



CCP 2025 Spring Newsletter

EATING BEHAVIORS AND HEALTH LAB

DR. AHLICH

LAB UPDATES

Urvashi was recognized as an Outstanding Student by the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Urvashi ran her first 5k & 8k race.

Rachel was awarded the CCP Citizenship Award.

Rachel's abstract "Negative Affect and Binge Eating: The Indirect Effects of Craving and Impulsivity" was selected as one of the top poster abstracts at ICED 2025!

Jorin and Miranda are having a baby boy! We will expect his first manuscript submission in a few years.

Jorin assisted in organizing a relationship with DWELL refugee outreach group and presented a psychoeducational presentation.

Erica was recognized with an Arts & Sciences Outstanding Service Award.

Erica was invited to join the Executive Editorial Board of Appetite.



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CITATIONS

Dixit, U., Love, A.A., **Henderson**, R.R., **Ahlich**, E., He, J., Rigby, A., & Zickgraf, H.F. (2025). A latent class analysis of negative emotional eating in bariatric surgery candidates. *Appetite*. 107907.

Hooper, M.A., **Dixit**, U., **Ahlich**, E.M., & Zickgraf, H.F. (2025). Development and Preliminary Validation of the Comprehensive Emotional Eating Scale. *Appetite*. 107969.

Farmer, T., Johnson, M. C., **Larsen**, J. D., & Davidson, L. E. (2025). Exploring a modification to the readiness assurance process in team-based learning. *Advances in physiology education*, 49(2), 366–373. <https://doi.org/10.1152/advan.00062.2024>

James, D. L., Larkey, L. K., Maxfield, M., Han, S., Ofori, E., Mohr, A. E., Hawley, N., **Ahlich**, E., & Sears, D. D. (2025). Prolonged nightly fasting in older adults with memory decline: A single-group pilot study exploring changes in cognitive function and cardiometabolic risk factors. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*, 9(1), e1.

Smith, L. B., **Ahlich**, E., Lang, B., Bollepalli, S., Prioleau, T., Bartolome, A., & Rancourt, D. (2025). Glycemic variability and weight-focused eating behaviors among adolescents and young adults with type 1 diabetes. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, jsaf009.

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Henderson, R. R., McCarty, D. L., Currier, J. M., Stefurak, J. T., Parker, S. M., & Lambert, A. G. (2024). Is spirituality a verb? How Christian AA members conceptualize spirituality. *Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health*, 1-23.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19349637.2024.2441275>

Braathen, S., Mabey, J. G., LeCheminant, J. D., **Larsen, J. D.,** Rather, S., Lawson, P., Davidson, L. E. (Revise and Resubmit) Comparison of resting energy expenditure prediction equations and indirect calorimetry among adults with severe obesity. *Current Developments in Nutrition*.

Dixit, U., Henderson, R., Larsen, J., Ahlich, E., Rigby, A., & Zickgraf, H. (2025, March). *Examining the interaction of sleep disorders and depression on disordered eating in bariatric surgery candidates*. Poster presented at the 2025 Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Henderson, R., Dixit, U., Larsen, J., Zickgraf, H., & **Ahlich, E.** (2025, March). *A Test of The Acquired Preparedness Model of Binge Eating*. Poster presented at the 2025 Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.



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Henderson, R.R., Dixit, U. Larsen, J.D, Ahlich, E., (2025, May). Links between negative affect and binge eating: The indirect effects of craving and impulsivity. *Accepted for presentation at the International Conference on Eating Disorders, San Antonio, TX.*

Larsen, J. D, Dixit, U., Henderson, R. R., Ahlich, E. M. (Abstract: Under Review) Weight Bias Internalization and Binge Eating: The Indirect Effect of Body Trust. *The Obesity Society, 2025.*

Henderson, R.R., Lusich, R., Dixit, U., Huff, A., Larsen, J.D., Ahlich, E. (Abstract: Under Review). The indirect effects of emotional craving in the relationship between positive urgency and binge eating. *Submitted to annual convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New Orleans, LA.*



SOCIAL ACTION across SOCIAL IDENTITIES LAB

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LAB UPDATES

Alex Keen will be joining Meredith and Rian in the SASI lab in Fall 2025!

Rian applied for a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Fellowship and the APA Queen-Nellie Evans award.

Meredith was awarded a CEPS internal grant to conduct a study furthering her research on White racial affect.

Meredith collaborated with colleagues at USA's Children's & Women's Hospital this spring to deliver a cultural competency lunch and learn five-part series for medical staff.

Meredith implemented a five-session intergroup dialogue series with a group of CCP students, of which Rian was one of the six wonderful CCP participants.

Meredith, Rian, and colleagues from the College of Ed. had poster presentations accepted for the APA and ACBS 2025 conferences.



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Tittler, M.V., Wade, N.G., Luoma, J.B. (revise and resubmit). Increasing White college students' engagement in racial dialogues: Test of an intervention based on Self-Determination Theory. *Group Dynamics*.

Tittler, M.V., Luoma, J.B., Grzanka, P.R., Lear, M.K. (2024). Guilt, shame, and/or both?: Further validation of the White Racial Affect Scale. *The Journal of Counseling Psychology*, 71(5), 369-378.

Liu, S., Arterberry, A., Wei, M., **Tittler, M.V.**, Wang, C., Klesel, B., & Tsai, P. (2024). Exploration and Cross-Validation for the Latent Profiles of Emotion Regulation Difficulties Among College Students. *Motivation and Emotion*, 48, 642-672.

Chao, R. C., Wei, M., Du, Y., Carrera, S.G., Lannin, DG., **Tittler, M.V.**, Wang, C., Liu, S., & Frickey, E.A. (2024). Effects of a Video Intervention and Ethnocultural Empathy on Racial Color-Blindness, White Empathy, and Willingness to Confront White Privilege. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

Tittler, M.V. & Kim, S. (2025). *Development and Validation of a Social-Justice Behaviors Scale*. Poster accepted for the 2025 Annual Convention for the American Psychological Association.

Tittler, M.V., Luoma, J.B., Kim, S., Maxwell-Williams, R. (2025). *Indirect Effect of State White Negative Self-Focused Affect on White People's Anti-Racist Behaviors*. Poster accepted for the 2025 Annual Convention for the American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.

Maxwell-Williams, R. & **Tittler, M.V.** (2025). *The moderating effect of psychological inflexibility on the relationship between climate concerns and behavior*. Poster accepted for the 2025 Annual ACBS World Conference, New Orleans, LA.

SPIRITUALITY IN PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH, INTERVENTION, AND TRAINING LAB

DR. CURRIER

LAB UPDATES

- Dylan successfully defended his thesis project
- Dylan received CCP's Culturally Informed Care and Community Engagement Award
- Sarah accepted a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in the Adult Ambulatory Program at New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell School of Medicine
- Esther was awarded a graduate student research grant from APA's Division 36
- Esther received the CCP's Master's Student Award
- Dr. Currier started as the incoming editor for APA's *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*
- Dr. Currier's project, "Advancing the Global Reach and Impact of Mental Health Training Programs in Spiritual and Religious Competencies," was funded by the John Templeton Foundation
- We welcomed two undergraduate research assistants: Matisse Lepre and Morgan Miller
- We continued our "Divine Forgiveness Project," funded by the John Templeton Foundation
- We continued our "Lectio Divina Project," funded by the Templeton World Charity Foundation



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PUBLICATIONS

Currier, J. M., Davis, E. B., McDermott, R. C., *Kim, E., *Pencakowski, D., *Kemp, D., *Brock, B., & Dvorak, R. (2025). Divine forgiveness may build psychospiritual resources following moral transgressions: An ecological momentary assessment study of U.S. Christian adults. *Journal of Positive Psychology*. Advance online publication.

Davis, E. B., *Kim, E., *Pencakowski, D., *Kemp, D., *Brock, B., McDermott, R. C., & Currier, J. M. (2025). What must I do to be forgiven? U.S. Christian adults' perceptions of the necessary preconditions for divine forgiveness. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Advance online publication.

Milstein, G., Currier, J. M., McKnight, M., Dent, C., & Manierre (2025). COPE: Community Outreach & Professional Engagement – A framework to bridge public mental health services with religious organizations. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. Advance online publication.

Currier, J. M., McDermott, R. C., Sanders, P., & Richards, P. S. (2025). Spiritual struggles drive psychological distress in psychotherapy: Replication of findings using a practice-research network. *Psychotherapy*. Advance online publication.

Polson, E. C., Oxhandler, H. K., Ander, G., Morgan, G. B., Fox, J., Pearce, M., Vieten, C., Pargament, K., & Currier, J. M. (2025). The religious and spiritual beliefs and practices of mental health educators: A national study. *Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health*. Advance online publication.

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PUBLICATIONS

Kelley, M. L., Bravo, A. J., Burgin, E. E., Gaylord, S. A., Vinci, C., Strowger, M., & Gabelmann, J. M., & Currier, J. M. (2025). Using Mindfulness to Manage Moral Injury in veterans: Feasibility and satisfaction of a pilot randomized controlled trial. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*. Advance online publication.

*Kim, E. & Currier, J. M. (2025). Appraisals of God's role in suffering and spiritual struggles among Christians seeking spiritually integrated psychotherapies. *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*. Advance online publication.

*Henderson, R. R., McCarty, D. L., Currier, J. M., Stefurak, J. T. R., *Parker, S. M., & *Lambert, A. G. (2024). Is spirituality a verb? How Christian A.A. members conceptualize spirituality. *Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health*. Advance online publication.

*Tanega, C., Currier, J. M., Fox, J., Pittman, J., Pearce, M., Pargament, K. I., Polson, C., Oxhandler, H. K., & Vieten, C. (2024). Promoting training in spiritual and religious competencies for mental health care: Understanding barriers and facilitators in graduate education. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*. Advance online publication.

PRESENTATIONS

Milstein, G. & Currier, J. M. (2025, April). *Religion & spirituality Integration at a multi-cultural community mental health center: Field notes & data*. Paper presentation at the annual APA Division 36 (Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality) Mid-Year Conference, Providence, RI.





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LAB UPDATES

JASMEKA

- Collecting data for her dissertation
- Matched for internship at The University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Received the Graduate Student Enhancement Award- Research Grant

MACKENZIE

- Passed clinical comprehensive exam
- Collecting data for dissertation
- Earned certification to deliver PEERS for Preschoolers intervention
- Received CCP Excellence in Research Award
- Hosted CCP murder mystery night with Bailey as part of the Faculty/Student Relations Committee

TORY

- Collecting data for the RRF study
 - Gave two invited talks to the Coastal Family Partners: *Behavior Basics and Managing Tantrums*
 - Working on DSKs comps
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LAB UPDATES

JOE

- Collecting data for the RRF study
- Preparing for thesis proposal
- Presenting at the Golisano Center for Special Needs and the BioBehavioral Health Unit: *Autism Psychotherapies and Graduate Program Opportunities*

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- Submitted HRSA grant: requested \$1,348,438 (total across three years) for the ***South Alabama HOPES: Health-Oriented Psychology Education for Substance Use Recovery*** project to address the critical shortage of mental health providers in Southwest Alabama, particularly in underserved areas

LAB ACTIVITIES

- Two group interventions have been developed and implemented for community members, with first rounds of the intervention completed: PEERS 4 Preschoolers social skills group and Raising Resilient Families PCIT group
 - Provided important skills for families of need in the Mobile community
 - Recruited and trained undergraduate and graduate students in intervention protocols
 - Gathered data to evaluate the efficacy, acceptability, and fidelity of needed interventions
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POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Robeson, M., Albright, J., Chassin, V., Lewis, C., Baxter, A., & Zlomke, K. (2025, November 11-13). *Preliminary data from the adaptation of a social skills training program for college students*. [Poster presentation]. To be presented at the Association for Behavioral Analysis International 12th International Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

Robeson, M., Pasquariello, J., Chassin, V., Adams, H., Hayes, K., & Zlomke, K. (2025, September 18-22). *Investigation of the Alabama Parenting Questionnaire-9 in a clinical service-seeking population: A structural equation modeling approach*. [Poster presentation]. Submitted to be presented at the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA.

Chassin, V., Robeson, M., Pasquariello, J., Spiegel, J., & Zlomke, K. (2025, September 18-22). *Parent-child interaction therapy and autism spectrum disorder: A meta-analysis of treatment effects*. [Poster presentation]. Submitted to be presented at the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA.

Pasquariello, J., Adams, H., Robeson, M., Chassin, V., & Zlomke, K. (2025, September 18-22). *Caregiver strain and media use in parents of autistic and non-autistic children: A comparative analysis*. [Poster presentation]. Submitted to be presented at the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA.

Chassin, V., Robeson, M., Pasquariello, J., McDermott, R., & Zlomke, K. (2025, September 18-22). *Measurement invariance of the Pediatric Symptom Checklist-17*. [Poster presentation]. Submitted to be presented at the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA.



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PUBLICATIONS

Robeson, M., Chassin, V., Albright, J., Lewis, C., Baxter, A., & **Zlomke, K.** (in preparation). Examining treatment outcomes of the PEERS-YA adapted for use in a college setting.

Chassin, V., Robeson, M., Zlomke, K., & Spiegel, J. (in preparation). Parent-child interaction therapy and autism spectrum disorder: A meta-analysis of the effects on disruptive behaviors, social responsiveness, and communication.

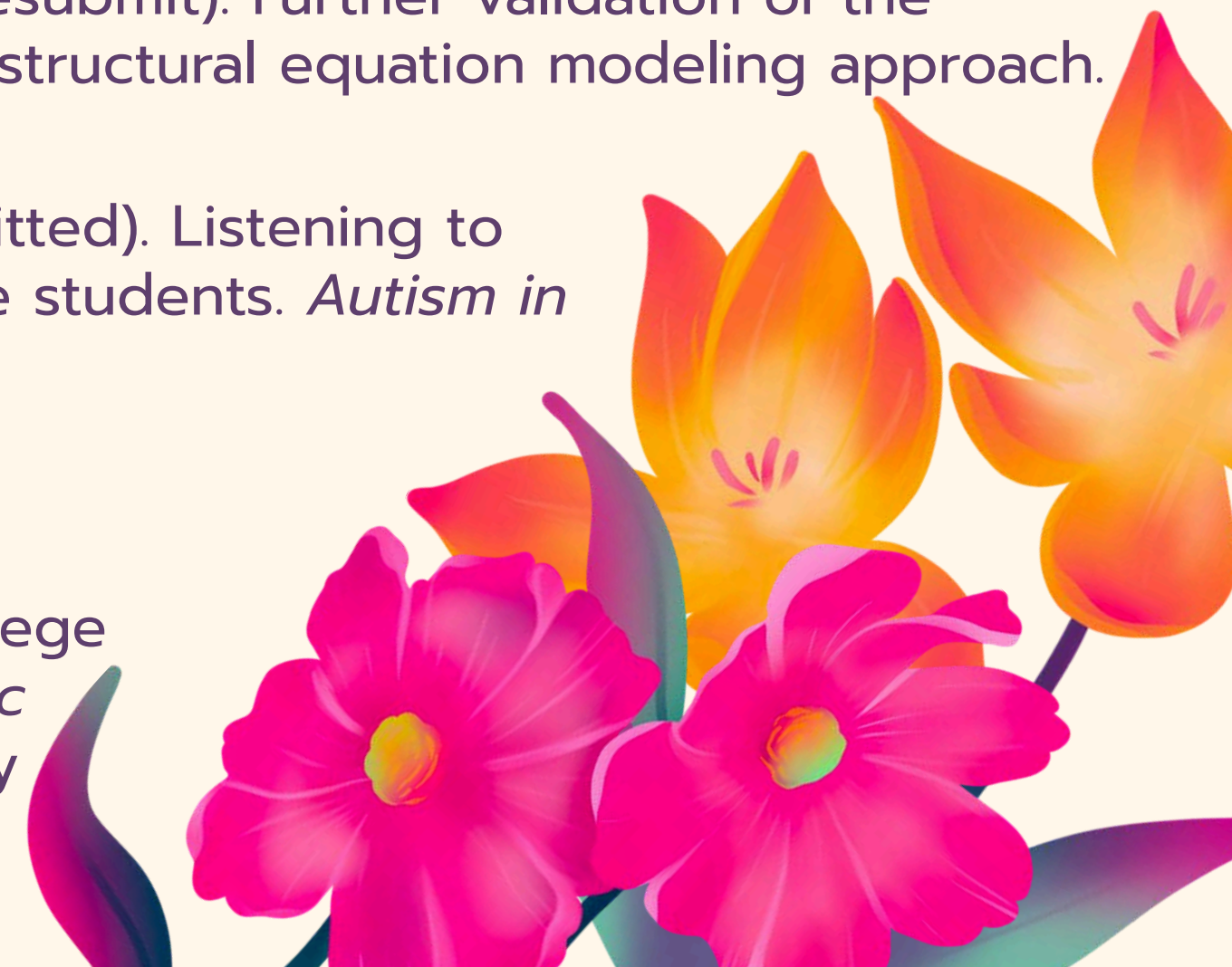
Robeson, M., Mullinax, H., Bermeo, L., Lewis, C., & Spiegel, J. (in preparation). Navigating medication adherence challenges in treatment for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder: A systematic review.

Robeson, M., Pasquariello, J., Adams, H., Hayes, K., & Zlomke, K. (revise and resubmit). Further validation of the Alabama Parenting Questionnaire-9 in a clinical service seeking population: A structural equation modeling approach. *Psychological Assessment*.

Albright, J., Baxter, A., **Chassin, V., Robeson, M.,** Lewis, C., & **Zlomke, K.** (submitted). Listening to autistic voices: A community-engaged approach to adapting PEERS for college students. *Autism in Adulthood*.

SYMPOSIA

Chassin, T., & Albright, J. (2025, April). Listening to Autistic voices: A Rapid Qualitative Analysis of the Perceived Helpfulness of Accommodations on a College Campus. In J. Albright (Chair), *Improving School-based Interventions for Autistic Students Across the Lifespan*. [Symposium]. The Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting. Mobile, AL, United States.



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MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENTS

London Bowers (Lab Manager) successfully proposed his thesis in March!

Elizabeth Cansler matched for internship at Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine!

GRANTS

Amanda Neal was a recipient of the Mahan-Brandon Fund for Research in Gender Studies and Women's History!

CONFERENCES

Amanda Neal presented "Integrating adverse childhood event scores in care of underserved communities in Mobile, Alabama" at the Alabama Rural Health Association (ARHA) Conference as a member of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars Program!



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CONFERENCES

Jordan, Amanda Neal, and Morgan Patterson attended the March 2025 Implementation Science Bootcamp at Brown University.

Jordan, Morgan Patterson, and London Bowers presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting in April!

Jordan and Morgan Patterson will be presenting at the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) annual meeting and **Amanda Neal** will be presenting at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) biennial meeting in May!



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ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS

Neal, A. J., McFayden, T. C., Goldblum, J. E., Bristol, S., & Harrop, C. (2025). Frustration in healthcare: Sex differences in parental perceptions of medical visits for autistic children. *Research in Autism*, 124.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.reia.2025.202576>

Albright, J., Rushworth, S., Duresso, B., Testa, S., Kuriyan, A., & Wolk, C. B. (In press). Feasibility and acceptability of an adapted evidence-based team training approach from healthcare to the early intervention context: A brief report. *Journal of Early Intervention*.

Bertollo, J.R., **Albright, J.**, Singh, A.D., Scarpa, A. (In press). On the Road or on the web: A pilot study of a mobile clinic and telehealth for autism assessment in rural communities. *Practice Innovations*.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Albright, J., (2025, April). Lessons learned from a university-school district partnership to improve autism care in public schools. In J. Albright (Chair), Improving School-based Interventions for Autistic Students Across the Lifespan. [Symposium]. The Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting. Mobile, AL.



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RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Patterson, M. & Albright, J., (2025, April). Lessons learned from a university-school district partnership to improve autism care in public schools. In J. Albright (Chair), Improving School-based Interventions for Autistic Students Across the Lifespan. [Symposium]. The Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology annual meeting. Mobile, AL.

Albright, J., Baxter, A., Chassin, V., Robeson, M., Lewis, C., & Zlomke, K. (2025, May). Listening to autistic voices: A community-partnered approach to adapting PEERS for college students. [Poster Presentation]. Poster accepted for presentation at the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) annual meeting. Seattle, WA.

Patterson, M.A. & Albright, J. (2025, May). Examining racial and socioeconomic disparities in autism classifications in the Deep South. [Poster Presentation]. Poster accepted for presentation at the International Society for Autism Research annual meeting. Seattle, WA.

Neal, A., Cansler, E., Patterson, M., & Albright, J. (2025, May). Understanding internalizing behavior in autism: The roles of sex, ADHD, and social ability. [Poster Presentation]. Poster accepted for presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) biennial meeting. Minneapolis, MN.

Robeson, M., **Albright, J.**, Chassin, V., Lewis, C., Baxter, A., & Zlomke, K. (2025, November). Preliminary Data from the Adaptation of a Social Skills Training Program for College Students. [Poster Presentation]. Poster accepted for presentation at the Association for Behavioral Analysis International annual convention. Lisbon, Portugal.



SUICIDE PREVENTION LAB

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The Suicide Prevention Lab has trudged along during these confusing and uncertain times... and strangely, they've been mildly productive this past year:



Dr. Smith's early career mentee, Dr. Heather Love from the University of Alabama was awarded an Early Career Research grant from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to study the over-time influence of romantic relationship dynamics on suicidal ideation (<https://afsp.org/grant/the-influence-of-romantic-relationship-dynamics-on-suicidal-ideation-a-longitudin>)

Dr. Smith was also appointed to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Scientific Advisory Council, which is a fancy title you get when you agree to review grants for free.



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Karin Hendricks agreed to become a member of the inaugural cohort of predoctoral interns at the University of Alabama Counseling Center!

Karin was also invited to be a panelist for the Queer Health forum organized by Generation Action and she is wrapping up her 3rd (and final) year as the leader for DBT skills group at USA's University Counseling & Wellness Center.

Alex Potter defended his Undergraduate Honors Thesis titled, Comparing Online and In-Person Social Support and its Effects on Suicidal Ideation. Alex will graduate at the end of the Spring 2025 semester and will begin the BBS Masters Program in the fall.

There's been a LOT of writing going on, now that GRIP has officially wrapped up data collection and all the administrative fun that comes with grants...



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1. Mehari, K. R., Smith, P. N., Coleman, J. N., Stevens, L. T., & Hancock, E. K. (2025). A social-ecological model to understand gun violence. In N. D. Thomson (Ed.), *Handbook of gun violence* (pp. 171–184). Academic Press. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-95272-1.00013-4>
2. Mehari, K.R., Smith, P.N., Dunn, C., Coleman, J.N., & Steven, L.T. (in press). Prevalence and patterns of nonfatal firearm-related violence among adolescents in the southeastern US. *Psychology of Violence*.
3. Dunn, C.B., Coleman, J.N., Smith, P.N., & Mehari, K.R. (in press). Associations between adolescents' exposure to online racism and substance use. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2025.01.018>
4. Mehari, K.R., Schuler, K.R., Haiflich, A., Kim, H., Morgan, S.T., Stevens, L.T., Graves, C.L., Smith, P.N., & Simmons, J.D. (in press). Evaluation of hospital implementation of a mandate to report gunshot wounds to law enforcement. *Violence and Victims*.
5. Love, H., Morgan, P., & Smith, P.N. (in press). Participation in a daily diary study about suicide ideation yields no iatrogenic effects: A mixed method analysis. *Suicide & Life-Threatening Behavior*. DOI: 10.1111/sltb.13125

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6. Smith, P.N., Cordell, C., Stevens, L.T., West, K., Morgan, S.T., Vallas, J., & Mehari, K.R. (in press). Project GRIP: An illustration of participatory action research with communities of people who own and use firearms. *Psychological Reports*. DOI: 10.1177/00332941241246467
7. Coleman, J.N., Smith, P.N., Mehari, K.R., & Farrell, A.D. (in press). Relations between perceptions of parental messages supporting fighting and nonviolence and adolescents' physical aggression: Beliefs as mediators. *Aggressive Behavior*.
8. Mehari, K.R., Smith, P.N., Morton, B.C., Billingsley, J.L., Coleman, J.N., & Farrell, A.D. (2024). Challenges in evaluating a community-level intervention to address root causes of youth violence. *Prevention Science*, 25, 774-785. DOI: 10.1007/s11121-024-01678-7
9. Currier, J.M., McDermott, R.C., Fernandez, P., Salcone, S., Hinkel H.M., Schuler, K., Fadoir, N., & Smith, P.N. (2024). Examining the outcomes and acceptability of a peer-led spiritual intervention for moral injury in a veteran service organization. *Psychological Services*, 21, 276-286. DOI: 10.1037/ser0000762
10. Mehari, K.R., Morgan, S., Stevens, L.T., Coleman, J.N., Schuler, K., Graves, C., Lindsey, D.R. B., & Smith, P.N. (2024). Mixed methods evaluation of a jail diversion program: Impact on arrests and functioning. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 52, 551-573. doi: 10.1002/jcop.23113

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And of course, with a lot of writing comes a lot of conference presenting, including undergraduate students Gracie Chance, Jaelyn Jefcoat, & Erin Snow...

1. Chance, G., Jefcoat, J., Snow, E., & Smith, P.N. (2025, April). Depression among women seeking shelter from domestic violence: The relations of borderline personality disorder symptoms and coercion in intimate partner relationships. Poster presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta, GA.
2. Mehari, K.R., Smith, P.N., Walsh, C.S., Stevens, L.T., & Coleman, J.N. (2025, May). Carrying practices and motivations for carrying and not carrying: A mixed methods analysis of adults and youth. In K. R. Mehari (chair), Carrying in Context: Motivations and access to information as predictors of firearm behavior. Symposium to be presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
3. Walsh, C.S., Dunn, C.B. Smith, P.N., & Mehari, K.R. (2025, May). Relations between Subgroups of Sources of Firearm Information and Youth Firearm Carriage. In K. R. Mehari (chair), Carrying in Context: Motivations and access to information as predictors of firearm behavior. Symposium to be presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Seattle, WA.



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4. Clark, K.A., O'Connor, K.E., Park, E., Smith, P.N., & Mehari, K.R. (2025, April). Exposure to others' suicidal behavior among adolescents: investigating disparities by sexual and gender minority status. Paper presentation to be presented at the Suicide Research Symposium, Virtual.
5. Morgan, S., Mehari, K.R., Stevens, L.T., Coleman, J.N., Schuler, K., Graves, C., Lindsey, D. R.B., & Smith, P.N. (2025, May). Mixed methods evaluation of a jail diversion program: Impact on arrests and functioning. Poster to be presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Seattle, WA.
6. Stevens, L.T., Mayinja, L.S., Morgan, S.T., Smith, P.N., & Mehari, K.R. (2025, May). Posttraumatic stress as a mediator between childhood exposure to trauma and firearm-related intimate partner violence. Poster to be presented at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Prevention Research, Seattle, WA.
7. Walsh, C.S., Mehari, K.R., Stevens, L.T., Morgan, S.M., Coleman, J., & Smith, P.N. (2025, April). A mixed method study of youth and adult reasons for firearm ownership and acquisition methods. Poster presented at the Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research, New York, NY.



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8. Mehari, K.R., Coleman, J.N., Smith, P.N., Stevens, L.T., & Morgan, S.T. (2024, December). Social-ecological predictors involvement in firearm violence in a nationally representative sample of adults. Poster presented at the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Seattle, WA.
9. Stevens, L.T., Morgan, S.T., Smith, P.N., & Mehari, K.R. (2024, December) Risk factors for firearm-related intimate partner violence in a national sample of adults. Poster presented at the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Seattle, WA.
10. Ikonomou, V.C., Gomien, K., Hernandez, K.A., Aita, S.L., Borgogna, N., Musso, M., Smith, P.N., & Hill, B.D. (2024, September). Big 5 personality profiles of police training academy cadets. Poster presented at the Society for Police and Criminal Psychology Conference, Louisville, KY.
11. Stevens, L.T., Smith, P.N., & Mehari, K.R. (2024, September). Firearm-specific risk factors for firearm-related teen dating violence perpetration. Poster presented at the National Institute of Justice National Research Conference, Pittsburg, PA.

And perhaps most importantly, Dr. Smith is co-leading the Psychology Study Abroad program with Dr. Zlomke... this year's adventure takes them to Vienna, Austria to experience the culture and learn about the history of psychology that was critically formed by people like Sigmund Freud and Viktor Frankl.

CULTURAL AND INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES LAB

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CALLIE MIMS

Callie is completing her fellowship at Yale Teen POWER.

Callie was awarded \$2500 in dissertation funding through the USA GSAE Award and the Mahan Brandon Research Fund for her project: "Examining the Effects of Gender Role Threats on Men's and Women's Food Choices."

Callie had a symposium accepted for APA 2025:

Mims, C.E. Sonnenblick, R., & Lydecker, J. A. (2025, August 7-9). *Men's disordered eating: The truth, trends, and treatment*. [Symposium]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, Colorado, USA.



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CALLIE MIMS

SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS/PUBLICATIONS

Mims, C. E., Burr, E. K., & Lydecker, J.A. *The importance of parent involvement in adolescent eating disorder and weight concern treatment.* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Mims, C. E., Huff, A., McDermott, R. C., Hauff, C., Graves, R. J., & Fruh, S. *A two-way street? Examining graduate nursing students' experiences of weight bias in clinical settings.* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Bowerfind, A., Lou, R., **Mims, C. E.,** & Lydecker, J. A. *Food insecurity and behavioral indicators of loss of control.* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Vincent, E. J., Launius, K. N., Burr, E. K., **Mims, C. E.,** & Lydecker, J. A. *How patients purge: Associations with weight, depression, and impairment.* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Callie co-authored an article that was published in October 2024!

Johnson, D., Borgogna, N.C., Ingram, P. B., Warlick, C., Spencer, S. D., **Mims, C. E.,** Bunnell, K. L., Nielson, J. A. (2024). The Scrupulosity Obsessions and Compulsions Scale: A measure of scrupulosity within an OCD framework. *Journal of Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders*, 43, 100918.

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AMY HUFF

Amy co-authored two manuscripts that have been submitted for publication:

Mims, C.E., **Huff, A.**, McDermott, R. C., Hauff, C., Graves, R. J., & Fruh, S. (2025). A two-way street? *Examining graduate nursing students' personal experiences of weight bias in clinical settings*. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

***Huff, A.E.**, *Lassiter, B., Graves, R.J., Williams, S., (2025). *Suicide Risk and Protective Factors in Nursing Students in the United States* [Manuscript submitted for publication].

*Both contributed equally as first authors

Amy had a poster accepted for APA 2025:

Huff, A. (2025, August 7–9). *Influences on collegiate student-athletes' formal and informal help-seeking behaviors* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

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BORIANA LASSITER

Bonny was appointed to be Division 51 Program Chair for APA 2025.

Bonny will be a presenter in a CE-credit granting symposium accepted for APA.

McDermott, R. C., & Lassiter, B. (2025, August 7–9). *Male firearm ownership and suicidality among emerging adults in the United States* [Conference symposium, Continuing education session]. In S. Canetto (Chair), *U.S. masculinity ideologies and adolescent/emerging adult male suicidality* [Conference symposium]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

Bonny will be presenting a poster at APA 2025

Lassiter, B. (2025, August 7–9). *Men's preventative health behaviors: Masculine norms and the theory of planned behavior* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

Bonny co-authored a manuscript that has been submitted for publication:

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EMILIO SANTA CRUZ

Emilio successfully defended his thesis!

Emillo had a poster accepted for APA 2025

Santa Cruz, E. (2025, August 7–9). *The conditional effects of ADHD on predictors of flourishing in a population of male ethnic minority* [Poster presentation]. American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Denver, CO, United States.

MARY WOLF

UNDERGRADUATE CID LAB RESEARCH ASSISTANT
(Supervised by Bonny) got accepted into the
Master of Education in School Counseling at
South!



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RYON MCDERMOTT

Dr. McDermott Will be co-presenting the following posters at APA 2025:

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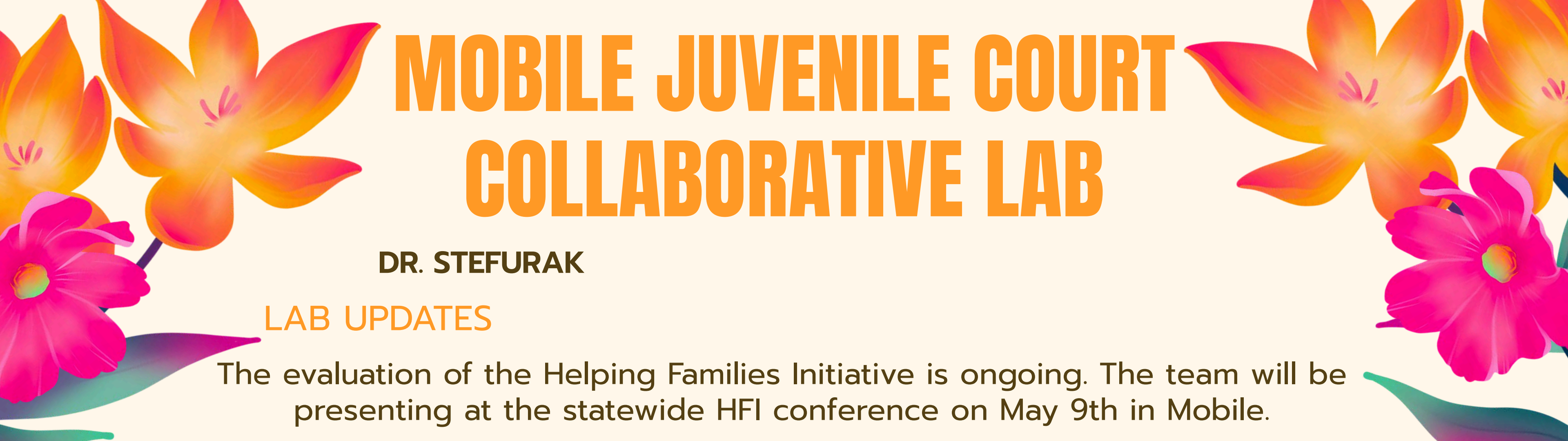
RYON MCDERMOTT

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MOBILE JUVENILE COURT COLLABORATIVE LAB

DR. STEFURAK

LAB UPDATES

The evaluation of the Helping Families Initiative is ongoing. The team will be presenting at the statewide HFI conference on May 9th in Mobile.

Victoria has begun working on a project with Lifelines Family Counseling Center to examine the client impact of their psychotherapy services for traumatized children delivered through the Child Advocacy Center.

Dr. Stefurak has become the Project Director for the Department of Justice - Office of Violence Against Women grant - Expanding Sexual Assault Victim Services on Campus Pilot. This is part of Dr. Candice Selwyn's "Heart Project" and Dr. Stefurak will be serving as the administrative head of the grant supporting Dr. Selwyn to serve as the Victim Services Coordinator. The grant further expands and refines the coordination of victim supports on campus for students experiencing gender and sexual harassment, physical assault based on gender, sex or sexual orientation and victims of rape.

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Messiyah Stephens has accepted our admissions offer and will be attending the CCP program next fall and working between Dr. Stefurak and Dr. McDermott's teams. He has already begun work on the Helping Families Initiative project.

Victoria, Hyun, and Elizabeth all successfully proposed their dissertations and matched to their desired internship sites!

Hyun is currently collaborating with the local juvenile detention center and in the process of collecting data.

Hyun matched to the Florida Department of Corrections.

For Elizabeth's dissertation, she will be providing a behavioral skills training to graduate allied health students and am in the process of recruiting participants!

Elizabeth matched to the Kennedy Krieger/Johns Hopkins Pediatric Developmental Disorder Track.



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Victoria is continuing data collection for her dissertation on the US' child welfare systems' current state, focusing on broader challenges as well as the research-to-practice gap.

Victoria matched with the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences in Little Rock, AR.

Victoria is continuing to participate in multiple research projects, as well as cross-university projects with the TSU Crime Lab.

MANUSCRIPT SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION:

Pusey, K, Stefurak, T., & Taylor, V. (*in submission*). When Race Enters the Room: Mock Jury Reactions to Black vs. White Defendants

MANUSCRIPTS PUBLISHED:

Henderson, R.R., McCarty, D.L., Currier, J.M., Stefurak, T., Parker, S.M., & Lambert, A.G. (2024). Is Spirituality a Verb? How Christian A.A. Members Conceptualize Spirituality. *Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health*.



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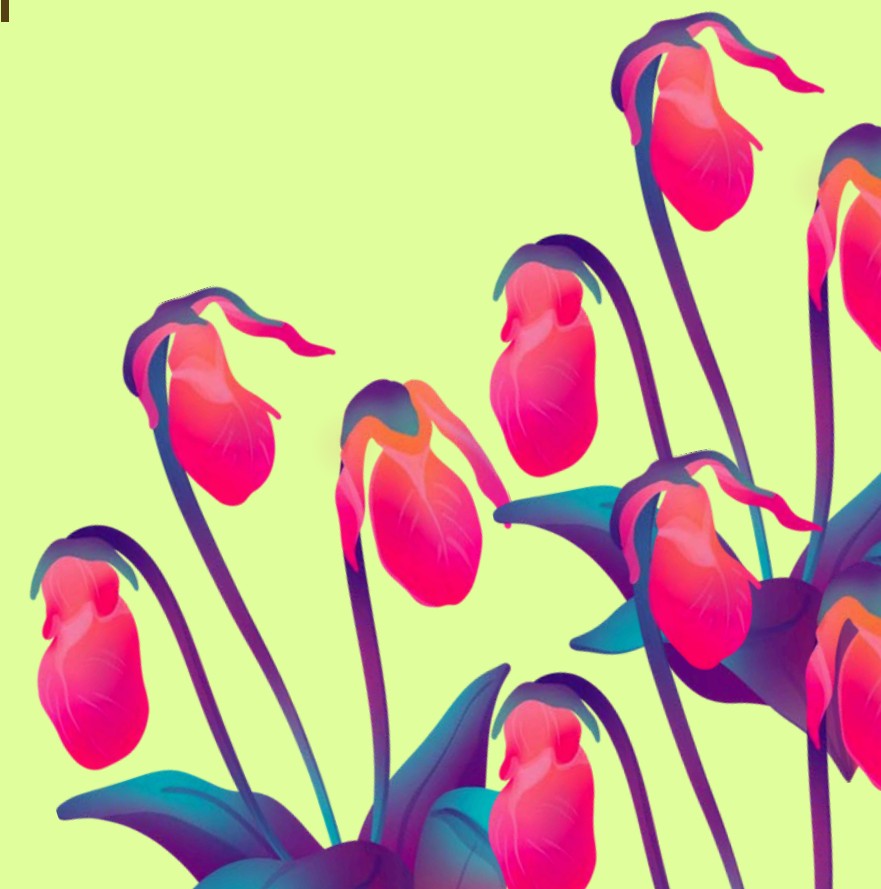
LAB UPDATES

Hill lab collaborated with the Alabama Head Injury Foundation. Bailey, Katherine, and Ivan presented on the benefits of a brain healthy diet. Sydney and Frankie have presented on emotion regulation skills and brain healthy strategies.

Hill lab is conducting several research projects including collection of normative data for the Meyer's Neuropsychological Battery in USA undergraduate students, validation of a new impulsivity scale, and data collection for the Hierarchical Taxonomy of Psychopathology and (HiTOP) and the Central Nervous System Vital Signs (CNSVS) in USA undergraduate students.

Vasilios matched as a Clinically Psychology intern in the Neuropsychology Track at West Virginia University School of Medicine in Morgantown, WV.

Vasilios received the Gulf Region Health Outreach Program (GRHOP) Health Capacity Graduate Scholarship, which is awarded to students pursuing research and community engagement related to resilience and recognizes a student's accomplishments and effort in their training in psychology.



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Bailey was awarded the CCP Excellence in Clinical Services Award.

Bailey is completing an outpatient clinical neuropsychology externship at the Mobile VA clinic.

Bailey and Ivan passed their Clinical Comprehensive Oral Defense!

Ivan engaged in an invited presentation at NeuroGateways at UAB titled White Matter Correlates of Post-DBS Outcomes in Individuals with Parkinson's Disease.

Katherine continues to provide cognitive evaluations for the Alabama Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services through the USA Psychological Clinic.

Katherine and Dr. Hill have begun collaborations with Dr. Maureen O'Connor at the Bedford VA to implement a Brain Health manualized protocol with older adults of the Poarch Creek Indians tribe.

Katherine serves as a member of the National Academy of Neuropsychology Clinical Research Grants committee.



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Frankie and Sydney have been collaborating and participating in weekly virtual support groups with the Alabama Head Injury Foundation.

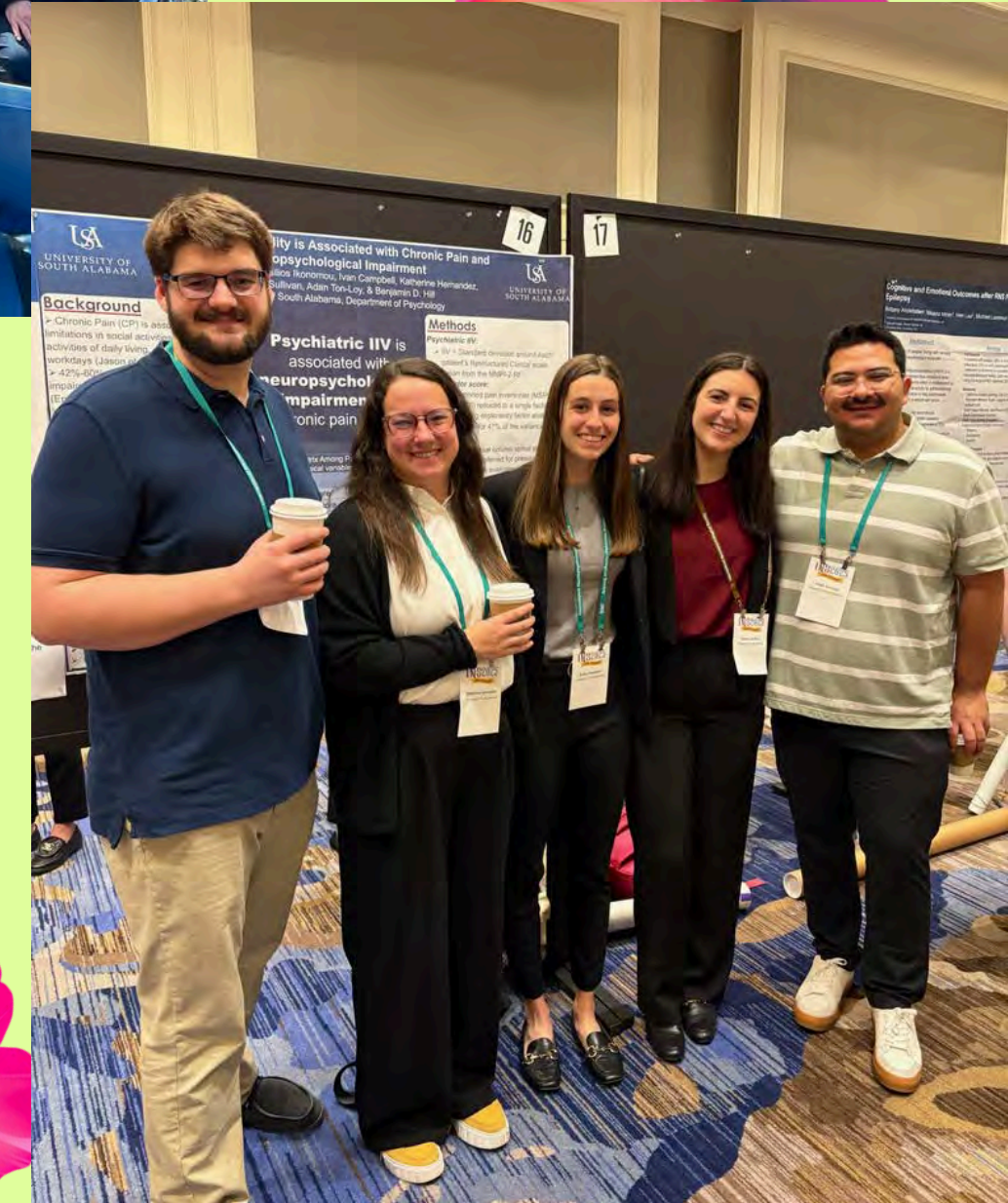
Frankie helped to co-organize the Top Gold going away event for the 4th year CCP students.

Celeste Reames will be joining the Hill Lab in the Fall.

Hill Lab went on a Louisiana Swamp Tour after attending the International Neuropsychological Society Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA.

PUBLICATIONS

Korthauer, L., Sullivan, S., Zammitti, M., Maynard, T., Mankodiya, K., Constant, N., Denby, C., De Vito, A., Papandonatos, G., & Tremont, G. (In press). Reliability and validity of the Rhode Island Mobile Cognitive Assessment Tool. Alzheimer's & Dementia: Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring.



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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Hill, B.D., Ikonomou, V., & Wagaman, B. (April, 2025). Need for Cognition: Construct and Relation to Other Personality Traits. Invited symposium on The Interaction of Cognition and Personality: Need for Cognition and Motivational Traits delivered at the 116th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Mobile, AL.

Hill, B.D., Ikonomou, V., & Campbell, I. (April, 2025). Need for Cognition: Mechanisms of Influence on Cognitive Abilities. Invited symposium on The Interaction of Cognition and Personality: Need for Cognition and Motivational Traits delivered at the 116th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Mobile, AL.

Hill, B.D., Hernandez, K., & Aita, S.L. (April, 2025). Positive Effort: Reconceptualizing Validity and Engagement in Test Performance as Motivational Traits. Invited symposium on The Interaction of Cognition and Personality: Need for Cognition and Motivational Traits delivered at the 116th Annual Meeting of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Mobile, AL.



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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ikonomou, V.C., Wagaman, B., Campbell, I., Hernandez, K. A., Sullivan, S., Ton-Loy, A., & Hill, B.D. (2025, March). A Tale of Two Constructs: Self-Reported Executive Functioning is Distinct from Performance-Based Executive Functioning in a Hierarchical Model. FlashTalk presented at the Society for Personality Assessment and HiTOP Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

McCoy, K., Pancione, K.E., & Ikonomou, V.C. (2024, October). A Future with Nurse Empowerment Fortified with Bias Identification & Management Skills: A Mixed Method Study Results. Paper presented at the Annual Conference at the Transcultural Nursing Society (TCNS).

McCoy, K., Pancione, K.E., & Ikonomou, V.C. (2024, May). Bias Identification & Management Strategies to Enhance Nurse-Community Engagement. Paper presented at the 14th Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning (CoTL).

Sullivan, S., Ton-Loy, A., Ikonomou, V., Campbell, I., Wagaman, B., Hernandez, K., Callister, S., Hill, B (2025, February). Exploring the Relationships Between Income, Tau Accumulation, and Cognitive Intra-Individual Variability Among Ethnic/Racial Groups. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society 53rd Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Hernandez, K., Ikonomou, V., Campbell, I., Wagaman, B., Ton-Lory, A., Sullivan, S., Chan, K., Hill, B.D., (2025, February). The Utility of the TOMM as a Confrontation Naming Task. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society 53rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

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Wagaman, B., Ikonomou, V., Campbell, I., Hernandez, K., Sullivan, S., Ton-Loy, A., & Hill, B. (2025, February). *Emotional Variability is Associated with Chronic Pain and Neuropsychological Impairment*. Poster presented at the International Neuropsychological Society 53rd Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Ikonomou, V.C., Wagaman, B., Campbell, I., Hernandez, K. A., Sullivan, S., Ton-Loy, A., & Hill, B.D. (2025, March). A Tale of Two Constructs: Self-Reported Executive Functioning is Distinct from Performance-Based Executive Functioning in a Hierarchical Model. Poster presented at the Society for Personality Assessment and HiTOP Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Ikonomou, V.C., Campbell, I., Wagaman, B., Hernandez, K. A., Ton-Loy, A., Sullivan, S., & Hill, B.D. (2024, November). Are my constructs bass-ackwards? A hierarchical approach to neuropsychological factors in traumatic brain injury. Poster presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology 44th Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Ikonomou, V.C., Hernandez, K. A., Gomien, K., Aita, S.L., Borgogna, N., Musso, M., Smith, P.N. & Hill, B.D. (2024, September). Big 5 Personality Profiles of Police Training Academy Cadets. Poster presented at the 2024 Society for Police and Criminal Psychology (SPCP) Conference, Louisville, KY, USA.





CCP STUDENT/FACULTY EVENTS

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