

Monica Adams, MA

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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Denver

Ph.D. Student, Health and Behavioral Sciences

Advisor: Jennifer Boylan, PhD

August 2019 - Present

University of Houston-Clear Lake

M.A. Behavioral Science

August 2019

University of Houston-Downtown

B.S. Psychology

Magna cum Laude

May 2017

RESEARCH POSITIONS HELD

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Colorado Denver

Department of Health and Behavioral Sciences

Advisor: Jennifer Boylan, PhD

08/19-Present

- Currently using secondary data from the Midlife in the United States (MIDUS) study to examine whether religiosity moderates the relationship between discrimination and cardiovascular health, in collaboration with Drs. Irene Blair and Chad Danyluck of CU Boulder.

Research Associate II

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Department of Behavioral Sciences and Psychiatry

Supervisor: Karen Wagner, MD, PhD

05/18 – 07/19

- Assisted in selecting reviewers and managing manuscript submissions for a children and adolescent section of a psychiatry journal
- Created and managed presentation slides for meetings and conferences
- Performed literature reviews in the area of mood disorders in children and adolescents
- Assisted various psychiatry faculty in editing and preparing manuscripts

Research Assistant

University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, TX

Advisor: Stephen Cherry, PhD

01/18 - 05/18

- Performed literature reviews in the area of immigration legislation in response to the shortage of nurses and physicians in the United States from 2005 - 2016

Research Assistant**01/17 - 05/17**

University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, TX

Adviser: Katrina Rufino, PhD,

- Project: Examined whether video games could alter mood for cognitive bias suicide intervention
- Obtained informed consent and debriefing, and administered experiment to participants

Research Assistant**01/16 - 05/16**

University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, TX

Adviser: Kit Cho, PhD

- Project: Examined adaptive cognition and survival processing in visual search processes
- Obtained informed consent, and administered experiment to participants

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Public Health (PBHL 2001), University of Colorado Denver, Spring 2020

- Recitation section teaching assistant: R02, R03

Introduction to Public Health (PBHL 2001), University of Colorado Denver, Fall 2019

- Recitation section teaching assistant: R01, R03

Human Sex, Culture, Health (ANTH 3334) / Human Sexuality (PSYC 3333), University of Houston-Clear Lake, Summer I 2019

Medicine, Bodies, and Culture (ANTH 3362), University of Houston-Clear Lake, Summer I 2019

Medicine, Bodies, and Culture (ANTH 3362), University of Houston-Clear Lake, Spring 2019

Human Sex, Culture, Health (ANTH 3334) / Human Sexuality (PSYC 3333), University of Houston-Clear Lake, Fall 2018

PRESENTATIONS

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) in the Children of Detained and/or Deported Migrants
University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2018

- Advisor: Christine Kovic, PhD
- Presentation: 2018 UHCL Student Research Conference

Gender Differences in the Perception of Sexual Harassment Among College Students

University of Houston-Clear Lake, 2018

- Advisor: Nicholas Kelling, PhD
- Presentation: 2018 UHCL Student Research Conference

Gender Stereotypes in Children's Toys

University of Houston-Downtown, 2017

- Advisor: Kristen Anderson, PhD
- Presentation: UHD 2017 Gender Conference

Adaptive Cognition: Does Survival Processing Enhance Visual Search Processes?

University of Houston-Downtown, 2016

- Advisor: Kit Cho, PhD
- Presentation: UHD 2016 Student Research Conference

MASTER'S THESIS

Racist nativism and nationalist rhetoric: Implications for the mental health and well-being of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) students

- Thesis Committee: Christine Kovic, PhD; Isabelle Kusters, PhD, MPH; Dawit Woldu, PhD

HONORS AND AWARDS

Summer Research Award, University of Colorado Denver

March 2020

Magna cum laude, University of Houston-Downtown

May 2017

Dean's List, University of Houston-Downtown

May 2017
December 2016
May 2016
December 2015