Meet My Team
Fresno Mental Health Training Program Bio’s
Doctoral Internship in Clinical Psychology

Diane Kawagoe, PhD
Fresno Doctoral Internship Training Director

I’m the Training Director at Fresno. I started my career with KP in 1996 as a staff psychologist in the Intensive Outpatient Program-Adolescents and Behavioral Medicine Services. I completed my Ph.D. at the University of Kansas, internship at the Colmery-O’Neill Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas, and post-doctoral hours at an in-patient facility at St. Mary’s Hospital in Manhattan, Kansas. I moved to the Fresno area to join a private practice and teach part time at California State University, Fresno before joining the Kaiser Permanente team. This move aligned well with my professional training and practice working in a multi-disciplinary setting. In 2000, I became the Training Director and have focused on the creation and evolution of a dynamic, well-integrated psychology internship program. I was the lucky recipient of a well-organized and rich internship and it is my hope that the KP training program is a way to “pay it forward” as a form of gratitude.

Our training program brings a special energy into the mental health department and we work together to provide a rich, generalist training atmosphere. We are also fortunate to have the full support of the management team and the Regional training program. Our supervision team is comprised of dedicated and enthusiastic psychologists who contribute energy to the program and each other. I particularly enjoy the team’s open and collaborative approach to training as well as the new ideas and zeal interns bring into the program each year.
Frederick Hives II, PsyD
Adult Team

I obtained my bachelor’s degree in communication studies with a minor in psychology from Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo before earning my doctorate degree at John F. Kennedy University in Pleasant Hill, CA. I completed my predoctoral internship at California Department of State Hospitals – Vacaville, then completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at Patton State Hospital. I joined Kaiser Fresno in 2017 and have served as an assessment supervisor for psychology interns since then.
As an assessment supervisor, I enjoy helping interns expand their knowledge of various psychological tests and understand how testing results can inform ongoing treatment. Interns’ testing experiences may range from minimal to extensive, and I try to meet them where they are and build upon the skills they possess. Each year, I hope to learn from interns and to help them develop greater confidence in understanding testing data as well as their skills as evaluators as they grow into professionals.

Greg Decker, PhD
Adult Team

Greetings! Dr. Greg Decker here. I have worked in mental health settings including prisons, Veteran’s hospitals, community mental health centers, and university counseling centers. My specialty areas for Kaiser include assessment and treatment of patients reporting various forms
of disability due to mental health concerns and evaluating patients reporting ADHD symptoms. As I approach just 5 years with Kaiser, I feel like I have learned enough to more formally pay things forward, like working with interns, yay! Each year I've been able to provide intern seminars about various topics and the discussions are always invigorating. I hope to build on those successes. What I especially like about my job is that my coworkers are available and open to all sorts of questions and consultations. Personally, I like to make music, write code, laugh, and read cool books that make me think about people and things. For example, if you've ever been to xkcd.com, you probably already know more about me than my own mother.

Jennifer Mehling, PsyD
Adult Team

My name is Jennifer Mehling, and I am a Clinical Psychologist. I obtained my bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo and my master’s and doctorate degrees from Alliant International University – Fresno. I completed my predoctoral internship at Kaiser Permanente, Fresno in 2011-2012. I returned to Kaiser in the Central Valley Service Area in 2013 to develop the Adult and Family Medicine Behavioral Medicine program where I eventually became a manager of the department and helped develop additional programs in Adult and Family Medicine, Chronic Pain, Oncology, and Women’s Health. I transferred to our Fresno Clinic in March of 2018. Currently I work in the Adult Psychiatry Department. As a clinical supervisor, I enjoy supervising interns in both the Behavioral Medicine and Psychiatry Departments. My areas of interest are Health Psychology, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Existentialism. I provide several didactic seminars on these topics throughout the year. I have also co-supervised the intern research project. In my time off, you’ll usually find me reading, writing, or spending time with my husband and kids.
Hello,
I am Laura Lencioni, PsyD, a primary supervisor within the Adult Psychiatry and the Adult Intensive Outpatient Programs at Kaiser Permanente in Fresno, CA. I am also one of the research mentors for the interns. I am originally from the San Francisco Bay Area but relocated to Fresno for my graduate studies. I received my doctorate degree from the California School of Professional Psychology, now Alliant University, in Fresno. I completed my internship training at Kaiser Permanente, Fresno, over 15 years ago and was lucky enough to earn a Psychological Assistant position right after. I have been at KP Fresno ever since! Additionally, I have been a part of the internship training program at KP Fresno since its inception. My career interests include trauma work, DBT and psychological testing. Each year I have had the pleasure of working with interns from a variety of schools, locations and cultures. Each and every one of my past interns have taught me something valuable about life and the realm of behavioral sciences and thus, increased my passion as a Psychologist. My favorite part of being a supervisor is the direct observation of interns going through the transition from student to professional. When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband and three children. I also love to read, and travel. I try to model and promote a work-life balance for the interns who come to Kaiser Permanente.
The integrated care model is one of the primary reasons I chose to practice neuropsychology at Kaiser Permanente Fresno.

Neuropsychology focuses on how behavior and skills are related to brain function. A neuropsychological evaluation consists of a thorough interview of the patient that includes relevant information such as medical history, medications taken, and functional abilities. The collegial model of Kaiser Permanente enables efficient consultation with therapists, physicians, and specialists providing important communication regarding individual patient care. Neuropsychological testing evaluates the function of the brain using objective instruments (paper and pencil tests and some computerized tests) that measure learning, memory and thinking skills. The results of these tests provide patterns of strengths and weaknesses that can assist in diagnosis and treatment planning and assist healthcare providers to give informed recommendations to patients. Besides communicating with patients' healthcare providers, these results are also discussed in detail with the patient using "every day" language, so patients can better understand their own symptoms or complaints involving memory or thinking.

Roles and Responsibilities
My professional areas of interest and expertise include neuropsychology, cognitive rehabilitation, and psychotherapy for adults who have mentally or physically disabling conditions including intellectual/developmental disabilities, acquired and/or traumatic brain injuries, neurodegenerative disorders, spinal cord injuries, and individuals who have multiple physical and mental impairments. Assisting in the education of psychology interns in the testing and diagnostic process is integral to providing solid treatment planning for our members.

Professional Affiliations
- International Neuropsychological Society (Member)
- American Psychological Association (Member)
- California Psychological Association (Member)
Marvin Perez, PhD
Chronic Pain

I grew up in the Central Valley, attended school in the Bay Area and happily returned here about 15 years ago. Because of my background in college sports, I see myself more as a coach or a motivator than as a therapist. It is very gratifying to take the current scientific literature and present it in practical ways to my patients to help them with their coping and pain control.

As a psychologist for many years, I have a wide range of expertise in the mental health field in individual and group therapy, occupational medicine and forensics. But I particularly enjoy my specialization in the treatment of chronic pain and working with a team approach. Besides assessing patients for clinical depression and anxiety to determine whether such conditions are influencing an individual’s pain condition, I make recommendations for treatment and offer biofeedback and group workshops.

Roles and Responsibilities
When you come through our chronic pain program, my goal is to teach you how to improve your wellbeing and quality of life by challenging you to maximize your gifts, potential and skills.

Family and Friends
Outside of work, I like to spend time with my wife, attend church, visit with my adult children, stay fit by working out at the gym.
Hello, my name is Michelle Olson, and I am currently a delegated supervisor for the predoctoral internship program. I have worked for Kaiser Fresno in the Department of Child Psychiatry since 1998, when I was hired as a psychological assistant. After licensure, I served briefly in a mentorship role for the training program and began as a supervising member of the predoctoral internship training committee in 2012. Since 2012 I have worked as a supervisor for the child rotation (both primary and delegated) and am also the current group clinical supervisor. I thoroughly enjoy the supervisory role, watching and participating in the growth and development of new psychologists, as well as benefiting from the experience and energy the interns bring to our work environment.

Some of my professional interests include autism, ADHD, the LGBTQ population, and working to broaden my awareness of cultural issues and diversity. I am also particularly grateful for the collaboration and collegial support of the Child Team and the predoctoral training committee. In my private life, I enjoy traveling with my family, local and national theater arts events, reading, and music. I wish you the best in your educational endeavors!
Hello,

My very first practicum experience was in Behavioral Medicine at Kaiser in 2003. I had a Health Psychology emphasis in graduate school and ended up in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for my postdoc working on program development for pregnant and postpartum female offenders. I started supervising Interns and Postdocs right after becoming licensed in 2009 and it is still one of my favorite clinical responsibilities. My interest and experiences branched out from there as I developed a passion for working with the severely mentally ill population in a prison environment which I did for about 5 years. I love a challenge and when I was transferred to a “level 4” (highest custody level) yard to work with ex-gangsters and youngsters who could not seem to play well with others in the prison population I was a little nervous but found the 2 years with that population to be some of the most clinically satisfying work I have done. Many of the inmate patients on my caseload received life sentences as minors or in very early adulthood and were now middle aged facing the possibility they will be living as free men for the first time (due to law changes). In 2015 I accepted a position on the Executive Team for Valley State Prison where I worked alongside the Chiefs of Medical, Dental, and Nursing to improve care and efficiency throughout the prison. While I enjoyed that position, I missed clinical work and when Kaiser Recruiters came knocking, I answered the door. I had always told myself I would return to Kaiser at some point as I have been a Kaiser patient for the majority of my adult life and strongly support their focus on prevention and the promotion of healthy living as well as the integration of services/providers.
Hello, my name is Tamika London, Ph.D. and I am a Clinical Psychologist. After earning bachelor’s degrees in Spanish and Psychology from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA., I received master’s and doctoral degrees from Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN. I began my career with Kaiser Permanente Fresno in 2005 as a pre-doctoral intern and absolutely fell in love with every aspect of the program as well as the people. I was determined to make Kaiser Permanente Fresno my home and was blessed with a full-time position upon completion of my internship.

Currently, I work in Adult Psychiatry as well as the Intensive Outpatient Clinic (IOP). I also spent two years in the Bariatric Department where I performed psychological assessments and created care plans for patients seeking bariatric surgery.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my job at Kaiser is supervising pre-doctoral interns and being an active member of our APA accredited pre-doctoral internship program...Over the past nine years, I have served in various capacities including, individual testing supervisor, group testing supervisor, and/or primary supervisor. Every year I have the privilege of providing guidance, mentorship, and supervision to talented, eager, unique, bright future psychologists. Each year I grow professionally and personally as a result of my interaction with interns and my wonderful colleagues.

When I am not at work, I love spending time with my husband and children... I also enjoy going on cruises and travelling to Spanish-speaking countries to participate in Spanish immersion programs.
I have worked in mental health in the Central Valley for over 20 years. Starting as a counselor for troubled teens, I have understood the need for decisive intervention, compassionate care, and a down-to-earth approach that makes the patient feel both comfortable and understood. Those early experiences motivated me to earn my Doctorate in Clinical Psychology right here in Fresno over 15 years ago. Throughout my career I have valued the opportunity to provide quality, effective treatment to adults, kids, teens, couples, and families in a variety of settings. I am delighted to join the excellent, knowledgeable, professional staff here at Kaiser Permanente Fresno.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

My approach to treatment is straightforward. I believe that people are doing the best they can with the knowledge and resources they have available. Sometimes people struggle with the challenges of life. When struggles arise, I believe we have the opportunities to learn, grow, adapt, and make healthy changes. Psychotherapy is a resource that can provide knowledge, support, and guidance during those times to maximize one’s opportunities for health, stability, and engagement in the activities of daily living. I believe in empowering people to make positive decisions and take constructive action for a healthy mind, body, and spirit. My expertise is in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, focusing on the analysis of patterns of thought, emotion, and behavior. I believe that with awareness, insight, problem-solving, commitment, and discipline, it is possible to not just live... but Thrive!