

**John Althoff, Ph.D., ABPP**

B.A., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1964

M.A., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 1968

Ph.D., Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 1969

Diplomate in Clinical Psychology, American Board of Professional Psychology, 1981

Dr. Althoff is transitioning into retirement, working half-time performing court ordered forensic evaluations and providing occasional institutional memory services for the Division of Behavioral Health Administration. He is a former Deputy Director of the Division of Behavioral Health Services, former Chief Psychologist of the Arkansas State Hospital, and past President of the Arkansas Psychological Association. Dr. Althoff founded the State Hospital's clinical psychology internship program in 1978 and served as its first Training Director. Dr. Althoff enjoys travel, bicycling and woodworking (Google "Malooof Style Rock" so see an example of the type work he does).

**Brittani Baldwin Gracey, Psy.D.**

B.A., Washington University in St. Louis, 2004

M.S., Loyola College in Maryland, 2007

Psy.D., Loyola University Maryland, 2010

Dr. Baldwin Gracey is the psychologist for Unit B (Adult Services). Dr. Baldwin graduated from Loyola University in Maryland in 2010. She completed her predoctoral internship at the Arkansas State Hospital/Division of Behavioral Health Services in 2010. Dr. Baldwin also completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in Pediatric Neuropsychology with a minor rotation in Health Psychology in 2012. Her therapy interests range from behavioral to interpersonal-process approaches and her assessment interests include neurocognitive, malingering, and personality assessment. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and dog, working out, reading, and copious amounts of HBO programming.

**April Coe Hout, Ph.D.**

B.A., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1991

M.A., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1994

Ph.D., University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 1997

Dr. Coe Hout is the Clinical Director of the Arkansas State Hospital, with oversight for all therapy and programming. This includes supervision of the following departments: Psychology, Social Work, Support Therapy Services, Patient Education, Substance Abuse Treatment, Peer Specialists, and Chaplaincy Services. Within the Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship Program she serves as a secondary supervisor. Dr. Coe-Hout is a graduate of the DBHS Psychology Internship Program, training during the 1995-1996 year. Her professional interests include adolescent inpatient treatment, diagnosis and treatment for developmentally disabled patients, application of behavioral and cognitive behavioral interventions, and psychosocial rehabilitation. Outside of her professional life, she enjoys cooking, reading, hiking, and traveling.

**Janice E Dean, Ph.D.**

B.A., Wayne State University, 1985

M.A., University of Memphis, 1990

Ph.D., University of Memphis, 2000

Dr. Dean is a psychologist for Adult Services at the Arkansas State Hospital working with adult forensic patients. Dr. Dean earned her doctorate from University of Memphis. She completed her internship at the Little Rock VA Medical Center with an emphasis on behavioral medicine and a postdoctoral year at Arkansas Children's Hospital with the Adolescent Medicine and Eating Disorder programs. Dr. Dean has interests in mind/body medicine, mindfulness, yoga, and has been studying Acceptance and Commitment Theory for the last few years. A former competitive long distance runner, Dr. Dean leads an active life-style practicing yoga, hiking, and a new passion is rowing on the Arkansas River. She enjoys reading, writing, and traveling.

**Tiffany Atkins Howell, Ph.D.**

B.S. Mississippi State University, 2004  
M.S. Mississippi State University, 2008  
Ph.D. The University of Georgia, 2012

Dr. Howell is a psychologist for the Forensic Unit at Arkansas State Hospital. She conducts individual and group therapy for men and women on the forensic unit and utilizes various therapeutic interventions (i.e. DBT, CBT, ACT) aimed at negative symptom reduction and increased positive emotions, behavior, and affect. In addition to her interests in forensic psychology and recidivism, her professional interests also include family therapy and behavioral medicine. In her spare time, Dr. Howell enjoys reading, camping, hiking, live music, and spending time with her family and friends.

**Hillary R. Hunt, Ph.D.**

B.A., Auburn University, 1999  
M.A., University of Mississippi, 2003  
Ph.D., University of Mississippi, 2006

Dr. Hunt is the Training Director for the Pre-doctoral Psychology Internship Program. She is also a psychologist for Adolescent Services at the Arkansas State Hospital, with primary placement on the Adolescent Sexual Offenders Treatment unit. Dr. Hunt is a graduate of the DBHS psychology internship program, training during the 2005-2006 year. In addition to her interests in the area of sexual victimization (working with both survivors and offenders), Dr. Hunt's professional interests include Behavioral Medicine and Sports Psychology. A former competitive swimmer, she enjoys following USA Swimming, Triathlon, and Gymnastics. A first-time Ironman triathlon finisher in November 2012, Dr. Hunt enjoys training for endurance athletic events. She also enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her husband and two dogs- Emme, a sassy and sweet dachshund, and Ada, a tree-climbing, escape artist Staffordshire terrier.

**Taisha Jones, Ph.D.**

B.A., Psychology, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2002  
B.A. Sociology, University of Missouri-Columbia, 2002  
M.S., Saint Louis University, 2006  
Ph.D., Saint Louis University, 2010

Dr. Jones is a staff psychologist for the Adolescent Services at Arkansas State Hospital. She provides individual and group therapy as well as psychological evaluations for children with wide a range of mental health illnesses and behavioral regulation difficulties. Additionally, Dr. Jones develops and implements behavior management

plans. Dr. Jones is a graduate of the DBHS psychology internship program, training during the 2008-2009 year. Professionally, Dr. Jones has interests in the areas of positive individual coping resources (i.e. faith, emotional intelligence, ego-resiliency) as well as in conducting research and test construction. Dr. Jones is passionate about discussing research trends and recent developments within the mental health field. With regards to leisure time, Dr. Jones enjoys traveling, writing poems, journaling, and spending time with her family. She also enjoys taunting rival sports team fans and is an avid Missouri Tiger football fan.

**John A. Mangiaracina, Ph.D.**

B.A., Loyola University of the South, 1968  
M.A., University of Arkansas, 1972  
Ph.D., University of Arkansas, 1978  
M.P.A., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1995

Dr. Mangiaracina works with forensic inpatients on two units of the Arkansas State Hospital. He is primarily responsible for group therapy, diagnostic testing, and behavioral programming. He completed an internship in clinical psychology at the VA Hospital in North Little Rock in 1973. Besides his experience at the State Hospital, Dr. Mangiaracina has worked for the Arkansas Department of Correction, community mental health centers, and has maintained a private practice. Administrative experience includes: Training Director for the State Hospital's Pre-doctoral Internship Program (1985-1988), Chief Psychologist of the State Hospital (1985-1997), and Director of the Dept. of Correction's sixty-six bed inpatient psychiatric facility, 1999-2006. Previous awards are UALR Student of the Year (1995) and the Dept. of Correction's Supervisor of the Year (2002). Dr. Mangiaracina enjoys reading fiction and non-fiction, walking, attending minor league baseball games and small college football games, collecting automobiles, and eating in good restaurants.

**Michelle Messer, MA, LPE-I**

B.A., University of Arkansas, 1998  
M.A., Clinical Psychology, Argosy University, Atlanta 2002

Ms. Messer is the Psychological Examiner for Forensics, 6 Lower, at the Arkansas State Hospital. Ms. Messer is licensed as an Independent Psychological Examiner by the Arkansas Psychology Board. In addition to her interests in the area of intellectual and developmental disabilities, Ms. Messer's professional interests include Behavioral Management and treatment for individuals with Dual Diagnosis, as well as, Parapsychology. A world traveler, gypsy, and 'prepper' for the upcoming Zombie apocalypse, she maintains a home base while spending time with her partner of 10 years and cat, Patches, and dog, Auggie. She also enjoys reading, creating, people watching, and music listening and development.

**Mark Peacock, Ph.D.**

B.A., University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 2000  
M.A., University of Arkansas, 2004  
Ph.D., University of Arkansas, 2007

Dr. Peacock earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Arkansas in 2007; and after completing his pre-doctoral internship at Patton State Hospital in San Bernardino, CA, remained at Patton and successfully completed the Postdoctoral

Fellowship in Forensic Psychology in 2008. Prior to coming to UAMS/ASH, Dr. Peacock served for three years as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Arkansas Tech University and maintained a private forensic practice in Russellville, AR. Dr. Peacock has also served as author or co-author on several scholarly articles published in peer-reviewed journals; and now serves as the Forensic Psychology Certification Coordinator for the Arkansas Department of Behavioral Health Services providing training for licensed clinicians in Arkansas desiring to perform forensic evaluations.

**Andrew J. Peters, M.S. LPE -I**

B.S., University of Central Arkansas, 1985

M.A., University of Central Arkansas, 1991

Mr. Peters is a Psychological Examiner on the Adult Unit C, occasionally working on the other adult units. He offers group therapy, psychodiagnostic testing, and behavioral modification programming. He received his M.S. from the University of Central Arkansas, and completed internship with DHS in 1991. Mr. Peters has had years of experience in Department of Human Services, Arkansas School for the Deaf, Arkansas Department of Correction and the Arkansas State Hospital, His experience has been in the clinical, behavioral and administrative areas. Mr. Peters enjoys the outdoors, computer hobbies, sports and traveling.

**Jack Schaefer, Ph.D.**

B.S., Oklahoma State University, 1969

M.S., Oklahoma State University, 1980

Ph.D., Oklahoma State University, 1991

Dr. Schaefer is the Director of the Psychology Department at the Arkansas State Hospital (ASH). In addition to his administrative duties he works day-to-day as the staff psychologist on Unit A, a 30-bed general admission adult unit and training unit for the UAMS medical school. He conducts group psychotherapy, psychological evaluations, and has a leadership role in multidisciplinary treatment team meetings, where patient treatment plans are formulated and reviewed. He also provides didactic and experiential training for the medical students and psychiatric residents on the unit. He has been on the Arkansas State Hospital staff since 1994, serving as a supervising psychologist and primary clinical supervisor for the post-doctoral internship until 2012. Prior to coming to ASH, he worked in Oklahoma's outpatient community mental health system where he was a clinic director, clinician, state mental health center auditor/accreditor and a supervisor of clinical and counseling psychology graduate students from Oklahoma State University. Away from work he has been an avid golfer since childhood, still enjoys driving his 2009 VW GTI, and listens to NPR, jazz and blues. His dog, a feisty West Highland white terrier named Nestle, is a loyal and fun companion.

**Michael J. Simon, Ph.D.**

B.A., Emory University, 1976

Ph.D. University of South Carolina, 1982

Dr. Simon is the internship supervisor on the Forensic Services Unit. He also teaches Abnormal Psychology at UALR and consults for two agencies that work with the developmentally disabled. Professional interests include diagnosis and treatment of Dissociative Identity Disorder. Dr. Simon's primary outside interest is UALR basketball,

and he has been a member of the Tip-In Club Board of Directors for more years than he can count.

**Rebecca Spohn, Ph.D.**

B.A., Rhodes College, 1989  
M.A., University of Kansas, 1991  
Ph.D., University of Memphis, 1995

Having worked here at ASH as a staff psychologist for approximately 7 years, Dr. Spohn accepted the position of Clinical Program Director of Forensics in April of 2013. Dr. Spohn is a graduate of a Veteran's Affairs Medical Center internship in Memphis, Tennessee and completed her post-doctoral training/supervision and several years of employment with this VAMC before moving back to her home town of Little Rock. Dr. Spohn's clinical interests include psychological trauma and grief/loss issues as well as personality assessment. More recently she has taken an interest in the application of cognitive-behavioral interventions with the seriously and persistently mental ill, particularly those with psychotic illness. Dr. Spohn is an avid runner and enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, despite the fact that they are now moving into their teenage years (son age 14, daughter age 11).

**Andrea Shea Stillwell, Psy. D.**

B.A., Northeast Louisiana University, 1994  
M.S., Northeast Louisiana University, 1996  
Psy. D., Forest School of Professional Psychology, 2000

Dr. Stillwell is the Clinical Psychologist for the Counseling Clinic, Inc., in Benton, Ar. She provides psychotherapy to Saline County Residents, psychological assessment, consultation and social security disability evaluations. Her dissertation and pre-doctoral training included the supervision and development of clinical psychologists. Dr. Stillwell is a member of the International Association of Trauma Professionals and is interested in trauma related symptoms and empowerment of the individual. She held an active position as a Drug Court member and consultant in Springfield, Mo, where she worked in private practice prior to moving to Arkansas. She enjoys reading and spending time with her spouse and their two children. Dr. Stillwell frequently visits extended family members in the deep South and strives to expose her children to a variety of cultures and history while traveling. She possesses a first degree black belt in Taekwondo, while the Stillwell family is fast approaching their goal for all family members to possess a black belt.

**Lacey Willett, Psy.D.**

B.S., Northwestern State University, 2005  
M.A., Florida School of Professional Psychology, 2009  
Psy.D., Florida School of Professional Psychology, 2012

Dr. Willett is a forensic psychologist at the Arkansas State Hospital, which includes evaluating competency and responsibility for criminal defendants from across the state of Arkansas. Dr. Willett is a graduate of the Arkansas State Hospital psychology internship program, as well as the Arkansas State Hospital postdoctoral fellowship in forensic psychology. Her professional interests include forensic assessment and the neuropsychological correlates of violent and aberrant behaviors.

