



POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY



The Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Rush University Medical Center will have an opening for a full-time, two-year neuropsychology fellow beginning in or around July 2023. Training conforms to the Houston Conference guidelines, with the expectation that the fellow will be eligible for and apply for the ABPP-CN diplomate upon completion of their fellowship training. Over 40 individuals formerly or currently affiliated with Rush have already earned their ABPP-CN diplomate.

We are members of APPCN and will participate in the APPCN Match.

CLINICAL TRAINING

Assessment Cases

Referred patients are typically adults, with occasional opportunities to evaluate children and adolescents. Given the neuropsychology service's setting in an urban, tertiary-care academic medical center, patients are diverse in terms of race/ethnicity, socioeconomic background, language, and other characteristics. Inpatients and outpatients are seen in approximately equal numbers. The fellow alternates between weeks in the outpatient clinic and weeks consulting on inpatient/hospital referrals. On a typical outpatient clinic week, the fellow is scheduled to complete 3 evaluations. A wide variety of referrals are made to our service, including those with epilepsy, dementia, brain tumor, head injury, multiple sclerosis, depression, and any number of other unusual and interesting neurological, medical, and psychiatric disorders. There are opportunities to participate in pre- and post-operative assessment of epilepsy surgery candidates and language mappings during awake craniotomies for brain tumor resection.

Treatment Cases

In addition to traditional neuropsychological assessment, fellows are encouraged to see patients for cognitive rehabilitation through our Cognitive Resilience Program. Treatment is individually tailored to each patient's needs, using evidenced-based techniques. Manualized programs (e.g., Goal Management Training, EON-MEM, CogSMART, etc.) also are available.

DIDACTICS

Neuropsychology fellows will participate in a weekly neuropsychology case conference and a weekly "journal club," with the latter being a discussion of an article or a didactic presentation. Regular attendance at weekly Neurology Grand Rounds also is expected and there are a number of other grand rounds in the hospital that can be attended (e.g., Psychiatry, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Geriatrics). When working on the inpatient service, the fellow will attend and present to the weekly interdisciplinary Epilepsy Case Conference.

Neuropsychology fellows have the opportunity to prepare and present a lecture series on neuroanatomy to the neuropsychology service.

RESEARCH

Research opportunities are present, and the fellow will be expected to conduct research during this 2-year fellowship program. There is opportunity to engage in grant-funded clinical research within our section. Current and recent trainees have published papers and chapters during their training here in collaboration with neuropsychology faculty. Collaborations are also possible with faculty outside of the neuropsychology service, including through the Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center, the Rush Institute for Healthy Aging, and through the Chicago Area Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Network (CAPriCORN), which is a Chicago-wide partnership of 11 local research institutes.

FACULTY AND STAFF

There are expected to be four supervising neuropsychologists: Drs. Grote and Tam are full-time in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. De Iorio is based 40% in this department and 60% in the Road Home Program, Center for Veterans and Their Families. The department is now actively recruiting for another faculty/supervising neuropsychologist who would be full-time in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. The fellow has the opportunity to work with each of the faculty as supervision is rotated among them. Supervision is intensive, individualized, and provided on all cases immediately. The section also includes a neuropsychology fellow with shared time at Rush's Road Home Program for veterans, a full-time psychometrist, and 3 pre-doctoral interns who are specializing in neuropsychology as they complete their training in our internship that has been accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1967.

Christopher Grote, PhD, ABPP-CN



Dr. Christopher Grote, Professor and Director of the Neuropsychology Service, has recently published and given invited national and international presentations on neuropsychology training around the world, ethics, epilepsy, and forensic neuropsychology. He is on the editorial board of *The Clinical Neuropsychologist* and is or has recently been on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology (ABCN), the Association of Internship Training in Clinical Neuropsychology (AITCN), and the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN). He is Past President of APPCN. He enjoys backpacking, various racquet sports, and bicycling.

Joyce Tam, PhD



Dr. Joyce Tam is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Rush University Medical Center. She received her doctoral degree from Washington State University, with specialized training in neuropsychology. She then completed her internship at the University of Chicago and her post-doctoral residency in adult neuropsychology at Indiana University School of Medicine. She was a past recipient of the NSF Integrated Graduate Education & Research Traineeship Fellowship and the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter Early Investigator Scholarship. She actively engages in grant-funded research. Her clinical and research interests include cognitive aging, non-pharmacological interventions for aging, and gerontechnology. She enjoys spending time with her family and baking.

Monica De Iorio, PhD



Dr. Monica De Iorio is Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Her time is shared between the Neuropsychology Service (40%) and the Road Home Program, Center for Veterans and Their Families (60%). She graduated with her doctoral degree from Wayne State University after completing a neuropsychology internship at Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. She then completed postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at Rush University Medical Center. Dr. De Iorio's clinical and research interests include cognitive and emotional rehabilitation from neurological injury, psychoeducation, and interpersonal relationships following acquired brain injury. In her personal time, she enjoys spending time outdoors, playing board games, and making music.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

Fellows receive a Rush Medical College appointment to the rank of Instructor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Stipend is commensurate with NIH fellow salary rates which are set annually (FY2022-23: \$54,835). Fellows also receive up to \$3,000 over two calendar years in LEAP (Linking Education and Performance) program funds, which can be applied towards a range of professional development activities, including EPPP study materials and the EPPP testing fee. Rush offers competitive health benefits for employees and their family members.

ABOUT RUSH

Rush University System for Health (RUSH) is an academic health system whose mission is to improve the health of the individuals and diverse communities it serves through the integration of outstanding patient care, education, research, and community partnerships. RUSH comprises Rush University Medical Center, Rush University, Rush Copley Medical Center, and Rush Oak Park Hospital, as well as numerous outpatient care facilities. Rush University, with more than 2,500 students, is a health sciences university that comprises Rush Medical College, the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences and the Graduate College.

In U.S. News & World Report's most recent 2022-2023 Best Hospitals rankings, Rush University Medical Center ranked in the top 20 out of nearly 3,000 hospitals evaluated, qualifying for the Honor Roll. The Medical Center is ranked 4th in neurology and neurosurgery (tops in Illinois). In 2021, Rush was ranked by Vizient as providing the second highest quality care of 101 leading academic medical centers in the United States. You can read about other ways in which Rush has been recognized at <https://www.rush.edu/about-us/national-recognition-and-accreditations>.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should direct a cover letter, CV, a graduate school transcript (unofficial is fine), and select research publications to Dr. Grote at christopher_grote@rush.edu. It is preferred that applicants send all these documents together in one email. Please confirm with Dr. Grote a day or two after emailing that he received your materials.

Three letters of recommendation are requested. These should be sent from each letter writer directly to Dr. Grote at christopher_grote@rush.edu.

Should, for some reason, you need to send materials by US mail or UPS (do not use FedEx), the mailing address is:

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Dr. Grote can also be contacted at (312) 942-5523 to answer questions.

Deadline for applications is December 20, 2022.

Virtual interviews will be arranged with selected candidates.