

Ivana Cernokova

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Anticipated August 2025

University of North Texas

Major: Clinical Psychology

Master of Science (M.S.)

May 2012

University of Wyoming

Major: Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

December 2009

University of Wyoming

Major: Psychology

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Neuropsychology Consultants (McKinney, TX)

August 2021 – January 2022

Supervisor: Karen Falla, Ph.D. & Ashley Smith, Ph.D.

Administered neuropsychological batteries across the lifespan. The diagnosis included learning disorders, ADHD, behavioral and emotional challenges, autism, and intellectual disabilities. Participated in intake and feedback sessions and completed integrative neuropsychological reports weekly. Participated in two hours of weekly supervision with licensed neuropsychologists.

UNT Psychology Clinic (Denton, TX)

August 2020 - August 2021

Supervisors: Randy Cox, Ph.D., Nikki Hernandez, Ph.D., and Jared Kilmer, Ph.D.

Completed comprehensive psychodiagnostics assessments with adults. Conducted individual psychotherapy sessions via telehealth, with individuals across lifespan, utilizing various therapeutic approaches, including cognitive behavioral therapy, acceptance commitment therapy, cognitive processing therapy, and provided supportive therapy. Conducted intake and feedback sessions and completed integrative reports. Participated in weekly didactics and group supervision, as part of a practicum team, as well as individual supervision with a licensed psychologist.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

May 2018 - August 2020

Department of Neuropsychology

Supervisor: Thomas Burns, PsyD., ABPP

Administered and scored neuropsychological test batteries for children diagnosed with acute and chronic concussions. Conducted diagnostic interviews with the family and the patient. Completed neuropsychological reports. Collected and analyzed data from patients. Participated in weekly supervision with a licensed neuropsychologist.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

August 2018 - May 2020

Department of Neuropsychology

Supervisors: Kim Ono, Ph.D. and Jacqueline Kiefel, Ph.D

Worked with children diagnosed with various medical disorders such as TBI, Concussion, NF-1, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy, tumors, and chromosomal deletion syndromes. Administered and scored neuropsychological and psychodiagnostic test batteries, interviewed and participated in feedback and initial session appointments, completed integrative neuropsychological reports, and participated in language and motor mapping using fMRIs as well as sEEGs. Participated in weekly didactic conferences; weekly individual supervision with a licensed neuropsychologist and continued supervision on site.

**Teton County School District (Jackson, WY)
Counselor**

August 2012 - August 2017

Facilitated child, family, and group therapy for children diagnosed with a variety of disorders, including Anxiety, Depression, Sexual Abuse, Conduct Disorders, Cognitive Disorders, ADHD, Attachment Disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, and mood disorders ages 4-10. Further responsibilities included: facilitated and developed Social Skills Program; collected data/documentation for assessment and/or interventions; taught Love and Logic Parenting classes; implemented school wide Positive Behavior System; led the Behavior Intervention Team; created and implemented behavior support plans for students; conducted Functional Behavioral Assessments; coordinated 504 plans; collaborated to create, implement, and modify behavior plans with classroom teachers, Special Education teachers, counselors and psychologists; provided Play Therapy to clients aged 10 years and under using Child-Centered Play Therapy (CCPT) approach.

**Laramie School District #1 (Cheyenne, WY)
Counseling Intern**

August 2011 - May 2012

Conducted counseling groups using CBT skills such as mindfulness and behavior activation for social skills development, collaborated with school counselors and school psychologists; wrote and led IEP plans; individual and group counseling sessions.

**Cathedral Home for Children (Laramie, WY)
Counseling Assistant and Intern**

May 2009 - August 2011

Worked in a group home with primarily adolescent males who were charged with sexual offense violations, drug abuse and aggression; conducted therapy groups for sexual offenders; participated in transition meetings with parents and counselors; conducted clinical interviews; created psychological reports based on assessments conducted.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

January 2022 - Present

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

Supervisor: Kim Ono, Ph.D.

Project Name: Factors Complicating Pediatric Intractable Epilepsy

Neuropsychological reports, fMRI, and cortical mapping data entry for patients with intractable epilepsy considered for surgery. Conducting literature reviews on comorbidities, medications, and treatment modalities in pediatric epilepsy.

Clinical Fellow

Aug 2021 – present

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Fellowship

Principal Investigators: Jennifer Callahan, Ph.D., ABPP and Camilo Ruggero, Ph.D.

Project Name: The North-Texas-20: Expanding doctoral psychology opiate/substance use disorder (OUD/SUD) and telebehavioral health training in 20 high need and high demands areas of North Texas

Provide clinical services (e.g., psychotherapy, assessment, crisis intervention, consultation) to Veteran populations in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. Provide targeted telehealth services to individuals residing in rural areas. Gather outcome and demographic data from clients served through practicum site. Assist with data collection regarding health disparities and substance use at practicum site. Attend seminars and didactics regarding treatment, substance use, and multicultural issues

Research Coordinator

May 2019-July 2020

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

Supervisor: Thomas Burns, PsyD., ABPP

Project Name: Factors that Influence Concussion Recovery

Conducted research and data collection for patients with acute and chronic concussions.

Research Assistant

December 2018- July 2020

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

Supervisor: Kim Ono, Ph.D.

Project Name: Assessing Aspects of Functioning in Pediatric Intractable Epilepsy Before and After Epilepsy Surgery.

Archival data entry and analysis for patients with pre and post-surgical assessment for children with intractable epilepsy.

Research Assistant

August 2019- July 2020

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (Atlanta, GA)

Supervisor: Laura Blackwell, Ph.D. & Michele LaPlaca, Ph.D.

Project Name: Salivary Biomarkers as an Objective Tool for Assessing Pediatric Concussions

Attending football games to monitor concussions, trained in saliva collection, data collection and tracking the progress of concussions.

Research Assistant

November 2018- July 2019

Shepherd Center (Atlanta, GA)

Supervisor: Jessica Robbins, Ph.D.

Conducting ongoing research and data collection for various stroke and aphasia studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Cernokova, I., Semmel, E., Burns, T., Ono K., (Under Review). Differences in temperament between children with and without post concussion symptoms. *The American Journal of Sports Medicine.*

Ono, K., Bearden, D., Lee, S., Moss, C., Kheder, A., **Cernokova, I.,** Drane, D., Gedela, S., (Under Review). Interventions for ADHD in children & Adolescents with epilepsy: A review and decision tree to guide clinicians. *Epilepsy and Behavior.*

Smotherman, J. M., Wisdom, N. M., Gordon, A., **Cernokova I.,** Hawkins, K. A., Pearlson, G. D. & Callahan, J. L. (Under Review). Impact of amyloid precursor protein, presenilin-1, and presenilin-2 mutation on pre-clinical cognitive functioning: A meta-analysis. *Psychiatry Research.*

PRESENTATIONS

Cernokova, I., Burns, T. & Ono, K. (2020, February). *Emotional and behavioral functioning in adolescents and young adults following a concussion*. Poster presentation accepted at The International Neuropsychological Society. Denver, CO.

Cernokova, I., Gordon, A., Bearden, D. & Ono, K. (2020, February). *Comparing mood, anxiety, and executive functioning in children and adolescents with intractable epilepsy before and after epilepsy surgery*. Poster presentation accepted at The International Neuropsychological Society. Denver, CO.

Cernokova, I., Benoit M., Owen, T., Bearden, D. & Ono, K. (2019, November). *Yoga therapy in epilepsy*. Poster Presentation accepted at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference. San Diego, CA.

Cernokova, I., Gordon, A., Bearden, D. & Ono, K. (2019, November). *Examining cognitive differences pre and post-surgery in pediatric epilepsy*. Poster presentation accepted at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference. San Diego, CA.

Gordon, A., **Cernokova, I.,** Bearden, D., & Ono, K. (2019, November). *Verbal fluency and switching accuracy differences in pediatric epilepsy pre and post-surgery*. Poster presentation accepted at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference. San Diego, CA.

Bare, M., **Cernokova, I.** & Robbins, J. (2019, November). *Determining the relationship between conner's continuous performance test, 3rd edition (CPT 3) and neuropsychological assessment battery (NAB) naming test in inpatient with aphasia*. Poster presentation accepted at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference. San Diego, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Fellow

January 2022-Present

University of North Texas

Course: Assessment II Lab

Supervising Faculty: Erin Sullivan-Baca, Ph.D

Teaching a graduate course lab that expands on psychological assessment report writing and introduces new measures, including personality, neuropsychological, and screener evaluations. Emphasis is on integration of assessment data into a report.

Graduate Teaching Fellow

August 2021-December 2021

University of North Texas

Course: Assessment I Lab

Supervising Faculty: Chiachih Wang, Ph.D

Taught a graduate level lab focused on introduction and overview of psychological assessment measures. Emphasis was on interviews, behavioral observations, tests of intelligence (WAIS-IV, WJ-Cognitive), achievement measures (WIAT-III, WJ Achievement), and questionnaires. Graded students' performance during assessment administration as well testing protocols.

Graduate Teaching Fellow

August 2021-December 2021

University of North Texas

Course: Experimental Methods Lab

Supervising Faculty: Adriel Boals, Ph.D

Led a weekly undergraduate level lab in which students were introduced to basic experimental designs and treatment of experimental data. Students prepared a research project that consisted of designing an experiment and writing a report.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2022 - Present

University of North Texas

Course: Biological Psychology

Supervising Faculty: Anthony Ryals, Ph.D

Provide ongoing support for students with the course material, including neuroanatomy, communication and organization of the nervous system, and regulation of internal states. Grading and proctoring class exams.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2021-May 2021

University of North Texas

Course: Quantitative Methods Lab

Supervising Faculty: David Cicero, Ph.D

Conducted and recorded weekly sessions for undergraduate students in a statistics course. Provided hands on experience with the SPSS software. Met with students to re-teach and tutor the lab material. Graded and uploaded weekly quizzes and homework. This lab course was taught using an online platform.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

January 2021- May 2021

University of North Texas

Course: General Psychology

Supervising Faculty: Adriel Boals, Ph.D

Assisted Dr. Boals with grading research critiques in an undergraduate psychology course. Communicated with students to clarify material and provided writing suggestions. Supported Dr. Boals during class, answered student questions, and monitored student discussions.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2018-December 2018

Georgia School of Professional Psychology

Course: Personality Assessment

Supervising Faculty: Kaprice Thomas, J.D., Ph.D.

Conducted weekly sessions for first year graduate students in clinical psychology, reinforcing previously learned material. Provided hands on experience with hand scoring of the MMPI-2. Assisted Dr. Thomas by providing first review and grading materials utilizing a rubric. Created rubrics for interrater reliability between teaching assistants.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Student Member

January 2018- Present

Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST)

Division 40 of APA

Advocated for the needs of neuropsychology students on campus, organized and planned neuropsychology related didactics, campus colloquiums, identified research opportunities and volunteer opportunities.

Georgia Psychological Association

April 2018

Fall Conference Volunteer

Ensured that participants found seats, handed out brochures, answered general questions, and other duties assigned by the conference coordinators.

National Academy of Neuropsychology November 2018- Present
Graduate Student Affiliate

Society for Clinical Neuropsychology January 2018- Present
APA, division 40
Graduate Student Affiliate

American Psychological Association December 2017- Present
Graduate Student Affiliate

Georgia Psychological Association December 2017- Present
Graduate Student Affiliate

American School Counseling Association August 2012- August 2017
Professional Affiliate

Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Honor Society December 2010- August 2012

ADDITIONAL / NON-REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Motivational Interviewing Training December 2020
National Institute of Health

National Academy of Neuropsychology May 2019
Neuroanatomy course

CITI Program Research Training October 2018; September 2019; August 2020

Certified in ASSIST suicide prevention Annually (2012 - 2016)

Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) at the Beck Institute June 2015

Love and Logic September 2014

Second Step Emotional Curriculum September 2012

Functional Behavior Analysis September 2012 - May 2014

REFERENCES

Kim Ono, Ph.D., ABPP
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