

# A Year In Review



UF Department of Psychiatry  
*Housestaff Graduation*

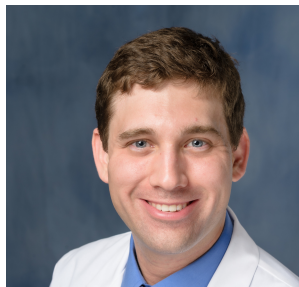
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# Department of Psychiatry Graduates

## General Residency



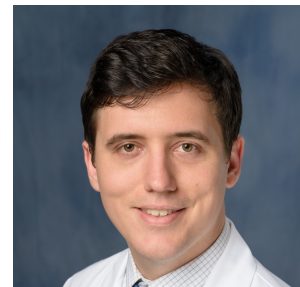
Andrew J. Amicarelli, DO



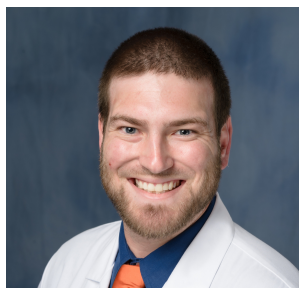
K. Brendan Butler, MD



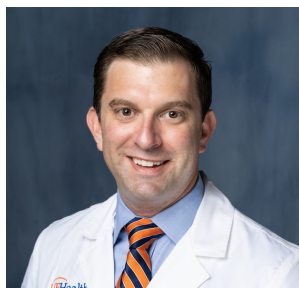
Maria T. Franco, MD



Gabriel J. Jerkins, MD



Ryan Joy, DO



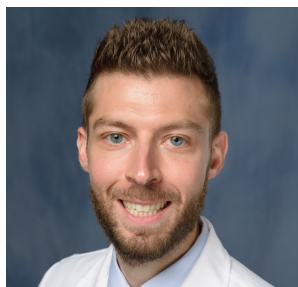
Kent T. Mathias, MD



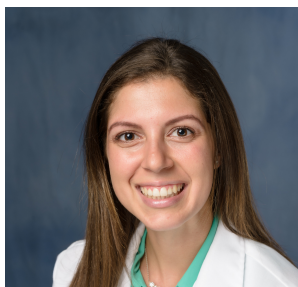
Brittany A. Fortune, MD



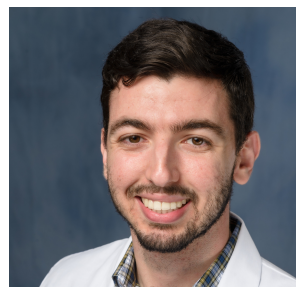
Raj Patel, MD



George J. Raineri, MD



Chloe A. Schneider, DO



Alexander Sidawi, DO

# PGY-4 Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship



Yumi Kovic, MD



Andrew Silverman, MD



Andrew Thompson, DO

# Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship



Young Jo, MD



Sheena John, MD

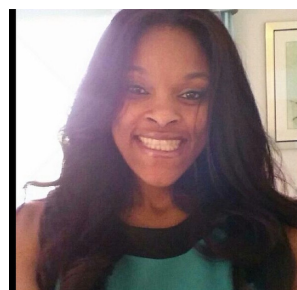


Ashraf Muzwagi, MD

# Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship



Stephanie A. Garayalde  
Warrell, MD



Ashley E. Lewis, MD

# Addiction Medicine Fellowship

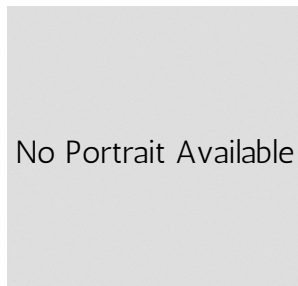


Jack S. Larsen, MD



Gourav V. Patil, MBBS

# Vero Beach Psychology Residency



Kimberly P. Foley, PsyD

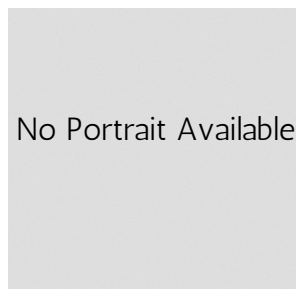


Lauren Stroker, PsyD

# Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship



Alexander Monroe  
Rigney, PhD

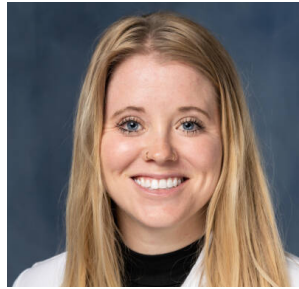


Kathryn Rebecca  
Trumbo, PsyD



Julia Marie Nucolo, PsyD

# Registered Mental Health Counseling Internship



**Rebecca Hart, MS, CRC**



**Garrett Dhondt, MEd/EdS**

## Addiction and Recovery Graduate Certificate



**Kawika Mitchell**  
(Fall 2022)

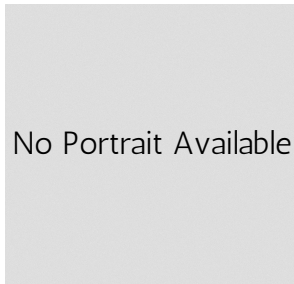


**Lauren Nickerson**  
(Spring 2023)

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**Chase M. Scott, MBA**  
(Spring 2023)

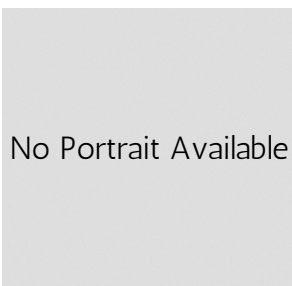
# Autism Spectrum Disorder Professional Certificate



**Michele Hartline**  
(Fall 2022)



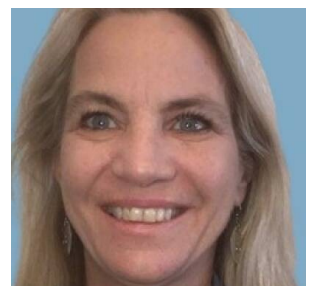
**Kayla Humes, MS-SLP**  
(Spring 2022)



**Windy Smith**  
(Fall 2022)



**Steven Baughman**  
(Spring 2023)



**Elizabeth Severance, APRN,  
CPNP-PC, PMHS**  
(Spring 2023)

# Faculty & Housestaff Awards

## Faculty Clinical & Teaching Awards

Richa Vijayvargiya, MD

Carlos E. Muniz, MD Mentor Award

Srinath Gopinath, MD

William "Buck" Ruffin, MD Best Teacher Award

Mariam Rahmani, MD

2023 Society of Teaching Scholars New Member Induction

Brent Carr, MD

Faculty Enhancement Opportunity (FEO) Award

Czerne Reid, PhD

AAAS Lifetime Fellow

Mariam Rahmani, MD

APA Distinguished Fellow

Ana Turner, MD

APA Distinguished Fellow

Jamie Smolen, MD

2023 Clinical Excellence Award

Cara Yergen, MD

Department of Psychiatry 2023 Rising Stars

Benjamin Phalin, PhD

Department of Psychiatry 2023 Rising Stars

Barry Setlow, PhD

Dr. Mavis Agbandje-McKenna Distinguished Research Mentoring Award

Lauren Schmidt, MD

Equity and Inclusivity Hero (Resident)

## Exemplary Teacher Award

Megan Barthle-Herrera, PhD, PMH-C

Wayne Creelman, MD

Srinath Gopinath, MD

Andrea Guastello, PhD

Ben Lewis, PhD

Kerri Peters, PhD, BCBA-D

Czerne Reid, PhD

Lauren Schmidt, MD

Takahiro Soda, MD, PhD

## Assorted Resident/Fellow Awards

Nafisa Choudhury, MD

PGY-1 John E. Adams Memorial Academic Achievement Award

Ana Reyes, MD

PGY-2 John E. Adams Memorial Academic Achievement Award

Megan Single, MD

PGY-3 John E. Adams Memorial Academic Achievement Award

Ryan Joy, DO

PGY-4 John E. Adams Memorial Academic Achievement Award

Andrew Thompson, DO

Gold Humanism Honor Society

Gabriel Jerkins, MD

2023 Society of Teaching Scholars Outstanding Resident Educator Award

Ashraf Muzwagi, MD

Chloe Schneider, DO

Ana Reyes, MD

First Place - FPS Psyched Out!

Young Jo, MD

NIDA-AACAP Resident Training Award in SUD

Andrew Silverman, MD

AACAP Education Outreach Award

Megan Single, MD

Patient Care Award

Nadia Cacodcar, MD

Richard Christensen, MD Community Service Award

Isabella Caldwell, MD

John M. Kuldau, MD Research Award

Nadia Cacodcar, MD

Equity and Inclusivity Hero (Resident)

Lymaries Velez, MD

Ross McElroy, MD Psychotherapy Award

Gabriel Jerkins, MD

Joseph A. Cheong, MD Medical Student Clinical Teacher Award

Gerald Richardson, MD

Excellence in Medical Student Education during the Psychiatry Clerkship

Nadia Cacodcar, MD

Isabella Caldwell, MD

Jeena Kar, DO

Minyi Lin, MD

Gurumayan Somesan, MD

Excellence in Medical Student Teaching in the Adult Outpatient Clinic









# Faculty Sentiments

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be a part of your educational journey. It has been a privilege to work with you, and in addition to teaching, to learn from you. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

- Carol Matthews, MD, DLFAPA

Donald R. Disney Chair in Psychiatry  
Professor and Chair, Department of Psychiatry

## General Psychiatry Residency

ANDREW AMICARELLI, DO

It has been interesting to see you develop your style and interests from consults through outpatient clinic. I share your enthusiasm for the potential of our field in the near future.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

BRENDAN BUTLER, MD

A pleasure to see your development from consults through clinic years. I value the opportunity to know someone working in the Pinellas area.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

MARIA T. FRANCO, MD

I knew you from a distance during the start of COVID, you navigated a very difficult clinical situation your first week of clinic and now I think of you as my god daughter in Georgia.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## GABRIEL J. JERKINS, MD

You are one of my "premies" in that I got to watch you develop from med school throughout residency. I often tell others the story of your overnight transformation from a strong clinician on Shands consults at the end of your PG1 years into a strong mentor the next day for your interns. Good speed.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## RYAN JOY, DO

I admire your growth and development as psychiatrist and therapist.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## KENT T. MATHIAS, MD

I look forward to our continued collegiality as faculty members.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## BRITTANY A. FORTUNE, MD

From medical student to residency graduate I have been pleased to see you develop as a physician. We share the NFETC experience.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## GEORGE J. RAINERI, MD

Good luck in Oregon. I look forward to talking with you about your experiences. I enjoyed our in-depth discussions.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## CHLOE A. SCHNEIDER, DO

Chloe, you are another one of my "premies" from your medical student rotation in the clinic and then clinical personal growth through your residency as we overlapped several different rotations. You will be my goddaughter in Orlando.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## ALEXANDER SIDAWI, DO

Alex, I was confused when you were a med student on consults, I kept thinking you were one of our residents. I am glad we got that clarified the following year. Keep in touch.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## ISABELLA CALDWELL, MD

Moral distress is the necessary price of ethical practice. I hope to follow you in the years ahead as you help transform mental health care.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## JEENA KAR, DO

I think of you as the advocate. I feel assured you will continue to work tirelessly as an advocate for our patients and justice. I look for you to accomplish things I only imagined.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## SARA RAHAL, DO

Good luck in your fellowship  
You have skills as adult psychiatrist do not forget us  
I hope to see you at FPS and share travel stories.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## MEGAN SINGLE, MD

We share an unusual synchronicity of thought. Now I still have a connection via family near you in your fellowship

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship

Dear Yumi, Andrew & Andrew,  
It has been an immense pleasure working with you and seeing your professional development over the past year.  
Congratulations!

- Mariam Rahmani, MD

## ANDREW THOMPSON, DO

I did not get to observe you during your child fellowship but from what I remember during your adult years I am confident you are going to be helpful for many families.

- Joseph Thornton, MD

## YOUNG JO, MD

Congrats and welcome to the team!

- Mariam Rahmani, MD

## SHEENA JOHN, MD

Congrats!!! I am proud of you!

- Mariam Rahmani, MD

ASHRAF MUZWAGI, MD

Mabrook and welcome to the team!

- *Mariam Rahmani, MD*

## *Geriatric Psychiatry Fellowship*

STEPHANIE GARAYALDE, MD

Congrats on completion of your fellowship and your co-authorship of a landmark report on the psychiatrist role for evaluating emotional support animals.

- *Joseph Thornton, MD*