

ZIJIA ZHANG

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) B.A., Psychology; B.S., Statistics and Data Science GPA: 3.99/4.0 (Dean's Honors List)	September 2023 - June 2025 (Expected)
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) B.S., Psychological and Brain Sciences GPA: 3.98/4.0 (Dean's Honors List)	September 2021 - June 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Undergraduate Research Assistant September 2024 - Present
The Culture and Race/Ethnicity (CARE) in Youth Mental Health Lab (PI: Dr. Anna Lau)

- Transcribed consultation interviews for the SAFETY-A project, a strength-based intervention targeting adolescent suicide prevention, aimed at reducing racial and ethnic disparities in mental health service use in low-resourced school districts

Undergraduate Research Assistant January 2024 - Present
Peris Lab - UCLA Child OCD, Anxiety, and Tic Disorders Program (PI: Dr. Tara Peris)
Development of Anxiety in Youth Study (DAYS) (MPIs: Drs. Tara Peris, Adriana Galván)
Description: An NIMH R01-funded longitudinal study examining the development of anxiety in over 120 racially/ethnically diverse adolescents (ages 9-13 at baseline) with clinical, subclinical, and no anxiety symptoms.

- Conducted data entry and management using REDCap for a cohort of over 120 adolescents.
- Perform MRI and fMRI data quality assurance tasks for 300+ scans using FSLview.
- Initiated and completed a literature review examining the influence of affective and cognitive empathy on child anxiety from a developmental perspective, focusing on ages 4-17.

Partners in Caring for Anxious Youth (PCAY) Clinical Trial (PIs: Drs. Tara Peris, John Piacentini)
Description: A PCORI-funded multi-site randomized clinical trial examining anxiety remission in anxious youths (ages 7-17) who receive either CBT monotherapy or CBT combined with SSRIs. Partnered community pediatric primary care physicians serve as referral sources and SSRI prescribers; community-partnered mental health providers deliver CBT.

- Created a reproducible data entry manual for efficient data management.
- Enter and manage participant data in an online data repository, and scan physical data packets to aid with data organization. Update clinical dashboard.

Undergraduate Research Assistant January 2023 - June 2023
The Mayer Lab for Research in Learning and Instruction (PI: Dr. Richard Mayer)

- Led four to five 30-min Zoom sessions weekly to survey college students' learning outcomes in basic neuroscience after delivering a lecture with questions to assist learning or a lecture without questions serving as a control group.
- Participated in weekly lab meetings to discuss research, explore educational psychology methods, and enhance presentation skills.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

September 2022 - March 2023

Power of Play Project (PI: Dr. Shane Jimerson)

- Collaborated with graduate students to support K-6 students at Hollister Elementary during recess.
- Facilitated conflict resolution and problem-solving strategies, maintained weekly journals to analyze children's behavior, development, and pro-social skills.
- Engaged in literature review and participated in team meetings to explore theory, research, and practical strategies for improving children's outcomes.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Resident Assistant

August 2022 - June 2023

UCSB Housing, Dining, Auxiliary Enterprises

- Organized 10+ events, including the *Lunar New Year Celebration* and *Positive Masculinity Workshop*, to foster community engagement and cultural inclusivity among 110+ residents.
- Collaborated with a team of 17 to manage administrative tasks, ensure resident safety, enforce policies, mediate neighbor disputes, and connect residents to campus resources within a community of 1,500 students.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Transfer Mentor

September 2024 - Present

Transfer Mentorship Program, UCLA

- Mentor five transfer students, meeting at least once a month to provide comprehensive support in academic, social, and emotional aspects of their transition to UCLA.
- Manage meeting schedules using Calendly, and take notes to keep track of the process.

Member of Clinical Psychology Committee

September 2023 - June 2024

Bruins Synaptogenesis, UCLA

- Attended career workshops on topics, such as interview tips and graduate school applications, while exploring potential career paths with club members.
- Utilized platforms like LinkedIn and UCLA One to connect with clinical psychology professionals and invited them to BSG's career networking fair.

Committee Member

March 2023 - June 2023

PBS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, UCSB

- Facilitated connections between students and faculty to promote dialogue and gather feedback on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives within the department.
- Worked collaboratively with the Chair Dr. Tamsin German and other members to ensure student voices are heard and considered in decision-making processes.

SKILLS

- R, Tableau, REDCap, Qualtrics, Zotero, LaTeX, Microsoft Office Suite, Canva
- Quantitative & qualitative analysis, machine learning, data visualization, experiment design
- Neuroimaging analysis (FSLeyes, FEAT) in Unix/Linux terminal
- Native Mandarin

REFERENCES

Dr. Katie Bessette, Ph.D.

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Relationship: Research Mentor

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Relationship: Close Relationships Class and Honors Seminar Essay Mentor

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Relationship: Instructor for Psychology Statistics class

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Relationship: Instructor for Experiment Design and Data Mining classes