindfulness-based approaches to the treatment of anxiety and obsessive-compulsive and related disorders in adults.

ASSOCIATED FACULTY

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 methodology. 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.

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.

The Clinical Psychology Program at WMU is designed to provide broad clinical training utilizing a scientist-practitioner model. Graduates are competent to function in a variety of professional roles including research, practice, and college teaching. The balance of research and practice is obtained in part by practicum and research training within an on-site clinic, as well as practical experience in community agencies and research activities within faculty members’ independent laboratories. The orientation of the program is decidedly behavioral with an emphasis on empirical research and evidence based practice. All students are exposed to the broad content areas of the field.
Disclosure Data

For detailed information about the WMU Clinical Psychology Program please see data provided at the following web address:

http://wmich.edu/psychology/academics/graduate/clinical

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To request an application, please call Admissions at (269) 387-2000 or apply online at http://www.wmich.edu/apply/graduate/application. 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 Graduate Training and Clinical Psychology Admin at (269) 387-4330 or visit us on the World Wide Web at http://www.wmich.edu/psychology

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- The Sustainable Endowments Institute named WMU one of the country’s six winners of 2015 Best of GRITS—Green Revolving Investment Tracking System—awards, honoring the University as the large institution with the most carbon emissions saved to date.

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- Behavioral Medicine
- Behavioral Pediatrics
- Child Injury & Maltreatment
- Depression
- Habit Behaviors
- Interpersonal Victimization
- Emotion Regulation/Experiential Avoidance
- Psychotherapy Process & Outcomes of Contemporary Behavioral Therapies
- Sexual Deviations and Dysfunctions

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