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Education

June 2010 Ph.D. (Expected) Applied Child Development, Tufts University

January 2007 M.A. Psychology, California State University, Fullerton

June 2004 B.A. Psychology, California State University, Fullerton

Research Experience

Doctoral Research Assistant: (August 2006 – Present): Dr. Richard M. Lerner, Institute of Applied Research in Youth Development, Tufts University

- Conduct statistical analyses with quantitative data
- Coding of qualitative data
- Assist in management of longitudinal database
- Assist undergraduates in laboratory research
- Co-author publications in refereed journals and edited book
- Presentations at professional conferences

Researcher: (August 2008 – May 2009): Dr. Shane Norris, Birth to Twenty Research Program, Johannesburg-Soweto, South Africa

- Design and implement a qualitative project entitled “The Role of Religion during Times of Social Change”
- Assist in collection of longitudinal data
- Conduct statistical analyses with quantitative data
- Coding of qualitative data
- Prepare manuscripts for professional publication
- Research consultation for master’s and doctoral level students

Graduate Research Assistant: (August 2005 – June 2006): Dr. Susan Sy, California State University, Fullerton

- Conduct statistical analyses with quantitative data
- Participation in qualitative interviews
- Presentations at professional conferences
- Assist undergraduates in laboratory research
- Conduct face-to-face interviews with study participants

- Prepare manuscripts for professional publication

Graduate Assistant: (March 2005 – January 2006): Dr. Julie Stokes, California State University, Fullerton

- Collect survey data from human participants
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative information
- Evaluation of grant proposals
- Supervise undergraduate students in African American Resource Center

Research Assistant: (August 2004 – June 2004): Dr. Daniel Kee, California State University, Fullerton

- Collect survey data from human participants

Teaching Experience

Doctoral Teaching Assistant: (Fall 2007 - present): Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Tufts University. Courses taught:

- “Program Evaluation” (Fall 2007, with Professor Francine Jacobs)
- “Introductory Statistics” (Spring 2008, with Professor Cynthia Davis)

Graduate Assistant, Department of Psychology, California State University, Fullerton, February 2006-May 2006, with Professor Kathleen Brown. Facilitated study sessions, corrected assignments and papers for a research methods course.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Child Development, California State University, Fullerton, August 2003-December 2003, with Professor Leigh Hobson. Facilitated study sessions, corrected assignments and papers for a research methods course.

Tutor, Upward Bound, Santa Ana College, June 2004-August 2004. Tutor in Chemistry, Algebra, SAT preparation, Spanish, and English for underrepresented, high school students.

Publications

Brittian, A. S., Sy, S. R., & Stokes, J. E. (*in press*). Mentorship Programs: Implications for African American College Students. *Western Journal of Black Studies*.

Lerner, R. M., Abo-Zena, M., Bebiroglu, N., **Brittian, A. S.,** Doyle, A., & Isaac, S. (2008). Positive Youth Development: Contemporary Theoretical Perspectives. In DiClemente, R., Crosby, R., & Santelli, J. (Eds.) *Adolescent Health: Understanding and Preventing Risk Behaviors and Adverse Health Outcomes*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

Lerner, R. M., **Brittian, A.,** & Fay, K. (2007). Mentoring: A key resource for promoting positive youth development. *Research in Action, Issue 1*, 3-15.

Roeser, R., Isaac, S. I., Abo-Zena, M., & **Brittian, A. S.** (2008). Self and identity processes in spiritual development. In R. M. Lerner, R. Roeser, & Phelps, E. (Eds.) *Positive Youth Development and Spirituality: From Theory to Research*. West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Foundation Press.

Sy, S. R., & **Brittian, A. S.** (2008). The impact of family obligations on young women's decisions during the transition to college: A comparison of Latina, European American, and Asian American students. *Sex Roles, 58*, 729-737.

Brittian, A. S., Norris, S. A., Roeser, R. W., & Richter, L. M. (in preparation). Culture and nationalism: Implications for identity and self-esteem among South African adolescents.

Bowers, E. P., Li, Y., **Brittian, A. S.**, & Kiely, M. (in preparation). The longitudinal factor structure of positive youth development across middle adolescence. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Brittian, A. S., & Sy, S. R. (in preparation). The effects of the mother-daughter relationship on Latina college students' psychological well-being.

Brittian, A. S., Lewin, N., Norris, S. A., & Roeser, R. W. (in preparation). "Everyone now is a bit more consumed in materialistic stuff:" Reflections of South African young adult's perceptions on religion in times of social change

Presentations

Lewin, N., **Brittian, A. S.**, Norris, S. A., & Roeser, R. W. (2009, October). "Everyone now is a bit more consumed in materialistic stuff:" An Examination of South African Young Adults Perceptions of Religion in Times of Social Change. Paper presentation at the 4th Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Atlanta, GA.

Brittian, A. S., Lynch, A. D., Gaither, S., & Lerner, R. M. (2009, October). Assessing ethnic identity among diverse adolescents. Poster presentation for the Society for the Study of Human Development Conference, Ann Arbor, MI.

Zimmerman, S. M., **Brittian, A. S.**, & Lerner, R. M. (2008, March). "I would do everything to make the world a better place:" Diverse pathways to youth contribution. Poster presented to the European Association for Research on Adolescence, Turin, Italy.

Bebiroglu, N., Li, Y., **Brittian, A. S.**, Phelps, E., & Lerner, R. M. (2008, March). The influence of parental involvement on youth civic engagement. Poster presented to the European Association for Research on Adolescence, Turin, Italy.

Brittian, A. S. (2008, March). Mentorship: Implications for African American college students. Poster presentation for the Society for Research in Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

Brittian, A. S., & Lerner, R. M. (2007, August). Positive youth development in African American youth is promoted by religiosity. Poster presented to the Association of Black Psychologists Annual International Convention, Houston, TX.

Sy, S. R. (2007, March). How does parent emotional and instrumental support influence Latina students during their college transition? Roundtable discussion symposium presented by **Aerika S. Brittian** for the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Boston, MA.

Brittian, A. S., & Stokes, J.E. (2006, February). African American resource centers and Black student retention. Paper presentation for the National Association of African American Studies Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

Brittian, A. S., Sanchez, B., & Sy, S. R. (2006, April). The effects of parental influence in Asian, Latina, and White female college student's self-efficacy. Poster presentation for the Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Brittian, A. S., Sy, S. R. (2006, April). The affects of mother-daughter relationship on Latina women's psychological well-being and transition to college. Poster presentation for the Western Psychological Association Conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Sy, S. R., & **Brittian, A. S.** (2005, October). The impact of family obligations on the transitions to college among White, Asian, and Latina female, adolescents. Poster presentation for the Society for the Study of Human Development, Asilomar, CA.

Professional Service

Reviewer, Journal of Adolescent Research, 2009 – present

Reviewer, Applied Developmental Science, 2009 – present

Student reviewer, Development Psychology, 2007 - present

Student reviewer, International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, 2007 -present

Professional Experience

Coordinator, California State University, Fullerton, African American Resource Center, March 2005-present, program planning, grant writing, supervisor, community outreach.

Childcare Counselor, Canyon Acres Child and Family Services, October 2004-February 2005, behavior modification among children ages 5-14 and mentoring, assist day-treatment staff.

Resident Advisor, Housing and Residence Life, August 2003-June 2004, implement policies and serve as a resource for undergraduate students.

Volunteer, Metropolitan State Hospital, August 2003-March 2004, mentor children with mental illness, and program planning.

Volunteer, Park Vista at Morning Side, 2002, assist Activities Director with programs for older adults.

General Counselor, Girls Scouts of Susitna County, 2000, program planning for young girls, ages 6-14, in residential camp setting.

Professional Membership

Member, Psi Chi National Honor Society, 2005-present

Member, Society for Research in Child Development, 2005-present

Vice President, Graduate Alliance for Multicultural Empowerment, Tufts University, 2006-2007

President, American Psychological Society Student Caucus, CSUF Chapter, 2005-2006

Officer of Fundraising, American Psychological Society Student Caucus, CSUF Chapter, 2004-2005

Awards

2007 Tisch Active Citizenship – Summer Fellow \$3500

2007 Frances D. Horowitz Millennium Scholars Program – Junior Mentor

Honors

Golden Key National Honor Society, Cal State Fullerton, 2003-present

Deans List, Cal State Fullerton, 2002 – 2004