CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

| 2024 – | **Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth College** | Hanover, NH |

Ph.D. student in Quantitative Biomedical Science
Advisor: Nicholas Jacobson (AI and Mental Health: Innovation in Technology Guided Healthcare Laboratory)

| 2018 – 2020 | **Teachers College, Columbia University** | New York, NY |

M.A. in Clinical Psychology - GPA: 4.0/4.0
Concentration in Quantitative Methods

| 2008 – 2012 | **National Taiwan University** | Taipei, Taiwan |

B.A. in Economics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Large language models and artificial intelligence to develop scalable and personalized mental health intervention tools; deep learning and machine learning for clinical prediction; mobile sensing and intensive longitudinal methods; digital mental health; sexual and gender minority populations

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar Profile

1. **Chang, Y.***, Schumacher, E.*, Martino, R., Maheux, A., Choukas-Bradley, S., Salk, R., & Thoma, B. (2024). Structural Homophobia and Suicidal Ideation and Behavior Among Sexual and Gender Minority Adolescents. *Stigma and Health*. https://doi.org/10.1037/sah0000576

2. Paine, E., Abad, M., Barucco, R., **Chang, Y.**, Navalta. T., Vance, T., Ehrhardt, A., Bockting, W. (In Press). "Too Much Trouble": Transgender and Nonbinary People's Experiences of Stigmatization and Stigma Avoidance in the Workplace. *Work and Occupations*.

3. Szkody, E., **Chang, Y.**, Schleider, J. L. (2023). Serving the Underserved? Uptake, Effectiveness, and Acceptability of Digital SSIs for Rural American Adolescents. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*. [Web] [Preprint] [Pre-registration] [Code]

4. **Chang, Y.**, Buerke, M., Galfalvy, H., & Szanto, K. (2023). Childhood Trauma is Associated with Early-Onset but not Late-Onset Suicidal Behavior in Late-Life Depression. *International Psychogeriatrics*, 1-14. PMID: 37642013 [Web]

5. Galfalvy, H., Szücs, A., **Chang, Y.**, Buerke, M., & Szanto, K. (2023). Long-Term Suicidal Ideation Profiles in Late-Life Depression and Their Association with Suicide Attempt or Death by Suicide. *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, 84(2), 22m14469. PMID: 36791367 [Web]

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

* indicates equal contribution

1. **Chang, Y.**, Sotomayor, I., Szkody, E., Fox, K., Schleider J. (Under Review). Effectiveness of an Online Single-Session Minority Stress Intervention: No Evidence for Variation by Structural Stigma, Internalized Stigma, or Social Support.

2. Sotomayor, I., **Chang, Y.**, Szkody, E., Fox, K., Schleider J. (Under Review). A Digital, Minority Stress-Focused Single-Session Intervention Benefits Multiply-Minoritized Sexual Minority Adolescents.

3. **Chang, Y.**, Jackman, K., Dworkin, J., Singh, A., LeBlanc, A., & Bockting, W. (Under Review). Childhood Gender Nonconformity and Identity Development among a Diverse Transgender Community Sample in the United States.

SELECTED MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. Eberle, J., Ahuvia, I., **Chang Y.**, Razum, J., Chen, S., Shroff, A., Bringmann, L., Mullarkey, M., Schleider, J. (In Preparation). Using Idiographic and Multilevel Symptom Networks and Machine Learning to Predict Change in Adolescent Depression Severity.

2. Brown, VB., Gujral, S., **Chang Y.**, Galfalvy, H., Szanto K., Dombrovski, A. (In Preparation). Brain volume reductions in late-life suicide and relationship with depression and cognitive functioning: A cross-sectional and longitudinal study using Bayesian multilevel modeling.

WORK EXPERIENCES

2022 – 2024 **Lab for Scalable Mental Health, Northwestern University**
Principal Investigator: Jessica Schleider, Ph.D.
Research Area: Digital mental health interventions, minority mental health, machine learning

Data Scientist
- Led and co-authored projects, resulting in six publications/ongoing manuscripts (1 first-author, 5 second-author) in top-tier psychology journals
- Performed data visualization and advanced analysis using R and Python (e.g., machine learning, time-series modeling, hierarchical linear modeling, confirmatory factor analysis, and mediation/moderation analysis)
- Cleaned and de-identified large-scale datasets (e.g., EMA data, longitudinal datasets) to create analytical base tables and contributed to open data repositories (e.g., GitHub and OSF)
- Developed and visualized a county-level index in the U.S. using large-scale open datasets (600,000+ records) to study structural stigma towards LGBTQ+
- Spearheaded best practices for open data management, promoting transparency, reproducibility, and data integrity
- Served as a statistical consultant to doctoral students and research coordinators, providing expertise on data analysis and coding using the R programming language

2020 – 2022 **Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine**
Principal Investigator: Katalin Szanto, M.D.
Research Area: Suicide risk factors, SGM health, structural stigma

Senior Research/Data Analyst
- Published two papers (1 first-author, 1 third-author) in top psychiatry journals
- Led independent research projects, including conceptualizing research questions into hypotheses, developing and applying analytic strategies, writing first authorship manuscripts, and present research findings at national and international conferences
- Built statistical models using R for classification and prediction, communicate results to investigators using informative graphics, and write co-authorship manuscripts
- Generated and present data-driven reports using R Markdown to better inform recruitment practices for case-control study, reducing the gender gap to only 8%
- Cleaned and prepared datasets for sharing to NIMH Data Archive

2018 – 2020   **Program for the Study of LGBT Health**
                       Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University Irving Medical Center
                       Principal Investigator: Walter Bockting, Ph.D.
                       Research Area: LGBTQ+ mental health, minority stress model

                          Research Intern
- Led and co-authored projects, resulting in the submission of two manuscripts (1 first author, 1 third-author) in leading sexual/gender journals
- Led an independent research project from conceptual framework development to data analysis, data visualization, and firs-authoring our manuscript
- Transcribed 26 interview scripts and used Dedoose software for qualitative coding and thematic content analysis

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

1. **Chang, Y.**, Sotomayor, I., Szkody, E., Fox, K., & Schleider, J. L. (2023, November). Effectiveness of an Online Single-Session Minority Stress Intervention: Variation by Structural Stigma? In Ahuvia, I., & McKetta, S. (Chairs), Price, M. (Discussant), *The Role of Structural Stigma in Psychopathology Among Marginalized Youth.* Symposium to be presented at the 57th annual meeting of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Seattle, WA.

2. Sotomayor, I., **Chang, Y.**, Szkody, E., Fox, K., & Schleider, J. L. (2023, November). Intersectionality and a minority stress-based single-session intervention benefit multiply-marginalized LGBTQ+ adolescents. In A.L. Silverman & G. Ramos (Co-Chairs), A. Aguilera (Discussant), *Leveraging digital mental health interventions to increase access to care among marginalized racial and ethnic groups.* Symposium to be presented at the 57th annual meeting of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Seattle, WA.

3. Paine, E., Barucco, R., **Chang, Y.**, Navalta, T., Ehrhardt, A., & Bockting, W. (2022, April). *"Too Much Trouble": Transgender and Nonbinary People's Experiences of Stigma, Discrimination, and Affirmation in the Workplace*. Paper presented at 2022 Population Association of Americas annual conference. Atlanta, GA.

4. Calati, R., Maisto, M., Miranda, R., Thompson, L., Lesanpezeshki, M., Baiden, P., Miller, C., **Chang, Y.**, Wang, P., Grzenda, A., Kirchner, S., & Clarke, D. E. (2021, October) Ethnic discrimination and suicidal thoughts and behaviors: an international-intercontinental collaborative project for a systematic review. In G. Zalsman (Chair), *IASR Metanalysis and Systematic Review Workshop Project*. Paper presented at the 2021 IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research (held virtually).

Poster Presentations

1. **Chang, Y.**, Brown, V., Whitman, K., Dombrovski, A., & Szanto., K. (2022, April). Hippocampal MRI Volume Differences in Late-Life Suicidal Behavior. Poster presented at the IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research. Poster presented at the Society of Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) 2022 Annual Meeting. [Poster]

2. Galfalvy, H., Szücs, A., Buerke, M., **Chang, Y.**, & Szanto, K. (2022, April). Long-term suicidal ideation profiles in late-life depression and their association with prospective suicide attempt and death by suicide. Poster presented at the Society of Biological Psychiatry (SOBP) 2022 Annual Meeting.

3. **Chang, Y.**, & Bockting, W. (2021, November). Identity Development Trajectories and Childhood Gender Role Nonconformity Among a Gender and Racial Diverse Sample in the United States. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (held virtually). [Poster]

4. **Chang, Y.**, Galfalvy, H., Buerke, M., & Szanto, K. (2021, October). Age of Onset of First Suicidal Behavior Determines Risk Factor Profiles in Older Suicide Attempters – Focus on Childhood Trauma Experiences. Poster presented at the IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research (held virtually). [Poster]

5. **Chang, Y.**, Brown, V., Whitman, K., Dombrovski, A., & Szanto., K. (2021, October). Hippocampal MRI Volume Differences in Late-Life Suicidal Behavior. Poster presented at the IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research (held virtually). [Poster]
   - Nominated as a poster finalist (Top 10) for the Early Career Researcher Best Poster Award

6. **Chang, Y.**, Galfalvy, H., Buerke, M., & Szanto, K. (2021, October). The Relationship of Childhood Trauma Experiences with the Age of Onset of First Suicidal Behavior in Late-Life Depression. Poster presented at the Pitt Psychiatry Research Day. Pittsburgh, PA. [Poster]

7. **Chang, Y.**, & Malgaroli, M. (2021, April). *Longitudinal Predictors of Non-Suicidal Self-Injury among Gender Diverse Population: Machine Learning Approaches.* 2021 Diversifying Clinical Psychology Conference, Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (held virtually).

8. **Chang, Y.**, & Chen, S. (2020, November). Identifying School-Based Intervention Targets for the Risk of Suicide Attempt Amongst Gender Questioning Youth. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (held virtually). [Poster]

9. Tang, S., & **Chang, Y.** (2020, August). Mental health disparities among LGBTQ Asian and Pacific islander youth: A cross sectional analysis (held virtually). Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Convention.

10. **Chang, Y.**, & Bockting, W. (2020, June). Childhood gender nonconformity and identity development among a diverse transgender community sample in the United States. Poster presented at the annual Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (JCCAP) Future Directions Forum (held virtually). [Poster]

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATION

1. **Chang, Y.** (2022, June). Three-Year Anniversary of Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage in Taiwan – Has Structural Stigma Decreased and Mental Health Improved? *Taiwan Women ePress*, 174(2). [In Mandarin] [Article]

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Chang, Y.** (2022, April) *Career Talk: Finding and Interviewing for Post-Bacc Positions as an International Student.* Invited talk presented at NextGen Psych Scholars Program (held virtually).

2. **Chang, Y.**, Schumacher, E., & Brian Thoma (2022, April) *The Relationship Between Structural Stigma and Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors among SGM Youth.* Invited talk presented at the Enrichment Meeting at Longitudinal Research Program in Late-Life Suicide at UPMC Psychiatry, Pittsburgh, PA.

3. **Chang, Y.** (2021, August) *The Relationship of Childhood Trauma Experiences with the Age of Onset of First Suicidal Behavior in Late-Life Depression.* Invited talk presented at the Enrichment Meeting at Longitudinal Research Program in Late-Life Suicide at UPMC Psychiatry, Pittsburgh, PA. [Slide]

4. Brown, V. & **Chang, Y.** (2021, April) *Morphometric Alterations in Late-Life Suicide and Relationships with Cognitive Decline*. Invited talk presented at the Enrichment Meeting at Longitudinal Research Program in Late-Life Suicide at UPMC Psychiatry, Pittsburgh, PA. [Slide]

5. **Chang, Y.** (2021, April) *Career Talk: How to create a position for yourself during pandemic (as an international student.* Invited talk presented at the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY. [Slide]

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

2020 – 2022   **IASR Meta-Analysis and Systematic Review Workgroup**
                  Sponsored by International Academy of Suicide Research
                  Principal Investigator: Diana E. Clarke, Ph.D.

Research Area: Social determinants and health inequalities in relation to suicide risk with a focus on racial and sexual and gender minority groups

Co-Investigator
- Conducted systematic reviews under the guidelines of PROSPERO and draft manuscripts

2019 **Stress and Development Laboratory**
Department of Psychology, Harvard University
Principal Investigator: Katie McLaughlin, Ph.D.
Research Area: Impact of childhood adversity on neurobiological mechanisms

Summer Research Assistant
- Developed stimuli presentation programs using FaceGen and photoshop for fMRI task
- Conducted literatures reviews regrading multi-voxel pattern analysis of fMRI tasks

2016 – 2018 **Lab of Clinical and Translational Studies**
Department of Psychiatry, Taipei City Hospital and Psychiatric Center
Principal Investigators: Po-Yu Chen, M.D., Ming-Chyi Huang, M.D., Ph.D.

Clinical Research Coordinator
- Coordinated four grants of major depressive disorder and substance use disorder studies
- Screened, recruited, and ran 200+ sessions with participants at inpatient and outpatient settings
- Conducted clinical interviews (SCI-PANSS, C-SSRS, HAM-A, MADRS) and cognitive tests
- Maintained the lab's recruitment database by regularly updating participants' eligibility, interest, and participation status for ongoing studies
- Prepared and updated IRB project materials including writing annual reports

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

2017 – 2018 **Taiwan LGBT Hotline Association**
Supervisor: Chia-Wei Shiu, MSW

Crisis Counselor
- Answered to 350+ callers and committed 15+ hours a week, including writing clinical reports and attending weekly clinical supervision
- Passed a selective screening process after completing an intensive 16-week clinical training on people centered counseling techniques, crisis management, and interventions

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2021 **R Workshop**
Designed materials and developed a workshop to teach R programming for beginners. The workshop included four sessions, including introduction to R, data wrangling, tidying data, data visualization, and data analysis. Please find my slides and R scripts on my GitHub.

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 **Dartmouth QBS Merit Award ($3,000)**
2023 **Queer in STEM Scholarship ($525)**
2022 **Data Science Fellowship**, Correlation One
2021 **Queer in STEM Scholarship ($1,250)**
2021 **Poster Finalist (Top 10)**, IASR/AFSP International Summit on Suicide Research
2020 **Awarded A+ in Computational Psychiatry**, Teachers College (TC), Columbia University
- Only given in rare circumstances per school policy; awarded for exceptional research project
2019 **Program Ambassador**, Dept. of Counseling and Clinical Psychology, TC, Columbia University

2019	**Graduate Representative Speaker**, Admitted Student Day Student Panel, TC, Columbia University
2019	**Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society**, TC, Columbia University
2018	**Teachers College Scholarship ($2,500, Merit-based)**, TC, Columbia University

REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

Ad-hoc Reviewing
Pediatrics; Stigma and Health

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2022 – Present	International Society for Research on Internet Interventions (ISRII)
2019 – Present	Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies; Sexual and Gender Minority Interest Group
2018 – 2020	American Psychological Association of Graduate Students; APA Division 44