**Paris Wheeler**

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**Education**

University of Florida

Bachelor of Science in Psychology May 2014

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Law May 2014

GPA: 3.77

**Research Experience**

Pediatric Psychology Lab Coordinator May 2014-Present

Department of Clinical and Health Psychology

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

*Supervisor: David M. Janicke, Ph.D.*

* Project Coordinator for the Pediatric Sleep Study (R21HL12432), a program designed to improve sleep in overweight and obese children aged 6-12
* Assisted with IRB submissions
* Conducted assessments and polysomnography applications on children
* Coordinated and scheduled assessments and treatment sessions for study personnel and participants
* Collaborated directly with primary investigators, medical professionals, and community figures to implement participant recruitment strategies
* Supervised up to 10 undergraduate research assistants and delegated lab tasks such as data entry and preparing study materials, interacting professionally with human subjects
* Contributed to the development of treatment manuals and engaged in session training

Clinical and Health Psychology Department Lab September 2012-Present

University of Florida

*Supervisor: Nicole Ennis Whitehead, Ph.D*.

* Volunteered as data entry personnel
* Collaborated with graduate students and lab Primary Investigator to examine health behaviors among HIV+ and substance using individuals and women with breast cancer
* Initiated projects on HIV stigma and social support in HIV+ African Americans
* Submitted abstracts to local and national conferences (detailed under *Presentations*)

Applied Behavioral Analysis Research Lab January 2013-May 2013

Sidney Lanier School, Gainesville, FL

*Instructor: Brian Iwata, Ph.D.*

* Collected data for six studies testing interventions such as vicarious reinforcement, sampling, and group contingencies in developmentally challenged students
* Organized study materials before and after sessions and accompanied students to and from the study site in order to ensure the efficiency of rotation from session to session

Clinical and Health Psychology Data Personnel May 2013-August 2013

University of Florida

*Supervisor: William Latimer, Ph.D., M.P.H.*

* Employed 20 hours per week entering data for the Adapt IFCBT as HIV Prevention Intervention for Non-Injection Drug Users (R01 DA14498 NIDA; PI: William Latimer, Ph.D., M.P.H.) using Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI)
* Coordinated with research staff in Baltimore to ensure validity of data and performed data checking duties
* Attended regular research lab meetings

Research Methods in Criminology August 2013-December 2013

University of Florida

*Instructor: Lisa Hasel, Ph.D.*

* Completed a secondary analysis of National Youth Survey data demonstrating the relationship of perceived high unemployment rates on measures of substance abuse as it varies by ethnicity
* Completed weekly lab assignments using SPSS and data from the National Youth Survey, a longitudinal study
* Consistently achieved maximum points on assignments requiring the use of statistical tests including chi-square goodness of fit, t-test, one-way and two-way ANOVA

**Oral Presentations**

**Wheeler, P**., Hearn, L., Whitehead, N., Latimer, W. (June 2014). Knowledge about the

Transmission of HIV and HCV: A Comparison between Injection Drug Users and Non-Injection Drug Users. Oral Presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Poster Presentations**

Whitehead, N.E., **Wheeler, P.**, Annane, D.W., Robertson, B., Antoni, M.H., Lechner, S.C.

Racial identity attitudes and health related quality of life among Black breast cancer

survivors (April 2016). Poster submitted to the Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual

Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**Wheeler, P.**, Stromberg, S., Janicke, D.M. Youth Sleep Disturbance Moderates the Relationship

between Youth Externalizing Behaviors and Health-Related Quality of Life (November 2015). Poster to be presented at the 2015 Pediatric Sleep Medicine Conference, Amelia Island, FL.

**Wheeler, P.**, Carmody, J., Clifford, L., Janicke, D.M. Parent Weight Control Behaviors Predict

Weight Control Behaviors in Children with Obesity (April 2015). Poster Presentation at the 2015 Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference (SPPAC), San Diego, CA.

**Wheeler, P.**, Whitehead, N. E., Hearn, L. E., Latimer, W. (April 2014). Sexual Risk Behaviors

for HIV among Non-Injection and Injection Drug Users. Poster Presentation at PHHP

Research Day, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Hearn, L.E., **Wheeler, P.B.**, Whitehead, N.E., Burrell, L.E., & Bryant, V.E. (January 2014).

Predictors of heavy drinking among HIV+ African American adults age 50 and older: A discriminant function analysis. Poster presentation at the 2014 Southern HIV & Alcohol Research Consortium (SHARC) Conference, Miami, Florida.

**Published Abstracts**

**Wheeler, P**., Hearn, L., Whitehead, N., Latimer, W. (June 2014). Knowledge about the

Transmission of HIV and HCV: A Comparison between Injection Drug Users and Non-Injection Drug Users. Oral Presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Manuscripts in Preparation**

**Wheeler, P.**, Carmody, Carmody, J., Clifford, L., Janicke, D.M. (in preparation). Parent Weight

Control Behaviors Predict Weight Control Behaviors in Children with Obesity.

Whitehead, Burrell, **Wheeler**, Hearn and Bryant (in preparation). The influence of

social support on physical and mental health outcomes among HIV+ adult populations.

**Clinical Experience**

Alachua County Crisis Center Phone Counselor January 2014-present

Gainesville, FL

*Supervisor: Janet Greene*

* Completed 54 training hours which involved learning and practicing person-centered techniques to be used as a suicide hotline volunteer
* Operated phone lines which involved taking calls, conducting follow ups, and scheduling appointments
* Utilized skills acquired during training to assess suicidality in callers, develop action plans for preventing self-harm, and connect callers with resources needed to manage crises

Craniofacial Camp Counselor August 2015

Starke, FL

*Supervisor: Shelley Heaton, Ph.D.*

* Volunteered as a counselor at a retreat for children with craniofacial differences and their families
* Supervised a group of 8 children (aged 8-9) and 4 peer counselors aged (13-15) during outdoor activities such as rock climbing and kayaking
* Employed behavior management strategies to ensure the safety of children and adherence to the activities schedule, and to minimize conflicts between campers

**Campus and Community Involvement**

Office of Academic Support Peer Mentor May 2012-May 2013

University of Florida

* Collaborated with fellow mentors to organize and conduct a two-day orientation for incoming freshman from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds
* Mentored a group of 8 students over the course of their freshman year in the acclimation to college life by providing informational resources and emotional support
* Held regular meetings with each mentee to ensure their adjustment and educational success

Risk Management Team, Alpha Kappa Psi August 2012-December 2012

University of Florida

* Presented the fraternity and pledge class with a PowerPoint on the potential danger of situations of risk including alcohol abuse, sexual harassment and inappropriate relations, and hazing
* Monitored pledges and brothers at social events, aided in the resolution of risky situations such as disputes and public drunkenness
* Served as a liaison to the executive board regarding ongoing circumstances that could result in mental or physical harm to brothers and pledges; cooperated with executive board in finding a resolution to said problems
* Developed risk management techniques not used by previous risk management committees, including an anonymous drop box that could be used to report uncomfortable situations

**Affiliations and Awards**

* Golden Key International Honor Society February 2013-Present
* Alpha Kappa Psi, Professional Business Fraternity August 2012-May 2014
* Dean’s List

**Additional Work Experience**

Starbucks: Supervisor August 2013-May 2014

Barista November 2011-August 2013

*Manager: William Little*

* Employed 20-30 hours per week while remaining a full time student
* Collaborated with fellow baristas in the preparation of drinks and the maintenance of the store
* Performed supervisor duties regularly, including completing merchandise logs, maintaining the safe, and instructing new baristas
* Managed staff by delegating cleaning, beverage preparation, and customer service duties