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EDUCATION

Los Angeles City College

 Texas Tech University (APA Accredited) 2022-Present Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical Psychology (Expected August 2028) Lubbock, TX Advisor: Jason Van Allen, Ph.D. • Texas Tech University (APA Accredited) 2022-2024 Master of Arts, Clinical Psychology Lubbock, TX • Advisor: Jason Van Allen, Ph.D. • Master's Thesis (2024): Pet Ownership and Family Involvement in Sports and Other Activities. Texas Tech University. Electronic Theses and Dissertations. https://hdl.handle.net/2346/99242 • Tufts University 2019-2022 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, summa cum laude, Highest Thesis Honors Medford, MA • Advisor: Alexander Queen, Ph.D. • Honors Thesis (2021): Perceived Attitudes of Pet Owners About Their Pets During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Tufts University. Digital Collections and Archives. https://dl.tufts.edu/concern/pdfs/6q183150s Los Angeles City College 2017-2019 Psychology Major Los Angeles, CA **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS** • 2023 APAGS/Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship 2023 American Psychological Association of Graduate Students & Psi Chi Amount: \$1,000 • Helen DeVitt Jones Fellowship 2022-2026 Texas Tech University Department of Psychological Sciences Amount: \$16,000 HONORS AND AWARDS 2025 SPPAC Travel Award 2025 Society of Pediatric Psychology, Division 54 of the American Psychological Association Amount: \$500 • Priscilla N. Dunne Prize 2021 Tufts University Department of Psychology Amount: \$1,000 TIHAI Student Scholar 2021 Tufts Initiative for Human-Animal Interaction Amount: \$500 • Dean's List (all full-time semesters) 2019-2022 Tufts University President's Honors 2019 Los Angeles City College • Full Time Dean's Honor List (all full-time semesters) 2018-2019

GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

• TTU Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism

Charles S. Peirce Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship

Amount: \$5,000

2024

- Title: Examining the Role of Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) with Pediatric Physical Therapy (PT) Patients
- Role: Co-PI
- Status: Declined by funder

• TTU Institute for Studies in Pragmaticism

2024

Cross-Disciplinary Research Excellence Award

Amount: \$6,000

- Title: Examining the impact of animal-assisted therapy on pediatric patients' psychological and physical health
- Role: Co-I
- Status: Declined by funder

• American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

2023

Pilot Innovation Grant

- Title: Real-time assessment of suicidal thoughts and behaviors among sexual and gender minority young adults with companion animals
- Role: Co-PI
- Status: Declined by funder

National Science Foundation

2023

Graduate Research Fellowship Program

Amount: \$111,000

Amount: \$49,870

- Title: Companion animals, social support, and coping in rural and urban LGBTQ+ and non-LGBTQ+ adolescents and young adults
- Role: PI
- Status: Not recommended

Society of Pediatric Psychology

2023

Amount: \$5,000

Marion and Donald Routh Student Research Grant

• Title: Examining the impact of animal-assisted therapy on pediatric patients' psychological and physical health

- Role: Co-I
- Status: Declined by funder

American Psychological Foundation

2023

Visionary Grant Amount: \$20,000

- Title: Real-time assessment of suicidal thoughts and behaviors among sexual and gender minority young adults with companion animals
- Role: Co-PI
- Status: Declined by funder

• Human Animal Bond Research Institute

2023

Amount: \$49,500

Amount: \$10,000

Charles S. Peirce Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship

- Title: Companion animals, social support, and coping in rural and urban LGBTQ+ and non-LGBTQ+ adolescents and young adults
- Role: Co-I
- Status: Declined by funder

University of North Texas Center for Psychosocial Health Disparities Research

2022

Improving Behavioral Health of Underserved Groups

- Title: Companion animals, social support, and coping in rural LGBT+ youth
- Role: PI
- Status: Declined by funder

Google Scholar Profile

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- **Halbreich, E. D.**, & Van Allen, J. (2024). Pet Ownership and Family Involvement in Sports and Other Activities. *Anthrozoös*, 37(6), 1107–1131. https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2024.2406097
- **Halbreich, E. D.**, Hefner, T. D., Healy, A. S., & Van Allen, J. (2024). Measurement of attachment in human-animal interaction research. *Human-Animal Interactions*, 12(1). https://doi.org/10.1079/hai.2024.0030
- King, E. K., **Halbreich, E. D.**, Callina, K., & Mueller, M. K. (2023). Companion animals and the relationship between peer victimization and emotion regulation in youth. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 34(1), 85–95. https://doi.org/10.1111/jora.12901
- Mueller, M. K., King, E. K., **Halbreich, E. D.**, & Anderson, E. (2023) Feasibility of using ecological momentary assessment to measure the effects of interactions with pet dogs on psychophysiological reactivity in adolescents with social anxiety. *Human-Animal Interactions*, 11(1). https://doi.org/10.1079/hai.2023.0036
- **Halbreich, E. D.**, Callina, K., King, E. K., & Mueller, M. K. (2023). Companion animals and profiles of peer social behavior in adolescence. *Journal of Adolescence*, 95(6), 1152–1167. https://doi.org/10.1002/jad.12183
- **Halbreich, E. D.** (2022). Perceived attitudes of pet owners about their pets during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal*, *6*(1), 1–13. https://www.animaliajournal.org/post/perceived-attitudes-of-pet-owners-about-their-pets-during-the-covid-19-pandemic
- Mueller, M. K., King, E. K., **Halbreich, E. D.**, & Callina, K. S. (2022). Companion animals and adolescent stress and adaptive coping during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Anthrozoös*, 35*(5), 693–712. https://doi.org/10.1080/08927936.2022.2027093
- **Halbreich, E. D.,** & Mueller, M. K. (2022). Profiles of family pet ownership during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Current Psychology*. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-021-02574-x
- Linder, D. E., Folta, S. C., Must, A., Mulé, C. M., Cash, S. B., **Halbreich, E. D.**, Colón, C., Sullivan, S., Sanabria, E., Gibbs, D., & Farrell, T. (2021). A stakeholder-engaged approach to development of an animal-assisted intervention for obesity prevention among youth with autism spectrum disorder and their pet dogs. *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, *8*, 735432. https://doi.org/10.3389/fvets.2021.735432
- Linder D. E., Santiago S., & **Halbreich, E. D.** (2021). Is there a correlation between dog obesity and human obesity? Preliminary findings of overweight status among dog owners and their dogs. *Frontiers in Veterinary Science*, *8*, 654617. https://doi.org/10.3389/fvets.2021.654617

Book Chapters

King, E. K., **Halbreich, E. D.**, & Mueller, M. K. (2023). Animals in development: Childhood and adolescence. In A. H. Fine, M. K. Mueller, Z. Y. Ng, A. M. Beck, & J. M. Peralta (Eds.), *The Routledge International Handbook of Human-Animal Interactions and Anthrozoology* (1st ed., pp. 214–227). Routledge. https://doi.org/10.4324/9781032153346

Online Publications

- Linder, D. E., & **Halbreich**, **E. D.** (2022, February 22). *Does My Pet Need a 'Bland Diet'?* Petfoodology. https://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/2022/02/does-my-pet-need-a-bland-diet/
- **Halbreich, E. D.** (2019, December 9). *Tenure Most Foul*. Tufts University Student Scholarship. Tisch Library. http://hdl.handle.net/10427/6W924Q81F

Selected Manuscripts in Preparation

- Hefner, T. D., **Halbreich**, E. **D.**, Jones, J., *Arendt, F., *Jones, C., & *Valley, M. (In Prep). Systematic review and meta-analysis of cognitive-dissonance interventions to improve body image satisfaction among athletes.
- Lancaster, B. D., Hefner, T. D., **Halbreich, E. D.**, Hall, N. J., & Van Allen, J. (In Prep). The effect of pet dogs on empirical measures of child activity.
- **Halbreich, E. D.**, Hefner, T. D., Healy, A. S., & Van Allen, J. (In Prep). Construction and validation of the companion animal ties scale (CATS).

Halbreich, E. D., & Van Allen, J. (In Prep). Examining the relationship between pet ownership and prosocial behaviors.

PRESENTATIONS

Symposium Contributions

Mueller, M. K., **Halbreich, E. D.**, & Anderson, E. (2022, July 7–9). Feasibility of using ecological momentary assessment to measure the effects of interactions with pet dogs on psychophysiological reactivity in adolescents with social anxiety. In N. Gee (Chair), *Ecological Momentary Assessment (EMA) as a Tool for Assessing Human-animal Interaction Across Contexts*. 31st International Society for Anthrozoology Conference, Boise, ID, United States.

Snapshot Presentations

Hoelscher, E.C., **Halbreich**, E.D., & Victor, S. E. (2025, June 26–27). *Feeling the Urge: Interoception and NSSI Urge Frequency in Transgender and Nonbinary Adults*. International Society for the Study of Self-injury 2025 Annual Conference, Wellington, New Zealand.

Poster Presentations

- Hefner, T. D., **Halbreich, E. D.**, Jones, C., *Valley, M., & Van Allen, J. (2025, April 3–5). *Relationship between pet ownership, physical activity, and sleep recommendations*. Society of Pediatric Psychology 2025 Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, United States.
- **Halbreich, E. D.**, Arendt, F., Hefner, T. D., & Van Allen, J. (2025, April 3–5). *Evaluating prosocial behavior and sleep disturbances between pet owners and non-pet owners*. Society of Pediatric Psychology 2025 Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ, United States.
- **Halbreich, E. D.**, Hefner, T. D., & Van Allen, J. (2024, April 18–20). *Pet ownership and physical activity in adolescence*. The Society for Research on Adolescence 2024 Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, United States.
- King, E. K., **Halbreich, E. D.**, Anderson, E., & Mueller, M. K. (2023, June 15–18). *Dog interactions and psychophysiology in adolescents with social anxiety*. 32nd International Society for Anthrozoology Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- Streicher, B. E., **Halbreich, E. D.**, Healy, A., Hefner, T. D., Lelakowska, G., & Van Allen, J. (2023, May 3). *Dog ownership, physical activity, depression, and anxiety symptoms in youth*. Obesity Research Institute 8th Annual Meeting, Lubbock, TX, United States.
- **Halbreich, E. D.**, Mueller, M. K., King, E. K., & Callina, K. (2023, April 13–15). *Pet ownership and profiles of peer social behavior in adolescence*. The Society for Research on Adolescence 2023 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, United States.
- **Halbreich, E. D.** (2022, July 7–9). *Perceived attitudes of pet owners about their pets during the COVID-19 pandemic.* 31st International Society for Anthrozoology Conference, Boise, ID, United States.
- Folta, S. C., Mulé, C. M., Linder, D. E., Must, A., Cash, S. B., Adkins, J., & **Halbreich, E. D.** (2022, May 11–14). *Exploring nutrition, physical activity, and the role of pet dogs in households with a child with autism spectrum disorder: The DANE Study.* INSAR 2022 Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, United States.

RESEARCH AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

• Examining Nutrition, Exercise, and Rest in Growing Youth (ENERGY) Lab
Research Assistant

Aug. 2022-Present

- Supervisor: Jason Van Allen, Ph.D.
- Write, edit, and conduct statistical analyses for peer-reviewed manuscripts, utilizing structural equation modeling and approaches to categorical data analysis; Propose and manage new research projects; Write and conceptualize grant applications for relevant funding opportunities; Analyze data across different statistical platforms (e.g., R, Mplus, SAS); Work collaboratively on federally funded research projects; Directly mentor and supervise undergraduate research assistants on research projects, including assisting with student-led research projects; and Assist with administrative tasks, such as creating and maintaining REDCap surveys and databases.

Children's Television Project

- Supervisor: Calvin Gidney, Ph.D.
- Supervise coders and research assistants working on a longitudinal research project; Work with PIs to implement and improve upon long-term project goals; Organize and manage data from the current season as well as from past years; Assign and track generation of character sheets, coding, cleaning, and collapsing; Generate and manage coder information surveys, training surveys, and coding instrument responses;
 Respond to student inquiries in a timely manner; and Assist in organizing structure of weekly class meetings as well as semester-long schedule.

Tufts Pets and Well-Being Lab

May 2021-Aug. 2022

Research Assistant

- Supervisor: Megan K. Mueller, Ph.D.
- Work closely with research team on funded research projects; Assist with participant recruitment, consent, protocol training, data collection, debriefing, and tracking; Draft manuscripts and grant proposals; Conduct systematic literature reviews and analyses; Handle data entry and analysis; and Assist with administrative tasks.

• Tufts Initiative for Human-Animal Interaction

Aug. 2019-Aug. 2022

Research Assistant

- Supervisor: Deborah Linder, DVM, MS, DACVN
- Draft manuscripts; Conduct qualitative interviews with participants; Provide general administrative assistance on a number of funded research projects; Work with the Tufts IRB to help ensure that all aspects of the research studies are in compliance with the applicable regulations and institutional guidelines prior to IRB approval; Facilitate feedback on key documents and managing a collaborative workspace with stakeholders; Oversee projects through varying phases of development; Prepare, draft, and finalize stakeholder and research group meeting agendas and minutes; and Draft and finalize site and study documents.

Statistical Training

• Categorical Data Analysis Instructor: Andrew K. Littlefield, Ph.D.

• Structural Equation Modeling for Psychologists

2023

Instructor: Andrew K. Littlefield, Ph.D.

Advanced Correlational Methods and Factor Analysis

2023

Instructor: Nicholas Croft Borgogna, Ph.D.

Experimental Design

2022

Instructor: Martina I. Klein, Ph.D.

Clinical Experience

• Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Psychology Clinic

Sep. 2023-Present

Graduate Student | Individual Adult and Child Therapist

- Supervisors: Andrew K. Littlefield, Ph.D., Sarah E. Victor, Ph.D., John L. Cooley, Ph.D., Jason Van Allen,
 Ph.D., Adam T. Schmidt, Ph.D., Jonathan Singer, Ph.D.
- Provide long-term, individual psychotherapy for anxiety disorders (e.g., generalized anxiety disorder, social anxiety disorder), mood disorders (e.g., major depressive disorder, persistent depressive disorder), chronic pain, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and prolonged grief disorder.
- Receive didactic training in evidence-based treatment protocols, including Parent Management Training,
 Defiant Children, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing.
- Implement evidence-based treatments and theoretically informed case conceptualization built on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, Behavioral Activation, and Motivational Interviewing.
- Utilize treatment protocols, including the *Unified Protocol for Transdiagnostic Treatment of Emotional Disorders*, ACT Made Simple, Managing Chronic Pain: A Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Approach, and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia in Veterans.

- Provide long-term individual and parent-based therapy for children utilizing treatment protocols, including *Defiant Children, A Clinical Guide to Pediatric Sleep*, and *Multidimensional Grief Therapy*.
- Design visual aids, client worksheets, and homework documents for clients, consistent with evidence-based treatment protocols.
- Assess for suicide and self-harm risk, create safety plans, monitor risk throughout treatment, assess for and report abuse and neglect to the appropriate safety organizations, and communicate safety-related concerns to parents and caregivers of children.
- Advocate for clients in additional contexts, including medical settings and places of education.
- Conduct psychodiagnostic evaluations (including structured and semi-structured interviews) and assessment batteries, and provide feedback to clients.
- Write psychodiagnostic reports and treatment progress reports, including intake reports, treatment plans, and termination summaries.

• University Medical Center (UMC) Health System, Pediatrics

Sep. 2024-Present

Practicum Student | Individual Therapist

- Supervisor: Jason Van Allen, Ph.D.
- Provide a variety of psychological services offered within the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, the general Pediatrics Department, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and others.

• Equine-Assisted Positively Fit

Mar. 2024-Present

Practicum Student | Individual & Family Therapist

- Supervisor: Jason Van Allen, Ph.D.
- Lead therapist providing a family-focused, weight management intervention to youth and their families.

• Texas Tech University, Grief Therapy with Adolescents

Sep. 2023-Aug. 2024

Practicum Student

- Supervisor: Jonathan Singer, Ph.D.
- Receive didactic training in *Trauma and Grief Component Therapy* for adolescents who have lost a family member.

Texas Tech University, CBT Pain Program for Adolescents

Sep. 2023-Aug. 2024

Practicum Student

- Supervisor: Caroline Cummings, Ph.D.
- Receive didactic training in CBT-based pain protocols—Children's Health and Illness Recovery Program and The Comfort Ability—for adolescents with chronic pain and their parents

• Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Psychology Clinic

Jan. 2023-May 2023

Clinic Co-Director

- Supervisor: Megan A. Thoen, Ph.D.
- Conduct first-contact intake screenings of incoming clients, including assessment and documentation of risk, history, and presenting concerns.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Guest Lecturer, HLTH 2307: Understanding Death and Dying

Spring 2025

Texas Tech University, Department of Kinesiology & Sport Management

• Course Instructor: Elizabeth Hoelscher, M.A.

Guest Lecturer, PSY 1300: General Psychology

Fall 2024

Texas Tech University, Department of Psychological Sciences

• Course Instructor: Carol Fadalla

Guest Lecturer, PSY 1300: General Psychology

Fall 2024

∘ Course Instructor: Brelynne Baldwin, M.A.	
 Teaching Assistant, PSY 2400: Statistical Methods Lab Texas Tech University, Department of Psychological Sciences • Course Instructor: Will Crescioni, Ph.D. Average Student Rating: 4.5/5.0 	Fall 2022
• Teaching Assistant, CSHD 0159: Understanding Child Development Through Film Tufts University, Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development • Course Instructor: Calvin Gidney, Ph.D	Fall 2020
• Teaching Assistant, CH 0099: Special Topics In Community Health, One Health Tufts University, Department of Community Health • Course Instructor: Deborah Linder, DVM, MS, DACVN	Fall 2020
Mentoring	
• Hyla Riley Current mentee	2025–Present
• Fanny Arendt Current mentee	2024–Present
• Madeleine Valley Current mentee	2023–Present
• Cyerra Jones Undergraduate Research Assistant	2023–2024
Amanda Tabansi Undergraduate Research Assistant	2023–2024
• Macie Le Undergraduate Research Assistant	2023
• Abigail Woodall Subsequent Position: Student, Master of Science in Marriage & Family Therapy, Texas Woman's University	2023–2024
• Sara Phy Subsequent Position: Student, Master of Public Health, Nutritional Sciences, Dietetics Concentration, University of Michigan	2023
Brooke Streicher Subsequent Position: Research Coordinator, Texas Tech University	2022–2023
• Ellis Renwick-Archibold Science Research Program, New Rochelle High School	2022
EDITORIAL AND REVIEWING EXPERIENCE	
Web of Science Profile Ad hoc Reviewer Translational Issues in Psychological Science	
Fellowship Reviewer • Graduate Student Reviewer APAGS/Psi Chi Junior Scientist Fellowship	2024
Conference Reviewer • Poster and Session Reviewer APA 2025 Division 54	2025

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT

Service	
• Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (SCCAP) Mentor SCCAP, Division 53	2024
• Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee Member American Psychological Association, Division 17, Section 13: The Section on Human-Animal Interaction: Research and Practice	2022–2023
• Student Representative American Psychological Association, Division 17, Section 13: The Section on Human-Animal Interaction: Research and Practice	2022–2023
• APA Campus Ambassador American Psychological Association	2021–2023
Development	
• Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Seminar Megan Renna, Ph.D.	Jul. 2024
• Virtual BPD COMPASS Introductory Workshop Compass Mental Health Training & Consultation	Jun. 2024
• Telehealth 101 Texas A&M Health Telehealth Institute	May 2024
• Multidimensional Grief Therapy (MGT) Overview Training The Trauma and Grief Center at the Hackett Center for Mental Health	Nov. 2023
• The Groundwork Program Texas Tech University	May 2023
• Making Equitable Attendance Policies Workshop Texas Tech University	Jan. 2024

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: R, Markdown, LaTeX
- Statistical Software: Posit products (i.e., RStudio IDE, Quarto, tidyverse, ggplot2), MPlus, SAS, SPSS, MATLAB
- Database & Survey Systems: REDCap, Qualtrics
- Research Skills: Categorical data analysis, structural equation modeling, general linear model applications

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association, Division 54: Society of Pediatric Psychology
- APA Division 54: Sports Medicine and Orthopedics SIG
- APA Division 54: Pediatric Research/Innovative Statistical Methodologies SIG
- APA Division 54: Gender Health SIG
- APA Division 54: Diversity SIG
- Psi Chi, The International Honor Society in Psychology
- American Psychological Association, Division 53: Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
- American Psychological Association, Division 17, Section 13: The Section on Human-Animal Interaction: Research and Practice
- Human Animal Bond Association

CERTIFICATIONS

MoCA Cognitive Assessment: Certified Rater	Sep. 2023
• QPR Institute: QPR Gatekeeper	Apr. 2023
CITI Program: Working with Dogs in Research Settings	Jan. 2023
CITI Program: Working With Horses In An Agricultural Research Setting	Dec. 2022
CITI Program: TTU Human Subject Research Course	Sep. 2022
CITI Program: Social and Behavioral Responsible Scholarship Course	Sep. 2022
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (Native); German (Intermediate High; ACTFL); Spanish (Novice Mid; ACTFL)

REFERENCES

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