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Education

2021 Sam Houston State University
Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Laura Drislane, Ph.D.
GPA: 4.0

2016-2019 University of South Florida
B.A. in Psychology and Criminology

2015-2016 Valencia College

policy that impacts minorities involved with the justice system

Research Experience

2021 - Present Sam Houston State University
Graduate Research Assistant in M.E.E.P Lab
Supervisor: Dr. Laura Drislane, Ph.D.

- Development and design of research studies including submission of IRB protocols, data analysis, and literature reviews
- Managed undergraduate research assistants (RAs)

2017-2021 University of South Florida
Undergraduate Researcher in D.A.R.C Lab
Supervisor: Dr. Edelyn Verona, Ph.D.

- Ran participants during EEG study involving aggression and emotion regulation
 - Screened and recruited participants for EEG studies
 - Performed as a confederate for EEG studies
- Conducted literature reviews on topics in psychology such as psychopathy and personality disorders in progress for publication and presentation
- Assisted with manuscript writing
- Entered and coded data through the National Crime Information Center Database
- Participated in interviews with county jail inmates and community participants and provided secondary ratings for the interview measures including the Psychopathy

Checklist-Revised (PCL-R), Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI), and Lifetime History of Aggression (LHA)

- Coded data in SPSS, including a self-report measure of Callous-Unemotional (CU) traits
- Assist on any additional projects as needed

Relevant Experience

2021 Metropolitan Ministries
Therapeutic Specialist
Supervisor: Keisha Escoffery, LMHC

- Assess students' needs through observations, school and medical records, tests, and consulting with other professionals, teachers, families, and students
- Create treatment plans and programs that meet students' needs and interests
- Plan and implement interventions to mitigate the effects of trauma
- Engage students in therapeutic activities using a variety of modalities
- Help students learn social skills needed to become or remain independent
- Teach students coping skills

2020-2021 Department of Children and Families
Case Manager
Supervisor: Tom Engel, MBA

- Advocate for children's rights, safety, and well-being
- Worked with providers to meet various needs for children and parents including counseling, independent living, education, and behavioral needs such as risk-taking behaviors and psychopathology
- Completed monthly home visits with children that included home safety walkthroughs and private talks with children to ensure safety while in out-of-home care
- Collaborated with parents struggling with mental illness, substance use, and involvement in the criminal justice system
- Developed case plans, safety measures, and detailed reports of parent progress
- Partnered with assistant state attorneys and district judges in the application of services and well-being needs for children and their families
- Wrote quarterly reports on case progress

- Accurate and timely record-keeping of every interaction, decision, and referral for services in the case regarding both the parents and child(ren).
- Provided resources such as parenting classes and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) for parents who struggled with substance use

Training and Certifications

- Certified Child Welfare Case Manager (CWCM)
- National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Certified

Presentations

Davis, B., & Drislane, L. E. (2022, May). Racial/ethnic differences in self report measures of psychopathy. Poster presented at the 9th biennial meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy, virtual conference.

Davis, B., Torres, B., & Galicia, B. (2021, November). Psychologists. Presentation presented to Burbank Middle School in Houston, TX.

Davis, B. (2021, October). Flight, Fight, and Freeze. What Happens to Your Body When You Experience Fear? Presentation presented to the Psychology Club in Huntsville, TX.

Mckinley, S., **Davis, B.**, Shazhzad M., & Verona, E. (2019, December). The Moderating Effect of Callous-Unemotional Traits on Outcomes Among At-Risk Youth in Community Interventions. Poster presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium in Tampa, FL.

Fournier, L., Hruza, S., **Davis, B.**, Fox, B., & Verona, E. (2019, November). The unique and combined influences of traumatic brain injuries and adverse childhood experiences on offending behavior among inmates. Paper presented in Fox, B., ACEs, trauma, and other very bad things at the American Society of Criminology Conference in San Francisco, CA

Mckinley, S., **Davis, B.**, Shazhzad M., & Verona, E. (2019, August). The Moderating Effect of Callous-Unemotional Traits on Outcomes Among At-Risk Youth in Community Interventions. Poster presented at Scientific Study of Psychopathy in Las Vegas, NV.

Publications in Progress

Fournier, L., Hruza, S., **Davis, B.**, Fox, B., & Verona, E. The unique and combined influences of traumatic brain injuries and adverse childhood experiences on offending behaviors.

Awards

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Research Scholars Fellowship (\$30,000 annually for 4 years)

Leadership

2019 Psychology Students of Color, University of South Florida
President and Founder

- Founded and developed a mission statement, vision, and purpose
- Recruited executive board members and general members for events and club meetings
- Assisted students in the diversification and development of students of color in the field of psychology

Involvement

- SHSU Black Graduate Student Organization, Member 2022 – Present
- SHSU Diversity Committee, Website Manager 2021 – Present
- SHSU Graduate Student Psychology Organization, Member 2021 – Present