

The faculty of the accredited Clinical Psychology Program at Western Michigan University (WMU) seeks qualified students for training in the doctoral (Ph.D.) program. We especially encourage members of historically underrepresented groups, including ethnic and racial minorities and people with disabilities to apply.

Minimum criteria for admission are a bachelor’s degree with a major in psychology or a related area, GPA of 3.0, personal statement, a writing sampel, and strong letters of recommendation from three sources. Compatibility with program philosophy and faculty research interests weigh heavily in decisions. Any exceptions to the stated criteria are subject to approval of the psychology faculty at large.

The program strives to give all admitted students financial support in the form of an assistantship for the first three years of the program. Financial support for additional years is not guaranteed but is often available. Students are also encouraged to apply for university programs (i.e., graduate college fellowships, Thurgood Marshall Awards and King/Chavez/Parks Fellowships for members of underrepresented groups). See details at <http://www.wmich.edu/grad/finance.html>

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

The Clinical Psychology Program at WMU is designed to provide broad clinical training utilizing a scientist-practitioner model. Graduates are competent to function in a variety of professional roles including research, practice, and college teaching. The balance of research and practice is obtained in part by practicum and research training within an on-site clinic, as well as practical experience in community agencies and research activities within faculty members’ independent laboratories. The orientation of the program is decidedly behavioral with an emphasis on empirical research and evidence-based practice. All students are exposed to the broad content areas of the field.

The Program offers a Ph.D. degree. A master’s degree is earned in the process; however, all students are permitted to complete the requirements for the doctorate only insofar as their performance merits continuance in the program. The program is planned as a six-year curriculum with the sixth year comprising the doctoral internship.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology has been accredited by APA since 1991 (Commission on Accreditation, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242; Phone: 202-336-5979).

The Ph.D. program requires successful completion of 95 credit hours of academic work, including practica, internship, advanced doctoral coursework, a comprehensive examination, a thesis, and a dissertation. Students must finish a 750-hour pre-doctoral practicum and a 2000-hour pre-doctoral internship in an approved healthcare setting.

FACULTY

Amy L. Damashek (Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia, 2007)
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Dr. Amy Damashek is a professor of Psychology. Her research focuses on the promotion of young children’s safety and well-being via prevention of unintentional child injuries and child maltreatment. Specifically, her work focuses on: the role of parenting behaviors in preventing unintentional child injuries; interventions to reduce injuries; and examination of ways to improve services for at-risk families and children. She is particularly interested in interventions that support low-income families. Clinically, Dr. Damashek is well-versed in evidence-based psychotherapies for children and families. She teaches courses in abnormal child psychology, child behavior therapy, lifespan development, and psychological assessment.

Scott T. Gaynor (Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2000; Co-Director of Clinical Training)
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Dr. Scott Gaynor is a professor of Psychology and a licensed clinical psychologist. He completed his internship and a NIMH post-doctoral fellowship at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh, PA. He teaches courses in child development, child psychopathology, and psychotherapy. Dr. Gaynor also directs the Behavior Research and Therapy Laboratory, which conducts treatment process and outcome research (often with children and adolescents) using cognitive-behavioral and contemporary behavior therapies.

Amy E. Naugle (Ph.D., University of Nevada-Reno, 1999; Co-Director of Clinical Training)
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Dr. Amy Naugle is a professor of Psychology and licensed psychologist. She completed her clinical internship and NIMH Post-Doctoral Fellowship at National Crime Victim’s Center and Charleston Consortium, Medical University of South Carolina. Her primary research interests include transdiagnostic processes (i.e., emotion regulation and experiential avoidance) related to adverse experiences, psychological and interpersonal factors associated with physical and sexual victimization, and contemporary behavior therapies.

Megan Wilkinson (Ph.D., Drexel University, 2025)
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Dr. Megan Wilkinson is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at Western Michigan University. She completed her clinical psychology internship at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Wilkinson’s program of research focuses on understanding the co-morbidity of disordered eating and substance use. Her work has two primary areas of emphasis: (1) uncovering distinct behavioral presentations within this co-morbidity and (2) clarifying the momentary relationships

between disordered eating behaviors, substance use, and psychological and sociocultural factors. Her research incorporates innovative methodologies to capture real-world experiences, including ecological momentary assessment and passive wearable sensors such as smartwatches. The ultimate goal of this research is to enhance the conceptualization, assessment, and treatment of comorbid disordered eating and substance use.

ASSOCIATED FACULTY

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Dr. Jonathan Baker is chair in the Department of Psychology at Western Michigan University. Prior to joining WMU, he was an associate professor and coordinator of the gerontology certificate program, as well as a faculty member in the behavior analysis and therapy program in the Rehabilitation Institute at Southern Illinois University. He received a certificate in gerontology from the University of Kansas and is a Doctoral level Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D). His primary research interests include applied research in behavioral gerontology, staff training in aging and intellectual disabilities in human services, and translational research in behavioral gerontology.

DISCLOSURE DATA

For detailed information about the WMU Clinical Psychology Program please see data provided at the following web address:

<https://www.wmich.edu/psychology/academics/graduate/clinical>

CONTACT US

To apply, submit an application online at <https://wmich.edu/grad/apply>.

Admission is offered for the fall semester only. For information about the Clinical Psychology Program and its faculty, please call the Department of Psychology at **(269) 387-4500** or visit <http://www.wmich.edu/psychology>

ABOUT WMU

- WMU is one of the nation's premier student-centered research universities drawing students from throughout the state, across the nation, and around the world. Founded in 1903, WMU is:
- Classified as a Doctoral Research University - Extensive by the Carnegie Foundation.
 - Placed in the top classification by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, which ranks the quality, mission, and academic output of the national colleges and universities.
 - Listed in *America's 100 Best College Buys* and *America's Best College Scholarships*.
 - Host to chapters of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society and Psi Chi (the National Honor Society in Psychology).
 - Included among the nation's 50 largest and most comprehensive universities with more than \$450 million in new and renovated facilities over the past 10 years.

For more general information about WMU, visit <https://www.wmich.edu/wmu> or call (269) 387-8400

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FACTS ABOUT THE WMU
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- Clinical and research interests in
 - Conduct Problems
 - Child Maltreatment
 - Behavioral Pediatrics
 - Marital and Family Therapy
 - Parenting
 - Health Psychology
 - Interpersonal Violence
 - Clinical Outcome Research
 - Mood and Anxiety Disorders
 - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - Sexual Disorders

WHERE ARE OUR GRADUATES?

- Academic Faculty Positions
- Clinical Faculty Positions at
 - Medical Schools
 - Veterans Administration Medical Centers
- Private Practice

WMU is committed to providing equal access to *all* students. Toward this goal, WMU offers programs and support for students, including those with special needs, in achieving their educational and career objectives. For more information visit:

- <http://multicultural.wmich.edu/>
- <http://www.dsrs.wmich.edu/>