

Curriculum Vitae

Sierra Carter, PhD

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EDUCATION

- 2010 - 2016 **Doctorate of Philosophy**
Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Advisors: Steven R. Beach, PhD and Rheedra Walker, PhD
Dissertation Title: Longitudinal impact of discrimination on health: Mediators and moderators among African American youth
- 2015 - 2016 **Predoctoral Internship**
Atlanta VA Medical Center, Decatur, GA
- 2010 - 2013 **Master of Science**
Clinical Psychology
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Advisor: Rheedra Walker, PhD
Master's Thesis: Psychological, behavioral, and cultural factors that influence the relationship between perceived discrimination and chronic health illnesses among African American women
- 2006 - 2010 **Bachelor of Science**
Major in Psychology; Minor in Social and Economic Justice
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
Advisor: Enrique Neblett, PhD
Senior Honors Thesis: Psychological and physiological reactions to stressful situations and race-based discrimination

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 - present **Assistant Professor** (Tenure Track)
Department of Psychology
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 - present **Adjunct Faculty Member**
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 - present **Visiting Faculty Fellow**, Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars
Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (P30MH062294)
Yale University, School of Public Health. New Haven, CT.

2016 - 2018 **Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow**
Training Director: Nadine Kaslow, PhD, ABPP
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA
The Grady Trauma Project

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Licensure

2018 - present Licensed Clinical Psychologist in Georgia. License #: PSY004167

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My primary area of research focuses on racial health disparities and investigating how psychosocial and contextual stressors can affect both mental and physical health outcomes for underrepresented populations, with an emphasis on African American populations. My research focuses on utilizing novel techniques to examine stress biomarkers and physiological dysregulation linking psychosocial stressors with health and health behavior. I aim to implement innovative and integrative approaches to the study of psychosocial stressors and health disparities in order to inform prevention-oriented interventions among underserved and underrepresented populations.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 **Consulting Editorial Board Member for Cultural Diversity of Ethnic Minority Psychology (CDEMP) Journal**
- 2020 **Selected Participant in the 2020 Career Development Institute for Psychiatry (CDI)**
A two-year training experience for early career researchers. Selected participants work with faculty/mentors from the University of Pittsburgh & Stanford University as well as representatives from the National Institute of Mental Health.
- 2020 **Society of Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) Travel Fellowship Award**
Competitive award for distinguished Early Career Investigators recognizing excellence in scholarly activity.
- 2019 **Editorial Fellow for *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy Journal* (beginning in 2022 term)**
Competitive fellowship that provides a pathway for two early career psychologist to gain editorial experience. Fellows demonstrate a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion practices in the field of psychology.
- 2019 **40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health**, The 2019 National Minority Quality Forum, Congressional Black Caucus, Spring Health Braintrust. Washington, DC.
- 2017 **Alies Muskin Career Development Leadership Program Award**
Award given by the Anxiety and Depression Society of America (ADAA) that provides an intensive mentoring and professional development opportunity for early career clinicians and researchers.
- 2017 **Alternate- APA Minority Fellowship Program Postdoctoral Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS)**

- 2016 **Honorable Mention- APA Minority Fellowship Program Postdoctoral Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (MHSAS)**
- 2015 **Boardman-Forehand-Jackson Award Recipient**
Competitive monetary award given by the University of Georgia Clinical Psychology Department and Boardman family to the graduate student in his/her final year of training on campus who best embodies integrity, concern for others, and sense of ethics.
- 2015 **Florene M. Young Award Recipient**
Competitive monetary award given by the University of Georgia Clinical Psychology Department for an aspiring clinician who utilizes an empirical orientation to therapy, provides supportive mentorship, and who have a deep and abiding compassion for individuals who are suffering.
- 2014 **Louise McBee Award**
Competitive monetary award given by the Athens Area Psychological Association to a graduate student who embodies Dr. Louise McBee's dedication to the service of psychology and displays an interest in a career that includes either administration or advocacy as their career path.
- 2014 **Lee Roy B. Giles Encouragement Award Recipient**
Competitive monetary award given to a student who has exhibited excellence in the area of African American Studies, whether in research, practical application, or academic experience.
- 2014 **Dissertation Completion Award Psychology Department Nominee, University of Georgia**
- 2013 - 2014 **Associate Clinic Director of the University of Georgia Psychology Clinic**
Assistantship awarded to one doctoral student in the clinical psychology program each year that is responsible for the training and supervision of Clinic Assistants as well as managing the organization and day –to-day operations of the clinic.
- 2010 - 2012 **Graduate Recruitment Opportunities (GRO) assistantship, University of Georgia**
Assistantship awarded on a competitive basis to any entering graduate student who is considered first generation, educationally or economically disadvantaged, or represents aspects of a uniquely diverse background that adds to their discipline of study.
- 2010 **Graduate School's 2010 Summer Bridge Program Scholar, University of Georgia**
Assistantship awarded on a competitive basis to incoming graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to begin their graduate education at UGA in the summer semester rather than the fall.
- 2010 **Young scholars program winner, Society for Research on Adolescents Conference**
- 2009 **Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice program (MURAP) graduate, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

2008 **Public Service Scholar**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2008 **Leadership Institute Graduate through Diversity and Multicultural Affairs**,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

RESEARCH GRANTS

Ongoing Research Support

National Cancer Institute (NCI) Carter (PI) 10/2019-10/2022
Diversity Supplement Award (R01CA220254)

Contextual and Health Behavior Effects on Epigenetic Aging among African Americans

The purpose of this supplement award is to expand my research skill set to include new techniques in examining methylation-based mechanisms linking social influences with health and health behavior. During the award period I will also examine latent class models of depressive symptoms over time and examine the extent to which latent class membership is linked to early life experiences of racial discrimination for African Americans.
Funded Amount: \$157,161

National Institute of Mental Health Carter(PI) 09/2018-present
Research Educational Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS) Pilot Grant (2R25MH087217)

Exploring the Interconnected Influence of Trauma and Racial Discrimination on Stress-Related Disorders Comorbid with HIV in African American Women

The purpose of this pilot grant is to utilize qualitative, quantitative, and psychophysiological assessments to understand the multifaceted experiences of HIV-positive and HIV-negative African American women who have experienced chronic trauma exposure and have difficulty engaging in standard exposure-based trauma treatment protocols.
Funded Amount: \$20,000

Center for Research on Interpersonal Violence Carter (Co-PI) 01/2019-10/2019
Center for Research on Interpersonal Violence at Georgia State University SEED grant

Exploring Synergies Between Parent Life Experiences and Positive Parenting: A Feasibility Study of SafeCare with African American Mothers Who Have Experienced Prior Trauma

The primary aim of this mixed-methods pilot project is to examine the feasibility and initial outcomes of African American mother with high levels of trauma exposure who participate in SafeCare, an evidence-based parent training program.
Funded Amount: \$7,425

Completed Research Support

National Institute of Mental Health Carter(PI) *Awarded-but declined
Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship (F32)

Addressing Health Disparities by Examining the Influence of Race-Related Stress on Psychological and Physiological Health Outcomes for African American Adults

The goal of this project is to explore specific facets of race-related stress and PTSD clusters with the utilization of psychophysiological measurement among African American adults to aid in efforts to improve the success of trauma-focused therapy amongst underserved and underrepresented populations.

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Carter(PI) 2005

James Henley Thompson and Evelyn Barnett Thompson Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Research Grant
This grant was competitively awarded to an undergraduate student to aid in the completion of their honor's thesis and future publications.

Funded amount: \$500.00

Pending

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)- Loan Repayment Program

Carter (PI)

Proposal Title: Exploring the Impact of Racial Discrimination on Racial Mental Health Disparities: Informing Pathways to Intervention and Promoting Resiliency

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Carter (Co-I)

Proposal Title: Project NaviGate: Connecting Georgia to Substance Use and HIV Prevention

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Supervised student co-authors have asterisk ()*

1. Bijanki, K., van Rooij, S., Ely, T., Stevens, J., Inman, C., Fasano, R., Winters, S., **Carter, S.**, Drane, D., Jovanovic, T., Willie, J. (accepted). Case Series: Unilateral amygdala ablation ameliorates post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms and biomarkers. *Neurosurgery*.
2. Lakshman, M.,* Murphy, L., Mekawi, Y., **Carter, S.**, Briscione, M., Bradley, B., Tone, E. B., Norrholm, S. D., Jovanovic, T., Powers, A. (accepted). Attention bias towards threat in African American children exposed to early life trauma. *Behavioural Brain Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bbr.2020.112513>
3. Hyatt, C.,* Maples-Keller, J., Crowe, M., Sleep, C., **Carter, S.**, Michopoulos, V., Stevens, J., Jovanovic, T., Miller, J., & Powers, A. (in press). Psychometric properties of the Personality Inventory for DSM-5-Brief Form in a Community. *Journal of Personality Assessment*.
4. Beach, S.R.H., Ong, M.L., Lei, K.M., Klopach, E.T., **Carter, S.E.**, Simons, R.L., Gibbons, F.X., Philibert, R.A., Ye, K. (in press). Childhood adversity is linked to adult health among African Americans via adolescent weight gain and effects are genetically moderated. *Development and Psychopathology*.
5. **Carter, S.E.**, Ong, M.L., Simons, R.L., Gibbons, F.X., Lei, M.K., & Beach, S.R.H. (2019). The effect of early discrimination on accelerated aging among African Americans. *Health Psychology*.
6. Salami, T., **Carter, S.E.**, Flowers, K.C., & Walker, R. (2019). The influence of race-related stress on eating disorder pathology: The mediating role of depression and moderating role of cultural worldview among Black American women. *Journal of Black Psychology*. 45(6-7), 571-598.
7. Harris, C.E.* , **Carter, S.E.**, Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (2019). Impulsivity mediates the link between childhood sexual abuse and juvenile incarceration among low-income African American women. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*. 1-21.
8. Katrinli, S., Lori, A., Kilaru, V., **Carter, S.**, Powers, A., Gillespie, C., Wingo, A., Michopoulos, V., Jovanovic, T., Ressler, K., & Smith, A. (2019). Association of HLA locus alleles with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. *Brain Behavior and Immunity*, 81, 655-658.

9. **Carter, S.**, Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (2019). PTSD and self-rated health in urban traumatized African American adults: The mediating role of emotion regulation. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tra0000472>.
10. Simons, R. L., Lei, M. K., **Carter, S.**, Beach, S. R., Gibbons, F. X., Gerrard, M., & Philibert, R. A. (2019). Inflammation mediates the effect of discrimination, religiosity, and friendship network on expression of the Tp53 cancer suppressor gene. *SSM-Population Health*, 100389.
11. Franco, M., & **Carter, S.** (2019). Discrimination from family and substance use for multiracial individuals. *Addictive Behaviors*, 92, 203-207.
12. Metzger, I.W., Salami, T.K., **Carter, S.E.**, Halliday-Boykins, C., Anderson, R.E., Jernigan, M., Ritchwood, T. (2018). African American emerging adults' experiences with racial discrimination and drinking habits: The moderating role of perceived stress. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 24(4), 489.
13. Powers, A., Fani, N., **Carter, S.**, Cross, D., Cloitre, M., & Bradley, B. (2017). Differential predictors of DSM-5 PTSD and ICD-11 complex PTSD among African American women. *European Journal of Psychotraumatology*, 8(1), 1338914.
14. Walker, R.L., Salami, T., **Carter, S.E.**, Flowers, K.C. (2017). Religious coping style and cultural worldview are associated with suicide ideation among African American adults. *Archives of Suicide Research*, 22(1), 106-117.
15. **Carter, S.E.**, Walker, R.L, Cutrona, C.E., Simons, R.L., Beach, S.R.H. (2016). Anxiety mediates perceived discrimination and health in African American women. *American Journal of Health Behavior*, 40(6), 697-704.
16. **Carter, S.E.**, & Walker, R.L (2014). Anxiety symptomatology and perceived health in African American adults: Moderating role of emotion regulation. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 20(3), 307.
17. Walker, R.L., Salami, T. K., **Carter, S. E.**, & Flowers, K. C. (2014). Perceived racism and suicide ideation: Mediating role of depression but moderating role of religiosity among African American adults. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*, 44(5), 548-559.
18. Neblett, E.W., Jr., & **Carter, S.E.** (2012). The protective role of racial identity and Africentric Worldview in the association between racial discrimination and blood pressure. *Psychosomatic Medicine*, 74(5), 509-516. PMID: 22685241.

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Neblett, E.W., Jr., Gaskin, A.L., Lee, D.B., & **Carter, S.E.** (2010). *Discrimination, racial and ethnic*. In B. Brown & M. Prinstein (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Adolescence*.

OTHER PUBLISHED WORK

1. Lori, A., Katrinli, S., **Carter, S.**, Kerley, K., Guffanti, G., Gillespie, C., Bradley, B., Jovanovic, T., Duncan, E., Pearce, B., Hinrichs, R., Smith, A., & Ressler, K. (2019). Genetic risk for hospitalization in serious mental illness. *Biological Psychiatry*, 85(10), S152. (Published Abstract).

2. Michopoulos, V., **Carter, S.**, Ofotokun, I., Jovanovic, T., & Neigh, G. (2017, September). Rates of adult and childhood trauma in Atlanta Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS) Cohort. *Abstract in Journal of Women's Health*. (Vol. 26, No. 9, pp. 1033-1033). (Published Abstract).
3. Hack, L., Jovanovic, T., **Carter, S.**, Ressler, K., & Smith, A. (2017). Suicide prediction using machine learning techniques in screening and clinician-derived data. *Biological Psychiatry*, 81(10), S361. (Published Abstract).
4. **Carter, S.** (2017). Prevention and Coping with Anxiety. *Anxiety.org*: <https://www.anxiety.org/what-is-anxiety>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Supervised student co-authors have asterisk (*)

1. Leblanc, N., Alexander, K., Crean, H., **Carter, S.**, Ingram, L., Kobie, J., McMahon, J., & Senn, T., (revise and resubmit). Effects of trauma and violence on sexual health of female clinic clients in a small Northeastern US Urban Center. *Women's Health Report*.
2. Maples-Keller, J., Hyatt, C., Sleep, C., Stevens, J., Fenlon, E., Rothbaum, B., Ressler, K., **Carter, S.**, Bradley, B., Fani, N., Powers, A., & Michopoulos, V. (revise and resubmit). Domains of the DSM-5 Alternative Model of Personality Disorders and PTSD symptoms in a highly traumatized urban sample and prospective sample of trauma survivors. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*.
3. Hart, A.R.,* Lavner, J.A., **Carter, S.E.**, Beach, S.R.H. (revise and resubmit). Racial discrimination, depressive symptoms, and sleep problems among Blacks in the rural south. *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*.
4. Hampton-Anderson, J., **Carter, S.**, Lamis, D., Fani, N., Powers, A., Henry, T., Holmes, E., Gillespie, C., Maples-Keller, J., Sonu, S., Loparo, D., & Kaslow, N. (under review) Adverse child experiences in African Americans: Framework, Practice and Policy. Submitted to *American Psychologist* special issue: "Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Translation to Action"
5. Mekawi, Y., **Carter, S.**, Brown, B., Martinex de Andino, A., Fani, N., Michopoulos, V., Powers, A. (under review). Interpersonal trauma and posttraumatic stress disorder among African American women: Does racial discrimination matter? *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation-Special Issue*.
6. Ong, M.L., Klopach, E.T., **Carter, S.E.**, Simons, R.L., Lei, K.M., Beach, S.R.H. (under review). Early school disengagement as a predictor of accelerated aging in adulthood for African Americans: The mediating role of maladjustment in young adulthood. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*.

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

1. **Carter, S.E.** (invited, October 2019). *Implementing Culturally Competent Trauma-Informed Care in Hospital Settings: The Importance of Race and Racism*. Trauma Informed Care Training Day. Invited Workshop. Emory University School of Medicine.
2. **Carter, S.E.**, & Stojek, M.M. (invited, July 2019). *Mental Health and Me: How to Care for Myself when I Care for Others Who Have Experienced Trauma*. Invited Workshop. Friends of Refugees. Clarkston, GA.

3. **Carter, S.E.** (invited, April 2019). *Exploring the Impact of Racial Discrimination on Racial Health Disparities: Informing Pathways to Intervention and Promoting Resiliency*. Invited Talk. Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA.
4. Powers, A., & **Carter, S.E.** (invited, March 2019). *Assessing Trauma Exposure in the Primary Care Community*. Grady Memorial Hospital Section of General Medicine and Geriatrics. Invited Training. Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA.
5. **Carter, S.E.** (invited, 2018). *Culture, Risk, and Resilience: Pathways to Understanding Racial Health Disparities and Informing Areas of Intervention*. Clinical Colloquium Spring Proseminar Series. Invited Talk. University of Georgia. Athens, GA.
6. **Carter, S.E.** (invited, 2018). *Mental Health Assessment and Treatment in Refugee Populations*. Invited Workshop. Friends of Refugees. Clarkston, GA.
7. **Carter, S.E.** (invited, 2018). *Cognitive Processing Therapy Training*. Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Psychiatry Internship Cohort. Invited Training. Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA.

MEDIA COVERAGE

1. “Georgia State research finds early life racial discrimination linked to depression, accelerated aging for African Americans” (Carter et al., 2019); Featured on The Aspen Institute’s “Five Best Ideas of the Day”, the Georgia State University NEWS HUB, EurekAlert!, BlackHealthMatters.com, News Medical Life Sciences, <https://www.aspeninstitute.org/ideas/2019/10/02/>
2. “Closer Look: Georgia State Professor Researches Link Between Discrimination and Children’s Health” (Carter et al., 2019); Featured on WABE 90.1 FM: NPR’s Local Atlanta Radio Station: <https://www.wabe.org/episode/closer-look-georgia-state-professor-researches-link-between-discrimination-and-childrens-health-fbi-atlanta-mercer-partner-to-create-cybersecurity-program-for-high-school-students/>
3. “Georgia State Research Shows Link Between Racial Discrimination And Accelerated Aging, Depression” (Carter et al., 2019); Featured on Georgia Public Broadcasting (GPB) Radio News NPR “On Second Thought”: <https://www.gpbnews.org/post/georgia-state-research-shows-link-between-racial-discrimination-and-accelerated-aging>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Supervised student co-authors have asterisk ()*

1. **Carter, S.E.** (December, 2019). Examining the Biomarkers of Racial Discrimination and its Relation to PTSD among Low Income African American Women. In T. Bale (Chair). *Unraveling the Biological Basis of the Perceived Stress of Racism and Its Impact on Mental Health*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Orlando, FL.
2. **Carter, S.E.** (November, 2019). Risk and Resilience: Examining Risk and Protective Factors in the Relationship Between Race-Related Stress, PTSD, and Health for African Americans. In **S. Carter (Chair)**. *Understanding and Promoting Healing/Resilience Against Racial Trauma and Violence-Related Disparities Among Populations of Color*. Symposium presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Convention, Boston, MA.
3. **Carter, S.E.** (November, 2019). *Risk and Resilience Factors in Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations*. **S. Carter (Discussant)**. In A. Martinez de Andino (Chair). Symposium presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA.

4. **Carter, S.E.** (April, 2019). *Creating Change in Systems of Care and Professional Settings to Address Systemic Inequities*. In L. Eustis & K. Lewis (Chairs). Panel roundtable presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention, Chicago, IL.
5. **Carter, S.E.** (April, 2019). The Impact of Race-Related Stress in the Relationship Between PTSD Symptoms and Functional Impairments among Urban African American Women. In L. Wadsworth & B. Sawyer (Chairs). Symposium presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention, Chicago, IL.
6. **Carter, S.E.** (Nov, 2018). Influences of Race-Related Stress on PTSD Symptom Clusters, Negative Affective States, and Health-Risk Behaviors in an Urban African American Community Sample. In J. Yang (Chair). *Race-Based Traumatic Stress: Conceptualizing, Measuring, Training, and Clinical Implications*. Symposium presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Convention, Washington, DC.
7. Clifford, A.,* **Carter, S.**, Kim, Y., Duncan, A., Powers, A., Bradley, B. Jovanovic, T. (Nov, 2018). Examining the Relationship Between Trauma Exposure and Emotion Regulation: The Moderating Role of Socioeconomic Status. Poster presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Convention, Washington, DC.
8. **Carter, S.E.** (April, 2018). Influences of racial discrimination on psychological outcomes and health-risk behaviors in a high-risk, urban, African American community sample. In J. Stevens (Chair). *Trauma: Contextual and Race-Related Considerations*. Symposium presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention, Washington, DC.
9. **Carter, S.E.** (April, 2018). The influence of high trauma exposure on health outcomes and health-relevant behaviors amongst African Americans. In V. Michopoulos (Chair). *Interdisciplinary Impacts of Trauma Exposure in a Large Urban Sample of Highly Traumatized African Americans*. Symposium presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention, Washington, DC.
10. Kim, Y.,* **Carter, S.**, Clifford, A., Thompson, N., Jovanovic, T., & Bradley, B. (April, 2018). Maternal criminal involvement and the differential prevalence of her child's PTSD. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of American Convention.
11. Thompson, N.,* **Carter, S.**, Haseen, B., Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (April, 2018). The differential influence of spirituality and communal religious practice on the relationship between intimate partner violence and PTSD symptomatology amongst African American men and women. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention.
12. Duncan, A.,* **Carter, S.**, Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (April, 2018). Interpersonal violence and PTSD diagnosis: An investigation of the importance of trauma type and the moderating role of resilience in African American women. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention.
13. La Barrie, D.,* Hardy, R., Clendinen, C. Vance, A., **Carter, S.**, Jovanovic, J., Bradley, B., & Fani, N. (April, 2018). Maternal cognitive control as a contributing factor to dysregulated eating in children. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention.

14. **Carter, S.E.**, Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (November, 2017). Early trauma exposure, life stress, and racial discrimination influences on substance use in a high-risk community sample. Poster presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Convention.
15. **Carter, S.E.**, Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (April, 2017). PTSD and perceptions of health in a primarily African American sample: The mediating role of emotion regulation and moderating role of maternal stability and warmth. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention.
16. Harris, C.,* **Carter, S.**, Powers, A., & Bradley, B. (April, 2017). Impulsivity mediates the link between childhood trauma and violent offending in a non-incarcerated sample of low-income African Americans. Poster presented at the Anxiety and Depression Association of America Convention.
17. **Carter, S.E.**, Salami, T.K., Walker, R.L., & Beach, S.R.H. (November, 2014). Perceived racial discrimination is associated with chronic health problems among African American women: Mediation by anxiety and moderation by health-promoting behaviors. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention Special Interest Group - African Americans in Behavior Therapy.
18. Salami, T.K., **Carter, S.E.**, Walker, R.L., & Beach, S.R.H. (November 2014). Does race matter for detecting cognitive vulnerability to depression? Examination of cognitive vulnerability measures among African Americans and European Americans. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention Special Interest Group - African Americans in Behavior Therapy.
19. Loucks, L., **Carter, S.E.**, & Shaffer, A. (November 2013). Parental psychological control and child risk behavior: The importance of peer relationships for African American youth. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention
20. Walker, R.L., Salami, T.K., **Carter, S.E.**, & Flowers, K.C. (August 2013). Cultural worldview, religious coping style, and suicide ideation among African American adults. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Convention.
21. **Carter, S.E.**, Walker, R.L., Flowers, K.C., & Salami, T.K. (June 2013). Psychological, behavioral, and cultural factors that influence the relationship between perceived discrimination and chronic health illnesses among African American women. Poster presented at the Black Graduate Conference for Students in Psychology.
22. Flowers, K. C. Smart, L., Salami, T. K., **Carter, S. E.**, & Walker, R. L. (April 2012). Gender differences in impulsivity and emotion regulation among college students with and without a history of deliberate self-harm. Poster presented at the American Association of Suicidology 45th Annual Conference.
23. **Carter, S.E.**, Walker, R., Salami, T., & Flowers, K. (November 2011). Emotion regulation, perceived health, and symptoms of anxiety in a community sample of African American adults. Poster presented at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention.
24. **Carter, S.E.**, Walker, R., Salami, T., & Flowers, K. (June 2011). Emotion regulation, perceived health, and symptoms of anxiety in a community sample of African American adults. Poster presented at the Black Graduate Conference for Students in Psychology.

25. Flowers, K., Salami, T., **Carter, S.E.**, & Walker, R. (April 28, 2011). Perceived racism, hopelessness, and eating disorder pathology among African American women: A community study. Poster presented at the International Conference of Eating Disorders
26. Walker, R.L., **Carter, S.E.**, Brody, G.H., Simons, R.L., Cutrona, C., & Gibbons, F. (April, 2011). Perceived discrimination and suicide ideation in a longitudinal sample of African American girls and boys: Mediating effects of depressive and anxious symptoms. Poster presented at the American Association of Suicidology 44th Annual Convention.
27. **Carter, S.E.**, Neblett, E.W., Jr. (March 12, 2010). Racial and cultural factors and blood pressure in the African American community. Poster presented at the Black Graduate Conference for Students in Psychology.
28. **Carter, S.E.**, Neblett, E.W., Jr. (March 12, 2010). Racial and cultural factors and blood pressure in African American late adolescents. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
29. **Carter, S.E.** (2009, July). Racial and cultural factors and blood pressure in the African American community. MURAP Conference Presentation.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

1. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology
 - *** Consulting Editorial Board Member: 2020**
2. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Journal of Black Psychology
3. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Child Abuse and Neglect
4. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy
 - ***Editorial Early Career Fellow: 2022**
5. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Journal of Community Psychology
6. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Journal of Black Studies
7. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Journal of Psychiatric Research
8. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Current Psychology
9. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Journal of Research on Aging
10. **Ad hoc reviewer:** Journal of Marriage and Family

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ABSTRACT REVIEWER

1. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Abstract Reviewer (2019, 2020)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016 - 2018

Postdoctoral Fellow-Research Coordinator

Grady Trauma Project, Emory University School of Medicine

Research Team: Bekh Bradley, PhD, Tanja Jovanovic, PhD, Charles Gillespie, MD, PhD, Abigail Powers Lott, PhD, Negar Fani, PhD, and Kerry Ressler MD, PHD

- Duties: Data management of Grady Trauma Project datasets; manuscript preparation, and grant writing
- Research focus: Utilization of psychophysiological measures and biobehavioral assessments to examine how psychosocial stress can effect development and exacerbation of chronic illnesses and stress-related disorders amongst African Americans.

- 2012 - 2015 **Research Assistant**
Center for Family Research Lab, University of Georgia
Supervisor: Steven Beach, PhD
- Duties: lab/project coordinator, undergraduate supervisor, and prepared manuscripts focusing on the influence of stress and community characteristics that can influence psychological and physical outcomes among African American families
 - Training: Mplus; Meta-analysis (Comprehensive Meta-Analysis Software- CMA)
- 2010 - 2015 **Research Assistant**
Culture Risk and Resilience Lab, University of Georgia
Supervisor: Rheedra Walker, PhD
- Duties: lab/project coordinator, undergraduate supervisor, designed and prepared research projects focusing on risk and resiliency to health related outcomes within African American communities
 - Training: SPSS; Lime Survey
- 2009 - 2010 **Research Scholar**
African American Youth Wellness Lab, UNC Chapel Hill
Supervisor: Enrique Neblett, PhD
- Duties: Assessed research measurements and conducted psychological and physiological testing investigating individual and situational determinants of psychophysiological responses to race-based discrimination

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & GUEST LECTURES

Assistant Professor

Georgia State University

- Fall 2019 Multicultural Psychology (PSYC 3570)
Spring 2019 Issues of Human Diversity in Psychology (Graduate Level Course- PSYC 8060)
Spring 2019 Multicultural Psychology (PSYC 3570)
Fall 2018 Multicultural Psychology (PSYC 3570)

Graduate Student Instructor

University of Georgia

- Spring 2015 Psychology of Adjustment
Fall 2014 Psychology of Adjustment

Invited Guest Lecturer

University of Georgia

- Spring 2014 Psychology of Adjustment
Lecture Title: Perceptions of Racial Discrimination in the African American Community: An Examination of Health Implications
- Fall 2013 Psychology of Adjustment
Lecture Title: The Chronic Effects of Racial Discrimination in the African American Community: An Examination of Health Implications

**Teaching Assistant
University of Georgia**

Summer 2012 Introduction to Psychology

GRADUATE STUDENT THESIS COMMITTEES

Georgia State University

- Fall, 2019 Dissertation Thesis committee member: Jessica Miller
Proposed: December, 2019
Post-Migration Discrimination and Mental Health in Refugee Women: An Intersectional Approach
- Fall, 2019 Dissertation Thesis committee member: Daniel Snook
Proposed: December, 2019
Fear and Loathing: Risk Perception for Terrorism and its Relationship with Islamophobic Attitudes and Behaviors
- Fall, 2019 Master's Thesis committee member: Aisha Walker
Proposed: November, 2019
Racism Stress and Self Concept: The Moderating Role of Ethnic-Racial Socialization
- Fall, 2019 Dissertation Thesis committee member: Nadim Khatib
Proposed: August, 2019
Club and Individual Level Youth Voice as a Predictor of Community Service through Empowerment: Longitudinal Analysis
- Spring, 2019 Master's Thesis committee member: Donovan Ellis
Proposed: April, 2019
Improving the Acceptability of Internet-Based Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Among Black Americans

UNDERGRADUATE HONOR'S THESIS

Georgia State University

- Spring, 2019 Thesis committee member: Grace Packard
Defended: April, 2019
The Relation Between Trait Mindfulness and Attention Bias Towards Threat in a Sample with Social Anxiety Disorder

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 -2018 **Clinical Psychology Postdoctoral Fellow**
Emory University School of Medicine- Grady Trauma Project
Supervisors: Bekh Bradley, PhD, Abigail Powers Lott, PhD, Negar Fani, PhD, and Kerry Ressler MD, PhD
- Responsible for training and supervision of staff and practicum students
 - Supervise and complete extensive psychodiagnostic assessments of trauma related

symptoms (e.g., Clinic Administered PTSD Scale-CAPS and Mini-SCID) in a highly traumatized, low socioeconomic status, diverse, and underserved population

- Discuss referral options with potential clients and practitioners
- Provide evidence-based treatment for patients who have experienced trauma and have a primary diagnosis of PTSD or major depressive disorder
 - Provide emotion regulation and mindfulness skills to patients as part of a NIMH funded therapeutic intervention study

2015 – 2016

Predoctoral Psychology Intern (APA Accredited)

Atlanta Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Decatur, GA

Directors of Training: Andrea Michels, PhD & Evelyn Lemoine, PhD

General responsibilities:

- Provide individual and group therapy via outpatient and residential settings.
- Participate in weekly individual and group supervision
- Attend weekly didactic seminars, including psychotherapy (e.g., therapeutic skills, evidence-based therapy didactics), cultural diversity, ethics, clinical health, psychological assessment

Major Rotation: Military Sexual Trauma/Dialectical Behavioral Therapy Team (MST/DBT Team)

August 2015 – February 2016

Supervisor: Meghna Patel, PhD, ABPP

- Duties included providing assessment and treatment services to male and female veterans who have experienced sexual trauma; providing individual and group therapy to Trauma Recovery Program patients who have Borderline Personality Disorder

Minor Rotation: Multicultural/Diversity Program

August 2015 – February 2016

Supervisor: Deauna Webb, PsyD

- Duties included providing direct services to veterans who present with primary multicultural and diversity issues
 - Provided individual therapy treatment to veteran's presenting with mental health concerns related to diversity issues (i.e., gender identity, race-based trauma, HIV/infectious disease, etc...)
 - Completed cross-sex hormone therapy and sexual reassignment surgery mental health evaluations for transgender veterans
 - Completed a capstone project intended to increase awareness of diversity issues. Current project: Developing a evidence-based protocol for a "Coping with Race-Related Experiences" group

Major Rotation: Health Psychology

February 2016-August 2016

Supervisors: Jennifer Steiner, PhD; Sharon Shatil, PhD; Mark Ackerman, PhD

- Duties included providing psycho-behavioral interventions with patients manifesting medical conditions
 - Programs included in this rotation: Smoking cessation, Chronic Pain Management, Sexual Health Counseling, Cardiology Consultation, and Sleep Management

- Completed pre-transplant psychosocial evaluations for patients who were referred by various specialty services

Minor Rotation: Substance Abuse Treatment Program

February 2016-August 2016

Supervisor: Joy Reeves, PsyD

- Duties included providing individual and group treatment for veterans at various stages of the substance abuse recovery process, as well as develop and lead a psychoeducational group
 - Provided evidenced based integrative treatment (Seeking Safety) to help veterans attain safety from trauma/PTSD and substance abuse
 - Attend multidisciplinary treatment team meetings

2014 – 2015

Women’s Wellness Clinic- Primary Care/ Mental Health Integration Practicum Externship

Atlanta Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center, Decatur, GA

Supervisor: Lisa Ferdinand, PhD

- Duties included evaluation of veterans with mental health concerns referred by primary care providers (PCPs), referral of patients to specialty mental health care who require this care, and provision of services to appropriate primary care patients in a collaborative framework with PCPs
 - As appropriate, provided brief short-term psychotherapy (10 sessions or less) for a variety of presenting problems
 - Provided time-limited group psychotherapy (e.g., Depression and Chronic Health Illnesses group)

2013 -2015

Grady Trauma Project Behavioral Health Practicum Externship Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Supervisor(s): Bekh Bradley PhD, Dorthie Cross, PhD, Abigail Powers Lott, PhD, Negar Fani, PhD, and Kerry Ressler MD, PHD

- Duties included completing extensive psychodiagnostic assessments of trauma related symptoms (e.g., Clinic Administered PTSD Scale-CAPS and Mini-SCID) in a highly traumatized, low socioeconomic status, diverse, and underserved population

2013 – 2014

AIDS Athens Grief Group & Depression, Stress Management, and Acceptance Groups

AIDS Athens- AIDS and HIV Supportive Services, Athens, GA

Supervisor: Andrea M. Jones, PhD

- Duties included co-facilitating a psychoeducational and empirically based treatment group for individuals diagnosed with HIV and experiencing difficulties coping with grief

2013 – 2014

Associate Director, University of Georgia Psychology Clinic

University of Georgia Psychology Clinic, Athens, GA

Supervisors: Anne Shaffer, PhD and Andrea M. Jones, PhD

- Duties: Responsible for training and supervision of Clinic Assistants; responsible for editing intake reports; aided in risk assessment for UGA Psychology Clinic; discussed referral options with potential clients and practitioners; provided assistance in

creating, editing, and enforcing clinic policies; assisted with case management (i.e., assisting therapists and administrative associates with meeting case needs within policies of the clinic); worked to increase community outreach and clinic accessibility to the community

2012 – 2013

Clinic Assistant

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Supervisor: Dr. Anne Shaffer

- Duties included conducting all intake evaluations on clients seeking services at the University of Georgia Psychology Clinic
 - Carried a pager for handling client emergencies and other clinic-related problems, and manage the organization and day-to-day operations of the clinic
 - Completed psychodiagnostic child and adolescent assessments for learning disabilities

Summer 2012

Adult Therapy Practicum

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Supervisor(s): Cynthia Suveg, PhD, Joan Jackson, PhD, and Amos Zeichner, PhD

- Duties included providing weekly individual therapy to university students and community members, implementing empirically supported treatments, conducting diagnostic clinical interviews with university students and community members

2011 – 2012

Emotion Disorders Therapy Practicum

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Supervisor: Dr. Rheeda Walker

- Duties included providing weekly individual therapy to university students and community members, implementing empirically supported treatments

2010 – 2011

Domestic Violence Group for Women

Project Safe Domestic Violence Shelter, Athens, GA

Supervisor: Joan Jackson, PhD

- Duties included co-facilitating a psychoeducational group for survivors of intimate partner violence

Summer 2011

Adult/Child Therapy Practicum

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Supervisor: Dr. Anne Shaffer

- Duties included providing individual therapy to university students and community members, conducting comprehensive behavioral, psychological, and educational assessments with adults, implementing empirically supported treatments

2010 – 2011

Adult Therapy Practicum

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Supervisor: Dr. Joan Jackson

- Duties included providing weekly individual therapy to community members and university students, implementing empirically supported treatments, conducting diagnostic clinical interviews with university students and community members,

administering self-report measures of cognitive-behavioral and psychological functioning, writing treatment summaries and weekly progress notes, and on-going case conceptualization and treatment planning.

WORKSHOPS/SPECIAL TRAININGS

2015 – 2016

Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) Training

Atlanta Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Decatur, GA

Trainer: Meghna Patel, PhD, ABPP

- Attended 3-day training for CPT
- Participated in weekly consultation on cases
- I am eligible to be a certified CPT provider within the VA system

2015

Prolonged Exposure Therapy Training

Atlanta Veteran's Affairs Medical Center, Decatur, GA

Trainer: Millie Astin, PhD; Andrea Michels, PhD

- Attended 4-day clinical training seminar regarding Prolonged Exposure (PE) training protocol (Foa, Hembree, & Olaslov, 2007)

2014

Introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Georgia Psychological Association Office, Atlanta, GA

Trainer: Jennifer Smith, PsyD

2011

Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics

Tourette Syndrome Association Medication Education Program, Athens, GA

Trainer: Douglas Woods, PhD

CLINICAL/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Spring 2014

Campus Ministries Presentation of UGA Psychology Clinic Resources

Presbyterian Student Center at the University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Presenters: Sierra Carter and Joanna Lamkin

- Provided a presentation with other clinical service providers in the Athens, GA community about clinical services offered at the UGA Psychology Clinic

Spring 2014

Stress Management Trainer at the annual TORCH Conference (Teens Organizing Change Conference)

University of Georgia Health Center, Athens, GA

Presenter: Sierra Carter

Training presentation title: I'm Sooo Stressed: Helping Teens Manage Their Stress

- Provided stress management training to UGA students and adult mentors who work with teens in the Athens, GA community
- Discussed and practiced stress management strategies that can help teens reduce and manage their stress levels

Spring 2013

Community Outreach Speaker at the Delta Phi Omega Sorority Chapter Meeting

Title: Same Name, Different Look: Bullying in College Campuses

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Presenters: Sierra Carter & Laura Loucks

- Goal: Provide sorority members with information regarding bullying on college campuses, including relational aggression and cyberbullying, identifying bullying behavior, outcomes of bullying for both victims and perpetrators, strategies for reducing bullying, and seeking assistance when experiencing or become aware of bullying

Summer 2013,
Fall 2014

Thankful Baptist Church Health Fair
Athens, GA

- Presented poster about clinic services, and provided information about depression, anxiety, and suicide in underrepresented groups to individuals from a community church organization

Summer 2013

Robert W. Dail Memorial Treatment Center Health Fair
Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Commerce, GA

- Conducted a health fair information booth about clinical services offered at the UGA Psychology Clinic
 - Provided information about substance abuse, depression, and anxiety treatments offered in the clinic

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2019 - present Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapy (ABCT)
 - Member of ABCT Task Force to Promote Equity, Access, and Inclusion
- 2018 - present International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Convention (ISTSS)
- 2017 - present Anxiety and Depression Society of America (ADAA)
- 2017 - present The Association of Black Psychologists
- 2017 - present Georgia Psychological Association
- 2010 - present American Psychological Association
- 2010 - 2015 Diversity Committee University of Georgia (Vice President-2011; President-2012)
- 2011 - 2012 Graduate and Professional Scholars Public Relations Committee
- 2009 - 2010 Psi Chi Vice President
- 2008 - 2009 Psi Chi Volunteer Coordinator
- 2008 – 2010 TABLE NC Nonprofit-Feeding Local Hungry Kids- Board of Directors

REFERENCES

Available on request