

**The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO  
LONDON CANADA**

**Department of Psychology  
Clinical Psychology Proseminar - Milestone**

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**MILESTONE DESCRIPTION**

This proseminar milestone consists of a series of clinical workshops, clinical and research brown bags and two clinical program meetings (one in the fall and one in the spring). Typically, there are two workshops and six clinical brown bags per year. Presentations focus on various clinically relevant topics, and are made by adjunct clinical faculty, core faculty, or other guest speakers. Workshops are typically a half-day or day-long each providing in-depth coverage of a specific topic of interest to clinical students. A series of research-oriented brown bags will also be scheduled throughout the year (occurring about once a month). These brown bags will afford students the opportunity to hone their presentation, research design, and grant writing skills. Students and faculty will sign up for time slots to practice a talk for an upcoming conference (or job talk), get feedback on a grant application, or discuss a research project they hope to implement while the study is still in the design phase. In addition to helping us stay informed about the wonderful research going on in our program, the research brown bags will potentially foster cross-lab collaborations and provide students with a chance to get feedback on their research in a fun and supportive environment. The proseminar series is a requirement of the clinical program, with all students (except those applying for, completed or on predoctoral residency) expected to attend all the events. This milestone is limited to clinical students; three terms.

**PROSEMINAR COORDINATOR**

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**ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING**

The proseminar is a requirement of the clinical program, with all students (except those applying for, currently on, or who have completed their predoctoral residency) expected to attend all events that form part of the series. In keeping with the self-regulation and self-reporting components of professional training in clinical psychology, students are required to keep a record of their own attendance at each event (using a form that will be provided at the end of each semester). This completed form will be presented to the proseminar coordinator for review and signature at the end of the first term (Fall 2025) and then during the summer term 2026. Students should retain a copy of their completed and signed forms, as this record of presenters and topics will be useful in the future (i.e., when you are asked to provide details of your clinical training for registration, etc.).

It is expected that students will display a high degree of professionalism in the accuracy of their recording. As one illustration, you should only log an event (and thus receive credit) if you attended the *entire* event (i.e., it is not professional to leave an event part way through and then claim credit). Please note that any breaches of accuracy in the self-reporting of attendance are of serious concern in terms of professional development and training and may thus be viewed by the clinical program as a scholastic offence. Accordingly, please ensure that you are completely accurate in your recording throughout the year. The proseminar coordinator may review attendance and the attendance form with the student at any time during the course. The proseminar coordinator may also arrange, on occasion, to have an attendance sheet circulated and signed during a given event. If you have any questions concerning attendance at proseminar events, contact the proseminar coordinator.

In order to have the completed milestone on your transcript, students are required to fully attend, at a minimum, at least 80% of all events that comprise Clinical Psychology Proseminar (including clinical and research brown bags, workshops, fall annual meeting and the Spring retreat).

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**Please Note:** This schedule will be updated on a periodic basis by the proseminar coordinator as various events are finalized for each term. A copy of each updated schedule will be sent by email, to all students and posted on the Clinical Psychology Program website (see information for Current Students – Clinical Psychology Brown Bags and Workshops). Special thanks to the CSAC members (Owen Hicks, Bianca Iddiols, Taylor Pratt, and Samantha Withnell) for their work in organizing this year’s series of brown bags and workshops.

- Please note: The research brown bags will be scheduled on weeks that do not conflict with the clinical talks. Please be sure to keep your Thursday afternoons free from other commitments (e.g., practica, TA work, etc.).
- **Research Brown Bags Schedule:** TBA.

## FALL TERM 2025

### Clinical Brown Bags

1. September 18, 2025: Dr. Tamara Biederman, Private Practice – “*MVA Systems and Typical Treatment Issues*” (12:00-1:00 pm, WH20F).
2. October 16, 2025: Dr. Colin King, Director, Mary J. Wright Child and Youth Development Clinic – “*Assessment of Learning Disorders.*” (12:00-1:00 pm, WH20F)
3. November 13, 2025: Dr. Maya Gupta, Private Practice – “*Working with Psychosis.*” (by Zoom).

## **Workshop**

4. December 4, 2025: Dr. Adam Newton, London Health Sciences Centre – “*CBT for Insomnia*” (9:00am -12:00pm, WH20F). **Please note the time.**

## **Annual Fall Meeting**

5. December 11, 2025, 3:00-5:00 pm, by Zoom

## **WINTER TERM 2026**

### **Clinical Brown Bags**

1. January 29, 2026: Drs. Nina Mafriqi and Michele Foster, Toronto Psychology & Wellness Group – “*Multidisciplinary Eating Disorder Treatment in Private Practice*” (12:00-1:00 pm; by Zoom)
2. February 12, 2026: Dr. Julie Eichstedt – “*Clinical interviewing with children, adolescents, and their families.*” (12:00-1:00 pm; by Zoom)
3. March 19, 2026: Mary Lou Smoke, Indigenous Elder – “*The practices of tobacco offerings and reflections on the Elder’s Indigenous experiences.*” (12:00-1:00pm, WH20F).

## **Workshop**

4. April 16, 2026: Brandon LeBlanc, Clinical Pharmacist, Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health – “*Psychopharmacology*” (1:00-4:00 pm, WH20F).
5. **Annual Spring Retreat**  
May 22, 2026: Dr. Christine Purdon, Professor, University of Waterloo – “*Overcoming Common Treatment Challenges in OCD*” (9:00 am -4:00 pm; Best Western Plus Stoneridge Inn & Conference Centre - 6675 Burtwistle Lane, London).