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The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology seeks to promote and protect the public’s health, welfare and quality of life by licensing and regulating the practice of psychology and by promoting access to psychological services delivered in a safe, competent and ethical manner.

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2024 CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Nancy Winnik Berland, Ph.D.

As I assume the position of Chair of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology, I reflect on how much Psychology has changed in the last four decades. No longer do we need a referral from a Medical Doctor (MD) to see a patient, no longer do we need to work under the supervision of a psychiatrist, and no longer must we advocate with insurance companies for coverage for our services. Personally, I no longer experience much "medical-splaining" from MD's. Instead, we experience physicians seeking our expertise and help with problems that are outside their domain.

The reasons that we have made such progress are two-fold. First, our Psychology Board works very hard to license only those psychologists who are qualified and to heavily sanction those who engage in illegal or unethical behavior. We are a self-financing Board, meaning that we do not rely on the General Fund of the State of Alabama to operate effectively. We take care of ourselves in order to protect the public.

Second, we are fortunate to have the Alabama Psychological Association (aPA). The aPA provides continuing education and they lobby in Montgomery to keep Alabama Psychologists protected and current. The Board is not allowed to lobby, so we must rely on aPA to do that hard work... to inform legislators how their decisions impact the professional practice of psychology in Alabama and to advocate for how well the profession monitors itself. So, please support the aPA by joining.



I welcome all the newly licensed psychologists from the past year! Please share our pride with other psych students and interns. Our staff is ready to help you join our congenial group of licensed psychologists. Even if you plan to practice in a Federal Agency and do not need a specific state's license, we will help you in any way we can, to ease your way into becoming a licensed psychologist.

Nancy Winnik Berland, Ph.D.

NEW LICENSES ISSUED

August 16, 2023 to July 15, 2024

LICENSE	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIALIZATION
2323	McRae, Elizabeth Massebeau, Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Clinical
2324	Chavers, David Joseph, Ph.D.	Daphne, AL	Clinical
2325	Ryu, Jung Ho, Ph.D.	Lake City, FL	Clinical
2326	Crain, Carol Jean, M.S.	Ashville, AL	Technician
2327	Hess, Courtney Leanne, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Clinical
2328	Mahony, David, Ph.D.	Brooklyn, NY	Clinical
2329	Malespini, Maegan Theresa, Psy.D.	Atlanta, GA	Clinical
2330	Berry, April Tashay, Ph.D.	Mobile, AL	Technician
2331	Darnell, Leslie S, Psy.D.	Biloxi, MS	Clinical
2332	Daniels, Kimberly Stewart, Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	School
2333	Hamilton, Jillian Claire, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	School
2334	Molloy, Anthony, Ph.D.	Sheffield, AL	Clinical
2335	Brown, Savannah Lee, Ph.D.	Vestavia Hills, AL	Clinical
2336	Owens, Michael Alexander, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
2337	Ellis, Kirk Richard, Psy.D.	Forrest City, AR	Clinical
2338	Bemister, Christi Lynn, Psy.D.	Ann Arbor, MI	Clinical/Counseling
2339	Bristow, Lori Ann, Ph.D.	McLean, VA	Clinical
2340	Bean, Anthony Martin, Ph.D.	Fort Worth, TX	Clinical
2341	Lau, Simon, Ph.D.	San Antonio, TX	Clinical
2342	Meaux Tykol, Lauren, Ph.D.	Huntsville, AL	Clinical
2343	Chan, Jun Yi Ginny, Ph.D.	Atlanta, GA	Clinical/Forensic
2344	Bolstad, Courtney Jo, Ph.D.	San Antonio, TX	Clinical
2345	Slagel, Brett Auston, Ph.D.	Portsmouth, VA	Clinical
2346	Davis, III, Thompson Elder, Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Clinical
2347	Gibson, Emily Noel, Ph.D.	Huntsville, AL	School
2348	Williams, April Kierra, M.S.	Montgomery, AL	Technician
2349	Roberts, Sydneyjane Varner, Ph.D.	Durham, NC	Clinical
2350	Yarbrough, Sydney Abell, Psy.D.	Forrest City, AR	Clinical
2351	Jones, JohnRobert Warren, Psy.D.	Butner, NC	Clinical
2352	Morris, Cassondra Kaylene, Psy.D.	Butner, NC	Clinical
2353	Lathan-Powell, Emma C, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Clinical/Counseling
2354	Smith, Rachel Grace, Psy.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
2355	Marten, Candace Susann H, Psy.D.	Fort Payne, AL	Clinical/Neuropsych
2356	McAlmond-Ross, Penelope A, Psy.D.	Ozark, AL	Clinical
2357	Spinks, Rachelle Cantin, Ph.D.	Tallahassee, FL	School

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2358	Karl, Kevin Francis, Ph.D.	Macon, GA	Clinical
2359	Hunt-Felke, Thomas John, Ph.D.	Tampa, FL	Clinical
2360	Savini, Jonathan Michael, Psy.D.	Montgomery, AL	Clinical
2361	Curvey, Rena Marie Goodwin, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Counseling
2362	Sanchez, Jaime Javier, Psy.D.	Mobile, AL	Clinical
2363	Deng, Kuo, Ph.D.	Mt Berry, GA	Counseling
2364	Ramler, Taylor Randall, Ph.D.	Waseca, MN	Counseling
2365	Madler, Samantha Rose, Psy.D.	Butner, NC	Clinical
2366	Benavidez, Dominique Rhodes, Ph.D.	RHE, CA	Clinical
2367	Lowrey, Alexa Ruiz, Psy.D.	Birmingham, AL	School
2368	Manierski, Megan Elizabeth, Psy.D.	Auburn, AL	School
2369	Vieselmeier, Julie Lynn, Ph.D.	Issaquah, WA	Clinical
2370	Hoyt, Chrysan Denae, Psy.D.	Pineville, LA	Clinical
2371	Railey, Michael Gerome, Ph.D.	Mobile, AL	Counseling
2372	Heilman, Pamela Lynn, Psy.D.	Sycamore, IL	Clinical
2373	Holmes, Sarah Christian, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	School
2374	Roberts, Tangela Sarie, Ph.D.	Buffalo, NY	Counseling
2375	Rivers, Katherine Kennon, Psy.D.	Tuskegee, AL	Clinical
2376	Lere, Joy Elizabeth, Psy.D.	Montgomery, AL	Clinical
2377	Goddard, Michelle Staley, Ph.D.	Hoover, AL	Counseling
2378	Canavera, Kristin Elizabeth, Ph.D.	New Orleans, LA	Clinical
2379	Sanger, Kayley Rosemary, Ph.D.	Biloxi, MS	School

LICENSES NOT RENEWED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 VOLUNTARY NON-RENEWAL

Bisbee, Cynthia, Ph.D., # 134, Pike Road, AL
 Blankenship, Jon J., Ph.D., # 362, Birmingham, AL
 Blanton, Paul D., Ph.D., # 1145, Birmingham, AL
 Brecht, Thomas C., Ph.D., # 322, Cleveland, AL
 Carbonell, Diana M., Ph.D., # 2260, Oakland, FL
 Fountain, Kelly Rawls, M.S., # 1586, Austin, TX
 Frederick, Amanda Fae, Ph.D., # 2133, Washington, DC
 Hess, Courtney Leanne, M.S., # 2318, Dadeville, AL
 Lynch-Chee, Shawna Marie, Psy.D., # 1511, Chesapeake, VA
 Peacock, Renee A., Ph.D., # 364, Birmingham, AL
 Petty, Jr., George M., Ph.D., # 579, Troy, AL
 Wilson, Deloria Ramos, Ph.D., # 1243, San Antonio, TX
 Wittern, Rachael Elisabeth, Ph.D., # 2017, Alton, IA



RENEWAL SEASON

With Renewal Season for Licensure Year 2024, licensees had the ability to apply for license renewal and pay renewal fees online for the first time. This online renewal option was well received, so the Board will again offer an online option for Licensure Year 2025 (August 15, 2024 – October 15, 2024). The State of Alabama Office of Information Technology and Alabama Interactive (Tyler Technologies, Inc.) are working with the Board to improve the online function based upon feedback from the licensees and Board Staff.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER FOR ONLINE RENEWAL

- Use the name that is on file with the Board; do not use an alias, or the name of your business, or a colleague's name.
- After submitting an online payment of annual renewal fees to the Board, you will receive an email from Alabama Interactive (Tyler Technologies, Inc.).
- The verification and receipt for payment, with your Renewal Card, will come from receipts@alabamainteractive.org; if you create an account, however, this verification will come from noreply@al.accessgov.com.
- Please check junk mail if you do not see an email in your inbox. If you still have not received an email, contact technical support at 334-261-1990 or 866-353-3468 before initiating another payment.
- Within 24-hours of submitting your online renewal, you may check the status of your license by using the [Licensee Search](#) at the Board's website psychology.alabama.gov.

REFUNDS FOR DUPLICATE PAYMENTS MADE BY LICENSEES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED

UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024
NOVEMBER 8, 2024
JANUARY 10, 2025
MARCH 14, 2025
MAY 9, 2025
JULY 11, 2025

The Board meets on the second Fridays of odd-numbered months at its office in the RSA Union Building located at 100 North Union Street, Suite 880, Montgomery, AL 36104. Notices of regularly scheduled and emergency meetings are published at the Secretary of State's website: <https://openmeetings.alabama.gov>

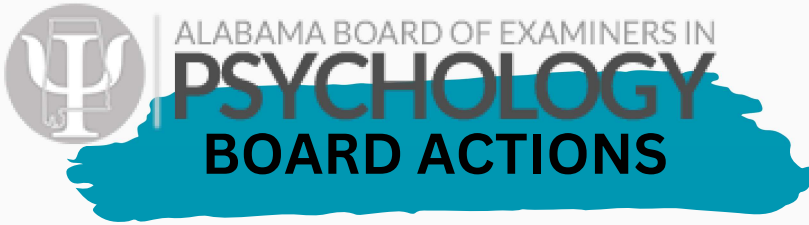
COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

Status for end of 3rd quarter fiscal year 2024

Three (3) Complaints remain open from FY 2020, four (4) Complaints remain open from FY 2021, and three (3) from FY 2022; all are classified as on-going investigations.

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Board received ten (10) Complaints against licensees; five (5) of those are on-going investigations.

To date in FY 2024, the Board has received three (3) Complaints against licensees and each remains open as an on-going investigation.



Licensee: Chavers, David Joseph, PH.D., # 2324

Status: Active

Action Type Description: Discipline - Letter of Reprimand/Letter of Admonition

Action Reason: Violation of Ala. Code Section 34-26-46(a)(16), and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(p)

Action Description: Public Letter of Reprimand; fine assessed.

Licensee: Sanchack, Danielle Joi, Psy.D., # 1336

Status: Active

Action Reason: Violation of ALA. Code § 34-26-46(a)(14), and Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(n).

Action Description: Letter of Reprimand/Letter of Admonition for violation of Florida Statutes: failure to meet minimum standards of performance in psychology - section 490.009(1)(r), and for conflict of interest - section 490.009(1)(w) and Florida Administrative Code rule 64B19-18.07(1), and for failure to obtain informed consent for assessment and therapy - section 490.009(1)(w) and Florida Administrative Code rule 64B19-19.0025(2).

Licensee: Gerstenecker, Kristen Triebel, Psy.D., # 1434

Status: Probation

Action Type Description: Board Action - Emergency Suspension of License

Start Date: 07/14/2023; End Date: 09/08/2023

Action Type Description: Discipline – Suspension of Licensure

Action Reason: Suspension for violations of ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(3) and (10) and the Board's Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(c) and (j) (immoral, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct and gross negligence); ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(10) and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(j) (gross negligence in practice); ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(18) and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(r), and Ethical Principle 2.06 (Personal Problems and Conflicts); and ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(18) and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(r), and Ethical Principle 3.04(Avoiding Harm).

Start Date: 09/08/2023; End Date: 09/25/2023

Action Type Description: Board Action – License Restored or Reinstated (and placed on Probation)

Start Date: 09/25/2023

Action Type: Discipline - Probation

Action Reason: Violations of ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(3) and (10) and the Board's Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(c) and (j) (immoral, unprofessional, or dishonorable conduct and gross negligence); ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(10) and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(j) (gross negligence in practice); ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(18) and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(r), and Ethical Principle 2.06 (Personal Problems and Conflicts); and ALA. CODE § 34-26-46(a)(18) and Admin Code Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(r), and Ethical Principle 3.04 (Avoiding Harm).

Action Description: Probation for a period of 12 months; during probationary period, licensee is required to participate in peer mentoring with feedback, attend therapy, and participate in a wellness and monitoring program.

Start Date: 11/08/2023; End Date: Ongoing

WELCOME MILITARY FAMILIES

MILITARY SPOUSE EXPEDITED CERTIFICATION BY LORI A. BRISTOW-SPAULDING, PHD

My experience applying for licensure with the AL Board of Examiners was greatly assisted by the Executive Director, Lori Rall, and Executive Assistant, Angie Ledbetter. The professional licensure path is often time consuming when applying for licensure in any state, and their availability to answer my questions, provide direction, and illuminate how my path was different as an active-duty spouse was integral during the application process. The ability to receive the Certificate to Practice psychology prior to licensure expedited and enhanced our family's quality of life financially and provided a continued trajectory for my career as a practicing psychologist. Many challenges confront military families during a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) in which the service member and spouse often must: relocate without the benefit of family or friends nearby, make education and academic decisions for their children so they might thrive and adjust adaptively, navigate new medical providers, comply with new state requirements (eg., drivers licenses, private property registrations, etc), and many others. To have the expedited path towards occupational licensure greatly helps ease the strain and barriers that would otherwise cause additional burden or deter applicants altogether.

For other active-duty spouses looking to continue their psychology career and seek licensure in Alabama, I would strongly recommend potential applicants reach out to the Board of Examiners Office (staffed by Lori Rall and Angie Ledbetter) who act as liaisons to assist in the process and who enthusiastically offered their time and support. I would also suggest an applicant start the process early when you learn about your upcoming PCS. In case there are more PCS orders on the horizon for a military service member and their spouse, I would also consider banking one's credentials with an organization like the National Register of Health Service Psychologists or Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) by the ASPPB. Lastly, I would recommend seeking an E. Passport by the ASPPB and Authority to Practice Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) where states have passed PSYPACT Legislation so that one might provide services in other participating states. This is beneficial if located in a rural area or for continuing to provide services from a previous participating jurisdiction.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for the support of the Alabama Board of Examiners and to the elected officials who supported legislation that eases the burden for active-duty military spouses to continue their career path.



Blake, Lori, Charlie and William Spaulding - Montgomery, Alabama Riverfront

Visit the Board's website to begin the expedited Certification process.

www.psychology.alabama.gov

Visit the Heroes Welcome website to be connected with local and state-wide resources for military families.

www.heroeswelcome.alabama.gov



ALABAMA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

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The Alabama Psychological Association (aPA) was established in 1950 and is a state affiliate of the American Psychological Association. Alabama psychologists affectionately refer to their organization as "little aPA" to distinguish it from "big APA." The association was incorporated in 1981 for the purpose of advancing the science of psychology, its professional practice, and as a means of promoting human welfare. aPA strives to maintain high standards in professional psychology and to make available to the public information regarding psychology as a science and as a profession. The membership of aPA includes Practitioners, Academicians and Non-Practitioners, Associate Members and Affiliate (Student) Members.

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