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EDUCATION

DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Master of Science, Psychology, Forensic Concentration

Philadelphia, PA

May 2025

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Certificate in Medical Anthropology

Honors College

Gainesville, FL

May 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

DeMatteo Lab at Drexel University

Supervised by David DeMatteo, JD, PhD, ABPP (Forensic)

- Aided in the development and administration of a variety of research projects pertaining to the intersection of law, psychology, and the criminal justice system.

Philadelphia, PA

September 2023- Present

Research Assistant

Florida Social Cognition and Emotion Laboratory

University of Florida

Supervised by Erin Westgate, PhD

- Worked with Dr. Erin Westgate on research pertaining to thought processes, moral behavior, boredom, and procrastination.
- Completed lab tasks such as literature reviews, data entry and management, qualitative coding, and interpretation of study data, as well as serving as a confederate and administrator in several studies.
- Collaborated with several other research assistants in weekly lab meetings to develop and further research skills, as well as leading discussions on recent research.

Gainesville, FL

August 2022- May 2023

Project RISE Data Collection Volunteer

Reducing Inequities in School Environments (RISE)- Medical
University of South Carolina and the University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

May 2022

- Traveled to Duval County to administer assessments to middle school students in an underserved and underfunded school district.
- Collaborated with UF graduate students to collect data on students' perception of discrimination in schools.
- Monitored 20+ students at a time in order to obtain completed assessments.

Research Assistant

C. A. Pound Human Identification Laboratory at the University of
Florida

Gainesville, FL

August 2021- July 2022

Supervised by Phoebe Stubblefield, PhD

- Performed laboratory duties including the handling and maceration of human remains for law enforcement cases.
- Transcribed 100+ pages of field notes, had oversight of the maintenance and documentation of the research library, and completed multiple literature and research searches on historical mass casualty events.
- Aided in the formulation of lab and case reports that would be distributed to law enforcement and healthcare officials.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forensic Associate

Behavioral Health and Justice Division (BHJD)
Philadelphia Mental Health Care Corporation (PMHCC)

Philadelphia, PA

September 2023- Present

Supervised by Jaymes Fairfax-Columbo, JD, PhD

- Worked closely with several aspects of the policy side of behavioral health and the criminal justice division, including reentry work.
- Completed literature reviews and summaries to inform decisions affecting Philadelphia's mental health policy.
- Participated in and helped to lead BHJD's Crisis Intervention Training administered to police, attorneys, mental health professionals, and more.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate Social Psychology- SOP3004

Supervised by Ron Chandler

- Graded weekly papers and discussions of 20 students, and served as a contact point for any questions they had about the course. Employed data entry and management skills to keep grades accurate and updated at all times.
- Worked closely with Dr. Ron Chandler, Professor and Undergraduate Psychology Coordinator, in order to format and design course content for the 200+ person class.

Gainesville, FL

August 2020-

December 2020

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Jackson, C., Kanani, H., **Chard, A.**, & DeMatteo, D. (In Progress). GRE Validity and Usage in Psychology PhD Programs.

DeMatteo, D., **Chard, A.**, Kanani, H., & Grisamore, S. (In Progress). Doctoral Training in Forensic Psychology. In K. Heilbrun & D. DeMatteo (Eds.), *Community-based psychological services for justice-involved individuals*. Oxford University Press.

Huppert, T., Fairfax-Columbo, J., & **Chard, A.** (Submitted). Application of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) to Suicide Prevention Among Justice-Involved Individuals. *American Psychology Law Society*.

Chard, A. & Huppert, T. (Submitted). Transitional Age Youth and Criminal Behavior: Issue Brief. Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services, Policy Unit.
<https://dbhids.org/about/organization/planning-innovation/policy-unit/>

AWARDS

- Dean's Scholarship at Drexel University- \$9,000/yr
- PEO STAR Women's Scholarship Recipient- \$2,500
- Robert and Bertha Bird Scholarship Recipient- \$2,000
- Bright Futures Florida Academic Scholarship Recipient- Full Tuition
- University of Florida Undergraduate Grant Recipient- \$6,000+
- Paul and Harriette Franklin Scholarship Recipient- \$2,500

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- SPSS Statistics Essentials Certification
- Learn R Coding Course Certification, Anthropological Data Course using R- Fall 2022
- Intermediate in Spanish