The Emory Healthcare Veterans Program (EHVP) provides nationally renowned care for healing the invisible wounds of military service. Meet our expert team of leaders, clinicians, case managers, data analysts, outreach coordinators and administrative specialists who work together to help our Veterans and servicemembers reclaim their lives.

**Leadership**

**Barbara O. Rothbaum, PhD, ABPP, Director**

Dr. Rothbaum is a caring, compassionate, effective and active clinician. She has devoted her career to developing and testing new treatments for PTSD. Dr. Rothbaum is an inventor of virtual reality exposure therapy and pioneered applying the treatment for PTSD in combat veterans. She has authored more than 200 scientific papers and chapters and co-authored the manuals for prolonged exposure therapy that are disseminated throughout the VA hospital system. She has published four books on the treatment of PTSD and edited two others on anxiety, and received the Diplomate in Behavioral Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology.

**Sheila A. M. Rauch, PhD, Clinical Director**

Dr. Rauch has provided PTSD and anxiety disorders treatment for more than 20 years. She is currently principal investigator of two PTSD treatment outcome and mechanisms trials and serves as a VHA Prolonged Exposure Therapy Roll Out Trainer. Her research focuses on translational treatment outcomes and modifications of proven treatments for use in alternate settings, such as primary care. She has published scholarly articles and book chapters in the areas of anxiety disorders and PTSD and has been involved in the modification and adaptation of proven psychotherapeutic interventions for anxiety disorders for various populations and settings, including primary care.

**Sarah Schwartz, MSW, MBA, MHA, Program Director**

Before coming to EHVP, Sarah was the executive director of a statewide mental health non-profit organization for a decade. Having successfully led behavioral health care operations management, programming and financial planning at this organization and others, she has a proven history of strengthening organizations, strategic leadership and improving access and outcomes for individuals suffering from mental illness. Earlier in her career, Sarah sharpened her clinical skills by providing various forms of therapy to vulnerable populations and then working in psychiatric clinical trials for eight years. Her familiarity with clinical work, along with her business acumen, give her greater insight into successfully managing a behavioral health program.

**Boadie W. Dunlop, MD, MS, Medical Director**

Dr. Dunlop has served as director of the Emory Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program since 2006. Prior to this role, he worked for years as an inpatient and outpatient psychiatrist at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. His clinical research program is focused on neurobiology and treatment of major depressive and anxiety disorders with a particular focus on PTSD. He has served as an investigator for more than 50 clinical studies of medication and psychotherapy treatments for these conditions. Dr. Dunlop has published extensively on depression, PTSD and anxiety disorders, and has authored a book and eight book chapters on these topics.

**Lieutenant General (ret.) William “Burke” Garrett III, Executive Advisor**

Burke Garrett joined EHVP after 35 years of distinguished military service, including deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. He is committed to helping the program grow into a national center of excellence dedicated to healing the invisible wounds of military service through world-class clinical care, wellness, education, and research. Burke’s enduring gratitude for the sacrifices made by our nation’s service members will always be the spirit behind his work.

**William Gesner Jr., Senior Manager, Business Operations**

William has been in healthcare since 1992 and has worked at Emory Healthcare since 2006. His past positions at Emory include Supervisor of Business Operations for Winship Cancer Institute and Business Operations Manager for Internal Medicine at the Patient-Centered Primary Care Clinic. Formerly an Adjunct Professor at the University of Phoenix, William enjoyed teaching Personal Finance to Associate level students.

**Dee Seymore, Clinical Operations Manager**

Dee holds a B.S. in Biology from Kennesaw State University and is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health from Georgia State University. Her past positions at Emory include Priority Access Supervisor for Orthopaedics Contact Center. In her spare time Dee enjoys cooking, traveling and spending time with family & friends.
Shaun Lewis, JD, Veteran Outreach Coordinator, Lead

Shaun joined the United States Army in 2001. After finishing active duty, he transitioned into the Army Reserve and attended Auburn University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in International Business (Cum Laude). Upon graduation, he commissioned into the Army National Guard as an engineer officer. He later deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2010, he attended the Georgia State University College of Law. After completion of his Juris Doctor, he worked as a veteran recruitment specialist for Victory Media, helping universities and Fortune 1000 companies build strong veteran recruitment programs. In 2015, Shaun joined Hire Heroes USA to be an advocate for transitioning service members and military spouses.

James Brown, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

James is a United States Air Force Veteran, serving 11 years active duty, domestically and abroad. During his Air Force career, he served as a Sexual Assault Victims Advocate, Resiliency Trainer, Dover Port Mortuary, and Dormitory Manager, among other jobs. While serving, James completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. After separating from the Air Force, he worked for Google Maps and Covenant House of Georgia. James has a passion for human services, specifically veterans.

Joshua Moss, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

Joshua graduated from Clayton State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. He has been a member of the Georgia Army National Guard since May, 2001, and comes from a long line of veterans in his family. Joshua was deployed to Iraq in 2005 and Afghanistan in 2009, serving as a mechanic, recovery team member and team leader on a Personal Security Detail team. He has a strong passion for helping veterans, and feels this program is a great place to better assist fellow veterans.

Vanessa Palmer-Roberson, MS, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

Vanessa is the proud daughter of a retired Air Force veteran, as well as the spouse of an Army veteran. She has personally witnessed the challenges veterans and their families face. Hailing from Crofton, MD, Vanessa has always worked in the human services field with a wide range of people. She relocated to Atlanta in 2014 and began her career with Emory. She holds a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Healthcare Administration and is very excited to continue her career with EHVP.

LaTrice Thomas, MS, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

LaTrice is a retired Air Force medic with a passion for veteran causes. During her tenure, LaTrice served as an Air Force sexual assault victim advocate and master resiliency trainer. While serving, she earned her criminal justice degree and master’s in communication with an emphasis on public relations. After retiring in March 2017, LaTrice worked for Hire Heroes USA before joining EHVP in August 2017. When the opportunity to work with EHVP presented itself, LaTrice knew this was her chance to fulfill her desire to continue to serve fellow veterans.

Jeffery Canterbury, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

Jeffrey has served over eight years as a traditional Army National Guardsman for both Wisconsin and Georgia. He worked in a support company as a driver while earning his bachelor’s degree in biblical counseling at Maranatha Baptist University. While serving as a medical planner for combat arms battalions, he became a level one certified Master Resiliency Trainer, went through ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), and began his master’s degree in organizational leadership with an emphasis on healthcare management from Regent University. Jeffrey received his MA in 2018 and in January of 2019 deployed with his unit to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom’s Sentinel.

Mark Burton, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

Mark is a postdoctoral fellow who received his PhD in clinical psychology from Case Western Reserve University and completed his predoctoral internship at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center and Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Burton specializes in exposure-based treatment for PTSD, and has an extensive background providing evidence-based treatment for anxiety and mood related difficulties to help veterans and civilians improve their daily lives. His research focuses on enhancing access to exposure-based treatment for PTSD, while identifying predictors of treatment success.

Syreese Fuller, Clinical Research Coordinator

Syreese Fuller serves as the Clinical Research Coordinator, responsible for the management, coordination, and regulatory compliance of research projects. Syreese earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Tuskegee University. She has a keen interest in health-related research with over six years of experience in clinical and behavioral research at various institutions, such as Emory University Hospital Midtown and Grady Memorial Hospital.
Kathleen Jaroe, MS, APRN, Clinical Nurse Specialist

Kathleen obtained her master’s degree in nursing from Georgia State University specializing in mental health. She practiced at Emory University Hospital for the first five years as a staff nurse, then head nurse in general psychiatry and research. The next 11 years were spent as nurse manager of the Schizophrenia and Bipolar Clinical Trials Program with The Emory University School of Medicine. She has also assisted in development of clinical research sites (Phases II-IV) on a national level with a focus on the central nervous system. Kathleen also has experience practicing in the community mental health sector. She is board certified in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse.

Brittany Lannert, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Lannert is a licensed clinical psychologist and a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. She earned her PhD from Michigan State University and has been proud to work with veterans at both the Portland VA Medical Center in Portland, Oregon and the Battle Creek VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, Michigan. Dr. Lannert specializes in providing person-centered, evidence-based treatment for PTSD and associated stress-related disorders. That includes cognitive-behavioral, motivational and mindfulness-based therapies, with an emphasis on growth- and strength-based approaches to recovery.

Laura Loucks, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Loucks is a clinical psychologist and faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Loucks earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Georgia. She completed her clinical internship at the Memphis VA Medical Center and her postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Loucks enjoys providing evidence-based treatment for individuals and families, with emphasis on PTSD and comorbid disorders. Research interests focus on examining relations among PTSD and family relationship functioning and related interventions. She is passionate about helping veterans and families build resilience.

Jessica Maples-Keller, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Maples-Keller is a licensed clinical psychologist and faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory University School of Medicine. She specializes in exposure-based interventions for post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety disorders. She received her PhD from the University of Georgia and completed her clinical internship at the Medical University of South Carolina and her postdoctoral fellowship with EHVP. Dr. Maples-Keller’s research interests include how we can use translational models of fear and anxiety to understand and improve exposure therapy and investigating factors that confer risk or impact treatment response for PTSD and anxiety disorders.

Mansi Mehta, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Mehta is a postdoctoral fellow who received her PhD in clinical psychology from Kent State University in Ohio, and completed her predoctoral internship at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. Dr. Mehta is a proponent of evidence-based treatment for depression, PTSD, and other related problems like insomnia. She is also passionate about providing high quality services to veterans, service members, and their families. Her research interests include women’s experiences of negative mood, trauma, and stress.

Samantha Patton, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Patton is a postdoctoral fellow with the EHVP team. She earned her PhD at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY and completed her clinical internship at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Patton is passionate about evidence-based treatment and specializes in trauma. Her research interests include transdiagnostic emotional and physiological factors that influence symptom development and trajectory following trauma exposure.

Jess Petri, MS, Psychological Specialist

Jess is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Auburn University and is currently working on her dissertation. She earned her BS in psychology from Xavier University in 2011 and MS in clinical psychology from Auburn University in 2015. She is passionate about assessing and treating psychological problems and other challenges facing trauma survivors. Jess’ research interests include effective assessment of PTSD for diverse populations. She has also developed protocols and trained staff in how to de-escalate situations in a trauma-informed manner. She considers this one of her primary research interests and specializations.

Katie Ragsdale, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Ragsdale is a licensed clinical psychologist and is a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. She earned her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Central Florida in Orlando and completed her internship and fellowship at the Salem VA Medical Center in Salem, Virginia. Dr. Ragsdale is passionate about the evidence-based treatment of PTSD and comorbid disorders, with particular interests in exposure therapy and other behavioral treatments.
Andrew Sherrill, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Sherrill is a licensed clinical psychologist and faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. He earned his PhD from Northern Illinois University. He completed his predoctoral internship at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System and his postdoctoral fellowship at Emory University. Dr. Sherrill is dedicated to providing evidence-based psychotherapies to veterans and helping clinical trainees develop competencies necessary for this population. He values service, discovery, camaraderie, and liberty. He is passionate about helping veterans live consistently with their own freely chosen values.

Kelsey Sprang, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Sprang is a postdoctoral fellow who earned her PhD in clinical psychology from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and completed her doctoral internship as the general psychology intern at the South Texas Veterans Healthcare System in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Sprang specializes in providing evidence-based treatments to individuals with trauma histories and other related disorders (i.e., substance use, mood disorders, personality disorders, emotion regulation concerns, history of brain injuries). Dr. Sprang is dedicated to providing client-driven individualized trauma-focused treatment to foster healing and change.

Monika Stojek, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Stojek is a licensed clinical psychologist and faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. She received her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Georgia and completed her internship at the Medical College of Georgia and Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship focused on health psychology at the Uniformed Services University and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Dr. Stojek is dedicated to providing evidence-based treatments for PTSD and comorbid disorders. She is also passionate about helping Veterans improve their overall wellbeing and health.

Claire Wan, PA-C, MPH, Physician Assistant

Claire obtained her Master’s Degree in Medical Sciences from the Tufts University Physician Assistant Program. She worked in Family Medicine before joining BHVP. Prior to her clinical career, Claire obtained a Master’s Degree in Public Health from Emory University’s Rollins School of Public Health and worked in psychiatric and medical research for a decade. She is passionate about taking a holistic approach to veteran’s health, to maximize their recovery.

Laura Watkins, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Watkins is a licensed clinical psychologist and a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. She earned her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and completed her predoctoral internship at University of Mississippi Medical Center and G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center Psychology Internship Consortium. She was also a postdoctoral fellow at the Clinical Neurosciences Division of the National Center for PTSD at West Haven VA Medical Center. Dr. Watkins specializes in providing evidence-based treatments for PTSD; substance use and related problems.

Carly Yasinski, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Yasinski is a licensed clinical psychologist and a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. She earned her PhD from the University of Delaware, completed her clinical internship at the Medical College of Georgia and Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, and her postdoctoral fellowship with BHVP. Dr. Yasinski is dedicated to providing compassionate, evidence-based care for veterans, service members and their families, with a focus on cognitive-behavioral and mindfulness-based approaches to treating depression and PTSD. Her research interests focus on better understanding the process of change during psychotherapy for these disorders and improving clinical outcomes.

Liza Zwiebach, PhD, Clinical Psychologist

Dr. Zwiebach is a clinical psychologist and is a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at the Emory University School of Medicine. She received her PhD from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Dr. Zwiebach completed clinical training at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial VA Medical Center in Bedford, Massachusetts and at Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City. Her background includes work with active military and veteran personnel, as well as with law enforcement personnel.

Case Management

Elizabeth (“Lindy”) Carbone, LCSW, Lead Social Worker

Lindy is a clinical social worker with an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of North Dakota. She has worked in the field of mental health for more than 20 years, providing treatment in the areas of substance abuse, depression, anxiety, trauma and other mental health issues. She has worked with veterans in multiple settings, including the Atlanta VA Medical Center where she provided group-based exposure therapy as well as psychoeducation to veterans with PTSD. Lindy specializes in a holistic approach to treatment incorporating healthy eating and exercise into individual treatment plans and case management.
Case Management

**Nickie Cockerham, Social Worker**

Nickie is a case manager and social worker who received her Master of Social Work from the University of Alabama. She completed her clinical internships at Beauregard Memorial Hospital in DeRidder, Louisiana and Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health in Macon, Georgia.

**Giselle Remy-Bryan, MSW, Social Worker**

Giselle is the proud daughter of an Army veteran. She is also the spouse of an Army veteran and knows personally the challenges that veterans and their families face. She received her Master of Social Work from Rutgers University, where she studied health, mental health and aging as it pertains to social services. She has several years serving veterans in multiple health care settings. Giselle is a case manager and has a passion for veterans.

Research and Data

**Kathryn Black, Data Analyst**

Kathryn Black is responsible for timely and accurate data collection and reporting to support patient care and strategic decision making. Kathryn earned her BA in psychology from Emory University and has a background in clinical and translational research in psychiatry. She is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health degree in the Applied Public Health Informatics track from Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.

**Callan Coghlan, MS Research Interviewer**

Callan administers surveys to patients, while guiding them through the research process if they choose to participate. She is also the volunteer coordinator and does behind-the-scenes regulatory work, ensuring research runs smoothly. Prior to her work with EHVP, Callan worked as an EMT and earned her degree in psychological and brain sciences, focusing on experimental psychopathology, both of which contributed to her enthusiasm for her current work.

**Emily Fenlon, Research Interviewer**

Emily received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the University of Georgia. As a research interviewer, she performs research tasks for EHVP, including administering surveys to patients and obtaining biological samples and psychophysiological data. Emily plans to attend graduate school for clinical psychology.

**Amy Kim, Research Interviewer**

Amy graduated Emory University with a Bachelor of Science in Quantitative Sciences. She returned to Emory as a research interviewer, which involves administering surveys, obtaining biological samples, and inputting psycho-physiological data among other tasks.

**Bonnie Seifert, Data Information Specialist**

Bonnie maintains and ensures the quality of data as well as the integrity of the data systems that support the Veterans Program. She recently graduated with honors from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science in psychology and is planning to attend graduate school to pursue her passion for neuropsychology and PTSD research.

**Mbapelen Hattie Unongo, Research Interviewer**

Mbapelen obtained a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Neuroscience at Rider University in New Jersey. She has since returned home to Georgia where she currently works as a research interviewer for EHVP. In this role she aids in a variety of tasks including the administration of surveys, collection of biological samples and psycho-physiological data. Mbapelen eventually plans to return to school in pursuit of a graduate degree in Clinical neuropsychology.
Phillip Colon, Patient Services Coordinator

Phillip is a Patient Services Coordinator who handles all patient care coordination for the warriors. Phillip served in the Army from 2006 to 2010, with a deployment to Iraq. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in History and Sociology from Georgia State University.

Vickie Howard, Senior Administrative Assistant

Vickie is the Senior Administrative Assistant for EHVP and provides administrative support to the entire program. Before joining EHVP in July 2019, Vickie worked in the Department of Emergency Medicine for fifteen years. During her tenure she supported the research, toxicology and ultra sound programs. Some of the duties included calendar management, purchasing card reconciliation, travel management, employee orientation, space reservations and budget expenditures. She’s a graduate of Savannah State University with a BBA in Business Administration.

Charlandra Williams, Patient Services Coordinator

Charlandra handles the veterans’ travel arrangements, appointments, activities and schedules. She is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and the daughter of a Vietnam veteran. She chose to spend a year giving back to the community and volunteered with an AmeriCorps program called City Year in Jacksonville, FL. She then made her way back to Atlanta where she was part of the Emory Orthopedics and Spine Clinic before joining EHVP.