

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Rocksheng Zhong, M.D., M.H.S.**

### PRESENT POSITION AND EMPLOYER'S PHYSICAL ADDRESS

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Apr 2024 – present      Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Training Director  
Jan 2023 – present      Director of Forensic Services  
Jan 2023 – present      Associate Professor  
  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences  
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### BIOGRAPHICAL

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### EDUCATION

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8/15/2008 – 5/20/2013      Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT  
M.D., M.H.S.  
8/15/2004 – 6/5/2008      Harvard College, Cambridge, MA  
A.B., Psychology, *summa cum laude*

### TRAINING (GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION)

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7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018      Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT  
Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry  
6/20/2013 – 6/30/2017      Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
Resident in General Psychiatry (ethics and research tracks)

### BOARD CERTIFICATION

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1/1/2021 – present      American Board of Preventive Medicine: Addiction Medicine  
10/19/2019 – present      American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology: Forensic Psychiatry  
9/18/2017 – present      American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology: Psychiatry

### LICENSURE AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

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11/4/2024 – present      Federal Aviation Administration Human Intervention Motivational Study

	(HIMS) qualified psychiatric examiner
7/8/2022 – present	Texas Medical Board: Physician License
4/24/2018 – present	Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts: Physician and Surgeon

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK HISTORY AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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July 2018 – present	Lecturer, Department of Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
July 2020 – Dec 2022	Medical Director of Northern Arizona, Southwest Behavioral and Health Services, Kingman, AZ
July 2019 – Dec 2022	Adjunct Instructor, Department of Medical Education, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL
June 2018 – June 2020	Staff Psychiatrist, Compass Health Network, Clinton, MO

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

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**Areas of Research**            Medical ethics, mental health ethics, mental health law, forensic psychiatry

### **Grant support**

#### Current

09/01/2024 – 08/31/2026

**Zhong R** (Principal Investigator), Busby D, Baughn D, Oorjitham N, Baillargeon J. “Youth mental health in juvenile justice.” Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium New and Emerging Mental Health Researchers Grant (NECMHR01-FY24-027), \$500,000.

06/12/2024 – 08/31/2025

**Zhong R** (Principal Investigator). “Forensic psychiatry fellowship program.” Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (00749), \$555,825.

02/15/2024 – 02/14/2025

**Zhong R** (Principal Investigator), Serna M, Moore B, Farroni J, Baillargeon J. “Epidemiology of mental illness and cognitive disorders in correctional healthcare.” Center for Health-system Improvement at the University of Texas Medical Branch Pilot Grant, \$25,000.

#### Pending

None

#### Past

None

## **COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **National**

2014 – present	Association of Directors of Forensic Psychiatry Fellowships, American
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Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

2018 – present Ethics Committee, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law

**State/Regional**

2023 – present Forensic Psychiatry Committee, Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians (American Psychiatric Association District Branch)

2023 – present Ethics Committee, Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians (American Psychiatric Association District Branch)

**University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX**

2024 – present Quality Improvement and Program Review Subcommittee, Graduate Medical Education Committee

2024 – present Graduate Medical Education Committee

2023 – present Institutional Ethics Committee

2023 – present Quality Improvement Committee, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

**Committee Responsibilities other than UTMB**

2019 – 2022 Ethics Committee, Children’s of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, AL

2019 – 2020 Ethics Committee, Compass Health Network, Clinton, MO

2019 – 2020 Pre-Visit Forms Workgroup, Compass Health Network, Clinton, MO

2018 – 2020 Electronic Medical Record Workgroup, Compass Health Network, Clinton, MO

**TEACHING/MENTORING RESPONSIBILITIES**

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**University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX**

Teaching

Graduate medical education – Psychiatry residency

2023 – present PGY2 Forensic Psychiatry lecture series (six 90-minute sessions per year), Psychiatry residency didactics

2023 – present PGY1-4 Psychiatric Ethics seminar series (six 90-minute sessions per year), Psychiatry residency didactics

2023 – present PGY4 Webster outpatient continuity clinic journal club (bi-weekly 45-minute sessions), Psychiatry residency didactics

Undergraduate medical education

Sept 2024 Panelist, Correctional Managed Care Ethics, Practice of Medicine 2: Professional Identity Formation

Supervision

Graduate medical education – Psychiatry residency

2023 – present Clinical supervisor, PGY4 Webster outpatient continuity clinic (one-half day per week)

2023 – present Clinical supervisor, PGY2 (2 months) and PGY4 (1 month) forensic psychiatry rotations

Undergraduate medical education

2024 – present Course director, MS3/MS4 Forensic Psychiatry clinical elective (1-month rotation)

2024 – present Preceptor, MS3 Psychiatry Clerkship Webster outpatient clinic rotation (one-half day per week)

2023 – present Faculty mentor, Truman Blocker Society, John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine

2023 – 2024 Preceptor, MS3 Psychiatry Clerkship Webster outpatient clinic rotation (one day per week)

**Texas Forensic Psychiatry Education Collaborative**

Teaching

2024 – present Lecturer (“Confidentiality, Privacy, Privilege, and their Limits;” “Forensic Ethics”), Core Topics in Forensic Psychiatry didactic series, Texas Forensic Psychiatry Education Collaborative

2024 – present Faculty discussant, Forensic Psychiatry Case Conference series

2024 – present Founding member, Texas Forensic Psychiatry Education Collaborative Taskforce

**Southwest Behavioral and Health Services, Kingman, AZ**

Teaching

2020 – 2022 Lecturer, Continuing education and quality improvement seminar series, Bi-monthly all-medical-staff meeting

Supervision

Psychiatric nurse practitioners

2020 – 2022 Clinical supervisor, Flagstaff and Prescott Valley Outpatient Clinics

2020 – 2022 Clinical consultant, Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City, and Payson Aero Outpatient Clinics; Bullhead City Opiate Treatment Program; Kingman Recovery Unit (12-bed inpatient psychiatric unit)

**University of Alabama at Birmingham Heersink School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL**

Teaching

2020 – 2022 Discussant, Clinical Ethics: Ethics Morbidity & Mortality Seminars (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students)

Mentoring

M.D. students

2020 – 2022 Research supervisor, Medical Ethics Research Seminar

## **Yale University, New Haven, CT**

### Teaching

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| 2017 – 2018 | Discussion group faculty leader, Professional and Ethical Responsibility (2nd year medical students), Yale School of Medicine |
| 2017, 2018  | Guest lecturer, Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic, Yale Law School  |

## **University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA**

### Teaching

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| 2017        | Preceptor, Brain and Behavior   |
| 2017        | Lecturer, Decision-making Capacity Seminar Series, Graduate medical didactic curriculum, Department of Psychiatry                             |
| 2016 – 2017 | Course developer and lecturer, Informed Consent Seminar Series, Graduate medical didactic curriculum, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology |
| 2015        | Preceptor, Introduction to Clinical Medicine: The Doctor-Patient Relationship   |

## **MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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| 2020 – present | American Society for Bioethics and Humanities                        |
| 2017 – present | American Psychiatric Association (and corresponding District Branch) |
| 2017 – present | American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law                           |
| 2017 – 2024    | American Medical Association   |

## **HONORS**

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| 2024 | Excellence in Resident Teaching Award, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX |
| 2022 | Carol Davis Ethics Award, American Psychiatric Association   |
| 2016 | Rappeport Fellow, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law   |
| 2013 | Yale/Bristol Meyers Squibb Outstanding Medical Student Thesis in Psychiatry, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT                        |
| 2010 | Farr Scholar, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT   |
| 2008 | Gordon Allport Prize, Department of Psychology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  |
| 2007 | Phi Beta Kappa.  |
| 2006 | John Harvard Scholar, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA   |
| 2005 | Harvard College Scholar, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA  |
| 2005 | Detur Book Prize, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA   |

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### Editorial Board

Behavioral Science and the Law

### Journal Reviewer

Academic Medicine

AMA Journal of Ethics

British Journal of Psychiatry

Pediatrics

Primary Care Companion for CNS Disorders

Reinvention: An International Journal of Undergraduate Research

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. Dzeda K, Liu Y, **Zhong R**. Reversible lithium-induced bradycardia in a patient with Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome. *Journal of the Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry*. In press.
2. **Zhong R** & Wasser T. Ending involuntary commitment for people with treatment-resistant mental illness and grave disability. *Psychiatric Services*. Published 20 Aug 2024 online in advance of print.
3. **Zhong R** & Sisti DA. Challenges in assessing affect and values in decision-making capacity. *American Journal of Bioethics*. 2024;24(8): 103-106.
4. **Zhong R**, Moreno A, Wasser T. A proposal for the capacity to stipulate to civil commitment and a 50-state review of statutes. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. 2023 Mar;51(1): 93-102.
5. Blankenship S, Nakano-Okuno M, **Zhong R**. Physicians' role in the COVID-19 infodemic: A reflection. *Southern Medical Journal*. 2021;114(12): 812-814.
6. Calhoun A, **Zhong R**, Wasser T. Community reintegration during COVID-19 for patients in long-term inpatient and residential psychiatric settings. *Psychiatric Services*. 2021;72(11): 1354-1357.
7. **Zhong R**, Wasser T. The cost of safety: Balancing risk and liberty in psychiatric units. *Bioethics*. 2021;35(2): 173-177.
8. Wasser TD, **Zhong R**, Mufson J, Danzig A, Koka L, Kapoor R. Violent video games in forensic psychiatric hospitals. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. 2020;48(4): 521-529.
9. **Zhong R**, Northrop JK, Sahota PKC, Glick HB, Rostain AL. Informed about informed consent: A qualitative study of ethics education. *Journal of Health Ethics*. 2019;15(2).
10. **Zhong R**, Sisti DA, Karlawish J. Decision-making capacity will have a limited effect on civil commitment practices. *American Journal of Bioethics*. 2019;19(10): 86-88.

11. **Zhong R**, Xu Y, Oquendo MA, Sisti DA. Physician aid-in-dying for individuals with serious mental illness: Clarifying decision-making capacity and psychiatric futility. *American Journal of Bioethics*. 2019;19(10): 61-63.
12. **Zhong R**, Sisti DA, Karlawish JH. A pragmatist's guide to the assessment of decision-making capacity. *British Journal of Psychiatry*. 2019;214(4): 183-185.
13. Bhalla IP, Cohen N, Haupt CE, Stith K, **Zhong R**. The role of civil commitment in the opioid crisis. *The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*. 2018;46(2): 343-350.
14. **Zhong R** & Dike C. Four years' delay in sexually violent person commitment hearing ruled unconstitutional. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. 2018;46(1): 103-105.
15. **Zhong R**. Judging remorse. *NYU Review of Law and Social Change*. 2015;39: 133-172.
16. **Zhong R**, Baranoski M, Feigenson N, Davidson L, Buchanan A, Zonana HV. So you're sorry? The role of remorse in criminal law. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. 2014;42: 39-48.
17. Kimonis VE, Singh KE, **Zhong R**, Pastakia B, Digiovanna JJ, Bale SJ. Clinical and radiological features in young individuals with nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome. *Genetics in Medicine*. 2013;15: 79-83.
18. **Zhong R**, Knobe J, Feigenson N, Mercurio MR. Age and disability biases in pediatric resuscitation among future physicians. *Clinical Pediatrics (Philadelphia)*. 2011;50(11): 1001-1004.
19. Cai KQ, Albarracin C, Rosen D, **Zhong R**, Zheng W, Luthra R, Broaddus R, Liu J. Microsatellite instability and alteration of the expression of hMLH1 and hMSH2 in ovarian clear cell carcinoma. *Human Pathology*. 2004;35(5): 552-559.
20. Ju W, **Zhong R**, Moore S, Moroziewicz D, Currie JR, Parfrey P, et al. Identification of novel CLN2 mutations shows Canadian specific NCL2 alleles. *Journal of Medical Genetics*. 2002;39(11): 822-825.

### Books and Book Chapters

1. **Zhong R**, Baughn D, Oorjitham N, Kudrath F. Ethical and legal issues in psychiatry. In: *Encyclopedia of the Neurological Sciences*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. In press.
2. Wasser T, **Zhong R**, editors. *Psychiatry and the Law: Basic Principles*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature Switzerland AG; 2024.
3. **Zhong R**, Prabhu M. Decision-making capacity. In: Wasser T, Zhong R, editors. *Psychiatry and the Law: Basic Principles*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature Switzerland AG; 2024. p. 85-96.

### Thesis/Dissertation

1. **Zhong R** 2013. 'So You're Sorry? The Role of Remorse in Criminal Law', Master's Degree Thesis, Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT.
2. **Zhong R** 2004. 'The Trouble with Trolleys: Intention and Causation in Moral Dilemmas', Senior Honors Thesis, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA.

### Reviews

1. **Zhong R.** Book review of *21 Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. 2020;48(2): 282-283.

### Varia

1. **Zhong R.** COVID-19 and the future of telepsychiatry. *Psychology Today: Trends in Telemedicine*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/trends-in-telemedicine/202008/covid-19-and-the-future-telepsychiatry>.
2. **Zhong R**, Sisti DA, Karlawish JH. Authors' reply to "Avoiding hard capacity assessments will not help." *British Journal of Psychiatry*. 2020;216: 165-167.
3. **Zhong R**, Sisti DA, Karlawish JH. Authors' reply to "The test for decision-making capacity in common law countries is not the test outlined by Zhong *et al.*" *British Journal of Psychiatry*. 2019;215(2): 502-503.

### PAPERS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS PRESENTED

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- 2024 Penn J, Obikoya K, **Zhong R**, Ortiz P, Khan J. "Strategic alliances: Elevating forensic psychiatry fellowships through collaboration and advocacy." Workshop at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2024 Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Oct 2024.
- 2024 Nguyen L, Mathesh V, Tran V, Li J, Baughn D, Shotwell J, Gushanas K, Hasan S, Falls L, **Zhong R**. "Artificial intelligence chatbots as sources for patient education material on child abuse." Poster presentation at the UT System AI Symposium in Health Care, Dallas, TX, May 2024.
- 2024 Nguyen L, Tran V, Li J, **Zhong R**. "Child abuse patient education material by artificial intelligence: A comparative readability study." Poster presentation at the UTMB National Public Health Week 2024 Public Health Symposium, Galveston, TX, Apr 2024.
- 2023 Brindley P, Sinha A, Poreddy R, Wasser T, **Zhong R**. "The effects of social media on factitious disorder and malingering." Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2023 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Oct 2023.
- 2022 Gregory AB, Chu J, Nakano M, **Zhong R**. "Baptism of medicine? How to respect a patient leaving against medical advice." Poster presentation at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Rural Health Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, Apr 2022.
- 2021 **Zhong R**, Moreno A, Wasser T. "Capacity to stipulate to civil commitment: A 50-state survey." Flash Talk at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2021 Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, Oct 2021.
- 2021 Xu Y, **Zhong R**, Sisti D. "Will you let me die?: Terminality and treatment futility in psychiatry." General and Live Online Session presentation at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, May 2021.
- 2020 **Zhong R**, Wasser T. "Principles for reopening publicly funded long-term psychiatric units during COVID-19." Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Affinity Group Panel presentation at the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Virtual Conference, Oct 2020.
- 2020 **Zhong R**. "A pragmatic approach to the assessment of decision-making capacity." Oral Paper presentation at the World Congress of Bioethics, Philadelphia, PA, June 2020.



- 2017 **Zhong R**, Sisti D, Karlawish J. “Beyond the sliding scale: Context and decisional capacity.” Poster presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2017 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Oct 2017.
- 2017 Sisti D, **Zhong R**, Northrop, J. “Informed about informed consent: Toward a model graduate medical curriculum.” Workshop at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, May 2017.
- 2012 **Zhong R**, Zonana H, Baranoski M, Wizner S. “So you’re sorry? The role of remorse in criminal law.” Panel presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2012 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Oct 2012.
- 2012 Baranoski M, Zonana H, **Zhong R**, Buchanan J. “Judge, I’d rather do it myself: Competency evaluations after Edwards.” Research in Progress presentation at the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law 2012 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Oct 2012.
- 2009 **Zhong R**, Knobe J, Feigenson N, Mercurio MR. “Equal treatment? Disparities between ‘is’ and ‘ought’ in pediatric resuscitation.” Poster presentation at the AMA-Medical Students Section Research Symposium, Houston, TX, Nov 2009.

#### **INVITED LECTURES AT SYMPOSIA AND CONFERENCES**

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- 2024 **Zhong R**. “Legal implications of cognitive aging, cognitive impairment, and dementia.” CLE presentation at the Bay Area Bar Association, Seabrook, TX, Nov 2024.
- 2024 **Zhong R**. “Working with mental health experts.” CLE presentation at the Fort Bend County Bar Association, Virtual Meeting, Jan 2024.
- 2024 **Zhong R**. “The potential mitigating and aggravating nature of remorse and your client’s courtroom demeanor.” CLE presentation at the Galveston County Bar Association, Galveston, TX, Jan 2024.
- 2024 **Zhong R**. “Working with mental health experts.” CLE presentation at the Brazoria County Bar Association, Angleton, TX, Jan 2024.
- 2023 **Zhong R**. “Working with mental health experts.” CLE presentation at the Bay Area Bar Association, Seabrook, TX, Oct 2023.
- 2019 Bandes SA & **Zhong R**. “The potential mitigating and aggravating nature of remorse and your client’s courtroom demeanor.” Panel presentation at the Virginia Bar Association 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Capital Defense Workshop, Richmond, VA, Nov 2019.
- 2018 **Zhong R**. “Forensic experts and probate.” CLE Presentation at the Birmingham Bar Association, Birmingham, AL, Dec 2018.
- 2016 **Zhong R** & Bushwick B. “Determining capacity in older adults.” Panel presentation at the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA, July 2016.

#### **INVITED LECTURES – OTHER**

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- 2024 **Zhong R**. “Civil commitment, grave disability, and refractory mental illness.” Grand Rounds at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX, Apr 2024.

- 2023 **Zhong R.** “Decision-making capacity.” Guest speaker at the Ethics in Mental Health Care Course, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Jan 2023.
- 2021 Johnson B, Nakano M, **Zhong R.** “A utilitarian COVID-19 vaccine allocation strategy: Prioritizing prevention of transmission over prevention of high-risk infection.” Oral presentation at the Penn Bioethics Seminar Series, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Feb 2021.
- 2020 **Zhong R.** “Assessing competence and the need for guardianship.” Grand Rounds at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia, MO, May 2020.
- 2020 **Zhong R.** “Decision-making capacity: Four abilities, a sliding scale, and pragmatism.” Grand Rounds resident discussion at the Department of Psychiatry, University of Missouri School of Medicine, Columbia, MO, May 2020.