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**EDUCATION**

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- 2022-Present Sam Houston State University—Huntsville, TX**  
Doctor of Philosophy Candidate, Clinical Psychology  
Advisor: Jaime L. Anderson, Ph.D.  
GPA: 4.0 (in progress)
- 2022-2024 Sam Houston State University (APA Accredited) —Huntsville, TX**  
Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology  
Master’s Thesis: Assessing the relationship between childhood maltreatment, personality dysfunction, and externalizing behavior.  
Advisor: Jaime L. Anderson, Ph.D.  
GPA: 4.0
- 2017-2020 Baylor University, Waco, TX**  
Bachelor of Science, Neuroscience and Forensic Science
- 2015-2017 Houston Community College, Houston, TX**  
Associate of Science, Biology

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Practicum Clinician**

Harris County Juvenile Probation and Detention Center  
Houston, TX  
*Supervisor:* Alexandra Tellez, PhD  
2024-Present

**Description:**

- Complete brief psychological assessments, which include a clinical interview, a measure of academic skills, an IQ estimate, and occasionally a brief measure of psychiatric symptoms to generate treatment and placement recommendations.
- Complete fitness restoration program with justice-involved adolescents who were found not fit to proceed.

**Group Co-Facilitator**

Sex Offender Treatment Group  
Conroe, TX  
*Supervisor:* Holly Miller, PhD  
2024-Present

**Description:**

- Co-lead group treatment of adult men convicted of a sexual offense and sentenced to probation.

**Student Clinician**

Psychological Services Center  
Huntsville, TX  
*Supervisors:* Chelsea Ratcliff, PhD; Jared Ruchensky, PhD; Jaime L. Anderson, PhD  
2023-Present

**Description:**

- Provide individual therapy services to adult and adolescent clients
- Conduct psychodiagnostic assessments and write integrated assessment reports.

**Assistant Forensic Evaluator**

Psychological Services Center

Huntsville, TX

*Supervisors:* Mary Alice Conroy, PhD

2023-Present

**Description:**

- Conducted court-ordered forensic evaluations (e.g., competence to stand trial, mental state at the time of the offense, treatment recommendations)
- Assisted in court-ordered psychodiagnostic evaluations of juvenile offenders by conducting Spanish parent interviews
- Conducted court-ordered psychodiagnostic evaluations in Spanish to provide treatment recommendations for individuals on probation
- Co-authored reports for forensic evaluations

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Research Assistant**

Sam Houston State University

Department of Psychology

Mentor: Jaime L. Anderson, PhD

2022-Present

**Responsibilities:**

- Manage three research projects (i.e., a probation study, a veteran's study, and an undergraduate study) for the Assessment of Personality and Psychopathology Lab. Management included recruitment, scheduling participants, consenting, data collection, compensation of participants, and data management.
- Administer and score structured clinical interviews for undergraduates at SHSU using the *Quick Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-5 Disorders (Quick SCID-5)*, the *Alternative Model of Personality Disorders (SCID-AMPD)*, and the *e Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)*
- Administer and score structured clinical interviews for individuals on probation using the *Alternative Model of Personality Disorders (SCID-AMPD)*, and the *Hare Psychopathy Checklist Screening Version (PCL-SV)*.
- Manage and mentor undergraduate research assistants.
- Consent probation participants for follow-up outcomes at 6 months and 1 year then contact them via phone to conduct interviews.
- Collaborate with other graduate students to generate research publications.
- Develop a thesis proposal on the relationship between childhood maltreatment, personality dysfunction, and antisocial behaviors.

**Research Assistant**

The Menninger Clinic

Department of Research

Director: Michelle A. Patriquin, PhD, ABPP

2021-2022

**Responsibilities:**

- Administer structured clinical interviews for adult patients (ages 20-60 years old) admitted inpatient using the *Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-5 Disorders Research Version (SCID-5-RV)*. Share SCID diagnoses and findings with the patient's inpatient, interdisciplinary treatment team during the diagnostic formulation meeting.
- Administer evidence-based outcomes assessments to psychiatric inpatients at admission, weekly throughout their stay, and at discharge.
- Collaborate with psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers to ensure that adjustments to treatment meet the patients' needs reflected on the evidence-based outcomes reports.
- Consent patients for follow-up outcomes prior to discharge to gather data about post-discharge treatment adherence and clinical trajectory.

- Assess executive function at admission and discharge using the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Toolbox iPad application.
- Build rapport with patients to ensure positive adherence to treatment outcomes protocol.
- Collaborate with statistical consultants to analyze outcomes data (inpatient and follow-up) and diagnostic data, generate novel research questions for paper publications and national and international presentations.
- Partner with research team members to co-author relevant mental health blogs published on Psychology Today.
- Analysis of fMRI rewarding processing data for publication.

### **Clinical Research Informatics Engineer**

The Menninger Clinic

Department of Research

Director: Dr. Michelle A. Patriquin, PhD, ABPP

2020-2021

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Sole management of large Qualtrics-based outcomes database used for the collection, management, analysis, and visualization of evidence-based outcomes data.
- Programmed Qualtrics surveys and data visualization dashboards for the outcomes and diagnostic data for outpatient treatment programs.
- Utilized Python to efficiently consolidate, organize, and clean research data (e.g., text-based medication data, outcomes data, diagnostic data, substance use data, actigraphy data, and neuroimaging data).
- Managed the Baylor College of Medicine IRB protocol for the adult outcomes project, including writing IRB amendments and renewals.
- Re-engineered and improved the standardization of the outcomes system to efficiently organize and store research data and consent forms to ensure adherence with IRB protocols.
- Designed patient satisfaction and safety reports, weekly and monthly outcomes reports, and hospital-wide quality of care reports for The Menninger Clinic's Executive Team including the CEO/President and Chief of Staff.
- Presented outcomes reports at weekly laboratory meetings.
- Attended weekly grand rounds (Baylor College of Medicine and The Menninger Clinic) on various psychiatric topics: Autism Spectrum Disorder, Alternative DSM-5 Model for Personality Disorders, Ethical Challenges in Clinical Practice, Psychotherapy, Shame, Phenomenology and Interventions, Psychiatric Manifestations of COVID-19, Psychiatry Biomarker Research, Suicide, and Neuropsychiatry.
- Collaborated with a research scientist to analyze neuroimaging data using Analysis of Functional Neuroimages (AFNI).
- Improved and co-authored the outcomes user's guide implemented hospital wide at The Menninger Clinic. The guide is a reference for the hospital that describes the evidence-based scales and measurements used in the outcomes assessment, at which timepoints the questionnaires are administered, how to interpret scores in a clinical context, and how to document the reports in Cerner.

### **Senior Research Assistant**

Baylor University

Department of Psychology & Neuroscience

Memory and Cognition Lab

PI: Dr. Charles A. Weaver, PhD

2018-2020

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Collaborated with the forensic psychology graduate student and undergraduate peers on a research project that focused on jury perception, eyewitness testimony, and fair/unfair lineups.
- Co-authored an abstract on expert testimony and presented it at the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Scholars Week.

- Collaborated with the forensic psychology graduate student on a project that analyzed the interactions between on personality, politics, and decision making.
- Led participant recruitment for studies across the laboratory.
- Consented participants and informed them about the data collection process/steps.
- Supervised data collection across studies.
- Reviewed over 30 research papers to generate a comprehensive summary of existing literature on the interactions between personality, politics, and decision making.
- Managed the database to ensure readiness for analysis.

### **Research Intern**

Baylor College of Medicine  
 Department of Psychiatry  
 Human Neuroimaging Laboratory  
 PI: Dr. Ramiro Salas, PhD  
 Summer 2018

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Collaborated with the primary investigator and graduate student on multiple research projects including those related to fMRI reward and neuroanatomy differences in psychiatric disorders
- Used Tracula and Python to analyze neuroimaging DTI data.
- Standardized and organized data for analysis.
- Utilized a Python-coded algorithm to match subjects to psychiatric and healthy controls for demographics and psychiatric comorbidities for a peer-reviewed publication.
- Co-authored a peer-reviewed neuroimaging paper that found that psychiatry biomarker research could benefit from using psychiatric controls, as the use of healthy controls results in data that are not disorder-specific.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Instructor**

Sam Houston State University  
 Department of Psychology & Philosophy  
 Psychology of Adjustment (PSYC 2315)  
 2023- Present

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Primary professor for a class of 40 undergraduate students.
- Constructed the class syllabus and Blackboard page.
- Planned and delivered questions on adjusting to modern life, the physiological and social factors of stress, the intersection between psychology and physical health, coping processes, interpersonal communication, factors involved in friendship and love, the development and expression of sexuality, associations between gender and behavior, positive psychology, the theories of personality development, psychological disorders, and psychotherapy.
- Held exam review sessions and administered a variety of quizzes and exams.
- Graded exams, quizzes, and written assignments.

### **Laboratory Assistant**

Baylor University  
 Department of Psychology and Neuroscience  
 Introduction to Neuroscience and Lab (NSC 1106)  
 2019-2020

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Supervised and trained first-year undergraduate students in the introduction to neuroscience laboratory experiments.
- Described procedures in neuroanatomy, behavioral neuroscience, animal learning and behavior, and human sensation and perception.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer-reviewed**

Haugh, S., Ramirez, D., Priebe, K., Marek, R. J., & Anderson, J. L. (2024). Evaluating the MMPI-3's utility in the assessment of pathological personality traits. *Current Psychology: A Journal for Diverse Perspectives on Diverse Psychological Issues*, 43(23), 20521–20531. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-024-05859-z>

**Ramirez, D.**, Rufino, K. A., Rech, M. E., Poa, E., & Patriquin, M. A. (2021). Increased symptom severity in adults and adolescents admitting to an inpatient psychiatric hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Psychiatry Research*, 316. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.psychres.2022.114758>

Gosnell, S. N., Meyer, M. J., Jennings, C., **Ramirez, D.**, Schmidt, J., Oldham, J., & Salas, R. (2020). Hippocampal volume in psychiatric diagnoses: Should psychiatry biomarker research account for comorbidities? *Chronic Stress*, 4. doi: [10.1177/2470547020906799](https://doi.org/10.1177/2470547020906799)

### **Submitted**

**Ramirez, D.**, Wygant, D. B & Anderson, J.L. (2024) Assessing the relationship between childhood maltreatment, personality dysfunction, and externalizing behavior. Submitted to the *Journal of Personality Assessment*.

Rufino, K.A., **Ramirez, D.**, Poblete, G.F., Patriquin, M.A., Salas, R. (2023) Melatonin in an inpatient psychiatric hospital: Use with caution and without hypnotics. *Sleep Medicine*.

### **In-Preparation**

Ramirez, D., Shumaker, N.S., Anderson., J.L. Review of the MMPI-3 Cultural Mistrust Critical Items in  
Bilingual Spanish/English Speakers

Poblete, G. F., Jack, M., Srinivasan, N., Heredia, V., Bolin, P., **Ramirez, D.**, Oldham, J., Patriquin, M. A., & Salas, R.  
Epigenetics of borderline personality disorder: Possible involvement of the pallidum. In preparation.

### **Non-refereed**

**Ramirez, D.**, Myerson, J., & Hart, J. (2022, April 15). Are you really OCD: A look at what OCD truly is and how to better classify related behaviors. *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/mind-matters-menninger/202204/are-you-really-ocd>

Marcus, L., Johnson, C., & **Ramirez, D.** (2021, May 21). The complex link between homelessness and mental health. *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/mind-matters-menninger/202105/the-complex-link-between-homelessness-and-mental-health>

**Ramirez, D.** & Shepard C. (2021, March 12). When your empty nest fills up again. *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/mind-matters-menninger/202103/when-your-empty-nest-fills-up-again>

**Ramirez, D.** & Shepard C. (2021, February 5). COVID-19 and the Class of 2020. *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/mind-matters-menninger/202102/covid-19-and-the-class-2020>

**Ramirez, D.**, Westheimer, J., Rufino, K.A., Boland, R., & Patriquin, M.A. (2021). Guide to The Menninger Clinic outcomes, version 4. Houston, TX: The Menninger Clinic, Research Department.

Rech, M., **Ramirez, D.**, Johnson, C., Blanchard, A.W., Patriquin, M. (2020, November 7). Autism Spectrum Disorder: Uncovering a hidden internal world. *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/mind-matters-menninger/202011/autism-spectrum-disorder-uncovering-hidden-internal-world>

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Ramirez, D.**, Shumaker, N., Owen, S., Torres, A., Mercado, A., & Anderson, J.L. (2024). Review of the MMPI-3 Cultural Mistrust Critical Items in Bilingual Spanish/English Speakers. Poster accepted to the Society for Personality Assessment Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Ramirez, D.**, Shumaker, N., Wygant, D.B., & Anderson, J.L. (2023). The role of maladaptive personality in the path from childhood trauma to externalizing behaviors: establishing a model in an all-female prison sample. Poster accepted to the American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ramirez, D.**, Wygant, D.B., & Anderson, J.L. (2023). Assessing the Relationship between Trauma and Personality Dysfunction. Poster accepted to the Society for Personality Assessment Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- Ramirez, D.**, Tran, T., Rufino, K.A., & Patriquin M.A. (2021). Inpatients with narcissistic and avoidant personality traits: Examining the interactions between personality pathology, depression, and anxiety. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Tran, T., **Ramirez, D.**, Rufino, K.A., & Patriquin M.A. (2021). Chronic feelings of emptiness increase emotional awareness problems and depression and anxiety levels in adult psychiatric inpatients. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Ramirez, D.**, Rufino, K. A., & Patriquin, M. A. (2021). Inpatients with depression: Examining the impact of comorbid psychosis on sleep disturbance and nightmare severity. Poster presented at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Rawat, M., Mount, L., Mishra, A., **Ramirez, D.**, Choudhury, H., Jackson, J., Diamond, P., Nesbitt, B., Malavanti, K., & Weaver, C. (2018). Expert testimony allows jurors to differentiate between biased and fair lineups. Abstract presented at the Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Scholars Week at Baylor University, Waco, TX.

## INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

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### Student Representative

Sam Houston State University  
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program  
2023-2024

#### Responsibilities:

- Served as student liaison at biweekly faculty meetings.
- Recorded and circulated important information and announcements to all students in the program.
- Coordinated and organized student development talks.
- Collaborated with faculty about changes to the program (i.e., program website, interview inclusivity).

### Graduate Student Psychology Organization

Sam Houston State University  
Clinical Psychology Program  
2022- Present

#### Responsibilities:

- An organization focused on professional development as graduate students.

### Diversity Committee

Sam Houston State University  
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program  
2022- Present

#### Responsibilities:

- Attended monthly meetings to discuss diversity-focused topics and their applications in the psychology field. The goal of the group is to be well-informed clinicians and researchers who are culturally competent.
- A part of a group of individuals that organizes social events that allow us to share our culture with each other in a fun and engaging way.

### Diversity Forum

The Menninger Clinic  
2020-2022

#### Responsibilities:

- Actively contribute to The Menninger Clinic’s commitment to promoting diversity through conversations on how to foster a respectful and affirming climate to encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the hospital.
- Present and guide discussions about the discrepancies and difficulties observed in the mental health of the Latinx community.
- Discuss clinical considerations regarding providing care to patients who are part of minority communities.

### **Employee Activities Committee (EAC)**

The Menninger Clinic

2020-2022

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Stimulate curiosity among my co-workers regarding the LatinX culture by directing educational and recreational events during Hispanic/LatinX Heritage month.
- Collaborate with team members to create awareness and educate staff about communities with diverse backgrounds by celebrating important historical events including Juneteenth, Black History Month, LGBTQ History Month, Lunar New Year, Mental Health Awareness Month, Women’s International Day, and World Autism Awareness Day.
- Coordinate events that celebrate tradition and important holidays to motivate staff such as ugly sweater contests for the winter holidays and giving out traditional foods for Thanksgiving.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2023-Present Student Member, American Psychology-Law Society  
 2023-Present Student Member, Society of Personality Assessment Honor Society Membership  
 2019-Present Nu Rho Psi, Neuroscience Honors Student Program

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

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**2023;2024** Diversity Scholarship, Society of Personality Assessment  
**2022-Present** R.O.A.D. to Ph.D. Honors Program at Sam Houston State University  
**2018-2019** Baylor University Dean’s List

### **CERTIFICATES**

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**2020-2023** CITI Program Biomedical Research  
**2020-2023** CITI Health Information Privacy and Security (HIPS) for IRB Members  
**2020-2023** CITI Program Good Clinical Practice (U.S. FDA Focus)  
**2018-2023** CITI Program Social and Behavioral Research

### **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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| • Qualtrics | • R                                 |
| • Tracula   | • SPSS                              |
| • Python    | • MATLAB                            |
| • Tableau   | • Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel |
| • RStudio   |                                     |

### **INTERESTS**

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| • Clinical Forensic Psychology          | • Personality Psychopathology |
| • Serious and persistent mental illness |                               |

### **REFERENCES**

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- Dr. Jaime L. Anderson, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University
- Dr. Michelle Patriquin, PhD, ABPP

Director of Research, The Menninger Clinic  
Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine

- Dr. Ramiro Salas, PhD  
Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine
- Dr. Katrina Rufino, PhD  
Senior Research Scientist, The Menninger Clinic  
Associate Professor, University of Houston-Downtown