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# Overview of Division of Forensic Behavioral Sciences

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# Brief History

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- 2017: Early beginnings
- 2023: Established as a division of UNM Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences
- Interdisciplinary
  - Medicine
  - Psychology

# Forensic Behavioral Sciences Faculty

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**Carli Bonham, MD**  
Past Interim Chief



**Maeve Cardwell, PsyD**  
Research Asst Professor



**Kaisa Marshall, PhD**  
Research Asst Professor



**Randy Otto, PhD**  
Division Chief



**Anthony Perillo, PhD**  
Fellowship Director



**Jen Perillo, PhD**  
Associate Professor



**Megan Shedd, MD**  
Clinical Asst Professor



**Jorge Varela, PhD**  
Professor



**Jeffrey Younggren, PhD**  
Fellowship Co-Director

# Activities

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- Training
- Clinical Service (Evaluation & Treatment)
- Research & Technical Assistance

# Training

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- Forensic Psychology Fellowship (4 fellows, adult and juvenile)
- Psychiatry Residency Didactic Training
- Forensic Psychiatry Elective Training
- Law & Mental Health Continuing Education Series
  - <https://www.youtube.com/@unmdeptofpsychiatryandbeha7620>

# Clinical Services: Evaluation

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## Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice

- Competencies (CJ, JJ)
- Criminal Responsibility (CJ)
- Transfer (JJ)
- Disposition (CJ, JJ)

# Clinical Services: Evaluation

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## Pre-Employment Screening

- Albuquerque Police Department
- Albuquerque Fire Rescue
- Veterans Administration Hospital

# Clinical Services: Collaborations Between Bernalillo County and Department of Psychiatry Faculty

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Bernalillo County Detention Center (Dr. Hamilton)

Bernalillo County Youth Services Center (Dr. Foster/Dr. Whitt)

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment Team (FACT Team) –starting  
10/25



# Research & Technical Consultation

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- Policy evaluation/consultation with Behavioral Health Services Division
  - Consultation on revision of competence evaluators' contract
  - Annual training for MHPs who evaluate criminal defendants' competence to stand trial
  - Delivery of focused training and development of guidance document in response to passage of HB 08
  - Consultation and fidelity assessments for Assertive Community Treatment, Forensic Assertive Community Treatment and intersection with Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- Cross-site evaluation of Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) in NM

# Research & Technical Consultation

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- Development and evaluation of youth and young adult diversion program with NM First Judicial District Attorney's Office
- Evaluation of re-entry programming for former "juvenile lifers"
- NM Parole Board decision making around "juvenile lifer" parole
- Research examining forensic evaluators' perceptions of competency payment structures across the United States

# What is Next?

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Expand Clinical Psychology Internship to include forensic offerings?

Expand Forensic psychology Fellowship experiences?

Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship?

Increase partnerships with tribes and local and state agencies for grant acquisition (e.g., [www.samhsa.gov/](http://www.samhsa.gov/))

# Who to Contact?

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