Virginia Consortium Program in Clinical Psychology
Fall 2014 Mentor List

Robert Archer, Ph.D. - EVMS

My research interests are in the areas of personality assessment, particularly with the MMPI family of instruments, and research related to forensic psychology.

Richard Handel, Ph.D. – EVMS

My research focuses on clinical assessment of psychopathology and personality with an emphasis on the various forms of the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (i.e., MMPI-2-RF, MMPI-2, MMPI-A). My research program is focused on expanding the empirical foundation of these instruments for their use in applied settings.

Matt Henson Ph.D. – ODU

The focus of my research is on addictive behaviors. Currently, my primary research interests include the personality antecedents and intervention efficacy for risky health behaviors (e.g., risky sex, substance use) among adolescents and young adults. As a quantitative psychologist, I research the application of advanced statistical models and explore the methodological issues related to substance use. Specifically, the bulk of my research has been on college binge-drinking intervention. My current research uses daily drinking data to determine how discrepancies between intended drinking and actual drinking predict increased consequences among college students.

Desideria Hacker, Ph.D. and Darlene Colson, Ph.D., - NSU

Our research involves an investigation of psychosocial factors that contributes to African American student success in higher education. We are specifically focusing on both traditional and nontraditional students' ability to manage multiple roles and stressors in an academic setting.

Karen Holmes, Ph.D. – NSU

My research focuses on the psychosocial and cultural factors that impact the health outcomes of African American women. I am particularly interested in the “Strong Black Woman” cultural construct and its role in the physical and mental health functioning of African American women.

Michelle Kelley Ph.D. – ODU

My research is in the area of at-risk families, especially in the areas of the effects of parent alcohol and drug abuse, and related family violence and parenting problems, on short- and long-term child and adolescent outcomes. In addition, I have conducted research on Navy families and the impact of deployment on military personnel and their children with a particular interest in single military parents and women. In addition, I have conducted several studies on fathering, with an emphasis on predictors of paternal involvement.

Cathy Lau-Barraco, Ph.D. – ODU

My research focuses broadly on the psychosocial determinants of and intervention for problematic alcohol and other substance use, with a particular emphasis on the emerging adulthood developmental period (i.e., 18 to 25 years).
Robin Lewis, Ph.D. – ODU

My research program focuses broadly on sexual minority health and health disparities. I am specifically interested in stigma, minority stress, and coping. My current work examines alcohol use and intimate partner violence among lesbians.

Serina Neumann, Ph.D. – EVMS

My research program involves investigating psychoneurophysiologic effects of stress on health in adults. I provide clinical evaluations, treatment, research programs and instruction to trainees in addressing the role of behavior and physiologic concomitants in the etiology of and influences on co-morbid psychiatric and medical conditions, such as depression and cardiovascular disease. I also have broad training in clinical psychology and behavioral medicine as well as specialized training in cardiovascular behavioral medicine and psychiatric/behavioral genetics. For additional information please see:
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James Paulson, Ph.D. – ODU

My research program focuses on distress and depression in families during pregnancy and in early parenthood, with a particular emphasis on how early depression disrupts family wellbeing and child development. Current work aims to better map depression's emergence and development within a family system, describe how relationship quality among parents is affected by and affects the course of parental depression in the early family, and the longitudinal association of perinatal depression and coparenting. In addition, our lab has focused on applied efforts in the area which include professional training, parent training, and other community programs.

Michael Stutts, Ph.D. – EVMS

My interests are neuropsychological assessment (including dementia, MCI and adult ADHD), rehabilitation psychology, and professional issues.