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EDUCATION

- 08/2003 – Present **University of North Texas**
Fourth year undergraduate pursuing a B.A. in Psychology
Minors: Management and Spanish
Expected Graduation: May 2007, cum laude
- Honors Thesis:** *Correlates to Mental Health in HIV+ Adults: the Role of Acupuncture Use, Self-Esteem, and Self-Efficacy*
Advisors: Mark Vosvick, Ph.D., Chwee-Lye Chng, Ph.D., Doug Henry Ph.D.
Expected Defense: May 2007

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 09/2006-Present **Psychology Department Ambassador** to the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Texas
Ambassadors support the College through various activities (e.g. contacted 1500 freshman by phone to welcome them and answer questions). Group consists of 50 students hand picked to represent/promote the College.
- Summer 2006 **University of North Texas College of Arts and Sciences Summer Tuition Scholarship**- \$400 awarded
Awarded to upper level and graduate students in the process of obtaining a degree in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Spring 2006 **American Airlines Youth Merit Scholarship** - \$500 awarded
Awarded to promising youth for their academic achievements, community activities, involvement in clubs, office-leadership positions & organizations
- Fall 2005 **Dean's List** at the University of North Texas
- Spring 2005 **Dean's List** at the University of North Texas
- Spring 2004 **Dean's List** at the University of North Texas
- Fall 2003 **Dean's List** at the University of North Texas
- Fall 2003 **Early High School Graduation Scholarship** - \$1,000 awarded
Awarded to students attending college in Texas who have completed high school in less than 3 years.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

05/2006- Present **Office Manager** to Dr. Mark Vosvick at the Center for Psychosocial Health at the University of North Texas

Responsibilities include:

- **Preparation and facilitation** of weekly meetings (presenting business before 25-35 research assistants and faculty of the Center)
- **Screening, interviewing, and orientation** of new members to Center
- Maintenance of the Center's **website** - www.unt.edu/cph
- Coordination with staff of the Psychology Department to order supplies, schedule meetings, and reserve equipment
- Communication with Center faculty and students via e-mail and phone

05/2005- Present **Research assistant** to Dr. Mark Vosvick at the Center for Psychosocial Health at the University of North Texas

Responsibilities include:

Coordination of current and future research projects -

- **Project Forgive** – Assisted in the literature review used in the CDC grant application for the project. Created GANTT charts and other tables used in the grant's appendix. Assisted in survey construction using Questionnaire Data Software (QDS).
- **Growing Up Positive (GUP)** – Assisted in IRB application including research for the 8 consent/assent forms needed for the project. Also assisted in survey construction, data collection, interviewing of participants, and transcriptions of those interviews.
- **Stigma Burden** – Assisted in constructing the project's proposed theoretical model, literature search, and production of white paper.
- **Project Voices** – Analyzed data using multiple regression analyses of 288 83-page surveys from HIV+ individuals in the DFW area using SPSS.
- **Project Complementary and Alternative Medicine (PCAM)** – Analyzed data using multiple regression analyses using SPSS from a database comprised of 40 55-page surveys collected from HIV+ individuals in the DFW area.
- **Primary Prevention** – Assisted in data collection of over 600 computer-based 2-hour surveys from undergraduates at UNT. Analyzed data using SPSS.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Abstracts Accepted at National Conferences)

Volpone, S., Vosvick, M., Ph.D. Paper Session: Forgive and Forget: Anger, Forgiveness, and Health- *Forgiveness as a Predictor of Depression in HIV+ Adults*. **Paper accepted for an oral presentation** at the Society of Behavioral Medicine's 28th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Washington D.C., March 2007.

Smith, S., B.A., **Volpone, S., Vosvick, M., Ph.D.** Paper Session: Forgive and Forget: Anger, Forgiveness, and Health- *Coping and Forgiveness in HIV+ Adults*. **Paper accepted for an oral presentation** at the Society of Behavioral Medicine's 28th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Washington D.C., March 2007.

Volpone, S., Chng, C.L., Ph.D., Vosvick, M., Ph.D., Henry, D., Ph.D. Paper Session: Alternative and Complementary Practices in HIV and Hepatitis- *Acupuncture Use, Self-Esteem, and Self-Efficacy, and Their Relationship to Mental Health in HIV+ Adults*. **Paper accepted for an oral presentation** at the American Public Health Association's 134th Annual Conference in Boston, MA, November 2006.

Chng, C.L., Ph.D., Martin, L., B.S., Stephen, E., B.A., **Volpone, S.** *Psychosocial Factors in Sexual Risky Behavior in College Students: A UNT Study*. Presentation at the Southwest College Health Association's Annual Meeting in Denton, TX, October 2005.

Volpone, S., Vosvick, M., Ph.D., Chng, C.L., Ph.D., Smith, N., Ph.D. *Correlates of Knowledge/ Attitudes towards Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Individuals*. Paper submitted to the American Psychological Association's (APA) 115th Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA, August 2007.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Volpone, S., Martin, L., B.S. World AIDS Day: Twenty-fifth anniversary of AIDS - *College Student's Sexual Behavior*. Presentation at World AIDS Day, University of North Texas, December 2006.

Martin, L., B.S., Stephen, E., B.A., **Volpone, S.** *Psychosocial Factors in Sexual Risky Behavior in College Students: A UNT Study*. Presentation at World AIDS Day, University of North Texas, December 2005.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Volpone, S., Vosvick, M., Ph.D., Chng, C.L., Ph.D., Smith, N., Ph.D. *Correlates of knowledge/ attitudes towards lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals.*

Volpone, S., Vosvick, M., Ph.D. *Forgiveness as a predictor of depression in HIV+ adults.*

Smith, S., B.A., Volpone, S., Vosvick, M., Ph.D. *Coping and forgiveness in HIV+ adults.*

Vosvick, M., Ph.D., Volpone, S., Henry, D., Ph.D., Chng, C.L., Ph.D. *Self-efficacy, self-esteem, and acupuncture use and their relationship to mental health in HIV+ adults.*

RESEARCH TRAINING/SKILLS

- 06/2006 **HIPPA Training** – Course sponsored by UT Southwestern Medical Center addressing policies and procedures with respect to protected health information.
- 09/2005 **IRB Training** – Course addressing the system of review, approval, and oversight for the protection of human subjects of biomedical and behavioral research.
- 09/2005 **NIH Certification Training** – Course on Human Participants Protection Education for Research Teams, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The course addresses ethical principles and guidelines that assist in resolving the ethical issues inherent in the conduct of research with human participants.
- 01/2006-05/2006 **Teaching Assistant** to Dr. Mark Vosvick, Spring 2006
PSYC 4300/5300, *Psychosocial Issues in HIV/AIDS*
Responsibilities included:
- Organizing of weekly **reading material**
 - Organizing of **group activities**/assignments covering self-esteem, self-efficacy, social learning theory, theory of gender and power, group norms, and other psychosocial correlates of behavioral determinates in an HIV+ population
 - Reserving videos and books at the campus library
- 01/2002-Present **Intermediate Spanish** – Reading, writing, and speaking

Working knowledge of:

- Statistical Packages – **SPSS**
- Survey Development Software- Questionnaire Development System (**QDS**)
- Office Software - Microsoft **Word**, **Excel**, and **PowerPoint**
- Web Authoring Software - Microsoft **Frontpage**
- Online Literature Databases- **Psyc Info** on Ebscohost, **Med Line**, and others
- Other – **Endnote**, Adobe **Photoshop** and **Illustrator**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

11/2001-01/2005 **Certified Trainer** - Red Lobster #882, Lewisville, Texas

Responsibilities included:

- **Developing** and teaching crewmembers
- Implementing **training modules**
- Implementing **role playing techniques** to improve retention of material
- Using **leadership strategies** to maintain knowledge and behavior
- Received training at a corporate level in teaching training modules
- Conducted training meetings, and effectively communicated expectations and wishes of the company at the corporate level to the restaurant team

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

09/2006 **Team Leader** to 30 individuals who raised \$763.00 for HIV/AIDS by walking in the annual Life Walk fundraiser for the AIDS Arms Clinic in Dallas, TX.

08/2006 **Katrina Aid and Relief Effort (KARE) Volunteer** at the annual American Psychological Association held in New Orleans, Louisiana. This team provides specialized consultations (at no charge) to businesses affected by hurricane Katrina. www.siop.org/KARE

08/2006 **APAGS Ambassador** at the annual American Psychological Association (APA) held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

06/2006 **Student volunteer** at the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit held at the Hilton Anatolle Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

05/2006 **Student volunteer** at the annual Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP) Conference held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 06/2006-Present **Society of Human Resource Management**, Member
05/2006-Present **Academy of Management**, Student Member
 Division of Gender & Diversity in Organizations, Member
 Division of Research Methods, Member
08/2005- Present **Psi Chi- The National Honor Society in Psychology**, Member
 President- 2006-2007 -Responsibilities include delegation,
 providing a model of leadership, calling meetings to order,
 announcing business before the chapter, planning objectives,
 dates, and deadlines, and representing Psi Chi whenever needed.
06/2005- Present **American Psychological Association (APA)**, Student Affiliate
 Division 14, Member
06/2005- Present **APA Association of Graduate Students (APAGS)**, Member
06/2005- Present **Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology**, Student Affiliate

REFERENCES

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