

**Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
Potential Expert Consultants and Research Mentors**

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**Alpert, Jonathan E., M.D., Ph.D.**

Chair and Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Neuroscience, and Pediatrics

- Mood disorders
- Suicide
- Medical education
- Research Ethics
- Psychiatric Nosology/DSM

**Ampadu, Gifty, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Child and adolescent mental health
- Parenting
- Mental health literacy

**Arce-Morales, Jairo L., Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Substance use disorders
- Group therapy
- Health psychology

**Autry, Anita, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Neuroscience ([Google Scholar](#))

- Neurobiology of social and parental behavior

**Badreddine, Dalal, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor; Clinical Director, OnTrackNY

- Early psychosis
- Recovery model
- Shared decision-making

**Batista-Brito, Renata A., Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Genetics, and Psychiatry ([Google Scholar](#))

- Cortical development
- Visual processing
- Neurodevelopment models

**Battaglia, Joseph, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Director, Einstein Student Mental Health Service

- Medical student mental health

**Belinkie, Yael L., Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor; Senior Director, Substance Abuse Treatment Program

- Addiction treatment

**Berstein, Carol, M.D.**

Professor

- Graduate and medical student education

**Betzler, Thomas, M.D.**

Associate Professor; Executive Clinical Director

- Community psychiatry
- Integrated care
- Addiction
- Emergency psychiatry

**Boudreaux, Tyson, MD**

Assistant Professor; Director, Bronx Psychiatric Center

- Serious mental health
- Public psychiatry

**Buerger, Will, Psy.D.**

Assistant Professor; Director, DBT-A Program

- Dialectical Behavior Therapy
- Trauma treatments

**Bunting, Samuel, M.D.**

Assistant Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- HIV psychiatry
- Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Health services & implementation science

**Breslow, Aaron S., Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor; Health Equity Research ([Google Scholar](#))

- HIV stigma
- Health services research

**Castillo, Pablo, M.D., Ph.D.**

Professor, Neuroscience and Psychiatry ([Google Scholar](#))

- Synaptic mechanisms
- Autism

- Schizophrenia
- Addiction

**Ceide, Minorva, M.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Geriatric psychiatry
- Dementia

**Chambers, Earle, Ph.D., MPH**

Professor, Family and Social Medicine ([Google Scholar](#))

- Social epidemiology and social medicine
- Diabetes prevention; cardiometabolic health

**Chhabra, Rosy, Psy.D.**

Research associate professor; Community Health Director, Montefiore School Health Program ([Google Scholar](#))

- Childhood mental health

**Chung, Henry, M.D.**

Professor

- Behavioral health integration
- Population health
- Digital health

**Derella, Olivia, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Parent-child relationships
- Parental mentalizing, intervention outcomes research/program evaluation
- Child and adolescent mental health

**Drury, Catherine, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor; Director, Eating Disorders Program ([Google Scholar](#))

- Eating disorders
- Health equity
- Access to care

**Feldman, Jonathan, Ph.D.**

Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Health psychology
- Asthma interventions
- Mobile health

**Franz, Peter, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University ([Google Scholar](#))

- Suicide and self-injury
- Digital mental health

**Freilich, Bryan, Psy.D.**

Assistant Professor; Director, Neuropsychological Assessment ([Google Scholar](#))

- Neuropsychology
- Memory
- Traumatic brain injury

**Gallo, Laurie, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Trauma related stress assessment and treatment,
- Dissemination of evidence-based care in community settings
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Trauma Sensitive Yoga.

**Glover, Karinn A., M.D., M.P.H.**

Assistant Professor

- Health equity
- Workplace mental health

**Gutnick, Damara, M.D.**

Associate Professor, Epidemiology and Population Health ([Google Scholar](#))

- Health behavior research and implementation science
- Community and population health

**Held, Rachel, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Director of THRIVE

- CBT for tinnitus
- Program evaluation of THRIVE AOPD trauma treatments

**Herrick, Jason, M.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Behavioral health integration

**Hollander, Eric, M.D.**

Professor; Director, ASD Program

- Autism
- OCD
- TMS
- Pharmacology

**Jordan, Bryen, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Neuroscience ([Google Scholar](#))

- Neurobiology of neurodevelopmental disorders focusing on both neurons and glia

- Role of dynamic myelination in disease

**Jose, Anita, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Director of Child Welfare Programs, University Behavioral Associates (UBA)

- Intimate partner violence
- Relationship satisfaction/quality

**Khazanov, Gabriela, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University ([Google Scholar](#))

- Suicide prevention
- Firearms/lethal means

**Kondracke, Andrea, M.D.**

Associate Professor; Director, Division of Psychiatry and Medicine

- CL psychiatry
- Addiction
- Transplant psychiatry

**Kutner, Bryan, Ph.D., M.P.H.**

Assistant Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Implementation science
- HIV care
- Motivational interviewing

**Le Cook, Benjamin, Ph.D.**

Adjunct Associate Professor; Director PRIME Center for Health Equity ([Google Scholar](#))

- Health equity
- Public health
- Health economics

**Lachman, Herbert, M.D.**

Professor

- Psychiatric genetics
- Induced pluripotent stem cells to study schizophrenia, autism and related development disorders

**Lipton, Richard, M.D.**

Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Migraine
- Pain
- Aging
- Cognition

**Lu, Tiffany, M.D., M.S.**

Associate Professor

- Addiction
- Opioid use disorder treatment

**Lucaj, Simon, M.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Esketamine
- Transcranial magnetic stimulation for MDD and OCD

**Maynigo, Traci, Psy.D.**

Assistant Professor; Program Director, HERO Dads Program

- Couples, couples therapy
- Cross-cultural psychology
- Fatherhood, family stability

**McGahee, Adam, DNP, MBA**

Director of Quality Improvement

- Quality improvement; clinical administration; program development

**Milrod, Barbara, Ph.D.**

Professor; Director, Psychodynamic Research

- Psychodynamic psychotherapy
- PTSD

**Moeller, Moshe, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Associate Program Director HERO Dads

- Couples therapy
- Fatherhood, parenting

**Molholm, Sophie, Ph.D.**

Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Attention
- Autism
- EEG
- Cognitive assessment

**Musicaro, Regina, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Research Director THRIVE ([Google Scholar](#))

- Trauma informed therapies
- Adverse childhood events
- Therapy processes

**Nicola, Saleema, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Neuroscience

- Neural basis of reward-seeking behavior, decision-making and drug seeking behavior

**Ortin-Peralta, Ana, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology, Yeshiva University ([Google Scholar](#))

- Risk factors for suicidal thoughts and behaviors in children and adolescents.
- Qualitative approaches to study suicide ideation and warning signs in children
- Bidirectional familial influences in suicide risk within families and across generations

**Ozdoba, Ana, M.D.**

Associate Professor; Residency Director

- Education
- Quality improvement

**Pimentel, Sandra, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor, Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychology

- Child and adolescent anxiety/mood/mental health, trauma
- Emerging adulthood, youth development
- Cognitive behavior therapy and other psychotherapies in children and adolescents
- Community-based delivery of evidence-based care, trauma-informed care for justice-involved youth, CBT for youth undergoing surgery for scoliosis

**Radulovic, Jelena, M.D., Ph.D.**

Professor of Neuroscience, Neuroscience Director, PRIME

- Neurobiology of stress and trauma

**Rego, Simon, Psy.D.**

Professor; Chief of Psychology

- CBT
- OCD
- Digital health
- Insomnia

**Riaz, Usman, M.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Sleep medicine
- Addiction psychiatry

**Rizvi, Shireen, Ph.D.**

Professor, Director of Psychology Training ([Google Scholar](#))

- Dialectical Behavior Therapy
- Suicide
- Borderline personality disorder
- Complex mental health problems

**Rodgers, Caryn, Ph.D.**

Research Associate Professor, Pediatrics

- Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Sickle Cell Disease and transition from pediatric to adult hematology

**Ross, Rachel, M.D., Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Human genetic disorders of metabolism and related animal models
- Neurobiology of feeding and metabolism
- Critical time periods in development; developmental origins of health and disease

**Rotter, Merrill, M.D.**

Associate Professor; Director, Forensic Psychiatry

- Forensic psychiatry
- Violence risk
- Criminal justice

**Rubinstein, Tamar, M.D., M.S.**

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics ([Google Scholar](#))

- Psychosocial factors and mental health in youth with rheumatological conditions

**Rudolph, Stephanie, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Neuroscience ([Google Scholar](#))

- Neuropeptide signaling in developing and adult circuits
- Interplay of behavioral state, motor and cognitive-affective function
- Neurodevelopmental and degenerative disorders

**Safer, Diane, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Career and professional development, particularly for graduate students and postdocs

**Scalmati, Alessandra, M.D., Ph.D.**

Associate Professor

- Trauma-informed care
- Burnout
- Geriatrics

**Sjulson, Lucas L., M.D., Ph.D.**

Associate Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Decision-making
- Addiction
- Neuroscience

**Tau, Michael, M.D.**

Assistant Professor

- Neuropsychiatry
- Epilepsy
- Case reports

**Teh, Lisa, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor; Director of Psychology in Transplant Psychiatry

- Development and evaluation of the Montefiore Einstein Transplant Recovery Integrated Care (METRIC) clinic
- Mitigation of psychosocial barriers in access to kidney and liver transplantation

**Uderman, Jodi, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Associate Director of Pediatric Neuropsychology

- Longterm cognitive outcome of neonatal IVH
- Sickle cell disease

**Vaughn, Rubiahna, M.D., M.P.H.**

Associate Professor

- Perinatal psychiatry
- Consult-liaison

**Wetzler, Scott, Ph.D.**

Professor; Vice Chair

- Population health
- Health systems
- Personality disorders

**Yadlosky, Lauren, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor, Clinical Director of the Eating Disorders Program at Montefiore

- Eating disorders (including anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, avoidant restrictive food disorder)
- Food insecurity
- Dialectical behavior therapy for multidagnostic eating disorders (MED-DBT)

**Zayde, Amanda, Psy.D.**

Assistant Professor ([Google Scholar](#))

- Parenting
- Trauma
- Emerging adulthood