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### Associate Professor, Director, Division of Rehabilitation Psychology & Neuropsychology

Dr. Wegener is an Associate Professor and Director of Rehabilitation Psychology in our

department. He also holds an appointment as Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg School of Public Health. A 1985 graduate in clinical psychology from St. Louis University, Dr. Wegener completed his residency in clinical psychology at the University of Virginia and served on the faculty there until he came to our department in 1995.



His clinical activity is focused on providing psychological services to persons with chronic illness or traumatic injuries including chronic pain, amputations and spinal cord injury.

As a rehabilitation psychologist, his research has focused on theories and projects that have the potential to improve function and reduce disability for persons with chronic illness and impairments. Specific research projects have focused on:

- factors that influence the development of chronic pain in persons with occupational musculoskeletal injuries, rheumatic disease, spinal cord injury or limb loss
- development of cognitive-behavioral and self-management interventions that prevent the development of, or provide treatment for, secondary conditions following trauma and disability
- factors that influence rehabilitation outcomes, specifically the role of positive psychological variables: denial, positive coping, hope and spirituality

When he is not working, Dr. Wegener can be found in the garden tending the flowers or occasionally fishing.

#### Representative Publications:

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