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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology..... August 2023 - Present
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Bachelor of Science in Psychology.....August 2018 - December 2022
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

- Criminal Justice Minor
- Magna Cum Laude
- Cumulative GPA: 3.75
- Major GPA: 3.81

Research Experience

Development and Psychopathology (DAP) Lab..... November 2021 - Present
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

- **Dyadic Assessment of Dads' Support (DADS) Study:** Study on parent-child physiological and behavioral attunement and relations to child developmental outcomes
 - Conducted assessments
 - Set up physiological equipment for the lab visit
 - Greeted families and completed consent form process
 - Placed electrodes on participants to collect physiological data with the BioLab software
 - Administered questionnaires (e.g., SDQ, MaaP, CBQ, ERC) with the Qualtrics survey software in English and Spanish
 - Cleaned up at the end of the session and made sure all data and information was properly saved and stored
 - Created Codebook with all the questionnaire items in the study
 - Wrote scripts for the child assent and consent forms in English and Spanish to use during recruitment
 - Recruited families from diverse sociodemographic backgrounds in English and Spanish
 - Conducted literature reviews on the psychometric properties of the questionnaires to compare to determine appropriateness for use in both English- and Spanish-speaking populations (e.g., SDQ, MaaP, CBQ, ERC)
 - Trained to do brief mental health assessments
- **Latinx Families Project (LFP):** Multi-method, multi-level study examining behavioral, biological, and physiological indicators of self and co-regulation in a sample of Latinx caregivers and their preschool-age children
 - Trained on the collecting of cortisol saliva samples
 - Trained to administer the Woodcock-Johnson battery to preschoolers in Spanish
 - Created Codebook with all the questionnaire items in the study
 - Translated study materials from English to Spanish
- **Family Interaction Project (FIP):** Study using behavioral, physiological, and hyper-scanning functional near-infrared spectroscopy (fNIRS) neuroimaging to examine relations between parent-child synchrony and child self-regulation in a diverse sample of children and their caregivers

Work Experience

YMCA Camp Thunderbird (Seasonal)..... May 2016 - August 2022

Lake Wylie, SC

- **Evening Programming Director/Assistant Land Director** (May 2020 - August 2022)
 - Developed, planned, and organized the entirety of the evening programming (6-10:15pm) for more than 500 campers ages 7 to 15 and 150 staff members, usually consisting of games and activities
 - Gave camp wide daily announcements and instructions at meals and throughout the day
 - Oversaw all land-based activities, and ensured they were complying with safety guidelines, were being run appropriately and had all equipment needed
 - Supervised all staff members that worked at a land base activity, which consisted of around 50% of the staff
 - Managed and repaired basic issues with the electrical light and sound systems
 - Created schedules for the campers' daily activities
 - Resolved any problems at land-based activities
 - Assisted with staff training
 - Organized and set-up campfires each week across camp
- **Camp Counselor** (May 2016 - August 2019)
 - Supervised and managed a cabin of 10-12 children, usually around 12-15 years of age, as well as instructed them throughout the day
 - Generated stimulating activities for campers
 - Worked at the camp's ropes course as a course guide and belayer
 - Wrote letters to the campers' parents about their experience
- **Alumni Committee** (March 2023 - Present)
 - Maintain contact with Alumni, keeping them updated with camp events and news
 - Helped plan camp alumni events
 - Assisted in the planning of the camp alumni newsletter
 - Promote camp donation initiatives to help gain funds for scholarships

Clinical Experience

Positive Outcomes Psychological Services, P.C.....May 2022 - Present
Athens, GA

- Translated conversations between Dr. Harvey Gayer and his Spanish-speaking patients
- Administered measures and questionnaires in Spanish to patients who were not English speakers

Philanthropy

YMCA Camp Thunderbird Volunteer.....May 2016 - August 2022

Beta Theta Pi Philanthropy Chair.....October 2020 - October 2021

- Organized an online "Walk for Life" in honor of Stephen Morris, which raised 12,636 dollars for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Beta Theta Pi Sustainability Committee.....February 2022 - May 2022

- Sought to employ more environmentally friendly everyday living practices within the organization and its members

- Sigma Delta Tau Greek Grind**.....October 2019
- Largest and most successful Greek philanthropic event on the University of Georgia’s campus, raising money for Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA)

Honors and Awards

Presidential Scholar..... Spring and Fall 2021
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Dean’s List..... Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Bill Climber Leadership Award.....August 2020
YMCA Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, SC

- Given to a leadership staff member in recognition for their multiple years of exemplary service

Team Player Award.....August 2017
YMCA Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, SC

Male Junior Counselor Rookie of the Year.....August 2016
YMCA Camp Thunderbird, Lake Wylie, SC

- Given to the best new male staff member of the year

Skills

- Bilingual in English and Spanish: fluent speaking, reading, and writing
- Able to analyze and write scientific literature
- Familiar with different types of laboratory equipment and data collection methods (BioLab, Qualtrics, etc.)
- Capable of interviewing people and applying different assessments (e.g., Woodcock-Johnson, SDQ, MaaP, CBQ, ERC)
- Proficient using R Studio
- Certified by CITI for conducting social and behavioral research and conducting social and behavioral research with children
- Certified in CPR, First Aid, and Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- Proficient with Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Capable of creating organized activities and programming for large groups
- Articulate and professional presentation abilities
- Able to give instructions adequately, and to answer questions accordingly
- Hardworking, dependable, and conscientious
- Excellent time management skills

Publications

- Hale, M. E., **Rovalo, F.**, Allen, I., Gallegos, D. J., & Suveg, C. (Under review at Developmental Review). Friends’ Behavioral and Biological Synchrony in Relation to Youth Adjustment: A Systematic Review.