



Annual Research Report

This report reflects the scholarly works of faculty and students of the 2017-2018 academic year.

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Faculty-Student Scholarship Collaboration

Burgoyne, B., Spencer, H., Dagostino, J., & Bach, L. (2018, March). *Personal growth through therapeutic writing*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.



Brian Burgoyne & Holly Spencer

"In the beginning the team wanted to see if free writing could be used in the same way as existential dream analysis. However, due to time constraints the team decided to turn the research into a literature review to examine how well therapeutic writing worked in the therapy room. We found that with certain populations therapeutic writing offered emotional healing and cognitive restructuring. I loved the opportunity to both attend and present in an environment full of research ideas to expand my knowledge." – Holly Spencer

Dluzynski, J., & Shepler, D. (2018, April). *A quantitative assessment of anxiety and human-animal interaction*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Duberstein, A., Keenan, K., Chehab, S., MacAdams, E., Swaidan, D., Frazee, K., & Kapatansky, R. (2018, March). *Moving the boulder: Repairing relationships by bridging political differences*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.

Ho, M., & Shepler, D. (2018, April). *Women's perceptions of their sexual self-concept after becoming mothers*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

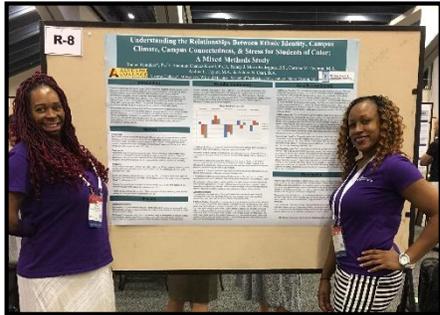
Kim, S., Chavez-Korell, S., Newell, M., & Craft, A. (2018, August). *The effect of a multicultural counseling course: A mixed methods study*. Presented research symposium with Sue, D. W., Pilar Grazioso, M., Patterson, C. A., Domenech Rodriguez, M., Smith, T., Dorn, U., & Bronder, E., *How Effective is Multicultural Counseling Training? Show Me the Data!* Research symposium presented at the 126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.



"The research group focused on examining the collegiate experience of racial and ethnic minorities attending predominantly white institutions. We sought to examine how one's ethnic identity affected the way in which they perceived their connectedness to campus as well as perceived stress, and if that very identity serves as a buffer or barrier to campus survival. The conference was an amazing experience for me personally and it fostered a new drive for research that I didn't have before participating." – Ashley Craft

Dr. Chavez-Korell, Dr. Shinye Kim, Ashley Craft & Dr. Newell

King, B., Belton, G., Brown, V., Darling, K., Jackson, T., Kamens, S., Kass, S., Kellogg, C., Nash, T., Obenauer, S., Rockwell, D., Schulz, S., & Vallejos, L. (2018, March). *#UsToo: An experiential uniting through the pain of America's rape culture*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.



Andrea Taylor & Carmen Cochran

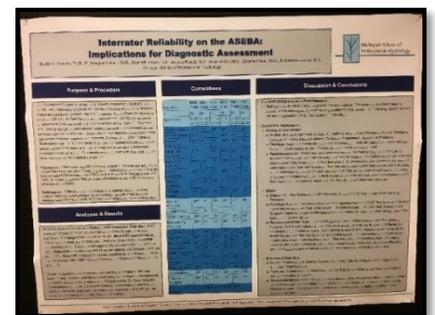
Reinders, R. L., Chavez-Korell, S., Muro-Rodriguez, N. J., Cochran, C. M., Taylor, A. L., Craft, A., & Cook, R. (2018, August). *Understanding the relationships between ethnic identity, perceptions of campus climate, & campus connectedness: A mixed methods study*. Poster presented at the 126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.

Shepler, D., Callan, D., Justice, M., Oliver, C., Width, A., Rawat, A., & Pollok, K. (2018, April). *Sluggish cognitive tempo: Clinical and research implications from clinical data*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.



Dr. Shepler, Andrea Rawat, Alicia Width, Kenneth Pollok, Dr. Callan, Michelle Justice & Charles Oliver

“Presenting at professional conferences, specifically MPA, has provided me with valuable research and networking opportunities. Conferences are unique environments specifically designated for like-minded individuals to share their passions and hard work with others.” - Michelle Justice



Poster presented at the 2018 MPA Conference

Shepler, D., Callan, D., Pollok, K., Rawat, A., Width, A., Oliver, C., & Justice, M. (2018, April). *Interrater reliability on the ASEBA: Implications for diagnostic assessment*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

**Shepler, D., Johnson, K., & Width, A. (2017). Risky sexual behavior and knowledge of HIV/AIDS transmission in a community sample: Sexual orientation, race, and gender. *Journal of Social, Behavioral, and Health Sciences*, 11.

Shepler, D., Obah, A., Sacka, A., Burgoyne, B., Suing, K., & Linton, B. (2018, April). *Predicting anti-transgender attitudes in straight, White adults*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.



Brian Burgoyne, Alyssa Sacka, Kristen Suing, Andrea Obah, Dr. Shepler

“The team looked at anti-trans attitudes and gender bashing (verbal and physical threats based off perceived gender presentation) and what may contribute to its occurrence. MPA was a highlight of my MA experience at the Michigan School of Psychology. Over the course of the year, our research group bonded as we became better researchers and writers led by Dr. Shepler.” – Brian Burgoyne

Shepler, D., Smendik, J., Cusick, K., & Tucker, D. (2018, April). *LGB adults in relationships: Ego and partner focused sexual satisfaction*. Poster presented at the 90th Annual Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

**Shepler, D., Smendik, J., Cusick, K., & Tucker, D. (2018). Predictors of sexual satisfaction for partnered lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 5(1), 25-35.

Faculty Scholarship

**Alkebulan, R., Roskos, P. T., Martin, H., Mahal, H., Morck, K., Savage, S., Peduzzi, J. (2018). *Cognitive and physical effects of an exercise program with enrichment on patients who have suffered a traumatic brain injury*. In Abstracts of scientific papers and posters presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Academic Physiatrists: Atlanta, Georgia; February 13-17, 2018. *American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 97(3), a5.

Bach, L. (2017, December). *An experiential approach to teaching key concepts and methods in qualitative research*. Poster presented at Qualitative Pluralism Conference, London, England.

Bach, L., & Blau, D. (2018, March). *Self-Transformation through heuristic inquiry*. Symposium accepted for the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.

Brown, F. (2017, December). *A qualitative heuristic study: The parentified psychotherapist’s experience of the psychotherapeutic process*. Symposium presented at the Qualitative Pluralism Conference, London, England.



Dr. Fran Brown

“It was exciting to collaborate with Scholars from other countries who also conduct qualitative research. And participating in these kinds of events provides me with the opportunity to talk about all the great things going on at MSP!”

– Dr. Fran Brown



Dr. Fran Brown

- Brown, F. (2018, April). *A qualitative heuristic study: The parentified psychotherapist's experience of the psychotherapeutic process*. Symposium presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Brown, F. (2018, February). *Coming out in stages: A developmental approach to LGBTQ identity*. Presented at Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Grosse Pointe, MI.
- Buzolits, J.S. (2017, July) *Trauma Stewardship: Navigating Our Response to Other's Trauma*. Presentation to Columbia University School of Nursing, New York, NY.
- Buzolits, J.S. (2018, March) *Trauma Stewardship: Navigating Our Response to Other's Trauma*, Presentation to Crime Victims Legal Aid Program, Lansing, MI.
- Buzolits, J.S (2018, August) *Working with Adults Survivors of Sexual Assault and Abuse*. Day long training for mental health providers sponsored by the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Lansing, MI.
- Callan, D., & Hamilton, D. (2018, April). *WAIS-IV interpretation through a neuropsychological perspective*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Chavez-Korell, S., Kim, S., Newell, M., & Muro-Rodriguez, N. J. (2018, August). *Examining the effects of a multicultural psychology course on masters-level student's development*. Poster presented at the 126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Chávez-Korell, S., Miller, H., & Hoffman, L. (2018, March). *Research, ethics, and social justice: A humanistic approach to research*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Annual Conference, Denver, CO.
- Chavez-Korell, S., Newell, M., Rouse, L. M., & Vandiver, B. (2018, August). *Research as a tool for social justice: Why and how to conduct research in partnership with community*. Symposium presented at the 126th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Chávez-Korell, S., Weinhardt, L. S., Stevens, P., John, S. A., Apchemengich, I., Kioko, D., Cochran, K. M., Watjen, J. M., Lambrou, N. H., & Muro, N. J. (2017). *Resilience, perceived stigma, social support, and self-esteem in transgender and gender non-conforming youth*. Poster presented at American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.
- **Chávez-Korell, S., Weinhardt, L. S., Stevens, P., John, S. A., Apchemengich, I., Kioko, D., Cochran, K. M., Watjen, J. M., Lambrou, N. H., & Muro, N. J. (2017). *Transgender and gender non-conforming youth's public facilities use and psychological well-being: A mixed-method study*. *Transgender Health*, 2, 140-150.
- Kass, S., Robbins, B., & Keenen, K. (2018, March). *A walk through the valley of the shadow of death: Perspectives on pixar's coco*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.
- King, B. (2018, March). *Therapy as ritual: Sacred intentionality in the 50-minute hour*. Paper session presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.

Xie, H., Weinhardt, L. S., Stevens, P., John, S. A., Apchemengich, I., Kioko, D., Chavez-Korell, S., Cochran, K., Watjen, J. M., Lambrou, N. H., & Muro, N. J. (2017, November). *Resilience, perceived stigma, social support, and self-esteem in transgender and gender non-conforming youth*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlanta, GA.

Student Scholarship

Chehab, S. (2018). *The impact of child maltreatment on attachment*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Collins, E. (2018). *Stigmatization: The effects on self-perception*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Cochran, C., Taylor, A., & Craft, A. (2018, April). *Campus climate and campus connectedness as experienced by students of color*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.

Cook, R. (2018, April). *Therapeutic considerations when working with African Americans impacted by racial trauma*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.

Cook, R. (2018). *The effects of racism and microaggressions on African Americans*. Poster presented at 9th Annual Diversity in Research & Practice Conference, Teacher's College, Columbia University, New York

Corbin, C. (2018, March). *How religion/spirituality can aid the psychological process*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.



Christopher Corbin

“I became interested in where the conversation of religion and supernaturality fell in terms of the relationship in psychotherapy, as result of a class discussion. I learned a great deal about the models and philosophies different practitioners held in terms of this topic. Once at the conference, I immediately felt supported and welcomed. I underestimated the number of professionals who were interested in my review, and because of this, I made great connections with researchers, professors, and clinicians.” – Chris Corbin

Corbin, C. (2018, April). *Post traumatic growth: Identity and treatment*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.

Davis-Moore, T., Hannivan, K., Wilcox, E., Torma, A., & Wilson, M. (2018). *What's the function? Using trial based functional analyses in a clinical setting*. Poster presented at Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan (BAAM) Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.

- Dluzynski, J. (2017). *Animal-Assisted interventions*. Poster session presented at Oakland Community College, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Dluzynski, J. (2017, April). *Information processing and attention*. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual Psi Chi Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Hall, A. (2018, April). *The effects of music therapy on Alzheimer's and dementia clients*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Houston, J., Cervantes, J. (2018, April). *Redefining palliative normalcy: Cultural barriers*. Poster session presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Justice, M. (2018). *Group identification and recidivism: Understanding how to better help criminal offenders*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Kapetansky, R. (2018). *Social stigma, belonging, and social influence: The autism experience*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Lemaire, L. (2018, April). *Effectiveness of herbal remedies on mood disorders and anxiety: A literature review*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- MacAdams, E. (2018). *Social support in the treatment of pain*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Magdison, A. (2018, April). *Unlocking unlimited potential: Exploring universal latent imagination*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- McKissic, A. (2018). *Ecology and ritual as healing*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Roberts, A. (2018, April). *Use of ketamine as a clinical treatment for mental disorders*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Rutland, B. (2018). *Social conformity in group therapy*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Sharpe, J. (2018, March). *The influence of interpersonal relationships on self-concept*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.
- Sisung, W. (2018). *Substance use treatment for women*. Poster presented at Michigan Academy of Arts and Letters, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Slade, C., & Spencer, H. (2018, March). *Building and maintaining self-esteem through healthy support systems in adolescents*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.



Cassidy Slade & Holly Spencer

“Holly and I conducted a literature search that focused on the impact of a health support system on an adolescent’s self-esteem. Through this research we found that various demographics and social networks were important in an adolescent’s self-esteem.” – Cassidy Slade

Slade, C. (2018, April). *The impact of persuasion during therapy for adolescents affected by trauma*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.

Taylor, A., Cochran, C., & Craft, A. (2018, April). *Considering diversity: Examining ethnic identity within groups*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.

Zarr, I. (2018, March). *Call for graduate education in the treatment of intimate partner violence*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Humanistic Psychology Conference, Denver, CO.

Roberts, A. (2018, April). *Use of ketamine as a clinical treatment for mental disorders*. Poster presented at the 4th Annual Mental Health Research Symposium, Farmington Hills, MI.

Dissertations Defended

Bies, C. (2018). *A woman’s experience of sexism: A heuristic study* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.

Billing, S. (2017). *The mother’s experience of an autism diagnosis for her child* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.

Dluzynski, J. (2017). *A quantitative assessment of anxiety and human-animal interaction* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.

Drake, P., (2018). *The experience of mid-life African American female graduate students in predominately White institutions* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.

Fienman, B. (2018). *A daughter’s perspective of her father’s influence on her parenting* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.

Fleezanis, M. (2017). *The effects of mild to moderate traumatic brain injury on emotional and neurocognitive functioning* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.

Johnson, K. (2018). *Video games, virtual reality, and aggression: Investigating the revised-general aggression model* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.



Kevin Johnson's Laboratory

"I can remember being told during my first week of doctoral school that you should pick a subject that you will not get tired of talking and writing about for at least two years. Being that I am still an avid video game player, I chose to study video games because it is obviously a huge passion of mine and I also realized I could use that information and translate it to working with adolescences in my private practice. It allows me to build rapport easily and show that I am not as old as I look." – Kevin Johnson

- Kadrich, H. (2018). *The experience of traumatic vision loss* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Linton, B. (2018). *The new mother's experience of modern motherhood* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Plessis, L. (2018). *The influence of continuous traumatic stress on the experience of compassion* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Rodorigo, R. (2018). *The experience of using social media to narrate gender transition* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Ross, J. (2018). *A first responder's experience of using humor as a coping mechanism* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Suing, K. (2018). *Patient satisfaction among transgender and gender nonconforming individuals: Factors affecting satisfaction with primary healthcare services* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Thain, A. (2018). *The use of film and television in psychotherapy* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Wallace, M. (2017). *Policing in the aftermath of deinstitutionalization: The experience of serving in the role of a crisis mental health worker* (Doctoral Dissertation). Michigan School of Professional Psychology, Farmington Hills, MI.