

CURRICULUM VITAE

NATALIYA BELFOR, PhD, QME

EDUCATION

Qualified Medical Evaluator Division of Workers' Compensation

California License PSY21311

Postdoctoral Fellowship UCSF Memory and Aging Center

Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, Pacific Graduate School of
Psychology, Palo Alto, CA (APA Accredited) (August,
2003)

Neuropsychology Certificate Pacific Graduate School of Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
(APA Accredited) (August, 2003)

B. S. University of California Davis, Davis, CA
Major in Psychology, Minor in Human Development
(June, 1997)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA)

International Neuropsychological Society (INS)

American Academy of Neurology (AAN)

Cognitive Neuroscience Society (CNS)

CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Qualified Medical Evaluator in Psychology December 2017 – Present

Center for Occupational Health (Richmond, CA)

- Perform QME evaluations in the specialty of Psychology with injured workers through Workers Compensation System.
- Participate in depositions and professional development trainings.

Clinical Psychologist March 2009 – Present

Private Practice (San Francisco, CA)

- Conduct Cognitive Behavioral therapy and cognitive rehabilitation with wide range of patients suffering from various mental health issues and cognitive deficits.
- Perform Neurocognitive Assessments.
- Participate in professional development trainings obtaining additional certifications in Trauma Treatment Specialty and other clinical modalities of treatment.

Clinical Psychologist October 2009 – October 2010

Pacifica Psychology (San Francisco, CA)

- Perform Neurocognitive Assessments, conduct Cognitive Behavioral therapy and cognitive rehabilitation with wide range of patients suffering from various mental health issues and cognitive deficits, living in inpatient settings or residential facilities.

Director of Psychological Services August 2007 – October 2008

Rokada UNHCR (Kyiv, Ukraine).

- Set up trauma evaluation and treatment services for refugees traveling through Ukraine. Created a mental health and advocacy program for children-refugees under 18 years of age.
- Trained staff to work with traumatized patients. Instructed Rokada team on how to evaluate, document, and treat trauma, including diagnosis and treatment of PTSD, chronic pain, and substance abuse.
- Worked with government agencies to prevent deportation of the refugees back to the countries of origin, engaged in war.

Research Neuropsychologist March, 2016 – December, 2018

Miro (San Francisco, CA)

- Developed and managed a community-based study investigating validity of Miro assessment against traditional Neuropsychological Testing.
- Trained and supervised staff at the recruitment sites to conduct Neuropsychological Testing

CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Continued)

Research Neuropsychologist October, 2005 – February 2008

Posit Science Corporation, (San Francisco, CA)

- Developed and managed a ~500 participant randomized controlled study investigating efficacy of cognitive training in combating age related cognitive decline. Developed collaborative studies with UCSF, MAYO, UCS, MIT and other universities investigating brain rehabilitation and plasticity in healthy aging, patients with MCI, and dementia. Trained and supervised research associates in conducting neuropsychological assessment.
- Developed and tested new cognitive training modules based on principals of brain plasticity focusing on improving visuospatial and executive functioning in older adults.
- Presented research papers and symposia at professional conferences.

Neuropsychology Consultant August, 2005 – February 2008

Reliant World Heart Corp, (Oakland, CA)

- Set up neuropsychological testing battery for the research project designed to investigate safety of the left ventricular assist device in patients with heart failure.
- Trained researchers around the country to administer the battery and collect and enter data.
- Compiled administration and scoring manual for the study.
- Created CRFs for the study.
- Helped create data analysis plan.

Postdoctoral Fellow September, 2003 – September, 2005

University of California San Francisco (San Francisco, CA)

- Provided neuropsychological bedside screening and in-depth cognitive assessment, to a culturally diverse patients suffering from wide range of dementias and other related diseases under the direct supervision of Drs. Joel Kramer and Bruce Miller.
- Participated and build new collaborative projects conducting clinical assessments of dementia in the community with non-English speakers.
- Conducted neuropsychological assessments for epilepsy research project SANTE study, and clinical evaluations for inpatients and outpatients of Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute.
- Contributed neuropsychological data to the multidisciplinary neurology, neuropsychology, nursing, and pharmacology team in Memory and Aging Center. Presented cases at weekly team meetings and case conferences for finalizing diagnosis and treatment planning.

CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (Continued)

- Provided training in neuropsychological assessment to neuropsychology interns, medical, pharmacy, and nursing students rotating through the Memory and Aging Center. Training included weekly didactic seminars on up-to-date research in diagnosis and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases and other related disorders, weekly neuropathology seminars, weekly grand rounds, and journal club, weekly team meetings on diagnosis, treatment planning and review of imaging data.

Supervisors: Joel H. Kramer, PsyD, Bruce L. Miller, MD.

Junior Researcher (Postdoctoral Fellow) September, 2003 – September, 2005

UCSF Memory and Aging Center, (San Francisco, CA)

- Conducted research into brain/behavior relationship in a variety of neurodegenerative illnesses including Alzheimer's disease, frontotemporal dementia, and corticobasal degeneration. Investigated imaging data using Voxel-based morphology technique. Participated in Dr. Miller's multi-center Program Project Grant research.
- Studied prodromal stages of dementia in non-demented population with cognitive complaints (Mild Cognitive Impairment).
- Lead UCSF part of Dr. Cumming's Depression in Dementia project. Lead UCSF clinical trials of revolutionary experimental cognitive rehabilitation software to help people diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment (MCI).
- Received a blue ribbon award from Div. 40 of APA for best research project of the year, and will go to present findings on MCI conversion predictors to Washington DC shortly.
- Presented a paper on brain behavior correlates of corticobasal degeneration and frontotemporal dementia at International Neuropsychological Society Conference.
- Presented a poster on imaging correlates of cognitive impairment in Alzheimer's disease, corticobasal degeneration and frontotemporal dementia to Academy of Neurology Conference.
Presented a poster on cognitive pattern of impairment in corticobasal degeneration as compared with Alzheimer's disease and frontotemporal dementia on International Neuropsychological Society Conference.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Belfor, N., Amici, S., Boxer, A.L., Kramer, J.H., Gorno-Tempini, M.L., Rosen, H.J., Miller, B.L. Clinical and Neuropsychological Features of Corticobasal Degeneration. Mechanisms of Ageing and Development (MAD) 2006 Feb;127(2):203-7.

Boxer, A.L., Geschwind, M.D., **Belfor, N.,** Gorno-Tempini, M.-L. Miller, B.L., Weiner, M.W., and Rosen, H.J. Patterns of brain atrophy differentiate Corticobasal Degeneration from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Archives of Neurology 2006 Jan;63(1):81-6.

Belfor, N., Kramer, J. H., Glenn, S., Johnson, J., Miller, B.L. Can cognitive testing predict who will convert from Mild Cognitive Impairment to Alzheimer's disease? Blue Ribbon Winner Paper presentation at American Psychological Association Conference, August 2005.

Barnes, D., Yaffe, K., **Belfor, N.,** Reed, B., Kramer, J. Computer-Based Cognitive Training for Mild Cognitive Impairment: Results from a Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial. S31.002 4:00 PM. [Miscellaneous]. *Neurology* 66 (5):A249, 2006.

Barnes, D., Yaffe, K., Jagust, W., DeCarli, C., Reed, B., **Belfor, N.,** Kramer, J. Computer-based Cognitive Training for Mild Cognitive Impairment: Results of a Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial. Poster presented at the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Conference, July 2006.

Belfor, N., Kramer, J.H., Boxer, A., Geschwind, M., Glenn, S., Miller, B.L. Patterns of Neuropsychological Impairment and Brain Atrophy Support the Similarities Between Corticobasal Degeneration and Frontotemporal Dementia. Poster presented at American Academy of Neurology in April 2004.

Belfor, N., Kramer, J.H., Boxer, A., Johnson, J., Geschwind, M., Rosen H., Miller, B.L. Can Neuropsychological Assessment and Imaging differentiate Corticobasal Degeneration and Frontotemporal Dementia? Paper presented at International Neuropsychological Society February 2005.

Doctoral Dissertation Defended October 3, 2001. *Pacific Graduate School of Psychology*, (Palo Alto, CA). "Cognitive Functioning in the Elderly with Type II Adult Onset Diabetes Mellitus".

Committee Included: Chair: Larry W Thompson, Ph.D. Committee members: Amy Wisniewski, Ph.D., and Don Woods, Ph.D.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.
