

# Yama (Ya-Wen) Chang

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## EDUCATION

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### Teachers College, Columbia University

Expected June 2020 | New York, NY

*Clinical Psychology M.A. student*, Psych in Ed Ambassador, GPA: 4.0/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Research Methods in Clinical Psychology; Child Psychopathology (Ph.D. level); Adult Psychopathology; Applied Regression Analysis; Probability and Statistical Inference; Data Science in R; LGBTQ Issues

### National Taiwan University

June 2012 | Taipei, Taiwan

*B.A. in Economics*

Relevant Coursework: Statistics I, II, Introductory Psychology

Senior thesis: The Association between the Growth Factors and The Development of Social Enterprises in Taiwan

Faculty Advisor: Show-Ling Jang, PhD

### Stanford University

Summer 2010 | Palo Alto, CA

*Exchange Student*

Thesis topic: Attitudes towards Same-Sex Marriage in Silicon Valley

## AWARDS & HONORS

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- 2019 Psych in Ed Ambassador, Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2019 Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society, Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2018 Teachers College Scholarship (\$2,500), Teachers College, Columbia University

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Columbia Psychiatry | New York State Psychiatric Institute Division of Gender, Sexuality, & Health

Dec 2018 – Present | New York, NY

*Research Intern, Program for the Study of LGBT Health, Project AFFIRM*

Faculty Advisor: Walter O. Bockting, PhD

#### Program for the Study of LGBT Health

- Conducting independent research and attending monthly meetings to contribute to research discussions with doctoral students, post-doc researchers, and principal investigators
- Co-authoring ongoing manuscripts and discussing findings with other researchers at monthly meetings
- Performing statistical analysis with SPSS including interpretation of results
- Conducting literature reviews and writing manuscripts for journal submission
- Analyzing qualitative transcripts using content analysis on Dedoose
- Presenting papers of transgender mental health to monthly journal club along with doctoral and post-doc researchers

#### Project AFFIRM

- Conducting independent research and attending weekly meetings to contribute to research discussions with doctoral students, post-doc researchers and principal investigators
- Co-authoring ongoing manuscripts and discussing findings with other researchers at weekly meetings
- Conducting literature reviews and writing manuscripts for journal submission
- Assisting with project disseminating research findings to the community and the public for the purpose of advocating for the mental well-being of the transgender population

*Updated: October, 2019*

**Faculty Advisor:** Katie A. McLaughlin, PhD

- Conducted literature search, participated in experiment design, selected measures, and adapted training items and test stimulus for fMRI and EEG task
- Developed facial image stimuli and morphs for research study of fear conditioning
- Implemented and tested EEG experiment for participants (children and adolescents)
- Managed data from evidence-based assessment (ASEBA, CBCL) with REDCap

**Taipei City Hospital and Psychiatric Center**

Aug. 2016 – Sept. 2017 | Taipei, Taiwan

**Lab of Clinical and Translational Studies**

*Clinical Research Coordinator, Department of Psychiatry*

**Advisors:** Bo-Yu Chen, MD, Dr. Ming-Chyi Huang, MD, PhD

- Served as primary research coordinator for four studies with patients with schizophrenia, patients with substance dependence, and patients with major depressive disorder
- Conducted clinical interviews and cognitive testing for research studies
- Scheduled and ran 200+ sessions with participants from inpatients and outpatients
- Conducted literature search, participated in experiment design, selected measures, and adapted training items
- Screened and recruited prospective participants from different settings
- Maintained the lab's recruitment database by regularly updating family's eligibility for studies, continued interest, and participation status
- Involved in all parts of the study start up including, but not limited to, developing protocols, streamlining study procedures, and building databases
- Acted as liaison between the research team and Institutional Review Board

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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1. **Chang, Y.**, Singh, A., LeBlanc, A., Bockting, W. (In preparation). Childhood Gender Nonconformity and Identity Development among a diverse transgender community sample in the United States.
2. Bockting, W., **Chang, Y.**, Singh, A., LeBlanc, A., Doleza, C., & Ehrhardt, A. (In preparation). Resilience in the face of transgender stigma: The moderating effect of Erikson's stages of psychosocial development.
3. Barucco, R., **Chang, Y.**, Doleza, C., & Bockting, W. (In preparation). Transgender People in the Workforce: Building Capacity to Increase Employment.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. **Chang, Y.**, Bockting, W. (2020, April) (under review). Childhood gender nonconformity and identity development among a diverse transgender community sample in the United States. Poster to be presented at the Counseling Psychology Conference, New Orleans, LA.
2. **Chang, Y.** (2019, September). "Severity of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use disorders among sexual minority individuals and their "not sure" counterparts" (Boyd et al., 2019). Monthly Journal Club, Columbia Psychiatry, New York, NY
3. **Chang, Y.** (2019, August). Childhood gender nonconformity and identity development among a diverse transgender community sample in the United States. Project AFFIRM Cross-State Weekly Meeting, Columbia Psychiatry, New York, NY
4. **Chang, Y.** (2019, July). Childhood gender non-conformity among Project AFFIRM participants. Program for the Study of LGBT Health monthly meeting, Columbia Nursing School, New York, NY
5. **Chang, Y.** (2019, April) "Development of a novel tool to assess intimate partner violence against transgender individuals. Journal of Interpersonal Violence" (Peitzmeier et al., 2019). Monthly Journal Club, Columbia Psychiatry, New York, NY

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6. **Chang, Y.** (2019, March) “We are not gays... don’t tell me those things: engaging ‘hidden’ men who have sex with men and transgender women in HIV prevention in Myanmar” (Veronese et al., 2019). Monthly Journal Club, Columbia Psychiatry, New York, NY

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Taiwan Tongzhi (LGBT) Hotline Association**

Feb. 2017 – June 2018 | Taipei, Taiwan

*Hotline Counselor*

Supervisor: Chia-Wei Shiu, MSW

- Completed an extensive 16-week clinical training with an emphasis on telephone counseling skills, crisis management, and appropriate interventions
- Passed a rigorous screening process and was selected to serve on the hotline among a pool of competitive trainees
- Wrote clinical reports after each call and presented complex calls to discuss goals and difficulties during weekly group supervision
- Provided education about HIV/AIDS and instruction on prevention to individuals
- Committed 15+ hours a week, including weekly clinical supervision

### **Persons with HIV/AIDS Rights Advocacy Association**

June 2017 – Dec 2017 | Taipei, Taiwan

*Hotline Counselor*

Supervisor: Cheng-Hsueh Chang, MSW

- Provided individuals with information about HIV/AIDS and instruction for prevention
- Assisted individuals in determining their risk of acquiring and transmitting HIV
- Translated HIV/AIDS-related articles from UNAIDS

### **Taipei City Hospital and Psychiatric Center**

Aug. 2016 – Sept. 2017 | Taipei, Taiwan

#### **Lab of Clinical and Translational Studies**

*Clinical Research Coordinator, Department of Psychiatry*

Supervisors: Bo-Yu Chen, MD, Ming-Chyi Huang, MD, PhD

- Attended clinical training on psychiatric assessment and diagnosis for nurse practitioners
- Attended weekly rounds of clinical cases to discuss psychological and cognitive testing, evaluation of adaptive functioning, and psychiatric assessment
- Attended monthly meetings for a research study to present and discuss research processes and development
- Served as primary research coordinator for four studies of patients with schizophrenia (2x), patients with substance dependence, and patients with major depressive disorder
- Administered the Structured Clinical Interview-PANSS (SCI-PANSS) as part of the evaluation of symptom severity of schizophrenia participants for research studies
- Administered the Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale (HAM-A) and Montgomery-Asberg Depression Scale (MADRS) as part of the evaluation of symptom severity of participants with major depressive disorder for research studies
- Administered the Columbia–Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) to evaluate the severity of suicidal ideation and behavior of participants with major depressive disorder for research studies
- Shadowed psychiatrists during diagnosis with outpatients and daily rounds with inpatients
- Observed administrations of the M.I.N.I. and the Structured Clinical Interview (SCID) for DSM-5 to psychiatric inpatients by licensed clinicians

## RELEVANT SKILLS

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Statistic Software: Proficient in R, SPSS, Excel

Qualitative coding: Dedoose

Research Database Management: REDCap, Excel, Google Sheet

Languages: Mandarin (native), English (highly proficient)