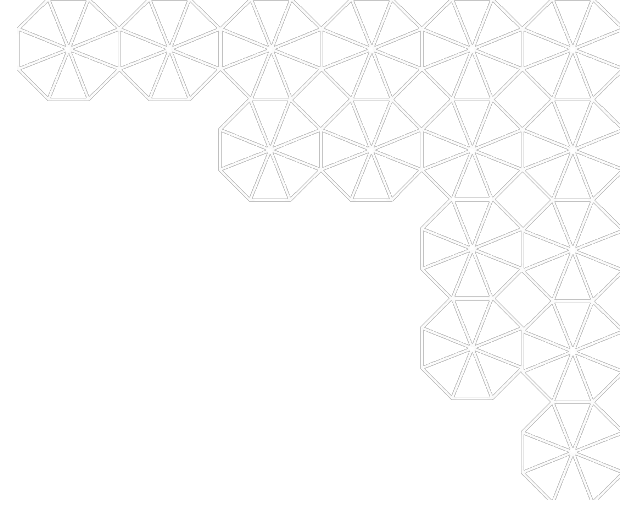




Meet some of our current School Psychology students!



First Years

Edwin

Hometown: Renton, WA

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Research Interests/Current Projects:

Filipino-American Mental Health and Identity Development, Mental Health Benefits of Ethnic Studies

Personal Interests:

Super Smash Bros., Basketball, Cooking, Self-Help books/podcast

Favorite things about the Bay Area:

South/Southeast Asian food, community advocacy opportunities, weather, parks



Elaine

Hometown: Guangzhou, China

Research Interests/Current Projects:

adolescent; positive youth development;
ethnic-racial identity; latent-profile
analysis; ethnic-racial socialization;
teacher-student relationships;

Personal Interests:

bullet journal; hiking; photography;

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

Lots of good food



Jennie

Hometown: Menlo Park, CA

Research Interests/Current Projects:
Social-emotional learning; teacher and student wellbeing; school-based mental health; prevention and intervention

- *Teacher Wellbeing During COVID-19: Confirmatory Factor Analysis and Measurement Invariance of the Online Teaching Adaptation of the Teacher Subjective Wellbeing Questionnaire*
- *The Role of Family Socialization in Supporting the Social-Emotional Adjustment of Children with Learning Disabilities*

Personal Interests:

Crocheting and knitting, yoga, cooking, live music, cats

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

It's home! I love being outdoors and exploring all the beauty that the Bay has to offer



Meg

Research Interests/Current Projects:

school-based mental health practices, particularly prevention; culturally and linguistically diverse youth; risk and resiliency

Personal Interests:

hiking, barre, and exploring new music

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

The warm weather, Muir Woods, Cheeseboard Pizza and all the Asian food options

Hometown: Born in Tokyo, Japan;
Current hometown New Rochelle, NY



Xueqin

Hometown: Fujian, China

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Research Interests/Current Projects:

adolescents' risk and resilience and mental health, cross-cultural studies

- Social and Emotional Learning and Bullying Victimization across Schools: A Longitudinal Multilevel Model
- Understanding Risk and Resilience of Chinese American Adolescents during COVID-19 Pandemic

Personal Interests:

- singing, running, cooking, hanging out with family and friends

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

It feels like home with many authentic Chinese restaurants.





Second Years

Astha

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Hometown: Newton, Massachusetts
BA: McGill University, Montreal, 2019

Research Interests:

Youth who age out of foster care in the US have the worst outcomes in terms of education, unemployment, homelessness, and incarceration. I study the factors that contribute to pathways for higher educational attainment among foster care youth and systemic changes that are needed to make higher education a reality for more youth in care.

Work: I work as a Graduate Student Instructor in the Economics department at Berkeley. I also coordinate the [Getting Into Graduate School \(GiGS\)](#) mentoring program for Berkeley undergraduates from underrepresented and historically excluded groups.

Personal Interests:

Spoken word poetry, journalism, statistics, liberal politics

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

I live in San Francisco (a 25-minute train ride from Berkeley) and I love being able to walk just about anywhere including parks, the beach, bookstores, cafes, and just about any kind of food!



Julissa

Hometown: Murrieta, CA

Research Interests/Current Projects:

My current research interests include teacher expectancy effects on student achievement, the instructional practices of high expectations teachers, and parents' academic expectations for their children, particularly among Latinx immigrant populations in the US. I'm also working on a group paper on perfectionism among adolescents.

❖ *Cohort Project:*

<https://schoolpsychproject.webnode.com/>

Personal Interests:

reading, video games, drawing, running, hiking, & concerts

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

all the good food & boba!!



Makaela

Research Interests/Current Projects:

My research interests are in politicized care and healing in schools, the school-to-prison pipeline, and issues facing disconnected youth. I am working on qualitative projects with my advisor and a program evaluation and grant writing team for the Oakland Midnight Basketball League.

Scholarly Accomplishments:

If you see me in an academic setting, know I am being unapologetically me :).

Personal Interests:

listening to music, community organizing, skateboarding

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

Oakland community love <3



Nikki

Research Interests/Current Projects:

My current research interests include youth political engagement and civics education. I hope to help develop quality civics education initiatives and want to advocate for new and improved state and federal civics education policies. I am currently a research assistant at the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE), a think tank institute at Tufts University, where I work on various projects related to youth civic education and engagement.

Scholarly Accomplishments:

Assisted on the ESchool+ Initiative at Johns Hopkins University: <https://bioethics.jhu.edu/research-and-outreach/projects/eschool-initiative/>

OpEd article on students with chronic health conditions during COVID:

<https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-1021-medically-vulnerable-kids-school-reopening-20201020-fhnu5tko45eupd2u2wwacdpi5q-story.html>

Personal Interests:

I enjoy musical theatre, traveling, running, and reading!

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

I love to try new restaurants in the Bay Area, especially sushi spots in San Francisco!

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Shari

Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona

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Research Interests/Current Projects:

I am currently interested in researching ADHD and other neurodevelopmental disorders. I hope to develop and disseminate interventions that help stakeholders support children who struggle academically due to a neurodevelopmental disorder.

At the moment, I am working in Dr. Stephen Hinshaw's lab on researching the impact of childhood ADHD on relationships in adulthood.

Personal Interests

I enjoy cooking, hiking, watching stand-up comedy, and exploring all that the Bay Area has to offer!

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

I love visiting San Francisco on the weekends, especially if it includes a trip to Dolores Park!



Qua

Hometown: Temple, TX

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Research Interests/Current Projects:

I am interested in studying how ethnic-racial identity is related to psychosocial functioning and academic performance. My first prequalifying paper analyzes different adolescent ethnic-racial identity profiles and how they relate to various outcome variables (e.g., academic performance and feelings of hopelessness). I am also interested in how adolescents' ethnic-racial identity can promote academic performance and psychological well-being via ethnic-racial socialization.

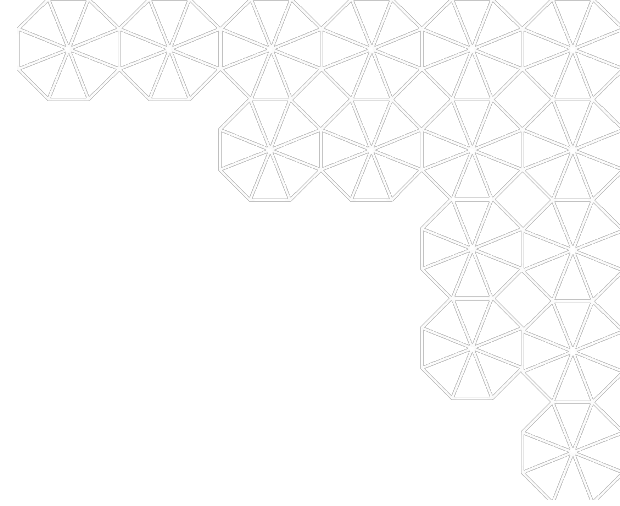
Personal Interests

I enjoy listening to music, exercising, writing, traveling, drinking matcha green tea, and reading comic/sci-fi/fantasy books.

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

My favorite things about the Bay Area, besides the food, are the various walking and hiking trails!





Third Years

Isabella

Hometown: Old Brookville, NY (Long Island)
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Research Interests/Current Projects:

- Parent Involvement in Youth Sport
- Student-Athlete Academic Engagement

Personal Interests:

Cooking, dogs, exercising, reading memoirs, & visiting art museums.

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

Accessibility to beaches, hiking trails, and ski resorts. Also, the diverse food scene.



Jeremy

Hometown: Kingston (Jamaica)
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Research Interests/Current Projects:

LGBTQ+ Bullying, school climate and school experiences of queer students throughout multiple levels of schooling and the impact of stress and stereotype threat on racial and sexual minority populations.

Personal Interests:

Reading queer fiction books, listening to original Broadway cast albums, juices not from concentrate, and snuggling with my cat Twyla as we consume everything True Crime related.

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

The Sutro Tower, SF's openness to and celebration of queer art and expresison, complaining that it's cold and having people tell me "It's not that cold"



Maya

Hometown: Meadow Vista, CA
Email: mayalongtin@berkeley.edu

Research Interests/Current Projects:

- ❖ Moral development (domain theory)
- ❖ Value of Life
- ❖ Perfectionism

Scholarly Accomplishments:

- ❖ BA in Psych at UCSB
- ❖ Presented AERA 2019 “What is a Leader?...”
- ❖ Published 2019 “Being and Becoming Scientist”
- ❖ MA 2020 “Moral Development, Domains, and Value of Life”

Personal Interests:

- ❖ Anything outside (hiking, camping, backpacking, bouldering)
- ❖ Traveling
- ❖ Baking

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

- ❖ Being close to so many hikes, Tahoe, and amazing food



Viviane

Research Interests/Current Projects:

- Moral developmental theories
- Bullying in schools
- Exclusionary school discipline
- Support for students with behavioral challenges

Personal Interests:

- Hiking, traveling, watching TV, mindfulness, and simply doing nothing at home. I really like pigs and I want to get a pet piggy when I have the time and space.

Favorite thing about the Bay Area

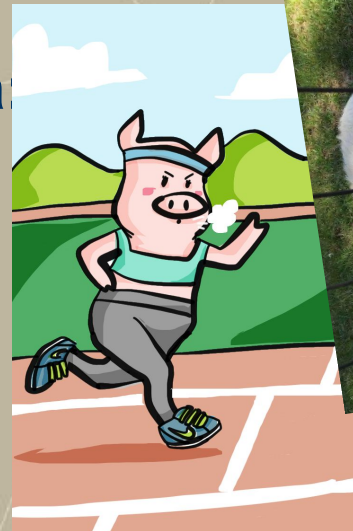
Food, weather, and diversity :)

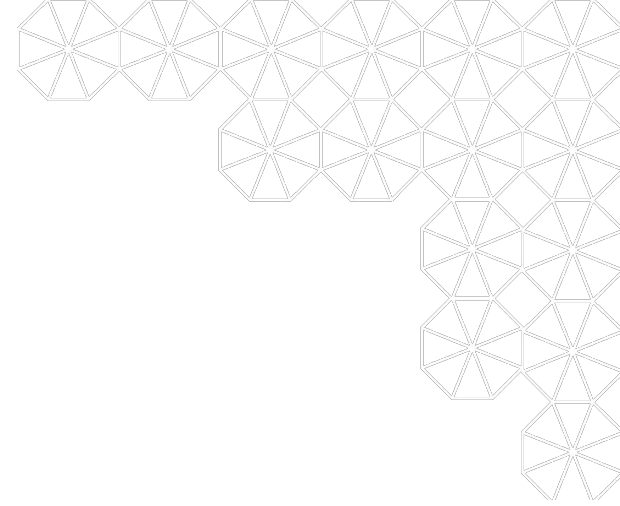
Email:

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Hometown:

born in Taiwan, immigrated to Hong Kong and then Southern California. Spent a semester in Shanghai as an exchange student. Lived in Seattle for 3 years. Out of all the places I have lived before, my favorite places are Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Seattle :)





Fourth Years

Ji Yun

Hometown: Seoul, South Korea

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Research Interests/Current Projects:

- Time attitudes, family-school partnership, school climate, adolescent mental health (depression, e-cig use, problematic internet use).
- School Climate meta-analysis project
- Perfectionism group paper
- Dissertation proposal

Clinical Interests:

CBT, Young children & families

Personal Interests:

Cooking, Hiking, Teaching

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

The weather, diversity, and (of course) food!



***Feel free to reach out if you have any questions about housing in Berkeley or tuition & fees!*

Morgan

Hometown: Steamboat Springs, CO
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Research Interests/Current Projects:

- Disciplinary disparities in secondary schools
- Nonpharmacological interventions for ADHD

Personal Interests:

- Rock climbing
- Winter sports
- Making art, playing music
- Learning to code
- Chopped and Guy's Grocery Games

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

- Mortar Rock
- Dogpatch Boulders
- Lots of vegan options



Nicolas

Research Interests/Current Projects:

- Exploring hope's role in promoting/hindering progressive political/civic engagement among youth.
- Latinx academic / socioemotional development & associated outcomes in the U.S.

Personal Interests

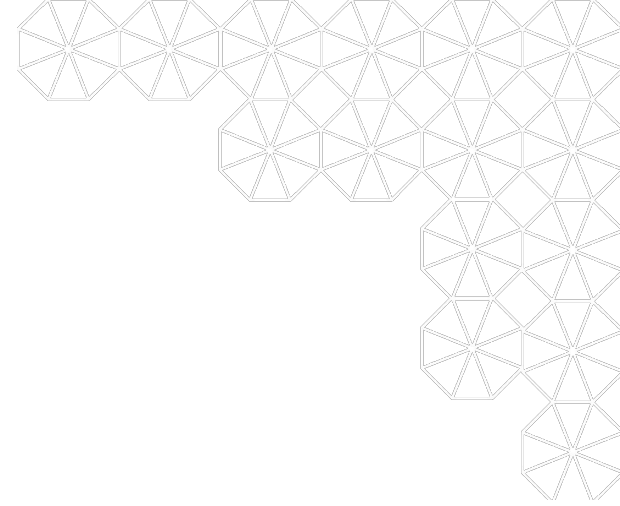
- Volunteering for the Western Service Workers' Association
- My dog, aquaponics, hiking/camping, baking, running, reef keeping, board/video games.

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

- Weather, rich history in labor/civil rights movements (lots of orgs to join), nearby hiking, food, museums, music!

Originally from the midwest (suburb of Chicago)

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Post Internship:

Cynthia

Research Interests/Current Projects:

- Dissertation: youth perceptions of school level carceral practices and police presence
- Michigan State Project: Reducing prison population among mental health impacted persons
- GSR: CA Teacher of Color Residency Program - book editing and qualitative design
- Carceral practices in school settings, neurobiological responses to trauma, trauma responsive pedagogy, anti-Blackness in school settings, youth prison systems

Scholarly Accomplishments:

- Currently working on an accepted AERA paper w/ Talia:)
- Presenting work in Tokyo, Japan
- Navigating white supremacy as a first gen WOC @Cal

Personal Interests

- my dog <3, hiking, camping, reading, my book club, horror movies, sleeping

Favorite thing about the Bay Area:

- proximity to national parks, forests, and historic cities, and of course some great food.



Talia

Research Interests/Current Projects:

Dissertation: explores how white parents' school choices for their children are informed and shaped by neoliberal policy, racism, merit, and colorblindness; focusing especially on the ways in which white parents contest and reinforce the social construction of school quality through discourse and behavior. My dissertation is an ethnographic community-based research study that examines how parents organizing for racially desegregated schools in the San Francisco Bay Area reproduce and/or disrupt systems of advantage and power.

Current Projects/Scholarly Accomplishments: 1) Working on several articles with Professor Bruce Fuller investigating racial segregation and quality distribution across New York City's Universal Pre-k program. 2) Cynthia Valencia and I were recently accepted to submit a paper to the AERA Educational Researcher special issue on anti-Black racism. We will investigate how school segregation and the carceral apparatus mutually reinforce one another in Oakland schools. 3) Presenting a paper in the session- Critical Theory, Contested Education Spaces— for my paper titled “Gentrifying In and Investing Out of San Francisco’s Public Schools” for the 2021 AERA Annual Meeting. 3) I was accepted for the ACES Graduate Scholar Activist Fellowship in the Spring of 2020 and worked as a co-facilitator for the program in the Fall of 2021. 4) Recipient of Marcus Foster Fellowship Award. 5) Previously presented research at ISPA's conference in Tokyo and APA's 2020 annual conference.

Personal Interests: Hiking, baking/cooking, natural wine, playing with my dog, exploring the Bay Area, architecture, design, community activism and mutual aid

Favorite thing about the Bay Area: the food, the people, the weather, the outdoor adventures and access to oysters(!), farmers markets, close to home

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