

Welcome & Officer Introduction

Early Career Neuropsychologist Committee

The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology



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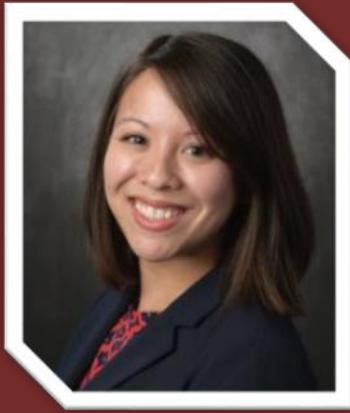
I am thrilled to be serving as your Chair of the Early Career Neuropsychologist Committee (ECNPC) of the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology. I'd like to briefly introduce myself and the other ECNPC Officers. As you will read in their bios, my fellow ECNPC committee members represent diverse demographics, training backgrounds, interests, and experiences. I trust that they will represent and serve the needs of our membership well.

I am Faculty in the Department of Psychiatry at UC San Diego, where I serve a diverse clinical population and supervise practicum students, interns, and postdoctoral fellows. I am passionate about leadership, advocacy, professional development, and education-related issues, and I receive enormous personal and professional benefit from service-related activities. I have experience with various governance committees and board of director's positions within SCN, AACN, INS, NAN, and HNS, and I just completed a 3-year term as the Programming Officer for the ECNPC. I am particularly excited to continue to serve the ECNPC membership, because we are the first formal committee designed to represent YOUR voice and YOUR professional development needs within the first 10 years after graduation.

Over the past several years our group has grown to have a webpage, listerv, and social media presence. We regularly hold symposia at conferences and virtual happy hours online. We published a comprehensive review of work-life integration in neuropsychology and we are working to establish a nationwide, state-based early career neuropsychologist representative program. I am proud of all the hard work the ECNPC team has accomplished, and I look forward to continuing to take our group in new and exciting directions!

In my free time I enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, and spending quality time with my husband and son.





Samantha DeDios Stern, PhD Communications Officer, ECNPC

I am very excited to introduce myself to you as the Communications Officer for ECNPC. I hope to help create a sense of community within our organization by facilitating open streams of communication through our numerous social media and email outlets. I am currently a second year postdoctoral fellow in clinical neuropsychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to my current role, I completed my PhD in clinical psychology and rehabilitation from the Illinois Institute of Technology and completed my predoctoral internship in neuropsychology and behavioral medicine from the University of Washington.

I identify as a rehabilitation neuropsychologist and my clinical and research interests include the evaluation and brief treatment of individuals with various neurological and neurodegenerative conditions, such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis, and dementias. Throughout my career, I have been involved in various neuropsychological organizations (i.e., SCN/ANST, INS) and other divisions of APA. Previously I served a 2-year term as the Student Representative and Chair of the Student Leadership Network in APA's Division of Rehabilitation Psychology (division 22). As a new early career neuropsychologist, I am eager to share my passion for neurorehabilitation, and to support the growth of our field.

In my free time, I enjoy eating anything and everything pescatarian, traveling to France, painting, and taking my miniature labradoodle on long walks. I look forward to working together to continue to promote the needs and work of early career neuropsychologists!



Maia Feigon, PhD Programming Officer, ECNPC

Hello! I am thrilled to be serving as the programming officer for ECNPC. As the Programming Officer, I am responsible for implementing content and ideas that are informative and useful to those neuropsychologists within the first 10 years of graduation. As such, please let me know of any ideas or suggestions you have for programming and their preferred format (social media, in person conferences, etc.) and I will see what I can do to make them happen.

I am on Staff at Cook County Health as an adult neuropsychology provider and just reintroduced our teaching program. I am excited about making ECNPC accessible and relevant to all individuals in the field and am passionate about topics such as work-life balance. Prior to this, I served as the Communications Officer for ECNPC and conducted several virtual happy hours. I first began my involvement in SCN through their active student organization, the Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training. I am also a member of several other neuropsychological organizations.

When not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, pretending that I am finally going to finish knitting that (insert project here), and planning my next vacation.





Preeti Sunderaraman, PhD Science Officer, ECNPC

Hello Everyone!

I am thrilled to work as your Science Officer for the ECNPC. Currently, I am an Associate Research Scientist in the Cognitive Neuroscience Division at Columbia University Medical Center, NY. I enjoy doing both research and clinical work! Having obtained my NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00), I would like to primarily focus on disseminating information related to grant writing and helping others learn more about working in academia and doing clinical work.

Throughout my career, my research has been driven by the need to advance our community's clinical work and skills and, in effect, make it more up to date. I have obtained several federal- and foundation-level grants including NIH's Ruth L. Kirschstein Postdoctoral Individual National Research Service Award (F32), the Foundation for Rehabilitation Psychology's Dissertation Award, and the National Academy of Neuropsychology's Clinical Research Grant. Beginning from graduate school, I have also worked on several committees including the SLC-INS, NAN, EMA and ANA with the mission of promoting science.

By highlighting national and international research from interdisciplinary fields, my hope is to stimulate discussions and promote innovative research. During my term, I would like to work on two broad goals: 1) Survey your needs regarding how to better integrate clinical and scientific interests, and thereby develop strategies to fulfil those needs by working with other committees, 2) Implement a dedicated webpage consisting of resources related to grant opportunities and funding resources that will enable you to conduct research and collaborate with colleagues.

In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my family and friends, watching movies and TV shows, reading books, and travelling to new places.



Callie Dunn, PhD, ABPP
Membership Officer, ECNPC

Welcome to the Society for Clinical Neuropsychology! I am a neuropsychologist with the Wellstar Health System in Marietta, Georgia and I love it! I completed my neuropsychology postdoctoral residency at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas after finishing a predoctoral internship at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. I completed my doctoral degree with the mentorship of Dr. Russell Bauer at the University of Florida. Neuropsychology has been my major area of study throughout my training. I was first introduced to this field as an undergraduate at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Like so many others in our committee, I have a passion for serving in neuropsychology and psychology governance. I previously served as the membership officer of the SCN student organization, The Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST). I look forward to serving the needs of early career neuropsychologists during my time within the ECNPC.

When not working, I enjoy spending time with my husband and son, watching my favorite movies and TV shows, baking, reading (preferably something from the sci-fi or fantasy genres), and volunteering within my local church organization.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!



Joel Kamper, PhD, ABPP
Practice Affairs Officer, ECNPC

Hello! I am pleased to be serving as your Practice Affairs Officer. I did my graduate training at Loma Linda University, completed internship at the Detroit VA, and finished my neuropsychology fellowship at the VA in Tampa. I attained board certification in neuropsychology in 2018. I am currently an attending neuropsychologist at the Tampa VA, where I have a split practice running a complex/rare disease consultative service for our hospital wards and serving our geriatric/general outpatient referrals. I am also the program training director for our neuropsychology fellowship.

Besides my work with SCN on this committee, I am also professionally involved with committees through AACN and ASPPB. My passion is mentorship and professional development, and I am excited to be able to apply these interests to practice-related issues. Being an early career psychologist of any specialty means navigating the complex and ever-changing healthcare landscape, and I hope that my work through this committee can be a benefit to your practice.

In my free time I enjoy travelling, sailboat racing, and exploring Tampa's diverse restaurant scene.