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## Top Skills

Applied Research  
Logistic Regression  
Public Health

## Languages

American Sign Language  
(Professional Working)  
French (Limited Working)  
German (Professional Working)  
Spanish (Limited Working)  
Hebrew (Elementary)

## Publications

Examination of a recommended algorithm for eliminating nonsystematic delay discounting response sets.

Does impulsiveness moderate response to financial incentives for smoking cessation among pregnant and newly postpartum women?

Effectiveness of a brief behavioral smoking cessation intervention in a residential substance abuse treatment center.

Contingency management and the community reinforcement approach.

Examining vulnerability to smokeless tobacco use among adolescents and adults meeting diagnostic criteria for major depressive disorder.

# Thomas J. White, PhD

Director, Suicide Prevention and Workplace Violence Prevention at  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
San Francisco Bay Area

## Summary

Scientifically trained psychologist with expertise in workforce management and program development. Broad experiences across the spectrum of psychological/mental health care provision and published in psychology, psychiatry, epidemiology, and public health.

## Experience

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
8 years 10 months

Director, Suicide Prevention and Workplace Violence Prevention  
April 2023 - Present (1 year 5 months)  
San Francisco Bay Area

Expanding, revising, and rethinking programs to keep Veterans, families, visitors and staff safe from internalized and externalized violence, and using positive psychology in the workforce to support families, friends, and medical providers in the aftermath of suicide, catastrophe and other forms of violence. VA Palo Alto (GS-15).

Assistant Deputy Chief Of Staff: Mental Health, Social Work, and Homeless Programs  
May 2020 - April 2023 (3 years)  
San Francisco Bay Area

Workforce management; workplace violence prevention; process improvement; integrated holistic approaches to treatment. VA Palo Alto.

Assoc Chief of Staff - Behavioral Health (detail)  
April 2021 - August 2021 (5 months)  
Biloxi, Mississippi, United States

120-day detail as Associate Chief of Staff for Behavioral/Mental Health and Homeless Programs for VA Gulf Coast Health Care System. This system encompasses six sites in three states from Biloxi, MS through Mobile, AL, Eglin AFB, Pensacola FL and Panama City Beach.

Program Director, Addiction Recovery Treatment Services

June 2019 - May 2020 (1 year)

San Francisco Bay Area

Supervised and administered all aspects of the Addiction Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS), including a methadone clinic, buprenorphine clinics, and outpatient chemical dependency treatment at ten sites spanning the state from Oakland to the Oregon border. Provided individual psychotherapy. VA Northern California.

Program Director, Primary Care/Mental Health Integration / Chair, R&D Committee

November 2015 - June 2019 (3 years 8 months)

San Francisco Bay Area

Expanded and better integrated the delivery of mental health services in primary care settings; behavioral medicine services; and comprehensive/ holistic pain management. Provided psychological interventions for pain management, insomnia, smoking cessation, and eating disorders. Conducted psychological evaluations for organ transplants, hormone replacement therapy and bariatric surgery. R&D Chair with oversight for the facility. VA Central California.

The Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine at The University of Vermont

NIDA Postdoctoral Fellow in Behavioral Pharmacology

June 2012 - October 2015 (3 years 5 months)

Burlington, Vermont Area

Developed, conducted, and published NIDA- and FDA-funded research projects in psychiatry, psychology, epidemiology, behavior analysis and public health.

State of Minnesota

Psychologist III

September 2010 - May 2012 (1 year 9 months)

Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area

Individualized and comprehensive psychological assessment of forensic clients with intellectual disabilities and other special needs using a wide array of cognitive, neuropsychological, personality, psychoeducational, psychosexual, and other tests as warranted. Reported to the court system.

Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation

### APA Clinical Psychology Intern

August 2009 - August 2010 (1 year 1 month)

Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul Area

Individual and group therapy and assessment for adult clients in residential treatment for alcohol/drug dependency. Consultation to multidisciplinary team. Crisis intervention and conflict resolution as needed. Group supervision of graduate students. Psychoeducational lectures to audiences of 75-150 clients. Small psychoeducational classes to families of clients.

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## Education

### University of Maryland College Park

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Clinical Psychology · (2008 - 2010)

### University of Maryland College Park

Master of Science (M.S.), Psychology · (2002 - 2008)

### University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

B.A., Psychology / Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature · (1997 - 2001)

### Orono Senior High School

High School Diploma · (1993 - 1997)