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EDUCATION

University of Florida, Ph.D Counseling Psychology, expected August 2011
University of Florida, M.S. Psychology, May 2008
University of Florida, B.S. Psychology, December 2005
University of Florida, B.A. Criminology, December 2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA), Graduate Student Affiliate, 2005 to present

- APA Division 17: Society of Counseling Psychology, Member, 2006 to present
- APA Division 35: Society for the Psychology of Women, Member, 2006 present
APA Division 35 Section 4: Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Issues, 2006 to present
- APA Division 44: Society for LGBT issues, 2008 to present.
- APA Division 10: Society for Psychology of Aesthetics, Creativity, and the Arts, 2006 to 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Mental health correlates of heterosexism, sexism, racism and other forms of discrimination

MANUSCRIPTS IN PRESS, UNDER-REVIEW, AND IN PREPARATION

10. DeBlaere, C., Brewster, M.E., Sarkees, A., Moradi, B. (in press). Conducting research with LGB People of Color: Methodological challenges and strategies. *The Counseling Psychologist*, part of a Major Contribution.
9. Huang, Y. P., Brewster, M. E., Moradi, B., Goodman, M. B., Wiseman, M., & Mennicke, A. (in press). Content analysis of literature about Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual People of Color: 1998-2007. *The Counseling Psychologist*, part of a Major Contribution.
8. Moradi, B., Wiseman, M., DeBlaere, C., Goodman, M., Sarkees, A., Brewster, M.E., & Huang, Y-P. (in press). LGB of Color and White individuals' perceptions of heterosexist stigma, internalized homophobia and outness: Comparisons of levels and links. *The Counseling Psychologist*, part of a Major Contribution.
7. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (under review). *Perceived anti-bisexual prejudice experiences: Scale development and evaluation*.
6. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (under review) *Personal, Relational, and Community Aspects of Bisexual Identity in Emerging, Early, and Middle Adulthood*.
5. DeBlaere, C., & Brewster, M.E. *The moderating role of collective action in the link of multiple perceived discrimination experiences and mental health of sexual minority women of color*. Manuscript in preparation
4. Moradi, B., Velez, B.L., Tolaymat, L., Parent, M., Brewster, M.E., & Zhang, S. *Men's reference group identity: Links with Collective self-esteem and social desirability*. Manuscript in preparation.
3. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. *The roles of cognitive flexibility, bicultural self-efficacy, and minority stress in the mental health of bisexual individuals*. Manuscript in preparation.
2. Brewster, M.E., Velez, B.L., & Moradi, B. *Workplace experiences of transgender individuals*. Manuscript in preparation.
1. Moradi, B, Martin, A., & Brewster, M.E. *Evaluating a measure of feminist threat*. Manuscript in preparation.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

12. Brewster, M.E., Velez, B.L., & Moradi, B. (2010, August). Transgender Workplace Issues: The Applicability of Sexual Minority Measures and Models. In K. Balsam (Chair), *Minority Stress among LGBT populations: New Directions in Research*. Symposium to be conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
11. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2010, August). Bisexual Identity in Emerging, Early, and Middle Adulthood. In S. Dworkin (Chair), *Current Research On Bisexuality*. Symposium to be conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.

10. Velez, B.L., Moradi, B., Tolaymat, L., Parent, M., Brewster, M.E., & Zhang, S. (2010, August). *Men's Reference Group Identity: Links with Collective Self-esteem and Social Desirability*. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.
9. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2008, August). Perceived Anti-Bisexual Prejudice Experiences: Scale Development and Evaluation. In R. Fox (Chair), *Current Research On Bisexuality: Identity, Behavior, Prejudice, And Well-Being*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
8. DeBlaere, C., Brewster, M.E., Sarkees, A., & Moradi, B. (2008, August). Methodological Approaches for Conducting Research with LGBT Persons of Color. In B. Moradi & J. Mohr (Chairs), *Innovative Research Methodologies for Advancing LGBT Scholarship*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
7. Martin, A., Moradi, B., & Brewster, M.E. (2008, August). Evaluating a measure of feminist threat. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
6. Brewster, M.E., & Moradi, B. (2007, August). *Perceived prejudice experiences of bisexual individuals: Scale Development and initial evaluation*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
5. DeBlaere, C., & Brewster, M.E. (2007, August). *A multicultural-feminist model of graduate training in intersections of diversities*. In B. Moradi (Chair) *Graduate Training on Intersections of Diversities: Model, Strategies, and Implementation*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
4. Huang, Y., Goodman, M., Brewster, M.E., Wiseman, M., Moradi, B., & Martin, A. (2007, August). *Content Review of Literature on LGBT People of Color: 1995-2005*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
3. DeBlaere, C., Sarkees, A., & Brewster, M.E. (2006, August). *Racial/Ethnic minority recruitment in LGB research: Strategies and successes*. In B. Moradi (Chair) *Practical issues in LGBT research*. Round table discussion conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
2. Moradi, B., DeBlaere, C., Wiseman, M., Goodman, M.B., Brewster, M.E., Huang, Y., Sarkees, A.M., & Garner, S.F. (2006, August). *Racial/Ethnic minority and non-minority LGB persons' perceptions of stigma, internalized homophobia and outness: Comparisons of levels and links*. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
1. Selke, G., Bowers, D., Brewster, M.E., Williams, L., Qudrot, S., Beckwith, A., Hurley, L., & Fennell, E. (2005, February). *Affective modulation of the startle reflex in children with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder*. Presented at the International Neuropsychological Society Conference, St. Louis, MO.

AWARDS & HONORS

- April 2009. University of Florida Rainbow Alliance Research Award.
- August 2008. APA Division 44, Bisexual Foundation Grant.
- July 2008. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Travel Award
- July 2008. Department of Psychology Travel Award
- July 2008. APA Science Directorate Student Travel Award
- August 2007. Department of Psychology Travel Award
- August 2007. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Travel Award

OUTREACH AND SERVICE

- Student Advisory Board Member for *Psychology of Women Quarterly*
August 2009 – Present
 - Duties: Review manuscript submissions for the journal *Psychology of Women Quarterly*
- Pride Student Union (LGBT student group) Faculty Advisor
September 2008 – January 2009.
- Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery & Education (CARE) Team
June 2008 – January 2009. Supervisor: Beth Ann Blue, PhD
 - Duties: Disseminate information about sexual assault awareness through tabling, events, and speakers.
- Student Mental Health, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611
- Diversity Awareness and Affirmation Committee (DAAC)
August 2006 – present
 - Duties: Raise awareness about diversity-related issues through panel presentations, research symposiums, and informational bulletin boards.
- Counseling Psychology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611
- APA Division 17, Member Resources Committee, 2007 – 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor and developer, January 2010 – May 2010
LGBT Issues in Psychology
- Instructor and developer, August 2009 – December 2009
LGBT Issues in Psychology
- Instructor, January 2009 – May 2009
Theories of Personality
- Instructor, August 2008 – December 2008
Theories of Personality
- Teaching Assistant, July 2008 – August 2008
Research Methods with Minority Graduate Students
Dr. Ken Rice
- Teaching Assistant, January 2008 – May 2008
Abnormal Psychology
Dr. Fredrick Desmond
- Teaching Assistant, August 2007 – December 2007
Personal Growth
Dr. Fredrick Desmond
- Teaching Assistant, July 2007 – August 2007
Abnormal Psychology
Dr. Andreas Keil
- Teaching Assistant, January 2007 – May 2007
Eating Disorders
Dr. Greg Neimeyer
- Teaching Assistant, August 2006 – December 2006
Research Methods in Psychology
Dr. Brian Howland
- Teaching Assistant, January 2006 – May 2006
Psychology of Women
Dr. Bonnie Moradi

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Alachua County Health Department, Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center, Advanced Practicum Counselor
April 2009 – July 2009, Supervisor: Linda Murray, LMHC
▪ **Activities and focus:** Individual counseling with culturally diverse survivors of sexual assault and incest; end of life counseling; outreach and education about sexual assault awareness; clinical intakes; on-call for emergency room counseling for sexual assaults victims
- Alachua County Health Department, Victim Services & Rape Crisis Center, Advanced Practicum Counselor
August 2008 – April 2009, Supervisor: Linda Murray, LMHC
▪ **Activities and focus:** Individual therapy for people who have been victims of violent crime; co-facilitation of a support group for female survivors of sexual assault; co-facilitation of a support group for male survivors of sexual assault and incest; development of and recruitment for a support group for survivors of Anti-LGBT victimization and discrimination; extensive training regarding the criminal justice system and violent crimes; clinical intakes; clinical assessment of depression
- University of Florida Counseling Center, Advanced Practicum Counselor
May 2008 – August 2008, Supervisor: David Walden, M.A.
▪ **Activities and focus:** Individual counseling with culturally diverse college student populations; couples counseling; process observation and co-facilitation of an LGBT empowerment group; clinical intakes
Counseling Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611
- University of Florida Counseling Center, Practicum Counselor
August 2007 – May 2008, Supervisors: Dr. Michael Murphy, Kara Harmon, M.A.
▪ **Activities and focus:** Individual counseling with diverse college student populations; integration of artistic mediums into clinical work; grief counseling
- Shands Hospital Arts in Healthcare Summer Intensive
July 11, 2005 – July 29, 2005, Supervisors: Dr. Rusti Brandman and Jill Sonke-Henderson
▪ **Activities and focus:** Didactic training in art therapy techniques; collaboration with individual patients on art projects; active and empathetic listening; co-facilitation of art therapy groups for terminally ill children and adults.

Shands Hospital Arts in Medicine Volunteer

September 2004 – January 2005, Supervisor: Christine Sullivan

- **Activities and focus:** Work with individual patients to produce art projects; active and empathetic listening; co-facilitation of art therapy groups for terminally ill children and adults

McKnight Brain Institute Movement Disorders Clinic

December 2004 – March 2005, Supervisor: Sarah Munson

- **Activities and focus:** Conduct intakes with patients with Parkinson's Disorder and other movement impairments; schedule patients; run elderly participants in computerized reaction tasks.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, August 2005 – Present

Dr. Bonnie Moradi: *Identity, Health and Well-being Lab*

- Funded by the NIMH and the American Psychological Foundation
- Investigating women and minority persons' life experiences and mental health
- Duties: recruiting participants, cleaning data, administering surveys, entering/cleaning data for statistical analysis, conducting literature searches, developing conference presentations and manuscripts for publication.

Research and Lab Assistant, July 2004 – May 2005

Dr. David Janicke

- Investigating childhood obesity and implementing healthy lifestyle modification for both parents and children in rural communities.
- Duties: entering data, creating statistical databases in SPSS, and recruiting participants by phone

Supervising Research Assistant, September 2003 – October 2004

Gregg Selke, M.S.

- Investigating physiological and emotional reactivity of children ages 7-14 with ADD/ADHD and conduct disorder.
- Duties: physiological testing of children, administering IQ tests, interviewing parents, screening phone calls, recruiting participants

ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Recent Exhibitions

- September 1 through September 30, 2008
"The Blue Period" – Mixed media exhibition
Gallery 101, Gainesville Florida
- January 9 through 27, 2006
"Southern Reflections" – Photography exhibition
Reitz Union Gallery, University of Florida
- August 21 through September 9, 2006
"Staff Show" – Mixed media exhibition
Reitz Union Gallery, University of Florida

Publications

- January 2006
"The weight of time and experience" – Photography
Yearly calendar produced by Friends of Wild Iris
- June 2004
"Window" – Photography
Tea Literary Magazine

Events

- February 2010
Boca Fiesta Art Sale, Gainesville Florida
Featuring local artists and musicians
- November 2009
Harn Museum Trunk Sale, Gainesville Florida
Featuring local artists
- November 2009
Gainesville Local Artist Mart (GLAM), Gainesville Florida
Featuring local artists
- August 2009

Mamaw Menagerie, Gainesville Florida
Featuring local artists, musicians, and activists
▪ August 2007
Mamaw Menagerie, Gainesville Florida
Featuring local artists, musicians, and activists
▪ December 2005
Holiday Craft Fair, University of Florida
Featuring local artists

Work

▪ Creator and owner, August 2003 to present
“Velvet Seahorse” – Handmade jewelry, photography, paintings
Works sold at the Harn Museum, Persona, Etoile Boutique, Loop de Loop, Wild Iris, Etsy.com
▪ Gallery Director, March 2006 to August 2006
Reitz Union Gallery, University of Florida
▪ Art Studio Assistant, April 2003 to March 2006
Arts and Crafts Center, University of Florida