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EDUCATION

MPH	Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Urban Public Health	Spring	2021
Ed.M.	Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University Counseling Psychology	Fall	2019
B.S./A.A.	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania Health and Physical Education/Criminal Justice – Correctional Setting	Fall	2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Central Jersey Family Health Consortium Brick, NJ Consulting Intern Supervisor Diana Bastianelli, MA, IPVA, CHPSE	July 2020 – Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborate with supervisor to coordinate and co-facilitate interviews with local agencies• Collect and Analyze data pertaining to agencies institutional response to DV/IPV• Create interview and data collection guides to help our agency centralize the data we collect• Assist supervisor in creating educational documents and co-facilitate focus groups with agencies to improve their response to DV/IPV• Act as the liaison between my supervisor and various agencies we collaborate with	
Rutgers School of Public Health Piscataway, NJ Health Systems & Policy (PHCO0501J032) Teaching Assistant Supervisor Irina B. Grafova, Ph.D.	September 2020 – Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist course instructor with classroom instruction, exams, and record keeping• Meet with students during my weekly office hours to help mentor students• Grade course assignments and help students when needed• Help lead class discussions in a meaningful way• Correspond with students on Canvas	
New Brunswick School District New Brunswick, NJ Social-Emotional & Character Development Consultant	September 2019 – Current

Supervisor | Maurice Elias, Ph.D.

- Provide school committees, clubs, task forces, and other groups focused on students' social emotional and character development guidance and consultation.
- Provide consultation to teachers on classroom management and classroom climate as needed
- Provide interpretation and dissemination of school climate and other related student and staff survey data
- Assist School Counselors in designing, implementing, and evaluating interventions for at risk/frequently referred youth

Center for Forensic and Clinical Psychology of New Jersey LLC | Morristown, NJ

Report Editor for Forensic psychological evaluations

January 2020 – Current

Supervisor | Dr. Rhonda Greenberg, Psy.D.

- Redact client information for training purposes
- Advise center director about various themes and discrepancies throughout the report
- Review and make edits to psychological reports (DSM-V codes, ICD-10 codes, grammar, spelling, and punctuation)
- Write literature reviews to give to ensure accuracy about reported issues and trauma related to clients evaluation

Hackensack Meridian Health Carrier Clinic | Belle Meade, NJ

February 2019 – October 2019

Group Counselor - Inpatient Group Therapy

Supervisor | Danyla Frazier, MPA, LCSW

- Conducted intake assessments on newly admitted patients.
- Provided consultation to attending psychiatrist and social workers on patients' daily mental health status.
- Led/Co-led CBT and mindfulness group for patients with severe and chronic mental illness.

Hackensack Meridian Health Carrier Clinic | Belle Meade, NJ

October 2018 - February 2019

Residential Counselor – Residential Inpatient Unit

Supervisor | Anthony Gershaw, LPC

- Collaborated with the therapist to help develop treatment plans for residents.
- Acted as a mentor for residents to help them plan for life outside the hospital (finances, educational, and occupational).
- Facilitated life skills groups to promote a positive lifestyle for the residents.
- Appropriately responded to crisis situations using de-escalation techniques.

Graduate School of Education | Rutgers University – New Brunswick, NJ

Graduate Data Analysis Assistant

January 2018 – January 2020

Supervisor | Clark Chinn, Ph.D.

- Analyzed and coded all faculty curriculum vitae to find relevant data pertaining to faculty scholarship, grants, and published journals
- Researched and logged relevant past and upcoming grant opportunities that fit the research of Graduate School of Education faculty to help advise future scholarly work.
- Cleaned and entered relevant faculty curriculum vitae data in a database.

National Institute for Early Education Research | New Brunswick, NJ February 2017 – May 2018

National Institute for Early Education Research

Research Project Coordinator

Supervisor | Milagros Nores, Ph.D.

- Ensured all communication between the principal investigator(s) and team of data collectors
- Managed coordinating data collection, data collector training, and data collection tool reliabilities.
- Facilitated data collector training on child assessment and classroom observation tools
- Monitored and maintained the budget for my project to ensure we had enough budgeted money to pay data collectors for travel and hours worked

Build N Care Therapy | Lakewood, NJ

January 2017 – April 2018

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist (ABA)

- Analyzed client data to create and implement weekly & monthly treatment plans for client(s).
- Executed client's individualized care plan using relevant ABA techniques.
- Logged daily client session notes and coded observational data on the problem solving and skills used by my client and their learning progress
- Co-facilitated weekly meetings with client's family to keep them abreast of client's progress

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Rutgers Graduate School of Applied & Professional Psychology | Piscataway, NJ

Evaluation of the Morningside Center Whole School Restorative Practices

January 2019 – May 2020

Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor | Anne Gregory, Ph.D.

- Co-facilitate school climate surveys to various school populations
- Analyze and clean qualitative and quantitative survey data using excel and SPSS
- Transcribe phone interviews with school staff and consultants working in the school
- Edit research reports used to assist in school system change to be sent to various school districts

- Recruit, interview, and train about 20 undergraduate research assistants

Rutgers University Psychology Department | Piscataway, NJ

Racism, Identity, Coping, and Health Lab (RICH LAB)

January 2018 –Current

Graduate Research Assistant

Supervisor | Lori Hoggard, Ph.D.

- Assisted in developing stimuli in a nationwide survey collection data on how African American males react to photos of police officers of different races
- Conducted a nationwide search for photographs of police officers from various localities with a high rate of African American deaths due to police shootings

Rutgers Graduate School of Education | New Brunswick, NJ

National Institute for Early Education Research

October 2016 – February 2017

Data Collector

- Conducted classroom observations using CLASS and ECERS classroom observation tools
- Administered Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test (PPVT-4), Woodcock Johnson IV Test of Achievement (WCJ4), Peg-Tap, and The Dimensional Change Card Sort DCCS child assessments to kindergarten – 3rd grader students
- Facilitated communication between school staff and the project coordinator to coordinate classroom observations, and schedule assessments

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Accepted: CDC Preventing Chronic Disease

Ellis KR, Hecht HK, Young TL, Oh S, Thomas S, Hoggard L, **Ali Z**, Olawale R, Carthron D, Corbie-Smith G, & Eng E. (accepted). Chronic Disease Among African American Families: A Systematic Scoping Review. Preventing Chronic Disease.

Manuscripts in Review

Valera, P., **Zaire, S.A.**, Cunningham, D., & McLaughlin, C.M. (in review). Exploring Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) Knowledge and Awareness in Incarcerated Men. AIDS and Behavior.

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- **Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Strategic Planning Committee**
- **Rutgers School of Public Health | Anti-Racism Task Force**
- **Rutgers School of Public Health | Rutgers Black Health Alliance Vice President**

- **Travel Scholarship** | Rutgers Center for Global Education Scholarship
- **Alumni and Friends Scholarship** | Rutgers Graduate School of Education
- **Lock Haven University** | Outstanding Student in Health & Physical Education
- **Lock Haven University Center for Excellence & Inclusion** | Scholastic Leadership Award
- **Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.** | Academic Achievement Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Supporting Homeless Innovatively Loving Others (S.H.I.L.O.) | Member 2018 – 2019
 - Organized and facilitated outreach and food distribution to the homeless community in New Brunswick, New Jersey
- American Public Health Association | Member 2019 – Current

CERTIFICATIONS

- American Heart Association Heart Saver First Aid, CPR, AED Certified (infant, child & adult)
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certification