

The Summer Research Institute at the
Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute

Scholar Research Day

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Westside Conference Center, Rooms A & B

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Program

1:00pm – Introduction and Welcome

1:10pm – Panel #1

Roseanna Sommers, *Effects of race/ethnicity, age, and gender on dosages and monitoring of antidepressant medication: An examination of Florida Medicaid*

Anna Alcaro, *Racial/ethnic differences in body-image dissatisfaction and eating attitudes of college students*

Erica Johnson, *Conceptualizing fatherhood: Gender and racial/ethnic differences in the expectations of responsible fathering*

Julia Friederich, *Knowledge, trust, and experience of hormonal contraceptives among diverse college women*

1:50pm – Questions for Panel #1

2:00pm – Panel #2

Krystal Montes De Oca, *Disposition of juvenile justice encounters and the likelihood of recidivism among youth in out-of-home care*

Cailey Miller, *Reliability of risk judgments in sexually violent predator proceedings*

Amber Hannah, *Evaluation of a drug court serving female prescription drug misusers: Relationship of substance use to co-occurring trauma history and symptoms*

Nicole Graham, *The association between childhood abuse and psychopathy in rapists and child molesters referred for civil commitment under Florida's sexually violent predator statute*

2:40pm – Questions for Panel #2 and Break

3:00pm – Panel #3

Sasha Thompson, *An assessment of the project evaluation of preparation for successfully identifying implementation of school-wide Positive Behavior Support*

Yvette Güereca, *An evaluation of mood disorders and prescription drug abuse among women participating in the WeCare program*

Nia Gordon, *Availability of mental health care in assisted living facilities*

Jenny Greene, *The impact of family caregiving on the well-being of youth caregivers: A secondary data analysis on middle school students*

Abena Sarfo-Mensah, *Achieving peace of mind: Coping strategies of war and conflict-impacted West Africans in the Tampa Bay area*

3:50pm – Questions for Panel #3

4:10pm – Farewell Reception (in FMHI Atrium)

2009 Summer Research Institute Scholars

Anna Alcaro

Mentor: David Himmelgreen
Home School: Penn State University

Erica Johnson

Mentors: Catherine Batsche, Robert Lucio
Home School: University of Central Missouri

Julia Friederich

Mentor: Nancy Romera Daza
Home School: University of Georgia

Cailey Miller

Mentor: Randy Otto
Home School: University of South Florida

Nia Gordon

Mentors: Victor Molinari, Deborah Dobbs
Home School: University of Florida

Krystal De Oca Montes

Mentors: John Robst, Norin Dollard
Home School: Illinois State University

Nicole Graham

Mentor: Eva Kimonis
Home School: University of South Florida

Abena Sarfo-Mensah

Mentors: Mario Hernandez, Teresa Nesman
Home School: University of Connecticut

Jenny Greene

Mentor: Donna Cohen
Home School: University of South Florida

Roseanna Sommers

Mentors: Airia Papadopoulos, Elizabeth Vaquera
Home School: Swarthmore College

Yvette Güereca

Mentor: Kathy Moore
Home School: University of Texas at El Paso

Sasha Thompson

Mentor: Donald Kincaid
Home School: University of South Florida

Amber Hannah

Mentor: Scott Young
Home School: Cal State Los Angeles

The Summer Research Institute at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute: A Research Experience for Undergraduates

Behavioral health disorders, including mental and addictive disorders, are among the leading causes of disability world wide. The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) conducts research on mental illness, substance abuse, health care financing, disability law, juvenile justice, involuntary commitment, child abuse, developmental disabilities, and other pressing social issues. FMHI has established the Summer Research Institute as a Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) to provide an intensive research experience for student-scholars interested in conducting research and to help them prepare for graduate school, medical school, law school or Senior Thesis. Although geared toward behavioral health issues, the research methodologies studied apply to a wide range of social science disciplines.

Program Structure: The Summer Research Institute was designed to increase the research competence of student-scholars through individually mentored research projects conducted under the guidance of a distinguished faculty mentor, a series of research seminars and workshops, a research rotation and community experiences, and a research ethics training program. The Institute was a nine-week program conducted from May 28 – July 27, 2009.

The seminar met most weeks on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Every Thursday afternoon, a research skills workshop and research ethics film series was held. Throughout the nine weeks, student-scholars worked intensively with faculty mentors on their research projects. Student-scholars have written a research report describing their work and are encouraged to submit the completed paper for consideration at an Undergraduate Research Symposium as well as at a regional or national conference. This Scholar Research Day, where each student-scholar will present his or her project, is the culmination of the nine-week Research Institute.

The Summer Research Institute is sponsored by the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, the USF Office of Undergraduate Research, the National Science Foundation, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

For more information about the Summer Research Institute, go to:
<http://home.fmhi.usf.edu/Research/undergradResearchOp.cfm>



Summer Research Institute Core Faculty

Catherine Batsche
Roger Boothroyd
Amber Gum
Kathleen Moore
Paul Stiles