

# **GABRIELLA G. N. ROBINSON**

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## **EDUCATION**

**Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Ithaca, NY**

B.S. in Development Sociology, August 2009 – May 2013

**Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Atlanta, GA**

Post-baccalaureate courses in psychology, research, substance abuse, and statistics August 2013 – December 2014

**The New School, New School for Social Research, New York, NY**

M.A. in General Psychology with concentration in Mental Health & Substance Abuse Counseling Fall 2015 - Spring 2017

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## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Statistics Tutor**

November 2014 – August 2015

*Georgia State University Student Support Services(SSS)*

Atlanta, GA

SSS finances tutoring in STEM subjects for Georgia State University students who are either first-generation, and/or low income, and/or have a documented disability

- Responsible for weekly individual tutoring for students in Introductory Statistics

### **Clinical Research Interviewer (Staff)**

July 2014 – August 2015

*Grady Trauma Project - Emory University School of Medicine*

Atlanta, GA

- In the neurophysiology lab, run the psychophysiological measures on mom and child participants including: aacoustic startle response, skin conductance response, and heart-rate variability, to asses fear-related physiology for the longitudinal study: Trauma Exposure and Stress Response in Mothers and Their Children - Mechanisms of Intergenerational Impact of Maternal Trauma
- In the office, interview mom and child participants on various trauma and non-trauma questionnaires (including UCLA, RCMAS, CBCL, and TESI)
- Recruit mom and child participants by administering informed consent in the emergency room of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta - Hughes Spalding
- Passed Emory School of Medicine training courses: EHSO-BBP for Research, HIPAA and Research (Research), HIPAA Security (Security), and HIPAA in a Hurry (Privacy)

### **Counselor**

Jun 2011 – July 2011

*Camp Hawkins*

Mount Airy, GA

Residential camp (counselor to camper ratio 1:1) for youth ages 8-21 coping with varying developmental disabilities including severe Autism, developmental delay, and Cerebral Palsy

- Accountable for 24-hour supervision and engagement with the child for their one week stay of coordinated activities and learning; assisted the youth with daily grooming and hygiene needs
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## **RELEVANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Assistant**

September 2015 - Present

*The New School Trauma and Affective Psychophysiology Lab*

New York, NY

### **Psychology Intern**

January 2014 – March 2015

*Caminar Latino Inc.*

Atlanta, GA

Caminar Latino is a social change organization that provides weekly support groups, court accompaniment, and assistance with TPOs for Latina victims of domestic violence. Additionally, Caminar provides a state-certified domestic violence program for men, services for their children who have often witnessed and/or incurred abuse, and their communities. Many of the women voluntarily seek help from the organization, however, some are court mandated to attend; most of the male population is court mandated

- Group facilitator for Latino Children of various ages one night a week for 3hrs
- Create learning activities based off Caminar's curriculum and demonstrate affirmations with the children
- Provide the children with encouragement and support, and make note of any signs of abuse

### **Clinical Research Interviewer (Intern)**

July 2013 – July 2014

*Grady Trauma Project - Emory University School of Medicine & Grady Memorial Hospital*

Atlanta, GA

Cross-sectional study of genetic and trauma-related risk factors for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in a highly traumatized, low socioeconomic status, minority urban population

- Recruit new study participants by conducting informed consent and interviewing patients from the Grady Hospital clinic population about sensitive subjects such as abuse (sexual, physical, emotional) using various trauma and non-trauma questionnaires (including TEL,ASI, MPSS), life-threatening experiences, current living situation, current psychopathology, and collection of a saliva sample (1- 2½ hours per patient)
- Educate participants on available relevant community resources based on information shared during psychological interview
- Compose a write-up of patients psychological history including any diagnosis, or past traumas, after conducting interview
- Required to spend a minimum of 10 hours a week recruiting participants, collecting data, and entering data
- Medical data entry of Health & Physical forms from physicians

- Perform startle protocol procedure in Neurophysiology lab on participants
- Completed online suicidality training from Research Foundation For Mental Hygiene Columbia University- Suicide Severity Rating Scale
- Passed IRB CITI training programs for research with human participants for Biomedical Research, and Social & Behavioral Research

**Psycho-educational Tutor**

March 2011 – December 2013

The project involves children diagnosed with behavioral and learning disorders, who receive medication and/or psychotherapy from child psychiatrist, Dr. Joe Strayhorn M.D. through the Cortland County Mental Health Clinic-- Its mission is to give these children a better chance to succeed

- Daily tutoring via telephone sessions with one child, through psycho-education manuals (written by Dr. Strayhorn), and monthly supervision of sessions by Dr. Strayhorn
- Responsible for monthly patient write-up of assessment of treatment progress

**Research Assistant**

Jan 2013 – May 2013

*Cornell University Social Science Research Lab*

Ithaca, NY

Study of the constraints and mechanisms of social memory

- Responsible for administering experiment to subjects in the lab, and coding resulting data for analysis
- Passed IRB CITI training programs for research with human participants Social & Behavioral Research, and Responsible conduct of Research for Social & Behavioral and Arts & Humanities

**Mental health Volunteer**

Aug 2012 – Dec 2012

- Planned and carried out activities for adults coping with varying mental disorders at Starlight Peer Advocacy Center for Empowerment sponsored by Mental Health Association of Tompkins County/Mental Health America

**Counselor Training**

Aug 2009 – May 2012

*Cornell EARS (Empathy Assistance & Referral Service)*

Ithaca, NY

- Passed beginner and advance counseling training programs; an extensive training on protocol for crisis talk therapy of fellow students for in-person and telephone crisis- hotline counseling

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES**

Mandavia, A., **Robinson, G.**, Dharani, A., Stevens, J., & Bradley, B. (2014, March). *Resilience and Emotion Regulation as Protective Factors for PTSD, Depression, and Substance Use*. Peer reviewed abstract and Poster Presentation. Anxiety and Depression Association of America 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

- Co-first author with Amar Mandavia. Editing suggestions from Jennifer Stevens PhD (post doc) and Bekh Bradley PhD

**Robinson, G.**, Mandavia, A., Powers-Lott, A., & Ressler, K. (2014, November). *Psychological Resilience as a Protective Factor for PTSD and Depression in Survivors of Childhood Maltreatment*. Peer reviewed abstract and Poster Presentation. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Miami, FL. USA

- First author. Editing suggestions from Abigail Powers-Lott PhD (post doc) and Kerry Ressler MD PhD

**Robinson, G.**, Bradley, B., Jovanovic, T. (2015, April) *Child Anxiety and Hyperarousal Symptoms are correlated with Skin Conductance Responses to Loud Sounds*. Peer reviewed abstract and Poster Presentation. Anxiety and Depression Association of America 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Miami, FL.

- First author. Study design and editing suggestions from Tanja Jovanovic PhD

Cross, D., **Robinson, G.**, Kim, Y., Pallos A., Vance, A., Bradley, B., Jovanovic, T. (2015, April) *Traumatic Exposure and Atypical Behavior Predict Fear-Potentiated Startle in Children*. Peer reviewed abstract and Poster Presentation. Anxiety and Depression Association of America 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Miami, FL

**Robinson, G.**, Cross, D., Ressler, K., Jovanovic, T., Bradley, B. (2015, November) *Maternal Childhood Trauma and Risk for Later Having a Child with Asthma*. Peer reviewed abstract and Poster Presentation. International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies.

**SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS**

Mandavia, A., **Robinson, G.**, Bradley, B., Ressler, K., & Powers-Lott, A. (2015). *Emotion Dysregulation as a Mediator of Childhood Maltreatment and Later Substance Abuse Symptoms*. Manuscript under review for publication.

- Co-first author with Amar Mandavia. Editing suggestions from Abigail Powers-Lott PhD (post doc), Bekh Bradley PhD, and Kerry Ressler MD PhD

Cross, D., Kim, Y., Vance, L.A., **Robinson, G.**, Jovanovic, T., Bradley, B. (2016). *Maternal Childhood Sexual Abuse is Associated with Lower Maternal Warmth toward Daughters but not Sons*. Manuscript under review for publication.