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EDUCATION

Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Afro-American Studies | *Expected May 2026*

GPA: 3.97 | College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program | Dean's List Honoree, 2022-2024



EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders (LEND) Program

Washington, DC

Long-term Fellow

September 2025 - Present

- Education in Neurodevelopmental advocacy and support through classes, clinical experiences, and research.

Children's National Hospital - Carrie Tully, Ph.D.

Washington, DC

Research Trainee

January 2025 - Present

- Organized 100+ Trauma/ Burn Clinic notes and data into a REDCap database.
- Cleaned, transcribed, and thematically coded medical interviews to analyze qualitatively.

National Education Equity Lab, Howard University

Remote

Teaching Fellow

January 2025 - Present

- Planned and taught two synchronous Introduction to Psychology classes for high school students, developing engaging lessons and activities.

Howard University Psychology Department

Washington, DC

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant - Statistics 1 & 2

August 2024 - Present

- Tutored five undergraduate students in PSYC 003 and PSYC 004.

International THREADS (Thesis Honors Research Experiences for Academic Data Scientists) Program

Washington, DC

Research Fellow

May 2024 - Present

- Led independent research on mental healthcare in Ghana, utilizing Python and machine learning to analyze health-related data.

McClendon Center

Washington, DC

Patient Discharge Coordination Intern

May 2024 - August 2024

- Helped 15 patients in crisis transition from emergency psychiatric units to McClendon Center care.
- Entered clinical notes for patient interactions and appointments.

Cultural Socialization Lab - Debra D. Roberts, Ph.D.

Washington, DC

Research Assistant

December 2023 - Present

- Gained experience with qualitative and quantitative research methods in projects focused on children and families of African descent.
- Conducted independent research exploring the effects of psychosocially toxic environments on the mental health of marginalized youth.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARLY WORK

When Psychology Doesn't Translate: Two Case Studies Evaluating Mental Health Treatment Strategies in Non-Western Afro-Descendant Communities through Systemic and Community Analysis

December 2024 - May 2025

- Oral presentation at the Athens Institute's 19th Annual International Conference on Psychology (May 2025)

Perspectives on the Quality of Mental Healthcare in the Central Region of Ghana

May 2024 - Present

- Poster presentation at the Howard University Research Month Symposium & Hicks Symposium (April 2025)

Efficacy of Mental Health Resources Across International Black Populations

May 2024 - Present

- Poster presentation at the American Data Science Association Annual Meeting (October 2024)

Impact of Race-Related Trauma and Mental Health Treatment Accessibility on Black Youth in Maryland

August 2021 - May 2022

- Oral presentation at the Howard County High School Advanced Research Showcase (April 2022)

LEADERSHIP & CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Howard University College of Arts and Sciences Honors Association

Washington, DC

Membership & Mentorship Chair

April 2025 - Present

Class of 2026 Representative

January 2025 - April 2025

Howard University Ice Skating Organization

Washington, DC

President

April 2025 - Present

Vice President

April 2024 - April 2025

Public Relations Chair

October 2023 - April 2024

Additional Affiliations: Psi Chi International Psychological Honor Society, Howard University Figure Skating Intercollegiate Team, Howard University Concert Band, Howard University Psychology Club, CASHA Peer Mentor

SKILLS/ INTERESTS

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, REDCap, ArcGIS, SPSS, Python, LaTeX, Adobe Creative Cloud, Canva, NIH All of Us Research Workbench, HIPAA Compliance. Skilled writer and proofreader.