# Vibh Forsythe Cox, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vita

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EMPLOYMENT Behavioral Tech Training and Development Specialist Trainer and Consultant	March 2018-present
Cadence Child and Adolescent Therapy Licensed Staff Psychologist	April 2015-present
Department of Psychology, University of Washington Clinical Instructor	2015-present
EDUCATION The Ohio State University   Ph.D. APA Accredited Program: Clinical Psychology Advisor: Jennifer S. Cheavens, Ph.D. Dissertation Title: "Choosing emotion regulation strategies: The impact of Borderline Personality Disorder symptoms and interpersonal cues."	August 2014
<b>The Ohio State University   Master of Arts</b> APA Accredited Program: Clinical Psychology Advisor: Jennifer S. Cheavens, Ph.D. Master's Thesis Title: "The moderating effect of Borderline Personality Disorder symptoms on interpersonal cues and the perception of social support."	February 2011
<b>The University of Kentucky   Bachelor of Arts</b> Lexington, Kentucky Major: Psychology Departmental and University Honors, Summa Cum Laude	August 2007

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

DBT-Linehan Board of Certification Certified Clinician	2019-present
International Society for Improvement and	2011-present
Teaching of Dialectical Behavior Therapy.	2020
Board member	2020
Anti-Racism Steering Committee	2021
Anti-Racism Committee Chair	
American Psychological Association.	2010-present
Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.	2008-Present
OSU Psychology Department Positive Psychology Special Interest Group	2013
OSU Psychology Department Emotion Regulation special interest group	2012-2013
Society for Personality and Social Psychology.	2010-2011

# PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

- Pursuing excellence in the clinical delivery of evidence-based treatments.
- Working with adolescents and their families.
- Providing supervision, consultation, and training to support mental health professionals in increasing compassion, competence, and effectiveness as clinicians.
- Helping teams surmount the challenges of having members in different settings, states, and countries.
- Dissemination and implementation of DBT.
- Improving accessibility and delivery of DBT to clients of color.
- Mentoring graduate students of color to increase diversity and representation in mental health research and treatment.

# TRAINING DEVELOPMENT

#### **Training and Content Development Specialist**

- Collaborate with a team of content experts at Behavioral Tech to develop trainings and revise existing training materials.
- Ensure that training content reflects current evidence, best teaching practices, and CE board requirements.
- Identify learning objectives, develop training materials, quiz and exam questions.

#### **Online Comprehensive Training Foundational Pathway**

• Participated in the development of the online Comprehensive Training program designed to provide the learning content of Behavioral Tech's foundational training in an online format using recorded videos, quizzes, homework assignments and a monitored forum.

#### 2018-present

2017-present

- Organized the content of the online learning including recordings of didactics and demonstrations, and organization of learning materials and assessments.
- Provide ongoing consultation about the structure and delivery of the course.

#### Online Comprehensive Training Intensive Pathway

- Participated in the development of this online Comprehensive Training program designed to provide the learning content of Behavioral Tech's Intensive Part 1 and Part 2 training in an online format using recorded videos, quizzes, homework assignments, monthly consultations, observed program and case consultations, and program sustainability consultation.
- Provide ongoing consultation about the structure and delivery of the course.

#### **Online Comprehensive Training Intensive Plus Pathway**

#### 2017-present

2017-present

- Participated in the development of an online Comprehensive training program designed for individuals who did not belong to a DBT team to be introduced to others in search of a team.
- Teams then complete intensive training together including specified instruction in forming a DBT team.
- Provide ongoing consultation about the structure and delivery of the course.

# TRAINING AND CONSULTATION FOCI

#### Foundational Training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy

• Teaching the standard content of DBT by providing descriptions, explanations, and examples to mental health professionals of different disciplines hwo are joining existing DBT programs.

#### **Intensive Training Part 1**

• Teaching the standard content of DBT to teams of practitioners of varying levels of experience with DBT and are interested in developing a DBT program.

#### **Intensive Training Part 2**

- This portion of intensive training involves consulting with Teams regarding their respective DBT programs and providing consultation on a case formulation completed before this component of the training.
- Consultation includes giving feedback, answering questions, treatment demonstrations and Roleplay.

#### **Skills Introduction**

• This training is an introduction to DBT skills including the role this mode of treatment in the context of a comprehensive DBT program, relevant research on DBT skills, skills curricula and a brief introduction to the content of the skills modules.

#### **Behavioral Tech Consultation**

• Provides consultation to licensed professionals regarding their DBT programs, consultation team, clinical work, and path to DBT-LBC Certification.

#### **Consultation to prospective trainers**

• As part of Behavioral Tech's annual meeting, persons who have been identified as prospective trainers receive group consultation to discuss and practice needed skills for effective training in the delivery of DBT.

#### Addressing Invalidation Associated with Minority Status

• Questions were submitted for a small group discussion of types of invalidation associated with race, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

#### **Online Comprehensive Training Foundational Pathway**

• Currently engaged in the delivery of this learning content via responding to questions in the forum.

#### **Online Comprehensive Training Intensive Pathway**

• Currently engaged in the delivery of this learning content via responding to questions in the forum. Provide consultation about the structure and delivery of the course.

#### **Online Comprehensive Training Intensive Plus Pathway**

• Individuals without a DBT team are matched with one another and receive specialized content regarding the formation of a DBT team. These teams complete intensive training.

#### Anti-Racism in DBT

• Private consultation as requested to clinics looking to address questions of bias and systemic racism that may be impacting therapists and clients. The goal of these consultations is to increase equitable delivery of mental health treatment and improve equity for therapists belonging to marginalized groups.

#### SUPERVISION

Clinical Instructor (group and individual supervision)	2015- present
University of Washington	
Individual Supervisor	2016-present
Cadence Child and Adolescent Therapy	<b>I</b>

**Group supervision** Cadence Child and Adolescent Therapy 2020-present

# **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Forsythe Cox, V.,** Shaller, E., Cooney, E., Marfo, N., Suara, Z., Cooper, C., (2020) *Doing the Best We Can and Doing Better: The Path to Antiracism in DBT*. Workshop presented virtually for the International Society for the Improvement and Teaching of Dialectical Behavior Therapy annual conference. <u>http://isitdbt.net/anti-racist-and-racial-justice-resources/</u>

Schmidt, S., **Forsythe Cox, V.** & Cooney, E. B. (2018). *Teaching trainees to tightrope across the Grand Canyon: providing effective supervision in DBT*. Workshop presented at the annual conference for the International Society for the Improvement and Teaching of Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Washington DC. <u>http://isitdbt.net/2018-conference/</u>

**Forsythe, V.** (2011, October) Positive Psychology. *Utilizing Positive Psychology to enhance lifespan career development among diverse populations.* Presentation to Ohio Women in Psychology special interest group at the Ohio Psychological Association Convention, Newark, OH

**Forsythe, V.** (2011, June, August). *Autism Spectrum Disorders: Asperger's Syndrome*. Counseling and Consultation Services, Columbus, OH

**Forsythe V.**, & Cheavens, J., (2011, January). *The moderating effect of Borderline Personality Disorder on interpersonal emotion regulation and the perception of social support.* Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX

Forsythe, V. (February 2010). Autism Spectrum Disorders. Social skills facilitation and building relationships in youth. Autism Society of the Bluegrass, Lexington, KY

**Forsythe, V.,** & Cheavens, J., (2009, November). *Relationships among Mindfulness, Rumination, and Depressive Symptoms.* Poster session 4. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies National Convention, New York, NY

**Forsythe, V**., & Cheavens, J., (2009, June). *Relationships among Mindfulness, Rumination, and Depressive Symptoms.* Poster session 2. Black Graduate Students in Psychology Conference, New York, NY

**Forsythe, V.,** & Cheavens, J., (2009, February). *Elucidating the relationship between mindfulness and rumination*" In Psychology 2. Symposium at the Great Lakes Association for the Graduate Education Professoriate in Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate Student Research Symposium, Chicago, IL

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

# Psychology 100 ProgramThe Ohio State UniversitySupervisor: Melissa Beers, Ph.D.Graduate Teaching Assistant/Instructor- PsychologyDepartmentNew T.A. Mentorship contactTutoring liaisonHarding Hospital

<u>DBT Consultation</u> Compiled materials for condensed Dialectical Behavioral Therapy skills training and co-facilitate a 3-week term of daily skills training group for patients in OSU Harding Hospital's Intensive Outpatient program. Provided support and consultation Harding Hospital Psychiatry team to help begin a Dialectical Behavior Therapy skills training group.

Certificate of Training in the Teaching of Psychology

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

**DBT Trainers' meeting** Behavioral Tech, LLC Seattle, WA

**DBT Prospective trainers' meeting** Behavioral Tech, LLC Seattle, WA

Getting to Adherence: Essential Strategies, Practical Tips, and Common Pitfalls Behavioral Research & Therapy Clinics Trainers: Melanie S. Harned, Ph.D., ABPP; Kathryn E. Korslund, Ph.D., ABPP Seattle, WA

**Behavioral Tech LLC** DBT Prospective trainers' meeting

DBT Trainers' meeting Seattle, WA

#### **Behavioral Tech LLC** Intensive Training in the Dialectical Behavior Therapy Prolonged Exposure Protocol for PTSD Trainers: Melanie S. Harned, Ph.D., ABPP; Elizabeth Dexter Mazza, Psy.D.; Sara Schmidt, Ph.D. Seattle, WA

#### Fall 2008-Spring 2011, Autumn 2012

September 2008-Autumn 2012
September 2010 January 2011
July 2012
Awarded 2011
Awarded 2011
May 2017-2020
Annual
May 2017-2019 Annual
Annual
September 2017
May 2017
April 2017

Suicide Risk Assessment and Management workshop	<b>July 2015</b>
Trainer: Marsha Linehan, Ph.D., ABPP Seattle, WA	
Acceptance and Commitment Therapy Training Trainer: Steven Hayes, Ph.D. Cleveland, OH	August 2010
<b>Practicum on the Teaching of Psychology</b> The Ohio State University Supervisor: Melissa Beers, Ph.D.	<b>July 2008</b>
SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE	
Cadence Child and Adolescent Therapy	August 2014-April 2015
Post-Doctoral Fellow Supervisors: Milani Smith, Ph.D., Dan Finnegan, MSW	
<b>Lexington Veterans Affairs Medical Center</b> Predoctoral Internship, Lexington, KY Training Director: Ashley Bechtel, Psy.D.; Kourtni Badgett, Ph.D	2013-2014
<b>Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders Clinical Team</b> Rotation Supervisor: Kourtni Badgett, Ph.D.,	
<b>Psychology Administration</b> Rotation Supervisor: Autum McCane, Ph.D., Ashley Bechtel, Psy.D.,	
Mental Health Clinic Rotation Supervisor: Craig Cabezas, Ph.D.	
<b>Family Therapy</b> Rotation Supervisor: Steven Hansel, Psy.D.	
Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program	June 2011-July 2012
The Ohio State University	
Supervisor: Jennifer Cheavens, Ph.D.	<b>July 2012-June 2013</b>
Graduate Student Therapist Peer Supervisor	
Teer Supervisor	April 2011-August 2011
Counseling and Consultation Services	
The Ohio State University	
Columbus, OH Supervisers: Crea Alfred M.S. under Dennis	
Supervisors: Greg Alfred, M.S. under Dennis Alexander, Ph.D.; Amanda Wyrick, M.S. under Shonali	
Raney, Ph.D.	
Graduate Student Therapist	

Twin Valley Behavior Healthcare Timothy B. Moritz Forensic Unit Columbus, OH Supervisor: Helen D. Rodebaugh, Ph.D. <u>Therapy Extern</u> <u>Peer Supervisor</u>

**Psychological Services Center The Ohio State University** Columbus, OH <u>Graduate Student Therapist</u>

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### **Mood and Personality Studies Laboratory** Advisor: Jennifer Cheavens, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, The Ohio State University

Graduate Research Associate

- Played a significant role in multiple studies broadly aimed at improving the understanding of Emotion Regulation and Personality Disorder Symptoms, a subset of which is included below.
  - Selected Project: Validation and Invalidation in Psychotherapy: Implications for Session Attendance and Symptom improvement
  - Selected Project: A randomized controlled trial of personalized treatments using CT and DBT components for depression
  - Selected Project: Choosing emotion regulation strategies: The impact of Borderline Personality Disorder Symptoms and interpersonal cues (Dissertation)
  - Selected Project: The moderating effect of Borderline Personality Disorder symptoms on the relationship between interpersonal emotion regulation and the perception of social support (Master's Thesis)
  - Selected Project: *Relationships among mindfulness rumination and depressive and anxious symptoms*

## Personality Studies Laboratory

Supervisor: Thomas Widiger, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, University of Kentucky Undergraduate Research Assistant *Research Focus: The diagnosis and classification of psychopathology* 

# Behavioral Pharmacology Laboratory

Supervisor: Mark Fillmore, Ph.D. Department of Psychology, University of Kentucky Undergraduate Research Assistant *Research focus: Behavioral pharmacology, drug addiction, and cognitive impairment* 

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**Dissertation year funding** 

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

July 2009-September 2010

June 2010-September 2010

September 2008-July 2009

2007-2012

2007

2006-2007

<b>Meritorious Teaching award</b> Awarded by the Psychology 100 program at OSU to recognize outstanding contributions to the Psychology 100 program.	2011
<b>AGEP/SBES Summer Research Assistantship Summer</b> Funding for this assistantship comes from a national science foundation grant to increase underrepresented minority involvement in research. The assistantship covers tuition and fees and includes a stipend of \$4,200 paid over 3 months.	2009, 2010
Graduate Student Conference Presentation Travel Award The Ohio State University Department of Psychology	2009, 2011
<b>Dean's Graduate Enrichment Fellowship</b> Awarded by the Graduate School at The Ohio State University, this fellowship is conferred to newly accepted graduate students who demonstrate significant potential to contribute to the diversity of the graduate school. This fellowship includes financial support for the student's first year and dissertation year.	2007-2008
<b>Jules B LaPidus Fellow</b> This fellowship designation is awarded to one recipient of the Deans Graduate Enrichment Fellowship in recognition of outstanding achievement or potential.	2007
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship</b> Awarded by the College of Social and Behavioral sciences, this fellowship includes support for the one month before the beginning of the first quarter and support for the second summer of graduate school to facilitate research.	2007-2008
National Achievement Scholarship- Finalist The National Achievement Scholarship program is an academic competition affiliated with the National Merit Scholarship program. The purpose of the program is to recognize African- American high school students for academic achievement. Of the 160,000 students who enter the program, 800 students are chosen as finalists. I was awarded a corporate sponsorship, which paid full 4-year tuition, as well as first year room and board at my undergraduate institution.	2003
Kentucky Governor's Scholar The Kentucky Governor's scholars program selects applicants from high schools across the state and offers outstanding applicants a 5-week residential learning program. The program curriculum allows students to choose a major and minor study focus area. Scholars who choose to attend state institutions are offered full tuition and stipend.	2002

# **VOLUNTEER WORK**

Guest lecturer University of Washington School of Social work	2019, 2020
<b>Psychology 100 Textbook Committee</b> Ohio State University Department of Psychology	2012
<b>Invited Speaker for Psychology and the Law course</b> Dr. Joseph Roberts, Ph.D.	2011
Student facilitator OSU Student Research Opportunity Program	2010
<b>Diversity Committee</b> The Ohio State University Psychology Department	2012
Panel member The Ohio State University Minority Student Recruitment	2009, 2011, 2012
<b>Class Representative</b> OSU Department of Psychology Clinical Area Faculty Meetings	2007-2008
Eastern State Mental Hospital Department of Psychology, The Ohio State University	2006-2007
<ul> <li>Reading Camp <u>Position:</u> Ambassador  <u>Responsibilities:</u> <ul> <li>Assisted in the training of South African volunteers to develop an affiliate Reading Camp program in Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth, South Africa.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>1999-2009</b> 2007-2009
<ul> <li><u>Position:</u> Head Counselor <u>Responsibilities:</u></li> <li>Trained, organized, and supervised reading camp counselors.</li> <li>Trained counselors to provide mentorship and care,</li> <li>Trained and mentored others in the prevention of sexual misconduct and the evaluation and report of child abuse.</li> </ul>	2000-2007
<ul> <li><u>Position:</u> Counselor <u>Responsibilities:</u></li> <li>Provided mentorship and supervision for children aged 8- 10 who had been identified as being troubled or reluctant readers, who often carried ADHD diagnoses, or came from families with low socioeconomic status or abusive backgrounds.</li> </ul>	1999-2000

#### Autism Society of the Bluegrass

<u>Position:</u> Sibling Chair <u>Responsibilities:</u>

- Provided socio-emotional support for siblings of children with Autism.
- Organized and participated in sibling panel discussions.
- Consulted with parents about fostering relationships with their neuro-typical children, and between their neuro-typical children and their child with Autism.
- Organized a summer experience for siblings of children with Autism to teach strategies for coping.

Position: Childcare coordinator

Supervisor: Melanie Tyner-Wilson *Responsibilities:* 

- Trained and scheduled childcare workers to work in home with children with Autism.
- Worker support contact person.