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Education & Training

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| 2025 - present | Postdoctoral Fellowship
Institute of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC |
| 2024 – 2025 | Predoctoral Internship, Adult Psychopathology track (APA accredited)
Charleston Consortium (Medical University of South Carolina & Ralph H. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center), Charleston, SC |
| 2018 – 2025 | Ph.D., Clinical Psychology
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Dissertation (defended 5/31/24): “Impact of neighborhood deprivation on excitation and inhibition in frontal cortex through adolescence” |
| 2018 – 2025 | Graduate Certificate, Cognitive Neuroscience
Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition, Carnegie Mellon University and University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA |
| 2018 – 2021 | M.S., Clinical Psychology
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Master’s Thesis: “Characterizing how age-related changes in GABA and Glutamate underlies development of working memory through adolescence” |
| 2012 – 2016 | B.S., Neural Science (with Honors)
Minors in Chemistry and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Studies
New York University, New York, NY |

Funding, Honors, and Awards

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| 2025 – 2027 | Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program Award, NIH/NIAAA |
| 2025 | John C. Roitzsch Memorial Scientist-Practitioner Award, Charleston Consortium Psychology Internship Program |
| 2025 | Honorable Mention, Internship Paper Competition, Charleston Consortium Psychology Internship Program |
| 2025 | Research Society on Alcohol Student Merit Award |
| 2025 | International Society on Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Travel Award |
| 2025 | Emerging Scholars Travel Award, Medical University of South Carolina |
| 2025 | First Place Poster Award, Brady/Lydiard Excellence in Psychiatry Research Day, Medical University of South Carolina |
| 2024 | Bassell Student Publication Award, University of Pittsburgh |
| 2023 | Bassell Student Publication Award, University of Pittsburgh |

2022	Bassell Student Publication Award, University of Pittsburgh
2021	David & Grace Lazovik Grant, University of Pittsburgh
2020	David & Grace Lazovik Grant, University of Pittsburgh
2018	Pittsburgh Supercomputing Grant, University of Pittsburgh
2016 – 2018	Post-Baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award, NIH/NIMH
2016	Founder's Day Award, New York University
2016	Dean's List, New York University
2015	Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund Grant, New York University
2014	Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund Grant, New York University
2013	Freshman and Sophomore Training Grant, New York University

Publications (* denotes co-first author)

1. Browning, B.D., Kirkland, A.E., **Perica, M.I.**, Engevik, M.A., Alekseyenko, A.V., Tomko, R.L., Ferguson, P.L., & Squeglia, L.M. (2025). Preliminary Associations between Brain Metabolites and Oral Microbiome Profiles during Adolescence. *Scientific Reports*, 15, 27141. PMID: in progress.
2. Parr, A.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Moon, C.H., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2024). Dopamine-related neurobiology contributes to the maturation of prefrontal cortex glutamate:GABA balance and cognitive function during adolescence. *Molecular Psychiatry*, 1-15. PMID: 39653761
3. McKeon, S.D., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Hetherington, H., Moon, C.H., Luna, B. (2024). Prefrontal excitation/inhibition balance supports adolescent enhancements in circuit signal to noise ratio. *Progress in Neurobiology*, 243, 102695. PMID: 39622336
4. McKeon, S.D., **Perica, M.I.**, Parr, A.C., Calabro, F., Foran, W., Hetherington, H., Moon, C.H., Luna, B. (2024). Aperiodic EEG and 7T MRSI evidence for maturation of E/I balance supporting the development of working memory through adolescence. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 66, 101373. PMID: PMC11000172
5. Ravindranath, O.*, **Perica, M.I.***, Parr, A.C., Ohja, A., McKeon, S., Montano, G., Ullendorf, N., Luna, B., Edmiston, K. (2024). Adolescent neurocognitive development and decision-making abilities regarding gender-affirming care. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 67, 101351. PMID: PMC11247355
6. **Perica, M.I.**, Luna, B. (2023). Impact of stress on excitatory and inhibitory markers of adolescent cognitive critical period plasticity. *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*, 153, 105378. PMID: PMC10591935
7. Mayeli, A., Sonnenschein, S. F., Yushmanov, V.E., Wilson, J.D., Blazer, A., Foran, W., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F.J., Luna, B., Hetherington, H., Sarpal, D. K., Ferrarelli, F. (2022). Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex GABA/Glutamate alterations in clinical high risk and first-episode schizophrenia: a 7-T magnetic resonance spectroscopic imaging study. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*. 23(24), 15846. PMID: PMC9781166

8. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F.J., Larsen, B., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V.E., Hetherington, H., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2022). Development of frontal GABA and glutamate supports excitation/inhibition balance from adolescence into adulthood. *Progress in Neurobiology*, 219, 102370. PMID: 36309210
9. Sonnenschein, S. F., Mayeli, A., Yushmanov, V.E., Blazer, A., Calabro, F.J., **Perica, M.I.**, Foran, W., Luna, B., Hetherington, H.P., Ferrarelli, F., Sarpal, D. K. (2022). A longitudinal investigation of GABA, glutamate, and glutamine across the insula during antipsychotic treatment of first-episode schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*. 248, 98–106. PMCID: PMC10018530
10. **Perica, M.I.***, Ravindranath, O.*, Calabro, F.J., Foran, W., Luna, B. (2021). Hippocampal-prefrontal connectivity prior to COVID-19 pandemic predicts stress reactivity. *Biological Psychiatry: Global Open Science*, 1(4), 283–290. PMCID: PMC8612769
11. O'Reilly, K.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Fenton, A.A. (2018). Synaptic plasticity and dysplasticity in schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*, 207, 22–36. PMCID: PMC6395534
12. O'Reilly, K.C., Levy, E.R.J., Patino, A.V., **Perica, M.I.**, Fenton, A.A. (2018). Sub-circuit alterations in hippocampus metabolic coupling, structure, and function after global neurodevelopmental insult. *Brain Structure and Function*, 223(8), 3543–3556. PMCID: PMC6278823
13. O'Reilly, K.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Fenton, A.A. (2016). Memory deficits with intact cognitive control in the Methylazoxymethanol Acetate (MAM) exposure model of neurodevelopmental insult. *Neurobiology of Learning and Memory*, 134 Pt B(Pt B), 294–303. PMCID: PMC6478019

Publications Under Review

1. **Perica, M.I.**, Kirkland, A. E., Mewton, L., Squeglia, L. M. (Under review at *Molecular Psychiatry*, 2025MP001806). Age- and alcohol-related differences in adolescent neurometabolite levels. <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2025.07.25.666840v1>

Book Chapters

1. Ravindranath, O., Parr, A.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Elliot, S., Luna, B. (2022) Adolescent neurocognitive development. In: Halpern-Felsher, Bonnie (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Health*. pp. 40-62. Oxford: Elsevier.

Presentations

Oral presentations

1. **Perica, M.I.** (2025) *Adolescent neurometabolite development and the effect of alcohol use*. Talk given at MUSC Research Seminar, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.
2. **Perica, M.I.** (2024) *Probing plasticity through adolescence*. Talk given at MUSC Youth Collaborative – University of Sydney Matilda Centre/MUSC Collaboration Symposium, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.
3. **Perica M.I.** (2024). *Measuring excitation and inhibition using human neuroimaging methodologies*. Data blitz talk presented at the National Institutes of Mental Health, virtual.

4. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F.J., Larsen, B., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V.E., Hetherington, H., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2021). *Characterizing how age-related changes in GABA and glutamate underlie development of working memory through adolescence*. Talk given at the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition Brain Bag series, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.
5. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F.J., Larsen, B., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V.E., Hetherington, H., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2021). *Age-related changes in excitation, inhibition, and their balance through adolescence*. Talk given at the University of Pittsburgh Clinical Psychology Seminar Series, Pittsburgh, PA.
6. **Perica M.I.**, O'Reilly K.C., Fenton A.A. (2016). *Altered functional connectivity due to neurodevelopmental insult in the MAM model of schizophrenia*. Talk given at the NYU Undergraduate Research Conference, New York, NY.

Poster presentations (* denotes student mentee presenter)

1. **Perica, M.I.**, Kirkland, A.E., Mewton, L., Squeglia, L. (2025). *Adolescent neurometabolite development and the effect of alcohol use*. Poster presented at the 2025 Research Society on Alcohol conference, New Orleans, LA.
2. **Perica, M.I.**, Kirkland, A.E., Mewton, L., Squeglia, L. (2025). *Adolescent neurometabolite development and the effect of alcohol use*. Poster presented at the Brady/Lydiard Excellence in Psychiatry Research Day, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC.
3. Gillen A.*, **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Hetherington, H., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2023). *Understanding the neurological basis of externalizing behaviors during adolescence*. Poster presented at Undergraduate Research and Creative Expression Fair, 2023. Pittsburgh, PA.
4. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Hetherington, H., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2023). *Environmental impacts on adolescent excitatory and inhibitory processes in frontal cortex*. Poster presented at the 2023 Flux Society conference, Santa Rosa, CA.
5. **Perica, M.I.**, McKeon, S.D., Calabro, F., Foran, W., Hetherington, H., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2023). *Developmental change in GABA and glutamate underlies changes in aperiodic neural activity through adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2023 UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital Research Day. Pittsburgh, PA.
6. Parr, A.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2023). *Dopamine modulation of prefrontal GABA/ Glutamate suggests critical period plasticity during adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2023 Society for Neuroscience conference, Washington, DC.
7. Ojha, O., **Perica, M.I.**, Foran, W., Calabro, F., Luna, B. (2023). *Unique age-related amygdala-cingulate functional connectivity is associated with emotion regulation difficulties in human adolescents: a high-field longitudinal 7T study*. Poster presented at the 2023 UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital Research Day. Pittsburgh, PA.
8. McKeon, S.D., **Perica, M.I.**, Parr, A.C., Calabro, F., Foran, W., Luna B. (2023). *Aperiodic EEG evidence for maturation of E/I balance supporting the development of working memory through adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2023 UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital Research Day. Pittsburgh, PA.
9. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Moon, C., Luna, B. (2022). *Longitudinal changes in glutamate and GABA balance through adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2022 Flux Society conference, Paris, France.
10. McKeon, S., Calabro, F., **Perica, M.I.**, Luna, B. (2022). *Reliability of cortical signal processing is driven by glutamate maturation and supports working memory development*. Poster presented at the 2022 Society for Psychophysiological Research, Vancouver, Canada.

11. McKeon, S., Calabro, F., **Perica, M.I.**, Luna, B. (2022). *Reliability of cortical signal processing is driven by glutamate maturation and supports working memory development*. Poster presented at the 2022 Flux Society conference, Paris, France.
12. Parr, A.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2022). *Variation in striatal dopamine-related neurophysiology is associated with GABA and glutamate in human adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2022 Flux Society conference, Paris, France.
13. Ohja, A., Calabro, F., Foran W., **Perica, M.I.**, Jalbrzikowski, M., Luna, B. (2022). *Characterizing fronto-amygdala circuitry development during adolescence: implications for internalizing symptoms*. Poster presented at the 2022 Flux Society conference, Paris, France.
14. Parr, A.C., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2022). *Variation in striatal dopamine-related neurophysiology is associated with GABA and glutamate in human adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2022 UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital Research Day. Pittsburgh, PA.
15. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Tervo-Clemmens, B., Luna, B. (2021). *Age-related changes in glutamate and GABA support excitatory/inhibitory balance during adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2021 UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital Research Day. Pittsburgh, PA.
16. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2021). *Linking changes in excitatory and inhibitory balance through adolescence with working memory*. Poster presented at the Flux Society conference, virtual due to COVID-19.
17. Ravindranath, O., **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Luna, B. (2021). *Hippocampal-prefrontal connectivity prior to COVID-19 pandemic predicts later anxiety in adolescents*. Poster presented at the Flux Society conference, virtual due to COVID-19.
18. **Perica, M.I.*** & Ravindranath, O.* (2021). *A brain marker of heightened anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic in teens*. Infographic presented at COVGEN Summit 2021, virtual due to COVID-19.
19. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2020). *Association between changes in GABA and Glutamate through adolescence and age-related change in brain activity underlying working memory*. Poster presented at the Flux Society conference, virtual due to COVID-19.
20. Sarpal, D., Sonnenschein, S., Blazer, A., Foran, W., **Perica, M.I.**, Luna, B., Hetherington, H. (2020). *Antipsychotic efficacy and associated changes in prefrontal neurotransmitter levels: preliminary results from a 7-Tesla neuroimaging study of early phase schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the America College of Neuropsychopharmacology conference, virtual due to COVID-19.
21. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2019). *Changes in GABA and Glutamate associated with age-related improvements in working memory ability through adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2019 Flux Society conference, New York, NY.
22. Ravindranath, O., Calabro, F., **Perica, M.I.**, Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2019). *Associations between the development of GABA and Glutamate and emotion processing through adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2019 Flux Society conference, New York, NY.
23. **Perica, M.I.**, Calabro, F., Foran, W., Yushmanov, V., Hetherington, H., Luna, B. (2019). *Mechanisms underlying age-related improvements in visuospatial working memory ability through adolescence*. Poster presented at the 2019 Organization of Human Brain Mapping conference in Rome, Italy.
24. **Perica, M.I.**, O'Reilly, K.C., Fenton, A.A. (2015). *Learning-induced long-term changes as measured by Cytochrome Oxidase activity*. Poster presented at the NYU Undergraduate Research Conference, New York, NY.

25. **Perica, M.I.,** O'Reilly, K.C., Fenton, A.A.. (2014). *Cognitive control circuits in the gestational methylazoxymethanol (MAM) model of schizophrenia*. Poster presented at the NYU Summer Student Conference, New York, NY.

Research Experience

2025 - present

Postdoctoral Fellow

Addiction Sciences Division, Department of Psychiatry, MUSC

Primary Investigator: Lindsay Squeglia, Ph.D.

- Postdoctoral training will focus on gaining expertise with multi-modal neuroimaging methods, big data methodology, advanced quantitative and statistical methods, and clinical trial methodology

2024 – 2025

Predoctoral Psychology Intern Researcher

Addiction Sciences Division, Department of Psychiatry, MUSC

Primary Investigator: Lindsay Squeglia, Ph.D.

- Intern year research project investigated how neurometabolites associated with key neural functions (e.g., plasticity) develop through adolescence and how adolescent alcohol use was associated with differences in metabolite levels
- Gained knowledge in youth alcohol and substance use disorders; furthered knowledge in magnetic resonance spectroscopy methods

2018 – 2024

Graduate Student Researcher

Laboratory of Neurocognitive Development, University of Pittsburgh

Primary Investigator: Beatriz Luna, Ph.D.

- Research projects focused on how neurometabolites associated with plasticity change through adolescence and influence cognitive development, and how environmental factors may impact those developmental trajectories
- Developed novel analytic and statistical pipeline to analyze 7T magnetic resonance spectroscopic imaging data (R01 MH067924)
- Gained proficiency in neuroimaging methodology, R coding, longitudinal data analysis, mixed effects models

2016 – 2018

Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA) Fellow

Systems Neuroscience Imaging Resource, NIH

Primary Investigator: Theodore Usdin, M.D., Ph.D.

- IRTA Fellow project centered on developing a novel pipeline for high-throughput imaging of neural tissue labeled to detect c-Fos to quantify and map activity patterns in mice at a larger and faster scale
- Gained experience with mouse models, histology, CLARITY, microscopy, perfusion

2013 – 2016

Research Assistant

Neurobiology of Cognition Laboratory, NYU

Primary Investigator: Andre Fenton, Ph.D.

- RA project focused on examining how neural plasticity was altered in a rodent model of schizophrenia from adolescence to adulthood, and how aberrant plasticity impacted cognitive control

Gained experience with rodent behavioral tasks, histology, microscopy

Media Coverage

1. Technology Networks (November 10, 2022). “Revealing the plastic landscape of the teen brain”
2. Neuroscience News (November 9, 2022). “A clearer picture of the developing teen brain”
3. Science Daily (November 8, 2022). “Scientists get clearer picture of developing teen brain”
4. UPMC News (November 8, 2022). “Scientists get clearer picture of developing teen brain: new evidence for neuroplasticity in frontal cortex during adolescence.”

Clinical Experience

- 2025 **Couples Therapy Clinic, Ralph H. Johnson VA**
Supervisor: Jenna Teves, Ph.D.
Intervention: provided individual Integrative Behavioral Couples Therapy and Emotion Focused Therapy for couples in person and via telehealth. Co-led communication skills groups for couples.
- 2025 **Trauma Resilience and Recovery Program, MUSC College of Nursing**
Supervisor: Tatiana Davidson, Ph.D.
Intervention: provided individual evidence based treatment for PTSD for children and adults, including Prolonged Exposure and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Conducted bedside interventions with patients recently inpatient hospitalized for a traumatic injury.
- 2024 – 2025 **Sleep, Mood, and Anxiety Research and Treatment Program, MUSC Institute of Psychiatry**
Supervisors: Joshua Tutek, Ph.D. and Ali Wilkerson, Ph.D.
Intervention: provided individual CBT for Insomnia for clients with sleep-related concerns and CBT and ERP for clients with anxiety disorders
- 2024 – 2025 **Pediatric and Adult Sickle Cell Disease Clinics, MUSC Rutledge Tower/Shawn Jenkin’s Children’s Hospital**
Supervisor: Rebecca Kilpatrick, Ph.D.
Intervention: conducted behavioral health screenings in outpatient Sickle Cell Disease clinics for pediatric and adult patients and provided individual therapy using CBT for Chronic Pain and ACT for adults living with sickle cell and substance use disorders
- 2023 – 2024 **Adult OCD Intensive Outpatient Program Practicum, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Western Psychiatric Hospital**
Supervisors: Leah Sufrin, PsyD and Rebecca Price, Ph.D.
Intervention: Co-led group therapy and provided individual therapy using primarily ERP with supportive CBT, DBT, and ACT skills to adults with moderate to severe OCD and anxiety disorders; consulted with psychiatrists on medication management; provided family therapy as necessary
- 2022 – 2023 **Affective Neuroscience and Developmental Psychopathology Lab Practicum, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**
Supervisor: Erika Forbes, Ph.D.
Assessment: Conducted semi-structured interviews with young adults to determine affective disorder diagnoses and study eligibility using the SCID-5 and MADRS
- 2022 – 2023 **Environmental Context and Youth Mental Health Lab Practicum, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**
Supervisors: Rachel Vaughn-Coaxum, Ph.D. & Tina Goldstein, Ph.D.

	<p><u>Intervention:</u> Provided brief, manualized interventions to adolescents, including a four-session Problem Solving Therapy intervention and a two-session cognitive restructuring intervention</p> <p><u>Assessment:</u> Conducted semi-structured interviews with adolescents and their parents to determine affective disorder diagnoses and study eligibility using the KSADS, the DRS, C-SSRS, CTQ, and the STRAIN</p>
2022 – 2023	<p>Center for Eating Disorders Practicum, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Hospital</p> <p><u>Supervisor:</u> Rachel Kolko-Conlon, Ph.D.</p> <p><u>Intervention:</u> co-led group therapy for adolescent and adult patients with a variety of Eating Disorder diagnoses including Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, and Binge Eating Disorder using Enhanced CBT, ACT, and DBT</p>
2021 – 2022	<p>Helping Overcome Prodromal Experiences (HOPE) Team Practicum, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Hospital</p> <p><u>Supervisors:</u> Dr. Leslie Horton and Dr. Lauren Bylsma</p> <p><u>Intervention:</u> provided individual therapy for adolescents at clinical high risk for psychosis using CBT for Psychosis with supportive ERP and DBT; consulted with psychiatrists on medication management; consulted with families and schools as necessary</p> <p><u>Assessment:</u> administered and observed the SIPS assessment, K-SADS, CY-BOCS, C-SSRS</p>
2019 – 2021	<p>Clinical Psychology Center, University of Pittsburgh Department of Psychology</p> <p><u>Supervisors:</u> Andrew Koffmann, Ph.D., Elizabeth Pacoe, Ph.D., Jill Cyranowski, Ph.D., Anna Marsland, Ph.D., RN</p> <p><u>Intervention:</u> provided individual therapy using CBT and ACT to adults in an outpatient mental health clinic with mild to moderate mood and anxiety disorders and chronic pain disorders; consulted with psychiatrists on medication management</p> <p><u>Assessment:</u> conducted semi-structured intake evaluations with adult clients using the mini-mental state examination; conducted neuropsychological assessments using the WAIS-IV, WASI, TOMM, Trails, FAS, BAI, BDI, MMPI</p>

Specialized Training

2025	Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling, SMaRT Workshop
2025	Structural Equation Modeling, SMaRT Workshop
2025	5-day Integrative Behavioral Couple Therapy workshop, VA
2024	1-day Written Exposure Therapy workshop, MUSC
2024	2-day Prolonged Exposure workshop, MUSC
2024	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Web
2024	2-day Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy workshop, MUSC
2024	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I) Web
2024	1-day Basic Training in Child Trauma workshop, University of Pittsburgh
2023	1 hour seminar on approaches to discussing firearm safety, University of Pittsburgh
2023	1.5-hour seminar on mental health needs of LGBTQ+ communities, University of Pittsburgh
2022	Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale training, Columbia Light House Project

2021	1-hour Motivational Interviewing training, University of Pittsburgh
2021	Semester-long weekly course in teaching of Psychology, University of Pittsburgh
2020	Telepsychology Best Practice 101, American Psychological Association

Research Mentorship

2021 – 2024	Mentored an undergraduate honors thesis student, Anna Gillen, B.S. in Neuroscience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded Brackenridge Fellowship (\$4000 stipend) for senior thesis research project
2023 – 2024	Organized and led a journal club for the undergraduate students and research assistants in the Laboratory of Neurocognitive Development
2020 – 2022	Mentored undergraduate students Sydney Galipeau, B.A. in Psychology and Jacqueline Joo, B.S. in Neuroscience

Teaching Experience

Summer 2022	Psychopathology Course Guest Lecturer Topic: Developmental Psychopathology University of Pittsburgh, Department of Psychology
Spring 2022	Psychopathology Course Instructor University of Pittsburgh, Department of Psychology

Service

2025	MUSC Charleston Consortium Faculty Award Committee
2021 – 2022	University of Pittsburgh Graduate Education Committee
2020 – 2022	Pitt Science Policy Group Member
2020	Project SHORT Consultant (www.project-short.com)
2020	Peer Mentor, University of Pittsburgh

Professional Memberships

Research Society on Alcohol
The International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism
Flux Society
Organization for Human Brain Mapping
American Psychological Association
Society for Neuroscience

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewing

Translational Psychiatry (co-reviewer)
Journal of Neuroscience
Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging
Developmental Psychobiology
Brain Imaging and Behavior