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Education

B.A. Psychology, San Diego State University, CA, 2006-2010

A.A. Comparative History, Cuyamaca College, San Diego, CA 2006

Fellowships and Scholarships

NIH/NIGMS-Minority Biomedical Research Support Fellowship, 2007-Present (\$25,600)

Donald H. Lynn Trust Scholarship, 2008-2009 (\$2,000)

American Society of Microbiology, ABRCMS Outstanding Oral Presentation Award, 2008 (\$250)

Honors and Awards

Dean's List- College of Sciences, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

Dean's List- College of Arts and Letters, Fall 2007

Outstanding Oral Presentation for Social and Behavioral Science Treatment Initiation within an Integrated Substance Abuse and Psychiatric Disorder Service, presented at the 8th *Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)*, 2008.

3rd Place Poster Presentation

Combating Stereotype Threat Through Positive Stereotype Violations presented, 8th *Annual San Diego State University Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS)*, 2007.

Teaching Interests

I would like to get my Ph.D. in clinical psychology and work at a university or mental health setting where I will be able to teach, conduct research, supervise and mentor student at the undergraduate and graduate levels. I would also like to be a graduate student teacher while completing a Ph.D. program. My preferences would be to teach courses in Abnormal Psychology, Experimental Psychology, and most of all, Statistics. I would like to teach consistently throughout my professional career, and become a tenured professor at a research-based university.

Teaching Experience

Pre-Outreach: Introduction to Research Seminar- February 2008

Description of Responsibilities- Teaching a seminar for the SDSU College of Sciences based on the importance of undergraduate research, and how to get involved in a laboratory. This seminar is designed to also help students get involved with SDSU's research faculty. This seminar was facilitated through the Minority Biomedical Research Support Scholars Program (MBRS), SDSU Research Assistant Application Program (RAAP), the SDSU University Honors Program, and the Mesa College Bridges to the Future Program.

Research Interests

My research interests lie in the effects of sexual abuse and objectification among severe mental illness populations (particularly schizophrenia), pre and post onset of disorder. It is my belief that an environment in which one does not feel safe such as one sexual abuse and objectification, could present a strong relationship between environmental stress and onset of pathology among individuals with severe mental illness. I am also very interested in raising public awareness, perception, and reducing the psychosocial stigma of sexual abuse, schizophrenia and other forms of severe mental illness.

Research Experience

2007- present: Research Assistant: Stereotyping and Emotions (S.T.E.M.) Laboratory. Department of Psychology, San Diego State University. Supervisor: Melody Sadler, Ph.D.

Responsibilities- Experimental design, psychometric survey design, extensive statistical analysis, IRB protocol, data cleaning, extensive literature review, pre-testing, managing patient sign-ups, and scheduling research assistants.

2007- present: Research Coordinator: Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Psychiatric Disorders (COD) Assessment Laboratory. Outpatient Psychiatric Services Clinic, Department of Psychiatry, University of California San Diego. Supervisors: Elizabeth Twamley, Ph.D., Sonya Norman, Ph.D., Patricia Judd, Ph.D., Chad Bousman, Ph.D., Maiken Thorvaldsen, Ph.D., Robert Heaton, Ph.D., & Ian Everall, M.D./Ph.D

Responsibilities- Working with a clinical population, drafting psychiatric reports of neuropsychological and psychological/psychiatric testing of COD patients for clinical staff, administering a full neuropsychological battery, training research assistants in data collection and analysis, drafting research protocol for neuropsychological battery, drafting research application, data collection and analysis, quasi-experimental research design, extensive literature research and review, creating and managing spreadsheets on Excel and the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS), patient appointment scheduling, research assistant scheduling. Presenting and writing on research topics such as

treatment engagement, initiation, and non-attendance in outpatient psychiatry, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among homeless outpatients. Hopkins *Trained Administration*: Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS III), Hopkins Verbal Delay, Addiction Severity Index-Multimedia Version (ASI-MV), Wisconsin Card Sorting Task, Experiences in Close Relationships (ECR-R), Residential Domain Interviewing, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Diagnostic Scale.

2007: Research Assistant: Stereotype Suppression and Subsequent Rebound Laboratory. Department of Psychology, San Diego State University. Supervisor: David Marx, Ph.D. and Sei Jin Ko, Ph.D.

Responsibilities- Duties included acting as experimenter in charge of running subjects in lab, procedural and methodological quality control and standardization, assisting in the creation of experimental materials, management and administration of experimental materials, participant scheduling, providing regular and detailed feedback to principal investigator, data entry and management using Microsoft Excel, training research assistants, and acting as experimental supervisor. Authorship on a paper presentation at UCLA on stereotype suppression and subsequent rebound.

2006 – 2008: Research Assistant: Threat, Expectation, and Stereotyping (T.E.S.T.) Laboratory. Department of Psychology, San Diego State University. Supervisor: David Marx, Ph.D.

Responsibilities- Research Assistant. Duties included acting as experimenter in charge of running subjects in lab in pre-testing and testing experiments, procedural and methodological quality control and standardization, management and administration of experimental materials, research assistant scheduling, participant scheduling using the Experimentrak and SONA programs, providing feedback to principal investigator, data entry and management using Excel and SPSS, daily and weekly paperwork, and acting as experimental supervisor. Lead authorship of presentations at SDSU and UCLA on stereotype threat, stereotype violating role-models and working memory capacity.

Professional Experience

2007 – 2008: Administrative Assistant: San Diego State University Counseling and Psychological Services Clinic. Supervisor: Sandy Jourgenson-Funk, Ph.D.

Responsibilities- Scheduling patients for counseling, psychotherapy, and group therapy appointments, transcribing virtual therapeutic procedures, opening and closing procedures, data entry and analysis, handling sensitive documentation, managing Excel and SPSS databases.

Professional Activities

2007 – present: Founder and Director: San Diego State University Research Assistant Application Program (RAAP). Department of Psychology, San Diego State University. Supervisor: Emilio Ulloa, Ph.D.

Responsibilities- The SDSU RAAP is an educational research program designed to get students involved at research at the undergraduate level. The RAAP is also designed to inform students on the benefits and importance of gaining research experience at the undergraduate level in accordance to graduate school and other professional opportunities. Duties include but are limited too quasi-experimental research and psychometric survey design, marketing and promotion, administrative duties, setting up meetings with students and research faculty, giving talks and presentations to classes, faculty, research seminars, and club meetings, acting author and editor, data collection and analysis, application creation and management, volunteer recruitment, daily and weekly paperwork, conducting transfer student orientations, advising students on the benefits of undergraduate research, and working in conjunction with the undergraduate advisor of the SDSU Department of Psychology.

Invited Talks

Fowler, C.A. (February, 2009) From Community College to University: How to Make a Successful Transition without Getting Lost. Invited speaker, San Diego Mesa College, Psi Beta National Honors Society in Psychology.

Fowler, C.A. & Blue, R.J. (May, 2007) Research at the Undergraduate Level: How Getting Involved Can Make You Competitive for Graduate School. Invited speaker, San Diego Mesa College, Psi Beta National Honors Society in Psychology.

Professional Memberships

<i>Student Affiliate</i>	Society for Personality and Social Psychology
<i>Member</i>	California Psychological Association
<i>Member</i>	Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology
<i>Student Affiliate</i>	Western Psychological Association
<i>SDSU Student Member</i>	Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
<i>Student Affiliate</i>	American Psychological Association
<i>Member</i>	San Diego State University Psychology Club

Manuscripts Under Review

Fowler, C.A., Bousman, C.A., Campbell, B., Faker, J.S., Twamley, E.W., Norman, S.B., Heaton, R.K., Everall, I.P., & Judd, P.H. (2009). Treatment Initiation within an Integrated Substance Abuse and Psychiatric Disorder Service. Submitted to *Psychotherapy Research*.

Manuscripts In Preparation

Fowler, C.A., Faker, J.S., & Ulloa, E.C. (In Preparation). The San Diego State University Research Assistant Application Program: New Methods of Educating Undergraduate Students through Research Interests and their own Ambitions. (In Preparation).

Oral Presentations

Fowler, C.A., Rillo, J., Bousman, C.A., Campbell, B., Faker, J.S., Twamley, E.W., Norman, S.B., Heaton, R.K., Everall, I.P., & Judd, P.A. (2008). Treatment Initiation within an Integrated Substance Abuse and Psychiatric Disorder Service. Paper presented at the 8th *Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students*, Orlando, FL.

Fowler, C.A., Bousman, C.A., Campbell, B., Faker, J.S., Twamley, E.W., Norman, S.B., Heaton, R.K., Everall, I.P., & Judd, P.A. (2008). Patient Correlates of Treatment Engagement following Initial Evaluation among Outpatients with Co-Occurring Disorders. Paper presented at the 1st annual *San Diego State University Student Research Symposium*, San Diego, CA.

Faker, J.S., Drost, B., **Fowler, C.A.** and Ko, S.J. (2007). Category-Based Stereotype Suppression and Subsequent Rebound in Feature-Based Effects. Paper Presented at the 16th annual University of California Los Angeles *Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference*, Los Angeles, CA.

Poster Presentations

Fowler, C.A., Hendricks, T.M., San Roman, C. and Armor, D.A. (2009). To Tell or Not to Tell: Pointing Out Others' Embarrassment. Poster presented at the 2nd annual *San Diego State University Student Research Symposium*, San Diego, CA.

Fowler, C.A., Wang, W.H., and Marx, D.M. (2008). Combating Stereotype Threat through Positive Female Role-Models. Poster presented at the 88th Annual *Western Psychological Association*, Irvine, CA.

Fowler, C.A., Faker, J.S., Bousman, C.A., Twamley, E.W., Heaton, R.K., Judd, P.A., Overall, I.P., & Norman, S.B. (2008). Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Homelessness among Psychiatric Outpatients. Poster presented at the 17th annual *California Psychological Association*, Anaheim, CA.

Fowler, C.A., Bousman, C.A., Campbell, B., Faker, J.S., Twamley, E.W., Norman, S.B., Heaton, R.K., Overall, I.P., & Judd, P.A. (2008). Patient Correlates of Treatment Engagement Following Initial Evaluation among Outpatients with Co-Occurring Disorders. Poster presented at the 3rd Annual *Diversifying Clinical Psychology Conference* at the *Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology midwinter meeting*, San Antonio, TX.

Fowler, C.A., Faker, J.S., Jones, S.R., & Marx, D.M. (2007). Combating Stereotype Threat: Expectancy Violations and Working Memory Capacity. Poster presented at the 16th Annual *University of California Los Angeles Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference*, Los Angeles, CA.

Fowler, C.A., Faker, J.S., Jones, S.R., & Marx, D.M. (2007). Combating Stereotype Threat through Positive Stereotype Violations. Poster presented at the 8th Annual *San Diego State University Undergraduate Research Symposium* San Diego, CA.

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