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**Education:**

University of North Texas (UNT, 2006-present)

Major: Psychology, B.A.

Cumulative GPA: 3.2      Psychology GPA: 3.5

Collin County Community College (2001-2005)

Major: general studies, A.A.

Cumulative GPA: 3.5

**Research Experience:**

**UNT**

Center for Psychosocial Health Research (CPH, 2007-present)- Junior Researcher – The Mission of the Center for Psychosocial Health (CPH) is: 1) to provide a forum for interdisciplinary UNT scholars to collaborate on health-related research and intervention/prevention development; 2) to produce world-class research on psychosocial factors associated with chronic disease; 3) to train undergraduate and graduate students to be rigorous health researchers; 4) to provide service to the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex community; and 5) to attract external financial support for the activities of the Center.

Assistant Researcher (CPH, 2007-present) – Project Forgive-The purpose of this randomized clinical trial is to develop and pilot a secondary prevention intervention that targets depression, stress, quality of life and risky behaviors in HIV+ women. Teaching cognitive behavioral forgiveness skills will potentially offset deficits specific to HIV+ adults by enhancing the coping resources available to them.

Assistant Researcher (CPH, 2007-2008) – Project COPE- A correlational designed study measuring unsupportive social support, trauma, risky sexual behaviors, and stress among college students.

Ronald E. McNair post-baccalaureate program (UNT, 2008-present)- A scholar program for underrepresented undergraduates designed to better prepare for graduate school and conducting research. The program requires professional scientific research and provides a vast amount of resources to assist scholar's in obtaining a doctoral degree.

**Posters, Papers, Presentations, and Publications:**

Workshop Leader at Asian American Empowerment Conference (UNT, 2008)

Presented two seminars which focused on HIV/AIDS issues among Asian communities. Mentor: Chwee-Lye Chng, Ph.D.

Poster: Stigma, Forgiveness, and Depression in HIV+ women

Presenter at Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference, San Diego (March 2008). Mentor: Mark Vosvick, Ph.D.

Paper: Stigma, Forgiveness, and Depression in HIV+ women

Presenter at UNT Scholar's Day (March 2008). Mentor: Mark Vosvick, Ph.D.

Poster: Stigma, Forgiveness, and Depression in HIV+ women

Presenter and speaker at Ronald E. McNair mentor honorary luncheon (UNT, 2008). Mentor: Diana Elrod, Ph.D. and Mark Vosvick, Ph.D.

**Related Experience:**

National Institute of Health Certification Training (NIH, 2007)- Course on human participants protection education for research teams, sponsored by the NIH. The course addresses ethical principles and guidelines that assist in resolving the ethical issues inherent in the conduct of research with human participants.

HIV related stigma literature review (CPH, 2007)- Assisted graduate students in researching, collecting, reviewing, and organizing a literature review of HIV related stigma research journal articles.

IRB proposal for Project Forgive (CPH, 2007)- Wrote addendum for original project proposal, which focused on women, to include male participants.

Statistical Processing Software Suite (SPSS, 2007)- Working knowledge of a program used to analyze quantitative data. Abilities include data entry, organization, and analysis.

Questionnaire Development Software (QDS, 2007)- Working knowledge of a computer assisted survey instrument program used to collect self report data and export into SPSS. Abilities include survey construction, administration, and exportation.