# Ashley Maehr Alexander, PsyD

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#### **EDUCATION/LICENSURE**

#### Licensed Clinical Psychologist (Georgia, PSY0033676)

#### Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology, September 2012

Georgia School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Atlanta, Georgia American Psychological Association-accredited program

Master of Arts degree, June 2009 Georgia School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Atlanta, Georgia

### Bachelor of Arts degree, May 2007

Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia

### POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

# Emory University School of Medicine/Children's Healthcare of Atlanta

#### Atlanta, Georgia

September 2012 - August 2013

- Provided consultation/liaison services to the Hematology and Oncology departments •
- Provided psychotherapy with children and adolescents with a wide variety of medical diagnoses • diagnoses in both inpatient and outpatient settings
- Conducted thorough pre-transplantation evaluations for bone marrow transplant candidates
- Administered comprehensive neuropsychological and psychoeducational assessment batteries • and completed integrated neuropsychological reports
- Supervised psychology practicum students
- Led monthly didactic presentations to an audience of licensed psychologists, fellows, and doctoral practicum students

### **PRE-DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP**

#### Houston Independent School District (American Psychological Association accredited program) Houston, Texas

August 2011-July 2012

- Conducted individual and school-wide crisis intervention including comprehensive suicide risk assessment, homicide risk assessment, brief grief counseling, and treatment planning
- Provided consultation services to create and implement modifications that target a variety of • presenting concerns
- Provided individual psychotherapy with children and adolescents with a wide range of diagnoses including mood disorders, anxiety disorders, and externalizing disorders (ODD, Conduct Disorder, ADHD)
- Led weekly group psychotherapy sessions with school-aged boys and girls
- Completed comprehensive psychological and psychoeducational assessments
- Supervised practicum students in their completion of comprehensive assessments

# CLINICAL PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

# Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Atlanta, Georgia

#### Advanced Practicum Student

- Provided consultation-liaison services to a variety of patients as part of an interdisciplinary treatment team
- Conducted psychodiagnostic assessment of school age children
- Provided psychological care to a number of patient's through outpatient clinics including the Adolescent Transplant Transition Clinic and the Health for Life Clinic (Obesity Clinic)
- Conducted thorough pre-transplantation evaluations for solid organ transplant candidates
- Conducted brief psychotherapy with inpatient and outpatient children, adolescents, and families

# DeKalb/Rockdale GNETS Program

# Lithonia, Georgia

# Therapy Practicum Student

- Conducted individual psychotherapy with children and adolescents diagnosed with a variety of severe emotional and behavioral disorders
- Developed and lead weekly group therapy sessions with school-aged boys and girls
- Formulated detailed treatment plans and conducted in-depth clinical interviews with clients and their parents
- Assisted with various clinical activities including assessment, Individualized Education Plan meetings, and crisis intervention

# Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Department of Neuropsychology

#### Atlanta, Georgia

### Neuropsychology Extern

- Administered comprehensive neuropsychological assessment batteries and completed integrated neuropsychological reports
- Assisted with feedback sessions and diagnostic interviews
- Attended meetings, grand rounds, and case conferences related to patient care

# **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### Stonewall Psychological Associates, Atlanta, GA Psychometrist

- Administered Social Security disability assessments
- Conducted clinical and collateral interviews
- Wrote comprehensive disability reports to assist with appropriate recommendations

# Talbott Recovery Campus, Atlanta, GA

### Intake Associate

- Provided intake information for a patient population of impaired professionals in an intensive outpatient drug and alcohol rehabilitation setting
- Interacted with prospective patients, current patients, and patient's families
- Engaged in crisis management
- Handled all after hours intake calls and forwarded calls to appropriate staff member

December 2009-January 2011

August 2009-June 2010

August 2008-June 2009

May 2010-May 2011

April 2005-May 2007

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

# International Rescue Committee, Atlanta, GA

Volunteer

- Helped to develop career skills for female refugees by assisting with practice interviews and conversational skills
- Assisted English language development classes for mothers recently relocated to Atlanta
- Worked with children and parents in building their social skills in order to facilitate re-location and transition

#### Harnas Foundation, Namibia, Africa

Volunteer

- Worked directly with animals including cheetahs, lions, wild dogs, and baboons
- Socialized and studied the animals' social interactions, family interactions, and breeding habits
- Participated in various Namibian cultural activities such as learning survival techniques with the local San bushmen
- Assisted with care and well being of animals

#### RESEARCH

Maehr, A. (2011). Caregiver Response to Pediatric Solid Organ Transplantation: Assessing Posttraumatic Stress, Depression, and Anxiety Symptoms Posttransplant. Dissertation Defended 12/2011

Hughes, J., & Gray, A. (2006). Effects of Commuting to Work. Research Assistant.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Kaslow, N., Maehr Alexander, A., Petersen Coleman, M. (in press). Biological and Psychosocial

Interventions for Depression in Children and Adolescents. In I. Gotlib & C. Hammen (Eds.), Handbook of

depression (Third edition). New York: Guilford Press.

# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Maehr Alexander, A., Stapel-Wax, J., Mee, L., & Gilleland, J. Caregiver experience of posttraumatic stress following their child's solid organ transplantation. Presented at the 2013 National Conference in Pediatric Psychology, New Olreans, LA.
- Oswald, C., Schwimmer, B., **Maehr, A., &** Mee, L. (2012). Caregiver Response to Pediatric Solid Organ Transplantation: Assessing Posttraumatic Stress, Depression, and Anxiety Symptoms. Presented at the 2012 Midwest Regional Conference in Pediatric Psychology, Milwaukee, WI.

August 2006-December 2007

June-July 2006

- Maehr, A. & Kiefel, J. (2009). The neuropsychological effects of Duchenne muscular dystrophy: A family case study. Presented at the National Academy of Neuropsychology 2009 National Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Maehr, A. (2006). Length of Exposure and Effects on Perceptions of Attractiveness. Presented at the Oglethorpe University Symposium, Atlanta, GA, 2006.
- Maehr, A., Malms, S., & McCabe, K. (2005). Media Influences on Body Image and Esteem. Poster Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association 2006-2007 National Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Maehr, A. (2006). Gender Differences in Perceptions of Attractiveness. Poster Presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association 2006-2007 National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

•	Bullying Prevention and Interventions	4/2012
	Janowski Elementary School	
	Houston Independent School District, Houston, TX	
•	Relationship and Internet Safety: A Program for Children	3/2012
	Scroggins Elementary School	
	Houston Independent School District, Houston, TX	
•	Crisis Intervention in the Schools	2/2012
	Sam Houston Area Psychological Association Meeting, Houston TX	
•	Current Issues in Child and Adolescent Psychology	4/2010
	Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA	
•	Introduction to Child and Adolescent Assessment	10/2009
	Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA	
•	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	3/2009
	Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA	

#### PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

•	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Workshop, 16 hrs.	11/2011
	Speakers: LivingWorks Education Staff	
•	An Introduction to Integrative Couples Therapy, 8 hrs.	11/2011
	Speaker: Douglas Snyder, Ph.D.	
•	Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Program (CPI Certification), 8 hrs.	9/2011
	Speaker: Jeff Vannice, Ph.D., LSSP	
•	We Help Ourselves: Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Training, 16 hrs.	8/2011
	Speakers: ChildBuilders Staff	
-	Childhood Traumatic Grief (CTG) online training, 6 hrs.	6/2010
	Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)	
-	Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF-CBT) online training, 10 hrs.	4/2010
	Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)	

- Psi Chi The National Honor Society of Psychology, 2006-current
- Student Ambassador of Argosy University
- Oglethorpe University Dean's List: Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007
- Co-Manager of Membership of Psi Chi
- Lanier Scholar

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Student Member of the Society of Pediatric Psychology, Division 54 of the American Psychological Association
- Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS)
- Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

# References

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Jennifer Stapel-Wax, PsyD Director, Infant and Toddler Clinical Research Operations Marcus Autism Center, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta 1920 Briarcliff Road Atlanta, GA 30329 404-785-8931 jennifer.l.stapel-wax@emory.edu