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Education

- Masters of Psychological Research
  Texas State University, 3.8 GPA
  August 2024 - December 2025
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
  Harris-Stowe State University, 3.9 GPA
  August 2019 - December 2022

Honors/Scholarships

- August 2025 – Feature in the College of Liberal Arts Publication Paper
- August 2024 - December 2025 John M. Davis Graduate Fellowship Scholarship Recipient
- December 2022 - Valedictorian
- December 2022 - Summa Cum Laude
- January 2020 - December 2022 Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- January 2020 - December 2022- National Honor Society Member
- August 2019- December 2022 – Dean's List

Teaching Experience

- August 2026 - Psychology Lecturer
  - Introduction to Psychology
    - Created canvas page
    - Adhered to ADA compliance
    - Created syllabi
    - Hosted office hours
    - Created and graded assignments
    - Created exams
    - Created study materials for exams\
    - Graded quizzes and assignments
- June 2025 - August 2025 - Graduate Teacher Assistant
  - Introduction to Statistics
    - Created and edited a Canvas page for course content
    - Created a syllabus
    - Hosted office hours
    - Graded quizzes, assignments, and projects
    - Certified class roster

- Submitted final grades
- August 2024 - December 2025 - Graduate Instructional Assistant
  - Sensation and perception
    - Graded exams and papers
  - Health Psychology
    - Hosted office hours
    - Graded assignments and papers
  - Lifespan Development
    - Graded assignments
  - Introduction to Statistics
    - Graded assignments
    - Hosted office hours

Employment

Bay Bridge Administrators Insurance Company – *Claims Special Projects*
May 2024 - Present

Responsibilities:

- Upheld the company's reputation by adhering strictly to ethical guidelines when managing sensitive client information
- Reviewed insurance coverage and claim documents to verify required information
- Attached client documentation to claim files while inputting claims
- Facilitated internal projects in the company to reflect updated processing procedures and carrier information
- Directly assisted VP and Claims manager with internal projects
- Contacted and verified claim payments to both clients and providers
- Performed internal audits on claim processing for different carriers
- Handled inputting deposit information from multiple companies for timely pay of claims
- Performed internal audits on required claim submissions and the current status of claims for different partnered companies

Research Experience

- Academic Comparisons on Social Media: A Literature Review
  - Lead Author- *Zakiya Young*
    - Secondary Author – *Natalie Ceballos*
      - Conducted extensive research on social comparisons in academic settings
    - July 2025 – August 2025

- ← Psychological and Physiological Factors Associated with Academic Self-efficacy in First-Year Nursing Students
  - Lead Author – *Zakiya Young*
    - ← Secondary data analysis
    - ← January 2025 - December 2025
- ← C-Factor Paper: An investigation into cognitive dysfunction as a transdiagnostic dimension in psychopathology
  - ← Lead Author- *Amitai Abramovitch*
    - ← Meta-analysis data collection
    - ← Inputting data into Google Sheets

  August 2024 - December 2025

Publications

- ←
  - ← The Role of Malevolent Creativity in college binge drinking and alcohol-related consequences
    - ← Authors: Dr. Natalie Ceballos, Dr. Reiko Graham, Zakiya Young
      - ← The Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs
        - April 2025
  - ← Social Comparisons
    - ← Authors: Dr. Natalie Ceballos, Zakiya Young, Krista Howard
      - ← The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Cyberpsychology
        - November 2025

Poster Presentation

- ← Presented at Texas State University Psychology Showcase
  - Factors that Influence the experiences of first-year nursing students at program orientation
    - ← Authors: Zakiya Young, Dr. Amelia Manning, Dr. Krista Howard, Dr. Natalie Ceballos
      - ← April 2025
- ← Presented at APS Global Summit
  - A Pilot Study of Academic Self-efficacy in First-semester Nursing Students
    - ← Authors: Zakiya Young, Dr. Natalie Ceballos, Dr. Krista Howard, Dr. Amelia Manning
      - ← October 2025

Skills

- ← Univariate & Bivariate Statistics

- ← Multivariate Statistics
- ← Advanced Statistics
- ← Data Collection
- ← Administration of Neuropsychological Assessments
- ← Qualtrics experience
- ← Prepared an IRB application for 1 research protocol
- ← SPSS
- ← R
- ← Literature Review

References

- ← Natalie Ceballos - nc18@txstate.edu
- ← Katherine Warnell - warnell@txstate.edu
- ← Reiko Graham – rg30@txstate.edu