

# Diana M. Lacaci

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

**Bachelor of Science in Psychology, *cum laude***, August 2006  
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida  
Grade Point Average: 3.71

### **Thesis**

Lacaci, D.L. (200?). *Bar expectancies in the college student population*. M.S. thesis, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. Thesis advisor: Dr. Dennis L. Thombs.

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**UF Graduate Assistant**, Health Informatics Laboratory (Fall 2007)  
Jiunn-Jye Sheu, Ph.D.

*General Description:* Give technical assistance to the students using the Health Informatics Laboratory.

- Weekly literature reviews covering the topic of eating disorders and health informatics.
- Weekly presentations of the literature reviewed.

**UF Teacher Assistant**, Methods and Materials in Health Education (Fall 2007)  
Jiunn-Jye Sheu, Ph.D.

*General Description:* Assisted instructor with two sections of the health-related course totaling approximately 62 students.

- Grade all assignments.
- Assist students with assignments and difficulties out of class.

**UF Research Assistant**, Health Education & Behavior (Spring - Summer 2007)  
Dennis L. Thombs, Ph.D.

*General Description:* Assisted with research duties including survey development, poster development, statistical analyses, and...

**UF Graduate Assistant, Sport and Fitness Program (Fall 2006)**

Gary Nave, M.S.

*General Description:* Instructed and managed four classes comprised of approximately 30 students each.

**UF Teacher Assistant, Personal and Family Health (Summer 2006)**

Erin Largo-Wight, Doctoral Candidate HEB

*General Description:* Assisted instructor with health survey course comprised of 110 undergraduates.

- Contribute to course design and syllabus
- Lecture on specific health topics (Eating Disorders & Nutrition)
- Assist in grading exams and assignments
- Contribute to assessment such as writing exam questions
- Maintain accurate attendance record
- Maintain and design WebCT course website
- Provide feedback and support to students in classroom, via email, and during office hours

**UF Teacher Assistant, Stress & Anxiety Management (Fall 2005, Summer 2006)**

Jaime Jasser, Doctoral Student COE

*General Description:* Assisted instructor with mental-health related undergraduate course comprised of 75 students.

- Contributed to student assessment such as exam question generation
- Assisted in grading exams, journal assignments, and class presentations
- Maintained an accurate attendance record for each student throughout the semester
- Assisted students with classroom activities and assignments

**Facility Manager, Southwest Recreation Center, Gainesville, FL (2003-2004)**

Gary Zetrouer, Associate Director for Resource & Project Management

*General Description:* Manage the building and monitor building supervisors to make sure that things are running smoothly

- Respond to emergency situations
- Ensure participant safety
- Monitor access and enforce policies
- Set up equipment and perform light maintenance

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Survey development (Ph.D. ranking, Field study)

Data entry (mental health grant)

Manuscript/ grant development (mental health grant)

Principal Investigator, Bar Expectancies in the College Student Population

Research Assistant, *A Field Assessment of Patrons Exiting College Bars*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Dennis L. Thombs

**Research Assistant**, Alachua County Health Department, Gainesville, FL (Summer – Fall 2005)  
Dr. Dolores Albarracin, Associate Professor in Psychology

*General Description:* Research Assistant focused on condom use and HIV prevention in Dr. Dolores Albarracin's Health Behavior Lab. The project was designed to identify the conditions that increase participation in programs to induce condom use and to design messages and interventions that have the potential to attract reluctant audiences and influence their actions.

- Aided in recruiting and screening potential participants
- Served as an interviewer for each of the conditions
- Served as a confederate for each of the conditions; recorded participants' behavior
- Trained to counsel participants
- Weekly lab meetings and other general lab duties.

### **Manuscripts in Press**

Thombs, D.L., Dodd, V., Pokorny, S.B., Omli, M., O'Mara, R., Webb, M.C., Lacaci, D., & Werch, C. (in press). Drink specials and the intoxication levels of patrons exiting college bars. *American Journal of Health Behavior*.

### **Presentations**

*Gender Differences*

(with Ms. Jennifer Reingle & Ms. Lindsay Hovermale)

3rd Annual Conference of the Social Sciences

University of Florida

October 20, 2007

Gainesville, Florida

*Gender Differences*

(with Ms. Jennifer Reingle & Ms. Lindsay Hovermale)

College of Health and Human Performance Research Symposium  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida  
September 28, 2007

*Preliminary Evidence for Eliminating Drink Specials in Campus Communities.*  
(with Ryan O'Mara)  
Third Annual Symposium on Addictive and Health Behaviors Research  
Addictive & Health Behaviors Research Institute  
September 24, 2007  
Amelia Island, Florida

*Effects of Drink Specials on Patrons Exiting Drinking Establishments.*  
(with Dr. Dennis L. Thombs, Dr. Virginia Dodd, Dr. Steve Pokorny, Ms. Morrow Omli, Mr. Ryan O'Mara, Ms. Monica Webb, & Dr. Chad Werch)  
Graduate Student Council Spring Forum  
University of Florida  
April 4, 2007  
Gainesville, Florida

*Findings from a Field Study of Gainesville Drinking Establishments.*  
(with Dr. Dennis L. Thombs)  
President's Community Alcohol Coalition Meeting  
University of Florida  
February 1, 2007  
Gainesville, Florida

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2006-present      Member, Research Colloquium  
Florida Center for Health Promotion  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida

**Volunteer**, Corner Drug Store, Gainesville, FL (Summer 2005, Spring 2006)  
Zeke Whitter, Residential Supervisor

*General Description:* The Corner Drug Store is a private, non-profit social services agency that has provided service in North Central Florida for over 35 years. I worked at the Interface Youth Program, which is a temporary shelter for runaway, truant, or troubled youth (ages 10-17). The shelter provides crisis stabilization, counseling, and develops a case plan to meet short term needs and long term goals.

- Maintained a safe environment by ensuring that the kids adhered to program rules.
- Offered assistance and support to kids during assignments.
- Observed Psycho-social reports.

- Supervised the kids' activities in the shelter.
- Helped supervise the kids during fieldtrips/outings.

## **SKILLS**

**Language:** Spanish (nearly fluent)

**Technical:** Microsoft Office  
Verity TeleForm  
SPSS

**Certifications:** HIV Testing and Counseling  
First Aid  
CPR & AED

## **HONORS/MEMBERSHIP**

**Dean's List** (Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Fall 2005)

**National Dean's List**

**Golden Key Honor Society**

**Psi Chi**

**American Psychological Association**

## **COURSE LISTINGS**

### **Psychology Background**

General Psychology  
Personal Growth  
Cognitive Psychology  
Psychology of Personality  
Sensory Processes  
Social Psychology  
Introduction to Sport Psychology  
Psychology of Eating Disorders  
Psychology of Eating  
Research Methods in Social Psychology

### **Health Behavior Foundation**

Personal and Family Health  
Foundations of Health Education  
Health and Medical Terminology  
Human Sexuality  
Emotional Health and Counseling  
Philosophy & Principles of Health Education  
Planning Health Education Programs  
Evaluating Health Education Programs

Epidemiology  
Theories of Health Behavior and Practice in Health Education  
Research Methods in Health Education

**Education Background**

Stress and Anxiety Management (TA)  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse

**Mathematics**

Precalculus Algebra & Trig  
Statistics I  
Statistics 2