



Welcome & Officer Introduction

Early Career Neuropsychologist Committee

The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology

Cady Block, PhD
Chair, ECNPC

Welcome to the group! I am thrilled to be serving as your Chair of the Early Career Neuropsychologist Committee (ECNPC) of The Society for Clinical Neuropsychology. I want to briefly introduce myself. I am currently an attending neuropsychologist and assistant clinical professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Section of Neurobehavioral Health, at the Ohio State University School of Medicine at Wexner Medical Center.

I enjoy serving our profession. I have been involved in SCN and also have experience with various governance committees in NAN, AACN, and CNS. I hope to bring the same energy, passion, and dedication to the ECNPC. I strongly believe in the importance of professional involvement, leadership development, and working hard to develop a strong community of early career neuropsychologists that will in turn help to strengthen and connect our field.

I would not be able to undertake such a large task by myself! I want to introduce everyone to our new officer committee, who you can read about in more detail below. I am proud to say that the ECNPC officer committee represents a diversity of demographics, training background, interests, and experiences. I trust that they will represent our membership well.

Most important of all, thanks to **you** for your membership in the ECNPC, because without you this organization would not and could not exist. I look forward to serving as your Chair, and please don't hesitate to let me know if there is any way that we can serve you better.





Maia Feigon, PhD
Media Officer, ECNPC

I recently completed my postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago. This followed my internship at the University of Florida and PhD from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT). I have experience with both neuropsychology and rehabilitation psychology. Currently, I am employed as a neuropsychologist with Neurobehavioral Associates in Chicago, IL.

Like others in the group, I began my involvement in SCN through their active student organization, the Association of Neuropsychology Students in Training (ANST). I helped to establish the interest group at my doctoral institution. I am currently a member of the American Psychological Association, the International Neuropsychological Society, and the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology.

When not working, I enjoy pretending that I am going to knit blankets and hats for friends and family, reading chick lit, and planning my next vacation.





Amanda Gooding, PhD Programming Officer, ECNPC

I am happy to introduce myself to you. I completed my bachelor's degree at UCLA and PhD in Clinical Psychology at Fordham University with an emphasis in Neuropsychology and Health Psychology. I then completed my predoctoral internship at the UC San Diego Medical Center and my postdoctoral fellowship at the Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at Columbia University Medical Center. I am now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the UC San Diego School of Medicine, where I serve a diverse clinical population. Broadly, my clinical and research interests include the evaluation of individuals with epilepsy, brain tumors, and traumatic brain injury, with a particular focus on post-operative functional recovery in neurosurgical populations.

I have a wealth of leadership experience to offer our membership, including prior experiences at both the regional and national level. Most recently, I completed a three-year term serving on the APA Division 40 Women in Neuropsychology committee, as well as serving as the 2015 Chair of the inaugural Student Committee for the National Academy of Neuropsychology.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling and trying new restaurants, and would probably describe myself as an "adventurous foodie" – willing to try almost any dish at least once! I am passionate about leadership, advocacy, and education-related issues, and I am eager to serve the professional development needs of ECNPC members, especially as it relates to the development and implementation of specialty educational and social programming.



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Benjamin Hill, PhD Science Officer, ECNPC

Glad to have you join our organization and serve as your Science Officer. To introduce myself, I completed my bachelor's degree in psychology from Coastal Carolina University, master's degree in experimental psychology with an emphasis in psychophysiology from Wake Forest University, and clinical doctoral degree from Louisiana State University. I then went on to complete my internship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and clinical fellowship in neuropsychology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. I am now an assistant professor at the University of South Alabama in the Psychology Department and Clinical-Counseling Psychology PhD program with a joint appointment in the Neurosurgery Department. I am also recently tenured and am a proud winner of the 2016 NAN Early Career Award.

I have a solid background in empirical research and publication. My research interests broadly focus on psychometrics and cognitive assessment, how affect and personality impact cognitive performance, the effect of neuropathology and neurodegenerative diseases on fluid cognition, metabolic inflammation and cognitive health, and cognitive intra-individual variability as a marker of neuropathology. I am the statistical editor of *Mindfulness*, associate editor of *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, and serve on the editorial board of *Journal of Attention Disorders*.

I am always on the lookout for new scientific developments in our field, and for new ways to communicate this information and resources to our membership. I also open to invitations to collaborate with other scientific organizations.





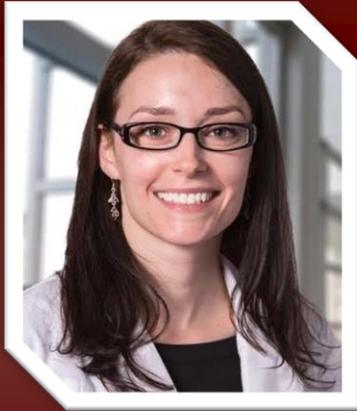
Callie Dunn, PhD Membership Officer, ECNPC

I am thrilled at your interest in our organization and hope to get to know you better during your time as an early career neuropsychologist. This is a new way of thinking about your career and professional development in our specialty field – and we are the first formal committee to represent your voice in first 10 years after graduation of the doctorate. Please feel free to communicate your ideas and needs to us anytime!

Currently, I am on my final year as a clinical neuropsychology postdoctoral fellow at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston, Texas. Prior to fellowship, I completed my undergraduate education at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, under the mentorship of Ramona Hopkins and Erin Bigler. I was then delighted to be accepted into the Clinical and Health Psychology doctoral program at University of Florida to work with Russell Bauer as my primary mentor. I completed my predoctoral internship at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

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, 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.



Erica Dawson, PhD 2016-2017 Rotating Member, ECNPC

I am happy to be serving on the ECNPC this year. I completed a PhD in Psychology with a neuropsychology emphasis at the University of Cincinnati. I then completed internship at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan Neuropsychology Clinic. Currently, I am an assistant clinical professor and the director of the Neuropsychology Clinic in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, Section of Neurobehavioral Health, at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Clinically, I have a strong interest in primary brain tumors but also see patients with a never-ending range of medical conditions. Outside specific clinical responsibilities, I pursue all I can learn about the business of neuropsychology; educate Psychology, Psychiatry, and Neurology trainees; and collaborate with faculty on various research endeavors.

I have been fortunate to train under many exceptional neuropsychologists, and I would like to give back to the community. That is why I applied for this position: I would like to join a collective effort focused on continued growth of the field. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking and kayaking with my family and reading a good book with several cats on my lap.



Octavio Santos, MS 2016-2017 Rotating Member, ECNPC

I am thrilled to be joining ECNPC for a 1-year rotation. I am currently an intern at the South Texas VA in San Antonio. My passion for advocacy and leadership has evolved over the last 6 years of service in different organizations (e.g., APAGS, APA Division 40 & 52, ANST, AACN, NAN, and HNS), where I have not only grown professionally and personally, but have also represented minority peers and made meaningful contributions.

My clinical and research interests include cross-cultural neuropsychology, executive functions, test development, and performance validity.

When not working, I enjoy traveling, cooking, exercising, and spending time with my wife. I look forward to working together as well as creating synergy between ECNPC and other organizations when goals/initiatives overlap.