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**Research/Work Experience:**

Clinical Neuropsychologist

**Neuro Health, LLC**

January 2015 – Current

- Clinical neuropsychological evaluations – Traumatic Brain Injury, Acquired Brain Injury, Dementia, Autism, Learning Disabilities, Adult and Adolescent. Chronic Pain
- Psychodiagnostic and psychological evaluations for DSM disorders (e.g. MDD, OCD, Substance Abuse, GAD, PTSD, Adjustment, Somatic Disorders)
- Cognitive Rehabilitation for Dementia and Traumatic Brain Injury

**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

- Clinical neuropsychological evaluations, Dementia and Brain Injury July 2015- Current

**Current Academic/Research Affiliations:**

- Principle Investigator, Veterans Affairs, without compensation June 2015-Current
- Clinical Instructor, UCLA Department of Pediatrics Clinical Faculty, volunteer July 2015-Current

**Current Leadership Positions:**

January 2015-Current

**National Academy of Neuropsychology Foundation (NAN foundation)**

- A voting member on the board of trustees
- Co-chair of the media committee (as of January 2014 and current)
- Co-chair of the fundraising committee

**Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA)**

January 2015-Current

- A voting board member
- Chair of the Public Education committee

**Editorial Positions (Journals):**

2015 to current

- Brain Imaging and Behavior
- Applied Neuropsychology
- Archives of Neuropsychology

**Awards:**

- American Psychological Association Early Career Professional Award (2015)
- Best Abstract, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, and Selected to present at the 2015 Sino-American Conference, Shanghai, China (2015)
- Sponsorship of young leadership in Neuropsychology, National Academy of Neuropsychology Women in Leadership (2014)
- Exceptional Contribution Award, Veterans Affairs of greater Los Angeles (2013)
- Best Dissertation Abstract, Fielding Graduate University (2012)
- UCLA scholarship for academic excellence (Bachelor's Degree, 2002)

**Previous Work Experience:**

Principle Investigator/Health Science Specialist

July 2012 – June 2015

**Institution: Veterans Health Affairs of Greater Los Angeles**

Grant-related studies involving neuropsychological testing and PET imaging with veterans returning from the recent OEF/OIF wars

Doctoral Clinician Trainee/Program Developer

July 2012 – July 2014

**Institution: UCLA Longevity Center, under Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior (David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA)**

Adjunct Faculty

**Institution: Pepperdine University**

May 2014 – July 2014

**Institution: UCLA Psychiatry**  
Researcher

August 2012-March 2013

**Universal Broadcasting Network**

**Public Education in Neuropsychology:** Research, design & live, on-air broadcasting of weekly radio shows focusing on neuropsychology, the brain, mental health, spirituality, and wellbeing

**Previous Leadership Positions:**

**Institution: Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA)**

March 2013-March 2014

Founder and leader of Women Finding Balance Special Interest Group

**Presenter/Public Speaker**

March 2009-Current

**Selected Presentations:**

- California Correctional Institution, Neuropsychological Assessment Referral Process (NARP), February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Cultural Conference, Considerations in Neuropsychological Assessment of Multicultural and Bilingual Persons, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sino-America Nuclear Medicine Meeting, Abnormal FDG-PET Findings and Sub-Optimal Effort in Veterans with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015
- Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Mid-Year Meeting, Abnormal FDG-PET Findings and Sub-Optimal Effort in Veterans with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, San Antonio, Texas, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015
- International Neuropsychology Society conference, Executive Functioning of Combat Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury. Jerusalem, Israel, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- International Neuropsychology Society conference, Comparison of Effort Measures, Cognitive Complaints, and Self-reported Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Blast-Induced Mild TBI. Jerusalem, Israel, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- David Geffen School of Medicine UCLA Informal Brown Bag Lunch (NIBBL) Trainee Talks, Mild TBI and PTSD of OIF/OEF Veterans, 2013
- UCLA Medical School Residency Program, TBI and Neuropsychological Testing
- Forensic Mental Health Association of California (FMHAC): Executive Functioning Neuropsychological Testing of Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (1.5 hour), March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Pasadena Conference on Aging: Aging and Memory, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- 2013 2nd Annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium: Dementia and Memory in Parkinson's Disease, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- University of London, Implications of Research on the Neuroscience of Affect, Attachment, and Social Cognition: Executive Functioning Neuropsychological Testing of Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Get Healthy Pasadena, 2013: Tai Chi, Mindfulness, Creativity, and Mental Health, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference and Exhibition on Neurology and Therapeutics: Executive Functioning Neuropsychological Testing of Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, June 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- National Association for Rural Mental Health Conference, 2013: Executive Functioning Neuropsychological Testing of Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

- Veterans Affairs, Long Beach Radiology Department: Neuropsychological Testing and Traumatic Brain Injury, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Veterans Affairs of Greater Los Angeles Radiology Residency Program: Neuropsychological Testing and Traumatic Brain Injury + Suicide Prevention with the Combat Veteran, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013
- Presentation: Mild TBI and Neuropsychological Deficits for UCLA Medical Center, Monthly meeting of Nuclear Medicine residents, June 15th 2012

**Certifications:**

- Certified in administering and scoring the SCID – Structured Clinical Interview for DSM Disorders UCLA, 2013

**Publications**

March 2010 – present

Senior author:

- **Gaines, K. D., Soper, H., & Berenji, G.** (2014). Executive Functioning of Combat Mild Traumatic Brain Injury. *Applied Neuropsychology Adult*, 1-10.
- **Gaines, K. D., Okonek, A., Sayre, J., Alas, R., & Berenji, G.** (2014). Abnormal FDG-PET Findings and Sub-Optimal Effort in Veterans with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Mid-Year Meeting.
- **Gaines, K. D., Soper, H., & Berenji, G. R.** (2014). Executive functioning of combat veterans diagnosed with mild traumatic brain injury. International Neuropsychology Society conference. Jerusalem, Israel, July 9th, 2014.
- **Gaines, K. D., Berenji, G. R., Alas, R. S., Sayre, J., & Okonek, A.** (2014). Comparison of effort measures, cognitive complaints, and self-reported neuropsychiatric symptoms in blast-induced mild TBI. International Neuropsychology Society conference. Jerusalem, Israel, July 10th, 2014.
- **Gaines, K. D., Isaacs, C., Horton, F. M., Doig, H. M., & Soper, H. V.** (2010). Christensen and Rey Tangled-8 Tests for Executive Assessment. *Applied Neuropsychology*, 17, 211.
- **Gaines, K. D., Bennett, T. L., Doig, H. M., Loo, M. M., & Soper, H. V.** (2011). Effects of Aging on Memory. *Applied Neuropsychology*, 18.
- Poster: Executive Functioning Neuropsychological Deficits of Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury, July 16th 2012, Fielding Graduate University National Session

Author:

- Langevin, J.P, **Gaines, D.**, Choi E, Krahl S.E., & Berenji G. (2015). Trigeminal nerve stimulation for the treatment of mild traumatic brain injury. NANS Annual Meeting, December 10-13, 2015, Las Vegas, NV.
- Ni, C., **Gaines, K. D.**, & Berenji, G. R. (2014). Regional cerebral metabolism in veterans without traumatic brain injury (TBI). Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Mid-Year Meeting.
- Jafari, L. **Gaines, K. D.**, Alas, R., Diaz-Aguilar, D., Silverman, D., & Berenji, G. R. (2014). Regional cerebral metabolism changes in blast-induced traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorders.
- Berenji, G. R., **Gaines, K. D.**, et al. (2014). Perception of sensory/perceptual deficits and cerebellar hypometabolism in recently deployed veterans with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Conference, MTA II: Neurology Posters
- Berenji, G. R., Diaz-Aguilar, D, **Gaines, K. D.**, et al. (2014). Lateralization of temporal metabolism observed in combat veterans in absent after traumatic brain injuries following blast exposures. Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Conference, MTA II: Neurology Posters
- Loo, M. M., Doig, H. M., **Gaines, K. D.**, Bennett, T. L., & Soper, H. V. (2011). Effects of Aging on Intellect. *Applied Neuropsychology*, 18.
- Loo, M. M., Doig, H. M., **Gaines, K. D.**, Bennett, T. L., & Soper, H. V. (2011). Effects of Aging on Neuropsychology. *Applied Neuropsychology*, 18.
- Bennett, T. L., Loo, M. M., Doig, H. M., **Gaines, K. D.**, & Soper, H. V. (2011). Effects of Age on the Cognitive Functioning of Children. *Applied Neuropsychology*, 18.

**Previous Research Lab Work**

January 2010 – January 2011

Institution: Vcare Research, Henry Soper, Ph.D.

**Clinical Experience:**

**Juvenile Justice, Alcohol and Mental Health, Santa Barbara, CA**

July 2011 – June 2012

Intern

**Juvenile Justice, Alcohol and Mental Health, Santa Barbara, CA**

July 2011 – June 2012

Intern

**Community Assessment Service Center, Van Nuys, CA**

March 2009 – March 2010

Trainee

**Education:**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology

Sep 2007 – July, 2012

**Institution: Fielding Graduate University**

Dissertation project approved by the Veterans Affairs of Greater Los Angeles in neuropsychology executive functioning and mild Traumatic Brain Injury – **Executive Functioning Neuropsychological Testing of Veterans Diagnosed with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury.**

Masters Degree (M.A.) in Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology

Sep 2007 – June 2010

**Institution: Fielding Graduate University**

Bachelor of Science – Business Economics, minor in Accounting

Sep 2002 – June 2004

**Institution: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**

Scholarship award for academic excellence

**Other Professional Experience:**

Health Net, Inc., Woodland Hills, CA

Aug 2005 – Feb 2006

Sarbanes-Oxley Business Consultant

Deloitte & Touché, Los Angeles, CA

July 2004 – Aug 2005

Tax Associate

**Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Neurology (AAN)

The National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN)

Los Angeles County Psychological Association (LACPA)

**Language:** Fluent in Hebrew, understands basic Italian, understands basic Arabic

**References:** Furnished upon request