

Adler University
**Commencement
Ceremony**

Sunday, December 6, 2020

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ADLER UNIVERSITY



Adler University continues the pioneering work of the first community psychologist, Alfred Adler, by graduating socially responsible practitioners, engaging communities, and advancing social justice.

Alfred Adler began community psychology by articulating the constructs of *Gemeinschaftsgefühl* (social interest or the connection between individual and community well-being) and systemic community intervention, such as preventative public health measures.

As a higher education institution, Adler University furthers Alfred Adler's vision today by producing the three outcomes that are specified in its mission:

Socially Responsible Practitioners

Socially responsible practitioners are educated to be effective personal and social change agents in the pursuit of justice.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is collaborative partnership that strengthens communities, provides service, and prepares students.

Social Justice

Social justice refers to equitable distribution of economic, political, civil, cultural, social, and other resources and opportunities in society in order to promote the optimal development of persons and communities.

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3 p.m. CT / 1 p.m. PT

Land Acknowledgment

Joy McPhail
Chair, Board of Trustees

First Nations Greeting

Reanna Erasmus (Wii-tsuts-koom)
Elder in Residence, Vancouver Campus

Welcome

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.
President

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Marcie R. Rendon

Graduate Addresses

Danielle Kokochak
Online Campus

Ahoussi Manuel-Yvan René Ekpini
Vancouver Campus

Dominique Barnes-Walker
Chicago Campus

Presentation of Graduates

Sarah Fornero, Ed.D.
Executive Dean, Online Campus

Bradley O'Hara, Ph.D.
Executive Dean, Vancouver Campus

Wendy Paszkiewicz, Psy.D.
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Closing Remarks

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.
President

Regalia

The tradition of wearing academic regalia in the United States and Canada dates back to the first universities in Europe, founded in the 12th and 13th centuries. Academic robes, hoods, and caps have evolved over time.

In the United States, caps and gowns have been used since colonial times. In 1885, a widespread student movement in America pushed to wear caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies. In British Columbia, academic dress began to be adopted in the mid-19th century and, over time, a full range of gowns, hoods, and headdresses was prescribed and worn by officers and graduates of higher learning.

By 1894, colleges and universities across North America began standardizing the style and colors of robes and hoods. All robes were black and the lining and border color of the hood differentiated faculties and academic institutions.

Academic Costume

An academic costume describes the academic origin and accomplishments of the wearer. Holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are recognizable by their costume, and the trained eye may identify the university that conferred the degree, as well as the individual's field of learning.

The shape and decorations of the gown designate the highest degree earned by an individual. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist or upper arm; the rear part of its oblong shape is square cut. The doctoral gown may be readily identified by the velvet facing down its front and by three velvet bars on each sleeve.

Master's degree holders wear mortarboards with a tassel noting the year of their graduation. The tassel may also be color-coded according to the degree program. Doctoral degree holders can wear tams (as worn by our Chicago Campus graduates) or befeater caps (as worn by our Vancouver Campus graduates).

The hood is an important and distinctive feature of academic pageantry. The master's hood is three feet long with a three-inch edge. The doctoral hood is four feet long with a five-inch edge. The color of the hood's velvet edge represents the field in which the wearer earned his or her degree and the inner lining showcases the official academic colors of the institution that conferred the degree. Adler University graduates from the Chicago and Online campuses, for example, wear linings that are burgundy and gold. Graduates from the Vancouver Campus wear linings that are orange, green, and brown.

First Nations Greeting

Reanna Erasmus (Wii-tsuts-koom)

Elder in Residence, Vancouver Campus

Reanna Erasmus is a member of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation with roots in the Hupacasath First Nation in Port Alberni, B.C. She lives in the unceded territory of the Hupacasath peoples. Erasmus is the oldest daughter of Eric and Beulah (Watts) Sayers and the granddaughter of Dan and Annie (Jack) Watts; both her grandparents come from a long line of Hereditary Chiefs.

Erasmus has spent her life fighting for the rights of First Nations peoples. Although she is retired, she still volunteers on a number of committees to promote and educate people on the rights of First Nations peoples.

Erasmus has been involved with the Aboriginal Head Start (AHS) Program Urban and Northern Communities for over 25 years in Denendeh (Northwest Territories). Using both current research in early childhood and her experiences, she works with women in eight communities to ensure the AHS programs are rich and developmentally appropriate for children in Denendeh. Working with community women they created an early childhood curriculum that is used in the eight AHS programs.

Erasmus has been involved in education for over forty years, from Aboriginal Head Start to post-secondary education. In 2015, she was inducted into the Government of the Northwest Territories Education Hall of Fame for her work in early childhood. Aurora College also presented Erasmus an honorary certificate in Early Childhood Education in 2012.

Commencement Speaker

Marcie R. Rendon

Marcie R. Rendon is an enrolled member of the White Earth Nation, author, playwright, poet, and freelance writer. A community arts activist, Rendon supports other native artists, writers, and creators to pursue their art, and is a speaker for colleges and community groups on Native issues, leadership, writing.

Rendon is an award-winning author of a fresh new murder mystery series, and also has an extensive body of fiction and nonfiction works.

The creative mind behind Raving Native Theater, Rendon has also curated community-created performances such as Art Is... Creative Native Resilience, featuring three Anishinabe performance artists, which premiered on TPT (Twin Cities Public Television) in June 2019.

Rendon was recognized as a 50 over 50 Change-maker by MN AARP and POLLEN in 2018. Rendon and Diego Vazquez received a 2017 Loft Spoken Word Immersion Fellowship for their work with women incarcerated in county jails.

Graduate Speakers

Danielle Kokochak

Online Campus

Danielle Kokochak is graduating with a Master of Arts in Applied Psychology from Adler University. She served as a Student Experience Coordinator for the Online Campus and worked with the Department of Student Experience and Academic Advising to help build a holistic and engaging online student experience. Currently, Kokochak lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and works as an Instructional Designer in the financial services industry. She enjoys designing inclusive learning experiences that nurture reflection, behavior change, critical thinking, communication skills, innovation, and knowledge-sharing in rapidly changing organizational environments. In addition to her work, Kokochak also has a passion for exploring how storytelling, art, and community can be leveraged as a source of healing and transformation in any environment.

Ahoussi Manuel-Yvan René Ekpini

Vancouver Campus

Ahoussi Manuel-Yvan René Ekpini is from Cote d'Ivoire and earned a Master of Public Policy and Administration with a Concentration in Social Change Leadership from Adler University. Ekpini currently works as a policy analyst at the Insurance Council of British Columbia. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and homeland security from Tiffin University in Ohio. Ekpini has professional experience as a political affairs intern at the Department of Peacekeeping Operations at the United Nations and as a housing program and social enterprise research analyst at the Lookout Housing and Health Society.

During Ekpini's time at Adler University, he was privileged to learn from dedicated faculty and staff and grow on personal and professional levels. He has been involved in various activities organized by diverse student associations. Ekpini also presided over the Adler Student Association and worked with fellow students to bring positive change to campus life.

Dominique Barnes-Walker

Chicago Campus

Dominique Barnes-Walker is a mother, educator, researcher, and licensed therapist. Barnes-Walker grew up in Chicago and is a first-generation college student. She attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she obtained her bachelor of social work then continued to earn her master of social work. She is a Ph.D. graduate of the Couple and Family Therapy program at Adler University.

As a clinician, Barnes-Walker has experienced working with individuals, adults, children including adolescents in the juvenile probation system, couples, and families. Much of her work is with couples and families. In addition to talk therapy, she incorporates play therapy interventions with children, trauma-informed cognitive behavior therapy, and mindfulness techniques.

Her dissertation, titled "Examining the Endorsement of the Strong Black Woman Archetype on Romantic Relationship Satisfaction," examined the impact of endorsing the strong Black woman archetype on romantic relationships. Barnes-Walker is greatly passionate about giving back to her community, social justice, and giving voices to those who are often silenced. As a postmodern therapist, Barnes-Walker uses narrative therapy that focuses on empowering her clients to make meaning of their experiences by gaining an understanding of themselves to create new preferred stories about their lives.

Candidates for Degrees

ONLINE CAMPUS

Master of Arts in Applied Psychology

Danielle Kokochak

Master of Arts in Applied Psychology: Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Development

Donna Manganello Galvan
Teodoro G Marcelo
Deepak Singh Nijjer

Master of Arts in Applied Psychology: Emphasis in Crisis Management

Danielle Frost

Master of Arts in Applied Psychology: Emphasis in Gender and Sexuality Studies

Whitney N Adams
Delanté G. Keys
Xenia Jessica Kozlov

Master of Arts in Applied Psychology: Emphasis in Health and Wellness

Laura Emily Olcott
Elizabeth A Turows

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology

Nicholaus J Ablott
Kristy N. Aldridge
Margaret Rae Barnard
Richard D. Barran
Brittany Jo'Nice Bediako
Victor L Caraballo
Sydney A. Sims Chandler
Elizabeth Ann Clark
Dora Kathryn Clements
Ivelisse Colon-Rivera

Janna Conrad
Ronnetta S. Copeland
Ashlyn Jewell Cremeans
Caitlin Curry
Autumn Devine
Javier A. Dominguez
Dennys Dominguez
Jenise L. Durant
Gwendolyn Victoria Eccles
Oluwatofarati Fakunle
Adam Fischer
Jennifer Sue Galvao
Geethiga Ganthithasan
Demee-Demia Garrison
Ashleigh Lynn Glecier
Lindsey R Hendricks
Joseph Wany'a Earl Howard
Katey-Ann Hurley
Dominique H.A.B. James
Hannah Megan Johnson
Shana Johnston
Sara G Kagarise
Sierra J Lowe
David Manthei
Florence Marchesano
Kaitlin Rose Meno
Jared Millican
Aliyah Kauser Mohamed
Asli S. Monterastelli
Kenzi Juanita Montgomery
Anika Lynn Moore
Matin Najafi Haeri
Maria Magdalena Nava
Allison Monique Neptune
Amanda Jo Neuman
Tanner Papa
Rahnee K. Patrick
Brittany A. Petersen
Jennifer Marie Pierson
Brandy L. Purcell
Amanda R Ramella
James M Rohn
Jovanna Ann Sarduy-Torres

Valerie Schmidt
Lilya Shienko
Kelly J. Simmons
Nicholas P Slawinski
Jacqueline S Stevenson
Diana Surwilo
Sara Szalay
Hannah C Tischler
Nicole Anne Tock-Falvo
Shayamal Vallabhjee
Kristin Van Gaalen
Diane E Williams
Yuhui Zhang

Master of Arts in Psychology: Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Development

Adrienne Elizabeth Manley

Master of Arts in Psychology: Specialization in Military Psychology

Kathryn A Harris
Matthew S. Brinker
April Dawn Toy Brunson
Angela Buccellato
Justine Leigh Buchman
Kaitlyn M Cendrowski
Malia Cole
Eula Anna Roach Conwell-Berg
Courtney Dowling
Matthew W. Durkee
Julie Fleming
Katherine Dawn Hankin
Patrick Wheeler James
Lisa Lacross
Morgan M Mallicoat
Justine Marshall
Ashley R Phillips
Alyson Pond
Giomar Quinones-Ortiz
Patricia Saucedo Kraemer
Jessica C. Woolsey

Candidates for Degrees

VANCOUVER CAMPUS

Master of Public Policy and Administration: Concentration in Immigration Policy and Practice

Jessica Lauren Murphy

Master of Public Policy and Administration: Concentration in Social Change Leadership

Alexis Sarah Angele Beer

Ahoussi Manuel-Yvan René Ekpini
Nida Khan

Jayme Raycraft
Narpinder Rehallu
Ludmilla Souza

Master of Arts in Organizational Psychology

Sarah Marisa Feldberg
Samantha Leah Hrincu Goldstein
Alizah Lakhani
Sydnie Nicoll
Silvija Stamenkovic
Charlotte Christine Stark
Christian P. Westin

Master of Arts in Industrial and Organizational Psychology

Nicole Caruana
Adrian Christopher Go
Alisha Ismail
Chantelle M Jaques
Colleen Patricia Rainey
Deirdre Ryan
Erin Sveinbjornson
Alicia Maria Tiberino

Master of Organizational Psychology

Noor Josan
Yubai Liu
Francisco I. Jasso Vargas

Master of Industrial and Organizational Psychology

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Master of Counselling Psychology: Art Therapy

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Caitlin Hall
Jocelyn Huerta-Garcia
Danelle Hussey
Tamaki Kano
Bethany Ruth MacGillivray
Elsbeth Grace Robertson
Clayre Sessoms
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Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology

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Master of Counselling Psychology: Concentration in School and Youth

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Bir Paul Grewal
Sarah Krehel
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Kristianna Podlosky
Amanda Reid
Alexis Ruettnauer
Tia Turner

Master of Counselling Psychology

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Riley Elizabeth Cott
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Shalpinder Kaur Dhothar

Rachel Christina D'Silva
Emma Louisa Ellison
Laura Fan
Michele Francis
Gayane Ghazaryan
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Nick Graziadei
Chanelle Grewal
Alyssa Marcia Eva Haim
Robert John Hall
Susan R. Higgs
Samudyatha Srivatsan Hiremagalore
Shen Fen Fiona Hu
Nazia Hussain
Chelsea Jade Jewell
Fizza Khalid
Sophia Hana Kopelow
Julianna Lackowicz
Dawn Hiu Laam Lee
Jennifer Nicole Lippa
Chang Liu
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Alannah Kimberley McIntee
Rejoe Mohan
Avital Mondlak
Alex Narduzzi
Lorraine Ng
Marwan Noueihed
Martina Nova
Alycia Oliver
Taylor Brandon Olson
Diekololaoluwa Opeyemi Oluwole-Raji
Laura Kristina Palermo
Andy Yongseong Park
Courtney Brooke Parolin
Sharlene Petigara
Steven D. Price
Diksha Raina
Octavia Naomi Sampson
Arshdeep Sandhu
Olga Shchedrinskaya
Serena Phylise Slatten
Julia Elaine Tallentire
Karla Ingrid Goldmeier Vargas
Evan Vukets
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Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology

Nardeen Awadalla

Dissertation Title: Attachment and Binge-eating: The Mediating Role of Fear of Positive Emotions

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Anna Khaylis

Will Birman

Dissertation Title: The Impacts of Intergenerational Trauma Transmission on the Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors: A Mixed-Methods Systematic Review

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Anna Khaylis

Marla Korecky

Dissertation Title: Examining the Current Status of Health Psychology in Canada: A Qualitative Study of Psychologists' Role in Interprofessional Health Care

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Johnson Ma

Monique Marie LeBlanc

Dissertation Title: Expert Opinions on the Inclusion of Attachment-Related Measures in Bilateral Custody Assessments (BCAs) and Parenting Capacity Assessments (PCAs)

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Michael Mandrusiak

Shauna Marie Randhawa

Dissertation Title: When Chronic Pain Meets Interdisciplinary Care: An Evaluation of an Interdisciplinary Pain Management Program and Change Processes

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Vaneeta Sandhu

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Dissertation Title: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis of How Heterosexual Stable Couples Maintain Their Relationship Through the Experience of Infertility

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Cindy Weisbart

Candidates for Degrees

CHICAGO CAMPUS

Master of Arts in Couple and Family Therapy

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Tara Kathleen O'Leary
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Master of Arts in Counseling: Art Therapy

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Summer Rae Brunson
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Katelyn A Caraveo
Eliza B. Carey
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Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

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Jeana M Frazier
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Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Forensic Counseling

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Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Forensic Psychology

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Brieann E. Tosti
Dominique M. Turner
Robbi Deanna Wiggins
Brianna Marie Wilkins
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Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Rehabilitation Counseling

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Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology

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Master of Public Administration: Criminal Justice

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Crystal J Toran

Master of Public Administration: Human Rights Advocacy

Alina Rahman

Master of Public Administration: Sustainable Communities

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Tawanah Simmons
Mallory C. Sohmer
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Master of Public Policy: Community Health

Gage W Grutz

Master of Public Policy: Human Rights Advocacy

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Master of Science in Sport and Human Performance

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Mallie E Hall
London Ciera Hill
Nidisha Kaul
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Akelah J Moore
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Kali M Ulmer
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Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Supervision

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Dissertation Title: Black Women in Master's Level Counselor Training Programs: Factors Leading to Achievement

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Mary Drout

Doctor of Philosophy in Couple and Family Therapy

Dominique P. Barnes-Walker

Dissertation Title: Examining the Endorsement of the Strong Black Woman Archetype on Romantic Relationship Satisfaction

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Cadmona Hall

Megan L Chapman

Dissertation Title: Exploring Systemic Patterns of Social Disorder: A Quantitative Exploration of the Relationship between Parental Health and Childhood Delinquency

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Marsha Vaughn

Ninfa A Martinez Aguilar

Dissertation Title: Couple and Family Therapy: Integrating Culture and Context in Therapy with Latina Immigrants who Experience Intimate Partner Violence

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Kristina S. Brown

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology

Carolyn C. Alter

Emphasis in Traumatic Stress Psychology

Dissertation Title: Female Students' Perceptions of The Impact of Previous Parental Loss on Their Functioning in College: A Phenomenological Study

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Janna Henning

Zeeshan Azfar

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Associations Between Attachment Styles and Their Subsequent Thoughts, Feelings, & Behaviors in Adult Heterosexual Relationships

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Peter Ji

Juan Manuel Barriga, Jr.

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Nunca Pierdas La Fe: A Phenomenological Study of First-Generation, Latinx College Students and Their First-Year College Experiences

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Josefina Alvarez

Corinna Nicole Barrus

Dissertation Title: Family Resilience: Coping Patterns among Religious Adults and Perspectives on Overcoming Adversity

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jerry Westermeyer

Conrad Paul Burbank

Dissertation Title: Clinical Psychology Trainees' Experience of Shame and Coping in Clinical Supervision

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Peter Ji

Ivelisse Marie Burgo

Emphasis in Traumatic Stress Psychology

Dissertation Title: Women's Perceived Experience of Loss after Sustaining A Spinal Cord Injury

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jenna Henning

Alexa B. Capone

Dissertation Title: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Diagnostic Outcomes

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Cristina Cox

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (continued)

Elaine L. Carey

Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling
Dissertation Title: Psychologists' Perceived Competence in Addressing Spirituality and Religion with Clients: A Qualitative Study
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Peter Ji

Katherine Jean Cassara

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: How Adolescents with Autism Perceive Their Interactions with Teachers: A Descriptive Comparative Qualitative Case Study
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Steven Migalski

Michael William Cohn

Emphasis in Primary Care Psychology and Behavioral Medicine
Dissertation Title: The Caregiver's Experience of Chronic Headache: A Qualitative Study
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Neil Bockian

Cullen John Conerly

Emphasis in Advanced Adlerian Psychotherapy
Dissertation Title: Exploring Gender Guiding Lines and Personality of Transgender Persons: An Instrumental Case Study Qualitative Investigation
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Leigh Johnson-Migalski

Rosalia Costello

Emphasis in Clinical Neuropsychology
Dissertation Title: Delayed Symptom Recovery in Child and Adolescent Concussion: Sleep, Somatization, Emotional Factors, and Sustained Attention
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Lyuba Bobova

Jenna M. D'Agostini

Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling
Dissertation Title: Internal and External Motivation in Substance Abuse Treatment
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Catherine McNeilly

Melanie Victoria Daovannary

Dissertation Title: An Exploratory Study of Black Women's Experiences with Psychotherapy in Chicago
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Nataka Moore

Lisa M. DiSilvestro

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: Identifying Maladaptive Beliefs and Attitudes about Sleep within a Special Forces Population
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Peter Ji

Paoula H. Dyanova

Dissertation Title: Sex Differences in High Functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder on The Social Perception Tests of the NEPSY-II
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Steven Migalski

Laura Leigh Edwards

Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling
Dissertation Title: Public Sexual Harassment and its Effects on Perception of Safety & Cognitive Hypervigilance
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Lyuba Bobova

Llashe-Kaye S. Everett

Dissertation Title: Pre-Military Trauma and Combat-Related PTSD in OEF/OIF/OND Veterans: Examining the Implications of Neuropsychological Functioning
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. John Tirado

Jaimee A. Everman

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology and Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling
Dissertation Title: The Role of Combat Attachment Behaviors as a Barrier to PTSD Treatment and Predictor of Increased Impulsive Behaviors
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Catherine McNeilly

Christina Gabrielle Fazio

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: What Does Racism Cost White People?: An Examination of Intergroup Contact and Psychosocial Costs of Racism in White Youth
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Rabiatu Barrie

Bryan Gaviria-Jimenez

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: How Self-Identified Men Understand Their Eating and Body Image: A Retrospective Account
Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Seema Saigal

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (continued)

Amanda J. Gerber

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: The Responses of How Adults Process Their Grief after Experiencing Sudden Parental Death during Childhood

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Peter Ji

Shieka René Glenn

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Superwoman Schema as A Moderator of The Relationship Between Exposure to Trauma and Depression in African American Female Veterans

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Georgios Lampropoulos

Brittney Allison Graboys

Dissertation Title: Antisocial & Borderline Personality Disorder Traits - Impact on Marital Satisfaction Mechanisms

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Cristina Cox

Juliette C. Gray

Emphasis in Traumatic Stress Psychology

Dissertation Title: Dentists' Self-Reported Practice Approach to Working with Patients Who Have Psychological Trauma Symptoms

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Janna Henning

Alyssa A. Hamilton

Dissertation Title: Attachment Style, Perceptions and Relationship Satisfaction: Does Perceived Similarities Increase Relationship Satisfaction?

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jerry Westermeyer

Kelly Marie Hamoudah

Emphasis in Primary Care Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

Dissertation Title: Cancer Survivors' Perceptions of How Mindfulness Impacted Them during and After Treatment: A Grounded Theory Approach

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Neil Bockian

Abigail J. Happli

Emphasis in Primary Care Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

Dissertation Title: QEEG Correlates Related to Interpersonal Relationships in an Individual with ASPD and BPD: A Case Study

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Neil Bockian

Jacklyn Elyse Hart

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Military Veterans' Perception of Civilian Psychologists' Competency in Military Culture and Its Impact on The Therapeutic Alliance

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Peter Ji

Juan Manuel Hernandez

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Insomnia and Functional Impairment in A Veteran Population with A History of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Jerry Westermeyer

Breanna Louise Alexia Hostetler

Dissertation Title: Symptom Presentation of Guilt, Shame, and Hyperarousal in Moral Injury

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Lyuba Bobova

Christopher Lee Howard

Dissertation Title: Cardiovascular Risk Factors

Associated with Cognitive Functioning Among Older Community-Dwelling African Americans

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Rabiatu Barrie

Danqing Huo

Emphasis in Advanced Adlerian Psychotherapy

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