

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES



Dr. Heather Butler
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Areas of Research:

Research interests include human cognition, critical thinking, and psychology-law. Dr. Butler's previous work focused on the development an educational game that teaches scientific reasoning. She also does evaluation research aimed at assessing critical thinking and helping students prepare for life after college. Dr. Butler's work in psychology-law has emphasized the prevention of wrongful convictions, especially those resulting from improper or un-validated forensic evidence. For more information, please visit www.drheatherbutler.com



Dr. Giacomo Bono
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Areas of Research:

General research focus is on how qualities of social relationships contribute to mental health, quality of life, and social development. As director of the Youth Gratitude Project (a research program that has received approx. \$2.5 million in grant funding since 2011), Dr. Bono's current focus is on creating 2 measures of gratitude for children, examining the development of gratitude, and testing the effects of promoting gratitude and purpose on students through a curriculum targeting preschools and grades 4-12. Dr. Bono is also interested in exploring the topics of positive parenting and other factors related to positive youth development and achievement, such as materialism, intrinsic motivation, and quality of social relationships, resilience and grit. Therefore, research is both basic and applied.



Dr. Kaylie Carbine
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Areas of Research:

Using electroencephalography (EEG) to examine brain/neural responses to food. Research is mainly focused on testing how neural responses to food: 1) are affected by nutritional properties of food (e.g., calorie content, sugar content); 2) are affected by individual characteristics (e.g., weight, eating tendencies); 3) are affected by external health behaviors (e.g., exercise, sleep, diet); and 4) predict food intake/eating behaviors.

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|  | <p>Dr. L. Mark Carrier Professor lcarrier@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3499 Office: SBS G-309 Lab: SBS B-241A</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Applied cognitive psychology and technology Cultural effects on thinking</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Ashley Membere Assistant Professor amembere@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3572 Office: SBS G-310 Lab: SAC 2123</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Research interests include the study of diversity and inclusion in the workplace with an emphasis on how individuals with multiple identities navigate the workplace, creation of interventions meant to promote inclusive and safe work environments, and employee well-being.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Erin Merz Associate Professor emerz@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3512 Office: SBS A-333 Lab: SAC 2152</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Research interests include: psychological adjustment, coping, and quality of life in the context of health-related adversity and chronic illness; social and cultural determinants of health; the operationalization and measurement of psychosocial constructs related to health across language and culture. For more information, please visit: http://www2.csudh.edu/emerz/welcome.html</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Kevin Montes Assistant Professor kmontes@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-2299 Office: SBS A-339 Lab: SBS A-240</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Research interests include the examination of factors associated with addictive behaviors. Factors specifically targeted in Dr. Montes' research program include the role that identity, expectancies, motives, social norms, and negative affect pay in the initiation, maintenance, and cessation of addictive behaviors. Addictive behaviors of interest include alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco use (in addition to gambling). Dr. Montes' program of research aims to develop more efficacious interventions to reduce the risks associated with substance use and behavior addictions.</p> |

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|  | <p>Dr. Maria Hurtatdo-Ortiz Professor mhortiz@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3508 Office: SBS A-331 Lab: SBS E-206</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Areas of research include cultural and developmental influences on adolescents' college planning behaviors, mothers' childcare practices, and ethnic health psychology. Dr. Hurtado is currently the co-Principal Investigator of a National Institute of Health funded project concerning Latinos at risk for Type-2 diabetes.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Keisha Paxton Professor kpaxton@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3411 Office: SBS A-330 Lab: SBS B-232B</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Research interests include sexual risk behavior among African American youth and women, health promotion intervention development, minority and women's mental health.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Silvia Santos Professor ssantos@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3475 Office: SBS A-341 Lab: SBS E-206</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Research interests include the study of health (physiological and psychological) and culture as well as issues related to ethnic identity and psychological and academic adjustments. Dr. Santos is currently the co-Principal Investigator of a National Institute of Health funded project concerning Latinos at risk for Type-2 diabetes.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Amy Sewart Assistant Professor asewart@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-2157 Office: SBS G-311 Lab: SBS B-241i</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> The primary goals of my research are to advance our understanding as to why anxiety-related disorders occur and how we can use this knowledge to enhance evidence-based practice. As a result, my research ranges from examining fear learning in anxious individuals through basic science methods, to targeting these processes during therapy to improve treatment outcomes. I also examine other factors that confer risk and resilience for anxiety and mood disorders, and how these factors may affect treatment outcomes.</p> |

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|  | <p>Dr. Carl Sneed Professor csneed@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3463 Office: SBS A-329 Lab: SBS B-232E</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Work in adolescent health behavior Mental health for child and adolescent populations</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Tara Victor Professor tvictor@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3467 Office: SBS G-305 Lab: SBS B-232C</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Multicultural neuropsychology; The development and use of performance validity indicators; Impact of early life experiences on neurocognitive development and emotion regulation.</p> |
|  | <p>Dr. Philip Vieira Associate Professor pvieira@csudh.edu Phone: 310-243-3271 Office: SBS A-341 Lab: NSM C101</p> | <p><u>Areas of Research:</u> Research projects include drug biosensor development for use in the central nervous system; individual difference in drug pharmacokinetics; sex-related differences in drug reward preference; epigenetics of drug addiction.</p> |