

Curriculum Vitae

MAUREEN KATHELEEN O'CONNOR, PSY.D., ABPP-CN

LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST (MA-8446); BOARD CERTIFIED NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST
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CURRENT POSITION

Director of Neuropsychology (primary; from 11/2005)

Bedford Veterans Administration Hospital, Psychology Department

Assistant Professor of Neurology (appointed 4/2014)

Associate Director Education Core, Alzheimer's Disease Center (appointed 12/2013)

Boston University School of Medicine, Department of Neurology

EDUCATION

Psy.D., Clinical Psychology August 2002

Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP); APA approved program; Neuropsychology Track

B.A., Psychology May 1996

Ithaca College; Graduated Cum Laude

BOARD CERTIFICATION (awarded June 2008)

American Board of Professional Psychology; Specialty Area: Clinical Neuropsychology

ADVANCED POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Sept 2003-Nov 2005

Bedford Veterans Administration Medical Center and Boston University Medical Center

Memory Disorders Clinic, Bedford Veterans Administration

- **Supervisors:** Helen Denison, Ph.D.; Edith Kaplan, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Center for Integrative Psychotherapy, Bedford Veterans Administration

- **Supervisors:** James Lindsley, Ph.D., Richard Amodio, Ph.D., Dolly Sadow, Ph.D.

Boston University Medical Center, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

- **Supervisor:** Patricia Boyle, Ph.D., Robert Stern, Ph.D.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Aug 2002-July 2003

Cornell Weil Medical College *New York, NY*

NY Presbyterian Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

- **Supervisors:** Norman Relkin, M.D., Ph.D.; Steven Mattis, Ph.D.; Lisa Ravdin, Ph.D., ABPP-CN; Heather Katzen, Ph.D., Denise Correa, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP

July 2001-June 2002

Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry

New Haven, CT

APA approved program (Neuropsychology Track)

Psychological Assessment Services, Connecticut Mental Health Center (Primary Placement I)

- **Supervisors:** Keith Hawkins, Psy.D. (Advisor), Anna Resnick, Ph.D.

Department of Psychology, Gaylord Rehabilitation Hospital (Primary Placement II)

- **Supervisor:** Richard Delany, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

Adult Inpatient Unit, Connecticut Mental Health Center (Secondary Placement)

- **Supervisor:** Joanna Zell, M.D.

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION (DEFENDED 2/2002):

Title: The Utility of the Hopkins Verbal Learning Test in Differentiating Between Dementia of the Alzheimer's Type and Depression in Older Adults.

Dissertation chairperson: David LaPorte, Ph.D.

Committee members: Donald U. Robertson, Ph.D, Michael Franzen, Ph.D., ABPP-CN

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Associate Member of the International Neuropsychological Society
- Professional Member of the National Academy of Neuropsychology
 - Past Chair of the Education Committee, 2012-2015
 - Current Member-at-Large, 2015-2018
- Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society
 - Past Member-at-Large and Chair of the Education Committee, 2009-2012
- Member of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology

EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARDS:

2013-present Ad hoc reviewer, *Cognitive Neuroscience*

2011-present Ad hoc reviewer, *Aging and Mental Health*

2011-present Ad hoc reviewer, *Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders*

2011-present Ad hoc reviewer, *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*

2011-present Ad hoc reviewer, *Disability and Rehabilitation*

2008-present Ad hoc reviewer, *Journal of Clinical Psychology*

GRANT REVIEW BOARDS:

2011-present *Boston University, Alzheimer's Disease Center Pilot Program*

2008-present *National Alzheimer's Association*

HONORS:

- 09/15; Elected as Member-at-Large for the National Academy of Neuropsychology board
- 12/13; Appointed Associate Director of the Education Core, Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Center
- 11/12; Invited Chair of the Continuing Education Committee for the National Academy of Neuropsychology
- 11/11; Appointed chair of the psychology boarding committee, Bedford VA Hospital
- 11/09; Young Alumni Achievement Award, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 7/09; Nominated board member: Chair: Continuing Education Committee; Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society
- 7/05; Selected participant, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research: NIH Summer Institute on Behavioral and Social Intervention Research
- 4/00; Nominated representative: Advocacy Coordinating Team of the American Psychological Association of Graduate Students
- 8/97; Nominated representative: Graduate Student Assembly, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 8/97; Awarded Graduate Merit Scholarship, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 4/95; Outstanding Poster Award, Joint 49th Annual Eastern Colleges Science Conference and 30th Annual NY State Undergraduate Psychology Conference
- 8/94; Emerson Scholarship, Ithaca College
- 8/94; Psi Chi National Psychology Honor Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

WILLIAM JAMES COLLEGE

Adjunct Faculty, Neuropsychology of Aging Course 6/14-current

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, LEHMAN COLLEGE

Adjunct Faculty, Cognitive Psychology Course 8/02 – 12/02

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Adjunct Course Assistant, Cognitive Learning Strategies 8/98 – 5/00

ITHACA COLLEGE

Teaching Assistant 9/95 - 5/96

Research Design and Statistical Analysis Course

Cognitive Psychology Course

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Funded Projects

Drebing, CE (PI; proposed Director). **O'Connor, MK** (Co-Investigator; 1 of 6). Support years: 5-1-15 to 4-30-20. The Center for Social and Community Reintegration Research (SoCRR). Rehabilitation Research and Development Research Enhancement Award (REAP) proposal. Total: \$1,539,543

O'Connor, MK (Principal Investigator). Maintaining Cognitive Health in Aging Veterans. Research, Rehabilitation, and Development SPiRE Award. Support years: 2-1-2014 to 6-31-2015. Total: \$132,203.

O'Connor, MK (Principal Investigator). Emotional Perception in Alzheimer's Disease: Contributions to the Caregiving Experience. Philanthropic Donation. Total: \$12,500 = \$7,500 (2013) and \$5,000 (2014).

O'Connor, MK (Principal Investigator). Enhanced Vocational Rehabilitation: A Pilot Study for Veterans with mild TBI. Instructional Systems Incorporated. Support years 08-01-2008 to 9-30-2011. Total: \$69,100

O'Connor, MK (Principal Investigator). Self Efficacy Enhancement and Caregiver Intervention Effectiveness. National Alzheimer's Association New Investigator Grant. Support years 09-01-2006 to 08-31-2009. Total: \$100,000.

O'Connor, MK (Principal Investigator). The Effect of Exercise Training on Physical and Cognitive Function in Community Dwelling Elderly African Americans. Boston University Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Pilot Grant. Support years 07-01-05 to 08-31-06. Total: \$30,000.

Peer Reviewed Publications (senior author listed last, unless otherwise indicated)

16. Wewiorski, N, Gorman, J, Scoglio, AAJJ, Fukuda, S, Reilly, E, Mueller, L, **O'Connor, MK**, Penk, WE, & Drebing, CE, (under review). Best Practices in Vocational Services for the Community Reintegration of Returning Veterans. *Psychological Services*.

15. Daley, RT, Sugarman, MA, & **O'Connor, MK** (in press). Spared emotional perception in patients with Alzheimer's disease is associated with greater burden for their caretakers. *Aging and Mental Health*.

14. Daley, R, **O'Connor, MK**, Shirk, S, & Beard, RL (2017). 'In this together' or 'going it alone': Couples approaches to Alzheimer's disease. *Journal of Aging Studies*, 40, 57-63.

13. Tat, MJ, Soonsawat, A, Nagle, CB, Deason, RG, O'Connor, MK, & Budson, AE (2016). The influence of strategic encoding on false memory in patients with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease dementia. *Brain and Cognition*, 109, 50-58.
12. O'Connor, MK (*senior author*), Mueller, L, Drebing, C, Semiatin, A, Wang, S, & O'Connor, A (2016). Enhanced Vocational Rehabilitation: A feasibility and pilot study of adjunctive cognitive rehabilitation for veterans with mild traumatic brain injury and mental illness. *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, 53(3), 307-320.
11. O'Connor, MK, Deason, RG, Reynolds, E, Tat, MJ, Flannery, S, Solomon, PR, Budson, AE (2015). The Imagination Inflation Effect in Healthy Older Adults and Patients with Mild Alzheimer's Disease. *Neuropsychology*, 29(4), 550-560.
10. Trontel, HG, Hall, S, Ashendorf, L & O'Connor, MK. (2013). Impact of Diagnosis Threat on Academic Self-Efficacy in mild Traumatic Brain Injury. *Journal of Clinical and Experimental Neuropsychology*, 35 (9), 960-970.
9. Nyborn JA, Himali JJ, Beiser AS, Devine SA, Du Y, Kaplan E, O'Connor MK, Rinn WE, Denison HS, Seshadri S, Wolf PA, Au R. (2013). The Framingham Heart Study Clock Drawing Performance: Normative Data from the Offspring Cohort. *Experimental Aging Research*, 39 (1), 80-108.
8. Simmons-Stern, NR, Deason, RG, Brandler, BJ, Frustace, BS, O'Connor, MK, Ally, BA, Budson, AE (2012). Music-Based Memory Enhancement in Alzheimer's Disease: Promise and Limitations. *Neuropsychologia*, 50(14), 3295-3303.
7. Semiatin A, O'Connor MK (2012). The Relationship Between Self-Efficacy and Positive Aspects of Caregiving in Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers. *Aging and Mental Health*, 16(6), 683-8.
6. Dodson CS, Spaniol M, O'Connor MK, Deason RG, Ally BA, Budson AE. (2011). Alzheimer's disease and memory-monitoring anosognosia: Alzheimer's patients show a monitoring deficit that is greater than their accuracy deficit. *Neuropsychologia*, 49(9), 2609-2618.
5. O'Connor MK, Mueller L, Van Ormer A, Drake R, Penk W, Rosenheck R, Semiatin A, Drebing CE (2011). Cognitive impairment as a barrier to engagement in vocational rehabilitation among veterans with severe mental illness. *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, 48 (5).
4. O'Connor MK, Ally BA (2010). Using stimulus form change to understand memorial familiarity and the picture superiority effect in patients with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease. *Neuropsychologia*, 48, 2068-2074.
3. Ashendorf L, Jefferson A, O'Connor MK, Chaisson, C, Green RC, Stern RA. (2008). Trail Making Test errors in normal aging, mild cognitive impairment, and dementia. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 23, 129-137.
2. Gonyea JG, O'Connor MK, Boyle PA (2006). Project CARE: A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Behavioral Intervention Group for Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers, *Gerontologist*, 46: 827-832.

1. Gonyea, JG, O'Connor MK, Carruth, A, Boyle, PA. (2005). Subjective appraisal of Alzheimer's disease caregiving: the role of self-efficacy and depressive symptoms in the experience of burden. *American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias*, 20(5), 273-280.

Books and Book Chapters

Budson, AH & O'Connor, MK (2017). Seven steps to managing your memory: What's normal, what's not, and what to do about it. Oxford University Press.

Horwitz, JE & O'Connor, MK (2017). Cognitive rehabilitation. In A. Wenzel (Ed), The SAGE Encyclopedia of Abnormal and Clinical Psychology. SAGE Publications, Inc.

Beard, R & O'Connor, MK (2015) Listening to Alzheimer's Disease. In C. Dick-Muehlke, L. Ruobing, M. Orleans (Eds.) Psychosocial Studies of the Individual's Changing Perspectives in Alzheimer's disease. IGI Global.

O'Connor, MK, & Kraft, ML (2013). Lifestyle factors and successful cognitive aging in older adults. In J.J. Randolph (Ed.), Positive neuropsychology: An evidence-based perspective on promoting cognitive health. New York, NY: Springer Science+Business Media, LLC.

O'Connor, MK, Petroski-Ackley, L., Lash, M. (2012). Suicide in military personnel and veterans: A tip card. Wake Forest, North Carolina: Lash and Associates Publishing Inc.

O'Connor, MK, Drebing CE. (2011). Veterans and Brain Injury: Special considerations. In R. Fraser, K. Johnson, L. Bell (Eds.) Living Life Fully After Brain Injury. Wake Forest, North Carolina: Lash and Associates Publishing Inc.

O'Connor, MK (2010). Book review: Rehabilitation of Neuropsychological Disorders: A Practical Guide for Rehabilitation Professionals. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 25, 470-711.

Shaughnessy, L.W., O'Connor, MK, Sherman, J.C. (2009). Neuropsychological evaluation in clinical practice: Overview and approach. In A. Atri & T.A. Milligan (Eds.), *Hospital Physician Neurology Board Review Manual*, 13(3), Wayne, PA: Turner White Communications, Inc.

Shaughnessy, L.W., Sherman, J.C., O'Connor, MK (2009). Neuropsychological evaluation in clinical practice: Case interpretation and treatment. In A. Atri & T.A. Milligan (Eds.), *Hospital Physician Neurology Board Review Manual*, 13(4), Wayne, PA: Turner White Communications, Inc.

O'Connor MK, Boyle PA. (2007). Frontal Systems Dysfunction in Alzheimer's Disease. *Research Progress in Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia: Volume 1*. New York: Nova Science Publisher, Inc.