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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 09/2020 - present** - **Cedars Sinai Medical Center/California Rehabilitation Institute, Los Angeles, CA**
Per Diem Neuropsychologist
Acute inpatient rehabilitation setting evaluating and treating neurorehabilitation patients, including Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). Acute inpatient/outpatient hospitalization setting evaluating medically complex patients.
- 08/2019 - present** - **Private Practice, Los Angeles, CA**
Individual practice involving clinical neuropsychological evaluations of adults and geriatric populations. Medical-legal services involving serving as an Expert Witness for Independent Medical (Neuropsychological) Evaluations (IMEs). Consulting and evaluating sports-related concussion injuries for collegiate athletes in the Long Beach area.
- 06/2017-08/2019** - **UCLA Easton Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research, Department of Neurology, David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA**
Neuropsychology Clinic Director, Neuropsychology Program
Externship Training Director, Neuropsychology Program
Clinical Duties: Directing Neuropsychology Clinic; outpatient neuropsychological evaluation of adult and geriatric patient populations
Program Duties: Directing externship training program; training and supervision of predoctoral practicum students and postdoctoral fellows; leading didactic training program
Research: Co-investigator; Computer-based cognitive intervention in individuals with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI).
- 09/2015-05/2017** - **Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Oakland, CA**
Inpatient/Outpatient Neuropsychologist
Clinical Duties: Acute inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation setting. Inpatient/outpatient neuropsychological/psychological evaluation/management of adult neurorehabilitation patient populations, including Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)
Program Duties: Development and dissemination of inpatient brain injury (TBI) protocol; training of interdisciplinary clinical staff
- 07/2012-07/2015** - **Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, Rockville, MD**
Inpatient/Outpatient Neuropsychologist
Clinical Director, Interdisciplinary Concussion Assessment & Management Program
Clinical Duties: Acute inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation setting involving evaluation and management of neurorehabilitation patients, including Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI). Inpatient/outpatient neuropsychological/psychological evaluation/management of adolescent and adult patient populations
Program Duties: Development and dissemination of inpatient brain injury protocol; training of interdisciplinary staff; training and supervision of psychometrists
Leadership Duties: Development and directing of evidence-guided, outpatient, interdisciplinary concussion assessment and management program.
- 09/2009-09/2011** - **James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, FL**
Neuropsychology Postdoctoral Fellow
Duties: Inpatient/outpatient neuropsychological/psychological evaluation/management of adult and geriatric service members within various settings, including: acute inpatient Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and polytrauma rehabilitation; transitional rehabilitation, outpatient evaluation programs; pediatric pre- and post-surgical epilepsy evaluations. Training and supervision of pre-doctoral interns and externs.

09/2008-08/2009 **VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA**
Neuropsychology Pre-Doctoral Intern
Duties: Inpatient/outpatient neuropsychological/psychological evaluation/management of adult and geriatric service members within various settings, including: acute inpatient Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and polytrauma rehabilitation; transitional rehabilitation, outpatient evaluation programs. Training of pre-doctoral externs.

GRANT FUNDING

2018-2019 **Smart Brain Aging Initiated Single-Blind Randomized Clinical Trial, SBA 001**
Principle Investigator (Total funding \$161,800)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2018-Present **The Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists**
Committee Co-Chair, Development of an Interdisciplinary Treatment Certification Program and Manual for Concussion Specialists

2017-Present **Medicine ®**
Ad hoc reviewer

2016-Present **American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (AACN)**
Regional Representative

2016-2018 **The Clinical Neuropsychologist (TCN)**
Ad hoc reviewer

2014-2019 **American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM)**
Member, Brain Injury Interdisciplinary Special Interest Group (BI-ISIG), Disorders of Consciousness (DOC) Task Force

2015-2017 **National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)**
Member, Clinical Research Grants Committee

EDUCATION HISTORY

08/2009 **Doctor of Philosophy**
 Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology Track
 Washington State University, APA Accredited

05/2005 **Master of Science**
 Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology Track
 Washington State University, APA Accredited

08/2002 **Bachelor of Arts**
 Psychology, Magna Cum Laude
 Loyola Marymount University

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Sherer M, Katz DI, Bodien YG, Arciniegas DB, Block C, Blum S, Doiron M, Frey K, Giacino JT, Graf MJP, Greenwald B, Hammond FM, Kalmar K, Kean J, Kraus MF, Richardson RN-, **Pavawalla S**, Rosenbaum A, Stuss DT, Yablon SA. The Post-traumatic Confusional State: A Case Definition and Diagnostic Criteria, *ARCHIVES OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION* (2020), doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apmr.2020.06.021>
- Pavawalla, S. P.**, Salazar, R., Cimino, C., Belanger, H. G., & Vanderploeg, R. D. (2013). An exploration of diagnosis threat and group identification following concussion injury. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 19, 305-313.
- Pavawalla, S.**, Schmitter-Edgecombe, M., & Smith, R.E. (2012). Prospective memory following moderate-to-severe traumatic brain injury: A multinomial modeling approach. *Neuropsychology*, 26(1), 91-101.
- Nakase-Richardson, R., Whyte, J., Giacino, J.T., **Pavawalla, S.**, Barnett, S.D., Yablon, S.A., Sherer, M., Kalmar, K., Hammond, F., Greenwald, B., Horn, L., Seel, R., McCarthy, M., Tran, J. & Walker, W.C. (2011). Longitudinal outcome of patients with disordered consciousness in the NIDRR TBI Model Systems programs. *Journal of Neurotrauma*, 28, 1-8.
- Huckans, M., **Pavawalla, S.**, Demadura, T., Kolessar, M., Seelye, A., Roost, N., Twamley, E.W., & Storzbach, D. (2010). A pilot study examining the effect of group-based Cognitive Strategy Training (CST) treatment on self-reported cognitive problems, psychiatric symptoms, functioning, and compensatory strategy utilization in OEF/OIF combat veterans with persistent mild cognitive disorder and a history of traumatic brain injury (TBI). *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, 47(1), 43-60.
- Huckans, M., Mitchell, A., **Pavawalla, S.**, Morasco, B., Ruimy, S., Loftis, J., Rifai, M., & Hauser, P. (2010). The influence of antiviral therapy on psychiatric symptoms among hepatitis C patients with schizophrenia. *Antiviral Therapy*, 15(1), 111-119.
- Kibby, M.Y., **Pavawalla, S.P.**, Fancher, J.B., Naillon, A.J., & Hynd, G.W. (2009). The relationship between cerebral hemisphere volume and receptive language functioning in dyslexia and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder. *Journal of Child Neurology*, 24(4), 438-448.
- Schmitter-Edgecombe, M., Howard, J. T., **Pavawalla, S. P.**, Howell, L., & Rueda, A. (2008). Multi-dyad memory notebook intervention for Very Mild Dementia: A pilot study. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*, 23(5), 477-487.
- Pavawalla, S.P.** & Schmitter-Edgecombe, M. (2006). Long-term Retention of Skilled Visual Search Following Severe Closed-head Injury. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 12, 802-811.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Schmitter-Edgecombe, M., **Pavawalla, S.P.**, Howard, J.T., Howell, L. & Rueda, A. (2009). Dyadic Interventions for Persons with Early-Stage Dementia: A Cognitive Rehabilitative Focus. In R. Brougham (Ed.), *New Directions in Aging Research: Health and Cognition*. Nova Science Publishers.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Kretzmer, T & **Pavawalla, S.P.** (2012). Inappropriate exchanges in the workplace. A conversation sponsored by Women in Neuropsychology. *Conversation hour discussion presented at the annual American Psychological Association convention*, Orlando, FL.
- Pavawalla, S.**, Nakase-Richardson, R., Yablon, S., Sherer, M., Evans, C.C., & Barnett, S. (2011). Evaluation of item difficulty on the Coma Recovery Scale with implications for emergence criteria. *Poster presented at the annual conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine*, Atlanta, GA.
- Pavawalla, S.**, Nakase-Richardson, R., Yablon, S.A., Sherer, M., Evans, C.C., & Barnett, S. (2011). Should criteria for emergence from minimally conscious state be changed? Analysis of item difficulty on the Coma Recovery Scale. *Poster presented at the annual American Psychological Association convention*, Washington, DC.

- Nakase-Richardson, R., Giacino, J., Whyte, J., **Pavawalla, S.**, Barnett, S., Yablon, S.A., McCarthy, M., Tran, J., Sherer, M., Kalmar, K., Hammond, F., Greenwald, B., Horn, L., Carlisle, M., Seel, R. & Walker, W. (2011). Prospective characterization of neurologic change in unresponsive patients admitted for rehabilitation in the TBI Model System Program: acute and longitudinal outcomes. *Poster symposium presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, Boston, MA.
- Richardson, R., Giacino, J., Whyte, J., Yablon, S., Kalmar, K., Gans, B., Horn, L., Carlisle, M., Seel, R., Walker, W., Hammond, F., Greenwald, B., Sherer, M., & **Pavawalla, S.** (2010). Early and late TBI Model System outcomes of persons with disordered consciousness admitted for neurorehabilitation. *Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine*, Montreal, Canada.
- Pavawalla, S.**, Schmitter-Edgecombe, M., Smith, R.E., Auger, R., Green, S., Summerville, J., & Pooni, H. (2010). Prospective memory following moderate to severe traumatic brain injury: A formal multinomial modeling approach. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, Acapulco, Mexico.
- Huckans, M., **Pavawalla, S.**, Demadura, T., Kolessar, M., Seelye, A., Roost, N., Tun, S., McCall, K., Twamley, E. & Storzbach, D. (2009). A pilot study examining the effect of a group-based cognitive strategy training intervention on self-reported psychiatric symptoms, functioning, and compensatory strategy utilization in OIF combat veterans with mild traumatic brain injury. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology*, San Diego, CA.
- Schmitter-Edgecombe, M., **Pavawalla, S.**, Howell, L., Howard, J., & Rueda, A. (2008). Efficacy of a Memory Notebook Intervention for Persons with Early-Stage Dementia. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, Waikoloa, HI.
- Pavawalla, S.P.**, Wiens, J. & Schmitter-Edgecombe, M. (2007). Monitoring behavior on a time-based prospective memory task following traumatic brain injury. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, Portland, OR.
- Pavawalla, S. P.** & Schmitter-Edgecombe, M. (2006). Event-Based Prospective Memory Following Closed Head Injury. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society*, San Francisco, CA.
- Pavawalla, S. P.** & Schmitter-Edgecombe, M. (2005). Long-Term retention of skilled visual search following severe closed-head injury. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, St. Louis, MO.
- Kibby, M. Y., Naillon, A. J., **Pavawalla, S. P.**, Fancher, J. B., Morgan, A. E., Cohen, M. J., & Hynd, G. W. (2004). Assessment of the geniculo-temporal pathway in children with and without dyslexia. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Pavawalla, S. P.**, Naillon, A. J., Fancher, J. B., Kibby, M. Y., & Hynd, G. W. (2004). Cerebral hemisphere volume is related to subtypes in reading disability. *Paper presented at the annual International Neuropsychological Society conference*, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Naillon, A. J., **Pavawalla, S. P.**, Fancher, J. B., Kibby, M. Y., & Hynd, G. W. (2004). Role of the thalamus in the double deficit hypothesis of dyslexia. *Poster presented at the annual meeting of the International Neuropsychological Society*, Baltimore, Maryland.

TEACHING

- 2017-2019** **UCLA Department of Neurology**
Neuropsychology practicum and post-doctoral fellow didactics
- 2009-2011** **James A. Haley Veterans Hospital**
Neuroanatomy & Neuropsychological Disorders
Post-doctoral and Pre-doctoral Internship didactics
- 2006 - 2008** **Instructor, Washington State University**
Abnormal Psychology (PSYCH 333)
Human Sexuality (PSYCH 230)
Introductory Psychology (PSYCH 105)

REFERENCES

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