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CURRICULUM VITAE

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology & Philosophy
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EDUCATION

University of Houston, Houston, TX (2010-2015)

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology (APA-Accredited)

Overall GPA 3.98

Dissertation: *The effect of oxytocin on trust between mothers and adolescents and the moderating role of attachment security*

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX (2014 –2015)

Predoctoral Internship, Clinical Psychology (APA-Accredited)

University of Houston, Houston, TX (2010-2012)

M.A., Clinical Psychology (APA-Accredited)

Overall GPA 4.00

Thesis: *Attachment style as a risk factor for suicide-related behaviors in youth*

Rice University, Houston, TX (2006-2009)

B.A., Psychology and Religious Studies, *Cum Laude*

Presidential Honor Roll Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Senior Honors Thesis Completed

University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX (2005-2006)

Dean's List Spring 2006, Fall 2006

LANGUAGES

Fluent in reading, writing, and speaking Spanish.

Trained in administration and scoring of cognitive and achievement tests in Spanish as well as other assessments including adaptive functioning and emotional and behavioral symptoms.

Frequently conduct clinical interviews and provide feedback and recommendations in Spanish.

LICENSING INFORMATION

Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (TSBEP) Licensed Psychologist
(Number 36450, August 2016– present)

TSEBP Oral Examination (Passed, January 2016)

TSBEP Jurisprudence Examination (Score = 100%, January 2013)

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (Score = 663, Sept 2012)

(Last Revised July 2017)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 – Present *Assistant Professor of Psychology*
Department of Psychology & Philosophy
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- Director*
Youth & Family Studies Laboratory
<http://www.shsu.edu/academics/psychology-and-philosophy/psychology/youth-family-studies/>
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychiatry*
Menninger Department of Psychiatry
Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
- 2014 – 2015 *Graduate Research Assistant*
DePelchin Children's Center, Houston, TX
Principal Investigator: Luis Velez, M.D., Ph.D
- 2012 – 2014 *Assistant Lab Director*, Developmental Psychopathology Laboratory
University of Houston, Houston, TX
Director: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.
- 2012 – 2013 *Graduate Research Assistant*
DePelchin Children's Center, Houston, TX
Supervisor: Megan Mooney, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator: Donald Viglione, Ph.D.
- 2010 – 2012 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Emotional-behavior disorders in children affected by AIDS
(NIMH Funded R01MH078757-01A2)
University of Houston, Houston, TX
Principal Investigator: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.
- 2009 – 2010 *Research Assistant*, Emerging personality disorder in adolescence: the role of social cognition (Funded by Baylor College of Medicine, Child and Family Program)
The Menninger Clinic, Houston, TX
Principal Investigator: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.
- 2008 – 2009 *Undergraduate Research Assistant*, Social and Industrial Organizational Psychology Lab
Rice University, Houston, TX
Director: Michelle Hebl, Ph.D.
- 2008 – 2009 *Undergraduate Research Assistant*, Mood Disorder and Suicide Research Program
University of Houston, Houston, TX
Director: Jeremy Pettit, Ph.D.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Student Travel Award (\$150), American Psychological Association-Division 12, Section 10 (2017), Faculty Sponsor for graduate student winner Cassandra Bailey

Student Travel Award (\$300), American Psychological Association (2017), Faculty Sponsor for graduate student winner Kaisa Marshall

Rising Star Award (\$220), Association for Psychological Science (2017)

Student Travel Award (\$500), American Psychology-Law Society (2017), Faculty Sponsor for graduate student winner Anna Abate

Student Poster Award (\$100), Texas Psychological Foundation (2016), Faculty Sponsor for graduate student winner Ericka Ball, lead author of “When and How Does Race/Ethnicity Relate to Dysfunctional Discipline Practices?”

Diversity Division Student Paper Award (\$200), Texas Psychological Association (2016), Faculty Sponsor for graduate student winner Ericka Ball, lead author of “When and How Does Race/Ethnicity Relate to Dysfunctional Discipline Practices?”

Early Career Psychologist Chair, Texas Psychological Association (2016 – present)

Child Attachment Interview Train as Trainer Award (\$18,400), The Menninger Clinic (2015-2016)

Paul Baer Research Award (\$200), Baylor College of Medicine (2015)

Travel Award (\$400), University of Houston (2014)

Smadar Levin Poster Award Nominee, Nominated at Society for Research in Psychopathology (2013)

Comprehensive Exam passed with Distinction, University of Houston (2013)

Travel Award (\$466), University of Houston (2013)

Travel Award (\$1,800), University of Houston (2012)

Student Stipend (\$600), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Workshop on Biology of Social Cognition (2012)

Travel Award (\$700), University of Houston (2011)

Graduate Fellowship (\$18,500), University of Houston (2011)

Travel Award (\$400), University of Houston (2011)

Frontier Fiesta Scholarship (\$1,000), University of Houston’s Frontier Fiesta Association (2010)

Travel Award (\$400), University of Houston (2010)

Presidential Fellowship (\$7,000), University of Houston (2010)

Graduate Fellowship (\$18,500), University of Houston (2010)

Poverty, Social Justice, and Human Capabilities Award (\$4,000), Rice University (2008)

University Scholar (\$3,000), Rotary Club of West University (2008)

Emerging Leader Award, University of St. Thomas (2006)

V.J. Guinan Scholarship (\$80,000), University of St. Thomas (2005)

GRANT FUNDING

Applications Under Review

Source: WT Grant Foundation

Title: Can Teacher Training Reduce Inequality in the Mental Health and Academic Success of Recently Immigrated Adolescents?

Role: Principal Investigator

Award Amount: \$189,000

Source: Mazda Foundation

Title: Development and Pilot Testing of a Teacher Training Program to Enhance the Mental Health and Academic Success of Recently Immigrated Adolescents

Role: Principal Investigator

Award Amount: \$188,855

Source: Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute, Department of Homeland Security
Title: Psychosocial Factors Predicting Attrition Among CBP Agents
Role: Principal Investigator
Award Amount: Estimated \$196,000

Completed and Current Extramural Awards

Source: University of Texas System, Office of Global Engagement
Title: New Questions for the Hispanic Health Paradox: Investigating the Roles of Cultural Values and Trauma in the Immigrant Population
Role: Co-Investigator (with Dr. Alfonso Mercado)
Award Amount: \$2,500
Date: December 2016

Source: American Psychological Association of Graduate Students
Title: David Pilon Scholarship for Training in Professional Psychology
Role: Faculty Sponsor (PI: Cassandra Bailey)
Award Amount: \$1,000
Date: Fall 2016

Source: National Institutes of Mental Health, 1F31MH100827-01A1
Title: Oxytocin and social engagement
Role: Principal Investigator
Award Amount: \$62,350
Dates: September 2013 – September 2015

Source: American Psychological Foundation
Title: The effect of oxytocin on trust between parents and inpatient adolescents
Role: Principal Investigator
Award Amount: \$5,000
Dates: June 2012 – June 2013

Source: American Psychoanalytic Association
Title: The effects of exogenous oxytocin on mentalizing and the moderating role of attachment security in adolescents with borderline traits
Role: Assisted in grant writing and submission (PI: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.)
Award Amount: \$19,748
Dates: May 2013 – May 2014

Source: National Institutes of Mental Health, R01MH078757-01A2
Title: Emotional-behavior disorders in children affected by AIDS
Role: Research Assistant (PI: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.)
Award Amount: \$270,629 annually
Dates: May 2010 – June 2012

Completed and Current Intramural Awards

Source: SHSU Center for Enhancing Undergraduate Research^[1] Experiences and Creative Activities_{SEP}
Title: Longitudinal Predictors of Psychopathology Among Recently Immigrated Hispanic Adolescents
Role: Principal Investigator
Award Amount: \$8,000
Dates: June 2017 – August 2017

Source: Enhancement Research Grant, Sam Houston State University
Title: First Data on Psychopathology in Unaccompanied Immigrant Minors
Role: Principal Investigator
Award Amount: \$15,000
Dates: June 2016 – June 2017

Source: Small Grants Program, University of Houston
Title: The effect of oxytocin on trust between parents and children in the community
Role: Assisted in grant writing and submission (PI: Carla Sharp, Ph.D.)
Award Amount: \$3,000
Dates: November 2012 – November 2013

Source: College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston
Title: Competitive Research Assistantship
Role: Research Assistant
Award Amount: \$20,000
Dates: June 2012 – August 2013

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Listed in reverse chronological order

** Indicates student author*

Book

1. Sharp, C., Fonagy, P., Fletcher, J., & **Venta, A.** (Under contract). *Developmental Psychopathology*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Chapters

1. Mercado, A. & **Venta, A.** (2017). Immigration and Social Justice. In Gelberg et al. (Eds.), *Radical Psychology: Multicultural and Social Justice Decolonization Initiatives*. Lexington Publishers.
2. Mercado, A., & **Venta, A.** (2017). Best Practice and Research Perspectives with Immigrant Groups. In M. Zangeneh (Eds.), *Advances in Mental Health and Addiction*. New York, NY US: Springer.
3. **Venta, A.**, Herzhoff, K., Cohen, P., & Sharp, C. (2014). The longitudinal course of Borderline Personality Disorder in youth. In C. Sharp & J. Tackett (Eds.), *Handbook of Borderline Personality Disorder in Children and Adolescents* (pp. 229-246). New York, NY US: Springer.
4. Sharp, C. & **Venta, A.** (2012). Mentalizing problems in children and adolescents. In N. Midgley, I. Vrouva (Eds.), *Minding the child: Mentalization-based interventions with children, young people and their families* (pp. 35-53). New York, NY US: Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. *Hart, J. R., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (Accepted). Attachment and thought problems in an adolescent inpatient sample: The mediational role of theory of mind. *Comprehensive Psychiatry*.
2. **Venta, A.**, *Ball, E., Shmueli-Goetz, Y., & Sharp, C. (Accepted). Artificial neural network coding of the Child Attachment Interview using linguistic data. *Attachment & Human Development*.
3. **Venta, A.**, Magyar, M., Hossein, S., & Sharp, C. (Accepted). The psychometric properties of the Personality Assessment Inventory-Adolescent's Borderline Features Scale across two high-risk samples. *Psychological Assessment*.
4. *Marshall, K., **Venta, A.**, Henderson, C., Barker, M., & Sharp, C. (In press). Linguistic Analysis as a Method for Assessing Symptoms after Sexual Trauma among Adolescent Inpatients. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*.
5. **Venta, A.**, *Muñoz, C., & *Bailey, C. (In press). What language does your Internal Working Model speak? *Journal of Cross Cultural Psychology*.

6. *Abate, A., *Marshall, K. K., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** (In press). Trauma and aggression: Investigating the mediating role of mentalizing in female and male inpatient adolescents. *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*.
7. **Venta, A.**, Hatkevich, C., Sharp, C., & Rotenberg, K. (In press). Emotional trust in mothers serves as a buffer against suicide attempts in inpatient adolescents with depressive symptoms. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*.
8. **Venta, A.**, Jardin, C., Kalpakci, A., Sharp, C. (In press). Development and preliminary psychometric evaluation of an Implicit Association Task for measuring attachment security. *The Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*.
9. **Venta, A.**, Hatkevich, C., Mellick, W., Vanwoerden, S., & Sharp, C. (2016). Social cognition mediates the relation between attachment schemas and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*.
10. **Venta, A.**, Velez, L., & Lau, J. (2016). The role of parental depressive symptoms in predicting dysfunctional discipline among parents at high-risk for child maltreatment. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 25, 3076-3082.
11. Curtis, D., Elkins, S., Duran, P., & **Venta, A.** (2016). Promoting a climate of reflective practice and clinician self-efficacy in vertical supervision. *Training and Education in Professional Psychology*, 11, 133-140.
12. Sharp, C., **Venta, A.**, Schramm, A., Vanwoerden, S., Ha, C., Newlin, E., & Fonagy, P. (2015). First evidence for the link between attachment, social cognition, and borderline features in adolescents. *Comprehensive Psychiatry*, 64, 4-11.
13. Jardin, C., **Venta, A.**, Newlin, E., Ibarra, S., & Sharp, C. (2015). Secure attachment moderates the relation of sexual trauma with trauma symptoms among adolescents from an inpatient psychiatric facility. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
14. **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2015). Extending the social information processing model of attachment to the peer problems of inpatient adolescents. *Journal of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy*, 14, 323-340.
15. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., Shmueli-Goetz, Y., & Newlin, E. (2015). An evaluation of the construct of earned security in adolescents: Evidence from an inpatient sample. *Bulletin Of The Menninger Clinic*, 79(1), 41-69. doi:10.1521/bumc.2015.79.1.41
16. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., & Newlin, E. (2015). A descriptive study of symptom change as a function of attachment and emotion regulation in a naturalistic adolescent inpatient setting. *European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 24 (1), 95-104. doi:10.1007/s00787-014-0532-0
17. Sharp, C., Kalpakci, A., Mellick, W., **Venta, A.**, & Temple, J. R. (2015). First evidence of a prospective relation between avoidance of internal states and borderline personality disorder features in adolescents. *European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 24(3), 283-290. doi:10.1007/s0078701405743
18. **Venta, A.**, Mellick, W., Schatte, D., & Sharp, C. (2014). Preliminary evidence that thoughts of thwarted belongingness mediate the relations between level of attachment insecurity and depression and suicide-related thoughts in inpatient adolescents. *Journal of Social & Clinical Psychology*, 33(5), 428-447. doi: 10.1521/jscp.2014.33.5.428
19. **Venta, A.**, Shmueli-Goetz, Y., & Sharp, C. (2014). Assessing attachment in adolescence: A psychometric study of the Child Attachment Interview. *Psychological Assessment*, 26(1), 238-255. doi:10.1037/a0034712
20. **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). Attachment organization in suicide prevention research: Preliminary findings and future directions in a sample of inpatient adolescents. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 35(1), 60. doi:10.1027/0227-5910/a000231
21. Kalpakci, A., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). Beliefs about unmet interpersonal needs mediate the relation between conflictual family relations and borderline personality features in young adult females. *Borderline Personality Disorder and Emotion Dysregulation*, 1, 1-7.

22. Sharp, C., **Venta, A.**, Marais, L., Skinner, D., Lenka, M., & Serekoane, J. (2014). First evaluation of a population-based screen to detect emotional-behavior disorders in orphaned children in sub-Saharan Africa. *AIDS And Behavior*, 18, 1174-1185. doi:10.1007/s10461-014-0739-6
23. Noblin, J. L., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). The validity of the MSI-BPD among inpatient adolescents. *Assessment*, 21(2), 210-217. doi:10.1177/1073191112473177
24. **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). Extending the concurrent validity of the Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Interview to inpatient adolescents. *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, 36(4), 675-682. doi:10.1007/s10862-013-9402-1
25. Schramm, A., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2013). The role of experiential avoidance in the association between borderline features and emotion regulation in adolescents. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*, 4(2), 138-144. doi:10.1037/a0031389
26. **Venta, A.**, Hart, J., & Sharp, C. (2013). The relation between experiential avoidance, alexithymia and emotion regulation in inpatient adolescents. *Clinical Child Psychology And Psychiatry*, 18(3), 398-410.
27. **Venta, A.**, Ross, E., Schatte, D., & Sharp, C. (2012). Suicide ideation and attempts among inpatient adolescents with Borderline Personality Disorder: Frequency, intensity, and age of onset. *Personality and Mental Health*, 6, 340-351. doi: 10.1002/pmh.1202
28. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., & Hart, J. (2012). The relation between anxiety disorder and experiential avoidance in inpatient adolescents. *Psychological Assessment*, 24(1), 240-248. doi:10.1037/a0025362
29. **Venta, A.**, Kenkel-Mikelonis, R., & Sharp, C. (2012). A preliminary study of the relation between trauma symptoms and emerging BPD in adolescent inpatients. *Bulletin Of The Menninger Clinic*, 76(2), 130-146. doi:10.1521/bumc.2012.76.2.130
30. Perez, J., **Venta, A.**, Garnaat, S., & Sharp, C. (2012). The Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale: Factor structure and association with nonsuicidal self-injury in adolescent inpatients. *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*, 34 (3), 393-404. doi: 10.1007/s10862-012-9292-7
31. Sharp, C., Green, K. L., Yaroslavsky, I., **Venta, A.**, Zanarini, M. C., & Pettit, J. (2012). Incremental validity of Borderline Personality Disorder relative to Major Depressive Disorder for suicidal ideation and deliberate self-harm in adolescents. *Journal Of Personality Disorders*, 26(6), 927-938. doi:10.1521/pedi.2012.26.6.927
32. Sharp, C., Ha, C., Michonski, J., **Venta, A.**, & Carbone, C. (2012). Borderline Personality Disorder in adolescents: Evidence in support of the Childhood Interview for DSM-IV Borderline Personality Disorder in a sample of adolescent inpatients. *Comprehensive Psychiatry*, 53 (6), 765-774. doi: 10.1016/j.comppsy.2011.12.003
33. Sharp, C., Pane, H., Ha, C., **Venta, A.**, Patel, A., Sturek, J., & Fonagy, P. (2011). Theory of mind and emotion regulation difficulties in adolescents with borderline traits. *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 50(6), 563-573. doi:10.1016/j.jaac.2011.01.017
34. Grover, K., Green, K., Pettit, J., Monteith, L., Garza, M., & **Venta, A.** (2009). Problem solving moderates the effects of life event stress and chronic stress on suicidal behaviors in adolescence. *Journal of Clinical Psychology*, 65(12), 1281-1290. doi:10.1002/jclp.20632

Manuscripts under Review

1. **Venta, A.**, Ha, C., Vanwoerden, S., Newlin, E., Strathearn, L., & Sharp, C. Paradoxical intranasal oxytocin effects on trust in inpatient adolescents. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*.
2. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., Patriquin, M., Salas, R., Newlin, E., Curtis, K., Baldwin, P., Fowler, C., & Frueh, C. Amygdala-frontal connectivity predicts internalizing symptom recovery among inpatient adolescents. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Affective Disorders*.
3. *Ball, E., *Abate, A., *Airington, M., Taylor, L., & **Venta, A.** When and How Does Race/Ethnicity Relate to Dysfunctional Discipline Practices? Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Child and Family Studies*.

4. *Abate, A. & **Venta, A.** Perceptions of the legal system and recidivism: Investigating the mediating role of perceptions of chances for success in juvenile offenders. Revise and resubmit, *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.
5. *Bailey, C., *Abate, A., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** Psychometric evaluation of the Inventory of Interpersonal Problems 32. Revise and resubmit, *Bulletin of the Menninger Clinic*.
6. *Kavish, N., *Bailey, C., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** On the relation between general intelligence and psychopathic traits: An examination of inpatient adolescents. Revise and resubmit, *Child Psychiatry and Human Development*.
7. **Venta, A.**, *Ball, E., Bristow, J., & Venta, E. Preliminary data linking American consumer perceptions with unauthorized migration to the U.S. Submitted, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.
8. Rotenberg, K., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** The role of trust beliefs in significant others of adolescents with psychiatric disorders in their life stress, and internalizing psychopathology. Submitted, *Journal of Affective Disorders*.
9. *Bailey, C. A., **Venta, A.**, Crosby, J., Varela, J., & Boccaccini, M. The effect of unpreparedness for immigration court on psychopathology. Submitted, *Journal of Latino/a Psychology*.
10. Hatkevich, C., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. Theory of Mind and Suicide Ideation and Attempt in Adolescent Inpatients. Submitted, *Comprehensive Psychiatry*.
11. *Marshall, K., *Abate, A., *Godinez, E., & **Venta, A.** Trauma and recidivism in serious juvenile offenders: The moderating role of future orientation. Submitted, *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*.
12. *Ball Cooper, E., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. The moderating role of maternal attachment on borderline personality disorder features and dependent life stress. Submitted, *Borderline Personality Disorder and Emotional Dysregulation*.
13. *Muñoz, C. & **Venta, A.** Referring Unaccompanied Minors to psychiatric residential treatment: When is it worth the disruption to adaptation and shelter integration? Submitted, *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth* (Special Issue “Adolescent and Young Adult Refugees and Unaccompanied Minors in Residential Care”).
14. *Muñoz, C., *Abate, A., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** Confirmatory Factor Analysis and convergent validity of the Youth Psychopathic Traits Inventory in clinical and forensic samples. Submitted, *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*.

Non-Refereed Publications

1. *Abate, A. & **Venta, A.** (2017). Racial disparity in the justice system: Moving forward for youth. *The Texas Psychologist*.
2. **Venta, A.** (2015). The role of attachment and theory of mind in adolescent peer problems. *Developmental Psychopathology Lab Research News*.
3. Ruscitti, C., Carter, L., English, K., Gardner, M., Thakur, E., Tobias, M., & **Venta, A.** (2014). Mastering the internship application and selection process: Lessons from the trenches. *The Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy*. Available at the website of Division 29, a division of the American Psychological Association, <http://societyforpsychotherapy.org/>
4. **Venta, A.** (2013). Relations between Borderline Personality Disorder, social cognition, and attachment. *Research News: The Menninger Clinic, Adolescent Treatment Program Research*.
5. **Venta, A.** (2012). Attachment in adolescence. *Research News: The Menninger Clinic, Adolescent Treatment Program Research*, 2 (2), 3.
6. **Venta, A.** (2012). Parent-child attachment and adolescent suicide. *Research News: The Menninger Clinic, Adolescent Treatment Program Research*, 1 (2), 2.
7. Schramm, A. & **Venta, A.** (2012). Emotion regulation difficulties in BPD. *Research News: The Menninger Clinic, Adolescent Treatment Program Research*, 2 (1), 3.

8. **Venta, A.** (2010). Emotional avoidance predicts anxiety. *Research News: The Menninger Clinic, Adolescent Treatment Program Research, 1* (1), 3.

PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Listed in reverse chronological order

** Indicates student author*

Paper Presentations

1. *Bailey, C. A. & **Venta, A.** (2017). *The effect of unpreparedness for immigration court on psychopathology in recently immigrated adolescents.* Paper presented at the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
2. *Harmon, J., *Abate, A., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Adolescent PTSD and re-offending: Examining the roles of self-identity and exposure to violence.* Paper presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
3. *Abate, A., *Harmon, J., *Marshall, K., *Ball, E., Henderson, C., Desforjes, D., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Perceptions of the justice system and recidivism: Investigating the mediating role of perceptions of chances for success in juvenile offenders.* Paper presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
4. *Hart, J. R., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** (2016). *Attachment and thought problems in an adolescent inpatient population: The mediational role of theory of mind.* Paper presented at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin, TX.
5. *Abate, A., *Marshall, K., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** (2016). *Trauma and aggression: Investigating the mediating role of mentalizing in female and male inpatient adolescents.* Paper presented at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin.
6. **Venta, A.**, Magyar, M., & Sharp, C. (2016). *Using the Personality Assessment Inventory for Adolescents to assess Borderline features: Data from two high-risk samples.* Paper presented at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin.
7. Sharp, C., **Venta, A.**, Newlin, E. (2016). *The role of emotion regulation and related functional connectivity in predicting the trajectory of internalizing symptom recovery among adolescents during inpatient hospitalization.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, Atlanta, GA.
8. Sharp, C., **Venta, A.**, Ha, C., & Newlin, E. (2015). *Oxytocin and trust in adolescents with borderline personality disorder.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Psychiatry, Toronto, CA.
9. **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2013). *Maternal attachment moderates and emotion regulation mediates inpatient treatment outcome in adolescents.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston, TX.
10. **Venta, A.**, Noblin, J., & Sharp, C. (2012). *The criterion validity of the McLean Screening Instrument for BPD among inpatient adolescents using both interview-based and self-report measures of BPD.* Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
11. **Venta, A.**, Ross, L., & Sharp, C. (2012). *The relation between self-injurious thoughts and behaviors and Borderline symptoms among inpatient adolescents.* Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
12. Ross, L., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2012). *Stress generation as a predictor of self-injurious thoughts and behaviors.* Paper presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.

Symposia & Workshop Presentations

1. **Venta, A.**, *Bailey, C., & Mercado, A. *The Growing Role of Deportation Fear in Mental Healthcare.* Symposium accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston.

2. **Venta, A.**, Eagle, M., Fein, R., Magyar, M., Mercado, A., Ratcliff, C., Reuter, T., Ross, E., & Ruths, I. *Developing a Specialty: Early Career Psychologist and Student Forum*. Symposium accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston.
3. **Venta, A.**, *Ball, E., Shmueli-Goetz, Y., & Sharp, C. (2017). *Artificial neural network coding of the Child Attachment Interview using linguistic data*. In *New Developments in the Prediction, Assessment, and Mapping of Attachment across the Lifespan*. Symposium presented at the bi-annual International Attachment Conference, London, U.K.
4. **Venta, A.** (2017). *Immigrant Youth in US Public Schools*. In A. Mercado (Chair), *Mental Health and Immigration*. Symposium presented at the RGV Mental Health Coalition.
5. **Venta, A.**, Varela, J., Ruths, I., & Crosby, J. *What good can psychologists do for Spanish-speaking clients? Pragmatic and psychometric issues and solutions*. Clinician workshop presented at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin.
6. Hill, D., **Venta, A.**, Duran, P., Hassan, N., & Cochran, C. *From student to psychologist: An exploration of paths to careers in psychology*. Symposium presented at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin.
7. **Venta, A.**, Ruths, I., & Mooney, M. (2015). *The importance of a trauma-informed perspective to address the psychological needs of unaccompanied immigrant minors*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Psychological Association, San Antonio, TX.
8. Rotenberg, K., Sharp, C., **Venta, A.** (2015). *The relation between core trust beliefs in others and internalized maladjustment in adolescents from an inpatient psychiatric unit*. In K. Rotenberg (Chair), *Children's and adolescents' core trust beliefs in others and psychosocial functioning*. Symposium presented at the annual conference of the British Psychological Society, Manchester, UK.
9. Sharp, C. & **Venta, A.** (2012). *Measurement issues in the assessment of self-injurious thoughts and behaviors*. Symposium presented at the International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, South Africa.
10. Sharp, C. & **Venta, A.** (2012). *Interpersonal functioning in adolescent suicide-related behaviors*. Symposium presented at the International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, South Africa.
11. Sharp, C., Stanley, M., Bjorgvinsson, T., Elias, J., Stewart, E., Shapiro, L., Egan, D., Lamstein, A., Girona, C., Patel, A., Pane, H., **Venta, A.**, Davey, D., Jenike, M., Ha, C., Auerbach, R., & Rosmarin, D. (2010). In C. Sharp (Chair), *Evidence based practice and practice based evidence in hospital settings: Methods, challenges and findings*. Symposium presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, CA.

Invited Presentations

1. *Bailey, C., *Muñoz, C., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Working with Immigrants*. Invited presentation for The Sam Houston Area Psychological Association by Dr. Craig Henderson, President, Conroe, TX
2. **Venta, A.** (2017). *Developing community collaborations that work*. Invited presentation for The Texas HOPE Consortium by Maria Baños Jordan, President and Founder Texas Familias Council, Conroe, TX.
3. **Venta, A.** (2016). Facilitated session entitled, *Strategies to prevent unauthorized flows of people: challenges and opportunities*. Invited by Luis Torres, Ph.D. and Department of Homeland Security Center for Excellence in Borders, Trade, and Immigration at University of Houston, Houston, TX.
4. **Venta, A.**, Muñoz, C., & Bailey, C. (2016). *Relationship building for recently immigrated adolescents in a school context*. Invited presentation for teachers and administrators at Liberty High School by Monico Rivas, Principal at Liberty High School, Houston, TX.
5. Acosta, H., Lyons, P., & Varela, J. (2016). In **A. Venta** (Chair), *Latino immigration roundtable*. Panel discussion presented at the annual College of Humanities and Social Sciences Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
6. **Venta, A.** (2016). *Psychological service provision for immigrant and refugee youth*. Invited presentation by James Crosby, Ph.D., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX. Presentation awarded 1.5 CEUs.

7. **Venta, A.** (2016). *Attachment, mentalizing, and psychopathology in adolescents*. Invited presentation by Hillery Keith, Ph.D. and Betsy Smith, LPC-S, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, University of Saint Thomas, Houston, TX.
8. **Venta, A.,** Bailey, C., & Muñoz, C. (2016). *Teaching traumatized teens: Brain, behavior, and self-care*. Invited presentation for teachers and administrators at Liberty High School by Monico Rivas, Principal at Liberty High School, Houston, TX.
9. **Venta, A.** (2016). *Many journeys: Meeting the mental health needs of unaccompanied immigrant teens*. Invited presentation for the Common Reader Author's Forum by Kay Angrove, M.Ed., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
10. **Venta, A.** (2016). *Adolescent-Parent Attachment: Current Knowledge & Future Directions*. Invited presentation within Clinical Psychology Brown Bag, Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
11. **Venta, A.** (2015). *Many journeys: Meeting the mental health needs of unaccompanied immigrant teens*. Invited presentation for the Common Reader Author's Forum by Kay Angrove, M.Ed., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
12. **Venta, A.** (2015). *The (unmet) mental health needs of unaccompanied immigrant minors*. Invited presentation by Jorge Varela, Ph.D., Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
13. **Venta, A.** (2015). Invited research presentation by Marcus Boccaccini, Ph.D., Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
14. **Venta, A.** (2015). *Adolescent-parent attachment is critically related to adolescent mental health and treatment*. Invited Honorable Speaker presentation for the International conference on Adolescent Medicine & Child Psychology, Houston, TX.
15. **Venta, A.** (2015). *Adolescent-Parent Attachment: Measurement, Importance, & Potential Interventions*. Invited presentation within Psychiatry Grand Rounds by James Lomax, M.D., Department of Psychiatry, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.
16. **Venta, A.** (2015). *Careers in Clinical Psychology*. Invited presentation by K. Michelle Parham for the Duchesne Academy Career Day, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX.
17. **Venta, A.** (2014). *The effect of oxytocin on trust between adolescents and their mothers and the moderating role of attachment security*. Invited research presentation by Mariella Self, Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX.
18. **Venta, A.** (2014). *Writing and submitting a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award application*. Invited presentation by Clayton Neighbors, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
19. **Venta, A.** (2014). *Graduate school information session*. Invited presentation by Michelle Hebl, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, Rice University, Houston, TX.
20. **Venta, A.** (2014). *Careers in Clinical Psychology*. Invited presentation by K. Michelle Parham for the Duchesne Academy Career Day, Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, Houston, TX.
21. **Venta, A.** & Mellick, W. (2014). *What is psychology?* Invited presentation by Sarah Camann, M.Ed., Chavez High School, Houston, TX.
22. **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2014). *Research Brown Bag: Important mechanisms in the study of adolescent attachment*. Invited presentation by Jennifer Tackett, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
23. **Venta, A.** (2014). *What is psychology?* Invited presentation by Kira Arter, M.Ed., Hamilton Middle School, Houston, TX.
24. **Venta, A.** (2013). *Writing and submitting a Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award application*. Invited presentation by Clayton Neighbors, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
25. **Venta, A.** (2013). *Graduate school information session*. Invited presentation by Leigh Leasure, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.

26. **Venta, A.** (2013). *Careers in Clinical Psychology*. Invited presentation by L. Wang-Bennet for the Texas Executive Women Aldine Independent School District Career Tour, Houston, TX.
27. **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2012). *Research Brown Bag: Attachment theory and research in adolescents*. Invited presentation by Jennifer Tackett, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
28. **Venta, A.** (2012). *Introduction to psychological careers*. Invited presentation by Madeline Coleman, Ph.D., Department of Educational Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
29. **Venta, A.** (2012). *Graduate school information session*. Invited presentation by Leigh Leasure, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
30. Sharp, C. & **Venta, A.** (2012). *Attachment and its assessment in children*. Clinical forum presented at the University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Poster Presentations

1. *Godinez, E. & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Does Insecure Parental Attachment Influence Teenage Unprotected Sex?* Poster accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston.
2. *Naquin, A. & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Teacher Support, Parental Incarceration, and Low Academic Achievement in Justice-Involved Youth*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston.
3. *Marshall, K., *Abate, A., *Godinez, E., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *The moderating role of future orientation in the association between trauma and aggressive recidivism*. Poster accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston.
4. *Colin, Y., *Muñoz, C. G., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *When does Childhood Abuse relate to Conduct Problems among Immigrant Adolescents? Examining the Role of Peer Relationships*. Poster accepted to the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston.
5. **Venta, A.**, Ha, C., Vanwoerden, S., Newlin, E., Strathearn, L. & Sharp, C. (2017). *Intranasal oxytocin enhances trust in inpatient adolescents and attachment moderates*. Poster presented at the bi-annual International Attachment Conference, London, U.K.
6. *Green, E. & **Venta, A.** (2017). *The Implementation of Eating Disorder Education and Prevention Programs in High School*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
7. *Bailey, C. A., *Cavazos, M. J., *Downs, A. R., *Muñoz C. G., **Venta, A.** (2017). *The effect of acculturation on psychopathology and social domains in recently immigrated adolescents*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
8. *Marshall, K., *Abate, A., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Trauma and recidivism in serious juvenile offenders: The moderating role of future orientation*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington D.C.
9. *Ball, E. M., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2017). *The moderating role of maternal attachment on borderline personality and dependent life stress*. Poster presented at the 2017 American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Washington, DC.
10. *Downs, A. R., *Bailey, C. A., *Cavazos, M. J., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *The effect of acculturation on psychopathology in displaced youth*. Poster presented at the 10th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Huntsville, TX.
11. *Colin, Y., *Muñoz, C. G., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *When does Childhood Abuse relate to Conduct Problems among Immigrant Adolescents? Examining the Role of Peer Relationships*. Poster presented at the 10th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Huntsville, TX.
12. *Bailey, C., *Muñoz, C., *Abate, A., *Camins, J., Varela, J., Boccaccini, M., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *The effect of unpreparedness for immigration court on psychopathology in recently immigrated adolescents*. Poster presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

13. *Muñoz, C., *Bailey, C., *Camins, J., *Abate, A., Varela, J., Lyons, P., Boccaccini, M., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Acculturation stress and criminal attitudes as risk factors for externalizing behaviors in recently immigrated adolescents.* Poster presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
14. *Muñoz, C., *Bailey, C., *Camins, J., *Abate, A., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *Perceptions of the justice system, criminal attitudes, and externalizing behaviors in recently immigrated adolescents.* Poster presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
15. *Marshall, K., *Long, T., *Abate, A., Barker, M., Henderson, C., & **Venta, A.** (2017). *First data on linguistic analysis as a method for assessing symptoms after sexual trauma in adolescents.* Poster presented at the 2017 American Psychology-Law Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
16. *Ball, E. M., *Airington, M. D., *Abate, A. C., Taylor, L. K., & **Venta, A. C.** (2016). *When and how do race and ethnicity explain patterns of dysfunctional discipline?* Poster presented at the 2016 Texas Psychological Association Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
17. *Bailey, C., *Abate, A., Sharp, C. & **Venta, A.** (2016). *Psychometric evaluation of the Inventory of Interpersonal Problems 32.* Poster presented at the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association, Austin.
18. *Abate, A. C., *Marshall, K. K., Sharp, C., & **Venta, A.** (2016). *Trauma and aggression: Investigating a moderating role of hypermentalizing in inpatient adolescents.* Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver.
19. Vanwoerden, S., Hatkevich, C., **Venta, A.**, Otal, T., & Sharp, C. (2016). *Psychopathy, parenting stress, and attachment in adolescent inpatients.* Poster presented at the biennial conference for the Society for Research in Adolescents. Baltimore, MD.
20. Mellick, W., **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2015). *Suicidal behaviors and negative life events in adolescents with major depression, borderline personality disorder, and comorbid diagnoses.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Texas Psychological Association, San Antonio, TX.
21. **Venta, A.**, Taylor, L., Lau, J., & Velez, L. (2015). *The role of parental depressive symptoms in predicting negative attributions of child behavior and dysfunctional discipline patterns among parents court referred for child maltreatment.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.
22. **Venta, A.**, Jardin, C., Kalpakci, A., & Sharp, C. (2015). *Psychometric evaluation of an Implicit Association Test of attachment.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.
23. **Venta, A.**, Hatkevich, C., Vanwoerden, S., Mellick, W., & Sharp, C. (2015). *A social cognitive perspective on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in adolescents.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.
24. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., & Newlin, E. (2015). *Modeling the trajectory of internalizing symptoms in adolescents during the first month of inpatient hospitalization and the role of emotion regulation.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Chicago, IL.
25. Hatkevich, C., Mellick, W., Wasserman, W., **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., & Kazimi, I. (2015). *Suicidal ideation and intent, episodic life stress, and borderline features in adolescent inpatients with Major Depression and comorbid Borderline Personality Disorder.* Poster presented at the International Summit on Suicide Research.
26. **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). *Theory of Mind explains the link between disorganized attachment and peer problems among inpatient adolescents.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
27. **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). *Secure attachments among adolescents who report difficult caregiver relationships: The roles of internalizing symptoms and emotion regulation.* Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.

28. Reuter, T., **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., & Temple, J. (2014). *Experiential avoidance predicts teen dating violence at one year follow up*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
29. Kalpakci, A., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). *Unmet interpersonal needs mediate the relation between conflictual family relations and Borderline personality features in young adult females*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
30. Jardin, C., **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C. (2014). *Attachment moderates the impact of a history of sexual trauma on trauma symptoms in a clinical sample of adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
31. Eagle, M., Hossein, S., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). *Examination of the Borderline Features Subscale of the Personality Assessment Inventory–Adolescent using Item-Response Theory*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Philadelphia, PA.
32. Hatkevich, C.E., Rotenberg, K., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). *Relations among psychiatric adolescents' emotional trust, depression, and suicide attempts*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.
33. Hatkevich, C., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2014). *Adolescent attachment and psychopathy: Evidence for a relation between callous-unemotional traits and dismissing attachment*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescents, Austin, TX.
34. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., Marais, L., Skinner, D., Lenka, M., Serekoane, J. (2013). *The validation of a population-based screen to detect emotional-behavior disorders in orphaned children in South Africa*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston, TX.
35. **Venta, A.**, Mellick, W., & Sharp, C. (2013). *The relation between attachment insecurity and depression in inpatient adolescents is explained by thoughts of thwarted belongingness*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Oakland, CA.
36. Schramm, A., Vanwoerden, S., Long, T., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2013). *The relation between attachment security and borderline personality disorder in an adolescent psychiatric inpatient sample*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Oakland, CA.
37. Kalpakci, A., Sharp, C., Mellick, W., **Venta, A.**, Temple, J. (2013). *First evidence of a prospective relation between experiential avoidance and borderline features in adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Psychopathology, Oakland, CA.
38. **Venta, A.**, Ross, E., Reuter, T., Eagle, M., & Sharp, C. (2012). *A behavioral economic assessment of interpersonal trust in adolescents with Oppositional Defiant Disorder*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Baltimore, MD.
39. **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2012). *Attachment in adolescence: Dimensional and categorical use of the Child Attachment Interview*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Baltimore, MD.
40. Ha, C., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2012). *Family environment, emotion regulation, and Borderline Personality Disorder in a sample of inpatient adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Orlando, FL.
41. Matikainen, E., **Venta, A.**, Noblin, J., & Sharp, C. (2012). *Criterion validity of the MSI-BPD among inpatient adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the Southwestern Psychological Association, San Antonio, Texas.
42. Ha, C., Sharp, C., Michonski, J., **Venta, A.**, & Carbone, C. (2011). *Psychometric investigation of the childhood interview for Borderline Personality Disorder in an adolescent inpatient setting*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Texas Psychological Association, San Antonio, Texas.

43. Schramm, A., **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2011). *Experiential avoidance as a partial mediator of emotion dysregulation in inpatient adolescents with BPD*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Toronto, Canada.
44. **Venta, A.** & Sharp, C. (2011). *The role of attachment security in adolescent suicide-related behaviors at baseline and discharge*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Toronto, Canada.
45. **Venta, A.**, Schramm, A., Hart, J., & Sharp, C. (2011). *The relation between experiential avoidance, emotion regulation, and alexithymia among inpatient adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Toronto, Canada.
46. **Venta, A.**, Perez, J., Garnaat, S., & Sharp, C. (2011). *Emotion dysregulation and deliberate self-harm in adolescent inpatients*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Toronto, Canada.
47. **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2011). *Sexual concerns and sexual trauma in adolescents with Borderline Personality Disorder*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Houston, Texas.
48. Sharp, C., **Venta, A.**, & Green, K. (2011). *The downward extension of the trust task to adolescence to examine the rupture and repair of cooperation in borderline personality disorder*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Neuroeconomics, Evanston, IL.
49. **Venta, A.**, Kenkel-Mikelonis, R., & Sharp, C. (2011). *The link between trauma symptoms, trauma history, and Borderline Personality Disorder in adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
50. **Venta, A.**, & Sharp, C. (2010). *An analysis of the sensitivity and specificity of the Avoidance and Fusion Questionnaire for Youth*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, California.
51. Green, K., Sharp, C., **Venta, A.**, & Reuter, T. (2010). *Emerging Borderline Personality Disorder confers independent risk for suicidal behaviors in inpatient adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, San Francisco, California.
52. **Venta, A.**, Sharp, C., & Hart, J. (2010). *The relationship between experiential avoidance and anxiety disorder in inpatient adolescents*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, Baltimore, Maryland.
53. **Venta, A.**, & Candee, A., Gonzalez-Rivas, S., & Rivera, E. (2008). *Helping behavior relative to achievement, agreeableness, and conscientiousness*. Poster presented at the Rice University Undergraduate Research Colloquium, Houston, Texas.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Course: *Developmental Psychopathology*- Graduate

Institution: Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Dates: Fall 2017

Course: *Assessment of Intelligence and Achievement*- Graduate

Institution: Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Dates: Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

Course: *Child Interventions*- Graduate

Institution: Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

Dates: Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Course: *Advanced Child Assessment*- Graduate

Institution: Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Date: Spring 2016, Spring 2017

Course: *Practicum in Psychometrics*- Graduate Supervision
Institution: Department of Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
Date: Spring 2016, Spring 2017

Course: *Administration and Coding of the Child Attachment Interview*- Professional Seminar
Institution: The Menninger Clinic, Houston, TX
Dates: August 2016, January 2017, August 2017

THESIS/DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chaired Theses

1. Green, Emalee. (2017). *The Implementation of Eating Disorder Education/Prevention Programs in High Schools*. Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Chair.
2. Harmon, Jennifer. (2016). *Social Media in Adolescents: Coping or Avoidance?* Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Chair.
3. Baily, Cassandra. (2016). *The Effect of Unpreparedness for Immigration Court on Psychopathology in Recently Immigrated Adolescent*. Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Chair.
4. Marshall, Kaisa. (2016). *Linguistic Markers of Trauma Symptoms Following Sexual Trauma in Female Adolescent Inpatients*. Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Chair.
5. Ball, Ericka. (2016). *The Moderating Role of Maternal Attachment in Borderline Personality Disorder Features and Dependent Life Stress*. Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Chair.
6. Abate, Anna. (2016). *Perceptions of the Legal System and Recidivism: Investigating the Mediating Role of Perceptions of Chances for Success in Juvenile Offenders*. Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Chair.

Thesis Committee Membership

1. Fleahman, Alissa. (Proposed 2017). *Revisiting Quest's Complexity: Attachment, Affiliation and Distress*. Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Committee Member.
2. Salcedo, Justin A. (2015). *Religiosity, Interfaith Intolerance, and Psychotherapy: What Happens When We Disclose the Buddhist Origins of Mindfulness?* Masters in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Committee Member.

Chaired Dissertation

1. Munoz, Carla. (2017). *Acculturation Stress and Criminal Attitudes as Risk Factors for Externalizing Behaviors in Recently Immigrated Adolescents*. Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State

University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Co-Chair with Dr. Jorge Varela.

Dissertation Committee Membership

1. McKenzie, Sherzine. (Proposed 2016). *A Validation Study of the Positive Achievement Change Tool*. Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. Role: Committee Member.

Chaired Undergraduate McNair Scholar Research

1. Godinez, Estrella. (2016-2017). Relations between adolescent unprotected sex and attachment in recently immigrated Hispanic adolescents.
2. Naquin, Amandamay. (2016-2017). Relations between teacher perceptions and student academic success in justice-involved youth.

SERVICE

University Positions

Member, Clinical Psychology Diversity Committee (2017 – Present)
Member, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2016 – Present)
Member, Women’s History Month Planning Sub-Committee (2017)
Chair, Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Sub-Committee (2016, 2017)
Member, Diversity Mission Statement Sub-Committee (2016)
Member, Search Committee: Associate Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs (2017-2018)
Faculty Sponsor, McNair Scholars Program (2016 – Present)
Faculty Sponsor, National Association of School Psychologists, Sam Houston State University’s Student Leader Program (2016 – Present)
Faculty Sponsor, Sam Houston Association of School Psychology (2016 – Present)
Member, Department of Psychology & Philosophy FES Service Committee (2016– Present)
Library Liaison, Sam Houston State University (2015 – Present)
Member, Faculty Search Committee: Assistant Professor of Psychology (2015 – 2016)
Member of Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects, University of Houston (2013 – 2014)
Student Liaison for APA Accreditation, University of Houston (2012 – 2014)
Executive Student Council Member, University of Houston (2012 – 2014)
Clinical Student Representative, University of Houston (2011 – 2012)

Ad Hoc Reviewing

Cognition and Emotion (Impact Factor = 3.249)
PLOS One (Impact Factor = 3.234)
Journal of Anxiety Disorders (Impact Factor = 3.042)
Attachment & Human Development (Impact Factor = 2.521)
Psychiatry Research (Impact Factor = 2.467)
British Journal of Psychology (Impact Factor = 2.243)
Journal of Adolescence (Impact Factor = 1.957)
Psychopathology & Behavioral Assessment (Impact Factor = 1.759)
Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy (Impact Factor = 1.573)
Social Development (Impact Factor = 1.505)
Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment (Impact Factor = 1.403)
European Journal of Psychological Assessment (Impact Factor = 1.250)
Journal of Child and Family Studies (Impact Factor = 1.163)
Clinical Psychologist (Impact Factor = 0.933)
Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine (Impact Factor = 0.870)

European Journal of Developmental Psychology (Impact Factor = 0.792)
Israel Journal of Psychiatry (Impact Factor = 0.789)
Mental Health & Prevention (Impact factor = 0.67)
European Review of Applied Psychology (Impact Factor = 0.677)
Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry (Impact Factor = 0.467)

Other Reviewing

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Adolescent and Family Health (2017-2019)
International Advisory Board, Attachment & Human Development, Taylor & Francis (2017 – Present)
Graduate Student Reviewer, Committee for Protection of Human Subjects, University of Houston,
Division of Research, Institutional Review Board (2013 – 2015)

Professional Organizations & Leadership

Member, Association for Psychological Science (2015 – Present)
Member, Sam Houston Area Psychological Association (2015 – Present)
Member, Texas Psychological Association (2013 – Present)
Chair, Early Career Psychologists Group (2016 – Present)
Member, Diversity Division
Member, American Psychological Association (2008 – Present)
Graduate Student Representative, American Psychological Association (2012 – 2013)
Member, Association for the Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (2010 – Present)

Media Citations & Interviews

1. Interviewed for “Huntsville ISD, parents seek answers after students distribute inappropriate images.” Broadcast on KBTX-TV. April, 2017.
2. Interviewed for “Myths about Immigration” by Kenneth Wood. Broadcast on 90.5 The Kat. October, 2016.
3. Featured in “Immigration Presentation, Discussion to Inform Students” by Tara Marshall. Published in The Houstonian. October, 2016.
4. Quoted in “Pulitzer-winning author coming to SHSU for Book Forum” by Dawine Bergeron. Published in The Huntsville Item. November, 2015.
5. Interviewed for “ADHD Wellness Center to discuss neurodevelopment disorder misperceptions” by Megan Ellsworth. Published in The Courier of Montgomery County. October, 2015.
6. Interviewed for “One-on-One with Tier One” by Kim T. Pierre, Au.D. Posted on University of Houston Division of Research website. December, 2013.

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES

Role: Supervisor, Evaluator
Conduct and supervise graduate student involvement in psychological evaluations with unaccompanied immigrant minors for the Office of Refugee Resettlement, Department of Unaccompanied Children’s Services. Evaluations concern a range of emotional and behavioral presenting problems.

Institution: Youth & Family Studies Lab, Sam Houston State University

Dates: January 2016 – Present

Role: Psychology Intern
Conducted individual therapy and psychological assessments with children and adolescents with a range of psychological disorders in English and Spanish. Participated in team evaluations for children with a suspected Autism Spectrum Diagnosis. Conducted family Parent Child Interaction Therapy. Co-facilitated Social Thinking groups for children on the Autism Spectrum.

Institution: DePelchin Children's Center (Primary Rotation)
Supervisors: Lou Ann Mock, Ph.D. and Megan Mooney, Ph.D
Dates: July 2014 – July 2015

Role: Psychology Intern
Conducted individual therapy with adult clients with a range of psychological disorders.

Institution: Baylor College of Medicine (Secondary Rotation)
Supervisors: Mariella Self, Ph.D. and Karen Lawson, Ph.D
Dates: July 2014 – July 2015

Role: Psychology Extern (Pre-Doctoral Therapist)
Served as a therapist in two clinics forming the Disruptive Behavior Disorders program. The Brief Behavioral Intervention is a parent management training program for children ages 2 through 6 with disruptive behavior disorders. The Family Skills Training for ADHD-Related Symptoms Program combines parent management training with child-focused intervention for children ages 7 to 12.

Institution: Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX
Supervisors: David Curtis, Ph.D. and Marni Axelrad, Ph.D.
Dates: July 2013 – June 2014

Role: Pre-Doctoral Therapist
Conducted individual therapy with adults and adolescents with a range of psychological disorders.

Institution: Psychology Research and Services Center, University of Houston, Houston, TX
Supervisors: Robin Weill, Ph.D. and Gerald Harris, Ph.D.
Dates: August 2011 – June 2014

Role: Psychology Extern (Pre-Doctoral Therapist and Assessor)
Conducted Spanish psychological evaluations with adolescents who recently migrated to the U.S. from Central America. Participated in team evaluations for autism spectrum disorders. Co-led Social Thinking groups for children with an autism spectrum diagnosis. Conducted brief psychological evaluations with adolescents living in residential treatment. Served as outpatient therapist.

Institution: DePelchin Children's Center, Houston, TX
Supervisors: Adrienne Tinder, Ph.D., Lou Ann Mock, Ph.D., and Blanca Hernandez, Ph.D.
Dates: July 2012 – July 2013

Role: Psychology Extern (Pre-Doctoral Therapist)
Conducted individual therapy with adolescents in a school setting.

Institution: Community in Schools, Kashmere High School, Houston, TX
Supervisors: Adrienne Tinder, Ph.D.
Dates: March 2013 – July 2013

Role: Psychology Extern (Pre-Doctoral Therapist)
Conducted individual therapy with elementary age children in a school setting. Co-led Anxiety Management and Impulsivity Management groups.

Institution: Briargrove Elementary School, Houston, TX
Supervisors: Heather Pane, Ph.D., Adrienne Tinder, Ph.D., and Lou Anne Mock, Ph.D.

Dates: September 2012 – March 2013

Role: Pre-Doctoral Assessor

Participated in team psychological evaluations for adults, adolescents, and children referred for learning disability and ADHD assessments.

Institution: Clinical Learning Disability & ADHD Assessment Clinic, University of Houston

Supervisors: Jack Fletcher, Ph.D. and Paul Massman, Ph.D.

Dates: August 2011 – August 2012

Role: Undergraduate Intern

Provided milieu support for adolescent females living in residential treatment.

Institution: DePelchin Children's Center, Houston, TX

Supervisor: Debbie Lawrence, M.A.

Dates: May 2008 – August 2008

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS ATTENDED

Title: ADOS-2 Clinical Workshop
Institution: WPS
Dates: November, 2015

Title: Trauma Focused CBT
Institution: Cenpatico and NCTSN
Trainer: Roy Van Tassell, MS, LPC
Dates: October, 2014

Title: Psychopharmacology Seminar
Institution: Baylor College of Medicine
Trainer: Amin Shah, M.D.
Dates: July – September, 2014

Title: Motivational Interviewing
Institution: Baylor College of Medicine
Trainer: Patricia Daza, Ph.D.
Dates: September, 2014

Title: Biomarkers in Psychiatry
Institution: Baylor College of Medicine
Trainers: Jay Lombard & Ben Weinstein, M.D.
Date: September, 2014

Title: Family Violence and its Aftermath
Institution: Harris County and Fort Bend Infant and Toddler Court Initiative
Date: August, 2014

Title: Assessment and Management of Suicidality
Institution: Baylor College of Medicine
Trainer: Thomas Ellis, Ph.D.
Date: July, 2014

Title: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
Institution: Texas Bar Foundation
Trainer: Dalie Castillo-Granados
Date: June, 2014

Title: Q-Sort for the Child Attachment Interview
Institution: The Menninger Clinic
Trainer: Peter Fonagy, Ph.D.
Date: April, 2014

Title: Latent Variable Modeling
Institution: The Menninger Clinic
Trainer: Jon Elhai, Ph.D.
Dates: September – October, 2013

Title: Rorschach-Performance Assessment System
Institution: DePelchin Children's Center
Trainer: Donald Viglione, Ph.D.
Dates: June, 2013

Title: Can Personality Scales Identify Subtypes of Antisocial and Psychopathic Offenders?
Institution: University of Houston
Trainer: John Edens, Ph.D.
Dates: November, 2012

Title: Workshop on the Biology of Social Cognition
Institution: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Trainers: David Skuse, MRCP, Jason Mitchell, Ph.D.
Dates: July, 2012

Title: Parent Child Interaction Therapy (Online)
Institution: University of California, Davis
Trainer: Anthony J. Urquiza, Ph.D.
Dates: June, 2012

Title: Attachment, Neurodevelopment, and Psychopathology Course
Institution: Baylor College of Medicine
Trainer: Patricia Crittenden, Ph.D.
Dates: April, 2012

Title: The Child Attachment Interview
Institution: University College London
Trainer: Yael Shmueli-Goetz, Ph.D.
Dates: November, 2010 & January, 2016

Title: Advanced Training Institute on Research Methods with Diverse Racial and Ethnic Groups
Institution: American Psychological Association
Dates: June 2017