

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Personal data**

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### **Academic Training**

2018 till present: Doctoral candidate in the clinical psychology program at UL  
2015 - 2017 Research M.A in Clinical Psychology : Lebanese University  
2003 - 2005 Professional M.A in Clinical Psychology: Lebanese University  
1999 – 2003 B.A in Clinical Psychology: Lebanese University

### **License and affiliation**

Mental Health Counselor, License number: 006298  
  
American Psychological Association: affiliate member, 2008 - Present

### **Professional experience**

May 2017-Present Chief of assessments and evaluations, Division of Translational Imaging, The Horga Lab, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute. Supervising and conducting diagnostic interviews, clinical and neuropsychological assessments.

August 2016- August 2017 Research Scientist-Division of Anxiety and Related Disorders, Columbia University Medical Center, New York State Psychiatric Institute.

August 2016-Sept 2018 Senior Research Worker, Center for Practice Innovations Division of Behavioral health services and Policy research, Columbia University Medical Center

Feb 2014 – August 2016	Chief of assessments and evaluations, Division of Translational Imaging, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute. Supervising and conducting diagnostic interviews, clinical and neuropsychological assessments.
Jan 2016 – present	Counselor, LMHC, at my own private practice, 110 Washington ave, Pleasantville, NY, 10570 suite 207
Sep 2015 - Present	Consultant, Intra-Cellular Therapies, Inc. (ITI), oversaw quality control of ratings
Sep 2014 – Present	Psychological rater, The COPE clinic, Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute Conducting diagnostic interview for the Prodrome (SIPS-SOPS) and neuropsychological assessments
Feb 2008 - Feb 2014	Psychological rater, Division of Translational Imaging, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute
Feb 2011 – Feb 2012	Psychological rater, Raise Connection Program, , Columbia University, New York State Psychiatric Institute
May 2004 - April 2008	Therapist, case manager, Psychiatric Hospital of The Cross, Lebanon-Beirut
May 2006 - May 2008	Expert in Court for divorce cases, Lebanon-Beirut
Jan 2007 - May 2008	Psychologist, Auxilia Social Services, Lebanon-Beirut
Jan 2007 - May 2008	Therapist, case manager, Sister school of The Cross, Lebanon-Beirut
April 2007	Coach, Designing and implementing a program entitled “war affected children and youth”
Jul 2007 – Mar 2008	Preparing, developing and presenting live TV program of 40 emissions discussing various mental disorders

### **Certifications and skills**

Certified on many diagnostic interviews

Diagnostic Interview for Genetic Studies (DIGS) by Jill Harkavy Friedman, PhD

Structured Clinical Interview for DSM Disorders (SCID) by Michael First, MD

Structured Interview for Prodromal Syndromes (SIPS) by Barbara Walsh

Psychiatric Research Interview for Substance and Mental Disorders (PRISM) by S. Samet

Expertise in administering and providing training regarding a wide range of diagnostic interviews and clinical assessments.

## **References**

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## **Publications**

Weinstein JJ, van de Giessen E, Rosengard RJ, Xu X, Ojeil N, Brucato G, Gil RB, Kegeles LS, Laruelle M, Slifstein M, Abi-Dargham A. PET imaging of dopamine-D2 receptor internalization in schizophrenia. *Molecular Psychiatry*. 2017. doi: 10.1038/mp.2017.107.

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2-van de Giessen E, Weinstein JJ, Cassidy CM, Haney M, Dong Z, Ghazzaoui R, Ojeil N, Kegeles LS, Xu X, Vadhan NP, Volkow ND, Slifstein M, Abi-Dargham A. Deficits in striatal dopamine release in cannabis dependence. *Mol Psychiatry*. 2016 Mar 22. doi: 10.1038/mp.2016.21.

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6-- Urban N, Slifstein M, Thompson J, Xu XY, Castillo F, Medina O, Ojeil N, Haney M, Abi-Dargham A, *Imaging dopamine transmission in cannabis dependence* Conference: 8th International Symposium on Functional Neuroreceptor Mapping of the Living Brain Location: Glasgow, SCOTLAND Date: JUL 22-24, 2010  
Sponsor(s): GE; GlaxoSmithKline; Map Med Technologies; Nexxus; Pfizer; PMOD Technologies; PsyRING  
NEUROIMAGE Volume: 52 Supplement: 1 Pages: S67-S67 Published: AUG 2010

7- Lawrence S. Kegeles, Xiangling Mao, Arielle Stanford, Najate Ojeil, Beatriz Alvarez, Felipe Castillo, Roberto Gil, Anissa Abi-Dargham, Sarah H. Lisanby, Dikoma C. Shungu, *GABA AND GLUTAMATE-GLUTAMINE LEVELS IN THE FRONTAL CORTEX IN SCHIZOPHRENIA: A MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROSCOPY STUDY*, *Schizophrenia Research*, Volume 117, Issue 2, Pages 359-360. Published: APR 2010

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