

TALITA AHMED

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

May 2019

UNC Greensboro (UNCG) | Greensboro, NC

Summa Cum Laude

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Technician: Multi-Lab Outreach Coordinator

August 2019- current

Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University | Durham, NC

- Managed database: *Research Participation at Duke (RPad)*, tasks included importing Qualtrics sign-ups, updating participant records and reporting technical issues on Github
- Coordinated outings and community events in the Triangle to inform families about study participation through *RPad*
- Designed sites on Gitbook with centralized information about *RPad* instruction, confidentiality forms, and recruitment ideas.
- Led presentations for senior centers and educational programs, including *Peer Learning & Five Points Center*, in regards to signing up for *RPad*
- Created a virtual manual for *RPad* that encompasses detail on recruiting instruction, subject fields, study parameters and record history
- Engaged in outreach through electronic means & digital platforms such as *PeachJar* for *Duke CHILD & Adult Studies* recruitment
- Distributed recruitment materials in-person at daycares, retirement centers, libraries & other local places.
- Documented fund expenditure, event details, active studies and other recruitment endeavors on Google Sheets & Microsoft Excel
- Revised and submitted IRB protocol(s) for *RPad*

Research Assistant

May 2018 – May 2019

Genes, Environment & Emotion Lab, UNCG | Greensboro, NC

PI: Dr. Suzanne Vrshek-Schallhorn

- Led participants through a two-hour data collection session: Collected salivary cortisol samples, measured heart rate and blood pressure, executed a verbal stress induction test, administered mood questionnaires and computerized cognitive tasks
- Administered SCID (DSM-IV) for Major depressive disorder and presented results at weekly supervised meetings for rating consensus
- Performed role as a judge for verbal stress induction: *Trier social stress test*
- Attended and participated in critical discussions of scholarly research articles during lab meetings, this included leading a discussion once per semester
- Contributed in participant recruitment from utilization of various communication means
- Served as a liaison between research conductor and participant in arranging appointments

Research Assistant

June 2017 – July 2017

The Developmental Affective Neuroscience Lab, Columbia University | New York City, NY

PI: Dr. Nim Tottenham

- Contacted international & domestic adoption agencies of the Tristate area electronically for child recruitment

- Participated at an interactive family fair in downtown Manhattan for advertising lab studies
- Organized and edited questionnaires on Qualtrics based on standard assessments such as the *PERCEIVED RACISM* and *PETERSON DEVELOPMENT* scale
- Completed data entries on SPSS and Microsoft Excel for current and prospective lab participants

Research Assistant

Identity & Diversity Lab, Duke University | Durham, NC

May 2019 – July 2019

PI: Dr. Sarah Gaither

- Carried out administrative tasks that support study-specific needs:
 - *Gender Threat* and *Mental Visualization* study: Ran computerized tasks, provided Qualtrics questionnaires, collected saliva samples and recorded task results or observations onto Excel
 - *Childhood Intergroup Perception (CHIPS)* study: Escorted families to designated parking and study location, initiated series of social activities for minor participants on iPad device
- Assisted in study recruitment efforts through close collaboration with Durham recreation, academic and daycare centers
- Recruited potential age-specific children for *CHIPS* study by carrying out phone interviews with parents and/or legal guardians
- Facilitated in data management using methods such as data entry, coding and birth record verification
- Answered participant questions and scheduled appointments in lab email

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Vice President | Health Occupations Students of America, UNCG

August 2018 – May 2019

- Led biweekly meetings to provide information on HOSA updates such as service opportunities and upcoming speakers
- Directed and co-organized the second *Pre-Health Professionals Conference*. Duties were introducing the key note speaker, presenting professionals during break-out sessions and overseeing roles of other executive members
- Deliberated strategies to further improve organization support and ensure semester objectives are met during officer meetings
- Monitored the club email and university HOSA online portal
- Facilitated president in all leadership responsibilities and presided chapter activities amidst absence of president

Member | University Marshal, UNCG

April 2017– May 2019

- Provided service in university affiliated associations and events such as *Food Recovery Network* and Marshal Inductions
- Participated in annual commencements: greeted graduates/families, guided these individuals to their respective locations and distributed ceremony pamphlets
- Assigned ratings and evaluated applications for prospective Marshal members

Member | Lloyd International Honors College, UNCG

August 2015– May 2019

- Engaged in a curriculum of extensive themes: literary cartography, theoretical perspectives on human/species identity, behavioral science and its role in individual/societal performance
- Enhanced intercultural awareness and psychological education through involvement in the program's study abroad requisite

Professional Chair | Health Occupations Students of America, UNCG

September 2017 – May 2018

- Volunteered at local community residences: *Camden Place Health Center & Rehab*
- Promoted the organization by educating university students about the HOSA platform at public sites

- Arranged presentation meeting dates for health professionals in the Triad region
- Assisted in the *Inaugural Pre-Health Professionals Conference*, with alliances from UNCG American Medical Student Association and Minority Association of Premedical students
- Set up conference rooms, checked in students and speakers prior to program initiation, and ushered attendees
- Produced electronic forms and conference fliers on tools including Qualtrics and Google Sheets

AFFILIATIONS

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| Member , Phi Beta Kappa | April 2019 – current |
| Member , Psi Chi | April 2018 – current |
| Member , UNCG American Medical Student Association | November 2015 – May 2019 |
| Member , UNCG Muslim Student Association | August 2015 – May 2019 |

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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| Volunteer – Emergency Department | September 2016 – January 2019 |
| University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Memorial Hospital Chapel Hill, NC | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Established a line of communication between patients and ED staff: answered patient call bells, accompanied patient families to appropriate areas, delivered food and other necessities to ensure patient comfort ▪ Managed tube stations: transferred blood vials, specimen for testing and medications to staff ▪ Restocked supplies, transported plasma units and discs to the blood bank, radiology, and MRI center | |

AWARDS & HONORS

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| Recipient Anthony J. DeCasper Memorial International Studies Scholarship Award | September 2018 |
| Recipient Elizabeth Yates King Award | May 2018 |
| Member UNCG Chancellor's List | Spring 2016- Spring 2019 |
| Member UNCG Dean's List | Fall 2015- Spring 2019 |
| Member UNCG Lloyds International Honors Dean's List | Fall 2015 – Spring 2019 |

SKILLS

Certifications: Adult and Pediatric First Aid, AED, CPR and [Microsoft Access](#) (2013)

Computer: Box, GitBook, GitHub, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, SPSS

Training: CITI Biomedical research, CITI Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research, HIPAA General, HIPAA for Researchers

Languages: English (Fluent), Bengali (Fluent), Spanish (conversational), Arabic literacy