

MICHAEL THANH DINH, MD

EDUCATION

Stanford University, <i>Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship</i>	2024-2025
University of California, San Francisco, <i>Psychiatry Residency</i>	2020-2024
Harvard Medical School, <i>Doctor of Medicine (MD)</i>	2016-2020
University of Notre Dame, <i>Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude, Biological Sciences</i>	2012-2016

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certified in Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology	2024-present
Medical License, State of California (A178845)	2020-present
DEA Controlled Substance Registration Certificate	2020-present

EMPLOYMENT AND APPOINTMENTS

Co-Founder, Psychiatrist: <i>Amast Health</i>	2025-present
Founder of a ketamine-assisted therapy practice based on the Montreal Model.	
Co-Founder, Psychiatrist: <i>Hammock Health</i>	2024-present
Founder of a group practice providing adult outpatient psychiatry services.	
Forensic Evaluator: <i>Santa Clara County Superior Court, San Jose, CA</i>	2024-2025
Appointed by court to conduct evaluations of competency to stand trial.	
Fee-Basis Physician: <i>Atascadero State Hospital, Atascadero, CA</i>	2024-2025
Produced forensic reports of patients found not guilty by reason of insanity.	
Fee-Basis Physician: <i>Bay Psychiatric Associates, Berkeley, CA</i>	2023-2025
Covering inpatient psychiatry service at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.	
Fee-Basis Physician: <i>San Francisco County Jail, San Francisco, CA</i>	2023-2024
Covering jail behavioral health and re-entry service at San Francisco County Jail.	

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Publications

Mian M, **Dinh M**, Coker A, Mitchell J, Anderson B (2025). Psychedelic Regulation Beyond the Controlled Substances Act: A Review of Policy Options and Evidence. *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

10.1176/appi.ajp.20230787

Dinh M, Armontrout J (2025). Addressing Mental States in Expert Witness Testimony. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. Mar 2025, 53 (1) 111-112; DOI: 10.29158

Dinh M, Bell B, Bourgeois J, Weaver E, Martin J, O'Riordan D, Rabow M, Kaplan L, Anderson B (2025).

The California End of Life Option Act at UCSF: Examining the Utility of the Mandatory Mental Health Assessment. *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*, ISSN 2667-2960,

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaclp.2024.11.006>

Dinh M, Elkin GD, Kalapatapu R (2023). Managing a Suicidal or Gravely Disabled Patient on an Involuntary Psychiatric Hold and Who Has End-of-Life Orders: Key Factors to Consider in an Emergency Room Setting. *Curr Res Psychol Behav Sci* 4: 10102

Dinh, M (2021). Psychiatry. In: Lecker, S.H., Chang, B.J. (eds) *The Ultimate Medical School Rotation Guide*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-63560-2_12

Posters

Mian MN, **Dinh M**, Coker AC, Mitchell JM, Anderson BT (2024, June). Psychedelic regulation beyond the Controlled Substances Act: Proposing a multidimensional framework to review policy potions. Poster presented at annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP).

Dinh M, Bell B, Weaver E, Martin J, O’Riordan D, Rabow M, Kaplan L, Bourgeois J, Anderson B (2024, March). California End of Life Option Act at UCSF: A Retrospective Chart Review and Implications for the Practice of Medical Aid in Dying. Poster presented at annual meeting of the American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry (AAGP).

Dinh M (2020, October). Trauma-Informed Services in Public Libraries and Parks in New Orleans. Poster presented at annual meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).

Positions

Research Assistant, Lab of Dr. Joshua Woolley, MD, PhD 2023-2024
University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco CA

- Worked in Translational Psychedelic Research Program (TrPR) as a co-facilitator of dosing sessions in studies assessing the safety and effectiveness of psilocybin-assisted therapy for depression.

Research Assistant, *University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco CA* 2023-2024

- Worked with Brian Anderson, MD and Jennifer Mitchell, PhD to develop novel frameworks for comparing psychedelic policies.

Policy Intern, *Community Behavioral Health, Philadelphia, PA* 2019

- Studied use of behavioral incentives to increase adoption of medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder in inpatient detoxification facilities in Philadelphia.

Policy Intern, *Mayor’s Office of Youth and Families, New Orleans, LA* 2019

- Researched policies and procedures in the New Orleans Public Library and New Orleans Recreation Development Commission for incorporating trauma-informed services in these agencies. Delivered report and findings in presentation to Mayor LaToya Cantrell and other stakeholders.

Writer, *2 Minute Medicine, Boston, MA* 2018-2020

- Writer of 60+ articles for medical news aggregator summarizing studies in pediatrics, child and adolescent psychiatry, and health policy at 2minutemedicine. (www.2minutemedicine.com/author/mdinh/)

Research Assistant, Lab of Dr. Patrick L. Sheets, PhD 2013-2016
Indiana University School of Medicine – South Bend, South Bend, IN

- Investigated the neural circuitry of anxiety disorders in the cortex, amygdala, and periaqueductal gray in mouse models using optogenetics, electrophysiology, and two-photon imaging.

Research Assistant, Lab of Dr. Steven L. Shea, PhD

2014

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

- Identified a novel pathway for olfactory modulation of the auditory cortex via the medial amygdala in mice.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Forensic Asylum Evaluator, *Stanford Asylum Collaborative*, Palo Alto, CA

2024-present

- Conducting and authoring psychological evaluations for people seeking asylum.

Founding Member, *Clubhouse of St. Joseph County*, South Bend, IN

2013-2017

- Founding member of working group of local leaders to establish a non-profit dedicated to promoting psychosocial therapy and recovery for people living with mental illness through community and employment.
- Designed and taught a course at Notre Dame through the Center for Social Concerns to introduce fellow students to the topic. Presented process of course design and implementation at an international conference.

Mental Health Clinician, *Crimson Care Collaborative*, Boston, MA

2016-2019

- Volunteered to provide psychiatric care for people incarcerated at the Suffolk County Jail and at a Boston Healthcare for the Homeless night center.

Editor in Chief, *Scientia*, Notre Dame, IN

2012-2016

- Managed staff of 40 students to recruit and edit papers for annual publication of student research journal.

Teaching Assistant, *Department of Biological Sciences*, Notre Dame, IN

2013-2016

- Taught gross anatomy laboratory, genetics laboratory, and introductory biology laboratory to 20-60 students.

AWARDS AND HONORS

APA/APAF Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellow, July 2021

Barry M. Goldwater Scholar, March 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL)

American Psychiatric Association (APA)

Northern California Psychiatric Society (NCPS)

California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP)

SKILLS

Native speaker of English. Professional proficiency in Vietnamese and Spanish.

Training in cognitive behavioral therapy, dialectical behavioral therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, psychodynamic therapy, group therapy.

Training in the administration and interpretation of psychological testing instruments including (but not limited to) the Psychopathy Checklist-Revised; the Test of Memory and Malingering; Structured Inventory of Reported Symptoms-2; the Miller Forensic Assessment of Symptoms Test.