Emory Healthcare
Veterans Program Team

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 VA 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 the Veterans Program, 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 the Veterans Program 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 servicemembers 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.

Jasmine Johnson, Manager, Clinic Operations

Jasmine serves as the Clinic Operations Manager for the Veterans Program. She manages daily operations to ensure EHVP is providing quality patient care and is accountable for activities that will enhance operational efficiencies. Jasmine earned her BA in Healthcare Management and Public Relations and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Administration from Clayton State University.
Outreach Coordinators

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 servicemembers and military spouses.

James Brown, Veteran Outreach Coordinator

James is a Veteran Outreach Coordinator with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program. His main focus is recruitment of patients to the program. 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 serves as a Veteran Outreach Coordinator. She 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 Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Healthcare Administration and is very excited to continue her career with the Emory Healthcare Veterans Program.

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 the Veterans Program presented itself, LaTrice knew this was her chance to fulfill her desire to continue to serve fellow Veterans.

Clinical

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.

Jessica Goodnight, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Goodnight is a postdoctoral fellow who earned her PhD in clinical psychology from Georgia State University in Atlanta and completed her clinical internship at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Goodnight is an enthusiastic proponent of evidence-based care for PTSD and other trauma-related problems, such as depression, emotion dysregulation and interpersonal difficulties. She also is interested in how certain kinds of wellness practices, such as mindfulness meditation and yoga, can help people maintain good mental health in the long term.
Clinical

Kathleen Jarboe, 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 the Emory Healthcare Veteran’s Program. 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.

Lauren McSweeney, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow
Dr. McSweeney is a postdoctoral fellow who received her PhD in clinical psychology from Eastern Michigan University and completed her internship at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Dr. McSweeney is strongly committed to the scientific practice of psychology and the provision of evidence-based treatments for PTSD, anxiety and mood disorders. Her research focuses on trauma and stress-related disorders in Veterans.

Jess Petri, MS, Psychological Specialist
Jess is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Auburn University, 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.

Loren Post, PhD, Clinical Psychologist
Dr. Post is a clinical psychologist and is a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Post earned her PhD in clinical psychology from Case Western Reserve University. She completed her predoctoral internship at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and her postdoctoral fellowship at the Trauma and Anxiety Recovery Program at the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Post specializes in providing evidence-based treatments for PTSD, anxiety disorders and depressive disorders. Her research interests include transdiagnostic processes between PTSD and co-occurring disorders and factors affecting PTSD treatment effectiveness.

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.
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 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 continued

Megan Goodlin, MSW, Social Worker
Megan is a case manager/social worker who received her Master of Social Work at Florida State University. She completed her clinical internships at the Atlanta VA in the Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit and the Child Protection Team in Panama City, Florida. Megan's background includes work with substance abuse, mental health, homeless Veterans, Veterans' families, homeless women and children and child welfare.

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.

Danielle Wray, Social Worker
Danielle graduated with an undergraduate degree in psychology from Georgia Southern University and a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Alabama. Danielle completed her clinical internships with the West Alabama Red Cross in disaster relief case management and the Tuscaloosa VAMC with the Mental Health Intensive Case Management team. Having the opportunity to help Veterans foster resiliency is the biggest reason that Danielle chose a career in social work.

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 the Veterans Program, 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 the Veterans Program, 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.
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.

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 the Veteran’s Program.