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**EDUCATION**

**Kennesaw State University** Kennesaw, GA

Bachelor of Science, Psychology May 2025

GPA: 3.89/4.0

**Kennesaw State University** Kennesaw, GA

Master of Science, Criminal Justice Expected: May 2027

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Psychological Science, Kennesaw State University** Kennesaw, GA

Research Assistant August 2024 - Present

* Conduct research on social and cognitive development in children and adolescents, contributing to ongoing studies within the Developmental Research Collective (DRC) at Kennesaw State University
* Assist with data collection and analysis on topics such as early childhood experiences, moral reasoning, and ethical decision-making in children
* Help in the preparation of research materials, including questionnaires and consent forms, ensuring ethical compliance and participant confidentiality
* Support research investigating the impact of adoption on child development and family dynamics, helping to design and implement surveys and interviews

**Department of Psychological Science, Kennesaw State University** Kennesaw, GA

Research Assistant January 2023 – May 2023

* Collected, organized, and analyzed data on the psychosocial factors that promote youth behavioral health in the context of adversity, including poverty, disconnection, and exposure to violence
* Conducted literature reviews to identify key factors affecting youth mental health and behavioral outcomes in adverse conditions
* Managed and maintained data sets, ensuring accuracy, consistency, and confidentiality in adherence to ethical research standards
* Collaborated with team members to design data collection tools, such as surveys and interview protocols, to assess psychosocial influences

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Department of Psychological Science, Kennesaw State University** Kennesaw, GA

Teaching Assistant Fall 2024

* Assisted in the delivery of PSYC 2103: Human Development course content to a class of 25 students, supporting learning through lectures, discussions, and hands-on activities
* Graded assignments, exams, and projects, providing constructive feedback to students to enhance their understanding of course material
* Led small group discussions on key topics such as socialization and peer relations, gender development and identity, and puberty and physical changes, fostering a collaborative learning environment

**Department of Psychological Science, Kennesaw State University** Kennesaw, GA

Teaching Assistant Spring 2022

* Assisted in the delivery of PSYC 2210: Career in Psychology course content to a class of 31 students, supporting learning through lectures, discussions, and hands-on activities
* Supported course administration by tracking student attendance, participation, and academic progress
* Held office hours to provide one-on-one academic support, addressing students' questions and helping them grasp course concepts including resume building, graduate school prep, and psychology subfields

**PRESENTATIONS**

Day, J., & Schmidt, W. (2024). Early Intervention, Lasting Impact: Preventing Behavioral Health Issues in Adolescents. Spring 2024 Symposium of Student Scholars, Kennesaw, GA

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Wilman Autism Center**, Front Desk Assistant, Decatur, Georgia January 2022 – May 2022

* Provided exceptional front-line support to families, clients, and visitors, ensuring a welcoming and professional environment
* Assisted individuals with autism and their families by answering inquiries, scheduling appointments, and addressing specific needs
* Managed office supplies, maintained clean and organized workspaces, and assisted with general administrative duties as needed

**Team Member**, Target, Kennesaw, Georgia January 2020 – May 2021

* Collaborated with team members to meet daily store goals, including restocking inventory, organizing displays, and executing visual merchandising standards
* Delivered exceptional customer service by assisting customers with product inquiries, locating items, and providing information on promotions and sales

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**American Psychological Association**, Student Member May 2024 - Present

**Psi Chi**, Member April 2023 - Present

**Psychology Club**, Member August 2021 - Present

**RELEVANT COURSEWORK**

Introduction to Human Development ǀ Research Methods and Statistics ǀ Statistical Applications in Psychology ǀ Cross-Cultural Psychology ǀ Social Psychology ǀ Physiological Psychology ǀ Psychology of Child Development ǀ Human Sexuality ǀ Psychology of Gender ǀ Learning and Behavior ǀ Careers in Psychology

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Dean’s List**, Kennesaw State University Fall 2023, Spring 2024

**HOPE Scholarship Recipient**, Kennesaw State University Fall 2021 – Present

**KSU Foundation Scholarship Recipient**, Kennesaw State University Fall 2021

**SKILLS**

* Experience in Qualtrics ǀ SPSS ǀ Research Lab Settings
* Additional Skills: Microsoft Office Suites, Canva, Adobe Creative Suites

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish (Intermediate), German (Beginner)

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Atlanta Children’s Foundation**, Volunteer, Atlanta, Georgia April 2013 – July 2023

* Assisted in organizing and facilitating community outreach initiatives, promoting awareness of the shelter's services and needs

**CERTIFICATIONS**

**Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Certifications**, CITI Program

**Basic Life Support and First Air, CPR, AED**, American Red Cross

**Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Certification**, QPR Institute