

Curriculum Vitae: Reema Dedania, MD, MPH

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Education

School: Emory University
Degree: Bachelor of Science, Anthropology & Human Biology; Minor in Global Health
Dates: August 2006-May 2010

School: Emory University
Degree: Master of Public Health, Health Policy & Management
Dates: June 2010-July 2011

School: Creighton University School of Medicine
Degree: Doctor of Medicine
Dates: August 2011-June 2015

Post-Graduate Training

Institution: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, TN
Position: Adult Psychiatry Resident Physician
Dates: July 2015-June 2019

Institution: Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center
Position: Forensic Psychiatry Fellow
Dates: July 2021-June 2022

Faculty Appointments

Institution: Emory University
Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Dates: 08/05/2022-present

Institution: Emory University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Psychiatry and Law Service
Positions: Associate Program Director, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program
Site Supervisor at the Fulton County Jail and Atlanta City Detention Center for forensic psychiatry fellows
Medical Director, Emory/Fulton County Jail Competency Restoration Unit
Dates: 08/05/2022-present

Institution: Morehouse School of Medicine
Position: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry
Dates: 02/21/2024-present

Prior Employment

Employer: Rogers Behavioral Health
Nashville, TN
Position: Staff psychiatrist, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder & Anxiety Disorders Partial Hospitalization and Intensive Outpatient Programs
Dates: August 2019-May 2021

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Name of Board: State Medical Board of Georgia
Expiration Date: 07/21/2027
Licensure State/Number: 84456

Name of Board: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Psychiatry
Date of Certificate: 2019
Certificate Number: 75569

Name of Board: American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
Forensic Psychiatry
Date of Certificate: 2023
Certificate Number: 2819

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EXPERTISE

Name of Training: *Asylum Medicine Training*
Asylum Medicine Training Initiative

Date of Certificate: 2021

Name of Training: *Ethical and Legal Issues in Suicide Care Workshop*
Psychology Department, Emory University

Date of Certificate: 11/04/2022

Name of Position: Forensic Evaluator, Georgia Human Rights Clinic-Emory
University

Date Started: 2023-present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Conference Poster Award 2018

Resident Research Award, Vanderbilt Department of Psychiatry 2019

Harold Jordan Inclusion Award, Vanderbilt Department of Psychiatry 2019

Charles Dike Award, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2022

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2021-present

American Psychiatric Association, Member 2023-present

Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association 2023-present

EDITORIAL AND PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

Ad Hoc Reviewer:

Journal: Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

Dates of Service: 2022-present

COMMITTEE SERVICE

National

Organization: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
Committee/Role: Human Rights/National Security Committee Member
Dates of Service: 2022-present

Organization: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
Committee/Role: Diversity Committee Member
Dates of Service: 2023-present

Organization: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
Committee/Role: Association of the Directors for Forensic Psychiatry Fellowships
Committee Member
Dates of Service: 2023-present

Organization: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
Committee/Role: Judicial Action Committee Member
Dates of Service: 2025-present

Organization: American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
Committee/Role: Gender Issues Committee Member
Dates of Service: 2025-present

Hospital Affiliate

Organization: Emory University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral
Sciences
Committee/Role: Collective for Faculty Empowerment Committee Member
Dates of Service: 2022-present

Educational

Committee/Role: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Adult Psychiatry Residency
Outpatient Chief Resident
Dates of Service: 2018-2019

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Invited Speaking Engagements

1. Schizo-Obsessed! Bridging the Gap Between Schizophrenia and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. Grand Rounds Presentation at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Psychiatry; Park Ridge, IL. **Reema Dedania**. 2025.

National Presentations

1. Racism in Criminal Sentencing. Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; New Orleans, LA. Camille Tastenhoye, Katie Kruse, **Reema Dedania**, Megan Testa. 2022.
2. Forensic Asylum Evaluations. Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Chicago, IL. Mikel Matto, Philip Candilis, **Reema Dedania**, Stephen Xanaxis, Krista Ulisse. 2023.
3. New Frontiers in Conspiracy Theory. Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Vancouver, BC. Joe Pierre, Phil Candilis, **Reema Dedania**, Ron Schouten. 2024.
4. Beyond Bars: Ethical Dilemmas and Behavioral Health Interventions for Asylum Seekers in Detention Centers. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting, Vancouver, BC. Henry Zhang, **Reema Dedania**. 2024.
5. Examining the Impact of COVID-19 on Fulton County Jail-Based Competency Restoration. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Vancouver, BC. Brandon Sims, **Reema Dedania**, Peter Ash. 2024.
6. An Examination of the Two-Year Rehospitalization Risks of Incompetent to Stand Trial Misdemeanor Defendants after Competency Restoration. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Vancouver, BC. Nnenna Akaronu, **Reema Dedania**, Peter Ash. 2024.
7. Clozapine Use in Correctional Settings: New Updates on its Barriers and Benefits. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Boston, MA. Suma Yarrapureddy, **Reema Dedania**. 2025.
8. Mitigating Bias and Promoting Transparency in Forensic Psychiatry: A Novel Cognitive Tool to Evaluate Bias Detection. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Boston, MA. Jessica Kahwaji, **Reema Dedania**. 2025.
9. Clarifying the Controversies in Corrections: The Debate Over Jail-Based Competency Restoration. Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Boston, MA. **Reema Dedania**, Peter Ash, Reena Kapoor, Carolina Klein. 2025.
10. Seeking Clarity on the Integration of Asylum Evaluations in Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship. Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law annual meeting; Boston, MA. Mikel Matto, Ashley Maestas, **Reema Dedania**, Jacob Appel. 2025.

Local Presentations

1. Opioid Addiction and Health Policy. Presentation to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2016.
2. Avolition in Schizophrenia. Presentation to Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Case Conference, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2016.
3. Review of Clinical Course of Psychotic Disorders Over Two Decades. Presentation to the Research Review Club, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2018.
4. Delirium and Catatonia. Presentation to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2018.
5. Immigrant & Underserved Minority Mental Health. Presentation to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences New Innovations Series, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2018.
6. Forensic Psychiatry in the Immigration Process: A Review. Presentation to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Case Conference, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2019.
7. Disparities in Access to Care Among US-Born and Foreign-Born Adults by Mental Health Status. Grand Rounds presentation to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Vanderbilt University Medical Center; Nashville, TN. **Reema Dedania**. 2019.
8. The Invisible Patient: Vicarious Liability in Psychiatric Malpractice. Grand Rounds presentation to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Case Western Cleveland Medical Center; Cleveland, OH. **Reema Dedania**. 2022.

Academic Teaching (to clinicians)

1. Eating Disorders Treatment & Management (60-minute lecture, presented 10 times). Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Presented to second-year and third-year medical students. 2018-2019.
2. Course Co-Director, Emory Psychiatry and Law Service Seminar (three-hour seminar, once weekly, on a variety of forensic psychiatry topics, for 48 weeks yearly). Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows, forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows, resident psychiatrists, and medical students. 2022-present.
3. Suicide and Violence Risk Assessments (one-hour lecture, presented six times). Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Presented to third-year medical students. 2021-2022.
4. Basic Law for Forensic Psychiatrists (three-hour lecture, presented four times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2022-2025.

5. How to Brief a Landmark Case in Forensic Psychiatry. (two-hour lecture, presented four times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2022-2025.
6. Competency to Stand Trial (90-minute lecture, presented four times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2022-2025.
7. Death Penalty and Forensic Psychiatry (90-minute lecture, presented four times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2022-2025.
8. Malingered Psychosis (one-hour lecture, presented four times). Emory University School of Medicine. Presented to second-year general psychiatry residents. 2023-2026.
9. Introduction to Malpractice (one-hour lecture, presented once). Emory University School of Medicine. Presented to second-year general psychiatry residents. 2025.
10. Fundamentals of Forensic Report Writing for Psychiatrists (90-minute lecture, presented three times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2023-2025.
11. Asylum Evaluations in Forensic Psychiatry. (60-minute lecture, presented two times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2024-2025.
12. Jail-Based Competency Restoration (90-minute lecture, presented twice). Case Western School of Medicine and Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presentation to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2024-2025.
13. Treatment in Corrections (60-minute lecture, presented once). Emory University School of Medicine. Presented to second-year general psychiatry residents. 2025.
14. Defendant Rights (two-hour lecture, presented twice). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2024-2025.
15. Competency to Stand Trial (two-hour lecture, presented three times). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2023-2025.
16. Sexual Harassment (two-hour lecture, presented once). Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Presented to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. 2025.
17. Introduction to Immigration Law (90-minute presentation). Case Western School of Medicine and Emory University Psychiatry and Law Service. Scheduled presentation to forensic psychiatry fellows and forensic psychology postdoctoral fellows. Scheduled February 2026.

Academic Teaching (to non-clinicians)

1. Preliminary Findings on the Immigrant-Mental Health Disparities project. Health Policy Grand Rounds, Vanderbilt University Department of Health Policy. **Reema Dedania**. 2017
2. Competency to Stand Trial and the Court Process. Presentation to the City of Atlanta Public Defenders Office; Atlanta, GA. Peter Ash, **Reema Dedania**, Victoria Roberts, Kelly Prejean. 2024.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. **Dedania R**, Gonzales, G. “Disparities in Access to Care Among US-Born and Foreign-Born Adults by Mental Health Status.” *American Journal of Public Health*. 2019: 109, 221-227.
2. Gonzales G, **Dedania R**, Driscoll R. “Health Insurance Coverage and Access to Care Among US-Born and Foreign-Born Sexual Minorities.” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. 2019: 21(3):540-548.
3. **Dedania R**, Magalotti S. Transfer on Death Agreement when Mental Incapacity is in Question. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. 2022: 50 (4) 648-650.
4. Klein CA, **Dedania R**, Gala N. Overview of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, with Emphasis in Forensic Settings and Evaluations. *The European Society of Medicine, Med Res Arch*. 2025;13(7).

Editorials and Commentaries:

1. **Dedania R**. Understanding Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Through a Forensic Lens. *American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) Newsletter*. 2023.

Book Chapters

1. Ash P, **Dedania R**. “Jail-Based Competency Restoration.” Oxford Textbook of Correctional Psychiatry, 2nd Edition. Oxford University Press. Accepted 2024, in press.
2. Kapoor R, **Dedania R**, Hauser L. “Trends in Competency Restoration Settings.” Competence to Stand Trial: Mental Health Practice, Constitutional Rights, and Practical Implications. American Psychological Association Textbook, Accepted 2025.

Manuals, Program Development, and Other Teaching Aids:

1. Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Manual for the Fulton County Jail rotation for forensic fellows. 2023-present.
2. Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Manual for the Atlanta City Detention Center for forensic fellows. 2023-present.

3. Understanding Competency to Stand Trial. Teaching aid for Emory medical students and residents rotating on the Psychiatry and Law Service (co-created with Bradley Rosenkrantz).

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