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Dear Residency Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology at NorthShore University HealthSystem. Please note that our open position for 2014 is in the adult track. Below you will find a program description [and](#) an application. We need to receive your letter of interest, completed application form, current CV, graduate transcript, two work samples, and three letters of recommendation by January 1, 2014. As an APPCN program, the deadline for ranking candidates and programs is February 20, 2014 and candidates will be notified on the designated match notification day, which for this selection process is February 28, 2014.

We receive many more applicants for our single position than can be interviewed. Therefore, we do not interview all applicants. Instead, interviews are arranged only for top applicants. Subsequent to program staff review of applications and supporting materials, a decision will be made with regard to which candidates will be invited to interview. As a convenience to candidates, interviewing for APPCN programs primarily takes place at the annual International Neuropsychology Society meeting, which in 2014 is being held in Seattle. If an applicant invited to interview is not attending INS in Seattle or resides locally, on-site interviews can be arranged. If necessary, as an alternative to traveling to Seattle, telephone interviews can be arranged.

Thank you for your interest in our program. We look forward to reviewing your application materials.

Sincerely,

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology

NEUROPSYCHOLOGY SERVICE
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY and BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
NORTHSHORE UNIVERSITY HEALTHSYSTEM
Program Code #9842

At the present time there is one Postdoctoral Residency position in adult clinical neuropsychology within the Neuropsychology Service of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences of NorthShore University HealthSystem (formerly Evanston Northwestern Healthcare), which includes Evanston Hospital, Glenbrook Hospital, Highland Park Hospital, Skokie Hospital, Research Institute, Medical Group, and Foundation. NorthShore hospitals and professional staff are affiliated with the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

Consistent with the guidelines and goals of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology, the Residency is 2 years in length. The program strives to maintain a balance of clinical service, research, and education during the Residency. The Resident's weekly hours are divided roughly into 80% clinical service, 10% clinical research, and 10% educational activities. In order to keep these components in proportion, it is expected that the Resident will work more than 40 hours weekly.

Currently, clinical experiences in the adult track focus primarily on assessment and consultation. Within the adult track, patient populations include young to elderly adults, diverse psychiatric outpatients, diverse neurological outpatients, including head injury, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, and various other brain disorders and psychiatric conditions. Forensic neuropsychological evaluations related to civil litigation constitute a portion of the referrals in which residents participate.

Referral sources of the adult and pediatric neuropsychologists within the Neuropsychology Service include pediatricians, neurologists, psychiatrists, neurosurgeons, internists, physiatrists, vocational rehabilitation counselors, attorneys, insurance carriers, psychologists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, educational specialists, and families. Didactic opportunities include attendance at a Department of Psychiatry grand rounds, Department of Neurology Grand Rounds, group case discussion sessions, and a neuroanatomy mini-course at Marquette University.

Postdoctoral Residents receive at least two hours of supervision weekly. Clinical and research activities are supervised primarily by Jerry Sweet, Ph.D., ABPP in the adult track. Additionally, Leslie Guidotti Breting, Ph.D. and Elizabeth Geary, Ph.D., ABPP provide some supervision.

Dr. Sweet is the Director of the Neuropsychology Service, Head of the Psychology Division, and Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology and Divisions 12 and 40 of APA. Dr. Sweet has published extensively in the areas of clinical neuropsychology and clinical psychology, including forensic practice, as well as professional issues pertaining to clinical psychology in medical settings. He has trained neuropsychologists and clinical psychologists at various Chicago area institutions since 1979.

Dr. Alona Ramati is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service following completion of her residency at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her practice is located within the neurology services located at Glenbrook Hospital. Dr. Ramati sees geriatric patients and general adult neurology patients.

Dr. Leslie Guidotti Breting is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service following completion of her residency at NorthShore. Her practice is in Evanston, consisting of outpatient neurological and psychiatric patients, as well as inpatient consults at Evanston Hospital.

Dr. Elizabeth Pieroth is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service from private practice. She specializes in sports concussion evaluation and management, with practice locations at Glenbrook Hospital and Oak Brook, Illinois.

Dr. Elizabeth Geary is an adult neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service from private practice. Her practice is in Evanston and at Glenbrook Hospital, consisting of outpatient neurological and psychiatric patients, as well as inpatient consults at Evanston Hospital.

Dr. Elizabeth Heideman is a pediatric neuropsychologist who joined the Neuropsychology Service after completing her residency at Boston Children's Hospital. Her practice consists primarily of outpatient evaluations of children and adolescents between the ages of 3 and 18 with various neurological and psychiatric diagnoses, and includes school-based observations and interdisciplinary school meetings.

In addition to clinical training, professional and practice issues are covered in the neuropsychology case conference and in supervision. During the course of the residency, there will be opportunity to supervise psychology graduate students, who are selected to spend a one-year assessment practicum at NorthShore, and opportunity to lecture to medical students.

The stipend for the Postdoctoral Resident is \$36,500 in the first year, increasing approximately 3% in October of the second year. The position includes all standard benefits offered to full-time salaried employees of NorthShore University HealthSystem, including the standard health insurance options, 15 vacation days annually, customary legal holidays, and personal days. Time off for attendance at the annual meeting of the Midwest Neuropsychology Group is also provided, along with a \$100 travel stipend for this meeting when not held in the Chicago area.

Several important outcomes are expected as a result of the two year Residency, including that residents will: a) take the Psychology Licensing Exam (EPPP) during year two of the residency, b) be capable of being employed as a neuropsychologist in a broad range of settings (ranging from private practice to university hospitals), and c) become board certified by being able to pass the A.B.P.P. examination in Clinical Neuropsychology. Additionally, it is expected that Residents will be involved in professional presentations pertaining, such as research posters, at regional or national neuropsychology meetings during the residency. Finally, it is anticipated that each Resident will co-author one or more research publications or book chapters by the end of the two year Residency. However, the degree to which residents are involved in research and writing is largely determined by their interest level.

Related to the inclusion of scholarly activities during Residency, there is some flexibility, based on the Resident's motivation to have minimal or more than minimal involvement in research activities. Below is a list of examples of Resident collaboration in conference presentations and publications over the years (Resident names are bolded):

Sweet, J.J, **Goldman**, D., & Guidotti Breting, L.M. (in press). Traumatic brain injury: Guidance in a forensic context from outcome, dose-response, and response bias research. *Behavioral Sciences and the Law* (Special Issue).

Sweet, J.J., Perry, W., Ruff, R.M., Shear, P.K., & **Guidotti Breting**, L.M. (2012). The Inter-Organizational Summit on Education and Training (ISET) 2010 Survey on the influence of the Houston Conference Training Guidelines. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 26, 1055–1076 (Published simultaneously in *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*).

Sweet, J., Tovian, S., **Guidotti Breting**, L., & Suchy, Y. (2013). Psychological assessment in medical settings. In I. Weiner (Ed. in Chief) *Handbook of Psychology. Second Edition* J. Graham, & J. Naglieri (Eds.), *Volume 10. Assessment psychology*. New York: Wiley & Sons.

Elhai, J., Sweet, J., **Guidotti Breting**, L. & Kaloupek, D. (2012). Assessment of PTSD and mTBI in contexts that threaten response validity. In J. Vasterling, R. Bryant, & T. Keane (Eds.), *PTSD and mild traumatic brain injury*. New York: Guilford Press.

Sweet, J.J, **Giuffre Meyer**, D. Nelson, N., & Moberg, P. (2011). The TCN/AACN 2010 “Salary Survey”: Professional practices, beliefs, and incomes of U.S. neuropsychologists. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 25, 12–61.

Guidotti Breting, L.M., Goldstein, D.S., & Sweet, J.J. (June, 2011). *Why do people who are motivated to perform well on neuropsychological testing occasionally fail the Victoria Symptom Validity Test?* Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Washington, D.C.

Sweet, J., & **Giuffre-Meyer**, D. (2011). Well documented, serious brain dysfunction followed by malingering. In J. Morgan, I. S. Baron, & J. Ricker (Eds.) *Casebook of clinical neuropsychology*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Giuffre Meyer, D.E., & Sweet, J.J, (2009, June). *Discriminating attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder from other psychiatric conditions with standard measures of attention*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, San Diego, CA.

Lamberty, G.J., **Nelson**, N.W., Brogger, M.L., Henriksen, C.A., **Condit**, D., & Sweet, J.J. (2008, June). *Further examination of the MMPI-2 Fake Bad Scale in secondary and non-secondary gain samples*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Boston, MA.

Sweet, J., **Condit**, D., & **Nelson**, N. (2008). Feigned amnesia and memory loss. In R. Rogers (Ed.) *Clinical assessment of malingering and deception. 3rd Edition*. New York: Guilford Press.

Condit, D.C., & Sweet, J.J. (2008, June). *New experimental indices for the Test of Memory Malingering: Consistency, Forgetting, and Implausible Forgetting*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Boston, MA.

- Sweet, J., **Ecklund-Johnson**, E., & Malina, A. (2008). Overview of forensic neuropsychology. In J. Morgan & J. Ricker (Eds.) *Textbook of clinical neuropsychology*. New York: Taylor & Francis.
- Nelson**, N., Sweet, J., & Heilbronner, R. (2007). Examination of the new MMPI-2 Response Bias Scale (Gervais): Relationship with MMPI-2 validity scales. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 29, 67-72.
- Nelson**, N., Sweet, J., Berry, D., Bryant, F., & Granacher, R. (2007). Response validity in forensic neuropsychology: Exploratory factor analytic evidence of distinct cognitive and psychological constructs. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 13, 440-449.
- Bergman**, M., Smart, C., & Sweet, J. (2005, June) *Differential prediction of Alzheimer's dementia and vascular dementia using the Behavioral Dyscontrol Scale and the Mattis Dementia Rating Scale*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology, Minneapolis, MN.
- Ecklund-Johnson**, E., Miller, S. A., & Sweet, J. J. (2004). Confirmatory factor analysis of the Behavioral Dyscontrol Scale in a mixed clinical sample. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 18, 395-410.

Selection of the candidate for this position will be announced on APPCN match notification day, which is February 28, 2014. In order to complete an application for the NorthShore University HealthSystem program, candidates should submit all of the following items by January 1:

- (1) cover letter detailing professional interests
- (2) completed application form (separate downloadable form)
- (3) current CV
- (4) graduate transcript
- (5) two work samples
- (6) three letters of recommendation

Programs, such as NorthShore University HealthSystem, belonging to the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology endorse the Guidelines for Postdoctoral Training in Clinical Neuropsychology formulated by the International Neuropsychological Society and by APA Division 40.

Application materials should be submitted to:

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Inquiries can be mailed to the above address, e-mailed to Dr. Sweet at jerrysweet@uchicago.edu or faxed to (847) 425-6408. Due to the large amount of time already devoted to the Resident selection process by our staff, please do not telephone our staff, unless absolutely necessary. Most general information concerning the program and desirable characteristics of residency candidates can be found within this program description.

Thank you for your interest in our Postdoctoral Residency in Clinical Neuropsychology.