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John L. Hawley, Jr., Ph.D. is a Clinical Psychologist actively practicing in Sterling, Virginia. He proudly earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from The University of Tennessee in 1982 after receiving B.A. (1975) and M.A. (1977) degrees in Psychology from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He was licensed to practice Clinical Psychology by the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Medicine in 1983, and he has worked in inpatient and outpatient settings in both the private and public sectors. He works with a child, adolescent, and adult population performing psychological assessment, psychotherapy, and substance abuse treatment; he also offers consultation and supervision services. Dr. Hawley is an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Psychology at George Mason University where he teaches classes in psychopathology, psychotherapy, and behavior modification. Although he lives and practices in his native Virginia and he teaches at his undergraduate degree granting university, Dr. Hawley has an abiding love for The University of Tennessee and East Tennessee. While training in Knoxville, he had the privilege of working as a masters level psychologist at both the University of Tennessee Hospital and the Child Behavior Institute doing family and individual counseling on an outreach basis in the homes of families throughout the 34 county East Tennessee region; his Tennessee experience was, and continues to be, priceless. Dr. Hawley is married to the former Mary Ellen Duzan who also is a Virginia native. Mrs. Hawley has been a career public servant for the governments of Fairfax and Loudoun counties in Virginia. Currently, she is a systems administrator and trainer for Loudoun County's electronic medical record system. Dr. and Mrs. Hawley are members of the Advisory Board for the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at The University of Tennessee.

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Mr. Belser received both his Bachelor's degree in Psychology, and his Master's degree in Finance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He and his wife, Lori, have three children, and they reside in Nashville.

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Mr. Hopper graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1976, with honors, majoring in Psychology and pre-med. Following undergraduate study, he conducted graduate study in public policy, with a concentration on Political Philosophy, at the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota (1978), followed by further graduate study in Social and Business Ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York City (1978-1979). Mr. Hopper graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in 1987 and, upon graduation, received an Excellence in Trial Advocacy Award from the Association of Trial Lawyers. Additionally, Mr. Hopper was distinguished as one of two of the top student trial advocates in the country.

In the spring of 2012, Mr. Hopper introduced a new course and externship into the Clinical Program at the University of Tennessee College of Law focused on the “State Attorneys General Practice”. Mr. Hopper has also lectured at the University of Tennessee on Neuroscience and Ethics and is collaborating on a new course in Neuroscience and the Law; which, once accepted, would be taught in collaboration with the UT College of Law and the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2009, Mr. Hopper was awarded the Accomplished Alumni Award at the University of Tennessee, given to alumni who have reached a significant level of success in their profession and life. He is married to Paula J. Prah who has held jobs as a Senior Officer at Honeywell, Inc. and Best Buy Corporation.

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Timothy L. Hulsey is Associate Provost for Honors & Scholars Programs at the University of Tennessee. Prior to joining UT, he served for ten years as the Dean of the Honors College and Associate Professor of Psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University. From 1992 through 2004, he was Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the University Honors Program at Texas State University.

Born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Dr. Hulsey took his bachelor’s degree at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, his master’s degree at Trinity University, and his Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee. He completed pre- and post-doctoral fellowships in Clinical Psychology at the Dartmouth Medical School. Dr. Hulsey has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, several book chapters and reviews, and a book. Dr. Hulsey has received several awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching from Texas State University and the Fellowship Award of the American Psychoanalytic Association.

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Lance T. Laurence, Ph.D. obtained his doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1980. He has been licensed as a Clinical Psychologist in Tennessee since 1981. For over three decades he has been involved in the Clinical Training Program at UTK where he currently is an Associate Professor & Director of the Psychological Clinic, a position he has held since 2003. In addition to his administrative and supervision duties with the Clinic, Dr. Laurence teaches the following required courses for the doctoral program: Clinical Psychopathology, Advanced Psychological Assessment II, Ethical/Legal/Professional Practice Issues in Clinical Psychology and the Peer Mentorship/Supervision experience for advanced students.

Dr. Laurence has been actively involved in State and Federal Advocacy efforts for professional psychology since 1985. He is the long-standing Director of Professional Affairs for the Tennessee Psychological Association. and served on the Executive Board for TPA in various capacities (Vice-President, President, etc.). In the past he also served as the Legislative/Professional Affairs Officer for TPA where he oversaw state and federal legislative activities, directed TPA's lobbyists, and was the Treasurer for state's political action committee.

He is married to a clinical neuropsychologist, Kristie Joy Nies, Ph.D., ABPP and the proud father of one daughter and two granddaughters.

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As Director of Human Resources, Debbie Stairs leads the Laboratory's efforts to attract, develop and retain outstanding, diverse and engaged staff through effective workforce planning and recruiting, staff development, competitive compensation and benefit plans, and proactive staff and labor relations. Debbie joined ORNL in 2005 as manager of HR's Organizational Development & Training. She has held management positions at Blue Rhino, Eastman Chemical Company, Mirant Corporation, Anheuser-Busch and the Tennessee Valley Authority. The western Kentucky native received her doctorate in experimental psychology from the University of Tennessee.

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Dr. Taylor is Associate Professor of Psychology at The Citadel, and serves as the faculty advisor of Psi Chi as well as The Citadel's NCAA Faculty Athletics Representative. Dr. Taylor was born and raised in Radford, VA and attended the University of Tennessee as a Whittle Scholar, graduating in 1996. He graduated from the Medical Clinical Psychology Program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a Masters in 1999 and a Ph.D. in 2002. He served his pre-doctoral internship at the Medical University of South Carolina/VA Consortium. He has published numerous articles focusing on the psychological impacts of chronic illness among children, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and heroism and bullying among school children. In 2006, Dr. Taylor joined the faculty at The Citadel, and teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses. His primary areas of research and clinical work are in the field of Pediatric Psychology.

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Kathryn grew up in the Chicago area and assumed she would be a Chicagoan for life, but as we know, the future is unpredictable. She majored in Philosophy at the University of Illinois in Urbana and intended to get a PhD in Philosophy, but thought it might be a good idea to work a bit and have some savings before graduate school. As a woman who has no respect for pre-requisites, she got a job in computer programming and worked a number of years in Information Technology for Sears. At some point, she realized that it was time to take her savings and use them for graduate school, or else get too attached to the view from her Sears Tower window. After meeting with then Clinical Program Director Al Burstein, Kathryn made the decision to apply and then attend the University of Tennessee Clinical Psychology program, where she received her PhD in 1991.

Since that time, she maintained a private practice in Knoxville, supervised PhD students in the Clinical Psychology Program for a number of years, and served on the boards and as president of the Appalachian Psychoanalytic Society and the Mental Health Association of Greater Knoxville. In 2008, Kathryn moved to Connecticut where she has a private practice in New Haven, and enjoys the warm friendship of a number of University of Tennessee graduates.

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She has an engineering degree from Vanderbilt University and a doctorate in psychology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a concentration in social and industrial/organizational psychology. Dr. Yates grew up in middle Tennessee and made East Tennessee her home in 1985. She has been active in a volunteer capacity in many area organizations throughout her time here.

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