

Salya Namazi, Ph.D.
Clinical Neuropsychologist

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2016** **Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellowship**
War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC)
Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC
Met Houston Guidelines for Clinical Neuropsychology
- 2014** **Ph.D., Clinical Psychology**
California School of Professional Psychology (APA Accredited)
Alliant International University, San Diego, CA
- 2009** **Master of Arts, Psychology**
California School of Professional Psychology
Alliant International University, San Diego, CA
- 2007** **Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; Minor, Philosophy**
The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION

Licensed Psychologist, Maryland (License #05467)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- August 2014 to Present** **Clinical Neuropsychologist**
Neuropsychology Practice **The Stixrud Group**
Silver Spring, MD Conduct neuropsychological evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults with a wide range of neurocognitive disorders, including learning disabilities, neurodevelopmental disorders (e.g., ADHD), autism spectrum disorders, mood disorders, and neurologic disorders.
- August 2014 to July 2016** **Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow**
Veteran's Hospital **WRIISC**
Washington, DC **Department of Veterans Affairs**
Completed a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology. Conducted neuropsychological evaluations. Co-facilitated manualized cognitive rehabilitation interventions – social cognition group for traumatic brain injury (TBI) and compensatory strategy training for multiple sclerosis. Provided therapeutic and cognitive rehabilitation interventions to Veterans with TBI in the Polytrauma Network Site. Participate in neurology didactics (e.g., brain cuttings) and neuropsychology didactics.
- July 2013 to July 2014** **Predoctoral Psychology Intern**
Veteran's Hospital **Department of Veterans Affairs**
Washington, DC Completed an APA accredited internship in psychology, with specialization in neuropsychology, which satisfies Houston conference guidelines. Completed cognitive processing therapy certification for treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder. Completed the following rotations:
Neuropsychology (6 months)
Conducted neuropsychological evaluations for Veterans with a wide range of neurocognitive disorders in an outpatient and an inpatient setting. Participated in neurology didactics. Assisted with coordination of behavioral neuroanatomy series.

Polytrauma Network Site and Neuropsychology Clinic (4 months)

Provided therapeutic interventions to Veterans with traumatic brain injury and posttraumatic stress disorder. Conducted neuropsychological evaluations.

Community Living Center (2 months).

Conducted neuropsychological evaluations. Provided therapeutic interventions to the geriatric population in both the rehabilitation and hospice/palliative care sectors.

March 2011 to March 2013

Neuropsychology Practice
Silver Spring, MD

**Psychology Associate
The Stixrud Group**

Administered and scored various neuropsychological, achievement, and personality instruments to children, adolescents, and adults. Wrote supervised integrated reports and participated in monthly trainings and in supervision.

June 2009 to February 2011

START Programs
San Diego, CA

**Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist
Community Research Foundation**

Provided individual and group therapy with evidence-based treatments for adults ranging in functioning, including mood disorders, psychosis, schizophrenia, personality disorders, and substance disorders. Conducted detailed intake diagnostic assessments.

**September 2009 to
August 2010**

Outpatient Mental Health
San Diego, CA

**Psychology Practicum Student
Harmonium, Inc.**

Provided individual, couple, and family therapy for children, adolescents and adults. Facilitated a parenting group to adults and also facilitated groups to adolescents about drug and alcohol psychoeducation, anger management, and anti-theft conduct. Conducted neurocognitive evaluations. Provided trainings to employees and interns.

July 2008 to May 2009

START Program
San Diego, CA

**Psychology Practicum Student
Vista Balboa Crisis Center**

Provided individual and group therapy for adults ranging in functioning. Conducted detailed intake diagnostic assessments. Mentored first-year doctoral students.

April 2006 to April 2007

Crisis Hotline
Arlington, VA

**Telephone Counselor and Interviewer
CrisisLink**

Used active listening to answer crisis calls and conducted crisis interventions.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

July 2013 to July 2016

Veteran's Hospital
Washington, DC

**Researcher
Department of Veterans Affairs**

Co-principal investigator for a study that examined the impact of reading level on neuropsychological test performance among Veterans and a normative study for a commonly used cognitive measure. Assisted with other studies examining neuropsychological constructs and variables. Presented findings at conferences.

<p>September 2009 to November 2013 Graduate Program San Diego, CA</p>	<p>Primary Investigator Alliant International University Completed doctoral dissertation titled “Ethnic-Racial Socialization, Perceived Discrimination, and Overall Functioning Among Iranian American Youth.”</p>
<p>November 2007 to August 2012 Graduate Program San Diego, CA</p>	<p>Research Assistant Alliant International University Conducted data entry and analyses, literature review, and data collection for research assessing children and supervision practices among parents.</p>
<p>January 2006 to May 2007 Undergraduate Program Washington, DC</p>	<p>Research Assistant Parent and Child Together Laboratory The Catholic University of America Performed data analysis and recruited families for participation in a study that examined interactions and characteristics among African American families.</p>
<p>May 2006 to January 2007 Undergraduate Program Washington, DC</p>	<p>Research Assistant Cognitive Aging Laboratory The Catholic University of America Administered computer generated trials and neurocognitive instruments multiple studies assessing working memory of old musicians.</p>

HONORS, DISTINCTIONS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

<p>2014</p>	VA Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) Provider Status
<p>2011</p>	Student Spotlight in Division 45 Focus Newsletter (Vol.23 (2), pg. 10-11)
<p>2007-2011</p>	Alliant International University Merit Scholarship
<p>2003-2007</p>	Dean’s List, The Catholic University of America
<p>2006-2007</p>	Psi Chi National Honor Society, Vice President
<p>2006-2007</p>	Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society of the Social Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

Namazi, S. (2010). Graduate Student Member Spotlight. *Division 45 Focus*, 23 (2), 10-11.

Namazi, S. (2009). The Importance of Multiculturalism for Helping Professionals: The Relevance in Play Therapy. *Play Therapy Magazine*, 4 (2), 22-24.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

Namazi, S., Thomas, L., Hansen, C., Hale, K., Peri, J., Aguado, C., & Reinhard, M. (June 2016). Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Symptoms Predicts Verbal and Nonverbal Learning and Memory in VA Military Veterans. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 30 (3), 420.

Hale, K., Thomas, L., Hansen, C., **Namazi, S.**, Skalina, L., & Reinhard, M. (2016). Depressive Symptoms Predict Speeded Naming, Reading, and Inhibition Switching Errors in VA Combat Veterans. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, 30 (3), 422.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

Aucone, E., **Namazi, S.**, & Brooks Holliday, S. Influence of Reading Ability on Neuropsychological Test Performance in a Clinical Sample of African American and Caucasian Veterans.

Brooks Holliday, S., Hull, A., **Namazi, S.**, Eickhoff, C., Sullivan, P., & Reinhard, M. OEF/OIF/OND veteran utilization of complementary and integrative medicine.

Murphy, C., Brooks Holliday, S., **Namazi, S.**, Hansen, C., & Reinhard, M. The effect of pain, emotional distress, and cognitive functioning on social functioning in veterans: A pilot study. Submitted to *Military Medicine*.

UNPUBLISHED TREATMENT MANUAL

Aucone, E., Settle J., **Namazi, S.**, & Strang, J. (2014). *Motivationally Enhanced Compensatory Cognitive Training for Multiple Sclerosis*, Washington, DC: Department of Veterans Affairs. Adapted from Huckans & Twamley et al., *Motivationally Enhanced Compensatory Cognitive Training*.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Hale, K., Thomas, L., Hansen, C., **Namazi, S.**, Skalina, L., & Reinhard, M. (2016). *Depressive Symptoms Predict Speeded Naming, Reading, and Inhibition Switching Errors in VA Combat Veterans*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology in Chicago, IL.

Namazi, S., Thomas, L., Hansen, C., Hale, K., Peri, J., Aguado, C., & Reinhard, M. (June 2016). *Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Symptoms Predicts Verbal and Nonverbal Learning and Memory in VA Military Veterans*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology in Chicago, IL.

Namazi, S., Dasgupta, M., Allen, N., Thomas, L., & McCarron, K. (April 2015). *Initial Outcomes of a Novel Social Cognition Rehabilitation Intervention for Veterans with TBI and PTSD*. Presented at the 2016 National Capital Area TBI Research Symposium.

Namazi, S., Thomas, L., Hansen, C., Reinhard, M. (November 2015). *The Effect of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder on Verbal and Nonverbal Learning and Memory in Military Veterans*. Presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference in Austin, TX.

Namazi, S., Brooks Holliday, S., Hansen C. ., Reinhard, M., & Aucone, E (November 2015). *The Impact of Vascular Risk Factors on Executive Functioning in a Military Veteran Sample*. Presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference in Austin, TX.

Aucone, E., **Namazi, S.**, Brooks Holliday, S., & Hansen, C. (November 2015). *Influence of reading ability on neuropsychological test performance in a clinical sample of African American and Caucasian Veterans*. Presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology Conference in Austin, TX.

Brooks Holliday, S., **Namazi, S.**, Hansen, C., & Reinhard, M. (March 2015). *Risk-Need-Responsivity and the Department of Veterans Affairs: Opportunities and Challenges*. Presented at the American-Psychology of Law Society Conference in San Diego, CA.

Brooks Holliday, S., Lockwood, C., **Namazi, S.**, Hansen, C., & Reinhard, M. (February 2015). *Specialized Training in Neuropsychology: A Review of Doctoral-Level Programs*. Presented at the 43th Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society in Denver, CO.

Lockwood, C., Brooks Holliday, S., **Namazi, S.**, Hansen, C., & Reinhard, M. (February 2015). *Effect of Pain, Emotional Distress, and Cognition on Social Role Outcome Measures*. Presented at the 43th Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society in Denver, CO.

Namazi, S., Alexander, K., Braje, S., & Kawahara, D. (August 2014). *Ethnic-Racial Socialization, Perceived Discrimination, and Self-Esteem Among Iranian American Youth*. Presented at the 2014 American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, DC.

Namazi, S., Alexander, K., Braje, S., & Kawahara, D. (February 2014). *A Snapshot of Social Cognition As Measured By Social Skills Among Iranian American Children: The Role Of Parental Acculturation*. Presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society in Seattle, WA.

Namazi, S., Alexander, K., Braje, S., & Kawahara, D. (August 2013). *An Appropriate Ethnic-Racial Socialization Measure for Children*. Presented at the 2013 American Psychological Association Convention, Honolulu, HI.

Namazi, S., & Smith, J. (May 2012). *Perceived Discrimination Among Iranian Americans*. Presented at the 2012 Division 45 Biennial Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.

Namazi, S. (January 2011). *Male Gender Roles in the Iranian-Islamic Culture*. Presented at the 2011 National Multicultural Conference and Summit, Seattle, WA.

Alexander, K., **Namazi, S.**, & Giglio, S. (August 2010). *Development and Assessment of the Child Development Questionnaire*. Presented at the 2010 American Psychological Association Convention, San Diego, CA.

Alexander, K., Giglio, S., & **Namazi, S.** (August 2009). *The Impact of Child Development Knowledge on Adult's Judgments of Appropriate Supervision*. Presented at the 2009 American Psychological Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.

Namazi, S. (January 2009). *The Importance of Multiculturalism for Psychologists: The Relevance in Play Therapy*. Presented at the 2009 National Multicultural Conference and Summit, New Orleans, LA.

Alexander, K., Reeker, J., & **Namazi, S.** (April 2008). *The Impact of Child Age on Mothers' Judgment of Appropriate Supervision*. Presented at the 2008 Child Health Psychology Conference, Miami, FL.

INVITED TALKS

Aucone, E., Hale K., **Namazi, S.**, & Skalina, L. (May 2016). *Neuropsychological Assessment: A Valuable Tool in the Diagnosis and Management of Neurological Disorders*. Presented to the Neurology Grand Rounds, Washington DC VA Medical Center, Washington, DC.

Reinhard, M., **Namazi, S.**, Skalina, L., & Hale, K. (March 2016). *Adult ADHD*. Presented to the Georgetown University psychiatry residents, Washington, DC.

- Reinhard, M., **Namazi, S.**, Skalina, L., & Hale, K. (February 2016). *Differential Diagnosis of Depression vs. Dementia: A Neuropsychological Approach*. Presented to the Georgetown University psychiatry residents, Washington, DC.
- Aucone, E., **Namazi, S.**, & Brooks Holliday, S. (October 2015). *Common Neurodegenerative Disorders Associated with Aging: Alzheimer's Disease, Vascular Dementia, Parkinson's Disease Dementia, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, Frontotemporal Dementia, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, Corticobasal Degeneration, and Huntington's Disease*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center postdoctoral fellows and clinical staff, Washington, DC.
- Namazi, S.** (August 2015). *Socratic Dialogue Workshop*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center psychology interns, Washington, DC.
- Namazi, S.**, & Gilroy, K. (moderator, panelist; August 2015). *Question and Answer Session: CPT for PTSD Enrichment Element*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center psychology interns, Washington, DC.
- McCarron, K., & **Namazi, S.** (May 2015). *Social Cognition*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center psychology interns, Washington, DC.
- Aucone, E., **Namazi, S.**, & Brooks Holliday, S. (April 2015). *Neuropsychology Special Topic: The Issue of Normative Data in the Geriatric African American Population*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center postdoctoral fellows and clinical staff, Washington, DC.
- Namazi, S.** & McCarron, K. (February 2015). *An Overview of Cognitive Domains*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center psychology interns, Washington, DC.
- Namazi, S.** (moderator, panelist). (December 2014). *Applying for Postdoctoral Fellowships: A Panel Discussion*. Presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center psychology interns, Washington, DC.
- Aucone, E., Brooks Holliday, S., & **Namazi, S.** (November 2014). *Common Neurodegenerative Disorders Associated with Aging: Alzheimer's Disease, Vascular Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, and Huntington's Disease*. Talk presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center postdoctoral fellows and clinical staff, Washington, DC.
- Namazi, S.**, & Brooks Holliday, S. (October 2014). *Tips on Applying for APA Internships*. Talk presented to The Catholic University of America's clinical psychology Ph.D. students, Washington, DC.
- Strang, J., Aucone, E., & **Namazi, S.** (September 2014). *Cognition and Multiple Sclerosis: Part II*. Clinical in-service presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center clinical staff and patients, Washington, DC.
- Namazi, S.** (August 2014). *My Path to Becoming a Neuropsychologist: It Began at CUA*. Talk presented at The Catholic University of America's undergraduate program orientation, Washington, DC.
- Aucone, E., **Namazi, S.**, & Strang, J. (July 2014). *Cognition and Multiple Sclerosis*. Clinical in-service presented to the Washington DC VA Medical Center clinical staff and patients, Washington, DC.

Namazi, S., & McCarron, K. (June 2014). *Conflict Resolution in the Classroom*. Clinical in-service presented to Washington DC VA Medical Center Polytrauma patients, Washington, DC.

Namazi, S. (March 2010). *Positivism in the Classroom*. Clinical in-service presented to the Harmonium, Inc. clinical staff, San Diego, CA.

Namazi, S. (February 2010). *Multicultural Competency in Psychotherapy*. Clinical in-service presented to the Harmonium, Inc. clinical staff, San Diego, CA.

Namazi, S., & Cullen, E. (December 2010). *LGBT Cultural Sensitivity in Psychotherapy*. Clinical in-service presented to the Harmonium, Inc. psychology trainees, San Diego, CA.

GRANTS

Funded:

2014-2018 *CAM for Sleep, Health Functioning and Quality of Life in Veterans with Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses*
Department of Veterans Affairs: Clinical Science Research and Development (CSR&D) MERIT Award
Role: Investigator
Total Award: \$2,009,600

Submitted But Not Funded:

2014 *Cognitive Compensatory Training (CCT) for Multiple Sclerosis-Related Cognitive Impairment*
National MS Society: Pilot Research Grant
Role: Co-Investigator
Total Award: \$37,000

2014 *The Utility of Cognitive Testing in Guiding Veteran Medical Education and Feedback*
Department of Veterans Affairs: Service-Directed Research Award on Health Services Research on the Care of Gulf War Veterans
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
Total Award: \$350,000

2015 *Compensatory Cognitive Training for Chronic Pain-Related Cognitive Impairment: A Pilot Study*
APA Society for Clinical Neuropsychology: Early Career Pilot Study Award
Role: Principal Investigator
Total Award: \$15,000

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

August 2010 to August 2013 **Campus Representative Co-Director and Liaison Student Committee of Division 45 of the APA**

Co-developed campus representative program. Managed campus representatives. Participated in conference calls with the Division 45 student committee. Circulated relevant up-to-date ethnic minority research.

September 2009 to
January 2011

**Conference Coordinator and Planner
National Multicultural Conference and Summit**

Assisted with coordinating and planning of the 2011 National Multicultural Conference and Summit.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2008 to 2010 Teaching Assistant:
Family Systems Theory
Introduction to Psychotherapy

2005 Tutor
DC Reads

INSTITUTIONAL AND NATIONAL SERVICE

2011 Student Volunteer for lecture “Evidence-Based Assessment of Learning Disabilities and ADHD in Adults” for Robert L. Mapou, Ph.D., ABPP-CN
American Psychological Association Convention

2009 Student Volunteer
National Multicultural Conference and Summit

2006 Student Volunteer
American Psychological Association Convention

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology
American Psychological Association
Division 45 of the American Psychological Association
Division 40 of the American Psychological Association
National Academy of Neuropsychology