

MPA Ethics Committee



Tom Gola, Ph.D.

Dr. Thomas J. Gola is a member and Fellow of the Michigan Psychological Association and a Clinical Neuropsychologist. After completing his M.S. degree from Eastern Michigan University, he earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from Wayne State University. His clinical experience spans more than 40 years providing assessment and treatment to children, adolescents, and adults in settings ranging from state treatment facilities, mental health clinics, schools, hospitals and private practice. Dr. Gola has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in psychology and supervised and managed psychology staff. He has had many medical staff appointments and presently serves as a faculty member of the Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology Department at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan where he treats a variety of patients recovering from medical/health issues and supervises both pre-doctorate practicum students and post-doctorate residents in an APA-accredited Post-Doctoral training program in Neuropsychology. He holds an appointment as an Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, and his clinical expertise centers on psychological and neuropsychological assessment, psychotherapy and behavioral therapy emphasizing objective and time-limited intervention techniques, and systems approaches to health rehabilitation strategies. Dr. Gola's research and publications are in the areas of test engagement, cognitive outcomes following various neurological conditions, and psychological and neuropsychological assessment. He has presented at national, state, and local conferences, and is an active member in a number of national psychological and neuropsychological organizations. He has been a member of the MPA Ethics Committee where he has served for the past three years.



Julia Cunningham, Psy.D.

Dr. Julia Cunningham is a member of the Michigan Psychological Association and has been a member of the Ethics Committee for several years. She earned her Psy.D. from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, completing her internship at St. Therese Medical Center, and her postgraduate residency training at the Oklahoma Forensic Center in Vinita, OK. Dr. Cunningham is in independent practice and provides both individual and group psychotherapy. In her therapeutic work, she treats individuals with mood disorders, anxiety conditions, relationship and marital difficulties, and situational and transitional stress. Dr. Cunningham has extensive experience in conducting a wide variety of forensic assessments and evaluations for both the criminal and civil court system, and is qualified by courts through several west Michigan counties in providing expert witness testimony, treatment, and education in complex family law disputes. Dr. Cunningham's professional affiliations include membership in Family Court Counseling Professionals and the Friend of the Court Advisory Board, and she is a frequent presenter to the Family Law Institute.



Brad Sewick, Ph.D., ABN

Dr. Sewick is a Fellow of the Michigan Psychological Association and has been an active member since he was a graduate student representative. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan and received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Detroit. He completed internship and postgraduate residency training at Sinai Hospital of Detroit, and postdoctoral training with a clinical professor of neurology at New York University School of Medicine. He has served as a Clinical Professor of Psychology and has had teaching affiliations with Madonna University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Oakland University, and the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is active in teaching in the residency training program in Psychiatry at Wayne State University School of Medicine. In addition to serving on the Ethics Committee, he has been a member of the Insurance Committee and Continuing Education Committee and has provided testimony on behalf of MPA to the Michigan House of Representatives opposing proposed legislation that would have limited practice and access for psychological services. He has presented at MPA continuing education workshops. Dr. Sewick has worked at hospitals in the Detroit-Metropolitan area including Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Sinai-Grace Hospital, Pontiac General Hospital, and Behavioral Center of Michigan. He was a chair of the Examination Committee for the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology and subsequently served as the president of that organization. He is board certified in Neuropsychology and has a number of publications in medical and psychological journals. He practices primarily through his office in Southfield, Michigan, where he specializes in the evaluation and treatment of persons with neurological and psychiatric conditions.



Brandon Tross, Ed. S.

Brandon Tross is a member of the Michigan Psychological Association and a 5th year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology and Counselor Education Program at Western Michigan University. He is completing his dissertation on the effects of stereotype threat in neuropsychological assessment of African Americans. Prior to pursuing his doctoral degree, Brandon worked for over five years in the public education system as an educational specialist and school psychologist where he provided psychoeducational assessments and treatment for children diagnosed with learning-disabilities, intellectual impairment, emotional limitations, and behavioral difficulties, consulted with parents, provided guidance to teachers, and education and direction to school administrators and counselors. Concurrent with his doctoral research, Brandon works as a psychotherapist for a multidisciplinary independent practice where he provides treatment across the lifespan for children, adolescents, and adults with mood and anxiety disorders, grief recovery issues, and psychological difficulties associated with culture, ethnicity, and race. Brandon presents regularly at local, regional, and national conferences, and his most recent abstract publications are case studies in the area of clinical neuropsychology. He is also a co-instructor teaching Intellectual and Personality Assessment courses within the Counseling Psychology program at Western Michigan University, and is a member of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, National Association of School Psychologists, and the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology.



Alan Lewandowski, Ph.D., ABN

Dr. Alan Lewandowski is a member and Fellow of the Michigan Psychological Association, Chair of the Ethics Committee, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Michigan Psychological Association. He also serves as a member of the American Psychological Association's Board of Directors' Standing Hearing Panel for the Office of Ethics. Dr. Lewandowski earned his doctoral degree from Virginia Tech in Clinical Psychology, completed internship at Walter Reed Medical Center, postgraduate residency training in Neuropsychology at Evans Community Hospital in Colorado, and postdoctoral training in Neuropsychology through a private multi-provider neurological practice. He is board certified in Clinical Neuropsychology and the Clinical Director of Neuropsychology Associates in Kalamazoo, MI. He is an active consultant at both Borgess Medical Center and Bronson Methodist Hospital to the Emergency and Trauma Services Departments and is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Western Michigan University School of Medicine. He has adjunct appointments at WMU's Graduate School in the Departments of Psychology, Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology, the Specialty Program for Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the College of Health and Human Services, and the Haworth College of Business where he provides clinical supervision to doctoral candidates. Dr. Lewandowski is an lab instructor and lecturer in Neuroanatomy for the College of Health Sciences at Marquette University, where he assists in teaching an annual intensive short course in the neuroanatomical dissection of the human brain and spinal cord. He is also an invited lecturer in Neuropsychology for the Pediatric Residency Training Program at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI, through Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Lewandowski has over thirty-five publications in the areas of neuropsychology, psychological ethics and history, and the cognitive effects of experimental pharmaceutical medications in Phase I and Phase II clinical trials. He has been a consultant to the Center for Disease Control and the State of Michigan in the Department of Education and the Pain and Symptom Management Committee. He is a Fellow of the American College of Professional Neuropsychology and active in several national neuropsychological organizations. His most recent publication includes

Lewandowski, A., Weirick, J., Lewandowski, C., and Spector, J. (2020). Phineas Gage: A historical case study of prefrontal cortical injury. In W. Barr and L. Bieliauskas (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of History of Clinical Neuropsychology* and he is the senior author of a chapter accepted for publication in an Oxford Press-edited book by K. Stucky and J. Stevenson, *Psychology in Critical Care: An Emerging Role in Rehabilitation*, titled "Ethical Considerations in Psychological Consultation to Critical Care Settings."