National Center for PTSD Dissemination and Training Division
Advanced Fellowship in Mental Health Research and Treatment

Mission
The National Center for PTSD (NCPTSD) Dissemination and Training Division promotes best practices in treatment of Veterans with PTSD and related problems through training and practice change efforts based on implementation science, and by developing and researching novel interventions to expand access and improve effectiveness of care. Areas of special focus include web-based training, smart phone technology, internet, and other intervention technologies, evidence-based treatment, military sexual trauma, and disaster mental health.

Fellowship Overview
The NCPTSD Fellowship Program provides training in the scientist-practitioner model with a curriculum that features learning experiences that are sequential, graduated in complexity and that facilitate transition to advanced competency and independence. The goal of the Fellowship is for the Fellow to develop excellence as a scientist-practitioner and, consistent with the mission of the VA, engage in both clinical service and research that supports and advances health and mental care of the highest quality to our nations’ Veterans.

Fellows will receive advanced clinical training in treatment of PTSD and common comorbid disorders, will participate in PTSD education and dissemination efforts, and will be mentored in research related to improving PTSD assessment, treatment and delivery of services. Potential research areas include PTSD treatment effectiveness trials, innovations in treatment applications, health services research on access and quality of PTSD care, implementation science studies on mechanisms for expanding adoption of best care practices and telemedicine trials testing video, internet, or smart phone-based interventions. Fellows will have also a unique opportunity to gain experience with large-scale dissemination efforts by participating in one or more national dissemination/implementation initiatives.

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**Application Instructions and Requirements**

National Center for PTSD Dissemination & Training Division is accepting applications for a two-year special Fellowship program to train physicians, psychologists, and other health professionals in clinically-related PTSD research. This Fellowship is sponsored by the Office of Academic Affiliations, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Two incoming Fellows (one physician and one non-physician) are funded each year. Fellows will work with the VA National Center for PTSD and be affiliated with the Stanford University School of Medicine. Fellows devote 75% of their time to research and education activities and 25% to clinical training. The duration of the Fellowship is two years. Non-physician Fellows will start around September, 2016. Physician Fellow start dates are flexible, between July and September 2016.

Applications for the Non-Physician and Physician tracks are being accepted as of **November 2, 2016**. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Preference will be given to candidates who complete their applications by **January 10, 2016**. Interviews will begin January 18, 2016 with acceptance notifications occurring no later than **February 29, 2016**. Applications should include a personal statement of professional goals and interests, a curriculum vita, and three letters of reference. The statement of interest should be no more than two pages and include the names of the three individuals expected to provide references. Applications can be sent via email (preferred) or surface mail. Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Psychologist applicants must have obtained a doctorate from an APA accredited program in clinical or counseling psychology and completed an APA accredited internship in clinical or counseling psychology. Social Work or Nursing applicants must have a doctorate from an accredited program and have appropriate clinical training. Associated Health Fellows must be U.S. citizens.

Physician applicants must have completed ACGME accredited residency training, be board eligible or board certified, and have an active, unrestricted U.S. license to practice. International medical graduates must also have a current visa and an ECFMG certificate that is valid indefinitely. Applicants on a J-1 visa must have current ECFMG sponsorship as well. The VA funds Physician Fellows’ stipends in amounts based on previously completed ACGME accredited residency training.

**APPLICATIONS and QUESTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO**

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Marcel O. Bonn-Miller, Ph.D., Investigator, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division, Center for Innovation to Implementation, Center of Excellence in Substance Abuse Treatment and Education
Dr. Bonn-Miller is a clinical psychologist and Director of the Substance and Anxiety Intervention Laboratory (SAIL) at the National Center for PTSD, Center of Excellence in Substance Abuse Treatment and Education, and Center for Innovation to Implementation at VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Dr. Bonn-Miller received his undergraduate and doctoral training at the University of Vermont. He completed his internship at VA Palo Alto Health Care System, a HSR&D Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Center for Innovation to Implementation & Stanford University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and was the recipient of a VA CSR&D Career Development Award (CDA-2). Dr. Bonn-Miller is the Co-Chair of the Trauma and Substance Use Disorder SIG at ISTSS and serves on the editorial boards of Addiction, Addictive Behaviors, Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research, Journal of Addiction Medicine, Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, and Psychology of Addictive Behaviors. Dr. Bonn-Miller’s SAIL is rapidly growing and consists of a cohesive and dynamic team of investigators who are committed to conducting innovative and high-impact research focused on PTSD, Substance Use Disorders (SUD), mobile health technology, comorbid physical (e.g., HIV) and mental health disorders, and malleable trans-disease risk factors (e.g., emotion dysregulation, insomnia, cognitive dysfunction) that impede recovery from these conditions. Examples of ongoing projects include (1) a randomized controlled trial of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I) for cannabis cessation, (2) mobile cognitive remediation for individuals with co-occurring alcohol use disorder and PTSD, (3) a double-blind placebo-controlled trial of the effects of different types of cannabis on veterans with treatment-resistant PTSD, (4) a randomized controlled trial of compassion cultivation training for veteran PTSD, and (5) the development, testing, and refinement of a mobile app for co-occurring SUD and PTSD. Fellows will have the opportunity to author research products from several completed and ongoing studies, provide mentorship to graduate students, and research assistants who plan to apply to graduate school, and continue clinical training and service delivery. Opportunities to forge collaborations within the National Center for PTSD, the Center for Innovation to Implementation, and Stanford Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences are plentiful and strongly encouraged. We are particularly eager for a candidate with interests in implementation science and/or investigation of PTSD-SUD comorbidity, be it through a novel therapeutic angle (e.g., couples therapy), mechanistic target (e.g., physical activity, mindfulness), or data collection method (e.g., genetic, fMRI). Postdoctoral fellows within SAIL have demonstrated a strong track record of successfully obtaining VA Career Development Awards.

Eve Carlson, Ph.D. Investigator, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division
Dr. Carlson is a clinical psychologist and a senior researcher with the Dissemination and Training Division of the National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and the Palo Alto VA Health Care System. Dr. Carlson’s research focuses on assessment and the study of the psychological impact of traumatic experiences. Her recent projects included development of risk factor prediction measures for military, VA, and civilian populations, development of other trauma-related measures (dissociation, trauma exposure, emotion regulation, self-destructive behavior, and impairment of relationships related to deployment or traumatic stress), study of noncombat trauma exposure in military veterans, multivariate prediction of responses to traumatic stress in traumatic injury patients, and research on intensive (“real
time”) assessment of responses to trauma. Her research has been funded by NIMH and Clinical Science R & D Service of VA and recognized by awards from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) and the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation. She served as President of the ISTSS in 2012 and for three terms on the ISTSS Board of Directors. Her experience in graduate research education includes mentoring and advising several graduate and post-doc investigators on major research projects. Several of her students and mentees have completed doctoral training in clinical psychology. She has reviewed research for many journals and served on several journal editorial boards and NIH and VA grant review panels. Dr. Carlson will provide expertise in assessment and risk factor and prediction research and can serve as a research mentor.

Marylene Cloitre, Associate Director of Research, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division and Clinical Professor (Affiliate) of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University.

Dr. Cloitre is the Director of the Fellowship Program and is committed to providing an environment that promotes the successful development of young trauma clinicians and researchers. Her primary research involves the evaluation of Skill Training in Affective and Interpersonal Regulation (STAIR), an intervention that focuses on enhancing emotion management and relationship skills in trauma-exposed populations, particularly for those with repeated and chronic trauma histories, such as Veterans who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma (MST). She is adapting STAIR for use in primary care with a focus on matching interventions to patient identified problems. She is also exploring the use of “brain games” apps to improve emotional and cognitive functioning as well as the use technologies to increases dissemination of treatments. This includes the use of technology that supports home-based services and the development of web-based self-guided interventions. Dr. Cloitre has received funding from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and other government agencies as well as private foundations. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University. Before joining NCPTSD, Dr. Cloitre was a Professor of Psychiatry and of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the New York University Langone School of Medicine. Dr. Cloitre is a past-president of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) and a member of the WHO ICD-11 Working Group for Trauma and Related Disorders. She is also on the Board of Directors for the Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA) and on the Advisory Board of Tuesday’s Children, a grassroots organization of 9/11 families that have lost a parent.

Amit Etkin, M.D., Ph.D., Investigator, Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC) at VAPHCS and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University.

Dr. Etkin is a psychiatrist and neuroscientist, whose lab is at both the VAPHCS and Stanford University. The overarching aim of the Etkin lab (etkinlab.stanford.edu) is to understand the neural basis of emotional disorders and their treatment, and to leverage this knowledge to develop novel treatment interventions. Ongoing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)-related research includes work identifying the brain mechanisms involved in psychotherapy for PTSD and identifying biological markers that predict the response to treatment. Other work is focused on directly evaluating brain circuitry abnormalities in PTSD using a cutting-edge combination of non-invasive brain stimulation methods and brain imaging. This type of circuit probing at once has both implications for diagnosis as well as itself becoming the foundation of a novel brain stimulation treatment. Additionally, brain training approaches are being developed and tested in both chronic PTSD and in individuals who have just experienced a
trauma and for whom the aim would be prevention of the development of PTSD. All of these projects rest on a foundation of basic neuroscience research in the lab, thereby forming a broad package of translational research aimed at yielding a range of new brain-based diagnostic and treatment approaches for PTSD. Similar work is also ongoing in the lab on other mood and anxiety disorders. Dr. Etkin’s work is funded by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, Cohen Foundation, Dana Foundation and the Brain & Behavior Foundation (formerly NARSAD). Dr. Etkin received his MD/PhD in the laboratory of Nobel laureate Dr. Eric Kandel at Columbia University, after which he moved to Stanford University for a concurrent Psychiatry residency and post-doctoral training with Dr. Alan Schatzberg. He joined the faculty at Stanford in 2009 as part of the University Tenure Line. He has been awarded the prestigious BRAINS (Biobehavioral Research Award for Innovative New Scientists) R01 Award from the NIMH. The BRAINS award is an innovation-focused R01 meant to identify the most promising young scientists whose work is positioned to make them leaders in neuroscience and psychiatry, through cutting-edge, high-payoff science. Dr. Etkin has also received the Dana Neuroscience Scholar Award, is on the editorial board of *Depression and Anxiety*, *Molecular Neuropsychiatry* and *Biology of Mood and Anxiety Disorders*, as well as an Associate Editor of *Neuropsychopharmacology*.

_Afsoon Eftekhar, Ph.D., Investigator, Prolonged Exposure Mental Health Training Initiative, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division._

Dr. Eftekhar is currently coordinating the national Prolonged Exposure Training Program. She completed her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Kent State University. She completed her clinical internship at the Seattle VA, and fellowship at the University of Washington Center for Anxiety and Traumatic Stress. Her primary research foci include emotional processes in psychopathology, treatment efficacy and effectiveness, and improving dissemination and implementation of best practices. Dr. Eftekhar has expertise in clinical supervision, with particular expertise in prolonged exposure therapy. Dr. Eftekhar will provide expertise in cognitive-behavioral treatment of PTSD and in treatment dissemination and implementation, and will be a potential mentor.

_Susan Frayne, MD., M.P.H., HSR&D Center for Innovation to Implementation._

Dr. Frayne is Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, a member of the Center for Innovation to Implementation, and Associate Director of the Women’s Health Center at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Both the Center for Innovation to Implementation and the Women’s Health Center have been awarded Center of Excellence status. She also directs the MOVE-TIME clinic, an intensive interdisciplinary weight management program for obese veterans at VA Palo Alto. Dr. Frayne received her undergraduate training from Pomona College and her MD from University of California, San Diego. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, and went on to complete a Fellowship in General Internal Medicine and receive her MPH from Boston University. Dr. Frayne’s research examines the interface of medicine and mental health, especially strategies that promote delivery of high quality, integrated medical care for patients with mental illness who present to the primary care setting, with a special focus on women who have post-traumatic stress disorder caused by prior exposure to violence. Dr. Frayne will provide expertise on health services research, integration of medical and mental health care, and gender issues in care, and will be a potential research mentor.
Dr. Kimerling is a Clinical Psychologist. Her national roles include Senior Consultant to VA Mental Health Services for the National Military Sexual Trauma Support Team, and the VA Undersecretary for Health Special Committee for PTSD. Dr. Kimerling completed her undergraduate education at Duke University, received her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia. She completed her internship at VA Palo Alto and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Kimerling’s research interests include women’s mental health and screening, detection, and access to care for military sexual trauma, intimate partner violence, and PTSD and related conditions. Our team provides excellent research opportunities for individuals with interests in analysis of VA administrative data, measure development and psychometrics, and epidemiology. Dr. Kimerling’s currently funded research focuses on a) the epidemiology of lifetime trauma, mental health conditions, and access to mental health services among women Veterans; b) implementation of tailored collaborative care interventions for women Veterans; and c) patient centered approaches to enhancing engagement with health care. Dr. Kimerling is a member of the VA HSR&D National Mentoring Network and has mentored several VA Career Development Awardees.

Dr. Kuhn’s research focuses on using technology, both web and mobile, to increase access to and engagement in PTSD care and to make care more patient centered and effective. He also has interests in assessing and treating post-deployment driving issues in Veterans of the military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq and has developed measures and a CBT group treatment protocol for such issues. Dr. Kuhn is a licensed psychologist with extensive training in both Cognitive Processing Therapy and Prolonged Exposure Therapy. Dr. Kuhn serves as a research mentor to NCPTSD postdoctoral fellows, as well as other psychology trainees.

Dr. Lindley directs the Physician Track of the Advanced Mental Health Fellowship. Dr. Lindley has a joint appointment at the VA and at Stanford, where he is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He completed his undergraduate training at Michigan State University, where he also obtained his M.D. and his Ph.D. in Neuroscience. Dr. Lindley completed his Psychiatry Residency and a Clinical Research Fellowship at Stanford. He is a diplomate in both Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine. Dr. Lindley’s responsibilities include overseeing the outpatient Mental Health Clinics, the PTSD Care Team (PCT), and the primary care-based Behavioral Health Teams at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Dr. Lindley was previously a Staff Psychiatrist at the residential Trauma Recovery Program (then part of the National Center for PTSD) at the Palo Alto VA. Dr. Lindley’s research interests
span the entire translation chain including animal models of stress, clinical psychopharmacology trials, and surveillance of medication side effects. He is Principal Investigator for the Rural Peer Support program funded by the Arlene Rosen Foundation, and a Site PI or Co-Investigator on four studies funded by VA, NIMH, and DOD. Dr. Lindley is regularly involved in mentoring and training Stanford Psychiatry Residents at the Palo Alto VA. Dr. Lindley will contribute expertise in psychopharmacological research, clinical management of PTSD, administrative challenges in treatment implementation, and will be a potential research mentor.

Dorene Loew, Ph.D., Program Director, PTSD Recovery Programs, VAPAHCS
Dr. Loew is the Program Director and Psychology Service PTSD Section Leader for the Trauma Recovery Programs in the Menlo Park Division of VAPAHCS. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of California, Berkeley, and received her Ph.D. from the University of Vermont. Dr. Loew offers clinical expertise in Cognitive Processing Therapy and other evidence-based treatments for PTSD. She also collaborates on education and research in PTSD. She is a member of the VISN21 PTSD Committee and the VA PAHCS PCT Steering Committee, and a Mentor for VISN21 clinicians through the NCPTSD national PTSD Mentoring Program. Dr. Loew has extensive experience in supervising psychology interns. Dr. Loew will provide advanced expertise in PTSD treatment, in clinical supervision, and in interprofessional teams, and will be a potential clinical/education mentor.

Jason Owen, Ph.D., MPH, Investigator, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division is a licensed clinical psychologist and researcher in the Mobile Behavior Design Lab in the National Center for PTSD. He completed his undergraduate studies at Duke University, doctoral and public health degrees at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and internship and post-doctoral training at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Owen's research interests focus on the use of technology to maximize the public health impact of psychological interventions for those with PTSD and other chronic physical and mental health conditions. He is currently funded by NIH to examine the impact of social networking on outcomes of web-based interventions. He is currently conducting research related to continuous evaluation of population-facing mobile apps, mechanisms to improve engagement with self-guided interventions, and clinical dashboards to improve provider-patient communication and reduce premature dropout from treatment. Dr. Owen has provided clinical and research supervision for many practicum students and interns and contributes expertise in web and mobile-based interventions.

Craig S. Rosen, Ph.D., Deputy Director, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division
Dr. Rosen is Deputy Director of our Division of the National Center for PTSD and Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He is an investigator in the VA HSR&D Center for Innovation to Implementation and Dr. Rosen completed his undergraduate training at M.I.T., received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Yale, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Stanford/VA Center for Innovation to Implementation. He is currently Mutual PI of a VA-funded study on organizational factors impacting use of evidence-based psychotherapies for PTSD. He was PI for two multi-site trials of telephone case management interventions aimed at improving patients’ engagement in PTSD treatment. He is a co-investigator on several other studies of treatment engagement, family support for PTSD recovery, and online and mobile self-help tools for patients and their family members. Dr.
Rosen and has mentored several HSR&D and NCPTSD postdoctoral fellows who have gone on to academic or VA careers. He serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Traumatic Stress. Dr. Rosen will contribute expertise in health services research, implementation science, and telemedicine interventions for PTSD and will be a potential research mentor.

Josef I. Ruzek, Ph.D., Director, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division

dr. Ruzek currently directs the Dissemination and Training Division of the National Center for PTSD at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Dr. Ruzek completed his undergraduate degree at UCLA and his Ph.D. at State University of New York, Stony Brook. Before coming to the VA, Joe worked at a non-profit alcohol agency in London England for 8 years, and he was Program Director of a for-profit chemical dependency unit in Southern California. He is a developer of the joint VA-DOD Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of Traumatic Stress and an editor of two editions of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies for Trauma and of Caring for Veterans with Deployment-Related Stress Disorders: Iraq, Afghanistan, and Beyond. Dr. Ruzek is a past member of the (VHA) Undersecretary’s Special Committee on PTSD and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, where he was Vice President from 2006-2007. Dr. Ruzek was previously Psychology Fellowship Director for the Sierra-Pacific MIRECC. Dr. Ruzek is PI for a CDMRP-funded trial of Internet-based clinician training in cognitive-behavioral psychotherapy for PTSD and a randomized controlled trial of a web intervention to increase familiarity and use of clinical practice guidelines. He recently developed a Practice-Based Research Network to accelerate effective implementation of best practices in PTSD care. His other current major projects are directed at disseminating evidence-based cognitive-behavioral treatments for PTSD via the national rollout of Prolonged Exposure treatment in VA, and developing phone- and Internet-based interventions for trauma survivors. Dr. Ruzek will provide expertise in best practices for PTSD, national dissemination and implementation initiatives, and the intersection of science and policy. He will also be potential research and education mentor.

Tasha Souter, M.D., Medical Director, PTSD Recovery Programs, VAPAHCS

Dr. Souter oversees psychiatric and medical patient care for the 40-bed Men's Trauma Recovery Program and the 10-bed Women's Trauma Recovery Program at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. Dr. Souter received her undergraduate education at Scripps College and Claremont McKenna College. She received her M.D. from University of California, San Francisco, and completed her internship and psychiatry residency at Stanford. She is a Clinical Instructor (Affiliated) at Stanford, where she trains, supervises and advises psychiatry residents completing a six-month PTSD rotation. Dr. Souter also teaches on PTSD pharmacotherapy and on traumatic brain injury in the NCPTSD clinical training program. Dr. Souter will provide expertise in pharmacological treatment of PTSD and on management of PTSD and co-occurring psychiatric and medical disorders, and will serve as a potential clinical/education mentor.

Quyen Q. Tiet, Ph.D., Health Science Specialist, NCPTSD Dissemination & Training Division and the Center for Innovation to Implementation (Ci2i)

Dr. Tiet has the expertise in co-occurring substance use disorder (SUD) and PTSD or other psychiatric disorders, suicide, health services research, and resilience and coping. He has received funding from the
VA, NIH, and private foundations, and is currently involved in multiple studies including a just-completed HSRD IIR study to develop a drug screening instrument to be used in the primary care settings, an on-going QUERI-RRP study to examine how VA PTSD specialty treatment programs treat patients with SUD. He is examining telephone and mobile apps interventions for SUD and PTSD. Dr. Tiet has been a PI and project director for multiple multi-site studies and has authored or co-authored multiple peer-reviewed journal articles related to PTSD and/or substance use disorders. His formal and informal mentees have moved on to successful careers. Dr. Tiet received his BA at the University of California at Berkeley and his Ph.D. at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He completed his internship at Yale University and postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University. He was previously an Assistant Professor at Columbia University School of Medicine. Currently he is also a Clinical Associate Professor at Stanford University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and a Professor at California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University. A licensed clinical psychologist in California and New York, Dr. Tiet has many years of experience working with individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds including veterans, refugees and crime victims who have experienced trauma.

**Jodie A. Trafton, Ph.D., Director, Program Evaluation and Resource Center (PERC)**

In addition to her role at PERC overseeing evaluation of VA addiction programs, Dr. Trafton is an affiliate investigator at the Center Care Evaluation, an affiliate investigator at NCPTSD, Director of the Institute for Disease Management in the Institute for Brain Potential, and an Assistant Clinical Professor (Affiliate) at Stanford. Dr. Trafton received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology from Stanford and her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of California San Francisco. Dr. Trafton has been PI for multiple VA research studies in the areas of opioid abuse, pain management, computerized risk assessment and decision support, and comorbid PTSD and substance use. She is currently PI (along with Dr. Kimerling) of a trial testing “Seeking Safety” cognitive-behavioral therapy among VA SUD patients with co-occurring PTSD, and is co-PI for a VA-funded study assessing potential feasibility and staff receptivity to using pharmacogenomic information to inform opioid prescribing. Dr. Trafton will contribute expertise in biological mechanisms related to PTSD and commonly co-occurring substance use and pain problems and expertise in development and clinical implementation of automated decision support tools. She will also be a potential research mentor.

**Robyn D. Walser, Ph.D., Associate Director for Dissemination and Training, NCPTSD**

Dr. Walser received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Nevada-Reno. She is currently developing innovative ways to translate science-into-practice and is responsible for the dissemination of state-of-the-art knowledge and treatment, related to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, to health care professionals and trainees across all VA facilities nationally. She is working on a number of web-based and educational PTSD products for both practitioners and veterans. In addition, she is responsible for several research projects investigating use of mindfulness and ACT in PTSD populations, plus PTSD in the geriatric population. Dr. Walser will provide expertise on psychosocial treatment of PTSD, treatment of comorbid substance use and PTSD, clinician training, and treatment dissemination, and will be a potential education, research, and clinical mentor.

**Julie Weitlauf, Ph.D., Psychology Fellowship Director, Sierra-Pacific MIRECC**

Dr. Weitlauf is Psychology Fellowship Director for the Advanced Fellowship in Mental Health Research
& Treatment at the Sierra-Pacific MIRECC, and an investigator with the MIRECC and the HSR&D Center for Innovation to Implementation. She completed her undergraduate training at the University of Washington, Seattle, and received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Illinois, Chicago. After completing an Advanced Mental Health Fellowship with the Sierra-Pacific MIRECC, she received an HSR&D affiliated investigator followed by a CDA award (accepted without salary). Her research interests include women's health and mental health, sexual violence and PTSD in women, impact of PTSD, substance use disorders, and other mental health comorbidities on receiving screening for cervical cancer, and overlap of sexual abuse, PTSD, substance abuse and engagement in prostitution. Dr. Weitlauf will provide expertise on gender issues related to PTSD care, effects of PTSD on health-related behaviors, and will be a potential research mentor. She will also advise Drs. Rosen and Lindley on mentoring and career development of Fellows, and work closely them on development of didactic programming that can be shared across Fellowship programs.

**Shannon Wiltsey Stirman, PhD., Investigator NC-PTSD Dissemination and Training Division**

Dr. Stirman is a staff investigator at the Dissemination and Training Division of the National Center for PTSD. She completed her undergraduate training at St. John’s College, Santa Fe, and received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Stirman became an investigator in the Women’s Health Sciences Division of the National Center for PTSD. She recently transferred to the Dissemination and Training Division of the National Center for PTSD. Her research interests center around the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based psychosocial treatments. Her research has been funded by the National Institute of Mental Health and the Canadian Institute of Health Research. Current projects include a funded study to compare two different strategies to improve and sustain the delivery of Cognitive Processing Therapy across multiple healthcare systems, a study to develop a more streamlined strategy to assess treatment fidelity, and a study to compare different strategies for consultation and training in evidence-based psychotherapies. Secondary data from these studies include session recordings and clinical materials for fidelity assessment and process ratings, recordings of consultation sessions, symptom measures, and therapist and organization-level assessments of implementation constructs. Her clinical expertise includes cognitive behavioral therapies, cognitive processing therapy, suicide risk assessment and prevention, PTSD, and depression. She serves on editorial boards and leads or advises implementation-focused special interest groups in national professional associations. She is available to mentor Fellows on implementation theory and research, and to serve as a clinical mentor.

**Steven H. Woodward, Ph.D., Director PTSD Sleep Laboratory, NCPTSD D&T Division**

Dr. Woodward is a staff investigator at the Dissemination and Training Division of the National Center for PTSD and Director of the PTSD Sleep Research Laboratory. He completed his undergraduate training at Brown University and received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Southern California. He completed a postdoctoral clinical fellowship in Geropsychology at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, and an NRSA Individual Research Fellowship at Stanford University. He has established research programs in PTSD-related sleep disturbance, advanced actigraphic sleep recording, cognitive psychophysiology, combat-related driving impairments/interventions, structural neuroimaging. He is currently funded by the DoD to investigate the impact of canine companionship on cardiac reactivity and tone in PTSD. Dr. Woodward has supervised undergraduates, practicum students, interns
and postdoctoral fellows pursuing research careers. He has served on various research-related committees at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System and Stanford University, the Editorial Board of the Journal of Traumatic Stress, and as an ad hoc reviewer on numerous grant review committees. Dr. Woodward will provide expertise on PTSD-related sleep disturbance and psychophysiological research on PTSD and will be a potential research mentor.

**Lindsey Zimmerman, Ph.D., Investigator, NC-PTSD Dissemination and Training Division, Implementation Science**

Dr. Zimmerman completed dual-discipline training in clinical and community psychology and enlists qualitative and quantitative research methods in her work. Dr. Zimmerman has received funding from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute for her research on PTSD and alcohol use disorders (AUD). At NC-PTSD, Dr. Zimmerman is partnering with VA stakeholders (local leadership, frontline staff, national program offices, and Veterans) to use participatory system dynamics modeling to reduce delays and increase the reach of evidence-based psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy in outpatient mental health and addiction services. She has expertise in implementation science and quality improvement that uses VA administrative or electronic health record data. Dr. Zimmerman is evaluating the Practice-based Implementation Network routine-outcomes monitoring project and can provide mentorship in the open source R statistical software to conduct multi-level and multi-site modeling designs. Dr. Zimmerman is also working on the online family intervention for PTSD and AUD called “VA CRAFT.” She is a licensed clinical psychologist with expertise in PTSD and AUD treatments, including relapse prevention, motivational interviewing, prolonged exposure, cognitive processing therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy and family systems intervention.