Doctoral Dissertations

Maternal and Child Health

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Advisor: Edmond Shenassa

Dissertation: Labor, Delivery, and Neonatal Outcomes Associated with Placental Abruption

MILI DUGGAL

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Dissertation: Domestic Violence Exposure, Maternal Education, and Maternal Autonomy as Predictors of Indian Women’s Use of Maternal Health Services and Infant Low Birth Weight

HODA SANA

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Dissertation: Birth Outcomes of Immigrant and Native-born Hispanic Women: Role of Prenatal Care Utilization and Participation in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

Family Science

HYEEUN CHUNG

Advisor: Mia Smith Bynum

Dissertation: Asian Cultural Expectations and Mental Health in Asian American Adolescents: Effects of Family Functioning, Child Nativity, and Subgroup Ethnicity

LAUREN MESSINA

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Dissertation: ‘I’ve Got to Help as Best I Can:’ The Experiences of Predominantly Low-Income, African American Parents and Caregivers Involved with the Mental Health Care System and Their Responses to Adolescents’ Depressive Disorder Diagnoses
ASHLEY MUNGER

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Dissertation: Community Violence Exposure and Children's Externalizing Behavior Problems: The Role of Family Management Strategies

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Dissertation: ‘Being on Top of It’: A Qualitative Examination of the Processes and Contexts Shaping Pediatric Caregiving among Low-Income, Young African American Fathers

Masters Theses and Advanced Clinical Projects

SAM ALLEN

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Thesis: The Emotional Well-being of Mothers of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Children

ELIZABETH BROWN

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Thesis: The Effect of Clinic Couples’ Relative Incomes on Partners’ Attempts to Exert Power, Depression, and Relationship Satisfaction, as Moderated by Gender Ideologies

MICHELLE COLLINS

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Project: Addressing Emotional Infidelity through Gottman Therapy

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Thesis: The Association Between Literacy and Work Performance as Mediated by Depression

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Thesis: Perceptions of the Transition to Adulthood for Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Young Men of Color

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Project: The Impact of Trauma and Attachment on Couple Relationships

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Thesis: The Moderating Effect of Family Cohesion on the Association between Acculturation Gaps and Parent-Child Conflict in Immigrant Families

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Project: Strengthening Mother-Daughter Relationships using Bowen Family Systems Therapy

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Project: Gottman Method Couple Therapy: A Case Study

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Thesis: The Role of Cross-Cultural Experiences and Ethnic Identity in Transracial Adoptee’s Self-Esteem

ANNA WHITE

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Thesis: The Association between Negative Conflict Behavior and Subclinical Levels of Psychopathology Symptoms in Clinic Couples: An Actor-Partner Interdependence Model Approach Examining Mediation by Perceived Criticism and Moderation by Positive Communication