

Faculty Advisor Profiles

ALEXIS D. ABERNETHY

Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BS, Howard University; MA and PhD, University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Spirituality and health research: spirituality, cancer, and health disparities; psychology of worship; spirituality, religiousness, and eating disturbance

TINA R. ARMSTRONG

Director of Clinical Training and PhD Program Director and Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA in Theater, University of California at Los Angeles; EdM in Human Development and Psychology, Harvard Graduate School of Education; MA in Clinical Psychology, MA in Theology, and PhD in Clinical Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Community mental health, wellness and resilience in helping professionals, women of color in academia, vicarious trauma, mentorship and emerging professionals, early childhood mental health

JUSTIN L. BARRETT

Professor of Psychology and Program Director for PhD in Psychological Science (non-clinical), Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, Calvin College; PhD, Cornell University

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Cognitive science of religion, cognitive study of culture, positive psychology, cognitive development

JEFFREY P. BJORCK

Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA (psychology), Colgate University; MA and PhD, University of Delaware

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Religious coping, religious support, life stress, and adjustment in adults and adolescents; ethnocultural differences in faith, support, stress, coping, and adjustment; experimental models of illusory control.

WARREN S. BROWN

Director of the Lee Edward Travis Research Institute and Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, Point Loma Nazarene University; MA and PhD, University of Southern California

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Neurophysiology of human cognitive functions; interactions of the two cerebral hemispheres; cognitive deficits in pathology of the corpus callosum and hemispherectomy.

ALVIN C. DUECK

Distinguished Professor of Cultural Psychologies, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, University of Manitoba; MA, Appalachian State University; PhD, Stanford University

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Cultural psychology, global issues in mental health, indigenous American psychologies, psychology of religion in China, religious psychologies, Christianity and psychology, and culturally sensitive pastoral counseling.

CYNTHIA B. ERIKSSON

Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, Wheaton College; PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary

RESEARCH INTERESTS: International trauma, places where trauma is too often an everyday experience; trauma and Christian spirituality; and chronic stress, trauma, and adjustment in cross-cultural ministry workers; trauma-informed ministry training and needs for pastors.

JOEY FUNG

Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, University of Michigan; MA and PhD, University of California, Los Angeles

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Culture and child psychopathology; parenting behaviors; parent training program; parent-child relations; child and adolescent anxiety; emotion regulation; mental health care for Asian and Asian American families.

BENJAMIN HOULTBERG

Assistant Professor of Human Development, Department of Marriage and Family

BA and MA, Oral Roberts University; PhD, Oklahoma State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Multidimensional view of development, socialization factors and neurophysiological mechanisms of emotion regulation, identity and spiritual formation with elite athletes, positive youth development in adverse circumstances, application of research-informed approaches for promoting resilience in children and youth.

SUNG H. KIM

Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA and MA, Seoul National University; PhD, University of Texas at Austin

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Trauma, Brain Injury, & PTSD of Veterans (from Iraq & Afghanistan);

Neuropsychological assessment of veterans; Psychological assessment (Cognitive Functioning, Personality & Psychopathology); and Big Data Analysis (machine learning, topic modeling on text data).

PAMELA EBSTYNE KING

Peter L. Benson Associate Professor of Applied Developmental Science, Department of Marriage and Family

BA, Stanford University; MDiv and PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Positive youth development in global context, relational developmental systems, religious and spiritual development, moral and character development, theological perspectives on development

ANNE A. TURK NOLTY

Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BS (mathematics), Davidson College; MM (mathematics), University of South Carolina; MDiv and PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Resilience of humanitarian aid workers and first responders, psychocognitive sequelae of cancer

JENNY PAK

Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, University of California, Los Angeles; MA, Fuller Theological Seminary; PhD, University of Southern California

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Cultural psychology, Asian indigenous notions of empathy, attachment, and relationship; qualitative inquiry, narrative analysis, trauma, spirituality, aging, vocational identity, pastoral and missionary care.

LISSETH ROJAS-FLORES

Associate Professor of Marital and Family Therapy, Department of Marriage and Family

BA, Georgia State University; MA and PhD, Adelphi University

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Family-based preventive interventions with ethnically diverse populations, cultural variables in parental psychopathology and child development, behavioral interventions with children and families (with particular interest in application to Latino immigrant families), community-based interventions for youth violence prevention, issues of faith/religion in the Latino family.

SARAH A. SCHNITKER

Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, Grove City College; MA and PhD, University of California, Davis

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Development of character strengths and well-being, the virtue of patience, positive youth development, personal goals and strivings, spiritual transformations and personality, positive psychology, and psychology of religion

STEPHEN W. SIMPSON

Assistant Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, Wake Forest University; MA and PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Sexuality, psychotherapy, psychopathology, depression, anxiety, marriage therapy

BRAD STRAWN

Evelyn and Frank Freed Professor of the Integration of Psychology and Theology and Chair of Integration, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA, Point Loma Nazarene College; MAT and PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Integration of psychology and Christian theology, Clinical psychology, psychotherapy outcomes, psychoanalytic psychotherapy and the relationship between neuroscience, psychotherapy and the body, embodiment,, implicit anthropologies and mind/body issues, terror management

SIANG-YANG TAN

Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BA and PhD, McGill University, Montreal

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Cognitive-behavior therapy of anxiety, anger, and depression; behavioral medicine/health psychology (pain, epilepsy); paraprofessional/lay counseling; cross-cultural psychology; integration of psychology and Christian faith; spiritual disciplines and mental health

KENNETH WANG

Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Doctoral Psychology

BSM, National Chiao-Tung University, Taiwan; MA, Wheaton College; PhD, Penn State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Perfectionism, Cross-national (international student, sojourners, immigrants) psychological adjustment, Cross-cultural & multicultural psychology, Asian & Asian American mental health