

FREEMAN M. CHAKARA, PSY.D, ABPP-CN

EDUCATION

- 1995-2000 Widener University
Psy.D. Clinical Psychology (Neuropsychology & School Psychology)
Dissertation: *Assessing Interpersonal Cognitive Problem Solving Skills Among TBI Patients*
- 1988-1992 Toccoa Falls College
- B.A., Communication (Broadcasting) with minors in NT Greek and Apologetics
 - Graduated Magna Cum Laude

CERTIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2011: Diplomate – American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology – ABPP/ABCN
- 2007: Diplomate – American Board of Professional Neuropsychology – ABN/FACPN
- 2001: Licensed Psychologist (Pennsylvania - #PS009409)

EXPERIENCE

09/1997-Present: Providence Behavioral Health Services: www.providencebehavioral.com
2002-CEO & Clinical Director

- Neuropsychological evaluation of children and adolescents (outpatient)
- Forensic Neuropsychology: IME, Disability, mTBI, Personal Injury, Athletes, etc.
- Consultations to physicians, families, and schools
- Supervision: Doctoral Interns; Postdoctoral Fellows; Clinical Psychologists

09/01/ 2000-08/30/2002 Penn State University – Milton S. Hershey Medical Center
Postdoctoral Fellow, Clinical Neuropsychology

- Inpatient pediatric neuropsychological evaluations: SCI, TBI, Oncology & Trauma
- Research and in-service teaching opportunities

Supervised by Paul J. Eslinger, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist

09/01/1999-08/30/2000 University of Pennsylvania - Lancaster General Hospital
Predoctoral intern, Clinical Neuropsychology

- Inpatient and Outpatient adult neuropsychological assessment
- Inpatient consultations to physicians
- Psychoeducational group neuropsychotherapy

Supervised by Jon E. Bentz, Ph.D., ABN, FACPN, Neuropsychologist

09/01/1998-08/30/1999 Samaritan Counseling Center
Predoctoral intern, Clinical Psychology

- Psychoeducational assessment and treatment of children & adolescents
- Vocational assessments for pre-graduate students (mainly pre-seminary)

Supervised by Perry J. Hazeltine, Ph.D., Psychologist

09/01/1997-08/30/1998 Conestoga Valley School District
School Psychology Intern

- Psychoeducational evaluations (I.E.P's, C.E.R's, & MDE's)
Supervised by Gary Friedman, Ph.D., Psychologist

09/01/1995-08/30/1997 CC Associates
Predoctoral Practicum Student

- Individual and family therapy; Career assessment and counseling
Supervised by John E. Pugh, Ph.D., Psychologist

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

09/1997-Present: Lancaster Bible College & Capital Seminary - Rank: Professor

- *Courses include:*

Biopsychology

Psychological Assessment I & II

Ethics & Professional Issues

Introduction to Psychology

Personality Development

Research Design

PUBLICATIONS & POSTERS

1. Eslinger PJ, Zappala G, **Chakara FM** & Barret AM (*IN PRESS*). Cognitive Impairment After TBI. In Zasler, Katz, & Zafonte (Eds.) Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice 2nd Ed. Demos Medical Publishing: New York
2. Soden, D., Gathercoal, K., Andrews, G., & **Chakara, F.** (2019, July). Serial Neuropsychological Testing Toward a Reliable Concussion Protocol. A Presentation for George Fox University Graduate School of Psychology.
3. Swartz, J., Gathercoal, K., Andrews, G., & **Chakara, F.** (2017, August). A meta-analysis of neuropsychological tests utilized in evaluations for post-operative cognitive dysfunction in adult surgery patients. Poster presented at the 125th annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
4. **Chakara FM** & Eslinger PJ (2015). Brain as the organ of change: A Review of The Custom Made Brain – Cerebral Plasticity, regeneration and Enhancement. PsycCritiques 60, 48 #4.
5. Franzoi, S & **Chakara F** (2014). Introduction to Psychology: A Christian Worldview. BVT Publishers: Redding, CA
6. Eslinger PJ, **ChakaraFM**, & Flaherty-Craig C (2013). Rehabilitation and Management of Executive Function Disorders. In Barnes & Good (Eds.) Handbook of Clinical Neurology(Pp 365-376). Elsevier: Boston
7. Eslinger PJ, Zappala G, **Chakara FM** & Barret AM (2012). Cognitive Impairment After TBI. In Zasler, Katz, & Zafonte (Eds.) Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice 2nd Ed (Pp 991-1001). Demos Medical Publishing: New York
8. **Chakara FM** (2011). Helping Kids with Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. In Franklin & Fong (Eds.) The Church Leader's Counseling Resource Book (pp 103-1160. Oxford Press: New York
9. Eslinger PJ, Zappala G, **Chakara FM** & Barret AM (2007). Cognitive Impairment After TBI. In Zasler, Katz, & Zafonte (Eds.) Brain Injury Medicine: Principles and Practice (Pp 779 – 790). Demos Medical Publishing: New York
10. Eslinger PJ & **Chakara FM** (2004). Frontal Lobes and Executive Function. In Rizzo & Eslinger (Eds.) Principles and Practice of Behavioral Neurology & Neuropsychology (Pp 435-455). Elsevier: Boston