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INTRODUCTION

The Forensic Evaluation Department at Minnesota Forensic Services, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship, offers a postdoctoral forensic psychology fellowship program for individuals interested in gaining expertise in the area of forensic evaluation. In addition to providing statewide forensic evaluation services, many Forensic Services programs treat individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial, found not guilty by reason of mental illness or deficiency, or civilly committed as mentally ill and dangerous to the public (MI&D). Forensic Services serves a clinically and demographically diverse patient population with a wide range of diagnoses that cover most of the major categories of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder-Fifth Edition (DSM-5). The most common primary diagnoses include psychotic-spectrum and mood disorders, and many patients have primary or secondary diagnoses of substance use disorders, cognitive disorders, anxiety disorders, and personality disorders, including Antisocial Personality Disorder. Some patients have committed sexual offenses and have corresponding diagnoses of paraphilic disorders. Forensic Services consists of several programs and fellows may evaluate individuals from any of these programs, as well as criminal defendants in the community and in correctional facilities. Forensic evaluators, as well as fellows, serve the system as part of a consultation model, and thus they are independent from any of the treatment programs on campus. Thus, though evaluators and fellows work with a multitude of programs and populations, they do not serve as members of the treatment team and are not assigned to any specific program.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – DIRECT CARE AND TREATMENT

Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) is a division of the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS). It consists of an array of campus and community-based programs serving people with mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency, and traumatic brain injuries as well as people determined to pose a risk to society. Currently, these services are provided at various sites geographically dispersed throughout Minnesota. Services are provided by approximately 3,500 employees in a variety of roles such as psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, human services technicians, occupational therapists, social workers, and licensed chemical dependency counselors.

FORENSIC SERVICES

In recognition of the growing demand for forensic mental health services, Forensic Services was developed to provide specialized statewide evaluation and treatment to individuals involved with the legal system. Forensic Services, a division of DCT, has approximately 900 employees. The following are the most common Forensic Services programs in which forensic psychology fellows may conduct evaluations:
**Forensic Network**
The Forensic Network is a group of forensic psychologists and psychiatrists based on the Forensic Services campus in St. Peter, Minnesota. The Forensic Network conducts statewide examinations regarding competency to proceed to trial, criminal responsibility, civil commitment, post-conviction/pre-disposition sex offender evaluations, and violence and sexual violence risk assessments. The forensic psychology fellowship program is based within the Forensic Network.

**Minnesota Security Hospital**
The Minnesota Security Hospital (MSH) is located on the Forensic Services campus. MSH is a Joint Commission-accredited maximum security psychiatric treatment facility that provides long-term, multi-disciplinary treatment to forensic populations, including individuals who have been civilly committed as MI&D. Treatment is also provided to individuals who have been found not competent to stand trial as well as those transferred to MSH from other regional treatment centers and Community Behavioral Health Hospitals on an emergency basis. A wide variety of diagnoses exist among patients at MSH, including acute and chronic psychotic disorders, mood disorders, developmental disabilities, personality disorders, substance use disorders, and paraphilic disorders. A variety of treatment modalities are employed to address patients’ comprehensive mental health issues.

**Forensic Transition Services**
Forensic Transition Services (FTS) is a non-secure treatment facility located on the Forensic Services campus and provides a supervised residential setting for up to 78 patients committed as MI&D who have progressed through treatment and have been approved for a reduction of custody. Patients are also admitted from other DCT facilities, by voluntary return from provisional discharge, or by revocation of provisional discharge. FTS is a Joint Commission-accredited facility and provides psychosocial rehabilitation, skill enhancement, and collaboration with community resources for patients’ successful reintegration with the community. On-going crisis consultation and intervention is also provided to support clients in community settings.

**Special Needs Services**
Special Needs Services (SNS) is a program housed within MSH that is dedicated to providing residential sex offender treatment to persons with developmental disabilities or other cognitive impairments who present a risk of engaging in future sexually assaultive behavior. All patients in SNS have been civilly committed under a variety of commitment types (e.g., Developmentally Disabled, Mentally Ill, MI&D). SNS primarily offers group therapy that is paired with a structured and therapeutic milieu to assist learning of key treatment concepts and life skills. The Old Me/New Me model is used to guide patients in understanding their offending patterns and in adopting more adaptive strategies to meet their needs. Creative approaches to therapy are consistently implemented to demonstrate concepts according to the needs of the SNS patients. A multidisciplinary team approach is valued at SNS and all treatment team members are actively involved in the provision of treatment.
**Competency Restoration Program**
The Competency Restoration Program (CRP) consists of a 25-bed treatment unit that is located within MSH and a 32-bed Community Competency Restoration Program (CCRP) program in the St. Peter community. This treatment program accepts patients from across the state who have been committed for competency restoration pursuant to *Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure 20.01, Subd. 7*. CRP staff members are dedicated to providing competency restoration services with respect for individual differences. The comprehensive treatment services include, but are not limited to, assessment, legal education (group and individual), psychosocial groups, rehabilitation services, psychotherapy, and discharge/aftercare planning. At the conclusion of the period of restoration, a forensic examiner prepares a written report that details the patient’s status with regard to his or her competence to proceed. The ultimate goal of CRP is to optimize each patient’s progress in the restoration process and provide courts with evaluations that accurately communicates the patient’s rational and factual understanding of their pending criminal proceedings as well as their ability to consult with counsel.

**Forensic Nursing Home**
The Forensic Nursing Home is a 48-bed facility for the treatment of patients requiring nursing home level of care from MSH, the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP), or who are on medical release from the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

**Good Lives Program**
The Good Lives Program is a service that is dedicated to providing treatment for individuals residing at MSH and FTS with severe and persistent mental illness who have demonstrated a pattern of sexually problematic behavior. The specialized services offered within the Good Lives Program include comprehensive evaluation of specific areas of need; recommendations for individualized treatment plans; provision of group and individual therapy, and psychoeducation groups; consultative services; and relapse prevention planning. The goal of the program is to assist patients in managing key risk factors for sexual reoffense in order to transition to the least restrictive living environment.

**FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT FORENSIC SERVICES**

**Program Philosophy and Vision**
It is the strong belief of the Forensic Services fellowship program that advanced postdoctoral forensic training is essential for individuals who wish to pursue a career in forensic psychology. The forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship at Forensic Services offers a unique opportunity to develop the high level of specialized expertise required by a forensic expert. We seek to prepare professional psychologists to be highly competent and ethical forensic examiners capable of excellence in professional practice. Further, the fellowship program aims to prepare fellows for forensic board certification. To meet that end, the fellowship is an academic environment with a focus on forensic literature and assessment methods. We provide a multitude of training opportunities through didactic exercises, case law study, case conferences, literature reviews, and close supervision of all aspects of the completion of a variety of forensic
cases. The fellowship program also collaborates with the University of Minnesota Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship for additional training opportunities.

Our training program strongly values interdisciplinary training and reflects the multidisciplinary nature of Forensic Services. We believe the diverse perspectives and teamwork of individuals representing different professional disciplines contribute to the training of postdoctoral fellows. The selected fellows will consult and collaborate with psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, behavioral analysts, unit directors, security counselors, and administrators during the fellowship year.

**Program Goals and Training**

The primary goal of the training program is to prepare fellows to be highly competent forensic examiners capable of independent practice. As such, the training at Forensic Services will be professionally challenging. The selected fellows will observe and participate in all aspects of the forensic evaluation process including: interviewing defendants/patients, making collateral contacts, administering and interpreting psychological and specialized forensic instruments, and writing clear and concise reports that address the referral question(s). Fellows may also be called upon to testify throughout the fellowship year. Each fellow is expected to spend approximately 65% of his or her time in the process of conducting forensic evaluations while approximately 35% of the work week is allotted for other training activities. The supervision requirements of the fellowship fulfill the requirements for psychology licensure in the state of Minnesota. Further, the fellowship program at Forensic Services has been formally determined to meet the criteria for the American Board of Forensic Psychology (ABFP) five-year experience waiver.

**Orientation and Training Plan**

Before fellows begin at Forensic Services, they will attend new employee orientation. This training provides essential information to orient the fellows to a secure work facility environment and will be particularly helpful for individuals who are unaccustomed to working in such a setting. Following new employee orientation, each fellow will receive his or her fellowship training plan. The plan will be based on the program’s value of training highly competent forensic examiners and will be individualized to incorporate each fellow’s personal skills, training experiences, and goals for the training year.

**Didactic Training**

Didactic training will be provided to the fellows throughout the fellowship year. Fellows will attend regularly-scheduled, in-house didactic presentations addressing basic and advanced forensic topics and professional ethics as well as training opportunities held at the University of Minnesota in collaboration with the forensic psychiatry fellowship. Didactic training is presented by Forensic Services staff, University of Minnesota faculty, and professionals in the community and from other forensic facilities.

**Forensic Didactic Seminar**

The forensic didactic seminar addresses a wide range of basic and advanced topics related to forensic practice, forensic research, and professional ethics. The didactic
seminar is held weekly throughout the course of the fellowship. In addition, each fellow is expected to prepare and present on an advanced forensic topic of his or her choice during the course of the year.

**Forensic Case Conference**
Fellows will encounter a variety of complex and interesting forensic cases during the fellowship year and importance is placed on professional consultation to discuss difficult forensic issues. A bi-monthly case conference is held throughout the training year during which fellows present a case for discussion amongst other fellows, forensic examiners, and forensic psychiatry fellowship faculty. Discussion will primarily focus on difficult case issues, associated case law, forensic nuances, and diagnostic anomalies.

**Research and Scholarship Seminar**
In this seminar, fellows will develop skills to review forensic mental health literature, enhance their report and publication writing skills, explore the theoretical and practical foundations of mental health law, and contribute to the literature in forensic psychology. Fellows are encouraged to execute research projects or scholarly activities for publication or presentation at regional/national conferences.

**Legal Digest Seminar**
This seminar is designed to familiarize fellows with emerging legal opinions from state and federal courts on issues pertaining to forensic psychology and psychiatry.

**Formal Case Presentation**
Each fellow will present a forensic case of his or her own choosing in order to demonstrate proficiency in conceptualizing and completing a forensic evaluation. This is a formal presentation that should promote an in-depth discussion of an interesting or challenging case along with relevant research/legal/professional topics. Attendees, comprised of forensic examiners and other invited guests, are encouraged to ask questions of the fellows that facilitate critical thinking of the case.

**Case Law Seminars**
Since mental health case law is the foundation of forensic practice, fellows will receive extensive training in case law via two separate case law seminars. A weekly landmark case law seminar will be held at the University of Minnesota, which will address landmark federal mental health cases. In addition, a weekly supplemental and state-level case law seminar will allow fellows to gain familiarity with Minnesota case law and other notable mental health law cases. These seminars will also assist fellows in preparation for forensic board certification. Fellows are expected to read each case in preparation for the seminars and, along with other forensic staff members, take an active role in discussing the various cases. Fellows must also pass a case law examination at the end of the seminar series to complete the fellowship program.
**Forensic Evaluations and Reports**

Although didactic learning is an essential part of the fellowship, the majority of the fellows’ training will be derived from conducting forensic mental health evaluations with defendants/patients under the expertise of a clinical supervisor. Training experiences will progress in a graduated fashion depending on each fellow’s knowledge of and expertise in forensic psychology. For example, a fellow may initially observe other forensic psychologists as they conduct evaluations. Subsequently, the supervisor will observe the fellow’s forensic interviews and offer constructive feedback. As the fellow’s skill level increases, he or she may transition to less supervision.

The fellows will conduct numerous evaluations during the course of the training year. Monthly expectations for fellows range from 2-5 reports per month, depending on rotation and the development and training needs of the fellow. These evaluations primarily consist of competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, civil commitment as MI&D, and violence and sexual violence risk assessments. The fellows may also conduct other types of evaluations as requested and assigned, depending on interest, need, and each fellow’s skill level. All evaluations include a review of available records and an interview with the defendant/patient. Collateral interviews and psychological testing will be conducted on a case by case basis. Fellows can expect to gain experience with the administration, scoring, and interpretation of various psychological assessment instruments, especially instruments geared toward forensic practice.

The fellows will integrate behavioral observations, interview results, collateral information, and test interpretations into clear and concise written reports. There is a strong focus during the fellowship year on acquiring the necessary skills to professionally and effectively communicate with courts or other referral sources. A significant amount of time in supervision is focused on the process of writing forensic reports and fine-tuning written and verbal communication skills. Fellows will conduct evaluations in a variety of inpatient and outpatient settings throughout the training year and many cases will require travel to various locations. Inpatient settings will include MSH and other programs on the St. Peter campus. Other state psychiatric facilities and outpatient settings will be visited, including county jails, county courthouses, and prisons.

**Expert Testimony and Mock Trial**

Competent expert testimony is viewed as a primary training goal for this fellowship. Training in this area is provided in several formats, including formal didactic training, observation of various types of testimony provided by Forensic Services staff, and a mock trial exercise conducted during the fellowship year to allow fellows to refine their testimony skills and receive feedback from experts in the legal community. In addition, fellows typically provide testimony for forensic cases completed during the course of their training year. Other opportunities may be provided as they become available.

**Supervision**

The training year is split into three four-month rotations. Fellows will complete the same range of evaluations throughout the year, but will be assigned to a different supervisor during each rotation to gain exposure and proficiency with a variety of different approaches to forensic
evaluation. Supervisors are licensed psychologists who are trained in forensic psychology and are credentialed as forensic psychologists and supervisors with Forensic Services. Each fellow will receive a minimum of two hours of weekly supervision. At least one hour of supervision will occur on an individual basis with the fellow’s primary supervisor. A second hour of supervision will occur through additional supervision provided by the fellow’s primary supervisor or by adjunct supervisors or the training director. Supervision on select cases can also be provided by a board certified forensic psychiatrist. Each supervisor maintains responsibility for the cases assigned to each fellow while facilitating the growth of the fellow’s professional skills. Through work with multiple supervisors, it is expected the fellows will gain an appreciation of differing perspectives and professional styles.

In addition to regularly-scheduled supervision sessions, the fellow will frequently receive supervision on an on-going basis throughout each week (e.g., discussion of differential diagnosis, clinical impressions, and preliminary forensic opinions after conducting a forensic evaluation). Similarly, fellows will often meet with their supervisors to receive feedback about a written report. Given the intensive nature of forensic evaluation, the fellow is expected to receive more supervision than the minimum amount required for licensure.

**Evaluation**

In addition to regular oral feedback throughout the fellowship year, the postdoctoral fellows will receive written performance evaluations at the end of each rotation. Supervisors will discuss these evaluations with the fellow, which will be maintained by the Training Director in each fellow’s file. Fellows are encouraged to offer feedback about the strengths and weaknesses of the fellowship program and their supervisors on a regular basis. Fellows will also provide written feedback about supervisors at the end of each rotation and about the program at the conclusion of the fellowship year. If a fellow has an objection related to feedback provided by the primary supervisor, Training Director, or other training staff, they may do so by informal means or by filing a formal grievance.

**Salary and Benefits**

The selected fellows for the 2018-2019 training year will receive the following compensation and benefits: a salary of approximately $68,653; health insurance; four vacation hours and four sick leave hours accrued each two-week pay period; one floating holiday per fiscal year; retirement benefits; and liability coverage for onsite professional activities. The terms and conditions of employment are covered by the labor agreement between the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE). This fellowship is a one-year, full-time position (i.e., 40 hours per week). In recent years fellows have worked an average of 45 hours per week.

The fellows are provided with an office and access to various forensic textbooks and resources located within Forensic Services. Each fellow will also have a laptop computer with word processing software and access to printers, e-mail, central computing resources (e.g., patient files), law and psychology databases, and the internet. Dictation/word processing support staff are available to the postdoctoral fellows for assistance with the preparation of court reports if
needed or desired. Each fellow is also allowed one home office day as part of his or her weekly schedule.

Limited funding and/or authorized leave time for training activities is possible but is not guaranteed. Fellows have been approved for out-of-state trainings in recent years, including APA, ABFP trainings, or APLS. Out-of-state trainings are supported for the coming fellowship year, but are ultimately dependent on budgetary constraints.

Related Document: MAPE Labor Agreement

TRAINING STAFF

Tricia L. Aiken, Psy.D., L.P., ABPP, Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Aiken earned her Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology in 2003 from the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Ethan Allen School, a boys’ state correctional facility in Wales, Wisconsin. While on internship, Dr. Aiken fulfilled external rotations for Waukesha Adult Probation and Parole, and Southern Oaks Girls’ School, a girls’ state correctional facility. Dr. Aiken finished a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical psychology at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota, in September 2004. She accepted a general psychology position with Forensic Services, but chose to pursue a career specializing in forensic evaluations. She was accepted to the Forensic Services forensic fellowship program, which she completed in May 2006. During this fellowship, she received training in civil and criminal forensic evaluations, and physical and sexual violence risk assessment. Upon completion of her fellowship, Dr. Aiken accepted a forensic psychologist position with Forensic Services. Her professional interests include physical and sexual violence risk assessment, the assessment of psychopathy, juvenile forensic evaluations, supervising other professionals, and training in administrative procedures. Dr. Aiken also enjoys providing psychotherapeutic services on a part-time basis in the private sector.

Colt J. Blunt, Psy.D., L.P., Director of Postdoctoral Fellowship Training. Dr. Blunt earned his doctoral degree in psychology through the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology in 2008. He has received training within the Minnesota Department of Corrections and Forensic Services. Additionally, he completed an internship in investigation with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. During his pre-doctoral internship with Forensic Services, Dr. Blunt completed rotations within MSOP, SNS, and MSH. He completed his doctoral dissertation on the relationship between childhood sexual abuse and antisocial behavior. Following graduation, Dr. Blunt accepted a position completing psychological and risk assessments of civilly committed sexual offenders for MSOP. He has since joined Forensic Services as a Forensic Examiner performing forensic assessments with civilly committed psychiatric patients and criminal defendants. He is
also an active member of multiple committees and boards within Forensic Services. Dr. Blunt has served as Director of Postdoctoral Fellowship Training since 2018, and previously served in that role on an interim basis on two occasions. Dr. Blunt’s professional interests include psychological assessments, forensic assessments, assessment of sexual offenders, malingering assessment, training and supervision, and the integration of psychology and law enforcement.

Stephanie L. Bruss, Psy.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Bruss graduated with her Psy.D. from the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology in 2013. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center, providing competency evaluations and competency restoration treatment. She did her post-doctoral fellowship with Polk County Juvenile Court in Des Moines, IA where she did a variety of clinical and forensic evaluations for Juvenile Court Services. She worked as a forensic psychologist with Hennepin County Psychological Services for two years before she began working with DCT-Forensic Services. While she enjoys doing a variety of types of forensic evaluations, she most enjoys juvenile evaluations.

Maren Conway, Psy.D.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Conway earned her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University in 2017. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Pueblo, and remained there for her postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychology. As a fellow, she received specialized training in forensic evaluation, including competency to proceed, criminal responsibility, and violence risk assessment. Upon completion of her fellowship, she accepted a position as a Forensic Examiner with Forensic Services. Dr. Conway’s professional interests include forensic evaluation, psychological assessment, psychopathy, mental health case law, and personality disorders.

Sheryl L. Delain-Adderley, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Delain-Adderley earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology, with a specialization in assessment, from Kent State University in 2006. She obtained specialized training in forensic psychology during her studies within the Court Psychodiagnostic Clinic in Akron, Ohio. Dr. Delain-Adderley completed a pre-doctoral internship at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota. Subsequently, she worked for the Wisconsin Resource Center, engaging in the evaluation and treatment of committed sexually violent predators and the assessment of mentally ill Department of Corrections inmates. Accepting a postdoctoral fellowship at Forensic Services, Dr. Delain-Adderley received training in civil and criminal forensic evaluations and risk assessment. Upon completing the fellowship, she accepted a forensic psychologist position with Forensic Services. Dr. Delain-Adderley was involved in the MMPI-2 research program at Kent State University, and has significant forensic research experience and interests in the area of personality assessment and cognitive malingering. Her professional interests include psychological assessment, mental health law, forensic research, and correctional psychology/sentencing alternatives.
Chinmoy Gulrajani, MBBS, FAPA
Forensic Psychiatrist and Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Training Director. Dr. Gulrajani is currently board certified in General and Forensic Psychiatry. He joined Minnesota DHS in the capacity of Medical Specialist with Forensic Services where he is primarily involved in Administrative and Academic roles. Prior to this he was Medical Director of Behavioral Health for Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York. He currently holds faculty positions with Yale University Connecticut, SUNY Downstate New York, St. George’s University Grenada, and University of Minnesota Department of Psychiatry. His areas of interest include Competence to Stand Trial, Malingering, Legal Regulation of Psychiatry, Severe Mental Illness, Cross Cultural Psychiatry, and Training in Psychiatry.

Christina D. Haldaman, Psy.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Haldaman received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. She subsequently received a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling Psychology from Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland. She received a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Psychology and a Doctor of Psychology Degree in Clinical Psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at Forensic Services in St. Peter, where she received training in clinical psychology as well as psychological and forensic assessment. Following internship, Dr. Haldaman was accepted to the forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship program at Forensic Services. As a fellow, she received additional specialized training in forensic evaluation, including competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, civil commitment, and violence and sexual violence risk assessment. Upon completion of the fellowship, Dr. Haldaman accepted a forensic psychologist position at Forensic Services. Professional interests include juvenile sexual offender treatment and risk assessment, adjudicative competency of juveniles, and settled insanity.

Gregory A. Hanson, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Hanson earned his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology in 1987 from the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He did his clinical training at LA County-USC Medical Center; The Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic in Los Angeles; and the North Orange County Child Guidance Center. During his career, Dr. Hanson has worked as a staff psychologist at the Joseph Kennedy Child Study Center in Santa Monica, California; as a staff psychologist at a juvenile residential facility; as an examiner for a medical group doing worker’s compensation and civil litigation cases; and at a mental health agency providing treatment and court evaluations for Dakota County in Minnesota. He has been with the state of Minnesota for more than a decade. He also has a private practice in forensic psychology. His areas of interest include violence risk assessment and the mental illness defense.

Jeffrey J. Haun, Psy.D., L.P., ABPP
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Haun earned his doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from Pacific University in 2007. He received specialized training in pretrial criminal forensic assessment and the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders while completing a pre-doctoral internship at Western State Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. He subsequently completed a 12-month postdoctoral fellowship in forensic-clinical psychology at the University of Washington School of
Medicine where he received advanced education and training in juvenile, civil, and criminal forensic evaluations. Dr. Haun joined Forensic Services as a forensic psychologist in November 2008. He is a licensed psychologist in Minnesota and board certified in forensic psychology. In addition to his forensic evaluation responsibilities, he provides clinical supervision to forensic fellows and pre-doctoral interns. Outside of Forensic Services, Dr. Haun maintains an active research agenda in the domains of forensic and correctional psychology, violence risk assessment, and personality assessment. He is a member of several professional organizations and enjoys training mental health and legal professionals.

Soniya Hirachan, MBBS, MD
Forensic Medical Director. Dr. Hirachan completed her medical school training in India. She became interested in psychiatry during her second year in medical school and opted for an additional elective during her internship. She completed her Psychiatry Residency training at Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital in Washington, D.C. She completed her Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh and joined the staff at CRP, after which she assumed the role of the Forensic Medical Director of MSH. She is interested in psychodynamic psychotherapy, sex offender treatment, and schizophrenia.

Rebecca M. Kastner, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Kastner earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in Psychology and Law from the University of Alabama in 2015. During her graduate training, her research interests focused on the assessment and social-cognitive correlates of psychopathy. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at Fulton State Hospital in Fulton, Missouri, with an emphasis in forensic evaluations, competency restoration, and treatment of civilly committed sexually violent persons. She completed the postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychology at Forensic Services with additional training in pretrial, risk, civil commitment, and repeat sex offender evaluations. Dr. Kastner continued with Forensic Services as a forensic psychologist beginning in September 2016. She is a licensed psychologist in Minnesota. She remains active in the forensic fellowship training program and with research collaboration across the hospital.

Jennifer H. Lewey, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Lewey earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Forensics from the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University – Fresno in 2016. She completed her pre-doctoral internship at Fulton State Hospital in Fulton, Missouri where she received specialized training in pretrial criminal forensic evaluations and evidence-based treatment for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. Following internship, she completed the forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship with Forensic Services. As a fellow, she received additional specialized training in forensic evaluation to include competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, civil commitment, and violence and sexual violence risk assessment. She accepted a forensic psychologist position at Forensic Services in November 2017 following completion of her fellowship. Dr. Lewey also trains clinical staff on an annual basis at Forensic Services and Fulton State Hospital in Michael’s Game, an empirically-supported card game for the treatment of
delusional ideas. Dr. Lewey has conducted research on CRP since 2017 investigating the use of Michael’s Game as it relates to competency restoration. Dr. Lewey also maintains research collaborations outside of Forensic Services in the areas of interrater reliability of the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS), meta-analysis, and reliability generalization. Her professional interests include competency to stand trial, meta-analytic research techniques, and teaching.

Jason L. Lewis, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Lewis earned a doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Kentucky in 2000. While in graduate school, he completed a 12 month practicum in forensic assessment at the Federal Medical Center – Lexington. He then completed his pre-doctoral internship at the Federal Medical Center – Rochester. Following his internship, Dr. Lewis worked as a staff psychologist at the Federal Correctional Institution – Phoenix. He was responsible for the management and tracking of inmates with chronic mental illness, screening for psychiatric referrals, conducting evaluations of the appropriateness for placement in a community correctional setting, assessing suitability for placement in residential substance abuse treatment, crisis management, and the provision of clinical supervision to practicum students. He also contributed to pre-employment interviews and provided mental health services to staff as a member of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Dr. Lewis subsequently accepted a position as a forensic psychologist in the Restoration to Competency Program through Maricopa County Correctional Health Services. He conducted competency to stand trial evaluations, provided staff training, contributed to program development, provided clinical supervision to pre-doctoral psychologists and psychometrists, and conducted evaluations for civil commitment. Dr. Lewis accepted the position as the clinical director of CRP in 2006. As the program’s first clinical director, Dr. Lewis was responsible for all aspects of program development. His responsibilities included the creation of patient education and staff training curriculums, drafting policies and procedures, monitoring adherence to relevant state statutes/policies, and providing clinical and administrative supervision to a multidisciplinary treatment team. He also conducted the competency to stand trial evaluations for the defendants in the program. In 2010, Dr. Lewis accepted a position as a staff psychologist at Behavioral Medical Interventions. He completed disability reviews, conducted independent psychological evaluations and vocational evaluations, contributed to program development, and provided seminars on disability related issues. Dr. Lewis returned to Forensic Services in 2012 when he accepted his current position as a forensic examiner.

Martin D. Lloyd, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Lloyd earned his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Minnesota in 2008. While in graduate school, he received training at the Hennepin County District Court and the Sex Offender Treatment Program at the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Lino Lakes. He completed his pre-doctoral internship at the U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri. He completed his doctoral dissertation on statistical methods for optimizing incremental validity in the prediction of sexual recidivism. After graduating, he received specialized training in forensic assessment through the forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship at Patton State Hospital in southern California. After completing fellowship, he stayed
on at Patton State Hospital for two years as a staff psychologist, conducting competency restoration treatment as well as competency evaluations before returning to Minnesota to accept a position as a forensic examiner at Forensic Services. He additionally teaches undergraduate courses in psychology at Gustavus Adolphus College. His professional interests include the assessment of both violent and sexual recidivism, competency assessment, malingering assessment, psychopathy, and teaching.

Sharon Mahowald-Horner, Psy.D., L.P.
Forensic Evaluation Department Director. Dr. Mahowald-Horner earned her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1999, completed her pre-doctoral internship at the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri, and subsequently returned to Minnesota where she is originally from to complete a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology. She has worked in a variety of settings including private practice, jails, federal prison, and community mental health centers. Once she returned to Minnesota, she began working at Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center as a neuropsychologist and completing forensic evaluations. For the past 18 years, Dr. Mahowald-Horner has served in a number of leadership and management positions while working within Forensic Services. Currently, she is the Forensic Evaluation Department Director; chairs the Forensic Review Panel, which provides case review for all reductions in custody; and provides oversight to forensic evaluations conducted by Forensic Services. She develops and implements clinical strategic plans critical for future planning and growth of the organization regarding forensic evaluations, and provides daily consultation and oversight to the Forensic Network, which conducts forensic evaluations throughout the State of Minnesota.

Kristin Matson, Ph.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Matson obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of North Dakota in 2016. She completed a pre-doctoral internship at the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, where she co-led sex offender treatment groups at a medium security prison, conducted psychological assessments for individuals on probation/parole, and participated in sexually violent persons evaluations. After completion of her internship, Dr. Matson participated in a postdoctoral fellowship in forensic evaluation at the Center for Behavioral Medicine (CBM) in Kansas City, Missouri. At CBM, Dr. Matson conducted competency to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and sexually violent predator evaluations. Dr. Matson returned home to Minnesota in 2017 and worked at the Minnesota Sex Offender Program as a forensic psychologist, completing risk assessment evaluations for individuals civilly committed as sexually dangerous persons/sexually psychopathic personalities. Dr. Matson has been with forensic services since June 2018. She is licensed in Minnesota.

Taylor Olson Norgaard, Psy.D., L.P.
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Olson earned her doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in forensic psychology from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in 2013. She is a licensed psychologist in Minnesota. She received specialized training in criminal forensic assessments, specifically addressing competency to proceed and risk for violence/sexual violence, within a maximum-security forensic facility for those adjudicated incompetent to
proceed or found not guilty by reason of insanity at the Treasure Coast Forensic Treatment Center during her pre-doctoral internship and post-doctoral residency. Dr. Olson joined the Forensic Evaluation Department as a forensic psychologist in October 2015 following a one-year employment as an assessment psychologist for MSOP. Her professional interests include competency evaluations, evaluating feigning, and sexual violence risk assessments.

Brie Pileggi-Valleen, PsyD  
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Pileggi-Valleen completed her PsyD in Clinical Psychology at the Minnesota School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University in Minnesota. She completed her internship at the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Medical Center – Devens, MA. Her training includes forensic evaluation, psychological assessment, sex offender treatment, chemical dependency treatment, individual and group therapy in both English and Spanish, and work with severely and persistently mentally ill offenders. She has experience working in a county jail, in state and federal prisons, at an intensive outpatient dual diagnosis clinic, at an outpatient clinic for sex offender evaluation and treatment, and in a private forensic practice. She also has experience educating other professionals on mental illness in the context of crisis intervention, completing psychological assessments to standardize Pearson measures, and reviewing research for an outside IRB. Her professional interests include psychopathy, malingering, threat assessment, pre-employment screening and duty for fitness evaluations, CIT, PTSD among correctional officers, psychological assessment, and work with native Spanish-speakers.

KyleeAnn S. Stevens, MD  
Executive Medical Director. Dr. KyleeAnn Stevens attended the University of North Dakota where she earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. She then attended the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and was granted her medical degree in 2003. She completed her psychiatric residency at Georgetown University Hospital, serving as Chief Resident in her final year. She went on to complete a fellowship in Forensic Psychiatry at Georgetown in 2008. Dr. Stevens practiced psychiatry at St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington D.C.’s only public psychiatric hospital, before becoming the Director of Forensic Services at St. Elizabeths in 2011. Dr. Stevens enjoyed teaching psychology trainees, medical students, residents, and fellows, and maintained faculty appointments at St. Elizabeths Hospital and Georgetown Medical School. She joined DHS as the Forensic Medical Director in November of 2014 and joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota. She subsequently assumed the role of Executive Medical Director of DCT. She is board certified in Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry.

Kimberly E. Turner, PhD, LP, ABPP  
Forensic Psychologist. Dr. Turner earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of Georgia, her master’s degree in Clinical Psychology from Georgia Southern University, and her doctoral degree in Clinical Forensic Psychology from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. During graduate school, she was a volunteer for a defense attorney working with Texas Defenders Services on death penalty mitigation. She completed an internship as well as a post-doctoral fellowship at Federal Medical Center, Rochester, Minnesota, where she focused both on clinical and forensic practices. Following her fellowship, Dr. Turner worked as a Special Management Unit Psychologist at the United States Penitentiary at
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where she gained experience with the Bureau of Prisons’ most severely psychopathic and behaviorally-disordered inmates. Dr. Turner then worked at the Federal Correctional Institution in Waseca, Minnesota working with incarcerated female inmates before accepting a position as a forensic psychologist with Forensic Services. Professional interests include forensic assessment (specifically competency and criminal responsibility), psychopathy, malingering, mental health law, and forensic issues specific to female offenders.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Preferred Applicant Qualifications
The forensic psychology postdoctoral fellowship at Forensic Services is open to applicants who will have successfully completed an APA-accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology and an APA-accredited internship by September 2019. Applicants must complete all doctoral requirements before commencement of the fellowship. Prior forensic and/or correctional experience is preferred.

Application Process
Complete applications are due by January 2, 2019, and must include the following:

- A letter/statement of interest detailing:
  - the applicant’s interest in pursuing specialized training in forensic assessment;
  - how the applicant’s training has prepared the applicant and shaped his/her interest in specialized training in forensic assessment;
  - the applicant’s training and experience working with patients with severe and persistent mental illness and personality disorders;
  - the applicant’s professional and career goals;
  - the status of the applicant’s dissertation and (anticipated) dissertation completion date;
  - the applicant’s (anticipated) graduation date; and,
  - how the applicant learned of the Forensic Services fellowship program.
- Curriculum vita;
- Three letters of recommendation; and
- Official graduate transcripts (Master’s [if applicable] and Doctorate).

Application materials should be submitted in electronic format, though will be accepted via standard mail if necessary. Electronic submissions should be in pdf format, including signed letters of recommendation. Official graduate transcripts and letters of recommendation must be sent directly from the source (electronically or by mail) or in sealed envelopes that are signed across the seal if submitted by the applicant.
Fellowship interviews will occur during the week of February 4, 2019. Applicants invited to interview will be asked to provide a psychological assessment/evaluation work sample, preferably forensic or correctional in nature. Case discussion will occur during the applicant’s panel interview, and thus being familiar with the case at interview time will be to the applicant’s advantage. In addition, our fellowship program is participating in the Uniform Acceptance Date (UAD) process for forensic fellowships. This year, the UAD for forensic fellowships is February 25, 2019. Although our fellowship may make an offer prior to the UAD, we will not require applicants to accept an offer prior to February 25, 2019. Applicants are nonetheless encouraged to notify a fellowship of their decision as soon as possible, to allow for more efficient management of opportunities.

Hard copy application materials should be forwarded to:

Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Director  
Administration Building  
Direct Care and Treatment-Forensic Services  
100 Freeman Drive  
St. Peter, MN 56082  
Fax: (651) 431-7672

Electronic submissions and other correspondence and inquiries should be directed to:  
Colt J. Blunt, PsyD, LP  
Director of Postdoctoral Fellowship Training  
colt.j.blunt@state.mn.us  
(507) 985-2147

Selection  
Forensic Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Although maintaining diversity is a strong consideration in the fellowship selection process, invitations for fellowship are primarily determined by objective ratings including data from the application materials and interview.

THE CITY OF ST. PETER AND THE TWIN CITIES METRO AREA

The City of St. Peter  
Located within the Minnesota River Valley, St. Peter is a growing, family-oriented, community of approximately 10,000 people. It is located in South Central Minnesota, approximately 60 miles southwest of the Twin Cities and 12 miles north of Mankato. St. Peter was founded in 1853 and it is one of the oldest cities in the state. Over 40 sites in town are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Gustavus Adolphus College, a four-year liberal arts college with international recognition, is located in St. Peter. Several organizations, including the Minnesota School Boards Association and the Citizens’ Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., also call St. Peter home.
Twin Cities Metro Area
When most people think of Minneapolis and St. Paul, snow and cold weather immediately come to mind. But those who have visited or lived in the metropolitan area know there’s much more to the Twin Cities than their northern locale. Separated by the Mississippi River, Minneapolis and St. Paul comprise a vibrant metropolitan area of nearly three million people. Together, these cities serve as the entertainment and cultural center of the upper Midwest. They are known for their vast array of theaters, orchestras, art museums, and ethnic restaurants. Professional sports, riverboats, and a variety of nightspots add to the appeal. Both cities offer contemporary skylines, historic architecture, and numerous lakes and parks. In October 2003, the Cranium game company, in collaboration with Money magazine, recognized the unique appeal of the Twin Cities. After looking at cities across the country and reviewing everything from the number of sports teams, restaurants, and dance performances to toy stores and the amount of city budget spent on recreation, they named the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area “The Most Fun City in the U.S.”

St. Paul serves as the state’s capital. Although growing, it is smaller and quieter than Minneapolis. It also retains a more historic look and is recognized for its wealth of architectural mastery. For example, Summit Avenue showcases the country’s largest stretch of Victorian homes, reaching from the Cathedral of Saint Paul near downtown to Mississippi River Boulevard five miles west.

The population of Minneapolis is young and vibrant; nearly 60% is age 34 or younger. Although a strong Scandinavian influence remains recognizable, the Twin Cities are becoming increasingly diverse. Twenty percent of Minneapolis residents are African-American, and 10% are Hispanic. A large population of Hmong and Somali also call this area home.