

Deborah Coffy
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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Bachelor of Science, Clinical Psychology, GPA: 4.00 May 2023
Minor in Human Services

Relevant Coursework: Statistical Methods in Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Social Psychology, Instructional Experiences in Undergraduate Psychology, Helping Skills for Human Services, Directed Readings, and Thesis I

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Pre-Law Track, GPA: 3.81 May 2023
Minor in Journalism Studies

Relevant Coursework: Scopes & Methods, Human Rights Policy, State Government and Public Policy, Voting and Elections, Mass Media and Politics, Mass Media, International Media, and Modern Political Ideologies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Central Florida, College of Medicine

Research Assistant, November 2023 – Present

Supervisors: Dr. Lindsay Taliaferro and Eric Schrimshaw

Recruited participants between the ages of 14 and 30 for the Queer Women Cohort Study who identified as queer women. Validated surveys to ensure validity and reliability. Entered deidentified and identified data from participants for quota requirements for National Institutes of Health (NIH).

University of Pittsburgh, Mobilization and Political Economy Summer Research Program

Research Assistant, May 2023—July 2023

Advisors: Dr. Fernando Tormos-Aponte and Dr. Heidi Reynolds-Stenson

Wrote research proposal on Over policing and Mental Health. Learned beginner levels of R Studio and NVivo. Presented presentation on Over policing and Mental Health.

University of Central Florida, Counseling and Psychological Services

Research Assistant, August 2021—May 2023

Advisors: Dr. Rebecca Lockwood and Dr. Larry Marks

Utilized Qualtrics for Question, Persuade, Respond (QPR), workshop, individual, and midterm evaluations. Inputted, analyzed, and presented information related to the “PEAR Project: Building Resilience Grant”. Pulled and analyzed data for over 200+ students for LETGO Grant.

University of Central Florida, School of Social Work

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Student, May 2022—April 2023

Advisors: Dr. Reshawna Chapple and Professor Estelli Ramos

Wrote thesis proposal, *Decision-making and Christianity: Black Queer Women's Mental Health in Central Florida*, which seeks to see how Christianity impacts Black Queer Women's decision-making on whether they will seek mental health services. Researched the impacts of gender roles in relation to Evangelical or Right-leaning Christianity, Black relations, gender identity, and sexuality for literature review. Completed IRB protocol forms to conduct interviews for Black Queer Women in Central Florida between the ages of 18 and 40. Conducted eleven interviews. Defended Thesis, *Decision-making and Christianity: Black Queer Women's Mental Health*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Central Florida, Department of Psychology

Teaching Assistant, August 2019—December 2022

Professor: Dr. Jason Chesnut

Courses: Clinical Psychology and Psychology of Women

Led 12+ non-grading teaching assistant groups. Initiated quality checks for grades completed by non-grading teaching assistant groups. Entered grades into Webcourses. Answered students' questions regarding course, assignments, and grades. Shared resources regarding student involvement.

Teaching Assistant, June 2020—May 2022

Professor: Dr. James Brophy Ellison

Courses: Physiological Psychology and Research Methods in Psychology

Graded 5 groups of 15 students via Webcourses. Provided resources regarding APA standards and citations. Reminded students of deadlines regarding assignments, withdrawal, and drop and add.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Peer Support Space Inc., Black Queer Space

Facilitator, September 2022—Present

Plans discussion ideas regarding social and cultural issues that impact the Black LGBTQ+ community 2x a month. Provides space for Black and LGBTQ+ people to vent and express their ideas. Deescalates conversations when conversations become heated or tense.

Aspire Health Partners and University of Central Florida

Recovery Support Specialist Intern, January—August 2022

Professor/Advisor: Dr. Amanda DiLorenzo-Garcia

Provided support to members of mentally ill and substance abuse populations. Facilitated small groups weekly based on topics such as self-care, coping skills, and reflection. Completed observation sheets based on clients' actions, conversations, and emotions. Distributed and documented meds taken by clients during PM and HS shifts. Attended supervision once a week to debrief experiences at site with other interns.

PUBLICATIONS

Coffy, Deborah, "Decision-Making And Christianity: Black Queer Women's Mental Health" (2023). *Honors Undergraduate Theses*. 1339.
<https://stars.library.ucf.edu/honorstheses/1339>

PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

Coffy, D. (2023, July). *Policing and Mental Health: African Americans Dilemma*. Mobilization and Political Economy, Pittsburgh, PA.

Coffy, D. (2023, March). *Decision-making and Christianity: Black Queer Women's Mental Health*. Student Scholar Symposium, Orlando, FL

Coco, N. A., Mallen, M., Hatchwell, E., Coffy, D., & Zeligman, M. (2023, January). *Connecting to the community: Lessons & data from the UCF Community Counseling Center*. UCF Counseling Conference, Orlando, FL.

Mitchell, J., & Coffy, D. (2022, June). *PEAR Project: Building Resilience Grant*. Counseling and Psychological Services, Orlando, FL.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

UCF President/Dean's List (2018-2023)

Certificate of Achievement—Helping Others Heal: Peer Specialist Training (2022)

Dively-Dupuis LGBTQ+ Scholarship (2023)

BFSA Legacy Award (2023)

Dorothy Walker Ruggles Scholarship (2022)

Dr. Alvin Y. Wang Academic Excellence Scholarship (2022)

Excellence in Action (2022)

SBIRT for Health and Behavioral Health Professionals Certificate (2022)

Youth Mental Health First Aid (2022)

FL Public Safety Telecommunicator Certification (2/2019—2/2021)

PHSC's Dean's List (2017—2018)

INTERPERSONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Interpersonal Skills: Event Planning, Leadership, Facilitation, Conflict Resolution, Project Management, Public Speaking, Research, Supervision, and Writing

Computational: Asana, Calendly, Canva, ClubExpress, Doodle, Fiscalnote, GoDaddy, Google Suite, Later, Lexis, Lobby Tools, Loomly, Mail Chimp, Microsoft Office Suite, Monday.com, Nivo, Qualtrics, SPSS, Webcourses (Canvas Instructure), and WordPress