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## EDUCATION

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- 2029                      **Ph. D. in Applied Social and Cultural Psychology**  
Florida International  
University  
Sweetwater, Florida  
Graduate Certificate: Health Disparities
- 2024                      **M.S. in Clinical Psychology**  
Barry University  
Miami Shores, FL  
Title of Thesis: *Sex Differences in Cultural Mistrust and Vaccine Hesitancy in the Black Community during the 2020-2022 Pandemic.*
- 2020                      **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**  
New Jersey City  
University  
Jersey City, NJ  
Minors: Women's and Gender Studies

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Black College Women's Perception of Sexual Health**                      August 2024- Present  
**Florida International University**  
**Culture, Context, Health & Identities Research Lab**  
Graduate Student in the Applied Social and Cultural Psychology Program  
*Primary Supervisor: Dionne Stephens, Ph.D. D*

**Fertility practices and beliefs across Black emerging adults**                      August 2024- Present  
**Florida International University**  
**Culture, Context, Health & Identities Research Lab**  
Graduate Student in the Applied Social and Cultural Psychology Program  
*Primary Supervisor: Dionne Stephens, Ph.D. D*

**Fertility practices and beliefs across LatinX emerging adults**                      August 2024- Present  
**Florida International University**  
**Culture, Context, Health & Identities Research Lab**  
Graduate Student in the Applied Social and Cultural Psychology Program  
*Primary Supervisor: Dionne Stephens, Ph.D. D*

**Cross-Sectional COVID-19 Research Study**                      January 2022- May 2024  
**Graduate Research Assistant**  
**Primary Supervisor: Pamela Hall, Ph.D. D**  
**Lived Experience Lab- Barry University**  
**Funders: Kellogg Foundation, Congressional Black Caucus, and the National Urban League**

- Utilized data from the Association of Black Psychologists Needs Assessment dataset, comprising over 2400 participants.
- Spearheaded the dataset's examination, organization, and cleaning, ensuring data integrity and accuracy.
- Investigated the impact of cultural mistrust, vaccine hesitancy, police-based violence, perceived discrimination, life satisfaction, anxiety, and depression in Black and Brown communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Applied advanced statistical analyses using SPSS, including but not limited to regressions, mediation, moderation, correlations, and t-tests, to derive meaningful insights from the dataset.
- Presented research findings at national psychological conferences through poster presentations, contributing to disseminating crucial information in the field.
- Co-authored an accepted publication based on the research, demonstrating a commitment to scholarly contributions in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its psychosocial impact on marginalized communities.
- Checked the validity and reliability of each scale used in the data.
- The Kurtosis and skewness of the data were reported.

### **Spiritual Well-Being Study**

October 2022- August 2023

#### **Senior Research Assistant**

#### **Lived Experience Lab- Barry University**

#### **Primary Supervisor: Pamela Hall, Ph.D. D**

- Compiled and submitted research material to the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- Organized and managed data using SPSS, ensuring precision and reliability.
- Conducted regressions and correlations, extracting valuable insights within the dataset.
- Effectively reported and documented research findings, forming the basis for conference presentations.
- Integrated Spiritual Well-Being Scale with analyses of perceived discrimination, life satisfaction, and belief systems analysis.
- Reported and wrote the results that were used to present at multiple national conferences.

### **Office of Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (*JEDI*)**

December 2022-March 2023

#### **Office of the President- Barry University**

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

#### **Primary Supervisor: Pamela Hall, Ph.D. D**

#### **Funder: United Way**

- Conducted and co-facilitated trainings on justice, diversity, inclusion, and equity to professors, staff, and students at the School of Podiatry Medicine.
- Conducted research on inequalities in the medical and podiatry fields.
- Utilized SPSS for data analysis, revealing significant findings.
- Compiled reports with actionable recommendations for fostering inclusivity.
- Contributed to creating a more equitable campus environment at Barry University.
- Collaborated with other Graduate Assistants to deliver impactful training.
- Assisted the organizer in preparing and organizing the documentation for the final proposal submission to United Way funders.

### **Affirming Youth Service Learning Photovoice Project**

September 2023- December 2023

#### **Graduate Research Assistant**

#### **Primary Supervisor: Pamela Hall, Ph.D. D**

#### **Affirming Youth Community Organization & Lived Experience Lab**

**Funders:** American Psychological Association

- Implemented 10-week wellbeing study for youth in a resource community (Liberty City, Miami)
- Assisted in mentorship and guidance to help them navigate the challenges they face.
- Taught high school students and graduates about the significant contributions of the Nile Valley, fostering cultural awareness and appreciation.
- Contributed to a participatory action research (PAR) project through the PhotoVoice method, allowing the students to document and express their concerns about issues in Miami, FL.
- Guided students in gaining insights into the impact of inequalities and injustices in their lives and communities, encouraging critical thinking and awareness.
- Collaborated with the students to help them develop practical solutions to reduce inequalities and foster positive change in their communities.
- Presented the Photovoice project at Barry University.

**Research Intensive Summer Experience**

May 2022- September 2022

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**

**Primary Supervisor:** Victoria DiBona, Ph.D. D

**Rutgers University- New Brunswick, New Jersey**

**Funders:** Rutgers University

- Selective program participant
- Contributed to the development of specialized software with MATLAB to automate individual cell (microglia) rendering and quantification.
- Used ImageJ to quantify dynamic microglia movement from time-lapse z-stack images of zebrafish fry following toxicant treatment.
- Assisted in writing the initial draft of the primary publication, including background, methods, and results sections.

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Design Neuroscience Center**

January 2023- May 2024

**Neuropsychological Intern**

**Primary Supervisor:** Isaac Tourgeman, Ph.D.

- Conducted comprehensive assessments for a diverse range of patients, including those with acquired brain injuries (TBI, CVA, etc), neurodegenerative disorders (dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's), and developmental conditions.
- Generated detailed assessment reports, offering insightful interpretations to support treatment planning and further evaluation.
- Authored initial evaluation reports, outlining the patients' cognitive and functional status to guide their ongoing care.
- Assisted supervisors with didactics for new students.
- Administered therapy sessions and cognitive rehabilitation.

**West Gables Rehabilitation Hospital**

October 2023-May

2024

**Neuropsychological Intern**

**Primary Supervisor:** Isaac Tourgeman, Ph.D. D

- Conducted regular patient rounds to assess their current physical and emotional status, ensuring comprehensive care.
- Administered assessments, including Cognistat, MOCA (Montreal Cognitive Assessment), GAD-7 (Generalized Anxiety Disorder 7), and PHQ-9 (Patient Health Questionnaire-9), to evaluate patients' cognitive function and mental health.
- Evaluated patients for their current physical and emotional well-being, using a combination of clinical observations and structured assessments.
- Maintained accurate patient records and compiled weekly reports for insurance purposes, ensuring timely and organized submission.

**The New Essecare of NJ, LLC**

September 2018- January 2019

**Psychology & Drug and Alcohol Abuse Intern**

**Primary Supervisor:** Cecilia Horner

- Observed group classes on the prevention of relapse.
- Made a drug and alcohol test through TrueTox Laboratories.
- Performed administrative duties to ensure proper disclosure of paperwork to Medicaid/ Insurances.
- Initially observed and resulted in teaching a group class on coping with depression, including coping strategies outside the program.
- Assisted with enrolling clients into Medicaid.
- Facilitated discussions with patients.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Thomas, B., Randolph, S., & Burlew, K. (*In Press*)

Cultural Mistrust and Vaccine Hesitancy in the Black Community: A syndemic approach.  
*COVID-19 Special Issue for The Journal of Black Psychology.*

**PRESENTATIONS**

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**Robinson, L. & Stephens, D.** (June 2025). Examining Social Pressures: Pregnancy in Caribbean Communities. Poster presentation at the Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology. Bridgetown, Barbados

**Robinson, L. & Stephens, D.** (June 2025). Perceptions of Infertility Care in the Caribbean. Poster presentation at the Caribbean Regional Conference of Psychology. Bridgetown, Barbados

Williams, T., **Robinson, L.**, & Hall, P. (July 2025). Reclaiming Spirit: Understanding Colorism's Role in Perceived Discrimination and Life Satisfaction. Poster presentation at the Association of Black Psychologists Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida.

**Robinson, L. & Williams, T., & Hall, P.** (July 2025). Returning to Spirit: Exploring the Intersections of Spiritual Well-being, Belief Systems, and Colorism. Poster presentation at the Association of Black Psychologists Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida.

**Robinson, L., Hall, P., Hedditch, A., Michel, K., Kennedy, J., & Carlos-Chavis, F.** (April 2025) Impact of Perceived Discrimination on Black and Latinx Essential Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Poster presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.

**Robinson, L.,** Hall, P., Hedditch, A., Michel, K., Kennedy, J., & Carlos-Chavis, F.  
*The Effects of Perceived Discrimination on The Black and Latinx Communities' Well-Being During The COVID-19 Pandemic.* Poster presentation at the National Latinx Psychological Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2024.

**Robinson, L.,** Hall, P., Hedditch, A., Michel, K., Kennedy, J., & Carlos-Chavis, F.  
*Gender Differences in Perceived Discrimination, Anxiety, and Depression Amongst The Latinx Community.* Poster presentation at the National Latinx Psychological Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2024.

**Robinson, L.,** & Taltoan, R. The effects of cultural mistrust on COVID-19 in the Black Community. One Healthy Reason Conference, November 2023, Miami, FL.

Burlew, K., Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** Golden, A., & Ramsey, L. Reclaiming our wellness ABPsi COVID-19 needs assessment results of homebound and frontline black/Africana adults, Panel Presentation at Association of Black Psychologists Convention, July 2023, Detroit, MI.

**Robinson, L.,** Bowleg, A., Thomas, B., Terrero-Rodriguez, S. Perceived discrimination affects life satisfaction and spiritual well-being in emerging adults, Presentation at Association of Black Psychologists Convention, July 2023, Detroit, MI.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** Crawford, T., Bowleg, A., Boisson, T. COVID-19 and Cultural Mistrust in the Black Community, Presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association Convention, April 2023, New Orleans, LA.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** Terrero-Rodriguez, S., Angulo, R., Guzman, D., Crawford, T., Thomas, B. COVID-19 and Cultural Mistrust in the Black Community, Presentation at the Southeastern Psychological Association Convention, April 2023, New Orleans, LA.

The T. Monaye Foundation. "Real Talk: Spring 2023 Edition". Panel Discussion, March 2023, Miami, Florida.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** & Thomas, B. COVID-19 and Vaccine Hesitancy in the Black Community, Presentation at the Association of Psychological Sciences Annual Convention, May 2022, Chicago, IL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** & Thomas, B. COVID-19 and Vaccine Hesitancy in the Black Community, Presentation at the Annual STEM Research Symposium, April 2022, Miami Shores, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** & Thomas, B. COVID-19 and Cultural Mistrust in the Black Community, Presentation at the Association of Psychological Sciences Annual Convention, May 2022, Chicago, IL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.,** & Thomas, B. Race-Related Worry, COVID-Related Worry and Vaccine Hesitancy in the Black Community, Presentation at the Association of Black Psychologists Convention, July 2022, Virtual.

Robinson, L. Using a zebrafish model for evaluating alterations of microglia morphology following lipopolysaccharide exposure. RISE Program at Rutgers University, July 2020 (Virtual).

Robinson, L. Parenting Styles and Child Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**

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### **Affirming Youth Counseling Program Mental Health Counselor**

October 2024 – Present

**Primary Supervisor:** Dr. Jonthon Spikes

**Organization:** Affirming Youth Foundation, Miami, FL

- Provide individual and group counseling to at-risk youth and justice-involved adolescents, focusing on mental health, emotional regulation, and behavioral interventions.
- Deliver psychoeducation on topics such as trauma, coping strategies, self-esteem, and conflict resolution to support reintegration and personal development.
- Conducted comprehensive mental health assessments and developed personalized treatment plans tailored to each youth's needs.
- Utilize cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and trauma-informed approaches to address symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD in adolescents.
- Work collaboratively with case managers, educators, and community partners to provide holistic care and ensure continuity of services.
- Participate in monthly clinical supervision and training to enhance counseling skills and stay updated on best practices in adolescent mental health.

### **Walking OneStop Community Outreach Program Present**

March 2023 –

**Volunteer Mental Health Counselor & Resource Navigator**

**Organization:** Walking OneStop, Liberty City, FL

- Provide free mental health counseling to Liberty City residents, offering immediate emotional support and crisis intervention.
- Connect individuals with critical community resources, including healthcare services, housing assistance, employment opportunities, and legal aid.
- Educate residents on mental health awareness, coping strategies, and access to counseling services, reducing stigma around seeking psychological support.
- Collaborate with law enforcement, social service agencies, and local organizations to address the urgent needs of underserved populations.
- Participate in bi-monthly outreach walks, engaging directly with community members to assess their needs and provide tailored support.
- Advocate for systemic solutions to health disparities by identifying recurring issues faced by residents and sharing insights with policymakers and community leaders.

## **COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

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**Robinson, L.** (Host). (2025). *A Black girl's guide to graduate school*. [Audio podcast episode]. In *Psychology of Black Womanhood*. Spotify.

**Robinson, L.** (Host). (2025). *Therapist spotlight: Drive-by therapy with Dr. Tasha*. In *Psychology of Black Womanhood*. Spotify. <https://www.spotify.co>

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Dynasties 1-5, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Dynasties 6-10, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Dynasties 11-15, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Dynasties 16-20, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Dynasties 21-25, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Spirituality, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Inventions and Inventors, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. Nile Valley Contributions: Pharaohs, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

Hall, P., **Robinson, L.**, Allen, N., Rogne, C., Taltoan, R., Francois, D., & Grayson, J. PhotoVoice In Their Community, Presentation at Affirming Youth, 2023, Liberty City, FL.

## TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate Assistantship Barry University

August 2022- May 2024

- Analyzed acquired information and presented it to professors.
- Proctored Exams
- Collaborated with other Graduate Assistants and students to teach SPSS programs.
- Completed duties per the professor's request.
- Organized a small library for the Africana Studies department.
- Oversaw groups of students and assisted with academic projects.
- Directed students in performing and completing assigned tasks.

**Resident Assistant**

August 2018- June 2020

**Residence Life- New Jersey City University**

- Provided guidance and support to 500 residents in a dormitory.
- Assisted with the development and implementation of programs and activities to foster a sense of community, personal growth, and well-being among residents.
- Acted as a resource and point of contact for residents, addressing concerns, providing information, and facilitating conflict resolution.
- Enforced dormitory policies and promoted a safe, respectful, and inclusive living environment.
- Collaborated with fellow RAs and dormitory staff to plan and execute community-building events and educational initiatives.
- Conducted regular wellness checks and communicated with residents to assess their needs and ensure their well-being.
- Participated in on-call duty rotations to address emergencies and provide support after regular hours.
- Maintained accurate records, including incident reports, room condition reports, and resident interactions.
- Attended and actively engaged in RA meetings, training sessions, and professional development opportunities to enhance leadership and communication skills.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2024 | <i>College of Arts and Sciences (CASE) Dean Fellowship**</i>         |
|      | Florida International University                                     |
| 2024 | <i>Student Travel Assistanceship*</i>                                |
|      | Association of Psychological Science                                 |
| 2023 | <i>2023 Black Ribbon Scholarship*</i>                                |
|      | The Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) Student Circle.       |
| 2023 | <i>Southeastern Psychological Association Regional Travel Grant*</i> |
|      | Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology               |
| 2022 | <i>Student Diversity Registration Award*</i>                         |
|      | Association of Psychological Science                                 |
| 2020 | <i>Research Intensive Summer Experience Scholarship**</i>            |
|      | Rutgers University                                                   |

*National \*. Institutional\*\*.***Professional Affiliations**

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| 2022 | Association of Black Psychologists: Student Circle |
| 2019 | Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology  |
| 2017 | National Society of Leadership and Success         |
| 2017 | National Society of Collegiate Scholars            |

**Assesments**

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- Advanced Clinical Solutions: Test of Premorbid Functioning
- Advanced Clinical Solutions: Word Choice
- Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Test (AUDIT)
- Beck Anxiety Inventory (BAI)
- Beck Depression Inventory - II (BDI-II)
- Boston Naming
- Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS-5)
- Conner's Continuous Performance Test- II (CPT-III)
- Controlled Oral Word Association Test (COWAT)
- Cognistat Cognitive Assessment
- Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System
- Dot Counting Test
- Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJ IV)
- Finger Tapping
- Folstein Test or Mini Mental Status Examination
- Geriatric Depression Scale
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder-9
- Grooved Pegboard Test
- House-Tree-Person Personality Test
- Montreal Cognitive Assessment
- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory- Adolescent (MMPI-A)
- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory- II (MMPI-3)
- Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)
- PCL-5
- Rey-15 item memory test.
- Rey Osterrieth Complex Figure Test – Copy, Immediate, Recall, and Delayed Recall
- Sentence Completion Series- Adult, Work, Teenager, Disability
- Structured Inventory of Malingered Symptomatology (SIMS)
- Test of Nonverbal Intelligence-IV (TONI-IV)
- Texas Functional Living Scale (TFLS)
- Trail Making Test Part A & B
- Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale – IV (WAIS)
- Wechsler Memory Scale – IV
- Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC-V)
- Wide Range Achievement Testing (WRAT-5)
- Wisconsin Card Sorting Test (WCST)

### **ADDITIONAL RELEVANT SKILLS**

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- FOSSE
- IBM Statistical Package for the SocialScience
- MATLAB
- Microsoft Office
- PROCESS macro in SPSS
- R