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Education & License

- 2017 Certified Group Psychotherapist
International Board for Certification of Group Psychotherapists
- 2016 Master's in Healthcare Administration
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2012 Licensed Psychologist, State of Nevada, #PY0648
- 2010 Ph.D., Psychology (APA-Accredited program & internship)
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Dissertation Title: The Experience of Feelings in Depression
- 2007 Master of Arts, Psychology, Summa cum laude
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Master's Thesis Title: Experience during the Early Stages of Treatment with Antidepressant Medication
- 2002 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Summa cum laude, University honors, Department honors
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Honor's Thesis Title: Empirically-Derived Methods to Improve Session Attendance in Clinical Settings: Reliability of a Systematic Review

Positions

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| 2019 – present | Associate Professor-in-Residence | Department of Psychology, UNLV |
| 2014 – present | Assistant Director | The PRACTICE, UNLV |
| 2013 – 08 | Assistant Professor-in-Residence | Department of Psychology, UNLV |
| 2011 – 2013 | Visiting Assistant Professor | Department of Psychology, UNLV |
| 2010 – 2011 | Postdoctoral Fellow | The Menninger Clinic, Baylor College of Medicine |
| 2009 – 2010 | Intern | Sharp Healthcare (APA-accredited) |

Honors and Awards

- Alumna of APA's Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology, 2019
- Dr. Sandra L. Shullman LIWP Scholarship for \$1,000, APA Dorothy W. Cantor APA Leadership Institute for Women in Psychology (LIWP) Fund Scholarship Program, 2019
- UNLV Honor's College Alumna of the Year, 2019
- UNLV Office of Community Engagement 2019 Service-Learning Award for \$2,000, March 2019
- 2019 Training Directors & Group Coordinator Award for \$1,000, American Board of Group Psychology/American Academy of Group Psychology
- Certificate of Appreciation, in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Society of Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy and to the science and practice of group psychotherapy, APA Division 49 (Society of Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy), 2018
- James Mikawa Award, in recognition of outstanding contribution to psychology, Nevada Psychological Association, April 2018.
- Division 49 Group Psychotherapy Grant for \$2,000, American Psychological Foundation, July 2017.
- Early Career Psychologist Credentialing Scholarship, National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, 2012.
- Graduate Teaching Assistants Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Graduate College Teaching & Learning Center, April 2007.
- Outstanding Student in Psychology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 2003.
- Undergraduate Academic Research Award for \$1000, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, December 2002.
- Vista Award Nominee from the Department of Psychology, University Of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 2002.
- Outstanding Student of the Year, Achievement Center of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2000-2001.
- Recognition of Outstanding Research and Performance, Achievement Center of Psychology, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, August-December, 2002.
- Mary Dougherty Honors Scholarship from the Honors College of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2000 to 2003.
- Dean's Honor List, College of Liberal Arts, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1999 to 2002.
- Mitzi & Johnny Hughes Honors Program Scholarship, Honors College, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1999-2000.

Professional Service Positions

- **President of Nevada Psychological Association**
- **APA Council Representative, Nevada Psychological Association**
- **Membership Chair, APA Division 49**
- **Past Chair of Nevada Commission on Behavioral Health (Appointed by Governor)**
- **UNLV Mental and Behavioral Health Care Coalition**
- **UNLV Interprofessional Education Work Group**
- **UNLV Faculty Senator; Senior Senator for College of Liberal Arts**
- **UNLV College of Liberal Arts Diversity & Inclusion Committee**
- **The PRACTICE Planning and Implementation Committee**
- **Item Developer for Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners**
- **Past Chair of UNLV Department of Psychology's Diversity & Inclusion Committee**
- **Team Lead , NPA Legislative Committee**

Professional Memberships

- **American Psychological Association**
- **Nevada Psychological Association**
- **American Group Psychotherapy Association**
- **Society of Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy (APA Division 49)**
- **State, Provincial, & Territorial Affairs (APA Division 31)**

Teaching at University of Nevada, Las Vegas

- **PSY 714: History and Foundations of Clinical Psychology**, Spring 2017 to Spring 2018 (2 sections)
- **PSY 750: Diversity Issues in Professional Psychology**, Fall 2012 to Fall 2018 (6 sections)
- **PSY 715: Assessment of Children**, Fall 2013
- **PSY 752: Principles and Practice of Group Psychotherapy**, Summer 2013 to Summer 2017 (3 sections). Also responsible for curriculum approval at University level.
- **PSY 451: Basic Principles of Psychotherapy & HON 410 Principles and Practice of Psychotherapy**, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2017
- **PSY 420: Psychology of Learning**, Fall 2011 to Summer 2014 (9 sections)
- **PSY 420: Psychology of Learning**, Distance Education, Summer 2014 to Summer 2018 (4 sections)
- **PSY 240: Research Methods**, Distance Education, Fall 2007 to Summer 2013 (26 sections)
- **PSY 101: General Psychology**, Distance Education, Summer 2006 to Spring 2009 (9 sections)
- **PSY 101: General Psychology**, Fall 2005 to Spring 2006 (4 sections)
- **Didactic Seminar to UNLV School of Medicine Psychiatry Residents**: Provided 6 hours of instruction on group psychotherapy, 2018.
- **Provided CE/CEU Event** – Evidence based Suicide Intervention at The PRACTICE to approximately 200 licensed mental health professionals in the community, 2018.

External Funding

APA Committee on Early Career Psychologists,

December 2019

Leadership Program Development Grant awarded to Nevada Psychological Association (\$1,500)

Role: Primary Author

APA Services Inc. Grant, Practice Directorate, Committee of State Leaders (CSL),

October 2019

State Legislative Grant awarded to Nevada Psychological Association (\$5,000)

Role: Primary Author

American Psychological Foundation, January 2018

2017 Division 49 Group Psychotherapy Grant (\$2,000)

Feasibility of Routine Outcome Monitoring of Group Psychotherapy

Role: Principle Investigator

Las Vegas Recovery Center, Spring 2016

Las Vegas Recovery Center Outcome Research Project (\$16,153/year)

Role: Principle Investigator

Kagi Foundation, Summer 2015 funding through Summer 2019

Funding for two postdoctoral fellows at The PRACTICE (\$132,000/year)

Role: Supervisor

Refereed Publications

Lefforge, N.L., McLaughlin, S., Jones, M., & Mejia, C. (*in press*). A training model for addressing microaggressions in group psychotherapy. *International Journal of Group Psychotherapy*.

Hunt, S., Denby, R. W., Hertlein, K. M., **Lefforge, N. L.,** & Paul, M.P. (2019). A university-based transdisciplinary approach to mental health workforce shortages. *Community Mental Health Journal, 55*(5), 742 – 749. doi: 10.1007/s10597-019-00367-y

Lefforge, N. L., Paul, M., Nixon, J., & Krumm, A. (2018). Toward integration: Advancing interdisciplinary practice in community mental health. *Association of Psychology Training Clinics Bulletin, 1,* 3-7.

Heavey, C. L., **Lefforge, N. L.,** Lapping-Carr, L., & Hurlburt, R. T. (2017). Mixed emotions: Toward a phenomenology of blended and multiple feelings. *Emotion Review, 9,* 105-110.

Mazurenko, O., Zemke, D., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (2016). Who is a hospital's "customer"? It depends on where you sit. *Journal of Healthcare Management, 61,* 319-333.

Mazurenko, O., Zemke, D., **Lefforge, N. L.,** Shoemaker, S., Menachemi, N. (2015). What Determines the Surgical Patient Experience?: Exploring the Patient, Clinical Staff, and Management Perspectives. *Journal of Healthcare Management, 60,* 332-346.

Heavey, C. L., Hurlburt, R. T., **Lefforge, N. L.** (2012). Toward a phenomenology of feelings, *Emotion*, *12*, 763-777. doi: 10.1037/a0026905

Heavey, C. L., Hurlburt, R. T., **Lefforge, N. L.** (2010). Descriptive Experience Sampling: A method for exploring momentary experience. *Qualitative Research in Psychology*, *7*, 345-368.

Lefforge, N. L., Donohue, B., & Strada, M. J. (2006). Improving session attendance in mental health and substance abuse settings: A review of controlled studies. *Behavior Therapy*, *38*, 1-22.

Donohue, B., Strada, M. J., Rosales, R., Taylor-Caldwell, A., Hise, D., Ahman, S., **Lefforge, N. L.**, Kopof, M., Devore, G., Soares, B., Radkovich, B., & Laino, R. (2006). The Semistructured Interview for Consideration of Ethnic Culture in Therapy Scale: Initial psychometric and outcome support. *Behavior Modification*, *30*, 867-891.

Strada, M. J., Donohue, B., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (2006). Examination of ethnicity in controlled treatment outcome studies involving adolescent substance abusers: A comprehensive literature review. *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, *20*, 11-27.

Caldwell, R. M., Silverman, J., **Lefforge, N. L.**, & Silver, N. C. (2004). Adjudicated Mexican American adolescents: The effects of familial emotional support on self-esteem, emotional well-being, and delinquency. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, *32*, 55-69.

Non-Refereed Publication

Paul, M. P., **Lefforge, N. L.**, Nixon, J. A., & Dahl, H. (2018). We provided psychological first aid after Las Vegas shooting – here’s what we learned. *The Conversation*. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/we-provided-psychological-first-aid-after-the-las-vegas-shooting-heres-what-we-learned-104098>

Publications Under Development

Lefforge, N. L.¹, McLaughlin, S. P. B., Romero, A. J., & Gillis, D. J. (2019). *Feasibility of routine outcome monitoring of group psychotherapy*. Manuscript in preparation.

Refereed Presentations

Lefforge, N.L., & Paul, M.C. (2019). Rome Wasn’t Built in a Day: Building Training Clinic Research Infrastructure. Platform presented at Association of Psychology Training Clinics Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC.

¹ First two authors contributed equally to this manuscript

- Lefforge, N.L.,** McLaughlin, S.P.B., & Paul, M.C. (2019). Beyond Crystal Balls: Feasibility of Routine Outcome Monitoring to Improve Group Psychotherapy Outcomes. Platform presented at Association of Psychology Training Clinics Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC.
- Lefforge, N.L.**², & Nixon, J.A. (2019). Out of Our Comfort Zone and Into New Spaces: Telemental Health Clinical Outcomes. Poster presented at Association of Psychology Training Clinics Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC.
- Lefforge, N.L.,** McLaughlin, S. P. B., & Kleinberg, J. (2019). Challenges in group psychotherapy supervision and training. Half-day open session presented at American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- McLaughlin, S. P. B., Jones, M., Mejia, C., & **Lefforge, N.L.** (2019). Responding to bias and microaggressions in group psychotherapy. Half-day workshop presented at American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- Paul, M., **Lefforge, N.L.,** & Nixon, J.A. (2018). Toward integration: Advancing interdisciplinary practice in community mental health. Panel presented at the Association of Psychology Training Clinics Annual Meeting, Maui, HI.
- Lefforge, N.L.,** Paul, M., & Nixon, J.A. (2018). An unfortunate innovation: UNLV training clinic's response to mass shooting. Poster presented at the Association of Psychology Training Clinics Annual Meeting, Maui, HI.
- McLaughlin, S., Mejia, C., Jones, M., & **Lefforge, N.L.** (2018). Manifestations of bias and microaggressions in group psychotherapy. Open session presented at the American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX.
- Bleigberg, J.R., Cooper-Bhatia, J., Keating, N.L., **Lefforge, N.L.,** & Veach, L.A. (2018). How the group coordinator can foster group culture and innovation in college counseling centers and other staff model clinic settings. Half-day workshop presented at the American Group Psychotherapy Association Annual Meeting, Houston, TX.
- Heavey, C. L., **Lefforge, N.L.,** Lapping-Carr, L., & Gunter, J. (2015). Dysphoria is subtly present in the momentary experience of depressed individuals. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Convention, New York, NY.
- Lefforge, N.L.,** & Heavey, C. L. (2015). What is Descriptive Experience Sampling? In R. T. Hurlburt (Chair), *The inner experience of inner speaking, reading fiction, and reading erotica: What's really going on?* Symposium conducted at the Western Psychological Association Convention, Las Vegas, NV.

² Both authors contributed equally to this presentation

- Mazurenko, O., Zemke, D., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (2015). What determines patient experience? Exploring patient, clinical staff, and management. Paper presented at the Academy of Management Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, Lapping-Carr, L., Heavey, C. L., & Hurlburt, R. T. (2014). Beep Here Now: DES provides a structured path toward mindfulness. Paper presented at the Toward a Science of Consciousness Convention, Tucson, AZ.
- Heavey, C. H., Hurlburt, R. T., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (May, 2011) *Toward a Phenomenology of Feelings*. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Heavey, C. H., Hurlburt, R. T., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (April, 2010) *Some characteristics of feelings*. Paper presented at the Toward a Science of Consciousness Convention, Tucson, AZ.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, & Heavey, C. H. (October, 2009). *The inner experience of positive emotions*. Poster presented at the Nevada Psychological Association's Positive Psychology Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Heavey, C. H., Talarico, J., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (July, 2007). *The structuring, capture, distillation, and report of subjective experience: Methodological issues*. Poster presented at the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness 12th Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, Heavey, C. H., & Fakiel, M. (May, 2007). *The experience of depression after initiation of treatment with antidepressants*. Paper presented at the Western Psychological Association 87th Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Jones-Forrester, S., Dickens, Y., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (May, 2006). Applications of Descriptive Experience Sampling. Paper presented in Symposium, *Exploring inner experience: The Descriptive Experience Sampling Method*. (chaired by Hurlburt, R.T.) at the Western Psychological Association 86th Annual Convention, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, & Heavey, C.H. (May, 2005). *Antidepressants and increased suicidality: Implications for physicians and researchers*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 85th Annual Convention, Portland, Oregon.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, Valja, H., & Caldwell, R. M. (May, 2004). *Parental responsiveness and involvement as predictors of suicide risk among female juvenile offenders*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 84th Annual Convention, Phoenix, Arizona.

- Valja, H., **Lefforge, N. L.**, & Caldwell, R. M. (May, 2004). *Aggression, anger, and hostility as predictors of suicide risk among adjudicated adolescents*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 84th Annual Convention, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, & Caldwell, R.M. (May, 2003). *Parental emotional support and substance abuse among African American, Hispanic, and Caucasian adolescents*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 83rd Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, Donohue, B., Farley, A., & Murphy, H. (May, 2003). *Empirically-based recommendations to improve attendance: A practitioner's guide*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 83rd Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Lefforge, N. L.**, Donohue, B., Stowman, S., & Strada, M. (May, 2003). *Reliability of a systematic review of the literature using improvement of attendance as a model*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 83rd Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Stowman, S., Strada, M., Soares, B., **Lefforge, N. L.**, Stowman, S., Miller, A., Komph, M., & Donohue, D. (May, 2003). *The therapeutic effects of assessing ethnic culture during structured interviews*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 83rd Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Strada, M., **Lefforge, N. L.**, Rosales, R., Stowman, S., Ingham, D., Komph, M., Winner, R., & Donohue, D. (May, 2003). *Factor structure and internal consistency of the Ethnic-Acculturation Structured Interview (EASI)*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 83rd Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Strada, M., **Lefforge, N. L.**, Stowman, S., Soares, B., Rosales, R., Ingham, D., Komph, M., & Donohue, D. (May, 2003). *Concurrent validity of the Ethnic-Acculturation Scale (EASI)*. Poster presented at the Western Psychological Association 83rd Annual Convention, Vancouver, Canada.
- Caldwell, R. M., Silverman, J., & **Lefforge, N. L.** (August, 2003). *Parental monitoring and self-esteem as predictors of delinquency among adjudicated Hispanic adolescents*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 111th Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- Strada, M., Ingham, D., **Lefforge, N. L.**, Rosales, R., Soares, B., Murphy, H., Miller, A., & Donohue, D. (August, 2003). *Examination of cultural sensitivity in controlled studies of adolescent substance abuse*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 111th Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.

Ad-hoc Reviewer

- Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health
- Scientific Research and Essay

References

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