

Student Website Profiles

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Montserrat's primary research adviser is Michael Roberts but she has also collaborated with Eric Vernberg, Mike Rapoff (University of Kansas Medical Center), and Christina Adams (Children's Mercy Hospital). Her research interests are primarily in pediatric psychology, including adherence theories and interventions, the impact and acceptance of new medical technologies, and the development and future of the field of pediatric psychology. She was a student representative to the boards of both Division 54 (Society of Pediatric Psychology) and the Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology (CUDCP). Montserrat's practicum placements have included the KU Child and Family Services Clinic, the Intensive Mental Healthcare Program, the KU Medical Center-Pediatric Psychology Section, and a muscular dystrophy support group.

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Heather's primary research advisor is Ric Steele but she also collaborates with Michael Roberts, Jennifer Schurman (Children's Mercy Hospital), and numerous additional faculty members at the University of Kansas, the Children's Mercy Hospital, and the University of Kansas Medical Center. Her research interests are broadly related to pediatric psychology, including health promotion and intervention across a variety of chronic illnesses (e.g., overweight/obesity, recurrent abdominal pain, diabetes, HIV, sickle cell disease) and other risk factors (e.g., dating violence, mental health). Specifically, her aim is to understand the impact of family and cultural systems on children's risk for, management of, and coping with chronic illness. To date, Heather's practicum placements have included the KU Child and Family Services Clinic, Positively Fit, the KU Medical Center- Pediatric Psychology Section, the KU Medical Center's Developmental Disabilities Center, the North Star Group Home on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation, the Early Childhood Education Center (Ben no tteh Wigwam) on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation, and Children's Mercy Hospital.

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Jennifer's primary research advisor is Eric Vernberg. She has also collaborated with Todd Little (Developmental and Quantitative Psychology) in the pursuit of a quantitative minor and with Patricia Hawley (Developmental Psychology) and Ric Steele. Jennifer's research interests include peer aggression and victimization and the development of adolescent health risk behaviors in the context of peer relationships, as well as the evaluation of school-based bullying intervention programs and the application of advanced quantitative methods. Her practicum placements have included the KU Child and Family Services Clinic and the Behavioral and Emotional Support Team (BEST) and its predecessor, the Intensive Mental Health Program, both in the Lawrence Public Schools.

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Tim's primary research advisor is Ric Steele. His research interests include the dissemination of evidence-based treatments (EBTs) into clinical settings, pediatric psychology (HIV, obesity), and program evaluation. His practicum placements have

included the KU Child and Family Services Clinic, the Intensive Mental Health Program, and the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center. He is currently the program evaluation specialist for the Working to Recognize Alternative Possibilities (WRAP) program, a school-based mental health service provided through the Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center.

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Kimberlee's research advisor is Michael Roberts. Her research interests include areas of pediatric psychology (asthma, allergies, specifically peanut allergy), program evaluation, and adjustment issues in gay and lesbian adolescents. Her practicum placements have included the KU Child and Family Services Clinic, the Elementary Therapeutic Classroom, and the Behavioral Pediatrics Department and the Developmental Disabilities Center at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Third year

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Rochelle's research advisor is Michael Roberts. She has also collaborated with Julie Boydston (Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center), Ann McGrath Davis (KU Medical Center), and Mike Rapoff (KU Medical Center) on several projects. Her research interests include program evaluation, treatment of externalizing disorders, and parent-child relationships. Rochelle's practicum placements have included the KU Child and Family Services Clinic and the Healthy Hawks Pediatric Obesity Program.

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Kerri's primary research advisor is Yo Jackson. She is currently also collaborating with Barbara Kerr (Psychology & Research in Education) on a project that seeks to investigate the relation between adolescent behavioral health, risk behaviors, and relationship quality with peers, family, and significant others. Kerri's research interests include family violence (e.g., childhood exposure to domestic violence), resilient outcomes of children who have been maltreated, and the role of risk and protective factors. Kerri's practicum placements have included the KU Child & Family Services Clinic and the Intensive Mental Health Program.

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J.P.'s primary research advisor is Eric Vernberg. He also collaborates with Andrea Greenhoot (Cognitive and Developmental Psychology) who co-chaired his master's thesis. His research interests include youth reactions to traumatic stress (PTSD, traumatic grief), bereavement, and the interplay between stressful life events and the development of autobiographical memory. He is also interested in issues facing Hurricane Katrina evacuees and their families. J.P.'s practicum placements have included the Intensive Mental Health Program (Lawrence Public Schools) and the KU Child and Family Services Clinic.

Second year

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Brandon is currently involved with projects with Michael Roberts, Ric Steele, and John Colombo. His research interests include attention and cognition in premature infants and pediatric obesity, as well as professional issues (citation analyses in pediatric psychology). As a current second year, Brandon's current practicum placement is the KU Child and Family Services Clinic.

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Jade's primary research advisor is Michael Roberts. She is also collaborating Christina Adams (University of Florida) on projects relating to asthma medication adherence. Her research interests include areas of pediatric and positive psychology (e.g., benefit finding and coping with chronic illnesses). Jade's practicum placement is in the KU Child and Family Services Clinic.

First year

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Chad conducts research with Ric Steele. His research focuses on pediatric psychology, including interventions for obesity and asthma. Chad is also interested in pediatric medical regimen adherence. He is currently receiving practicum training on Ric Steele's Positively Fit obesity intervention grant.

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Sangeeta's primary research advisor is Yo Jackson. Her research interests are child abuse and neglect, trauma and resilience, and differences in parenting across cultures.

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Yelena's research interests are primarily within pediatric psychology and include how children and their families cope with chronic illness, end of life, and bereavement.