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CURRICULUM VITA

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Education

2011	Ph.D.	Health Education Texas A&M University Department of Health and Kinesiology College Station, Texas
2008	M.S.	Marriage and Family Therapy Texas Tech University Department of Applied and Professional Studies Lubbock, Texas
2006	B.A. <i>Magna cum laude</i>	Psychology Texas A&M University Department of Psychology College Station, Texas

Academic Awards and Recognitions

2007	Master's Student of the Year: Texas Tech University (nominated by students and faculty)
2006	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , National Academic Honors Society, Kappa of Texas Chapter
2008	<i>Eta Sigma Gamma</i> , Health Education Honors society, Texas A&M Chapter
2008	<i>The National Scholars Honor Society</i> , Academic Honor Society
2008	<i>Phi Mu</i> , Human Sciences Academic Honor Society
2006	<i>Phi Kappa Phi</i> , National Academic Honor Society
2005	<i>Psi Chi</i> , National Honor Society in Psychology
2004	<i>Golden Key Honor Society</i> , National Academic Honor Society
2004	<i>Order of Omega</i> , National Greek Academic Honor Society
2003	<i>National Society of Collegiate Scholars</i> , National Academic Honor Society
2002	<i>Phi Eta Sigma</i> , National Academic Honor Society

Professional Affiliations

2009-present	American Evaluation Association (AEA)
2008-present	American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD)
2006-2008	American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Student Affiliate (AAMFT)

Teaching Experience

- 2008-2009 **Graduate Teaching Assistant: Office of Health Informatics** (August – August)
Texas A&M University: Department of Health and Kinesiology
Developed and implemented web based health education curricula: developed and filmed lectures, created course objectives, created and administered assignments quizzes and tests to assess student learning.
Health 231: Healthy Lifestyles
Presented a general overview of the most common health issues prevented by modifications in human behavior; included are mental health, use and abuse of drugs, human sexuality, communicable diseases, environmental and consumer health.
Health 403: Consumer Health
Presented material relevant to the selection, evaluation and understanding of health information, medical services, advertising of products and sociocultural factors in consumer health protection.
- 2009 **Graduate Teaching Intern** (January – May)
Texas A&M University: Department of Health and Kinesiology
Developed and presented 40% of the course curriculum, mentored by major professor regarding teaching style and student assessment.
Health 342: Human Sexuality
Presented curriculum concerning aspects of human sexuality such as physiology and function of human reproductive system, factors involved in learning sex roles, gender identity, biological and emotional motivations associated with the sexual aspects of life and their relationship to marriage and family planning.
- 2006 **Graduate Teaching Assistant** (August –May)
Addiction and Recovery Studies 4329: Treatment of Eating Disorders
Presented curriculum concerning the health implications related to eating disorders and malnutrition, prevention efforts, treatment options, and recovery practices.

Research Experience

- 2010-present **Graduate Research Assistant (July-present)**
Texas A&M University
Institute for Obesity Research and Program Evaluation
Project: National Food and Nutrition & Texas Food and Nutrition Program Evaluation
Funding Source: Texas WIC (Texas Dept. of State Health Services)
Supervisor: E. Lisako McKyer, Ph.D.
Performed data analysis and prepared reports of findings in keeping with the contract deliverables for both the national and State of Texas WIC program evaluation grants. The TEXFAN and NATFAN grants evaluated the impact of the policy changes in the WIC food package.
- 2009-present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Texas A&M University, Dept. of Health and Kinesiology
Child and Adolescent Health Research Lab
Project: School Wellness and Advocacy Project (SWAAP)
Funding Source: National Institute of Health (NIH)
Supervisor: E. Lisako McKyer, Ph.D. & Christine Tisone, Ph.D.
Conducted both quantitative and qualitative research analyses examining factors influencing child health, implemented physical activity and nutrition

curriculum/programs in a local school district. SWAAP funded the implementation of supplemental resources and programs addressing physical activity and nutrition education in a local school district primarily serving minority populations.

- 2007-2008 **Graduate Research Assistant (May-August)**
Texas Tech University, Dept. of Applied and Professional Studies
Project: Texas Healthy Marriage Initiative Program Evaluation (THMI)
Texas Health and Human Service Commission
Supervisor: Steven Harris, Ph.D.
Created evaluation instruments, developed evaluation protocol, performed various data analyses on pre-and post-intervention data, and various program evaluation activities for the Texas Marriage Initiative. THMI funded research on marriage in the state of Texas and implemented programs to increase opportunities for marital resources among low income families.
- 2006 **Graduate Research Assistant (Fall)**
Texas Tech University, Dept. of Applied and Professional Studies
Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery
Supervisor: Kitty Harris, Ph.D.
Implemented a behavioral addiction recovery program for college students returning to school after being treated for eating disorders, self-harm, and other behavioral addictions.
- 2005-2006 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**
Texas A&M University, Dept. of Psychology
Eating Disorder Laboratory and Alcohol Dependency and Addiction Laboratory
Supervisors: Antonio Cepeda-Benito, Ph.D. & Marisol Perez, Ph.D.
Collected and entered data, performed various data analyses and conducted literature reviews for three research projects. The research projects addressed the following topics: (1) the relationship between eating disorders and body image, self-esteem, and mood in African-American, Latina, and Euro-American women, (2) the relationship between religiosity and disordered eating among Jewish women and (3) the evaluation of alcohol expectancy measures and constructs among Hispanic adolescents in Mexico.

Professional Experience

- 2010-present **POWER writing consultant: College of Education and Human Development**
Texas A&M University
Supervisor: Patricia Goodson, Ph.D.
Provided writing and editing assistance to Texas A&M graduate students and faculty.

- 2006-2008 **Therapist (Practicum): Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic** (January-May)
Texas Tech University
Supervisors: Richard Wampler, Ph.D., Nichole Morelock, Ph.D., Sara Smock, Ph.D.,
Jason Whiting Ph.D.
Provided individual, couple and family therapy to clientele seeking services from the
Texas Tech Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic.
- Therapist (Practicum): Center for the Study of Addiction & Recovery** (August – May)
Texas Tech University
Supervisors: Kitty Harris, Ph.D.
Facilitated weekly group therapy sessions for college women at Texas Tech recovering
from eating disorders and substance abuse.
- Group Facilitator: Center for the Study of Prevention and Resiliency** (January - May)
Lubbock Independent School District (L.I.S.D)
Supervisors: Kitty Harris, Ph.D & George Comiskey, M.A, LCDC
Facilitated weekly group sessions in LISD in an effort to promote resiliency to
substance abuse for the Pre-adolescent Supportive Service (PASS) & Supportive
Adolescent Service (SAS) Programs.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Harris, S.M., Ph.D. & Harriger, D.J (2008). Sexual Attraction in Conjoint Couple Therapy. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 37(3), 209-216.

Reports

Harris, S.M., Glenn, N.D., Rappleyea, D.L., Diaz-Loving, R., Hawkins, A.J., Daire, A.P., Osborne, C., & Huston, T.L. (2008). Harriger, D.J. contributing author in: *Together in Texas: Baseline Report on Marriage in the Lone Star State*. Austin, TX: Health and Human Services Commission.

Book reviews

Harriger, D.J. (2008). [Review of the book: *Listening to battered women: A survivor centered approach to advocacy, mental health, and justice*, by L.A. Goodman & D. Epstein]. *Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy*. 34 (4), 512-513.

Harriger, D.J. (2008) [Review of the Book: *The Introverted and Extroverted In Love: What Happens When Opposites Attract* by L. Olsen-Laney & M. Olson]. *Journal of Couple and Relationships Therapy*, 7(3), 274-279.

Research Presentations

Harriger, D.J., *Confirmatory Factor Analysis: A Conceptual Review of Fit Index Selection*. Accepted for paper presentation to the 33rd Annual Southwest Educational Research Association, San Antonio, Tx, February 2-5, 2011.

McKyer, E.J., Tisone, C., Outley, C., McWhinney, S.L., McDonald, A., Arthur, T., Odum, M., Guerra, S. Harriger, D.J. *Knowledge and Attitudes of Childhood Obesity: Perspectives of Mothers and School Teachers of Racial/Ethnic Minority Children*. Texas Society for Public Health Education, October 8, 2010.

Harriger, D.J., White, R. Hooper, M., McKyer, E.L.J., & Tisone, C. *Perceptions of Self Esteem: Examining the Effects of Self-esteem on Adolescents Perceived Risk of Sexual Behavior*. Poster presented at Texas A&M

University Student Research Week, March 22-26, 2010.

Harriger, D.J, Tisone, C., Odum, M., Ettienne-Gittens. R., Hooper, M., Thompson, L., McWhinney, S., Outley, C., & McKyer, ELJ. *Examining the Role of the Home Environment in Influencing Children's Attitudes Regarding Physical Activity and Food Consumption*. Poster presented at American Academy of Health Behavior, Clearwater, FL, Feb 7-10, 2010.

Harriger, D.J. *Type IV Error: The Importance of Correctly Interpreting Interaction Effects*. Accepted for paper presentation to the 33rd Annual Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA, February 17-20, 2010.

Texas Research Advisory Group: *Research Evaluation Modification Proposal*, Austin, TX, March 2009.

Marriage in Texas: Regional Intermediary Program Evaluation Summit, Austin, TX, July 12-13, 2008.

Marriage in Texas: Regional Intermediary Evaluation Project, Austin, TX, June 17-18, 2008.
Developing Programmatic Logic Models.

Marriage in Texas: Writing Conference of the Texas Healthy Marriage Initiative: Baseline Survey Report. Horseshoe Bay, TX. March 5-8, 2008.

Scholarships

2008-2011	Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity Bettie and James Lambert Graduate Scholarship
2009	Department of Health and Kinesiology Travel Grant
2004	International Education Fee Scholarship Recipient: Texas A&M University

Leadership and Service Experience

2009-2010	Texas A&M University (August – May) Presidential Task Force for the Graduate Experience.
2009-2010	Graduate Instruction Committee: Texas A&M University Graduate student representative to the faculty committee on graduate instruction.
2009-2010	Graduate Student Council: Texas A&M University Served as a member of the graduate student Safety, Health and Well Being committee, served as a representative for the Texas A&M University Disciplinary Appeals Panel and represented the Department of Health and Kinesiology.
2008-2010	Eta Sigma Gamma: Texas A&M University: Vice President Served as Vice President of the Health Education honors society and organized teaching, research and service opportunities for graduate students. Chapter received the National Chapter Excellence Award for 2008-2009.
2008-2009	Texas Youth Leadership Council (August – July) Represented the state of Texas in an initiative to promote comprehensive sexual health education.
2007-2008	Texas Tech Student Association of Marriage and Family Therapy: President Elected to serve as a liaison between MFT students and faculty. Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority
2009	Advisory Board Chairman: Texas A&M Chapter
2008-2009	Alumnae Relations and Foundation Advisor: Texas A&M Chapter
2007-2008	Advisory Board Chairman: Texas Tech Chapter

2005 Vice President of Development: Texas A&M Chapter
2004 Vice President of Administration: Texas A&M Chapter
2004-2005 **Conference of Student Government Associations: Texas A&M University**
Served as Promotions Committee Member and TAMU delegate.

**References available upon request*