



ADLER UNIVERSITY
**COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**

CELEBRATING THE CLASSES OF 2020 & 2021

Sunday, October 24
Chicago, Illinois

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.

2021 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

October 24, 2021
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The Chicago Theatre

Welcome

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.
President

Graduate Address

Eddie Dyon Burks
Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology

Commencement Address

Audrey R. Peebles

Presentation of Graduates

Michelle Dennis, Ph.D.
Interim Executive Dean

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

Closing Remarks

Raymond E. Crossman, Ph.D.
President

The flags on display today represent the countries of origin of our international student graduates, past and present.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Formal directives concerning the correct and proper wearing of academic regalia date back to the early 14th century. In the United States, as a result of our English heritage, caps and gowns have been used since colonial times. Just as heraldic devices such as shields, coats of arms, and standards could identify a knight and his unique heritage, an academic costume can describe the academic origin and accomplishments of the wearer. Holders of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are easily recognizable, 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 are the keys to the highest degree earned by an individual. The bachelor's gown has long pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed only. The master's gown has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist; the rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctoral gown may be worn open or closed and may be most readily identified by the velvet facing down its front and by three bars on each sleeve.

The hood is the most important and distinctive feature of American academic pageantry. It enables anyone attending an academic function to distinguish at a glance of the wearer's heritage. The bachelor's hood, seen only occasionally in American academic circles, is three feet long with a two-inch velvet edging. 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 hood's velvet edge color 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, for example, wear linings that are burgundy and gold.

The academic regalia used in contemporary commencement ceremonies can be traced directly to the beginnings of the oldest colleges and universities. In 1885, a widespread student movement in America pushed to wear caps and gowns at commencement ceremonies. The graduating students seemed to feel a need for significant and dignified apparel for the occasion. By 1895, the adoption of a uniform code by 95 percent of colleges and universities gave the United States its distinctive academic regalia. However, at any academic gathering, costumes usually appear that cannot be fathomed by these guidelines. Some of these may be from foreign universities; others are from North American institutions that have maintained the European tradition of allowing each school to determine its costume. The net result is the academic attire you see before you today.

GRADUATE SPEAKER: EDDIE DYON BURKS

Eddie D. Burks identifies as a FGLI (first-generation low income) student who is graduating from Adler University's Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology program. As a student, Eddie was very active in student leadership holding positions in Adler Student Government, Adler Student Circle of the Association of Black Psychologists, Adler Queer People of Color, and Adler Black Student Association. Eddie made history by becoming the first student in the Adler Psy.D. program to match with the prestigious University of Pennsylvania Health Psychology Predoctoral Internship program. Eddie is a recipient of Adler University's Social Justice, Alfred Adler, and Seymour Schneider scholarships, and a past doctoral fellowship recipient of the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship Program.

Although born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Eddie names Evanston, Illinois as his hometown and often travels to the north shore to reminisce of the "good-ol-days" while indulging in processed sugar and belly-felt laughter. Eddie is most grateful for his chosen family (friends and family) who provided him love and support throughout his doctoral journey. Eddie also holds a Master of Education in Community Counseling from Loyola University Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Roosevelt University Chicago. Currently, Eddie is the Outreach and Prevention Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Student Counseling Center in Philadelphia, PA where he is enjoying his new title as Dr. Burks.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: AUDREY PEEPLES

Audrey Peeples is one of Chicago's first women executives and CEOs. She is a pioneer in advocating women's rights and advancing the organizations she led to pursue anti-racism agendas. Ms. Peeples served as CEO of the YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago for 14 years, retiring in 2001. She also served two years as Chair of the National Coordinating Board YWCA of USA and led the organization through a successful reorganization. Before 1987, Ms. Peeples was the Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of Chicago and Associate Regional Director at Girl Scouts of the USA. She held several management positions at Continental Bank and Trust Company, now Bank of America.

Audrey has served on the Board of several prestigious institutions, including Adler University from 2021 to 2016, the United Way of Chicago, the Chicago Foundation for Women, the ACLU of Illinois, Girl Scouts of the USA. In addition to her work representing several institutions on their Boards, she is a former member of the Executive Committee of the Chicago Community Trust, is a trustee of Turnstone Development Corporation, was the National Chair of the YWCA of USA, and serves as a member and past Chair of the Chicago Network, an International Women's Forum affiliate. She served as a Commissioner on the Governor's Commission on Women's Issues in Illinois under Governor Jim Edgar and Governor George Ryan.

She has received several honors, including being one of the 100 women honored with a "rock" as part of Sculpture Chicago and the Thomas and Eleanor Wright Award from the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations for her work in developing racial justice programming.

She earned a B.A from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MBA from Northwestern University. Ms. Peeples is currently a consultant to non-profits in management and board development and often is sought as an expert speaker on leadership, volunteerism, management, anti-racism, and work and family issues.

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Online Campus

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

Lauren Colletti

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology

Minna Chantelle Abassi
Alexis Amancio
McKenzi Rose Atkins
Sarah Michelle Bish
Hannah Scot Bologna
Courtney T Brown
Jamie L. Burik
Sheena R Chénier
Malorie Elizabeth Cirigliano
Bailey Anne Collins
Stephanie De La Rosa
Luis Diaz
Heather Dugena
Jenise L. Durant*
Amy Gurske
Sara Suzanna Gussine
Sara Hassan
Eliza Hatoum
Kenneth Wayne Havro
Kathryn M Leary
Anastasia Marguerite Lenoir
Abigail Marie Lord
Florence Marchesano*
Kaitlin Rose Meno*
Daniel K. Merker
Aliyah Kauser Mohamed*
Ezekiel Paul
Jennifer Marie Pierson*
Jeffrey Pyper
Puja Raniga
Nicholas R. Ravi-Johnson
Ashley Deann Schultz
Ilana Lauren Signer
Arzoo Singh
Sarah B Smith
Michael Andrew Stenson
Abigail Nicole Thomas
Jessica Thompson
Lori L. Wilson
Anastacia Zack

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology: Concentration in Data Science

Karen K Froistad
Matthew Lindesay
Catalina Melgar
Nelson Ojong

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology: Concentration in Human Resources Management

Juliana Benson
Kaylee Nielsen Brophy
Lauren Rachel Carter
Morgan Frey Carver
Cassandra L. Connell
Nicki L Ott
Brittany N. Wyatt

Master of Arts in Industrial & Organizational Psychology: Concentration in Training and Development

Lindsey M Duncil
Precious Z. Jenkins
Emily B Lyster
Quinn Richardson Matney
Tatyana A Monich
Matthieu Poulin-James
Janese R Serrano
Sandi L Shivers
Genet G Tesfay
Nicole L White

Master of Arts in Psychology

Brandolyn Bradley
Michael Dougan
Victoria A. Ray

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

Teal Bluestone
Kami R. Branom
Kallie Davies
Mikaela Flood

Master of Arts in Psychology: Emphasis in Crisis Management

Jennifer M Gideon
Sara Jackson

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

Jazmin Crittenden

Master of Arts in Psychology: Emphasis in Health and Wellness

Alexis Christodoulou
Marielle Francisco

Master of Arts in Psychology: Specialization in Military Psychology

Richard Arroyo
Tori L Branand
Vincent E Chenevert Jr
Erica Christensen
Jaclyn G. Connell
Jamie M Craig
Angela Suzanne Crawford
Jordon Dodson
Jessica Donnell
Tyrone Jermaine Douthit
Connie M Gustafson
Kathryn A Harris*
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Michelle Diane Huerta
Jennifer Fortin Lacey
Amber M. Locke
Monica L. Malone
Erin P Neill
Mollie S Oleyar
Daniel P O'Neil Jr.
Tracey M Peters
Patricia Guadalupe Rodriguez
Victoria Rodriguez
Amanda Stacy Rudy
Tamara Schwarz
Dariusz Sienko
Staci L Smith
Katelynn M. Snow
Kirsten Sullivan
Lindsey Maigan Tarr
Selina D Taylor
Leteya Lechelle Tsonetokoy
Kelly Nicole Winn
Clarissa Winslow
Priscilla M. Wolfe
Erin Nicole Wolz
Julie Zich

**Master of Public Administration:
Concentration in Crisis
Management**

Renwick Holtz Ballew
Christine M. Jendraszek

**Master of Public Administration:
Concentration in Sustainable
Communities**

Ryan Henderson
Veronica Raechel Williams

Chicago Campus

**Master of Arts in Couple and
Family Therapy**

Andréa Lela Brice
Hayley Ann Elizabeth Caddell
Ewelina M Chlon
Anna Michelle Szlaius Coyne
Morgan Claire Filmer
Douglas Paul Hansen
Jordyn Virginia Klingbeil
Ellen Hendrickson Kurczab
Sydney Dion M Lampkin
Bria J McCalpin
Catherine M. Morrow*
Evelyn M Pechous
Jacob A. Penrod
Aubrey Noelle Reynolds
Justin Hiroyoshi Sato
Jewel Spencer
Shannon E Spethman
Molly Stice

**Master of Arts in Counseling:
Art Therapy**

Jordan L. Anderson
Elisha-Rio Pineda Apilado
Jennifer L Baffi
Jeannette Alejandra Barcena
Kerbi Lorrin Bowman*
Ryan Kelsey Brandt
Alexandra E Burg
Emma A. Burzycki
Nicole M Castek
Bridget Cybulski
Katelyn E Dankowski
Madeline Dunn
Annie M. Duranowski

Emily N. Faivre
Alayni Frizzell
Aubrey Plum Glendinning
Sarah Jenkins
Melissa G. Kasting
Diana Kim
Morgan C Knickerbocker
Eliska Kostelny
Barbara L Little
Michael Louis Luetkens
Nicole Maldonado
Audrey Jeanette Mast
Hannah Moore
Shalom Parker
Leticia Perez
Ashley G. Roth
Margaret L. Engel
Carolyn M Schweda
Terrin T. Sharp
Stephanie A. Tabor
Hannah J Tezak
Jennifer E Townsend
Angela Tsai
Robert William Turk
Zachary David Van Den Berg
Suzanna Vasko
Rachel Lynn Werthmann
Rebecca E Wilson

**Master of Arts in Counseling:
Specialization in Clinical Mental
Health Counseling**

Shante M Adams
Matthew F. Aguilar
Stephanie Rose Amundson
Bria Danielle Atkins
Bonita Angelana Barnett
Jaclyn Renee Biggott
Shaniqua K Blackman
Kristen Danielle Blocker
Eduardo Castillo
Quanesha Clark
Darius J. Collins
Yara Daoud
Kristen L. Darr*
Casey Tarez Davis*
Meredith DeVries
Alexa Fernanda Diego*
Aixa M. Dones
Tracy Ann Dorencz

Jessica Marie Evans
Reneé N. Fox
Alexandria P. Gates
Michael T. Gortowski
Julie A. Gruca
Tahjae U. Handy
Victoria-Rose S. Hazell
Jamilah E. Hines
Laurie A Hrad
Ammarah A. Hussain
Abeha Jafrí
Daniel J Janik Jr
Kyshema S. L. Jefferson
Shannon Jeter
Ashley Elizabeth Jones
Ceree A Jones
Reid Kahn
Jessica C Kaminsky
Spenser S Kash
Stephanie N. Klewin*
Kaitlyn R Kliver
Kelsey J Kozlowski
Rachael Krajewski
Maor Lev Kramer
Brittney Marie Lanosga
Daniel Lopez
Erin MacIntyre
Eric Majeski
Rachel M Maluta
Kelsey N Manzi
Emily C. McCoy
Colin McGreevy
Alyssa Ann Milosz
Jennifer Miranda Martinez
Raymond John Monge, Jr.
Marcus Q. Murphy*
Lynda Marie Negron
Samantha V. Nguyen
Blair E Paulsen
Madeline Kate Persanyi
Kiyara Denai Polk
Alexandra Ramsay
Erin M Rieselman-Blan*
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Lexus M. Rose
Susan Elizabeth Roth
Robert James Samp III
Megan J Sandos*
Juan Francisco Sandoval

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES (CONTINUED)

Alexis Evan Santiago
Claire E. Savage
Christian J. Schuneman
Jessica Layne Selk
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Taylor Skinner
Tayler LaShawn Marie Smith
Daily Miguelina Santana Soto
Brittany E. Strickland
Christine M. Stuart
Kayla Brianna Turner
Maria A Urquiza
Lorraine E. Waller
Carl G. Winton Jr

Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Forensic Counseling

Reanna D Barth
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Sara Addis Marsha
Morgan Francine McCaffrey
Mariam J. Moll
Modesty F. Novin
Amber Michelle Peterson
Monika R klyt 
Ashlyn L. Scott
LaKia Michelle Taylor
Kimberly M. Thomas
Ashley Brooke Wine

Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Forensic Psychology

LaTiara M. Jackson
Erin E. Olszewski

Master of Arts in Counseling: Specialization in Rehabilitation Counseling

Ryan James Fleming
Klaudia K Jaronczyk
Paul Edwin Kraus
Khadija Manzoor
Piotr A. Piasecki
Emily E. Renn
Ari Sapinsley
Katlin Arlene Wachholz
Amber Marie Waite
Rebecca A. Welles

Master of Arts in Forensic Mental Health Leadership

Jessica Marie Evans
Colin McGreevy
Samantha V. Nguyen
Lexus M. Rose
Maria A Urquiza
Maria Mercedes Valenzuela

Master of Public Administration: Criminal Justice

Felicia Michelle Lang

Master of Public Administration: Sustainable Communities

John Kanu

Master of Public Policy: Criminal Justice

Sharonda Simmons

Master of Public Policy: Sustainable Communities

Alexandra Effrein

Master of Science in Sport and Human Performance

Eduardo Castillo
Ryan James Fleming
Michael T. Gortowski
Daniel J Janik Jr
Maor L Kramer
Paul Edwin Kraus
Piotr A. Piasecki
Emily E. Renn
Robert J Samp III
Alexis E. Santiago
Ari Sapinsley
Kayla Brianna Turner
Katlin Arlene Wachholz
Amber Marie Waite

Certificate in Substance Abuse Counseling

Stephanie Rose Amundson
Bria Danielle Atkins
Reanna D Barth
Katelyn K. Daniels
Jessica Marie Evans
Rene  N. Fox
Aubrey Plum Glendinning
Eric Majeski
Khadija Manzoor
Robert James Samp III
Justin Hiroyoshi Sato
Tayler LaShawn Marie Smith
Kayla Brianna Turner
Katlin Arlene Wachholz

**A special congratulations to the Class of 2020 graduates who are in attendance.*

This list of graduates is as accurate as possible at the time of printing but does not certify graduation.

Online Campus

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INDUSTRIAL & ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

Carmelita Deanna Aufdemberge

Dissertation Title: An Investigation of Predictors for Job Satisfaction and Dignity at Work

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. James Halbert

Christopher Cameron

Dissertation Title: Clinical Psychologists' Readiness for Change in Relation to E-Mental Health Care

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Kelli Hogg

Bianca Campos

Dissertation Title: Organizational Culture Influence on Working from Home and Workplace Stress During a Pandemic

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. James Halbert

Ashley Aurielle Carr

Dissertation Title: Organizational Efforts to Retain Salaried Women operating in Corporate Functions within Fortune 500 companies: An Exploratory Study

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Marianne Cabrera

Joseph Anthony Ciufu

Dissertation Title: The Relationship Between Work-Life Balance and Intrinsic Motivation

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Kelli Hogg

Renee S Coschino

Dissertation Title: Generational Response to Psychological Contract Expectations and Work Values: A Qualitative Phenomenological Study

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Kelli Hogg

Raven Georgette Curling

Dissertation Title: The Power of a Black Woman's HERO: The Role of Psychological Capital and Job Crafting in Diversifying Senior Leadership

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Samantha Coleman

Claudia Irina Doering

Dissertation Title: 'Pivoted' Faculty Work Engagement Post-COVID-19

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. James Halbert

Irene Jones

Dissertation Title: The Future Leading Ladies, Female Leaders by Choice, Obligation, or Necessity: A Qualitative Study Dismantling Millennial-Aged Women's Assumption, Leadership Perceptions, and Influence on Social Support in the IT Industry that's viewed Male-Dominated

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Donna DiMatteo-Gibson

Bryan M. McCaa

Dissertation Title: Leadership Style Needed Within Small Construction Companies to Optimize A Safety Climate

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Kelli Hogg

Cheryl Reign Mesikano Tyler

Dissertation Title: Exploring the Perceived Occupational and Organizational Challenges Encountered by Chemical Dependency Counselors Without Personal History of Chemical Dependency: A Phenomenological Study

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Marianne Cabrera

Anthony Tyrone Peguese

Dissertation Title: Are You In or Am I Out:

The Impact of Organizational Culture on Allyship

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Samantha Coleman

Ingrid Prioleau Byrd

Dissertation Title: The Career Development Experiences of African American Professional Men

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Kelli Hogg

Bianca Reyes

Dissertation Title: An Exploratory Study on the Challenges of Latinos in Leadership Roles in the United States

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Donna DiMatteo-Gibson

Jennifer Lee Snelling

Dissertation Title: Disruptive Innovation in the K-12 Classroom: Positive and Sensible Strategies for College and Career Goals

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. James Halbert

Chicago Campus

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION

Hadeel Eddir

Dissertation Title: A Study to Examine Pressure to Marry and Level of Acculturation in Relation of Anxiety and Life Satisfactoin Among Middle Eastern Women in the United

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Tsui-Yee Chow

Nova Marie Moore

Dissertation Title: The Mental Health Impact of Involvement in the Black Church: A Narrative Research Analysis of African American Women's Stories

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. John Beckenbach

Stephanie J Pazmino

Dissertation Title: A Teen Mother's Determination: An Investigation of Former Teen Mothers with Graduate Degrees

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Fred Hanna

Genevieve A. Roig

Dissertation Title: A Quantitative Study Exploring Dynamics of Perceived Secondary Trauma in First Responders

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. RoseMary Cairo

Andrea Marie Stiles

Dissertation Title: Story of My Life. Narratives on Becoming a Sexually Liberated Black-Womxn: Exploring the Intersections of Herstory Using a Sex-Positive Black Feminist-Lens

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Tsui-Yee Chow

Dzenita Subasic-Trivic

Dissertation Title: An Adlerian Lens on Overcoming Challenges in Displacement: Experiences of Bosnian Muslim Refugees in the US

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Mary Drout

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN COUPLE AND FAMILY THERAPY

Cherry M. Jones

Dissertation Title: Radical Black Love: A Phenomenological Study Exploring Black Love from a Black Woman's Perspective

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Cadmona Hall

Alexandra Vadimovna Zaikova

Dissertation Title: "Betrayed by my Body": The Views of Women with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome on their Experiences in their Intimate Partner Relationships

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Kristina S. Brown

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Zayna Achmar

Dissertation Title: The Lived Experience Of Mitochondrial Disease

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. John Tirado

Jared Salvatore Alberico

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: CBT vs Adlerian: Military Culture Preference

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Leigh Johnson-Migalski

Leah Alexander Swaim

Dissertation Title: The Effect a Security Item Has On a Young Child's Preschool Separation Experience

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Susan Zoline

Adelina Alkhatib

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Bullying Victimization During Childhood & Adolescence: Association with Alcohol Abuse and Depression in Female College Students

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Cristina Cox

Keisha-Marie Francesca Alridge

Dissertation Title: The Experience of Colorism And Racism for U.S. Black (and Mixed) Jamaican Immigrants

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Andrew Suth

Eric Theophil Aprill

Dissertation Title: Is Monogamy The Only Way? A Study On Attachment Styles And Relationship Satisfaction Among Gay And Bisexual Men Who Participate In Non-Monogamous Relationships

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Scott Pytluk

Chryssa Alexandra Athans

Dissertation Title: The Effect Of Program Participation On Adult Male Offenders' Conduct-Related Behavior

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Susan Zoline

Alexius Quiennettae Babb-Jones

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology

Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling

Dissertation Title: Levels Of Care: An Exploration Of Perceived Attitudes In The Diagnosis And Treatment Of Diabetes And Hypertension And Its Impact On Black Men And Women

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Rabiatu Barrie

Hayley Stone Bemel

Emphasis in Primary Care Psychology and Behavioral Medicine

Dissertation Title: An Exploratory Study of Migraine Pain and Identity: How Does a Migraine Diagnosis Shape a Woman'S Identity?

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Susan Zoline

Eddie Dyon Burks

Dissertation Title: Killing Me Softly - Exploring Black Men Who Have Sex With Men; Identity Within the HIV Context

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Rabiatu Barrie

Jordyn Michelle Cain

Dissertation Title: How Adult Females with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Navigate Romantic Relationships: A Descriptive Qualitative Case Study

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Steven Migalski

Katlin Marie Dagg

Dissertation Title: Teachers' Perspectives of Mindfulness-Based Techniques and Social-Emotional Learning in the Classroom: A Qualitative Study

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Catherine McNeilly

Omar L. De la Cruz

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology

Dissertation Title: Unmet Expectations and Acculturative Stress in International Hispanic Students in the United States

Dissertation Committee Chair:

Dr. Cristina Cox

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (CONTINUED)

Joseph K Dille

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: Rasch Analysis Of A Measure For Social Emotional Competence For Children And Adolescents
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Peter Ji

Michelle Sarwat Gad

Emphasis in Advanced Adlerian Psychotherapy
Dissertation Title: How Might Personality Influence Burnout and Wellness Among Medical Residents
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Leigh Johnson-Migalski

Catherine Helene Grosberg

Dissertation Title: The Impact of Working Alliance on Parent Training
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Seema Saigal

Logan J. Hartnell

Emphasis in Child and Adolescent Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: Messages And Attitudes About Help-Seeking And Mental Health In Black Male College Students
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Rabiātu Barrie

Ikram Mohamud Hassan

Dissertation Title: Phenomenology Of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Examining Racial Differences In PTSD Symptom Clusters In OEF/OIF/OND Veterans
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. John Tirado

Wendy S. Hubbard

Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling
Dissertation Title: What Drives Us And What Prevents Us: A Grounded Theory Study Of Motivation And Barriers To Care In Previously Undiagnosed Adults With ADHD
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Catherine McNeilly

Erica A. Hymen

Dissertation Title: Neuropsychological Dysregulation in Retired Professional Football Players
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Neil Bockian

Shafaq Javaid

Dissertation Title: Neuropsychological Assessment With Linguistically Diverse Population In The United States: A Qualitative Study
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Lyuba Bobova

Jessica Lyn Jensen

Emphasis in Traumatic Stress Psychology
Dissertation Title: Spirituality and Childhood Sexual Exploitation: Survivors' Perspectives
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Janna Henning

Vanessa P. Jessie*

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology and Emphasis in Clinical Neuropsychology
Dissertation Title: Verbal Learning and Memory in Veterans with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (MTBI), Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and Co-Occurring MTBI and PTSD
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Grady Osten-Garner

Michael William Jones Jr.

Dissertation Title: The #Truvadwhore Experience: A Phenomenological Exploration Of Young Gay Men On Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Scott Pytluk

Patrick J. Kahn

Dissertation Title: EEG Correlates of Impulsive Aggression and Alcohol Use in Antisocial Personality Disorder
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Neil Bockian

Kelly A. Klein

Dissertation Title: The Effects Of Bullying On Adults And The Manifestation Of Somatic Symptoms
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Charles Davis

Jocelyn Ariana Kressler*

Emphasis in Substance Abuse Counseling and
Emphasis in Traumatic Stress Psychology
Dissertation Title: The Lived Experience of Parents of
Adolescents with Co-Occurring PTSD and Substance
Use Disorder
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Janna Henning

Meghna Krishna

Dissertation Title: Formerly Incarcerated Males
Who Experienced Solitary Confinement Experience
Trauma That Adversely Affects Their Reintegration
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Peter Ji

Laura Lammers

Dissertation Title: Professional Bias In Clinical
Psychology Graduate Students
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Sue Bae

Sarah Lee

Dissertation Title: How Parent Perception of the
Cause of Autism Spectrum Disorder Influences
Their Decision-Making Process in Picking Treatment
Options for Their Child with Autism Spectrum
Disorder
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Sue Bae

Camille Silvia Liberatore

Dissertation Title: The Experiences of Parents of
Adolescents who Misuse Substances: A Qualitative
Case Study
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Lyuba Bobova

Ramyasri Matam

Dissertation Title: The Propensity Of South Asian
Indian American Women To Seek Mental Health
Services Following Intimate Partner Violence
Situations
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Nataka Moore

Kelly Shea McMeen

Emphasis in Military Clinical Psychology
Dissertation Title: Coping With Sexism And
Identity Conflict Among Female Comedians:
A Qualitative Study
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Peter Ji

Aaron V Melnek

Dissertation Title: Dead Bedrooms: A Narrative
Study On Coping With Disgust And Decreased
Sexual Satisfaction In Long Term Relationships
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Steven Migalski

Elizabeth L Montgomery

Dissertation Title: Boots And Heals: A Qualitative
Study Of Women Veterans' Experiences At Veteran
Health Care Facilities
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Andrew Suth

Peter Jacob Munro

Emphasis in Primary Care Psychology and
Behavioral Medicine
Dissertation Title: Social-Intuitive Beliefs and
Vaccine Knowledge as Predictors of Immunization
Support Among American Adults
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Neil Bockian

Konner G. Nelson

Dissertation Title: Health-Related Quality Of Life
Outcomes In Veterans With A History Of Mild
Traumatic Brain Injury
Dissertation Committee Chair:
Dr. Andrew Suth

Holly Wigand Nicely

Dissertation Title: Understanding the Internal
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