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EDUCATION

PhD Psychological Studies in Education	2018
University of Nebraska—Lincoln, APA Accredited School Psychology Program	
MA Educational Psychology	2014
University of Nebraska—Lincoln, APA Accredited School Psychology Program	
BA Psychology	2012
University of Nebraska—Lincoln	
Minors: Spanish, Mathematics	
<i>With Distinction and Honors</i>	

POST-DEGREE TRAINING

Pediatric Psychology Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellow August 2018 to September 2019
Munroe-Meyer Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE
Primary Rotation: School Psychological Assessment and Consultation
Secondary Rotation: Integrated Primary Care Behavioral Health Provider

Juvenile Forensic Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern July 2017 to July 2018
APA Accredited Travis County Professional Internship Program
Travis County Juvenile Probation Austin, TX
Rotations: Assessment; Counseling and Therapeutic Services

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program Co-Coordinator 1/2021 to Present
Munroe-Meyer Institute
University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE
Assistant professorship includes teaching, clinical, and research responsibilities.

Assistant Professor, Psychology 9/2019 to Present
Munroe-Meyer Institute
University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE
Assistant professorship includes teaching, clinical, and research responsibilities.

GRANT/CONTRACT SUPPORT

2019-2024 Co-Investigator. “Mental Health Professional Partnership.” US Department of Education. Grant total \$2,500,000. Project Director: Heather Bernt, MS. Co-Is: Mindy Chadwell, PhD, Brenda Bassingthwaite, PhD.

2019-2024 School Mental Health Program Director. “MMI Mental Health Technology Transfer Center.” The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration. Grant total: \$4,227,270. Project Director: Brandy Clarke. Project Director 2018-2019: Joseph Evans, PhD.

2019-Present Faculty Supervisor. “Omaha Public Schools – School Psychology.” Director: Mark Shriver, PhD. Partnership between Omaha Public Schools and Munroe Meyer Institute.

2019-2021 Program Coordinator and Multi-Disciplinary Psychologist. “Douglas County Youth Center Behavioral/Mental Health Assessment & Treatment Pilot.” Contract total \$302,065.7. Partnership between UNMC Psychiatry, Douglas County Youth Center, Charles Drew Health Center, Creighton Psychiatry.

CLINICAL POSITIONS

Post-Doctoral Psychology Fellow August 2018 to September 2019
Munroe-Meyer Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern July 2017 to July 2018
APA Accredited Travis County Professional Internship Program
Travis County Juvenile Probation Austin, TX

Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Professional May 2016 to June 2017
Child Guidance Center, Youth-in-Crisis Program
Lancaster County Youth Services Center Lincoln, NE

OTHER APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS

Violence Risk and Threat Assessment Cadre May 2019 to Present
State of Nebraska

National Association for School Psychologists GRAD Team May 2014 to Present
Student Representative

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Directed/Facilitated Conferences, Workshops, and Summits

Co-Facilitator. (2020-2021, November – March). *Avenue Scholars Well-Being: Creating a Culture of Well-Being.* Eight-part Training Series of Adult Resilience Curriculum (ARC) for Educators for Avenue Scholars. Omaha, NE (Virtual, 35 participants; leadership, coaches, office staff, mental health professionals)

Co-Director. (2020 – 2021, August – April). *Millard Public Schools Behavior Coaches.* Four-part Millard Public Schools Professional Development Series for Coaches of Coaches, Omaha, NE (Virtual, 125 participants: coaches, administrators).

Co-Director. (2021, February – June). School Mental Health Best Practices ‘Always and Now.’ National 8-part webinar series presented in collaboration with the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network and the National Center for School Mental Health, nationwide. (700-900 participants each session to date; educational leaders, educators, school mental health professionals).

Co-Director. (2020, June – August). School Mental Health in the Context of Racial Violence. National 3-part webinar series presented in collaboration with Mountain Plains MHTTC and Mid-America ATTC, nationwide (800-1,200 participants each session; psychologists, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, school counselors).

Co-Director. (2020, May – August). Making a Good Connection: Engaging Students and Families in School Tele-Mental Health. National 3-part webinar series presented in collaboration with the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network, nationwide (900-1,200 participants each session; psychologists, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, school counselors).

Co-Director. (2020, May – June). Telehealth Learning and Consultation (TLC) Tuesdays. National 5-part webinar series presented in collaboration with Mountain Plains MHTTC and Mid-America ATTC, nationwide (4,509 participants; psychologists, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, school counselors).

Co-Facilitator. (2018, August). Prevention and Intervention in the Classroom: Supporting the behavior of all students with considerations for students with Autism. Two invited teacher and staff training workshop for the South Central Education Cooperative, Wagner, South Dakota. (50 professionals: general education teachers, special education teachers, special education directors, speech pathologists, school psychologists, and paraprofessionals).

Co-Director. (2019-2020, August – April). *Millard Public Schools Behavior Coaches*. Four-part Millard Public Schools Professional Development Series for Coaches of Coaches, Omaha, NE (Hybrid, 120 participants: coaches, administrators).

Courses Taught

Instructor. Developmental Psychopathology (3 credit hours). University of Nebraska—Lincoln	2020, 2021
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PUBLICATIONS

Articles/Chapters Published in Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Journals

Schroeder, S., Roberts, H., Heitkamp, T., Clarke, B., Gotham, H. J., & **Franta, E.** (2021). Rural mental health care during a global health pandemic: Addressing and supporting the rapid transition to tele-mental health. *Journal of Rural Mental Health*, 45(1), 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1037/rmh0000169>

Doll, B. Spies, A., Thomas, A., Sikorski, J., Chadwell, M., Chapla, B. A., **Franta, E. R.** (2014). ClassMaps Consultation: Integrating evaluation into classrooms to promote positive environments. In R. Gilman, S. Huebner, & M. Furlong (Eds.), *Handbook of Positive Psychology in the Schools*, Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, Inc., Publishers

Sikorski, J., Doll, B., Thomas, A., **Franta, E.**, & Kenney, C. (2014). NU Data: Building Educators' Data use in Schools. *The Researcher*, 26(1), 22-26.

Dissertation

Franta, E. R. (2018). The ClassMaps Survey 2007: A Readability Study. ETD collection for University of Nebraska - Lincoln. AAI10841847.
<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/dissertations /AAI10841847>

Invited Addresses, Workshops, and Presentations

Franta, E., Liebsack, B., Thayer, A. J. (February, 2022). Workshop for the National Association of School Psychologist Annual Conference in Boston, MA. (National; proposal accepted).

West, H., **Franta, E.** (November, 2021). Helping Educational Professionals Who Help Students. Workshop for the Missouri School Counselors Association Annual Conference in Osage Beach, MO and Virtual. (State; school counselors)

Franta, E., Liebsack, B. (October, 2021). Enhancing Schools' Culture of Well-Being Utilizing the ARC Framework. Poster presentation for the Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, Virtual. (National Conference; educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers)

Winfield, S., **Franta, E.,** Gonzalez, J., Wenger, P. J. (October, 2021). Implementation in Practice- Always and Now. Symposium presentation for the Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, On-Demand, Virtual. (National; educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers)

Franta, E., Clarke, B. L., Chadwell, M. (August 2021). Classroom WISE: Enhancing Well-Being Information and Strategies for Educators. Presentation for the Annual Midwest School Mental Health Conference, On-Demand, Des Moines, IA. (Regional; educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers).

Franta, E., Clarke, B. L., (2021, June). Training School-Based Mental Health Professionals in Comprehensive School Mental Health. Presentation for the Annual Nebraska School Mental Health Conference, Virtual. (State; mental and behavioral health professionals, educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers).

Franta, E., Liebsack, B., Thayer, A. J. (2021, June). School Mental Health and Educator Well-Being: Taking Care of Educators Who Take Care of Kids. Presentation for the Annual Nebraska School Mental Health Conference, Virtual. (State; mental and behavioral health professionals, educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers).

Franta, E., Liebsack, B. (2021, March). Enhancing Health Professionals' Well-Being: A Structured Approach Utilizing the Adult Resilience Curriculum (ARC). Mid-America Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Professional Well-Being Webinar. Virtual. (24 participants; healthcare workers, healthcare leaders).

Clarke, B.L., **Franta, E.** (2021, March). Addressing Student Mental Health in Pandemic Recovery. NASBE 2021 Legislative Conference. Virtual. (11 participants; educational and mental health policy makers and leaders).

Wise, S., Bassingthwaite, B.J., & **Franta, E.** (2020, November). Reflections in Mental Health Promotion. Meeting of School District Superintendents of Northwest Area Education Agency. Sioux City, IA. (20 Participants; education administrators)

Chadwell, M. & **Franta, E.** (2020, March – May). *Telehealth Learning and Consultation (TLC) Tuesdays*. National 5-part webinar series presented in collaboration with Mountain Plains MHTTC and Mid-America ATTC, nationwide (4,509 participants to date; psychologists, counselors, social workers, school psychologists, school counselors).

Franta, E. & Clarke, B. L. (2019, November). *Behavior Coaching: Teaming*. Millard Public Schools Professional Development Series for Coaches of Coaches, Omaha, NE (45 participants: coaches, administrators).

Franta, E. (2019, June). *Mid-America MHTTC: School Mental Health*. Invited presentation at the YES and SEPA Annual Summer Science Skills Training Workshop. University of Nebraska Medical Center. Omaha, NE. (30 professionals: K-12 teachers from rural and Native American Reservation communities in Nebraska).

Franta, E. (2019, April). *Mid-America MHTTC: School Mental Health*. Presentation at the 2nd Annual Navigating Through Mental Health Conference. Iowa Western Community College. Council Bluffs, IA. (50 professionals: nurses, social workers, counselors, and licensed mental health practitioners).

Franta, E., Liebsak, B.K. (2019, April). *Mid-America MHTTC: School Mental Health*. Invited presentation at the 2nd Annual Navigating through Mental Health Conference. Iowa Western Community College. Council Bluffs, IA. (50 professionals: nurses, social workers, counselors, and licensed mental health practitioners).

Franta, E. & Neitzke, L. (2018, September). *Prevention and Intervention in the Classroom: Supporting the behavior of all students with considerations for students with ASD*. Two invited teacher and staff training workshop for the South Central Education Cooperative, Wagner, South Dakota. (50 professionals: general education teachers, special education teachers, special education directors, speech pathologists, school psychologists, and paraprofessionals).

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Franta, E., Clarke, B.L., Chadwell, M. (2020, November). Mid-America MHTTC: Meeting School Mental Health Needs in Urban and Rural Communities. Paper presented in a symposium for the Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, Austin, TX. (Virtual conference; educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers)

Franta, E. (2020, November). Developing School Mental Health Training Using the National School Mental Health Curriculum. Presented in a symposium for the Annual Conference on Advancing School Mental Health, Austin, TX. (Virtual conference; educators, state leaders, psychologists, counselors, social workers)

Franta, E. & Bassingthwaite, B.J. (2020, August). Creating a Culture of Wellbeing: Taking Care of Educators who Take Care of Kids. Westside Community Schools Professional Development, Omaha, NE. (500 Participants; administrators, teachers, school psychologists, school social workers, school counselors, educational staff)

Franta, E. & Clarke, B.L. (2020, August) School Mental Health Professional Learning Community: Supporting Schools in Building Comprehensive School Mental Health. Presentation at the 2020 Midwest School Mental Health Conference, Des Moines, IA. (Virtual Conference)

Thayer, A.J., & Bassingthwaite, B.J., **Franta, E.** (2020, August) Supporting School Mental Health in a Pandemic: Taking Care of Teachers who Take Care of Kids. Presentation at the 2020 Midwest School Mental Health Conference, Des Moines, IA. (Virtual Conference)

Franta, E. R., Chapla, B. A., Sikorski, J.D., Kenney, C., & Doll, B. (February, 2015). *NU Data: Practical Strategies for Organizing and Graphing Data*. Mini-skills presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists in Orlando, FL. (National)

Franta, E., Kenney, C., & Doll, B. (October, 2014). *Teacher Participation Report: Teacher Ratings of Student Participation in the Classroom*. Paper presentation at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association, Rapid City, SD. (Regional)

Doll, B., **Franta, E.,** Thomas, A., Chapla, B., & Sikorski, J. (April, 2014). *NU Data: Preparing Educators to Use Data Well*. Paper presentation at the American Education Research Association National Conference, Philadelphia, PA. (National)

Doll, B., Chapla, B. A., **Franta, E. R.,** & Sikorski, J.D. (February, 2014). *NU Data: Building Educator Data Use*. Poster presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists in Washington, DC. (National)

Sikorski, J., **Franta, E.,** Doll, B. (February, 2014). *Measuring Educators' Data literacy: The NU Data Knowledge Scale*. Poster presentation at College of Educational and Human Sciences Poster Fair. Lincoln, NE. (University)

Sikorski, J., **Franta, E.,** Doll, B. (February, 2014). *Measuring Educators' Data literacy: The NU Data Knowledge Scale*. Poster presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists Convention (NASP). Washington, DC. (National)

Doll, B., Thomas, A., Chapla, B. A., **Franta, E. R.**, & Sikorski, J.D. (November, 2013). *NU Data: Building Data Use in Nebraska Schools*. Poster presentation at the CEHS Graduate Student Research Fair at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (Regional)

Doll, B., Thomas, A., Sikorski, J.D., Chapla, B. A., & **Franta, E. R.** (October, 2013). *NU Data: Building Data Use in Nebraska Schools*. Poster presentation at the Nebraska School Psychology Association conference in Lincoln, NE. (Regional)

Doll, B., Thomas, A., Sikorski, J.D., Chapla, B. A., & **Franta, E. R.** (August, 2013). *NU Data: Building Data Use in Nebraska Schools*. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii (National)

Doll, B., Thomas, A., Sikorski, J.D., Chapla, B. A., & **Franta, E. R.** (February, 2013). *NU Data: Building Data Use in Nebraska Schools*. Paper presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists in Seattle, WA. (National)

Doll, B., Chapla, B. A., Chadwell, M., Sikorski, J.D., Spies, R., & Franta, E. R. (February 2013). *ClassMaps Consultation: Making Schools Places Where Students Succeed*. Mini-skills presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists in Seattle, WA. (National)

Doll, B., Thomas, A., Sikorski, J.D., Chapla, B. A., & **Franta, E. R.** (November, 2012). *NU Data: Building Data Use in Nebraska Schools*. Poster presented at the CEHS Showcase at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (Regional)

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

Licensed Psychologist , State of Nebraska	#589
Violence Risk Assessment Cadre	5/2019
Nebraska DHHS, University of Nebraska Public Policy Center, Omaha, NE	
Trauma Affect Regulation: Guide for Education & Therapy	12/2017
Travis Country Juvenile Probation, Austin, TX	
Motivational Interviewing	8/2017
Travis County Juvenile Probation, Austin, TX	
Aggression Replacement Training	7/2017
Travis County Juvenile Probation, Austin, TX	
PREpARE Training	5/2014
University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE	

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Young Alumni Academy (2019-2020). University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Center.