



# Psychology Department Directory



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Interests: Information processing abnormalities in the anxiety-based disorders, with emphasis on the prevention and treatment of chronic psychopathology following

trauma exposure such as posttraumatic stress disorder.

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## Advising

Do I accept and train new psychology graduate students in general?

Yes

Am I accepting new graduate students in the upcoming year?

Yes 2016-2017

Advising notes:

I will likely be taking student for Fall 2016.

## Research

Over the last 20 years, our knowledge regarding the nature of post trauma reactions has increased substantially but key questions in understanding mechanisms associated with recovery following trauma exposure remain. Who is most likely to develop chronic psychopathology? How do we most effectively intervene for those immediately following trauma and for those who are still suffering months and years later? Better understanding the mechanisms associated with natural and therapeutic recovery we may be better able to answer these key questions. My research focuses on addressing these questions across three main areas of inquiry: information processing mechanisms associated with trauma exposure and psychopathology, prevention of chronic psychopathology following trauma exposure, and intervention for chronic psychopathology following trauma exposure. In addition to the focus on understanding these issues, I am also interested more broadly in the issues of information processing and intervention across the anxiety disorders.

## Research Publications

- 2014 Keller, S. M., Feeny, N. C., & Zoellner, L. A. (2014). Depression sudden gains and transient depression spikes during treatment for PTSD. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 82*, 103-111.
- 2014 McLaughlin, A., Keller, S., Feeny, N., Youngstrom, E., & Zoellner, L. (2014). Patterns of therapeutic alliance: rupture-repair episodes in prolonged exposure for PTSD. *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 82*, 112-121.
- 2014 Zoellner, L. A., Pruitt, L. D., Farach, F. J., & Jun, J. J. (2014). Understanding heterogeneity in PTSD: Fear, dysphoria, and distress. *Depression and Anxiety, 31*, 97-106.
- 2013 Jun, J., Zoellner, L. A., & Feeny, N. C. (2013). Sudden gains in prolonged exposure and sertraline for chronic PTSD. *Depression and Anxiety, 30*, 607-613.
- 2013 Zoellner, L. A., Bedard-Gilligan, M. A., Jun, J. J., Marks, E. H., & Garcia, N. M. (2013). The evolving construct of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD): DSM-5 criteria changes and legal implications. *Psychological Injury and the Law*.
- 2012 Bedard-Gilligan, & Zoellner, L.A. (2012). Dissociation and memory fragmentation in posttraumatic stress disorder: An evaluation of the dissociative encoding hypothesis. *Memory, 20*, 277-299.

## In the News

- 12/16/2015 Lori Zoellner just received funding from the Catherine Holmes Wilkins Foundation for her work titled Trauma Healing in the Somali Community. Congratulations Lori!
- 06/25/2014 Lori Zoellner shows patient with PTSD may know best when it comes to their treatment:
- 05/28/2014 Lori Zoellner was recently interviewed by UW Today about her work on PTSD treatment.
- 10/02/2013 Janie Jun won the Putnam Trauma Research Award from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.
- 04/10/2013 Natalia Garcia has received a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.
- 10/17/2011 Lori Zoellner's work on post-traumatic stress disorder was featured in UW Today: "Learning to not be afraid."
- 04/13/2009 Aileen Echiverri received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-related Research.
- 04/11/2008 The UW Clinical Psychology program has received a number 1 ranking (tied with UCLA and Wisconsin) in the latest U.S. News and World Report ranking of more than 200 graduate programs.
- 04/23/2006 Drs. Lori Zoellner and Richard Bryant review current research on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and the therapies and medicines that can effectively treat the condition on UW TV, Sunday, April 23rd, 10:00 PM.
- 07/05/2004 Lori Zoellner's work on Psychology's and Psychiatry and Behavioral Science's proposal to create the Collaborative Center for the Cognitive Behavioral Treatment of Anxiety Disorders was funded by the Provost's Fund for Innovation and Redesign.

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